

TWO BURNED, ONE FATAALLY, IN BLAST

Thomas Main Wins Slight Lead to Win Nomination

McDonald Is Eliminated; Knapp Out

Seward Man, Chosen Democratic Candidate for Senate After Thrilling Race; Johnson Finally Wins.

Thorpe Defeats Selleck

By Associated Press.

John J. Thomas of Seward, nominated on the face of unofficial returns as the democratic candidate for United States senator to oppose Senator George W. Norris in the November election, maintained his lead throughout the day as belated reports trickled into tabulation headquarters, and when tabulation ceased early this evening he had a total of 20,992 votes, with 1,829 out of 1,936 precincts recorded. Kenneth McDonald of Bridgeport had 18,809, while Treasurer Edward W. Knapp of Lincoln had 10,301, and D. C. Patterson of Omaha, 5,583.

Tabulation of belated election returns from Tuesday's statewide primaries cleared up a number of doubtful and hotly fought contests, including that for republican nomination for secretary of state which unofficial returns showed was won by L. E. Johnson of Omaha. A total of 1,844 out of 1,936 precincts in the state gave Johnson a count of 26,822 votes compared with his nearest competitor, Harry R. Knapp of Broken Bow, a lead of 1,844 for the Omaha man, while political observers did not believe Knapp could overcome when the outstanding isolated districts sent in their returns. Trailing Knapp was Joseph W. Mayer of Lincoln, with 21,591, followed by Woodruff Ball of Valentine, 11,450, and T. J. Cronin of Omaha with 10,266.

Other state candidates for nomination below governor who had close races which remained in the doubtful column until today, and who were nominated on the face of unofficial returns, were:

Williams Successful.

George A. Williams, Fairmont, republican candidate to make the November race for lieutenant governor. Williams had 22,397 votes, compared with 19,755 for Grant S. Mears of Wayne, with 1,642 precincts recorded, 18,692 for John M. MacFarland of Omaha and 10,192 for Thomas E. Conley, also of Omaha.

P. J. Mullin, Albion, democratic candidate for lieutenant governor, whose vote of 27,562 gave him substantial majority over Warren Riggs of Archer. The latter's vote, with 1,597 precincts in the race, was 22,762.

Three of the doubtful congressional races were cleared up during the day. R. H. Thorpe of Lincoln defeated his fellow townsman, William A. (Turn to Page Three, Column Four.)

We Have With Us Today

Joseph M. Swenson, Burlington, colorado city attorney, and land owner.

Joseph M. Swenson was a Swedish boy of 13 years when he started to make his own way in America. He worked his way through high school and university and is now an officer of three banks and a wealthy land owner.

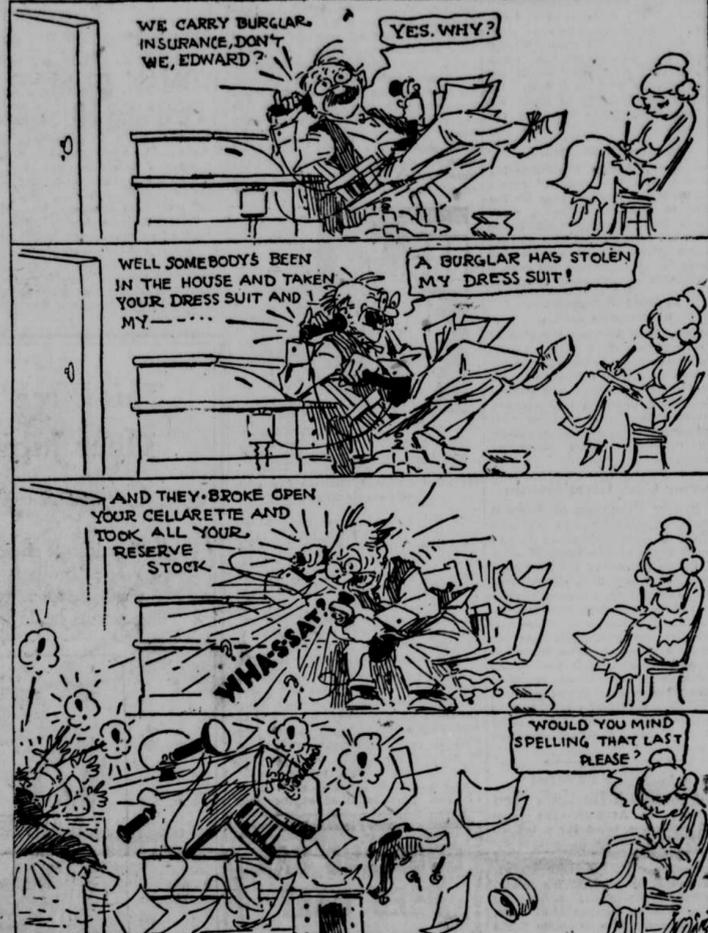
Born near Stockholm, Sweden, in 1859, he left that country when a boy to seek his fortune in America. He came to Oakland, Neb., where there was a large Swedish settlement and worked on a farm making \$55 the first year. For three months through the winter, he attend a country school and completed the nine grades the end of the second winter.

Mr. Swenson then came to Omaha to enter Central High school when he could speak English only brokenly. He carried papers and washed dishes to finance himself through school.

After graduation he went to the University of Nebraska, at Lincoln. He was graduated from the college of arts and sciences in 1908 with Phi Beta Kappa honors and from the college of law in 1911. All this time he was earning his way through school by waiting on table and through the summer making collections for an agency and selling stereopticon views from door to door.

He went to Sidney, Neb., after completing his law course and took part in development work in Jeweysen county for 19 years. Then he went to Burlington, Colo., where he is at present city attorney. He also is vice president of the Stock Growers' bank of Burlington, president of the Farmers' State bank of Stroma-burg, Neb., and the Farmers' State bank of Flagler, Colo., and vice manager of 30 farms in Colorado. He is interested in the development of eastern Colorado lands.

Evidently There Is No Such Thing as Honor Among Thieves



Woman Killed by "Best Friend"

Slayer Says She Planned Shooting to Attract Attention to Book.

Portland, Ore., April 10.—Mrs. Eva Bradley, 65, was shot and killed in her home today and Miss Nora Hollis, 49, a stenographer, told police she did the shooting. Miss Hollis came here seven years ago from Atlanta, Ga.

Miss Hollis surrendered to police. She said she wrote a book called "The Living God is Satan, the Evil One," and told the police she had shot Mrs. Bradley, her best friend, to draw attention of the world to the book.

At police headquarters, where first degree murder charges were being prepared against her, Miss Hollis appeared remorseful. Tears stood on her cheeks.

"I would have killed myself too," she said, "only it came to me that if I did, there would be no one left to carry on the work."

Police, after hearing the woman's life story said they believed her troubles started seventeen years ago when her face was torn and scarred as the result of a wreck in Kansas City.

C. H. DIETRICH DIES IN FALL

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.

Hastings, Neb., April 10.—Charles H. Dietrich died suddenly of apoplexy at noon today, following a fall on the sidewalk as he was returning to his home from a visit down town.

Mr. Dietrich was elected governor in 1899 when the republicans broke an extended period of democratic or fusion rule and shortly after his inauguration, following a deadlock in the legislature, was elected United States senator to fill the unexpired term of M. L. Hayward, who died.

He was a pioneer of Hastings and for years was active in politics.

Muny Court to Close.

Municipal courts in the city hall will be closed on Friday on account of the death of Judge W. F. Wappich.

Palm Beach Hen Lays Egg of Unusual Size

Columbus, Neb., April 10.—A hen's egg, measuring eight inches in circumference one way and seven inches the other, was discovered in a nest on a farm at the home of Mrs. Emil Boettcher of the Palm Beach neighborhood. The egg was laid by a Rhode Island red.

SOL BLOOM HOLDS SEAT IN CONGRESS

Washington, April 10.—The republican organization in the house was routed again today by a coalition of democrats and republican insurgents and by a margin of 12 votes Sol Bloom, democrat, retained his seat as a representative from the Nineteenth New York district.

The contest of former Representative Walter M. Chandler, Bloom's opponent at the polls, was thrown out by a vote of 219 to 198. Democrats lined up solidly for Bloom. Seven republican insurgents and two others also swung their support to him.

The vote, however, developed the first split on an important issue among the insurgents this season, more than half of those who held out against the re-election of Speaker Gillett declining to bolt with their leader, Representative Nelson of Wisconsin, who spoke for nearly an hour in support of Bloom's claim to his seat.

\$4,902,907,000 IN BANK RESOURCES

Washington, April 10.—Combined resources and liabilities of the 12 Federal Reserve banks at the close of business April 9 were reported tonight by the federal reserve board in thousands of dollars, as follows:

Resources: Total gold reserves, \$2,102,446; reserves other than gold, \$2,795; total reserves, \$4,902,907. United States government securities, \$268,963; total earnings assets, \$996,119; total resources, \$4,902,907.

Liabilities: Total deposits, \$2,055,067; total liabilities, \$4,902,907. Ratio of total reserves to deposits and federal reserve note liabilities combined 79.3 per cent.

Contingent liability on bills purchased for foreign correspondents, \$14,062.

FIVE REPORTED DEAD IN WRECK

Charlotte, N. C., April 10.—Five persons are believed to have been killed when Southern railway train No. 35, New Orleans to New York, struck a motor bus at a crossing near Kings Mountain, N. C., early today, according to reports received here. The victims were taken on the train to Gastonia, N. C. The train is due in Charlotte about 9, but is reported late.

Hebron Students in Contest

Hebron, Neb., April 10.—Hebron High school held a declamatory contest to select representatives to the district contest which will be held in Western, Neb., next week. Helen Baldwin won first place and Beryl Lawless second. Martha Wattenpaugh won oratorical honors.

Hebron academy and Hebron High school will send debating teams to Superior to compete in the district debating conference at Superior on Friday.

Drops Dead on His Farm. Sterling, Neb., April 10.—John Francis, 55, a resident of this town for the past 28 years, died suddenly after making an automobile drive Tuesday. Death is said to be due to heart failure. Francis drove his car from town to his farm and was inspecting work there when he dropped dead. He leaves a wife, Mary Francis. Burlington station agent at Adams, is a brother.

Financier of Germany Succumbs

Stinnes, "Industrial Kaiser," Dies Following Three Operations—Illness Caused by Overwork.

Death Big Loss to Nation

By Associated Press. Berlin, April 10.—Hugo Stinnes, more closely identified with German industrial than any other man, died this evening at 8:30. Indefatigable in his labors he struggled against the impending end and was conscious to the last.

Around him were gathered his wife and children. To them he had devoted in his later years all the time he could spare from his vast business interests. There had been no hope for his recovery for many hours and the foremost medical skill could do nothing against the ravages of disease.

Three major operations had been performed, the first about four weeks ago for gall stones, and it was owing to the impossibility of keeping the patient quiet, according to the surgeons, that complications arose, the last one on Sunday. It also was reported that pneumonia developed.

Sole Topic of Discussion.

Since the grave nature of Herr Stinnes' illness became known in Berlin it had been almost the sole topic of discussion. It far outranged in popular interest the project just published by the experts' committees.

The far-reaching business enterprises of the man, his great influence among political leaders and his eccentricities had, since the war, taken a strong hold on the German people, and his death, though expected, has caused anxious speculation as to who may arise to take his place.

The death of Stinnes, at the very moment the process of disentangling the reparations knot seems about to enter upon its final stage, is felt in official quarters and industrial circles as a distinct loss to Germany. Whatever the popular or official attitude against his political orientation, or his far flung economic program may have been, there was a widespread impression that Stinnes was pre-eminently qualified to take an active part in the final adjustment of the problems of which the experts' committee have rendered an exhaustive verdict.

Worked 16 Hours a Day.

Herr Stinnes persistently refused to enter into any discussion of the reparations problems or the French occupation of the Ruhr. He preferred to hold himself in readiness until the moment for ultimate action had arrived. Even during his four years' incumbency of a seat in the reichstag he declined to participate in its sessions, save once when he unfolded his program calling for "more production" and abolition of the eight-hour day law, of which he was the unremitting foe. His own working day averaged 16 hours, and he was uncompromising in declaring that a uniform eight-hour day was viciously inimical to Germany's economic recovery.

Stinnes would talk freely to newspaper men with whom he was acquainted, but not for publication. Likewise he was always accessible to financial leaders and business men from abroad who made pilgrimages to Berlin solely to meet the man who had been vaguely dubbed "the uncrowned monarch of post-war Germany."

Began Career on Farm.

The great German industrialist began his career in his father's coal mine at Muelheim, where he worked with pick and shovel, shoulder to shoulder with veteran miners.

To his associates and business acquaintances, Stinnes was anything but a man whom popular legend portrayed as an octopus with widely ramifying tentacles, clutching madly at smokestacks, buzzing dynamoes, ocean liners, hotel properties and newspaper plants.

"He was a hard-headed business man, who exploited the distressed peasant, was economics everywhere a fertile field for the exploitation of his uncanny genius for swiftly appraising a situation and then applying to it his talent for constructive organization," one of his associates in the Ruhr observed today. His invasion of the financial world was of more recent occurrence. The administration of his diverging interests will develop upon his sons, Edmund and Hugo, Jr., the latter at present in charge of his father's shipping interests in Hamburg. Edmund, the oldest, is resident general director in Berlin of the Stinnes interests located there.

Looting Follows Attack.

Washington, April 10.—Eighty revolutionists and 60 government soldiers are dead and looting has broken out as a result of a combined attack by the rebel army against Tegucigalpa, the capital of Honduras, according to a dispatch to the State department today.

Plan to Relieve Farmers Offered in Reclamation Committee Report

Overhauling of Program, Involving Loss of \$27,000,000 and Providing Protection of Further Expenditures Proposed; Completion of Guernsey Reservoir Recommended.

Washington, April 10.—A comprehensive overhauling of the government's reclamation program, involving the charging off as a total loss of \$27,391,146 of the approximately \$150,000,000 invested, and providing measures of relief to thousands of farmers and protection of further federal expenditures on irrigation of the arid wastes of the west, is urged in a unanimous report submitted to Secretary Work today by the special advisory committee on reclamation.

The committee of experts, now disbanded, has been making a study of the reclamation problem for six months and its report was presented with the recommendation that it be used as a basis for prompt remedial legislation. Members of congress from many western states have made vigorous pleas during the sitting of the committee for aid to the project settlers and it is probable that President Coolidge, to whom the report was submitted tonight, will have some recommendation to make to congress in the near future.

Wheat closed unchanged to 1/2c Millions Lost. Declaring conditions are serious on many of the 29 projects located in 15 western states, with three already

that of the \$143,000,000 already spent having failed, the committee stated in building irrigation works, \$13,561,146 will never be recovered, with a probable loss of an additional \$8,830,000, the whole representing losses in construction to supply water for lands found to be of little or no return value.

The principal recommendation of the committee, of which Dr. Elwood Mead of California, recently named commissioner of the reclamation bureau, was a member, is that repayment of construction costs be based on the actual crop production of the farm lands rather than on the present system of a fixed percentage of the construction cost per acre, which was held to be "inelastic and unscientific."

Would Kill 20-Year Plan. As a remedy, the committee advocated abolishment of the 20-year installment plan now in operation and the substitution of a system whereby repayments shall be based upon the productive power of the lands irrigated, without any fixed period when the total investment shall be returned. The productive power would be determined from the average gross annual yield.

England Opposes Repairing of Four U. S. War Ships

Premier Macdonald Declares Reconditioning of Vessels Conflicts With Terms of Naval Treaty.

By Universal Service. Washington, April 10.—Great Britain, it was officially revealed today, is objecting to the reconditioning of the four dreadnaughts which broke down in the recent maneuvers.

The question of what course shall be followed has been referred to Secretary of State Hughes, who recently sustained the British position in compelling the abandonment of the gun elevation plan. Members of the house naval affairs committee, where the matter is pending however, evince greater determination this time that the American fleet shall be kept in condition for instant battle duty and even in the face of an adverse report from Secretary Hughes will recommend some way in which the objective may be attained.

Boiler Trouble Develops.

The present controversy with the British is over the Navy department's recommendation of an appropriation of \$11,560,000 for reconditioning and conversion of the Utah, Wyoming, Florida and Arkansas into full oil burners. When the fleet was having battle practice in the winter, these vessels developed serious boiler troubles and as a result are unable to take their places in the fleet line because of the necessity to greatly reduce their speed.

When this program was made public, the British immediately took notice and a few days ago in parliament, Premier Macdonald was asked if the proposed reconditioning as well as gun elevation was not in conflict with the naval treaty negotiated at the Washington limitation of armaments conference. The premier replied in the affirmative in both instances, and it is reported that representations have been made to the State department, although this is not yet confirmed.

Hughes to Give Opinion.

Secretary Hughes was invited to appear before the naval affairs committee today. He replied that he could not go before the committee, but if the committee should send him a copy of the bill and a memorandum on the Navy department's program, he would prepare a formal opinion on the State department's attitude. This suggestion was complied with and the committee hopes for a reply within a day or two.

New Junior High to Be Constructed

Beatrice, Neb., April 10.—After deliberating for hours on bids submitted for the construction of the Junior High school building and the remodeling of the ward buildings, the board of education awarded the contract for the Junior High school building to Gordon & Walker of Salina, Kan., and the ward buildings to Conn & Robertson of Beatrice. The Junior building is to cost approximately \$210,000 and the ward buildings \$50,000. Fifty bids were submitted. Work will start at once, it was announced today.

Thieves Enter Garage.

Beatrice, Neb., April 10.—Thieves entered Clark's garage at Filley, Neb., last night, stole two auto tires, a shotgun, rifled the money drawer of \$3.45 in cash and escaped. Entrance was gained through a front window.

Character Through Camping Motto of Y. M. C. A. Camps

Columbus, Neb., April 10.—Permanent investments of \$30,000 are represented in this year's equipment at Camp Sheldon, south of Columbus. "Character Through Camping" is the motto adopted by the state officers of the Y. M. C. A. for the 11 state religious and social service meetings to be held in the camp this summer. Attendance at the meetings is expected to exceed the 1,000 mark this year.

Oil Turns Woman Into Living Pyre

Mrs. Lillian Erickson, 18, of Council Bluffs, Wrapped in Flames When Kerosene Ignites; Child May Die.

Rescue Efforts Futile

Mrs. Lillian Erickson, 18, will die and her year-old child, Albert, Jr., is in critical condition as the result of burns sustained when kerosene exploded in the Erickson home, Takoma addition, Lake Manawa, late Thursday afternoon.

The husband, Albert, 20, was slightly burned about the face when he endeavored to save his wife, but his injuries are slight, according to police surgeon, Robert S. Moth who attended him.

Mrs. Erickson was endeavoring to kindle a fire in a coal range through using kerosene, when it exploded because of live coals that the woman believed had been extinguished. In a flash she was enveloped in flames that spread to the child beside her.

Her husband, working in a garage near the home, and attracted by her screams for help, broke in a window to come to her assistance, but his efforts to save her from fatal burns were unavailing.

The child was removed from the fiercely burning home, with burns about the face and head that may prove fatal, physicians, who were called, declare.

The little cottage in which the couple lived was completely destroyed before fire equipment arrived. Both mother and child were rushed to Jennie Edmondson hospital, where hasty examination led physicians to announce that there was no hope for Mrs. Erickson's recovery.

Four U. S. Planes Arrive at Sitka

Round-World Fliers Make 300 Mile Jump From Prince Rupert in Four Hours.

By Associated Press. Sitka, Alaska, April 10.—The four United States army airplanes flying around the world, which arrived here at 12:45 p. m. today from Prince Rupert, B. C., were to remain here for the night at least before resuming their westward journey.

The planes flew the 300 miles from Prince Rupert, B. C., in four hours and 21 minutes. The time here is an hour later than at Prince Rupert. The next stop is to be Cordova, Alaska, 475 miles northwest from Sitka, was the capital of Alaska when the United States bought the territory from Russia in 1867.

The landing today was without incident and the weather good.

By Associated Press. Tokio, April 10.—The American destroyers Pope and John D. Ford, carrying supplies for the American round-the-world aviators, left Koko-hama today for their posts in the Kurile islands, north of Japan. The Ford will go to Paramushiro Island, the Americans' first stopping place in Japanese territory, and the Pope to Bettobu, the second stopping place.

Four more United States destroyers are due at Yokohama shortly. They will take up stations in Japanese waters to be in positions for rendering any aid needed by the fliers in their transit across Japan.

Summary of The Day In Washington

Sol Bloom, democrat, New York, won his fight to retain his seat in the house.

Secretary Work's advisory committee recommended sweeping changes in reclamation policy.

The senate finance committee put over until Saturday consideration of the soldier bonus bill.

A house committee heard testimony in regard to Secretary Wallace's administration of the packers and stockyards act.

Secretary Wilbur announced a new policy designed to prevent leases similar to those granted under former Secretary Denby.

Secretary Wilbur and Assistant Secretary Roosevelt discussed the navy modernization program with the house naval committee.

Senator Johnson, republican, California, in a statement announced he was not "quitting in what I am attempting to do politically."

Chairman Watson of the senate committee investigating the internal revenue bureau introduced a resolution for discharge of the committee.

The committee to investigate the indictment of Senator Wheeler, democrat of Montana, was appointed with Senator Borah, republican, Idaho, as chairman.

The tax bill was reported by the senate finance committee and Senator Simmons, democrat, North Carolina, introduced a substitute for the democrats.

The Weather

Table with 2 columns: Precipitation, inches and hours; and Hourly Temperatures. Includes data for April 10, 1924, and April 11, 1924.