

Society Killer Regards Chair with Stoicism

Roger Cunningham Faces Execution November 15 in Oklahoma, for Murder of His Wife.

McALESTER, Okla. (UP)—Only the hope that Gov. Leon Phillips will change his mind about clemency stands between Roger Cunningham, society slayer, and the electric chair in which he is scheduled to die Nov. 15.

If he walks the "last mile" from his iron-gray cell in death row at McAlester state prison, one of the most sensational murder cases in Oklahoma history will be closed.

The 34-year-old son of a former prominent Oklahoma City physician first was questioned, then arrested when his socialite wife, Eudora, disappeared in March, 1939. At midnight on March 26, his alibi riddled by days of investigation, he confessed that he strangled her and buried her body in a sewage ditch. The body was exhumed three hours later by police and sheriff's deputies, using a rough map sketched by the slayer.

Cunningham never tried to discredit the confession, but he pleaded insanity in his district court trial as a mitigating factor. The jury, qualified for the death sentence, was unimpressed. Only one ballot was necessary for conviction; only three to assess capital punishment.

Never Lost Composure

Cunningham met with the same stoic composure he evinced during the trial the collapse of each effort to have his sentence commuted. Informed that the state criminal court of appeals had refused to intervene, he said to Warden Jess Dunn of the penitentiary:

"I guess it's just one of those things."

When Phillips decided a week later to "let justice run its course," Cunningham shrugged—and said he had no comment.

A motive for the slaying never was established in court. Interviewed shortly after his confession, Cunningham told a reporter that he killed Eudora because she "nagged" him for money. He said he then returned to their home in an exclusive residential district, packed some of her belongings in suitcases and threw them into the North Canadian river from a bridge. When officers became inquisitive, he told them she had left on a trip without telling him her destination. The suitcases later were recovered.

Odd Circumstances Cited

Testimony at the trial established that Cunningham, shortly after the disappearance, drove Mrs. Joel P. Stokes, Eudora's mother, on a tour of the city in his job as inspector for the Federal Housing Administration. Mrs. Stokes said they stopped at a house only a few yards from the grave, but "Roger never showed any nervousness or emotion."

Defense Attorney Herbert K. Hyde said this proved that Cunningham was insane because he did not realize the gravity of his act.

Unusually quiet, inclined to a solitary life, Cunningham stared fixedly at the judge's bench as the story of his crime was unfolded. When Mr. and Mrs. Stokes sat at the attorneys' bench, only a few feet away, he gave no hint of recognition. He did not testify in his own behalf.

U. S. NEEDS MORE PACIFIC BASES

NEW YORK, Oct. 22 (UP)—Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox said in a speech prepared for delivery today at the Herald-Tribune's tenth annual forum on current problems that the United States needs more Pacific bases, "and we will have them."

"How far-flung these Pacific bases must be awaits the outcome of events now in the making," he said.

The theme of the opening session of the forum was the "State of American Preparedness."

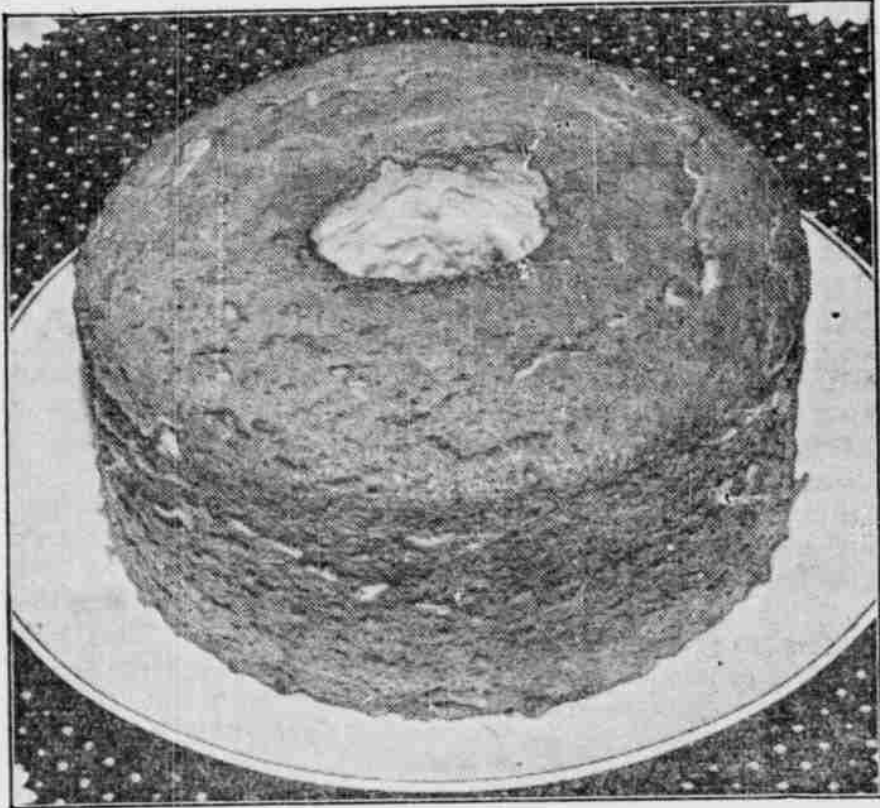
Speakers during the three-day meeting will include President Roosevelt, who delivers the closing address Thursday afternoon, and Wendell Willkie, who speaks Wednesday evening.

Knox said this war again was proving that "those nations who control the high seas control the destinies of the world."

MASS FOR WAR DEAD

VATICAN CITY, Oct. 22 (UP)—The semi-official Vatican News Agency, said today that Pope Pius would celebrate a requiem mass at St. Peter's Cathedral on November 24, for all persons killed.

Honey Angel Cake the "Bees Knees!"



EVEN the bees would be pleased if they could taste this angel food cake that's heavenly with honey in the makings. Honey is a source of energy and its source is in the grocery store where more varieties than you ever knew come in glass. Be busy as a honeybee, and make Honey Angel Cake with this recipe:

- Honey Angel Cake**
- 1 cup sifted cake flour
- 1 cup sifted granulated sugar
- 1 cup egg whites (8 to 10 whites)
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon cream of tartar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/2 cup honey

Sift flour once, measure, add 1/4 cup of the sugar, and sift together

4 times. Beat egg whites and salt with rotary beater or flat wire whisk. When foamy, add cream of tartar and vanilla. Continue beating until eggs are stiff enough to hold up in peaks, but not dry. Add remaining 1/2 cup sugar, 2 tablespoons at a time, beating after each addition until sugar is just blended. Add honey, 2 tablespoons at a time, beating after each addition until honey is just blended. Sift about 1/4 cup flour-sugar mixture over egg whites and fold in lightly; repeat until all flour is used. Turn into ungreased angel food pan. Cut gently through batter with knife to remove air bubbles. Bake in slow oven (325° F.) 1 hour. Remove from oven and invert pan 1 hour, or until cold.

78,400 ON CCC JOBS IN 1939

WASHINGTON (UP)—The Civilian Conservation Corps put 78,400 men to work on soil conservation programs in 40 states during the last fiscal year. J. J. McEntee, director, reported.

More than one-fourth of the 1,500 camps in the country were engaged in the soil work that covered an area of 12,000,000 acres.

Approximately 100,000,000 trees and shrubs were planted, 410,000 check dams built and 29,941 miles of contour ridges erected to prevent wind and water erosion of topsoil.

The CCC director said engineering and construction experience given the enrollees in making 248 impounding and diversion dams, building 90 foot and horse bridges, 65 vehicle bridges and 726 miles of

road was the type needed in the national defense program.

"Besides the defense training value, this instruction and experience helps prepare the enrollees for jobs in private industry after they leave the camp," he said.

CITY WARNS BAIT DIGGERS TO KEEP OFF PROPERTY

SHEFFIELD, Ala. (UP)—Fishing, a popular sport in this Tennessee Valley region, has brought Chief of Police Carl Ikard a new headache.

"Fishermen seeking worms have cost the city hundreds of dollars by cutting away ditch-banks in search of bait," Ikard said, and warned anglers that any persons found digging up banks of ditches without police jurisdiction would be prosecuted for damaging city property.

Town of 27,000 Gets All of Its Taxes Yearly

System Begun in 1931 Results in 100 Per Cent Collections—Has Few Foreclosures.

TORRINGTON, Conn. (UP)—This industrial city of 27,000 population never has to worry about its taxes.

It has what is believed the country's only 100 per cent collection system.

Each year when the taxes are due the city treasurer receives a check from James E. Mallette for all assessments. This year it will receive \$1,149,953.40.

All the finance board needs to do is meet annually to correct the grand list and set the tax rate.

Mallette is an unusual collector. He guarantees the city will get its money, and he has made good since 1931 when the system was inaugurated.

Here's how it works:

The idea was conceived by a local banker, John N. Brooks. The 1931 legislature passed a special law allowing it to be operated only in Torrington.

Collector Posts Three Bonds

The law provides every four years the city clerk ask for bids for the office of tax collector, the appointee to furnish a \$75,000 fidelity bond, a \$50,000 surety bond and \$40,000 bond covering other possible delinquencies.

The collector guarantees the city all taxes due, and in return receives a fee of nine-tenths of one per cent of the collections.

Mallette was the first person to qualify and may be tax collector as long as he desires.

The plan stipulates there will be no delinquent, or non-collectable taxes, reported to the city.

When a tax is delinquent, Mallette pays the city the amount and assesses the non-payer 7 1/2 per cent interest upon the amount owed.

In the nine years, Mallette has foreclosed on none home owner and on more than 500 building lots. Many he sold to recover his investment.

City authorities regard the system as favorable from several standpoints. Through the 100 per cent collections it can draft a budget based on reliable source of income. The plan removes the office from politics and the possibility that tax liens and delinquencies might be "overlooked" for the sake of gathering votes.

It has resulted in a decrease in the tax rate since 1937 from .0265 mills to .0246 mills.

SEE HIGHER GRAIN PRICES

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21 (UP)—The agriculture department today forecast an increase in grain and livestock prices growing out of a broadening consumer demand.

The department reported little stock change in the domestic cotton situation, however, and predicted that the British blockade of Europe would further accelerate the upward trend of cotton production in the Balkans and new eastern states.

The grain prices, the agricultural marketing service pointed out, are being bolstered but continued small offerings and active competition at terminal and interior mills. Wheat prices in general slightly exceeded loan levels, it reported, and corn prices approached the loan level, but market receipts of corn for sale "remained relatively light."

MEXICO TO SELL TO ALLIES

MEXICO CITY, Oct. 22 (UP)—Mexico was reported today to be planning to sell 19,000 tons of scrap iron to the allied purchasing commission in the United States and to refuse to sell any to the totalitarian powers.

This decision, according to a reliable source, was taken despite reportedly high bids by Japan for the metal.

INSTRUCT DRAFT BOARDS

LINCOLN, Oct. 22 (UP)—State selective service headquarters announced today that general schools of instruction will be held Friday and Monday for Nebraska's 105 local draft boards.

Sixty-four eastern Nebraska boards will meet with state draft officials Friday at the state capitol in Lincoln. Forty-one western Nebraska boards will meet Monday at North Platte.

Deeds, mortgages and all sorts of legal blanks for sale at the Journal office.

Famous Stock Show to be Held Early December

\$100,000 in Cash Premiums for Exhibitors at International Exposition in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Oct. 22—Final event on the continent's annual livestock show and agricultural fair calendar is the International Live Stock Exposition and Horse Show, which will celebrate its forty-first anniversary this fall from November 29 to December 7. It will be held in the International Amphitheatre at the Chicago Stock Yards.

Exhibitors will be paid approximately \$100,000 in cash premiums, plus numerous trophies and medals that will be offered in many of the breed competitions in connection with championship awards.

The classification includes thirty breeds of beef cattle, draft horses, sheep and swine in addition to the various types of harness and saddle horses and ponies that will be featured in the Horse Shows.

Big Horse Show

The International Horse Shows are among the several very top rank events of this kind nationally and attract entries from the foremost stables of both this country and Canada. They will be held every evening throughout the eight day run of the exposition as well as on four afternoons.

Sheep herding performances by the world's champion sheep dog, trick riding and driving, and parades of magnificent beef cattle and draft horses will be included on each of these programs.

One of the popular events introduced recently at the International is a sheep shearing contest. The 1940 contest will be larger than ever and will be open to both amateur and professional shearers. The winner will be named national champion of the year.

Farm Crops Featured

A big feature of the exposition is the annual International Grain and Hay show, which will be held for the twenty-second year in connection with the exposition this fall. Farmers from 34 states, all Canadian provinces, Australia and Argentina exhibited in this department last year.

The management reports that stock men have until November 1st to file entries for the live stock departments of the exposition; and entries for the Grain and Hay show will be accepted until November 10th.

DIES IN LABOR WAR

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 23 (UP)—One man was killed and five others injured today in a battle of bullets and bricks between union and non-union men at a subdivision under construction in suburban St. Louis county.

Upton Ammond, shot in the left temple, died of a wound in the county hospital several hours later.

The outbreak occurred when the AFL Building Trade Unionists walked into the subdivision to begin their second day of picketing in a drive to unionize the project and were met by several hundred non-union men.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a decree rendered by District Court of Cass County, Nebraska, and pursuant to order of sale issued by the Clerk of said Court in the pending action entitled Nebraska City Federal Savings and Loan Association, a corporation, plaintiff vs. Robert Harry Rainey, et al., defendants, I will, on October 26, 1940, at 10:00 o'clock a. m., at the south front door of the court house in the City of Plattsmouth, in Cass County, Nebraska, offer and sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the South Half of Block 1 in Palmer's Out Lots to the City of Plattsmouth according to the recorded plat thereof, in Cass County, Nebraska.

Dated September 19, 1940.

JOE MRASEK, Sheriff of Cass County, Nebraska

WM. H. FITZER and MARSHALL FITZER, Nebraska City, Nebraska, Attorneys for Plaintiff.

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NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

In the County Court of Cass County, Nebraska.

To all persons interested in the estate of Mary Straka, deceased, No. 3483:

Take notice that the Executor of said estate has filed his final report and a petition for examination and allowance of his administration accounts, determination of heirship, assignment of residue of said estate and for his discharge; that said petition and report will be heard before said Court on November 8, 1940, at ten o'clock a. m.

Dated October 14, 1940.

A. H. DUXBURY, County Judge.

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NOTICE

Whereas, Glen Walker, convicted in Cass County, on the 5th day of August, 1931, of the crime of Bank Robbery, has made application to the Board of Pardons for a commutation and parole and the Board of Pardons, pursuant to law have set the hour of 9:00 a. m. on the 13th day of November, 1940, for hearing on said application, all persons interested are hereby notified that they may appear at the State Penitentiary, at Lincoln, Nebraska, on said day and hour and show cause, if any there be, why said application should or should not be granted.

HARRY R. SWANSON, Secretary, Board of Pardons, M. P. KRACHER, Chief State Probation Officer

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SHERIFF'S SALE

State of Nebraska } ss. County of Cass }

By virtue of an Execution issued by C. E. Ledgeway, Clerk of the District Court within and for Cass County, Nebraska, and to me directed, I will on the 2nd day of November, A. D. 1940, at 10:00 o'clock a. m. of said day at the J. Engelke farm, located seven miles west and one quarter mile north of Murray, Nebraska, in said county, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the following personal property, to-wit:

- One 1936 F20 Farmall tractor and 3/5ths interest in 58 acres of corn, in Section 15, Township 11, North, Range 12, east of the 6th P. M. in Cass county, Nebraska, subject only to a first mortgage in favor of the Murray State Bank, of Murray, Nebraska;
- One 1935 Chevrolet truck, Motor number 5152919, and
- One 1930 Chevrolet coupe, Motor number 1628363—

The same being levied upon and taken as the property of Ennos Ahrens, defendant, to satisfy a judgment of said Court recovered by Martha Ahrens, plaintiff against said defendant.

Plattsmouth, Nebraska, October 21, A. D. 1940.

JOE MRASEK, Sheriff Cass County, Nebraska.

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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE

In the District Court of Cass County, Nebraska

In the matter of the estate of Orval M. Kintz, deceased.

Notice is hereby given, that in pursuance of an order of the honorable W. W. Wilson, Judge of the District Court of Cass County, Nebraska, made on the 28th day of September, 1940, for the sale of the real estate hereinafter described, there will be sold at public sale to the highest bidder at the South Front Door of the Court House, in the City of Plattsmouth, in said County, on the 30th day of October, 1940, at the hour of Ten (10) o'clock a. m., the following described real estate, to-wit:

- Lots One (1) and Two (2) in Block 149, in the City of Plattsmouth, Cass County, Nebraska.

The terms of said sale are Ten per cent (10%) on date of sale and balance on date of confirmation. Said sale will remain open One (1) hour.

Dated this 2nd day of October, 1940.

JOHN P. KAFFENBERGER, Administrator of the estate of Orval M. Kintz, deceased.

WALTER H. SMITH, Attorney.

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NOTICE OF HEARING

on Petition for Determination of Heirship

In the County Court of Cass County, Nebraska.

Estate of Harry Appelman, Deceased, Estate No. 3520.

The State of Nebraska: To all persons interested in said estate, creditors and heirs take notice that Bettie Appelman has filed her petition alleging that Harry Appelman died intestate in Cass County, Nebraska, on or about May 3rd, 1937, being a resident and inhabitant of Cass County, Nebraska, and died seized of the following described real estate, to-wit:

- The south half of the north-east quarter of Section twenty-six, Township eleven, Range nine, Cass county, Nebraska;
- Lots one, two and three, Block one, Nicky's Addition to Alvo, Cass county, Nebraska;
- The northwest quarter of Section thirty, Township thirty-one, Range fourteen, Holt county, Nebraska—

leaving as his sole and only heirs at law the following named persons, to-wit:

- Bettie Appelman, widow, and Marie A. Young, daughter.

That no application for administration has been made and the estate of said decedent has not been administered in the State of Nebraska.

That the interest of the petitioner in the above described real estate is widow and heir at law, and praying for a determination of the time of the death of said Harry Appelman and of his heirs, the degree of kinship and the right of descent of the real property belonging to the said decedent, in the State of Nebraska.

It is ordered that the same stand for hearing on the 15th day of November, 1940, before the County Court of Cass County in the court house at Plattsmouth, Nebraska, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a. m.

Dated at Plattsmouth, Nebraska, this 16th day of October, A. D. 1940.

A. H. DUXBURY, County Judge.

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NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

In the County Court of Cass County, Nebraska.

To all persons interested in the estate of Mary Yaeger, deceased, No. 3446:

Take notice that the Executor of said estate has filed his final report and a petition for examination and allowance of his administration accounts, determination of heirship, assignment of residue of said estate and for his discharge; that said petition and report will be heard before said Court on November 1, 1940, at ten o'clock a. m.

Dated October 1, 1940.

A. H. DUXBURY, County Judge.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the County Court of Cass County, Nebraska.

To the creditors of the estate of Walter Franks, deceased, No. 3509:

Take notice that the time limited for the filing and presentation of claims against said estate is February 2, 1941; that a hearing will be had at the County Court room in Plattsmouth on February 7, 1941, at ten o'clock a. m. for the purpose of examining, hearing, allowing and adjusting all claims or objections duly filed.

Dated October 4, 1940.

A. H. DUXBURY, County Judge.

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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

In the County Court of Cass County, Nebraska.

To all persons interested in the estate of Peter P. Gradoville, deceased, No. 3517:

Take notice that a petition has been filed praying for administration of said estate and appointment of Marie Gradoville as Administrator; that said petition has been set for hearing before said Court on the 1st day of November, 1940, at ten o'clock a. m.

Dated October 4, 1940.

A. H. DUXBURY, County Judge.

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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

In the County Court of Cass County, Nebraska.

To all persons interested in the estate of Martha G. Wiles, deceased, No. 3519:

Take notice that a petition has been filed praying for administration of said estate and appointment of Stephen Glenn Wiles as administrator; that said petition has been set for hearing before said Court on the 8th day of November, 1940 at ten o'clock a. m.

Dated October 8th, 1940.

A. H. DUXBURY, County Judge.

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SHERIFF'S SALE

State of Nebraska } ss. County of Cass }

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued by C. E. Ledgeway, Clerk of the District Court within and for Cass County, Nebraska, and to me directed, I will on the 28th day of October, A. D. 1940, at 10:00 o'clock a. m. of said day at the south front door of the court house, in the City of Plattsmouth in said county, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the following real estate, to-wit:

- The South Half (S 1/2) of the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) and the North Half (N 1/2) of the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of Section thirty-one (31), Township twelve (12), North, Range nine (9), East of the 6th P. M., in the County of Cass, Nebraska, containing in all 154.68 acres according to Government survey—

The same being levied upon and taken as the property of Florence B. Armstrong, et al., defendants, to satisfy a judgment of said Court recovered by The Prudential Insurance Company of America, a corporation, plaintiff against said defendants.

Plattsmouth, Nebraska, September 20, A. D. 1940.

JOE MRASEK, Sheriff Cass County, Nebraska.

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SHERIFF'S SALE

State of Nebraska } ss. County of Cass }

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued by C. E. Ledgeway, Clerk of the District Court within and for Cass County, Nebraska, and to me directed, I will on the 26th day of October, A. D. 1940, at 10 o'clock a. m. of said day at the South Front Door of the Court House, in the City of Plattsmouth in said County, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the following real estate to-wit:

- The North Half of the Northeast Quarter, and all that part of the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter lying North of Missouri Pacific Railroad right-of-way; and Lot 11 in the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 31; and the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 20; all in Township 11, North, of Range 11, East of the 6th P. M., Cass County, Nebraska;

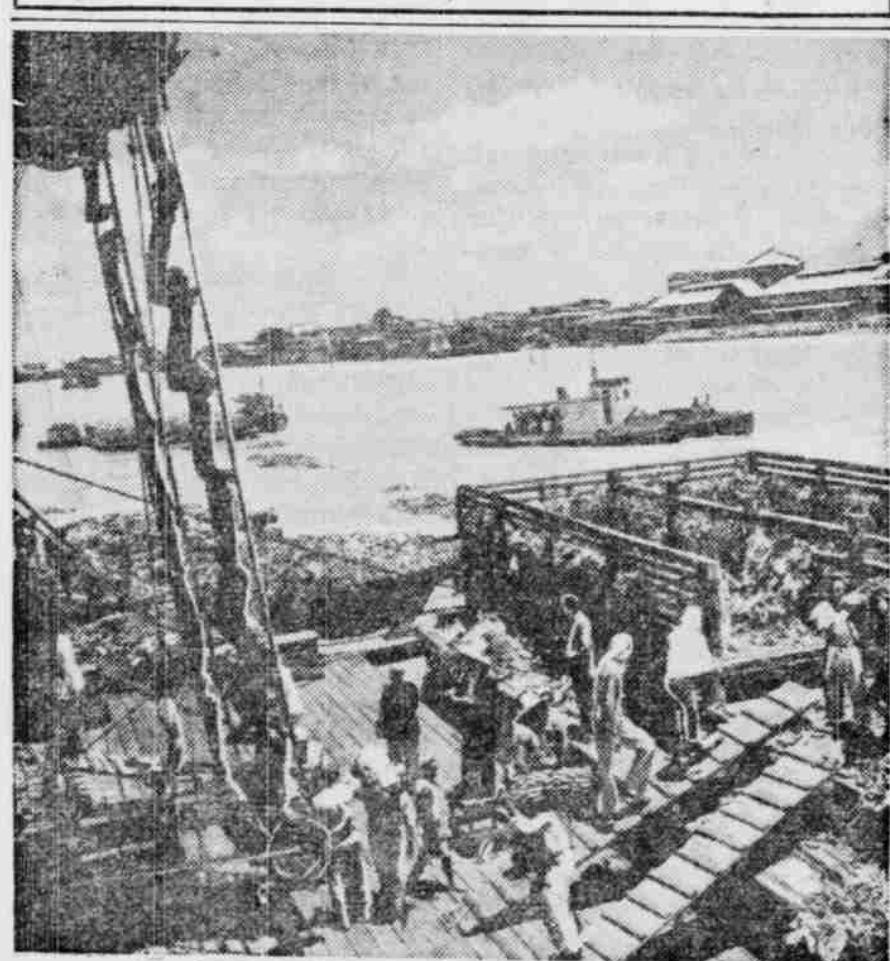
The same being levied upon and taken as the property of Emmor F. Marshall, et al., Defendants to satisfy a judgment of said Court recovered by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, a corporation, Plaintiff against said Defendants.

Plattsmouth Nebraska, September 17, A. D. 1940.

JOE MRASEK, Sheriff Cass County, Nebraska.

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Traveling Around America



LOADING FINGERS AND HANDS

THESE longshoremen, believe it or not, are loading thousands of fingers and hands into the holds of a Grace Line ship in Guayaquil, Ecuador. We're speaking of bananas, of course. In the trade—bunches of bananas are known as stems. Each bunch is made up of twenty "fingers," as the individual bananas are called. Only those with six or more "hands" usually are considered marketable, and they fall into classes known as sixes, sevens, eights and nines, though many times bunches contain more than nine hands. The handling of the "stems" is of the utmost importance for when the fruit is harvested it is still alive—drawing nourishment from the stock, with sap still flowing and tissues changing as the ripening process continues. Close timing is observed all along the way from the picking of the fruit to its delivery to the far-away neighborhood store.

With correct timing the fruit does not reach the port for loading until the ship is ready to receive it. If the banana trains or trucks or barges do not proceed direct to the dock, long chains of natives pass the "stems" rapidly to the ship. The bunches are quickly but thoroughly inspected again, then placed on conveyor belts which carry them to the holds where experienced laborers receive them, carefully stow them in the bins to which each class belongs—with foremen overseeing the work and counting the bunches in each class. The "stems" usually are placed in three tiers—two standing and one flat, or vice versa, so that the air can circulate between them. As soon as the hatches are battened down the temperature is reduced as quickly as possible, by refrigeration, to