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Stock Industry in Western Nebraska Making Rapid Strides Toward Recovery.

By WILL M. MAUPIN.

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600 Killed as Explosion of 38 Tons of Dynamite Rocks Rio de Janeiro

By Universal Service.

Rio de Janeiro, Feb. 28.—An explosion of 38 tons of dynamite on Cajuos

island this afternoon has precipitated a catastrophe of such mammoth proportions that they can not as yet be fully computed.

Six hundred and twenty-one persons are dead; 1,375 are injured seriously, nine women are insane and property damages amount to more than \$2,000,000.

Cajuos island is about three miles from Rio and the shock of the explosion rocked the city. Eighty-five houses collapsed and more are threatening to fall.

The hospitals of the city are overflowing and parts of the population are still in a panic.

The explosion was caused by the burning of two lighters in Rio de Janeiro harbor, which contained 186,500 litres of oil.

Shortly after this fire started and the blazing fluid began to spread along the surface of the harbor.

Workers on Cajuos island were dynamite, powder and oil are stored, and their doom approaching and rushed for whatever boats were available.

But though many escaped, a greater number of others were still running up and down the boat landings when the blaze finally reached the island and touched off the dynamite.

Most of the victims were killed outright on the island, but others died from wounds received in the falling buildings on the mainland.

Rescue squads were immediately organized and the injured brought into the hospitals as rapidly as possible.

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Germany Is Stunned as Ebert Dies

Demise Causes Consternation in Political Circles; Nation Puts Ban on Amusements.

All Flags at Halfmast

By KARL VON WIEGAND.

Internal Service Staff Correspondent.

Berlin, Feb. 28.—Germany is mourning the death of her first president.

The black, red and gold republican colors are floating in the wind and rain over public buildings and many private houses throughout the land.

A wave of sorrow is sweeping the democratic elements of the country from one end to the other over the loss of this simple first citizen who, arising from the lowliest ranks, following the loss of the war and the revolution piloted the country through the demoralization of defeat, the disorganization of the inflation period and the dangers of bolshevism until the nation was again on a solid footing.

The news of President Ebert's death has brought consternation to political circles and the realization is gradually drawing on the consciousness of the people as a whole that he was a man great in his tact, clear-headedness, sagacity, firmness and lack of ostentation.

Die After Operation.

Friedrich Ebert, the first president of the German republic died at 10:15 o'clock this morning in the west sanatorium following a hurried operation for appendicitis at 1 o'clock Tuesday morning.

At 5 this morning he unexpectedly took a turn for the worse, his fever rose rapidly and his heart weakened.

The attending physician quickly summoned Professor Bier and other specialists and notified the family.

Frau Ebert, his son Fritz, two daughters and a son-in-law rushed to the sanatorium. The president had lapsed into unconsciousness and breathed his last soon after the arrival of the last members of his family and Dr. Meissner, chief of the president's bureau.

Following the optimistic reports given out all day yesterday even up till midnight, some going so far as to say he was out of danger, his sudden demise came as a great shock to the country and resentment is felt at what is believed to have been either a decision of unwarranted optimism among the attending physicians.

The government was as much surprised as the public, as was shown by the lack of preparedness. At noon no military guard of honor had yet arrived at the sanatorium. A lone policeman sauntering back and forth and a small crowd of possibly 150 were all that were present.

A very young nun with weeping eyes received inquirers as the Sister Superior Rufino was praying at the side of the dead president in the cheerless white room where the patient died. In the corridor an aged woman was complaining bitterly because she could not see the sister superior about a patient in whom she was interested.

Chancellor Luther hurriedly convened the cabinet. Many perplexing questions will have to be solved.

There is no ceremonial and no precedent in republican Germany which would indicate the exactly proper procedure to follow in the death of the nation's president.

As an emergency measure the Prussian ministry decreed that all amusements, including dancing, theaters, operas and moving pictures, should be closed today and the day of the funeral pending action by the national government in these matters.

BANDITS ROUTED IN GUN BATTLE

St. Louis, Feb. 28.—A gang of five or six bandits who this morning attempted to hold up the State bank of Barnhard was repulsed in a gun battle by bank employees and citizens. One of the bandits was believed seriously wounded. They obtained no loot.

Met by a blaze of gunfire when they entered the bank, the bandits fled to their automobile. The driver of the car was seen to slump at the wheel.

Fifteen miles from St. Louis detectives found the bandit car abandoned. The rear seat was covered with blood and a cap with a bullet hole in it was found.

Five Children Perish in Fire

Easton, Md., Feb. 28.—Five children were burned to death today when fire destroyed the house occupied by George Wilson and his family, negroes, near here. The eldest child was 10 and the youngest 2.

College Routine Often Develops Mental Scurvy, Educator Says

Cincinnati, O., Feb. 28.—Mental healthiness as it affects the college student was described in detail by Coleman H. Griffith, assistant professor of psychology, University of Illinois, speaking before the National Association of Deans of Women here today.

"Anemic minds," said Griffith, "are minds without literary, religious or scientific food—minds which strive vainly to get nourishment from the husks of prejudices. Dyspeptic minds are minds that cannot digest and assimilate the information which comes to them."

"Mental scurvy is another common ailment. Students who work their way through school often tire of the monotony of their work and develop mental spots of depression and despair."

To secure the highest form of healthy-mindedness, we must first support a thorough-going system of intramural athletics for both men and women. Clean physical living is the foundation upon which healthy-mindedness rests."

Deneen Sworn in.

Washington, Feb. 28.—Charles D. Deneen was sworn in this afternoon as junior United States senator from Illinois, succeeding the late Medill McCormick. Deneen has been elected for the full term beginning March 4.

Radio Bill Signed.

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