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23 DIE IN FIRE AT INSANE ASYLUM

Birth Halts Family at Gates of U.S.

Omaha Jewish Welfare Federation Battles Immigration Laws for Brother of Unfortunate Father.

Deportation Threatened

Birth of a child to Mr. and Mrs. Moser Epstein of Warsaw, Poland, on the eve of their departure for America, the promised land, to join Mr. Epstein's brother, Reuben, 1704 Lake street, has tangled them up with the United States immigration laws.

They are held at Ellis island, according to word received by relatives here, because a family of four, consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Epstein and two children, Sara and Hymie, has, since its passports were granted, become a family of five.

The immigration officials can't understand it at all. There's nothing in the rule book about it. And when a passport reads for four persons, why it means four persons, and not five, and that's all there is about it.

That is, nearly all.

Quota Completed.

By a singular coincidence, issuance of passports to Mr. and Mrs. Epstein and two children completed the authorized immigration quota from Poland for the month of February. When this quota, prescribed by law, is reached, no more citizens of the country in question are admitted until the following month.

Consequently, birth of a child to Mrs. Epstein when the family, so far as the immigration laws are concerned, was enroute, exceeds the February quota by one person; and Mrs. Epstein therefore, either must leave her baby behind and enter United States alone, or else go back to Poland with it, if the law is strictly enforced.

This situation, almost Machiavellian in the superb cunning of its cruelty, is the reason why Reuben Epstein, his parents with whom he lives, and the Omaha Jewish Welfare federation are making frantic efforts to have an exception declared in this case to permit Mrs. Epstein to enter the country with her child, quota of no quota.

Planned Long Ago.

Moser Epstein, in Warsaw, kept a meat market. The family had long ago planned to come to America, and obtained passports two months before the date fixed for its sailing on the good ship Rochambeau, in order that there might be no last minute complications.

The passports were vised December 1. On January 15, or thereabout, the baby was born. The family took passage on February 1.

Followed the tangle which is said to have few parallels in the history of the immigration department.

The baby is excluded, it was pointed out yesterday, for two valid reasons—first, because it exceeds the Polish quota for the month of February; and, second, because it has no passport.

The Omaha Jewish Welfare federation, however, is endeavoring, through the Nebraska delegation at Washington, to have an exception made in the case of the Epstein family.

Reuben Epstein, the Omaha brother, is part owner of a meat market at 1415 North Twenty-fourth street.

Dry Leader Says Move Afoot to "Get" Him

Yonkers, N. Y., Feb. 18.—William H. Anderson, state superintendent of the Anti-Saloon league of New York, charged in his annual presentation at the Central Methodist Episcopal church, that a conspiracy was afoot to "get" him and the league board and reduce the organization to the status of a "kept" concern.

He declared that the wet forces were atempting to effect repeal of prohibition laws by throwing up a smoke screen around his alleged finance irregularities. He did not, he said, question the sincerity of the district attorney in investigating the charges. The wet forces, he charged had selected a critical time in which to investigate the charges against him, made for the purpose of stampeding the league suporters and "the nerve of its board."

Case of Woman on Trial for Murder Goes to Jury

New York, Feb. 18.—The case of Mrs. Lillian Raisin, slayer of Abraham Glickstein, was given to the jury.

Mrs. Raisin confessed in open court that she killed Dr. Glickstein at his Brooklyn office in December, 1921, to get back the honor of which she claimed he had despoiled her.

Whistle Toots for 60 Miles; Nearly Two Hours

Pawnee City, Neb., Feb. 18.—(Special.)—The local passenger on the Burlington running from Lincoln to Wymore by way of Pawnee City claims the record for the long-distance whistle. As it whistled into Firth the valve stuck, causing the engine to continue whistling. The engineer and fireman were both unable to stop it so they let it toot from Firth to Wymore, a distance of more than 60 miles, and a run lasting almost two hours. Shopmen at Wymore ended the agony.

Tennessee Senator Scores Dry Leaders

Washington, Feb. 18.—Interference with prohibition enforcement was charged against officers of the Anti-Saloon league and other organizations by Senator Shields, democrat, Tennessee, in an address in the senate. He referred to speeches on prohibition enforcement by Dr. Baker, head of the league; Wayne B. Wheeler, its general counsel; Dr. Clarence True Wilson and others, and asserted that in "fanaticism" for prohibition enforcement they had gone beyond proper bounds.

Prohibition "fanatics," he declared, had not scrupled against "villifying" federal judges, members of congress and others and some, he said, appeared to regard the prohibition law as their own and not the people's.

Unitarian Pastor Praises Liberals for Bible Views

Bailey Says Controversy Is Based on Extent of Bible as Guide for Human Conduct.

Gratitude to such men as Buckner, Grant, Fosdick and Rabbi Wise for their fight for a liberal interpretation of the Bible was expressed by Rev. Ralph E. Bailey, pastor of the First Unitarian church, in his sermon on "The Bible and the Local Controversy" Sunday morning.

Rev. Mr. Bailey called attention to the interest aroused locally in things biblical, due in part, he said, to the "damaging appraisal of those doubting the Bible as expressed by a prominent local pastor."

"We should rejoice that we have newspapers, which not only open their columns to these important matters, but deal editorially with them. Editors have the right and should do it," he said.

Beliefs Are Grouped.

Rev. Mr. Bailey said the controversy is entirely based on the extent to which people should make the Bible their guide. He classified the diverging beliefs into four groups.

First—That men should make the Bible their guide only as it is interpreted by the holy church; that the Bible is from God, but that it is perilously ambiguous save as the church makes it clear. There are millions in this group, he said.

Second—That men should make the Bible their guide without questioning any statements from the first syllable to the last word.

Third—That men should make the Bible their guide so far as the words of Jesus are concerned; a school led by Rev. Harry Emerson Fosdick, who admits that much in the Bible is shown to be false by science, and who also admits that in some places the Bible gives an atrocious picture of a cruel, vindictive God.

Fourth—Those who say men should make the Bible their guide and follow its ideas and precepts which experience has vindicated.

Sets Forth Principles.

Rev. Mr. Bailey gave a list of some great principles set forth in the Bible which he says have proven sound. He said the Unitarian church rejects the views of the second group because they are not in accord with fact; that the Bible contradicts itself. As an example of such contradictions he called attention to the fact that in one place David is tempted by the devil, in another David is tempted by the Lord. He declared that if not accepting the views of the second group "means that we are feeble-minded we are willing to make the best of it."

The third view is not accepted by the Unitarians because it seems a compromise with sentiment rather than a loyalty to truth, Rev. Mr. Bailey said. He said that "Jesus is not alone in claiming to speak by inspiration" and "that other prophets were much more thoroughgoing."

"Why," questioned Rev. Mr. Bailey, "should Jesus be selected from all the other prophets as the one who is infallible? Wrestling with the problems of religion is one of the noblest of exercises. Let no one say we do not appreciate the Bible. The Bible is our classic. Men must be loyal to the truth and to Jesus. I predict that the Bible will continue to be loved and to live in all ages. Theories may come and go, but the Bible will remain. Read it, study it and remember it."

Omahan Hears Dr. Grant.

William A. Preisman of the Nebraska Clothing company, a member of the congregation which listened to Rev. Ralph E. Bailey speak on "The Bible and the Local Controversy" in the First Unitarian church yesterday morning, was one of those who heard Rev. Percy Stickney Grant preach the Sunday before in New York.

"The church was crowded and a policeman was there to keep order," said Mr. Preisman. "Rev. Mr. Grant's subject was 'Should Liberalism Be Preached in the Church' and his answer was 'Yes.' His sermon seemed to me almost in accord with Unitarian views."

Water-Logged Steamship Towed to Hampton Roads

Hampton Roads, Va., Feb. 18.—The schooner Friendship, water-logged and kept afloat during a long battle with heavy gales and high seas by her cargo of lumber, was towed into Hampton Roads by the coast guard cutter Manning. She was located off Cape Henry today by the coast guard. The crew was taken off safely.

Lithuania Is Invaded by Poles

Dozens Killed and Hundreds Wounded in Clash, Says Dispatch From Kovno.

Appeal Made to League

Paris, Feb. 18.—(AP)—Polish forces have invaded Lithuania and attacked the Lithuanian troops, according to a dispatch from Kovno issued by the Lithuanian legation here.

The dispatch adds that dozens of persons were killed and hundreds wounded.

The dispatch to the legation, which was dated at Kovno, Sunday, says:

"Polish regular troops of all arms, after the occupancy of the neutral zone in the region of Orany, advanced into Lithuanian territory and attacked the Lithuanian troops. Dozens were killed and hundreds wounded.

"The Lithuanian government has telegraphed the league of nations reporting the facts and asking it to take the necessary steps to prevent an extension of the conflict."

Germans Launch Secret Appeal to United States

America and Great Britain Asked to Intervene in Occupation of Ruhr by French Troops.

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Paris, Feb. 18. — Germany has launched secret appeals to the United States and Great Britain to intervene in France's occupation of the Ruhr and mediate in a compromise on the reparations problem.

The correspondent learns that German representatives in London and Washington unofficially have begun a campaign through big American and English officials, as well as press propaganda, aimed to put pressure on Quai D'Orsay to consent to evacuate the Ruhr in exchange for a reparations schedule, which the Berlin government will sincerely promise to execute.

The possibility of an early settlement of the Ruhr problem actuated Prime Minister Bonar Law to compromise on granting the French the usage of the Cologne bridgehead railways rather than adopt the alternative, to withdraw from the Rhine, which would strain relations with France and render mediation more difficult.

Warnings to Outsiders.

Simultaneously the French inspired press unanimously gives public warnings, directly aimed at London and indirectly at Washington and outsiders not to attempt to intervene unless prepared to assure Germany's fulfilling its pledges in any new reparations scheme.

Private conversations in London and Washington, it is understood, have resulted in an agreement that Great Britain must be guaranteed world industrial peace and the fullest economic opportunity to repay the 30,000,000 pounds interest on the American debt annually.

Premier Poincare is ready to accept any British or American plan for solving reparations if it carries guarantees assuring France's security and treaty rights. Quai d'Orsay believes a modified three-power defensive pact may be contrived through such an agreement.

The Germans are reported to be ready to resume deliveries in kind and materials if granted a cash moratorium for a few years, which the French agreed to in the January conference, but Prime Minister Bonar Law objected to it on the ground that a moratorium must be complete.

Arrangement Endorsed.

The rumored Italian intervention, which Premier Mussolini practically confirmed in his speech to parliament Friday, is reported to have been withdrawn on advice from the British, who have not completed a private accord with the United States on the subject.

Premier Poincare and the cabinet this morning endorsed Minister of Public Works Le Trocquer's arrangement in London, obtaining the use of the Duren railway for coal shipments and negotiating for the use of the Cologne junction for troop trains if it suddenly becomes necessary to reinforce the Ruhr army.

Prime Minister Bonar Law has unofficially suggested that the French use motor trucks to transport pollus, as during the war.

General Degoutte will confer directly with General Godley, the British commander at Cologne, Sunday on the employment of the Rhine main line.

Wyoming Man Kills Self

Hot Springs, Ark., Feb. 18.—A. M. Ketchum, 55, of Cody, Wyo., killed himself by firing an automatic pistol bullet into his brain here today, according to verdict of Coroner J. H. Randolph. Ketchum arrived in Hot Springs Friday and is said to have been in poor health.

Prayer of Aged Couple Is Realized When Both Die on Same Day

A prayer that they had invoked together was answered yesterday when Mr. and Mrs. Philip Schmidt, 82 and 81 respectively, died at their home, 2711 South Twelfth street.

For years they had prayed to die together, asking God in his mercy to let them die together, as they had lived for 63 years. The wife, Mrs. Maria Schmidt, died at 7 in the morning and the husband succumbed at noon. The fear of one lingering after the other had expired gave them the desire to die together, it was said.

Mr. and Mrs. Schmidt had resided in Omaha for 42 years, since coming to the United States from Hungary, where they were married. During their residence in Omaha they lived in the same house continuously, where their six children were born. The daughters are Mrs. John Wachtler, Mrs. Andrew Lang, Mrs. Joseph Nick and Mrs Martin Schneider. The sons are Alexander and Joseph, all of Omaha The couple is also survived by 42 grandchildren and half as many great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted at 8:15 Tuesday morning at the residence and at 9 at St. Joseph Catholic church, Seventeenth and Center streets. Burial will be in St. Mary Magdalene cemetery.

Support of Law Citizens' Duty, President Says

Chief Executive Addresses Message to People of Nation Through Eighteenth Anniversary of Rotary.

Washington, Feb. 18.—That citizen who regards himself as a model of civic proprieties because his present conduct is impeccable, but who does not co-operate with the civil authorities or exert his influence in behalf of the best possible administration of the laws, greatly overrates his usefulness as a citizen, President Harding stated in summing up his idea of the responsibility of the individual citizen for the proper administration of the laws of his country and his city.

The message of the president was addressed to the citizens of the United States through Rotary International in connection with the eighteenth anniversary of the organization of the first Rotary club at Chicago, February 23, 1905.

The full text of President Harding's message follows:

"To the members, Rotary International:

"The individual citizen's responsibility for executive government begins with the selection of the executive. This implies the duty of every voter to vote; a duty that many millions of them regularly fail to perform. Before that, it implies the duty [illegible] intelligently, to make the vote a deliberate decision based on the claims of the opposing parties and candidates.

"Finally, the executive being duly selected, it implies the obligation to give him the support of all good citizens in every effort of administration of the law. That citizen who regards himself as a model of the civil properties because his present conduct is impeccable but who does not co-operate with the civil authorities or exert his influence in behalf of the best possible administration of the law, greatly overrates his own usefulness as a citizen. The responsible officers of government, whether it be municipal, state or national, need and are entitled to the full and effective support of all citizens in the enforcement of laws.

"If the effort of Rotary should be effective in impressing this conception of the citizen's duty it will have performed a most useful service."

Mother and Baby Saved in Fire Gutting 2 Homes

Malvern, Ia., Feb. 18.—(Special.)—Mrs. Will Millen of Red Oak and her 2-weeks-old baby were removed in a bed from the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Salyers, when flames were destroying the house at noon today. The Salyers' home and the residence of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Porter, next door, were totally destroyed. The mother and infant were uninjured.

The roof of the Salyer home was discovered burning by Cal Porter, 10. Firemen were able to rescue Mrs. Millen and her baby and saved a grand piano. The house and furniture were valued at $12,000. The property was covered by $5,200 worth of insurance.

Furniture was removed from the Porter residence, which was valued at $5,000 and covered by $1,800 insurance.

Coal Seized by Deputy Fuel Administration Released

Ballston Spa, N. Y., Feb. 18.—Three carloads of anthracite coal billed for Canada, which were seized by Deputy Fuel Administrator Thomas Kerley here, were later released to the Delaware & Hudson company on the promise of the company to leave one car in the village.

This stood out as the only development in the fuel situation in northern New York, which is so serious that Clarence B. Kilmere, district administrator, announced earlier in the day that unless relief was forthcoming by Monday he would direct seizure of coal on railroad sidings which is destined for Canadian points.

Santa Barbara Sportsman Purchases Dodge Yacht

Santa Barbara, Cal., Feb. 18.—Purchase of the most palatial yachts in American waters by C. G. K. Billings, noted Santa Barbara sportsman, from the Dodge brothers estate in Detroit, was announced here. The purchase price was biven as between $2,500,000 and $3,000,000. The vessel, it was said, will be brought around through the Panama canal to be added to the Santa Barbara pleasure fleet.

Prospects Better for Norris Bill to Change Term

Committee on Elections Turns Down Motion to Table Measure by a Vote of 7 to 2.

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Washington, Feb. 18.—(Special.)—Prospects for the adoption of the Norris resolution proposing to have the terms of members of congress and the president and vice president commence in January following their elections, were brightened Saturday. The committee on elections, Representative Andrews, Nebraska, chairman, turned down a motion to table it by a vote of 7 to 2. Representative Andrews expressed himself heartily in favor of its adoption

Senator Norris appeared before the committee today and acknowledged there is a fault in the resolution as now framed which might result in two presidents and two vice presidents serving between the dates of January and March 4, when the amendment, if adopted, should first go into effect. This duplication of office holding might apply, also, to senators and house members.

Offers Amendments.

In order to avoid this prospective difficulty, Senator Norris proposed the following amendments to the resolution as it was adopted in the senate:

Section 1. The terms of the president and vice president shall commence and end at noon on the third Monday in January. The terms of senators and representatives shall commence and end at noon on the first Monday in January. Provided, however, that this amendment shall not take effect so as to shorten the terms of any of said officials in office at the time of the adoption of this amendment, but such persons shall hold office during the full term for which they were elected.

Section 2. The congress shall assemble at least once every year, and such meeting shall be on the first Monday in January unless they shall by law appoint a different day.

Name Subcommittee.

A subcommittee was named to consider amendments, consisting of Gifford, republican, Massachusetts; White, republican, Kansas; and Bulwinkle, democrat, North Carolina.

Gifford and White are belived to be favorable to the resolution. Bulwinkle is opposed to the resolution because he thinks it will lead to confusion.

Dublin to Galway Train Wrecked by Irish Rebels

Dublin, Feb. 18.—The Dublin-to-Galway mail train was wrecked today, after the passengers had been ordered out by armed men at Streamstown station. The train was sent headlong towards a bridge that had been blown up and crashed into the gap. It was completely destroyed.

Two freight trains were similarly wrecked at the same place.

It is announced from Carrick-on-Shannon that the insurgents in the Arigna mountains are splitting into roving bands to get through the cordon of Free State troops. Several of their leaders are reported to have been captured near Brumshando.

Searchers Fear Italian Steamer Moncenso Lost

Boston, Feb. 18.—A night and a day of search by two coast guard cutters and other vessels in the waters off the Virginia coast, where the Italian steamer Moncenso reported itself sinking Thursday, brought to light only an indication of disaster. There was no trace of the crew.

The coast guard cutter Tampa reported at this port, from which it made a 450-mile run to the scene, that the steamship Johnson City found the only sign that might be of the Moncenso, a piece of deck planking, freshly broken, and a loose spar.

Lawyer Awarded $300,000 Attorney's Fee by Jury

Redwood City, Cal., Feb. 18.—A verdict awarding Edward F. Treadwell, San Francisco attorney, $300,000 in counsel fees from the estate of Henry Miller, California, "cattle baron," was returned by a jury in the superior court here.

Treadwell, former chief counsel of Miller & Lux, the great land and livestock firm of which Henry Miller was one of the founders, sued for fees conducting litigation for the estate which led to a return to his clients of approximately $3,000,000 in inheritance taxes paid to the United States government.

Congress Faces Busy Two Weeks

Shipping and Farm Credits Measures Promise Sharp Conflict Before Adjournment; Many Bills Must Die.

To Hold Night Sessions

Washington, Feb. 18.—(AP)—The shipping bill fight in the senate and a sharp conflict in the house farm credits legislation promise heated proceedings during the remainder of the present congress, which adjourns two weeks from today.

Pressure for these two principal pieces of legislation is complicated by increasing demands for action by supporters of other bills, including scores of so-called "private' measures.

The essential bills for which disposal is necessary to avoid an extra session, however, are in advanced shape. All but five appropriation measures have been sent to the president. The army and legislative bills are to be completed this week, with the deficiency as usual to be finished just before adjournment.

Supply Bills Completed.

Two more of the regular supply bills, the agricultural and District of Columbia measures, have been completed by congress and go to the president Monday or Tuesday.

Demands of members for action on small private bills is to be partly met Monday by the senate in setting aside its first two hours for such measures before proceeding with the shipping bill, whose managers have announced night sessions beginning Monday. Advocates of the "filled" milk bill and the "truth in fabrics" bill on Tuesday, are threatening moves to supplant the shipping legislation to gain consideration for their own.

Farm Group Demand Action.

With the Strong bill amending the farm loan act and the deficiency appropriation bill before the house for votes early this week, the farm group is demanding action on the Capper and Lenroot-Anderson farm credits bills pending before the banking committee.

The shipping and farm credit measures hold the center of the stage. Among other measures being pressed are those to amend the immigration law, to restore small alien property trusts to their owners and to submit constitutional amendments changing the sessions of congress and to prohibit child labor and issuance of tax exempt securities. Action dealing with Pueblo Indian lands also is being urged.

Harding to Get Debt Bill.

The British debt funding bill will be sent to the president this week, leaders believe.

Failure of thousands of bills, including some of the more important measures now being pressed, is regarded as a certainty. More than 14,000 bills and resolutions still are on the calendars of committees.

Several important nominations also seem doomed to failure, through inaction by the senate because of contests. Among these are the nominations of James G. McNary of New Mexico to be comptroller of currency.

Two Streams of Lava Break From Volcano

Hilo, T. H., Feb. 18.—(AP)—Two streams of lava this afternoon broke from the big cone on the southern floor of Halemaumau, the central cauldron of the Kilauea volcano. The cone is several hundred feet high and the eruption is thought to be 60 feet from the floor. The lava streams are from 30 to 50 feet wide. No eruption from the floor of the pit has been observed yet. The flow is inside Halemaumau and not over the top of the crater. The floor is gradually being covered with lava around the cone.

Woman Recants Charges Against Vice Consul Vidal

New York, Feb. 18.—Whether "love found a way to heal the breach," or some other power interposed was not revealed in Jefferson Market court, when Miss Lucille Whitehurst of Georgia recanted her charges against Mariona Vidal, Spanish vice consul, whom she had accused of knocking her down and forcibly tearing from her finger a diamond engagement ring she said he had given her.

Miss Whitehurst, who claims to be a niece of a former Georgia senator, said she no longer would press the charges against Vidal.

Cleveland Seeks Next Republican Convention

Cleveland, Feb. 18.—Congressman Theodore E. Burton heads a committee appointed by the Tippecanoe club of this city to "use every effort" to bring to Cleveland the next republican national convention. The efforts of the committee will be backed by Mayor Fred Kopler, the Chamber of Commerce and many other civic bodies.

Error in Advertisement

An error in the Orchard-Wilhelm advertisement in The Sunday Bee made it appear that the store is selling all mohair three-piece overstuffed living room suites at prices ranging from $158 to $173. It should have read, "all tapestry" instead of "all mohair."

Five-Mast Schooner Sinking Off East Coast

Boston, Feb. 18.—The five-mast schooner Santino, bound from Norfolk to Boston with a crew of 12 men today reported itself as sinking 38 miles northeast of Nantueket lightship. A radio message relayed to this port said that the schooner had 14 feet of water in the hold and its pumps were broken down. The British freighter Egre Mont was reported to be standing by and the coast guard cutter Acushnet reported that it was on the way to aid and would probably be alongside the distressed schooner by 7 tonight.

A wireless message intercepted later from the Eare Mont said that the Santino had been abandoned by its crew, that the sea was washing over the decks and the schooner was sinking fast.

Exchange Building Windows Damaged by Armour Blast

Dynamite Used to Wreck Walls Ruined by Fire Shatters Glass—Signs Save Some Windows.

Plate glass windows and several smaller windows on the south side of the Omaha Livestock Exchange building, South Omaha, were shattered at 10:30 yesterday morning by an explosion of dynamite used to wreck the walls at the Armour fire ruins. The force of the blast was felt for miles, causing many to be alarmed.

An oddity of the explosion was that gilt-porcelain signs on some of the windows at the exchange probably prevented greater damage. The vibrations caused the signs to fall off, but left the windows intact. Windows which bore no such signs were shattered.

The force of the explosion seemed to be strongest at the west end and center of the Exchange building. Several large windows in the Stock Yards National bank, which occupies the east end of the building were unharmed. Most of the windows of the livestock commission firms on the first floor were broken, while there were a few broken on the second and third floors. No one was injured. The damage will reach several thousand dollars. Workmen were engaged covering the windows with cardboard and tarpaper. Thousands of automobiles loaded with sightseers went to and fro all day over the O and Q street viaducts and it was necessary to station traffic officers at the intersection of O and Twenty-sixth streets, while several officers were paced on the O street viaduct to keep the vehicles moving.

The walls of the eighth floor of the Armour building are down except a portion of section 19 and the wall on the southeast corner of section 17. Small blasts were set during yesterday and gradually the walls are being torn down. No explanation could be obtained with reference to the blast that destroyed the windows of the Exchange building. An investigation will be made today.

Despondent Farmer Shoots Self in Head

Papillion, Neb., Feb. 18.—(Special.)—Frank Hahn, 58, retired farmer, despondent because of ill health, shot himself through the head with a rifle at 11:40 this morning in the yard of his home south of here. He died a half-hour later.

Hahn had brooded because of illness, it was said. He had been operated upon several times.

Hahn is survived by his wife, Mrs. Martha Hahn, and three sisters, Mrs. Herman Bolling and Mrs. Henry Lehmann of Omaha and Mrs. Herman Linemann of Papillion. He was a pioneer of Sarpy county.

Funeral services probably will be conducted Wednesday.

Cook at Utah Silver Mine Shot to Death by Boarder

Salt Lake City, Feb. 18.—Salvador Perez, cook at the Horn Silver mine at Frisco, was shot and instantly killed Friday afternoon by Frank Hernandez, miner in the mine boarding house.

Threatening other miners who saw the shooting, Hernandez disappeared in the hills south of here and is believed to be headed for Lund, where, it is said, he has friends.

A posse has been sent toward Lund and officers at that town have been instructed to pick him up in case he should arrive there.

Sentenced to Life.

St. Paul, Feb. 18.—Vincent Samec, charged with robbery in connection with the holdup of the Payne Avenue State bank here on January 20, was found guilty by a jury and sentenced to life imprisonment at hard labor in the state penitentiary.

The Weather

Forecast.

Nebraska—Generally fair Monday, with rising temperatures in east portion.

Hourly Temperatures.

5 a. m.	10	1 p. m.	33
6 a. m.	9	2 p. m.	36
7 a. m.	9	3 p. m.	38
8 a. m.	9	4 p. m.	40
9 a. m.	12	5 p. m.	38
10 a. m.	18	6 p. m.	36
11 a. m.	23	7 p. m.	34
12 noon	30	8 p. m.	32

Maniacs Trapped by Flames

West Wing of Manhattan State Hospital Destroyed Early Sunday—Explosion Believed Cause.

Attendants Give Up Lives

New York, Feb. 18.—(AP)—Twenty inmates of the Manhattan state hospital for the insane on Ward's Island in the East river, were burned to death this morning in a fire which swept the west wing of the building, as were three attendants who calmly died that 70 others might be saved.

The immediate cause of the fire is thought to have been a blast set by dredgers in Hell Gate Saturday night. It rocked the buildings, terrifying the inmates, who were calmed down by attendants. Hospital authorities and City Medical Examiner Norris, advanced the theory that the explosion had caused a break in the insulation of electric wires, which started to blaze.

The fire was discovered at 5:05 this morning by Michael Campbell, an attendant in Ward 43, in which all the fatalities occurred. His work and that of James Hill, attendant in charge, and Patrick Billigan of Hartford, Conn., George A. Deemo and George F. Reiss, the three attendants who were burned to death, prevented a far greater holocaust.

Arouse Patients.

Campbell manned a hose line and fought back the flames while the others, directed by Hill, ran up and down the 200-foot top floor corridor, rousing patients with the cool order: "All up for breakfast."

As fast as the maniacs—declared by Superintendent Marcus B. Heyman to have been the most dangerous on the island—could be marshalled from their rooms, they were marched in orderly procession to the fireproof dining hall, away from the fire.

Seventy of the 92 inmates of Ward 43 had been led or carried to safety when a huge water tank in the blazing attic crashed through the ceiling, completely blocking the corridor that led to safety, and filling the hall with flames and smoke. City firemen, fighting their way past the blazing barrier, brought out several struggling, screaming maniacs, and several who had been overcome by smoke while dressing for the breakfast calls.

Dead Found in Corridors.

Most of the dead were found in the rooms and corridors beyond the fallen tank. Several were believed to have been carried down and burned beneath debris when the floor gave way.

Seventeen bodies of inmates and one believed to be that of an attend-

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Valuable Art Objects Lost in $1,000,000 Fire

New York, Feb. 18.—Properties and films valued at $1,000,000 were destroyed in a fire which razed a three-story building in Harlem occupied by International Films and the Cosmopolitan Productions, Inc.

Many valuable objects of art borrowed from famous collections by the film companies for use in plays of medieval days, copies of many costly film plays and the entire wardrobe of the actors and actresses were destroyed.

The aged watchman who discovered the fire risked his life in an attempt to save a monkey and a parrot, caged on the top floor. He managed to bring both to the street, but the parrot, its feathers singed off, died while squawking "fire!"

The blaze started on the top floor of the building before daybreak from an undetermined cause and soon swept throughout the wooden structure.

Three Men Questioned About Illinois Murder Mystery

Chicago, Feb. 18.—Three men were taken into custody and questioned regarding the finding of the nude body of a man near Geneva, Ill., early this week. The victim's hands had been chopped off and his face burned by oil soaked rags to prevent identification.

The three were said by the police to have admitted that they passed along the roadside where the body was found the night of the slaying in a closed automobile, but to have denied strongly that they knew anything regarding the crime.

Three Civil War Vets, Youngest 79 Years Old, to Wed Three Widows

Biloxi, Miss., Feb. 18.—The Jefferson Davis club at Veilvidere, near here, was gala tonight preparatory to one of the greatest events in history Sunday when three confederate veterans, the youngest 79 years old, and three widows of confederate veterans, the youngest, 72, will be married at a triple wedding ceremony.

Four couples were to have been married but one of the brides-to-be was called away by the illness of a son and the luckless prospective bridegroom will be forced to assume the role of spectator instead of occupying one-eighth of the center of the stage.