

## BAKERS SAY CAPAY MORE FOR WHEAT

### Coast Town Menaced by Blazing Oil

Hundreds of Residents Flee From Homes as Fire Boils Over Tank—Explosions Feared.

### Troops Hold Crowd Back

San Pedro, Cal., Aug. 17.—A half million barrel oil tank of the General Petroleum company here, catching fire from an explosion believed to have been caused by static ignition, boiled over the flaming edges of the cauldron today and filled the emergency dykes on the hillside on which it is located, with lakes of liquid fire.

The dykes held the blazing stream from hundreds of homes that were imperiled, but as the torrent advanced, it piled up in other dykes against a 55,000 barrel fuel oil storage tank, which was filled to capacity.

Nearly was a tank of distillate and this, firemen and officials feared, might explode at any minute, scattering a seething spray over the country-side.

### Wind Adds to Danger

A brisk wind also added to the danger and drove the flames before it toward the distillate.

Another menace was the danger of explosion in the burning tank when the flame of the gigantic torch reached the water level.

Recognizing this possibility, police and fire officials, officers of the company and troops from Fort McArthur established a wide danger zone and through this belt occupants of the threatened homes poured with such belongings as they could gather up, carry away in their arms or load on a fleet of trucks rushed to the scene for the purpose.

### More Firemen Called

Acting Fire Chief McDowell of Los Angeles, in charge of the fight, ordered another fire company from the city, making three full companies in addition to the San Pedro department standing by for any emergency.

In an attempt to save some of the contents of the blazing tank, the General Petroleum tank steamers La Placencia and Montebello were warped alongside the dock at the breakers, several miles away, and started to pump oil from the bottom of the flaming container through the long pipe line, at the rate of a barrel to each stroke of the pump.

Despite the suddenness of the explosion that started the fire, and the magnitude of the column of fire, only one serious injury was reported.

### Watchman Injured

Henry Hatcher, 68, watchman, was hemmed in by a wall of flame and barely missed death when he dashed to safety with his clothes ablaze. He is in the hospital with serious burns about the face, arms, legs and body.

No accurate estimate of the loss has been made by company officials early tonight, but by unofficial observers it is variously placed at from \$200,000 to \$1,000,000.

After the explosion that started the fire, flames and smoke belched from the container like a volcano, engulfing in black clouds the powerful coast defense rifles of Fort McArthur, directly above the tank farm, and driving hundreds of residents near the fire from their homes.

### American Legion Officers Will Urge World Peace

Indianapolis, Ind., Aug. 17.—An international effort toward world peace on the part of allied world war veterans will be urged by American Legion officials headed by National Commander Alvin Oswald, who sails tomorrow from New York to attend the Brussels conference of International Federation of September 15. It was announced at legion national headquarters here today.

### Harding Monument Move

San Francisco, Aug. 17.—San Francisco, the city in which the late President Harding died, called upon its citizenry to raise by popular subscription \$500,000 to be used in erecting monuments to perpetuate the memory of the late chief executive. This action was taken by the Harding memorial committee, appointed by Mayor James Rolph, Jr., a few days after the late president died.

In an effort to decide quickly upon the form of monument to erect, the mayor Rolph appointed a committee of architects to act in an advisory capacity.

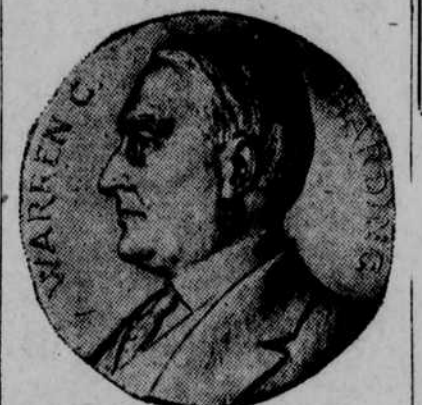
### Youth Held for Forgery

Beatrice, Neb., Aug. 17.—Raymond Repp, 22, was arrested at Beatrice, Neb., today and was lodged in the county jail here on a charge of forging the name of his employer, R. H. Hartwig, liberty farmer, to a check for \$19. He was nabbed on his way to Wyborne soon after the alleged forgery was discovered.

### Georgia Mob Lynchs Man

Macon, Ga., Aug. 17.—Lee Green, wanted for an attack on a white woman of Wellton, Ga., was taken from two Macon officers early today and lynched in the presence of the mayor's home. The body was swung from a big tree and riddled with bullets. The man is said to have confessed.

### U. S. Mint Is Making Harding Medallions



Washington, D. C.—Replica of the medallion of the late President Harding that is being struck off by the United States Mint, commission are to the public at \$1.52 each.

### Phone Rate Case Briefs Must Be Filed in October

Nine Months' Fight of Commission to Obtain Lower Rates for North Nebraska Near End.

### Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee

Lincoln, Aug. 17.—Briefs by the Nebraska railway commission and attorneys for the Northwestern Bell Telephone company are to be filed in federal court at Omaha October 15, ending, so far as court litigation is concerned, the nine-months' fight of the commission to attempt to force the telephone company to discontinue its 10 per cent surcharge. The surcharge was granted by the commission as a temporary relief measure during the high prices existing during and immediately after the world war.

### Hearing in Lincoln

Prior to the hearing of the company in Omaha on its application for a permanent injunction against the commission's rate decrease order in lieu of the temporary injunction now in effect, long and tedious hearings were held in Lincoln before the commission, in which the telephone company attempted to prove that it needs a continuation of the 10 per cent surcharge.

The commission, in its fight in behalf of thousands of users of the telephone in Omaha and northern Nebraska, has attacked the company's defense on four points. These points, stated briefly, are:

That the immense depreciation and reserve set up by the Northwestern Bell Telephone company on which it claims rates should be based are excessive. A part of this depreciation and reserve was on hand at the time the Northwestern Telephone company purchased independent companies in Nebraska, Iowa and Minnesota.

That the 41.2 per cent gross receipts paid by the Northwestern Bell Telephone company, amounting to \$200,000 annually, to the parent company, the American Telephone and Telegraph company, for use of receivers, transmitters and induction coils furnished by the parent company, is excessive.

That the Northwestern Bell Telephone company in placing its first automatic system in Omaha at big expense is experimenting and forcing telephone users of Nebraska and Omaha to pay for the experiment which, in reality, should be paid all over the system, as other points will benefit from the Omaha experiment.

That the Northwestern Bell Telephone company does not operate as economically as the Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph company which handles all telephone business south of the Platte at much less station service cost, and also gives its patrons charge privileges from the Northwestern Bell Telephone company.

Hugh Lamaster, attorney for the railway commission, estimated that the 10 per cent surcharge, which the company is endeavoring to maintain, produced a revenue of from \$250,000 to \$300,000.

### Home from Trip

Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Thornton, together with their son, returned to their home in Council Bluffs today from a motor trip to California.

### Love and Thrills

The abduction of the bridegroom in an airship—the pursuit by sea monsters—the sandstorm in the desert—the girl pearl diver's adventure with sharks—the fight with a giant devilfish—the burning ship at sea—"Women and children first!"

### "Jil-Bett"

By Laura Jean Libbey  
Read it in The Sunday Bee

### Goats to the Right! Officer Deploys and Shoos Them Off Goats to the Left!

"They're walking up and down the sidewalk," a woman's frantic voice informed Police Captain Coffey over the telephone Friday morning, "and they won't let people pass."

"What? Where? Why? Who?" sherlocked the captain.

"Why, the goats, of course! And it's at Sixty-ninth and Bedford, and there's so many of 'em people can't feel safe any more."

She said she wanted the goats taken care of.

Captain Coffey ran an efficient finger over his list of officers, seeking a man of sterling courage with a knowledge of goat raising.

George "Monty" Sheehan found the property of Frank employed in open field goat signs the then back into the he elicited lice to stay the

### Chinese Seize Former Omaha Priests

Two Divines Who Received Training at Mission Here Captured in Sunho Districts.

Father Michael McHugh, 45, and Father Daniel Ward, 40, former Omaha priests, who were assigned to the China diocese to carry on missionary work, were kidnapped by Chinese bandits who pillaged the district near Sunho, according to cable dispatches received here today.

Both priests were well known here among the Catholic people. Both were trained at the Chinese Mission society here, which has a building devoted exclusively to that work in

Catholic church officials here fear for the safety of the two priests because of letters written by them some time ago that the bandits were becoming dangerous.

Natives of Ireland.

Both men were natives of Ireland and came to Omaha to receive the special training, according to Father D. E. Houlahan, who is in charge of the mission.

"Father McHugh came here in September, 1918, and sailed in July, 1920, for China," said Father Houlahan.

"Father Ward came here in September, 1920, and left during the following November.

"They were considered the best missionaries in China and reported very good success. They have written frequently to the mission here and reported everything going fine until the raids were started by the bandits. Some time ago we received a letter from them that conditions were getting worse because of the general activities of the Chinese bandits."

Town Is Looted.

According to the cable dispatches the two Irish priests were located at Tsao-shih. The cable dispatch said "The town of Tsao-shih was looted and the Catholic church burned. Eighty Chinese captives were taken also. The Italian consuls at Kanow have protested."

### Mexican Held as Firebug Attempts to Commit Suicide

Sacramento, Cal., Aug. 17.—Resulting conviction of murder as a result of his confession that he set fire to the Japanese Buddhist school here, in which 10 Japanese lost their lives, F. Padilla, Mexican, paranoiac, made an unsuccessful attempt to hang himself in his cell at the city jail here today.

When the rope proved too flimsy to hold his weight, Padilla sought to strangle himself, but was frustrated by police officers.

### Alkali Ich Is Out Again

If the photographer had been swimming, he wouldn't have had a chance. But on land the Alkali Ich is at a decided disadvantage.

The monster has grown remarkably since he was first seen a month ago. Then he was reported from 40 to 50 feet long.

### Omaha Men Badly Hurt in Accident

Automobile Turns Over Three Times Into Ditch After Collision With Passing Machine.

### Injured Man Unconscious

Joe Guggenmos, 60, and Ludwig Guggenmos, 32, his son, 3709 South Fourteenth street, were seriously injured at 5 last night, when their car turned turtle in a ditch two miles this side of Millard, Neb., pinning the men under it.

The two were coming in to Omaha from Fremont and had just passed through Millard, when they were caught in a string of automobiles. As they tried to turn out, the rear wheel of their machine caught on the rear wheel of another car, and the machine turned over three times into a roadside ditch.

Passing motorists extricated Ludwig from beneath the car and were on the way to the Wise Memorial hospital, when they were arrested for speeding by Deputy Sheriff Ages and Melby. Having explained the situation, they were allowed to proceed, while the officers hurried to the scene of the accident.

They were in time to aid in removing the older man from the wreck. He was placed in a Boulevard Traction company bus and taken to the Nicholas Senn hospital.

Both men are unconscious, and the extent of their injuries is not known. It is believed that both have a fractured skull.

### Another Ohio Klansman Shot Found Wounded Early Today—Mayor Orders Public Gatherings Dispersed

Steuersville, O., Aug. 17.—Steuersville's Klan was threatened to break into anew early today when John Marvin, 42, miner and alleged klansman, was found bleeding and unconscious after being shot twice by an unknown assailant. He is reported in a critical condition in a local hospital.

Mayor Frank Hawkins, Prosecutor Stanton Pearce and Sheriff Edward Lucas have ordered the suspension of all public meetings until the tension that now exists dies down. The authorities are dispersing gatherings on the street corners.

Large numbers of Klan members from other points in the state have arrived quietly conducting an investigation into the attack on the Klan parade here Wednesday night.

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### New York Court Summons Free State of Ireland

New York, Aug. 17.—Supreme Court Justice O'Malley today issued an order on the application of the American Society for the Recognition of the Irish Republic, requiring the Irish free state to show cause next Thursday why a commission should not be issued authorizing the taking of the deposition of Eamon De Valera before the American consul in Dublin in connection with the suit which has tied up \$2,500,000 of the funds raised in the United States through the sale of Irish republican bonds.

### Woman and Daughter Die in Leap From Apartment

New York, Aug. 17.—Despondent, it is said, since the death of husband and father, Mrs. A. M. Stern, 60, and her daughter, 35, leaped to death today from the roof of a seven-story apartment house on the upper west side.

The two women, with clasped hands, poised for a moment on the coping of the building, then, with a scream, leaped.



### Mary Miles Minter Still Puzzling Over Difference Between 21 and 30

Reward in Store for Anyone Who Can Prove Star Is in Old Maid Class—Mother Retains Attorney—Drawbridge Still Up Against Reporters.

Los Angeles, Aug. 17.—Mary Miles Minter continued in seclusion "some where in Hollywood" today, inaccessible to all except, of course, further bearers of offers for her to appear in vaudeville.

And also of course, Neil S. McCarthy, her attorney, whose outstanding characteristic seems to be his ability not to be "in." According to Mr. McCarthy's decidedly compelling office girl, who reminds one strongly of Colleen Moore, but who says she's Swedish, and may be some relation to Anna Q. Nilsson, her employer again went to Hollywood this afternoon—and "hurriedly."

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Meantime, John G. Mott, prominent attorney here, confirmed a report he had been retained to look after Mrs. Shelby's interests, also those of sister Margaret.

He afterward amended the confinement to the extent of stating that he had represented the Shelby family for some time, the family including Mary.

"But now, however, I represent the family with the exception of Miss Minter," he said.

Mr. Mott conveyed the impression that he did not think the differences between Miss Minter and her mother would reach the courtroom stage. Nevertheless, he declined to be specific, pleading that to do so in this instance, at least, would be a violation of professional ethics.

### Drawbridge Still Up

"Casa de Margherita" which is Spanish for the house built with Mary's money, today continued to keep the drawbridge up on the free press and the official announcements from within were made in pigeon English by a noiselessly running Jap servant.

The announcements were to the effect Mrs. Shelby was continuing to confesse from the recent operation upon her liver, but that, due to Mary's tantrums, progress toward recovery was slower than otherwise very probably would be the case.

Evidently stealing Mr. McCarthy's "in," Miss Shelby likewise was not "in." However, she had not gone to Hollywood.

Despite the views of Miss Minter's proclaimed father, birth certificates and affidavits, the star, safely tucked away in her hilly seclusion, is reported continuing trying to figure out her real uses.

Hoping She Is 30.

Unlike her sex, she's hoping she is 30, instead of 21. Her positively unique precedent, however, is born of realization that, if her prospective suit is really filed and papers are handed up to the judge which prove her to be 20—well, mothers may have

### Willing to Do Much for Farmer

Boost in Flour Price Acceptable for Farmers' Sake, Says P. F. Petersen Who Calls Conference.

### Meeting on Plan Today

Omaha bakers are heartily in accord with plan of N. B. Uplike of The Omaha Bee to aid the farmer by increasing the price of wheat through higher flour prices, according to P. F. Petersen of the Petersen-Pegau Baking company, one of the largest concerns of its kind in Omaha.

"I can say that I speak for the bakers of Omaha when I voice my thoughts on this matter because the bakers realize that general business conditions will not be bettered unless the farmer is prosperous," said Mr. Petersen.

"We are willing to stand an increase in the price of flour that is sold to us without increasing the price of bread to the consumer if the farmer will get higher wheat prices.

To Hold Conference.

Mr. Petersen said that the bakers will probably hold a conference Saturday noon and make the offer an official one.

"We realize that during these unusual times all business must adjust itself to meet the changing conditions," said Mr. Petersen. "We don't want cheap wheat with the farmer suffering for it. When the farmer suffers, we all suffer."

Mr. Uplike in a statement carried by the press wires yesterday stated that an increased price of 50c a bushel in wheat would not change the price of bread to the consumer. He said this increase in the wheat price could be brought about by an increase in the price of flour sold to the baker.

Beneficial to Farmers.

Mr. Uplike's message, which included the statement he sent to the manager of his Chicago office, but was picked up by a press association. Mr. Uplike said he had sent the statement as an inquiry to ascertain general conditions and sentiment.

The attitude of the Omaha bakers, as indicated by Mr. Petersen today, may become the national feature of mind of the bakers of the country, and if it does will become of great importance in bringing up the price of wheat, which will prove beneficial to the farmers of the wheat growing states.

It would mean, Mr. Uplike said, that the baker would have to stand a smaller profit on the bread sold to the consumer.

Mr. Uplike's suggestion was that instead of seeking to pull bread down to the level of wheat, the efforts of business men be turned to lifting wheat up to the level of bread.

He declared that an increase of 50 cents a bushel in wheat prices need not affect the selling price of bread.

Housewives Not Complaining.

Housewives of Omaha are willing to pay the present price for bread in order that the wheat market may not drop and that the farmer may make something of his investment of time, labor and money in his wheat.

Mrs. E. G. Wallace, 639 North Twenty-seventh street, said that she was willing to pay 10 cents for a loaf of bread because if the farmer is prosperous, it makes for prosperity elsewhere.

"If bread was cheaper than it is now," said Mrs. F. W. Schaefer, 3562 Newport avenue, there would be more of it available. As it is now, we are helping the farmer get a small return on his crop. I am quite ready to pay the present price."

### Thirty Persons Wounded in Genoa Fascisti Clash

Genoa, Aug. 17.—Thirty persons were wounded three of them gravely, in fighting yesterday at Campolongo between fascist and anti-fascist elements. The trouble began during a funeral of a local hero, Paolo Santa Maria, whose body had been transported from the former Italian battle front for burial in his native city.

The anti-fascist objected to the funeral and tried to interfere with it. This provoked an attack by the Fascist accompanying the body to the cemetery.

Campolongo is occupied by soldiers who are maintaining order.

### Two Prisoners Lynched by Mobs in Georgia

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 17.—Two men were lynched in Georgia today. Early this morning a crowd of men broke in the Bleckley county jail, at Conners, Ga., took a man named Aleck Harris, charged with attacking a woman, took him 12 miles from town on the Dublin road, strung him to a tree and shot him to death.

The second lynching occurred in Houston county, where Lee Green was taken from officers, carried to the house of the woman he is alleged to have attacked and was strung to a tree and shot to death.

Governor of Oklahoma Gets Threatening Letter

Oklahoma City, Aug. 17.—An anonymous letter, threatening Governor Walton unless troops are immediately withdrawn from Tulsa, was received at the executive offices today, according to an announcement from Aldrich Blake, the governor's counselor.

"Unless troops are withdrawn at once, your fate will be the same as that of the others," Blake said the letter read.

### The Weather

Temperature	normal	24
Highest 74	75	80
Lowest 54	55	60
24-hour ending 8:00 A.M. Aug. 17	65	70
Relative Humidity	60	70
Wind	W. 10-15	W. 10-15
Precipitation	0.00	0.00
Total since January 1, 1923	12.80	12.80
Hourly Temperatures		
8 A.M.	65	70
9 A.M.	65	70
10 A.M.	65	70
11 A.M.	65	70
12 M.	65	70
1 P.M.	65	70
2 P.M.	65	70
3 P.M.	65	70
4 P.M.	65	70
5 P.M.	65	70
6 P.M.	65	70
7 P.M.	65	70
8 P.M.	65	70
9 P.M.	65	70
10 P.M.	65	70
11 P.M.	65	70
Midnight	65	70