

RELEASE ALL CAPTIVES

Normalcy to Return in England

Empire Will Stage Political and Economic "Come Back," Predicted—Position Is Difficult Now.

Labor Is Conservative

By MARK SULLIVAN
Washington, D. C., May 14—England's greatest asset is her character. This is the aspect that today stands out like a rock of hope in the midst of otherwise pretty unhappy conditions. It is the character that led her to fix the terms of payment of her debt to us, and actually to begin to pay the money at a time when her hard-pressed leaders find it far from easy to see where the money is to come from. These leaders do not see the path out of England's troubles. But the national character leads them to be steady and cheerful, to rely on sound principles and right practices, and for the rest trust to time and fate.

Ohio Solon Reviews Record of President



FRANK B. WILLIS.

Harding Again to Win, Says Senator Willis of Ohio

Man Who Nominated President at Chicago Addresses Advertising-Selling League.

Senator Frank B. Willis of Ohio, former governor of that state and the man who nominated Warren G. Harding for the presidency, stood again yesterday morning from a rostrum in the new Municipal Club over Omaha's pretentious skyline.

There are two reasons why I'm in Omaha now," he announced. "First of all I was pleased with the hearty invitation of the Advertising-Selling League. The second reason is a sentimental one. My father and mother were among the very early pioneers of Omaha. My father worked here as a day laborer before the civil war."

"And to think," mused the senator, "that at one time he could have traded his place as much as a big plot of this valuable real estate. I might have owned part of this city, if he hadn't needed his mules so badly at the time."

"Drove in Covered Wagon."
"My parents drove out here in a covered wagon. They lived over in the bluffs for two or three years. In those days, father told me of burying one once, when no one else seemed inclined to bother about it. Father and mother drove their wagon on down to Missouri, and when the border was back out they drove back to Ohio, all in the same wagon."

"There is absolutely no doubt that President Harding will be re-nominated, or for that matter, elected, to the presidency for another term," continued Senator Willis, changing his topic quite as much as a big plot of this valuable real estate. "There are a number of reasons why this will happen."

"In the first place Mr. Harding is a great president. Most people think he's a nice man, but don't realize that he also is an aggressive executive. That's because he doesn't make grandstand plays for votes. I'll tell you a few of the things he's done. Take first of all the matter of foreign relations."

"President Harding kept us out of the league of nations. That alone is enough to make him great, for at the time he took office there were all manner of insidious influences being turned to our disadvantage."

"Kept U. S. Out of League."
"The showing, despite the strikes of coal miners and shopmen during 1922 explained by Julius Kruttschnitt, chairman of the executive committee, by the fact that the company uses oil as fuel and a large percentage of the company's shipments remained loyal throughout the strike, disregarding the strike order."

"The direct cost of the strike, however, is estimated by Mr. Kruttschnitt as \$5,500,000."

"Hope Abandoned for Life of Famous Playwright"
New York, May 14—Practically all hope was abandoned today for Montague Glass, author and playwright, who yesterday underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Roosevelt hospital. The patient became unconscious this afternoon and doctors ascertained he had only an outside chance to recover.

U. S. Exports in April.
Washington, May 14—Exports from the United States during April amounted to \$241,000,000 compared with \$218,469,000 during April, 1922 and \$241,162,000 during March of the present year.

16 Killed, 100 Injured in Tornado

Twister Cuts Wide Path for Distance of 30 Miles in Texas—Most of Victims Caught in Bed.

Many Buildings Razed

Colorado City, Texas, May 14—Sixteen dead and 100 injured, some dangerously, were reported tonight as a result of the tornado which tore through Mitchell county south and east of here early today. The injured are being cared for in the hospital here, the Methodist and Baptist churches and many private homes. Some were hurt so seriously their deaths are expected.

A special train from Big Springs brought doctors, nurses and medical supplies. Others from Snyder and Sweetwater.

The tornado struck between 4 and 5 this morning and caught most of its victims in bed. It leveled buildings and left death and injury in its wake for a distance of 30 miles.

All the deaths were in more or less isolated places on farms. Due to the distance between farms and demoralization of wire communication it was expected here that it would be many hours before the entire district could be reached.

Citizens of towns near the storm-swept area rushed first aid provisions and relief supplies for the victims. The Colorado City Chamber of Commerce started a relief fund to care for the destitute.

Strikes Spade Ranch.
Ahlene, Tex., May 14—Joe Richberg and his two children were killed and a number of persons injured in a tornado which struck the Spade ranch near Colorado City and mowed a path 25 miles long across Mitchell county, Texas, last night. Just west of Lorraine six or eight houses were demolished and a number of persons are reported fatally injured there, including T. E. Willis, Joe Willis and eight members of the family of Hend Tidwell.

At Washbrook Mrs. W. S. Shelton was killed and her two children are reported to have been injured. Other members of the family were also injured.

The tornado centered between Lorraine and Colorado, according to reports here. The Southwestern Telephone and Telegraph company reports three miles of its lines down between these two places.

Poles Blown Away.
According to reports received here, a large number of the poles were blown away. Cross ties along the right of way of the Texas & Pacific were blown so far away that no trace of them has yet been found.

The twister first struck at the Spade ranch, seven miles south of Colorado City, and moving in a north-easterly direction, sweeping a path 25 miles wide and 25 miles long in the county.

Joe Richberg and his 12-year-old son and 14-year-old daughter were killed at their farm home while they slept. The storm struck between 4 and 5 o'clock and there was no warning.

N. Y. Wool Dealer Killed in Plane Crash

By Associated Press.
Paris, May 14—The New Yorker, one of the six killed in the crash of an airplane on the Paris-to-London route near Amiens today, was Gustave Schwab, a member of the firm of Oelrichs & Co., wool dealers. He had just completed a business trip to Europe and was flying to London with the intention of sailing from Liverpool Saturday on the Mauretania.

Nebraska Spanish War Vets to Meet in Omaha

Sixteenth annual reunion of the United Spanish War Veterans of Nebraska will be held in Omaha, June 12 to 14, with headquarters in Hotel Rome. Speakers will include Antonio P. Espenza, national commander, Rev. C. W. Morlin of Topeka, Kan., E. W. Young, John G. Maher, Hird Skyles, commander of the local American Legion post, and Mayor James Dahlman. Those of the delegates who arrive Monday, June 11, will attend the Ak-Sar-Ben den show that night.

Do You Want—

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Every legitimate human desire for comfort, for advancement, for the accomplishment of honest gain, meets with ready response from Omaha Bee "Want" Ads readers, who number thousands every day.

Read and use Omaha Bee "Want" Ads—the bee-line to results.

Flyer Misses Death as Plane Overturns

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.
Columbus, Neb., May 14—Myron Larkin, York, Neb., aviator, suffered a fractured nose and several bruises in narrowly escaping death when his airplane turned a somersault here today. Larkin had just touched the ground prior to landing. The plane was racing at a speed of 40 miles an hour when it struck a soft spot in the landing field, turning over completely.

Fraud Case Goes to Jury Today; Final Pleas Made

Judge Woodrough to Conclude Instructions to Jurors This Morning—Women Figure in Appeals.

Federal Judge Woodrough finished two and a half hours of his instructions to the jury in the Colonial Timber & Coal corporation mail fraud trial at 5:30 yesterday and ordered an adjournment until 10 this morning, when he will finish his instructions and the jury will retire to decide the fate of 14 men who have been on trial for eight weeks.

The judge, in his interpretation of the law struck at the contention of Thomas H. Matters' attorneys, who hold that the statute of limitations has run in his case and that he cannot be prosecuted.

"If a man sells out his interest in a conspiracy he is still in the conspiracy until he has received the last payment," he said.

Prospectus Deceptive.
"These men who were floating the Colonial company," he said, "did not propose to put their own money into it. The agreement, according to the evidence, was that they were to get the \$10,000,000 of stock and that \$1,000,000 in bonds were to be sold and they were to get the proceeds without putting any money of their own to speak of into it."

"The prospectus which they issued in seeking to sell the bonds to the public appears to have been very deceptive, giving the impression of a great company operating a vast enterprise."

The wives of several of the defendants were in the courtroom. A. W. Jeffers, last speaker for the defense, appealed to the jury to remember them.

One Count Withdrawn

United States Attorney Kinsler, in the closing argument for the government, pointed out other women in the courtroom and asked the jurors to remember the women whose savings were lost in the collapse of the Matters enterprises.

Judge Woodrough will probably finish his instructions shortly before noon.

The judge yesterday took before No. 1 of the indictment from the jury, ruling that no evidence had been introduced to support it. Nine counts of using the mails to defraud are left, and one count charging conspiracy to use the mails to defraud.

Farmer Killed, 2 Hurt in Wreck

Freight Train Strikes Truck Conveying Nebraska City Family—One Escapes.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.
Nebraska City, Neb., May 14—Ira Phillips, farmer, was almost instantly killed, his wife seriously injured and their 3-year-old son badly hurt when the truck in which they were riding was hit by a Missouri Pacific freight train on North Nineteenth street crossing shortly before 2 o'clock.

Phillips died shortly after being taken to a hospital. Nearly every bone in his body was broken. Mrs. Phillips is in the hospital suffering from three fractured ribs, broken pelvic bone and a deep cut on the forehead. The child was severely cut on the head and one arm.

A youth riding in the rear of the truck jumped and escaped. It is believed that Phillips did not see the train and when he drove onto the crossing, stepped on the brake in complete wreck. Physicians have hopes that Mrs. Phillips will recover.

Officials Appeal to High Court in Contempt Case

Lincoln, Neb., May 14—Mayor Green of Fremont and a group of city officials of that place, including the city engineer and city attorney today appealed to the supreme court for relief from a fine of a dollar each imposed upon them by District Judge Post on conviction of contempt of court.

The case grew out of an alleged refusal to obey a court injunction prohibiting the disposal of a sewage from Fremont into a creek, which it was claimed, constituted a nuisance.

Judge Post, in imposing the fines, found the officials had acted in good faith, but their action was not what the court had ordered. The city officials assert that they did a substantial compliance with the orders of the judge.

Seeing Himself in the Boss' Clothes



Ford's Plan for Chain of Banks Stirs Interest

Support Expressed by Head of Farm Bloc—To Bring Biggest Money Battle in History.

Washington, May 14—Reports from New York of certain details of Henry Ford's plan to open a string of banks throughout the country created intense interest in Washington financial and political circles today.

Representative Dickinson of Iowa, head of the farm bloc in the house, declared:

"Mr. Ford holds out a new hope to the man who has been paying usury, even as he held out hope to the man who had not been paid what his labor was worth."

Predictions were freely made among the members of representatives and senators who are not repairing political fences at home, that Ford's plans in various ways will become a lively issue in the next presidential campaign.

But the financial and economic phases of Ford's startling enterprises are even more staggering to observers who have looked for him to throw down the gage of battle to Wall street and its supplementary tentacles throughout the country ever since they refused him a comfortable loan in 1920 to finance his business.

At this time, it will be remembered, Ford bitterly complained of the "money trust" and promised to let them hear from him further. He took his plea to private sources among the "common people" for the money. This now has \$15,000,000 in cash and owns outright a growing concern that has no parallel as a money-making enterprise.

For several years Ford maintained a fight on certain Jewish interests, but lately announced a change of policy. Leaders close to him declare he never warred on the Jews as a race but on a handful who he felt had tied up money that he needed.

Since 1920 Ford has taken occasion often to voice his displeasure of Wall Street methods and to lay plans for combatting the evils of the street in the interest of his ideal of money.

It stands out like a sore thumb, say the financial prognosticators, that Ford is about to strike his first blow at Wall Street and the system that has kept the small man in economic slavery.

The battle will be the biggest the world has ever seen and it will have consequences as great, perhaps, as the political transfiguration that is now in progress.

Soldiers Leave Fort Crook on Hike to Leavenworth

Two hundred and fifty men from Fort Omaha and 167 from Fort Crook left the latter post at 4 yesterday morning to march to Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

The expedition camped at Plattsmouth last night and will camp at places selected by an advance party. Eleven wagons each drawn by four mules carry the paraphernalia of the force.

The column is under command of Maj. Caper Rucker and is due to arrive at Fort Leavenworth, May 20.

Six Persons Leap to Death in River

Caught on Trestle Over Mississippi at Davenport by Oncoming Car.

By International News Service.
Davenport, Ia., May 14—The body of one girl was recovered today from the Mississippi river here and search was being made for those of two more girls and three men, all of whom leaped just before midnight from a trestle to escape being ground to death by an interurban car. None has been identified.

The six had been at a resort on Campbell's island, in the river here, and were walking toward the mainland when they were trapped on the single-track trestle. The motorman saw them in the glare of his headlights poised for a moment on the edge of the trestle. When they saw he would not be able to stop in time to avoid them they leaped together.

They were but slender hope that they would be saved by getting onto the foundation which supports the trestle, but high waters within eight feet of the tracks have made the river there deep and the current swift.

"They vanished in the darkness and water before an alarm could be spread by the crew."

The motorman said that in the short time in which he saw them all of the six appeared to be young. There was but slender hope that all six bodies would be found because of the swift current of the usually sluggish river.

Omahans to Die in Electric Chair

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.
Lincoln, Neb., May 14—One white man and two negroes are awaiting the electric chair in the penitentiary death house.

The two negroes, sentenced to die in September for the murder of a grocerman in Omaha, are reported to have turned to prayer for relief from their fears of approaching fate.

The white man, sentenced to die for killing a garage man in northern Nebraska, has to date shown no sign of fear or any desire to pray. His sentence was automatically suspended when he appealed to the supreme court. His case is now in that court.

The penitentiary chaplain visits them each day.

Britain Won't Recognize Chester Grant, U. S. Told

Washington, May 14—The United States has been informally advised that the British government will not recognize the so-called Chester concession in Turkey insofar as it applies to Mesopotamia, which includes the rich Mosul oil fields. It was learned at the State department this afternoon.

Mullin in Conference

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.
Lincoln, Neb., May 14—Arthur Mullin of Omaha, well known democratic politician, is deeply interested in Governor Bryan's handling of the civil administrative code. Mr. Mullin has been in close consultation with the governor behind closed doors in the last few weeks.

"One of Ours" Wins \$1,000 Prize for Best Novel of Year

Annual Pulitzer Award Given Willa Cather, Nebraska Authoress, for Book Now Running in The Omaha Bee.

By International News Service.
New York, May 14.—The 1923 awards of the Pulitzer prizes in journalism and letters and of the traveling scholarship, offered annually, were announced last night by the advisory board of the Columbia School of Journalism.

Alva Johnston of the New York Times was awarded the \$1,000 prize for the best example of a reporter's work during the year; William Allen White, editor of the Gazette, Emporia, Kan., \$500 for the best editorial, and the Memphis Commercial Appeal, Memphis, Tenn., the \$300 gold medal for the most disinterested and meritorious public service rendered by a newspaper.

The judges selected "One of Ours" by Willa Cather for the \$1,000 prize for the American novel published during the year, which presented the wholesome atmosphere of American life and the highest standard of American manners and manhood.

Charles Warren was given the \$2,000 for the best book on the history of the United States, for his book, "The Supreme Court in United States History."

The \$1,000 prize in biography was awarded to "The Life and Letters of Walter H. Page" by Burton J. Hendrick. (Turn to Page Two, Column Four.)

Humphrey Girl Injured in Smash Near Columbus

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.
Columbus, Neb., May 14—Miss Neva Dixon, 24, Humphrey, Neb., suffered severe injuries when the car in which she was riding, driven by Emil Kehn, also of Humphrey, collided with another automobile west of town.

Fifty Chickens Stolen

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.
Beatrice, Neb., May 14—Thieves operated near Rockford last night, stealing 50 hens from the farm of A. N. Frantz while the family was at church. The theft was discovered when Mr. Frantz went out to close the chicken house doors. Officers here are working on the case.

The Weather

For 24 hours ending 7 p. m.	
Temperature.	62
Highest, 61; lowest, 51.	
Total snow since January 1st, 18.	
Relative Humidity, Percentage.	62
Precipitation, Inches and Hundredths.	0.00
Direction and Force of Wind.	Variable, 10 to 15.
Hourly Temperatures.	
5 a. m.	51
6 a. m.	52
7 a. m.	53
8 a. m.	54
9 a. m.	55
10 a. m.	56
11 a. m.	57
12 noon.	58
1 p. m.	59
2 p. m.	60
3 p. m.	61
4 p. m.	62
5 p. m.	63
6 p. m.	64
7 p. m.	65
8 p. m.	64
9 p. m.	63
10 p. m.	62
11 p. m.	61
12 noon.	60

Demands of Chinese Band Met

Governor of Shantung Agrees to Take Members of Outlaw Gang Into Army, State Department Notified.

Siege Raised Saturday

By Universal Service.
Peking, May 14—"All prisoners released. This cryptic message today brought to an end a week of anxiety for the safety of the hundred or more passengers made captives by bandits who held up and robbed the Suchow-Pekin express train in the early hours of Sunday, May 6.

No details have been received but it is believed that all of the demands made by the brigands on the Chinese government have been met.

By Associated Press.
Washington, May 14.—The military governor of Shantung, the State department was advised today by Consul John K. Davis, has agreed verbally to call off the attack on the bandits who wrecked the Suchow-Pekin express and to take them to the Chinese army. The brigands, Davis reported, had expressed willingness to release foreigners still held captive if this was done. He said the governor had informed him the siege was raised Saturday night.

Obtained Leave of Absence.
Shanghai, May 15.—J. A. Henley of San Francisco, one of the prisoners captured by the Suchow bandits who arrived at Linching two days ago from brigands' stronghold, was not granted his unconditional release by his captors, but had obtained 24 hours "leave of absence" from the robber chief, from whom the American also borrowed \$20 and a mule to make his trip down from the hills, according to reports brought here today.

Mr. Henley, according to Murrel J. Jost, of the British-American Tobacco company staff, who arrived on the midnight express from Tsoochang, became popular with the bandits and was permitted to pass through the lines to visit the relief camps in the foothills.

The San Francisco came down from the brigands' last Saturday, clad in a pair of pajamas, carrying \$20 he had borrowed from the robber chief, riding a donkey he had obtained from the same source and under instructions from the brigands to return by Sunday night or the remainder of the captives would be shot.

Hostages All Well.
Josef said that squads of coolie pack carriers are taking supplies up to the bandits' headquarters and that all the hostages are well, according to the latest reports. When he left Tsoochang, he added, however, that any hostile movement by the troops in the district would result in the immediate execution of the foreign prisoners. Officers in command of the troops have reiterated their previous assurances that the soldiers would be withdrawn, but whether this promise has been kept is not known at Tsoochang.

It now is pretty definitely established that 15 men are being held by the bandits, together with Senora Yere, wife of one of them, who has repeatedly refused to abandon her husband, and a baby. It is reported that 100 Chinese are held in the brigands' stockades, many of them wealthy and prominent.

Dozens Seek to Buy Bank Certificates

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.
Lincoln, Neb., May 14—Applications by the dozens for purchase of receivers' certificates of failed banks are pouring into the office of the secretary of trade and commerce.

The issuance and sale of these certificates was made legal by the bank bill passed by the legislature. They call for 7 per cent interest.

The certificates are issued against assets of failed banks. If the assets do not take care of the certificates issued to care for all bills payable of the failed bank, the balance is drawn from the state guaranty fund.

The first issue of certificates under the new law, was by the receiver of the defunct Citizens' State bank of Kimball. The total was \$278,996.

Owsley Unable to Visit Scottsbluff Legion Men

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.
Scottsbluff, Neb., May 14—Alvin Owsley, national commander of the American Legion, who was scheduled to visit Scottsbluff May 23, cannot come, according to a telegram received from National Adjutant Lemuel Bolles. Ill health was given as the reason for cancelling the rest of the May tour of the commander and but slight hope was held out that he would be here in June. Legion men of the western part of the state had planned a reception for Mr. Owsley.

New York City to Seek Democratic Convention

World Today made a formal proposal that the democratic national convention of 1924 be held in this city. The canvass showed 10 national committeemen and 12 national committeewomen favoring New York, according to the World.

The World said that the city is prepared to underwrite the convention, up to \$200,000.