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## GROSS FAVORITISM IN LOCATING THE BANK CENTERS IS CHARGED

Home States of McAdoo, Houston  
Williams, Virginia, Georgia,  
Missouri, Not Forgot.

### SENATOR WEEKS SCORES TRIO

Hitchcock Objects to Omaha In-  
cluded in K. C. Zone.

### STORM OF OPPOSITION BREAKS

Effort Will Be Made to Overtun  
Decision of Committee.

### NEW ORLEANS PEOPLE STIRRED

Mass Meeting in Metropolis of the  
South Will Be Held to Pro-  
test Against Being  
Passed Up.

WASHINGTON, April 3.—There was every indication tonight that the announcement of the reserve districts and cities by the reserve bank organization committee had given the signal for a determined struggle on the part of several cities which were disappointed to overturn the committee's decision and bring about a redistricting of the country, or at least a change in the reserve cities named.

Under the law the decision of the organization committee is not subject to review except by the Federal Reserve board. This board probably will not be named by President Wilson for several weeks, but it is believed that those disappointed with the committee's announcement will bend every effort toward paving the way for changes. It is pointed out tonight that both Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo and Comptroller of the Currency Williams of the organization committee are ex-officio members of the reserve board and hardly could be counted upon to reverse themselves. The president has given no intimation as to who the other five members will be.

### Criticized in Congress.

The committee's plan was criticized in congress today and there were reports of keen disappointment from several cities in the race for reserve banks and which failed to procure them. Three members of the senate banking and currency committee, two republicans and a democrat, attacked the plan. Senator Weeks of Massachusetts, who opposed the law vigorously for many months, but who finally voted for it, pointed out that one bank was located in Georgia, the home state of Mr. McAdoo; one in Virginia, the home state of Mr. Williams, and two in Missouri, the third member of the committee. He questioned the propriety of these selections.

Senator Burton disapproved the inclusion of Pittsburgh in the district which Cleveland is the reserve center and asserted that it would be impossible to make trade turn westward from Pittsburgh to that city.

### Hitchcock Objects.

Senator Hitchcock pointed to the fact that Omaha had been included in the Kansas City district instead of the Chicago district and said trade did not flow that way.

Defenders of the committee said there was no justification for the charge that it was influenced by any consideration other than the trend of trade and the banking advantages of cities chosen. In referring to the choice of Richmond, it was said that, although comment was expected because of the fact that the city is the home of Mr. Williams, the committee was unanimous and Richmond would have been named even had it not been a member. So far no definite plans for any fight against the committee have been aired here and there is practically no way for such a fight to be undertaken except through the reserve board. It was suggested tonight, however, that members of congress might undertake to provide

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## The Weather

Forecast till 7 p. m. Saturday:  
For Omaha, Cloudy Bluffs and Vicinity  
Cloudy, no much change in temperature.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday:

Hour	Temp.	Deg.
8 a. m.	32	
9 a. m.	32	
10 a. m.	31	
11 a. m.	31	
12 m.	31	
1 p. m.	31	
2 p. m.	31	
3 p. m.	31	
4 p. m.	31	
5 p. m.	31	
6 p. m.	31	
7 p. m.	31	
8 p. m.	31	
9 p. m.	31	

Comparative Local Record:

Date	High	Low
1914	37	20
1913	50	32
1912	50	32
1911	50	32
1910	50	32
1909	50	32
1908	50	32
1907	50	32
1906	50	32
1905	50	32
1904	50	32
1903	50	32
1902	50	32
1901	50	32
1900	50	32

Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal:

Normal temperature today	45
Excess or deficiency for the day	14
Total excess since March 1	15.5 inches
Normal precipitation today	0.00
Excess or deficiency for the day	0.00
Total rainfall since March 1	1.50 inches
Excess since March 1	1.50 inches
Excess for cor. period, 1913	1.50 inches
Excess for cor. period, 1912	1.50 inches

Reports from Stations at 7 P. M. Station and State Temp. High-Low-Range of Weather.

City	Temp.	High	Low	Range
Cheyanne, clear	40	40	30	10
Denver, cloudy	42	42	32	10
Des Moines, cloudy	44	44	34	10
Doyle City, cloudy	44	44	34	10
Lead, cloudy	46	46	36	10
North Platte, cloudy	44	44	34	10
Omaha, clear	31	31	21	10
Rockford, cloudy	42	42	32	10
Sioux Falls, cloudy	42	42	32	10
Union, cloudy	42	42	32	10
Waverly, cloudy	42	42	32	10
Wesley, cloudy	42	42	32	10
Yutan, cloudy	42	42	32	10

## Nurse Tells Story in Spasmodic Whispers Broken by Her Sobs

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 3.—Mrs. Gertrude Shidler at the trial of Vic Gueringer today told a revolting story of being lured to a downtown rooming house on the afternoon of March 3 and attacked by six men. Gueringer is charged with participating in the attack.

Mrs. Shidler told her story in spasmodic whispers broken by sobs. Only the jury, the judge, the prosecutor and two attorneys could hear her words. When the crowd of spectators got on seats and strove to push closer the action brought a rebuke from the court. When at the opening of Mrs. Shidler's story the attorney for the defense asked the court to make the woman speak louder, the court, angered, said: "I shall not make her speak louder. Get up closer if you want to hear it."

Attorneys said the witness told of one of the most horrible crimes ever described in a court room. During Mrs. Shidler's testimony Gueringer, who she accused of being the most merciful of her tormentors, sat motionless, twirling his thumbs and staring steadily at the witness. Crowds thronged the corridors of the court house today, long before the trial began and hundreds of girls and boys were turned away by the force of policemen. Entrance was denied to all women except relatives of Gueringer and a committee from the Council of Women's Clubs, that has been caring for Mrs. Shidler.

## Florence Brandt Is Not Entitled to Half of Ziegler Millions

NEW YORK, April 3.—The appellate division of the state supreme court today decided against Florence Louise Brandt in her attempt to establish that she is the legally adopted daughter of the late William Ziegler. Miss Brandt claimed one-half of the \$15,000,000 estate left by Ziegler, the bulk of which went to William Ziegler, Jr., an adopted son.

To prove that Miss Brandt was Ziegler's legal heir her attorney went back to the Missouri law and quoted from the Old Testament the words of Abraham: "Lo, I am childless; but one born in my house is mine heir." The appellate division, however, supported the surrogate, who based his opinion on the Roman laws governing the adoption of children, which, he said, came down from Justinian. Miss Brandt was a school teacher at Davenport, Ia. She is a daughter, the record of the case shows, of a half-brother of William Ziegler, who adopted her during her childhood. Later Miss Brandt's father went through court proceedings which abrogated this adoption. It was these proceedings which she attempted to have set aside so that she might share in the estate of the dead millionaire.

The higher court in its decision points out that Miss Brandt still may go to the supreme court in an equity suit to establish her right to a share in the estate.

## Writ for Release of Mother Jones Filed in Supreme Court

DENVER, Colo., April 3.—A petition for a writ of habeas corpus in behalf of "Mother" Mary Jones, held as military prisoner in the county jail at Walsenburg, Colo., was tendered to the state supreme court late today by Horace N. Hawkins, attorney for the United Mine Workers of America. The court is asked to take original jurisdiction. It will decide at a later date whether or not to entertain the suit.

During the confinement of Mother Jones, the 32-year-old strike leader, in a hospital at Trinidad, application for a writ of habeas corpus was made to the supreme court, but denied on February 18 on the ground that the lower court should pass upon the case. Subsequently action was brought in the district of Las Animas county. There the petition also was denied. A plan to appeal to the supreme court was given up when, on the very day on which the papers were to have been filed, Mother Jones was released. She was rearrested at Walsenburg, in the coal strike district, while on her way back to Trinidad. Mr. Hawkins in bringing his present suit contends that the issues now are identical with those upon which the district court already has given its decision, and that further action in that court is unnecessary.

## Asquith Goes to Fife to Open Campaign

LONDON, April 3.—Premier Asquith was loudly cheered today when he departed from London for his constituency of East Fife, Scotland. He is to deliver a speech to his constituents there tomorrow, in spite of the decision of the unionists not to oppose his election. Large crowds of liberal supporters gathered at the stations along the line, and at every stopping place the premier received addresses from liberal associations, expressing the wish that "the electors of East Fife will send you back to Parliament with redoubled authority to maintain the traditions of the army, the authority of the crown and the power of the people."

## Murderer of Bank Cashier is Hanged

SAN QUENTIN, Cal., April 3.—Thomas Green was hanged here today for the murder in January of Willis A. Rowles, cashier of the Palo Verde bank at Rhyolite, Cal. Green was not the man's true name, which he obstinately refused to give. He and a partner, both cowboys, tried to hold up the bank. The cashier bolted from a rear door of the bank and Green shot him as he ran. He executed his partner for any share in the murder.

## SEALING CRAFT WITH ALL ABOARD FEARED LOST OFF CAPE RACE

Growing Apprehension  
Cross Went Down in  
Blizzard So

### IT HAD HUNDREDS OF MEN

Carried Seventeen Thousand Skins,  
Trophies of Hunt.

### BOAT FIRST REPORTED SAFE

Government Conducts Exhaustive  
Search for Missing Boat.

### BELLAVENTURE BLOCKED IN ICE

Cannot Arrive at St. Johns with its  
Cargo Dead, After Going to  
Rescue of Newfoundland,  
Before Sunday.

ST. JOHNS, N. F., April 3.—There was growing apprehension today that the sealing steamer Southern Cross went down with all on board during the blizzard off Cape Race Tuesday. It carried a crew of 120 men and was heavily loaded with 17,000 sealskins, trophies of a hunt recently concluded in the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

Hope for the safety of the vessel, based on a dispatch from Sydney, N. S., which stated that a wireless message had been received there reporting the arrival of the Southern Cross, was dispelled when the government, after several hours' inquiry, declared the Sidney report untrue. The government has instituted an extended search for the missing vessel and appealed to the United States for assistance. The Newfoundland company's steamer Kyle, which has a good wireless equipment, was chartered for the purpose and will sail at midnight. The American revenue cutter Spence, which is doing icebreaking duty several hundred miles off the southern coast, was asked to assist.

The sealer Bellaventure, with its cargo of dead, is blocked in the ice 100 miles north of here and cannot arrive before Sunday. It went to the aid of its sister sealer, the New Foundland, when 120 hunters from the latter were caught by the storm while killing seals Tuesday and were unable to regain their ship. The Bellaventure, the Stephano and Florisel picked up many bodies and a number of survivors. It is known that fifty-eight lives were lost and some thirty men are not accounted for. It is believed that it is scarcely possible that the latter could have survived the long exposure on the ice floes.

## Man and Woman Who See Fist Fight Drop Dead from Fright

WORCESTER, Mass., April 3.—Patrick Egleston, 30 years old, and Mrs. Dennis Arsenault, 60 years old, of Spencer, Mass., dropped dead from fright in the street this afternoon as they witnessed a three-cornered fight between Martin Niederberger, a chauffeur, and Stanley Orutt and Charles Bannon, employee of a cereal company, who were distributing samples in the town. Orutt and Bannon, while distributing samples earlier in the day, had called at the home of Walter Watson, Niederberger's employer. Mrs. Watson claims she was insulted by one of the men and she informed her husband, Mr. Watson and Niederberger located the men in the trolley waiting station. They charged them with insulting Mrs. Watson. And it was said that Orutt knocked Niederberger down.

A fight followed and Mr. Egleston went into the street and collapsed from fright. He was taken to his home, but died before a doctor could be called. Mrs. Arsenault sank to the floor during the fight and died before help could reach her. The three men were arrested.

## Bryan Has Severe Attack of the Grippe

WASHINGTON, April 3.—Secretary Bryan, suffering from a hard cold, today cancelled his engagement to speak in the congressional campaign at Paterson, N. J., tonight and decided to remain at home all day, not coming out even for a cabinet meeting. He kept in touch with the State department today by telephone. It was learned later today that Secretary Bryan had been so ill during the night that a physician had been called. It was said he had a severe attack of grip and probably would be confined to his home for several days.

## Daniels' Nomination Confirmed by Senate

WASHINGTON, April 3.—The senate today confirmed the nomination of Winthrop M. Daniels as a member of the Interstate Commerce commission.

## The National Capital Friday, April 3, 1914.

The Senate.  
Resumed yesterday's recessed session at 11:50 a. m. to consider the nomination of Winthrop M. Daniels of New Jersey for member of the Interstate Commerce commission.

The House.  
Met at noon.  
Debate on the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill was resumed.

Unanimous consent was secured for a night session next Thursday to consider the private pension bills.

Judiciary committee again postponed its recommendation in the case of Representative McInerney, who figured in the lobby investigation.

A workman's compensation bill for government employes was agreed on by the judiciary committee.

Public lands committee continued hearings on the leasing bill for coal, oil and other mineral lands.

## When Warm Weather Comes



Drawn by Gordon Grant.

From Puck.

## SOUTH FAVORED IN BANKS

F. H. Davis Says Southern Politicians Have Their Way.

## DRAKE MAKES COMPARISONS

Shows that Cities Are Favored by the Committee Which Are Not Entitled to One of the Regional Banks.

That the selection of locations for the regional reserve banks throughout the country was a piece of rank political business, is the opinion of many bankers and others in Omaha Friday. There is great disappointment in Omaha since Omaha did not get a bank, and especially since Omaha was made tributary to Kansas City instead of to Chicago. Luther Drake, president of the Merchants National bank, got together a few figures on banking capital and surplus of some of the cities chosen in order to compare them with some of the cities not chosen. He showed that the total banking capital and surplus of Baltimore, including national banks, state banks and trust companies, is \$47,000,000, and that the deposits of all classes of banks and trust companies in Baltimore is \$142,000,000. "And Baltimore got no bank," said Mr. Drake. Here is a great seaport town, with all this banking business, and it got no bank, while here in Richmond, with a national banking capital and surplus of but \$10,912,250 and national bank deposits of but \$38,289,109, gets a reserve bank. And Baltimore is placed in the Richmond district.

## Women of Illinois Expect to Close Up Hundreds of Saloons

CHICAGO, April 3.—Efforts to assure a large vote by women in the local option elections to be held April 7 in many of the 102 counties of Illinois were renewed today by workers for the Anti-Saloon league. They contend that saloons will be voted out in many towns if the women take advantage of their new enfranchisement to vote. More than 300 townships will vote on the saloon question and temperance leaders predict that women will vote out saloons in 50 per cent of these places. About 2,000 saloons are involved.

## Eight Women Accuse New York Pastor

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## SHOOTS SWEETHEART'S PICTURE AND HIMSELF

MOLINE, Ill., April 3.—Emil Ahlberg, a young laborer, shot a hole through his sweetheart's picture, which was hanging in his room, last night and then shot and killed himself. They had quarreled.

## Rock Island Men Go On One of the Long Inspection Trips

Vice Presidents Ridgway and McKinnis, General Manager Sweet of the Nebraska division and C. W. Jones, general superintendent, Davenport, Ia., all of the Rock Island, were in Omaha five minutes yesterday afternoon. Their special train stopped long enough to let General Superintendent Jones off that he might return home and then it pursued its way west.

The Rock Island officials are out on an inspection trip, looking over the properties. At Fairbury they will investigate the question of the crossing at the Junction with the St. Joseph and Grand Island. Relative to this the two roads have had some difficulty over maintenance and right-of-way. The Rock Island officials will try to discover who is at fault. The run will then be made to Denver without any long stops and there yardage and terminals will be examined.

The return trip will be made through Horton, Kan., where the Rock Island has an extensive plant for burning clay and converting it into ballast. The probability is that after the inspection there will be a recommendation that the capacity of the plant be materially increased.

## Tomorrow the Best Colored Comics —with— The Sunday Bee

CHARLES JENSEN OF CHALK BUTTE TAKES POISON

STURGIS, S. D., April 3.—(Special Telegram)—Charles Jensen of Chalk Butte, Mead county, committed suicide by the poison route yesterday. Just before doing so he made an unsuccessful attempt to shoot his wife. He leaves a widow and six children. Jensen was taken sick last June and ever since then there have been signs that he was mentally unbalanced.

## MONROE DOCTRINE ARCHAIC

Rear Admiral Chester Says Principle Should Be Brought to Date.

## SUGGESTS CONCERT OF ACTION

Larger South American Republics, He Says, Deny Right of United States to Appoint Its Own Guardian.

PHILADELPHIA, April 3.—A "concert of action" among American republics in defense of the principle of "American for Americans" as a substitute for the Monroe doctrine is being urged by Rear Admiral Colby M. Chester in a speech here today before the American Academy of Political and Social Science.

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## U.S. CONSULAR AGENT AT TORREON REPORTS VILLA CAPTURES CITY

Statement of Mexican Embassy at  
Washington Says Rebels Were  
Defeated and Are in Flight.

### MAAS AND DEMOURE ARRIVE

Report Says They Repulsed Forces  
Sent to Check Them.

### CARRANZA REPORTS VICTORY

Rebel Chief Says Federals Fled  
After Six Days' Fight.

### GREAT REJOICING IN JUAREZ

Villa's Losses Are Estimated at Two  
Thousand Killed and Wounded  
—Federal Loss Placed at  
Thirty-Five Hundred.

WASHINGTON, April 3.—The capture of Torreon from the federals by General Francisco Villa and his constitutionalist forces was officially reported to the State department late today by George C. Carothers, special consular agent, who accompanied Villa to Torreon. He said he would forward details later. Carothers also reported that the federals abandoned all their dead and wounded and fled from Torreon last night, presumably southward.

WASHINGTON, April 3.—The Mexican embassy here today still claimed victory for the federal forces at Torreon. Charge Alcala today gave out this statement:

"An official dispatch signed by the secretary of foreign affairs, Honor Lopez Portillo y Rojas has just been received at the embassy, giving an account of the crushing defeat of the rebel forces under Villa at Torreon. General Maas, who left Saltillo several days ago with large reinforcements, has arrived at Torreon. General de Moura's column has reached San Pedro de las Colonias, where a decisive defeat was administered to the rebel forces sent out to oppose his advance. The government has also succeeded in raising a loan of over \$600,000 pesos, which will materially assist it in its tireless efforts towards pacification."

Mexico City Papers Claim Victory.

MEXICO CITY, April 3.—The federal capital was ignorant today of the fall of Torreon. None of the newspapers contained any intimation of the federal defeat.

On the contrary, all gave assurance that General Javier de Moura had won a great victory over the rebels close to Torreon, while the constitutionalists were trying to prevent him and his reinforcing army from effecting a junction with General Valasco, the federal commander at Torreon.

General Valasco is alleged by the newspapers to have repulsed General Villa's rebel army, which, it is said, "has retired definitely and is attempting to reorganize in Jimenez."

Rebels Occupy the City.

TORREON, Mexico, April 3.—(Via Gomez Palacio.)—Torreon, strewn with the dead and wounded of a six-day battle, was occupied by the rebels last night on the heels of the fleeing federals.

In all the fighting no foreigner was killed or injured. The taking of the city marks the climax of the first campaign of the revolution to oust Victoriano Huerta from the presidential castle in the City of Mexico. It gives the constitutionalists virtual control over the whole northern tier of Mexican states.

The fighting began last Friday and was almost continuous. At first Villa attempted assaults on the strong federal positions in daylight, but these proved costly, so the days were spent in cannonading and the night in assaults.

Positions were taken and lost time and again. Several night attacks sent the federals scurrying from strong positions at daybreak, the captors would be compelled to abandon them by the strength and accuracy of the enemy's artillery fire, much of which was said to have been directed by French and German gunners.

Losses have not been compiled, but General Villa estimates his own losses at 200 killed and 1,500 wounded, and the federal loss at 1,000 dead and 2,500 wounded, with an unknown number of prisoners. Villa believes that the federals whom his cavalry is pursuing to the south form but a remnant of the federal force, whose loss, he says, probably is close to being total. All the subordinate generals have not yet reported however, and until they do just how many were captured cannot be accurately stated.

The battle line was four miles long and the field was determined by three square hills formed like a carpenter's square

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