

WEATHER FORECAST

Sunday: Mostly cloudy, probably snow; not much change in temperature.

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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY.

Hope springs eternal in the human breast. Man never is, but always to be blest. —Pope.

175 UTAH MINERS ARE DOOMED

Pay Bandit Eludes Hunt of Sleuths

All-Day Search by Entire Department Fails to Develop Arrest of a Single Suspect.

Girl Now Tells of Gun

Highwayman who Saturday morning held up Miss Anna Maack in the Orpheum theater and robbed her of more than \$3,000, part of the weekly payroll, appears to have been swallowed up by the earth so far as police have been able to determine.

The entire detective department is working on the case.

Miss Maack and everyone who was in the theater at the time of the robbery have been closely questioned, without throwing additional light on the robbery.

Now Recalls Weapon. Miss Maack had just returned from the bank with the week's payroll in cash, when someone seized her by the throat from behind, grabbed two bags of money, and fled, dropping a package containing \$2,000 in bills.

When questioned by Detective Ben Danbaum in the morning, she said nothing of a weapon. Saturday afternoon, she told police that the man held a revolver against her cheek until he obtained the money.

Police are working on clues furnished by Miss Agnes Dwyer, elevator starter at the Woodmen of the World building, who saw a man answering a description of the holdup man, running south on Fifteenth street at Howard street. Another man was seen running west in the alley which adjoins the theater building on the south.

Believed Old Timer. Police believe that the girl's assailant may have been an oldtime yeeg-man, who made his way to the railroad yards and left town on a freight train, scoring a "high powered motor car" as an avenue of escape.

They also believe that he may have concealed himself in the theater Friday, and have remained all night, waiting for Miss Maack to appear Saturday morning with the payroll.

In any event, they declare, the man apparently had knowledge of the theater routine, and knew when and where the money was to be expected.

Miss Maack Saturday afternoon expressed doubt whether she would be able to identify the man, due to the fact that the lower part of his face was concealed by a handkerchief during the holdup.

Serious Charges Against Theford Banker

Lincoln, March 8.—P. E. Nelson, fugitive president of the failed Theford bank, who has been arrested in New Mexico and will be brought back to face criminal charges in connection with the bank's affairs, is held chiefly responsible by the state officials for the irregularities found there.

Trade and Commerce Secretary Knudson has the information that before Nelson left Theford, February 21, notes signed by several persons were turned over to the bank and at the same time Nelson was given credit on the books to this amount. He is said to have drawn out most of the money before leaving.

Collusion between Nelson and the bank management is suspected in the transactions. One of the notes was signed by M. E. Nelson, President Nelson's son. The younger Nelson and C. C. Shaw, who was acting cashier of the bank, were arrested two weeks ago and are now under \$2,500 bail, on complaints charging them with various felonies.

One customer of the bank is said to have given Nelson \$6,000 in liberty bonds to be sold and the proceeds placed to his customer's credit, but it is claimed that Nelson placed the money to his own credit.

Charles Graff Opens Campaign Quarters

Lincoln, March 5.—Headquarters for the management of the campaign of Charles Graff for the democratic nomination for governor are being opened at room 165, Lindell hotel. Henry Gevers and W. E. Eastham will be in charge at the office. Other phases of the work will be handled by Dale P. Stough, 820 Terminal building, Lincoln. Mr. Graff is expected in Lincoln Monday to start active campaigning.

Stolen Footwear Fails to Fit; Thief Returns Shoes With Nice Note. "These don't fit, so I ain't got no use for them," read a note signed "Joe Celeri, 1121 Dodge street," which accompanied the parcel posted package returning stolen shoes for Mark E. Harris, Omaha insurance man, Saturday.

"The shoes were stolen from my home 4516 Nicholas street, Thursday," said Harris, in reporting to police. Police are now convinced the prowler is more accommodating than truthful. Their conclusion is that both name and address are fictitious.

Detroit Girl Wellesley's Prettiest



Miss Genevieve Smith, of Detroit, Mich., has been selected as the prettiest senior student in Wellesley College, Wellesley, Mass., and will lead the Three day exercises there.

President N. Y. Central Railroad Is Killed

New York, March 8.—Alfred H. Smith, president of the New York Central railway, was killed late today when he was thrown from a horse in Central park.

The accident occurred shortly after 5 o'clock and Mr. Smith was taken to the Fifth avenue hospital where he died of a fractured skull. He was 52 years old.

Green Rebuffed. Green's attitude was communicated to the White House and the Treasury department and a few hours later the new tax bill had been formally introduced in the house.

It came from Representative Stephen G. Porter, republican, of Pennsylvania, who sponsored the resolution at the request of Secretary Mellon. Porter is not a member of the ways and means committee and his selection to bring forward the administration's tax program constituted a direct rebuke to Green.

The Porter resolution, which provides for a 25 per cent reduction in all 1923 income taxes, due March 15, 1924, was referred to the ways and means committee, where it will be called up Monday.

Deadlock Probable. A deadlock may develop in the committee to make it difficult to get the resolution reported.

While the house was getting into a frenzy over the reopening of the tax fight, the senate finance committee continued today with the rewriting of the Mann tax bill.

An increase in inheritance taxes was proposed as a means of raising more revenue, but no decision was reached.

The committee plans to restore to the bill most of the Mellon rates, but the republican members realize they cannot get the senate to agree and will center their efforts on the Porter resolution to reduce income taxes immediately.

Senator Reed Smoot, chairman of the finance committee, has agreed to try to force the Porter resolution through the senate just as soon as it comes from the house.

Greek Cabinet Resigns. London, March 8.—The Greek cabinet has resigned, owing to the insistence of the republican military group for immediate proclamation of a republic, said a News agency dispatch from Athens this afternoon.

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Air Mail Pilot Found Burned to Death

Cleveland, O., March 8.—B. H. Pearson, pilot of the mail air plane that left Bellefonte, Pa., for Cleveland late yesterday, was found burned to death in the wreckage of his plane two miles east of Curwensville, Pa. late today, according to telephone communication with Bellefonte. The plane was a mass of charred wreckage.

Final Rush of Candidates as Filings Close

Lincoln, March 8.—Filings for the state primaries closed tonight, and rumors of prospective candidates have given way to predictions of their success or failure.

Lively interest, which had been aroused by the filing of Charles Graff as an opponent of Bryan, was again stimulated today as democrats tumbled over one another to become candidates for United States senate.

A week ago Tremor Cone of Valley was the only candidate in the field; tonight there are three more, J. J. Thomas of Seward, Kenneth McDonald of Bridgeport, and D. C. Patterson of Omaha.

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Missouri on Rampage as Gorge Jams

Blooded Cattle Are Reported Drowned as Flood Waters Cover Lowlands Around Blencoe.

Ice Piled 50 Feet High

Blencoe, Ia., March 8.—Ice gorge which began forming in the Missouri river here at 10 Saturday morning rose to a height of 50 feet and backed up water until the river behind it was a mile wide, overflowing thousands of acres of valuable farm land.

Cattle and other livestock grazing on the lowlands adjacent to the river, were drowned by the rising water. No lives were lost, so far as could be ascertained.

The gorge was broken and the water began to recede at 3 in the afternoon.

Many farmers in the vicinity of Blencoe make a specialty of breeding blooded cattle and the financial loss is understood to have been severe.

Committee for German Relief Named in Omaha

Frank B. Johnson, Chairman, and Carl Gray, Vice Chairman; Quick Aid Is Needed.

Campaign committee to carry on the drive launched here to raise funds for starving children of Germany was announced yesterday by Frank B. Johnson, of the Omaha Printing company, who is chairman.

Carl Gray, president of the Union Pacific, railroad, is vice chairman.

Following is the committee: W. W. Head, Ford E. Hovey, C. T. Kountze, James C. Dahlman, F. W. Judson, T. C. Byrne, Frank Keogh, Randall K. Brown, N. B. Udell, A. J. Eggers, O. H. Earnest, M. C. Peters, George Brandeis, Henry Doory, Joseph Polcar, Ballard Dunn, F. A. Brogan, Henry Monsky, Dr. Frank Smith, Carl R. Gray, B. Buckingham, W. A. Fraser, F. B. Johnson, E. F. Waterbury and Harry A. Wolf.

The campaign is being held here in conjunction with national drive which is headed by Gen. Henry F. Allen, retired, who had charge of the United States army in the occupied area of Germany.

Quick Aid Needed. According to Chairman Johnson, children are dying in the streets and homes of Germany because of lack of food.

"Thousands of children will die and many thousands of them will suffer a life worse than death unless quick aid is given them," said Mr. Johnson.

The hospitals and public institutions are now filled with unaccompanied children. We cannot do anything else but hear their cries and pleas for aid, even though just a short time ago their fathers and brothers opposed our soldier boys on the battlefields in France. These children had nothing to do with bringing on the war. They are its victims.

Carl Gray is one of the most enthusiastic workers in the campaign.

"Forget the Past." "I am interested because America never waged a war against children," said Mr. Gray. "We cannot turn a deaf ear to the cry of suffering humanity. We must forget the past and help. By aiding these children we will show to the world our gentleness for world-wide good."

Mr. Gray said that during wartime the government fed war prisoners and now that children of a former enemy country are dying for food, the people of America should come to their aid and save them from death.

Solicitation by the executive committee will be limited to a selective list of business men. Donations may be made by mailing checks to Fred W. Thomas, First National bank, who is treasurer of the campaign.

Carload of Stove Wood Shipped to Wymore Man

Wymore, Neb., March 8.—A carload of stove wood and furnace chunks was shipped by freight from Endicott to Wymore, 30 miles, today. The wood was cut from a Blue river farm near Endicott belonging to Patrick Ryan of Wymore and will be stored in a large basement under the Ryan home here. It will run the family about a year. Ryan has shipped in a carload each spring for the last 10 years, the men on the farm cutting the wood during the slack season and saving it up with a power saw.

Wife Kills Husband; She Didn't Trust Him. New York, March 8.—Samuel Gluckman, a tailor, was laced to death today with an ax by his wife, Edith, as he was asleep.

"I loved him and I couldn't bear to have him go around with other women," the police quoted her as saying. They were school playmates in Turaga and were married when they were 16. Mrs. Gluckman was 35 years old and he was 29.

Vanderbilt Heiress to Wed



Miss Cornelia Vanderbilt, daughter of George W. Vanderbilt of New York, from whom she inherited \$5,000,000, will soon marry John F. A. Cecil, secretary of the British legation in Washington, according to reports from the capital.

The Day in Washington

The house adjourned without reaching a final vote on the McKelvey bill, which would authorize acceptance of Henry Ford's offer for Muscle Shoals.

An independent move was started in the house by Representative Porter, republican, Pennsylvania, to reduce the income taxes payable this year.

The railroad shopmen's strike of July 1, 1922, cost the lives of 19 persons by violence and assault by strikers, Attorney General Daugherty declared in a report to congress.

A full cash payment option provision proposed for the soldiers' bonus bill was rejected by the house ways and means committee, which decided to limit payments to unpaid life insurance.

The Department of Justice declined, in response to a house resolution, to disclose the names of the two representatives referred to in the Chicago grand jury concerning misuse of influence.

Witnesses subpoenaed by the senate Daugherty investigating committee, in connection with a report of a deal involving a cabinet appointment at the 1920 republican national convention.

Senator Curtis of Kansas, appearing voluntarily before the senate oil committee, denied some of the statements previously made by Ira E. Bennett, of the Washington Post, and the committee also heard additional evidence of E. B. McLean and E. S. Rochester of the Department of Justice.

Motor Tourist Traffic Heavy Through State

Columbus, Neb., March 8.—Improved road conditions on the Lincoln highway following the flood at North Bend, which caused many tourists to remain in Omaha and Fremont, resulted in an unusually heavy west-bound tourist traffic along the Lincoln highway yesterday and today. East-bound tourists from the west coast are increasing in number as the close of the winter outing season in California approaches.

Nebraska Pioneer, 70, En Route to Denmark, Falls Into N. Y. River

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Neligh, Neb., March 8.—En route to Copenhagen, Denmark, Hans Jacobson, 70, pioneer resident of Antelope county, was a passenger Wednesday night on a New York Central train.

The train halted at the river bridge at Fort Plain, N. Y. Mr. Jacobson stepped off of a car and onto the ice of the river. The ice was thin and he broke through, being precipitated into the icy water.

Mr. Jacobson was rescued by police and resuscitated. He is reported as recovering rapidly from the shock.

The aged man's wife died about two years ago and he had decided to return to his native land. He had on his person \$1,100 when he fell into the river.

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Rescuers Unable to Reach Men

Three Explosions at Castle Gate Coal Mine Bury Victims in Bowels of the Earth.

Relatives, Panic Stricken

Castle Gate, Utah, March 8.—Hope was practically abandoned tonight for the 175 coal miners entombed today in mine No. 2 of the Utah Fuel company, following a series of explosions that occurred less than two hours after the men, all members of the day shift, had gone underground at 7:30 this morning.

J. P. Carney, chief clerk of the company, said tonight that chances of rescuing any of the victims alive were "almost impossible."

Rescue workers, he said, had succeeded in penetrating through the blocked mine portal to a distance of about a quarter of a mile into the mainway. Working in relays of two and three and wearing gas masks, the rescue workers had been unable at an early hour tonight to reach the main tunnel. Huge masses of debris in the mainway, and a choking accumulation of gas and "black damp" hampered progress.

Shortly after 5 the crowd gathered at the mouth of the mine became panic-stricken when a report circulated that fire had broken out in the underground passage ways.

Members of the rescue crews, however, failed to confirm this report, declaring that they had found no signs of fire as yet, but were encountering clouds of heavy smoke belching out of the mainway.

Despite their equipment of gas masks and oxygen apparatus, the rescuers were finding it more difficult hourly to penetrate to the main tunnel of the mine.

It was believed that the first explosion, a terrific blast, occurred nearly two miles from the mine entrance.

At least two or three other deep rumblings were heard.

Whether fire is raging in the workings could not be determined by the rescue workers who first entered the mainway.

The mine, according to Carney, underwent the usual daily inspection by a crew of three men early this morning, and was then reported safe.

First Blast at 9. The first explosion came shortly after 9 this morning. Word of the disaster spread rapidly through the small mining community and within half an hour frenzied, hysterical women crowded about the mouth of the mine.

At 1:40 rescue workers reported all air shafts in the mine were broken. It was nearly two hours later before any of the rescuers were able to get beyond the mouth of the mine. The breaking of the fan shafts spread gloom among members of the rescue team, and hope of the rescue alive of any of the men rapidly waned.

As soon as word of the explosion reached the company's offices, which are located nearly two miles from the site of the accident, hurry calls were sent to Salt Lake, Helpers and the surrounding mining camps of Carbon county, one of the greatest coal producing districts in the west, and all available doctors and nurses were rushed to the scene.

The mine is a so-called tunnel or slope operation.

Mine experts expressed the opinion tonight that the Castle Gate disaster is one of the worst in the history of coal mining in Utah.

Relatives Frantic. Heartrending scenes were enacted throughout the afternoon and early evening as relatives and friends of the imprisoned men remained just outside the cordon drawn by mine officials around the mouth of the dead mine. Fathers, mothers and sweethearts, agony revealed in their stoical faces, moaned, walking back and forth trying to console each other with the almost vain prospect that any of their loved ones might be brought out alive.

Castle Gate tonight, as darkness crept down from the mountains, which it is a veritable gateway, was a scene of sorrow and mourning.

Standing by, helpless to even attempt the rescue of their fathers, husbands and brothers, the women folk of the thriving mining town of some 1,500 persons, faced the stern reality that their breadwinners were, probably dead with some brave attempt at resignation.

Mine company officials tonight declined to give out a list of the men who entered the workings this morning. They said their number was probably 175, although reports varied the number of probable victims from 172 to 180. Company officials said they were carefully checking over the list to determine definitely the exact number of workers who checked into the doomed mine this morning.

Ohio Hikes Crude Oil. Findlay, O., March 8.—The Ohio Oil company, today announced a 15-cent advance in the price of seven grades of Central West crude oils. New prices are: Lima, \$2.28; Indiana, \$2.08; Illinois, \$2.07; Princeton, \$2.07; Plymouth, \$1.45; Waterloo, \$1.55; Wooster, \$2.13.

Chadron Liquor Fines Pay Cost of Jury

Chadron, Neb., March 8.—Liquor fines collected in the recent session of district court here almost equaled the cost of the jury, figures brought out by L. J. F. Jaeger, clerk of the court, revealed. Jury expenses totaled \$2,195 while liquor fines came to \$1,700, or \$495 less, he declared.

The Weather

For 24 hours ending 7 p. m., March 8. Highest: 29. Lowest: 23. Mean: 24; nearest 22. Total excess since January 1. Precipitation, inches and hundredths: Total, 3. Total since January 1, 1.44; excess, 11. Hourly Temperatures: 7 a. m. 24, 8 a. m. 24, 9 a. m. 24, 10 a. m. 24, 11 a. m. 24, 12 noon 24, 1 p. m. 24, 2 p. m. 24, 3 p. m. 24, 4 p. m. 24, 5 p. m. 24, 6 p. m. 24, 7 p. m. 24, 8 p. m. 24, 9 p. m. 24, 10 p. m. 24, 11 p. m. 24, 12 noon 24.