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## FIVE AMERICANS ON SWEDISH SHIP SUNK BY SUBSEA

Washington Hears Several of Its Nationals Aboard Vessel Sent to Bottom by Bomb of German U-Boat.

### THIS IN MEDITERRANEAN

Crew of Steamer Skogland is Given Ten Minutes by Sub-sea to Take to Boats.

### NO LOSS OF LIFE RESULTS

Washington, Feb. 22.—Sinking by a German submarine of the Swedish steamer Skogland, which had five Americans aboard, after the crew had been given ten minutes to take to their boats, was reported by Consul General Hurst at Barcelona, Spain, in a message today to the State department. No one was injured and the crew landed safely at Tarragona, Spain.

The Skogland, a vessel of 1,837 tons, net, sailed from Norfolk, January 26 for Ragno, Italy. Consul General Hurst in his dispatch said there were twenty-six in the crew, five of whom claim American citizenship. He gives their names as James Brauer, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Leo Cartright, Portsmouth, N. H.; Jack Burke, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Jay Lewis, Uniontown, Pa., and Joseph Brown, Elizabeth, N. J.

The Skogland was stopped in the Mediterranean by a submarine six miles south of Tarragona, Spain, at 6 a. m., February 18. Consul General Hurst reported, and the crew was given ten minutes to take to their boats. As the crew left the ship, sailors from the submarine went aboard and placed a bomb, which was exploded and destroyed the ship. The crew landed at Tarragona after seventeen hours in their boats.

The Skogland undoubtedly is the same vessel as that reported from Paris yesterday as having been sunk February 18. There is a Norwegian steamer Skogland, which sailed from New York January 23 for Kirkwall and Trondheim.

**Sink Thirty-Six Ships.**  
Berlin, Feb. 22.—(By Wireless to Sayville.)—“Two German submarines which returned to their base on February 20, sank during the period of their operations twenty-four steamers, three sailing vessels and nine trawlers,” said an Overseas News agency announcement today.

“The vessels sunk,” adds the announcement, “were, among others, a ship of 9,100 tons gross, laden with coal; one of 3,000 tons gross, laden with iron; one of 3,500 tons, with provisions, mostly butter and margarine; one of 2,200 tons, with wheat and hay; one steamer of 2,700 tons gross, carrying war materials for Italy; another of 400 tons gross, with tin; another of 800 tons gross, with a general cargo; another of 300 tons gross, with horseshoes.

“Among the steamers destroyed was also one tank steamer of 7,000 tons gross. One cannon was captured.”

**Skogland Is Sunk.**  
London, Feb. 22.—Lloyd's today announced that the Swedish steamer Skogland, 3,264 tons, was sunk Sunday and that the British motor steamer Teowin, 132 tons, was sunk by a German U-boat Wednesday. The crews were landed.

The Central News says the British steamer, John Miles, 697 tons, has been sunk. Four of the crew, who were injured, and the bodies of two men who were killed, have been landed. The remainder of the ship's company are missing.

Lloyd's announces that the British steamer Corso has been sunk.

**Three Ships Reported.**  
Paris, Feb. 22.—Official announcement was made today of the sinking on February 21 of the Dutch steamship Ambon, 3,598 tons gross, and of a British trawler.

The sinking of the Norwegian steamer Alice, 709 tons, and of a Russian steamer, the Sigrid of 2,914 tons, also was announced.

Two British steamers, Perseus are listed. The larger is a vessel of 6,728 tons gross, built in 1908 in Belfast and owned by the Ocean Steamship company of Liverpool. It was last reported sailing from Dakar, West Africa, on January 18 enroute from Liverpool to Yokohama, which would place it far outside any of the barred zones. The smaller vessel is a 153-ton trawler, owned in Grimby.

The Corso was a vessel of 3,242 tons. It was last reported as having passed through the Red Sea east-bound, on January 4.

## NEW YORK WOMEN PICKET FOOD SHOPS

Police Suppress a Number of Small Riots and Arrest Two Leaders.

New York, Feb. 22.—Housewives continued their demonstrations against the high cost of living here today. Police reserves suppressed outbreaks in various parts of the city. Dozens of pushcarts were overturned, the contents destroyed and the owners attacked. Two women were arrested charged with assault and later released. Hundreds of women, some with babies in arms, acted as pickets before provision stores in an effort to establish a boycott. Most of the disorder occurred when a would-be purchaser defied the pickets.

A police court magistrate in suspending sentence on one offender, gave warning that hereafter he would send disturbers to jail.

“I have had a number of you women before me,” he said, “and not one of you has impressed me as though you were starving.”

**Little Evidence of Hunger.**  
Heads of city departments asserted today that a superficial examination of municipal statistics failed to show results that might be attributed to lack of sufficient nourishment caused by the high price of food. In obedience to instructions from Mayor Mitchell they began, however, an investigation to learn if there was any basis for complaints voiced at the mass meetings in the poorer districts this week and by committees that have called on the mayor.

At the offices of the board of health it was said that the death rate continued to be lower this year than last and that statistics of illness apparently did not show that lack of nourishment had been an increasing cause of disease.

Public charities officials said that applications for admission to the poor house had increased recently. On the other hand, the municipal lodging house has of late been sheltering only half of its capacity.

**No Cars for East Says Griffin.**  
Chicago, Feb. 22.—When shown the statement of the car service committee of the American Railway association to the effect that Chicago grain shippers have been receiving 200 cars a day, J. P. Griffin, president of the Board of Trade, said:

“For thirty days Chicago has been shipping four or five cars a day; that's all. We had, it is true, cars of western roads to load, but we couldn't get them hauled east. Now we are informed that we must get our cars from the eastern roads. That practically shuts us out of the eastern market entirely.”

The board was closed today, but Mr. Griffin, traffic experts and lawyers continued in conference on the situation.

**Woman's Leg Broken.**  
Philadelphia, Feb. 22.—Disorderly scenes occurred in the southeastern part of the city, populated largely by people of foreign birth, today when bands of women made demonstrations against dealers that have raised food prices. In a meeting between a crowd of women and others attracted to one of the streets where stores were being attacked, a woman was knocked down, trampled upon and taken to a hospital with a broken leg.

The police later dispersed the crowd.

The demonstration resulted from a meeting of women at which it was decided to boycott dealers who increased prices. Women with bottles containing kerosene are alleged to have poured the oil on meats, fish and vegetables displayed by dealers and to have attacked curb merchants and push cart vendors. Pickets were established and women who patronized stores where prices were raised were attacked and the articles they purchased taken from them.

**Body of Hugo Carlson On Track Near Alliance**

Alliance, Neb., Feb. 22.—(Special Telegram.)—Burlington train, No. 44, this afternoon found the body of a man, cut in two lying near Birdsall station, east of Alliance. Papers on his person identified him as Hugo Carlson, a native of Sweden, with a wife living in Tacoma, Wash. A card also showed him to be an able seaman.

The man probably fell from a freight train early this morning.

**Leaders in Irish Revolt Of Last Year Arrested**

London, Feb. 22.—The arrest today of a number of leaders of the Irish volunteers and other persons who figured in the Irish uprising of last year is reported in a Central News dispatch from Dublin. Among those arrested, the dispatch says, are Counselor S. T. Kelly, J. J. O'Kelly, editor of the Catholic Bulletin; Daniel Figgis, a well-known writer, and Captain Liam Mellows.

## LOAD 8,000,000 BUSHELLS GRAIN AT EAST PORTS

Figures Show Much Delivered to Points Feb. 1 to 14 Against 29,000,000 in January.

### EFFECT OF U-BOAT WAR

Railway Figures Give Indication How Much Kaiser's Sea Policy Hits America.

### CAR SITUATION IS BETTER

New York, Feb. 22.—The effect on the export trade from Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore and New York of Germany's proclamation of unrestricted submarine warfare is revealed in figures made public here today by the American Railway association on behalf of its car service commission, which is co-operating with the Interstate Commerce commission in efforts to relieve the car shortage situation.

The statistics, which are to be placed before the government, show that from February 1 to February 14, the grain delivered to vessels at the four ports amounted to approximately 8,000,000 bushels. This compares with 29,000,000 bushels in January and 38,000,000 in December. The deliveries have been regulated, the association says, to correspond as far as possible to the reduction of cargo space caused by the submarine campaign.

**How Much Stored.**  
Permits were issued between February 1 and February 14 for transportation of 7,000,000 bushels to seaboard to fill future cargo space promised. This compares with 25,000,000 moved on the permit basis in January and 45,500,000 in December.

Stored at the terminals in the four ports were 12,500,000 bushels during the first half month of submarine activity, as compared with accumulation of 16,500,000 in January, and 47,400,000 in December.

A shortage in carload movements of all other export freight in about the same proportion also is shown. The railroads maintain they have succeeded in regulating the movement to the seaboard so that the accumulation has decreased somewhat in proportion to the exportation.

**Situation Brighter.**  
It was claimed on behalf of the roads that the general situation as regards food movement was brighter today than during recent weeks, owing partly to more favorable weather, but due also to new car service rules. Virtually all the large roads in the country signed an agreement to return cars at once direct to the roads owning them.

A penalty will be imposed, it was stated, in every case, where a road diverts either a loaded or an unloaded car over a road which does not take the car back to its owner over the shortest route. This was regarded as a most important move and one which would send strings of “empties” to congested districts.

**Board of Trade Apologizes.**  
Chicago, Feb. 22.—A second telegram in which there were traces of apology for the belligerent tone of the first one sent yesterday, was put on the wires to the Interstate commerce commission today by President Griffin of the Chicago Board of Trade.

“We recognize fully,” reads today's telegram, “the respect due your honorable body and if I have been enthusiastic in my statement you will understand it is because of the desperate plight in which we find ourselves at this time.”

Mr. Griffin explains that he now finds that the car supply order which he was led to believe by local railroad men emanated from Interstate Commerce Commission. Mitchell really came from the car service commission of the American Railway association.

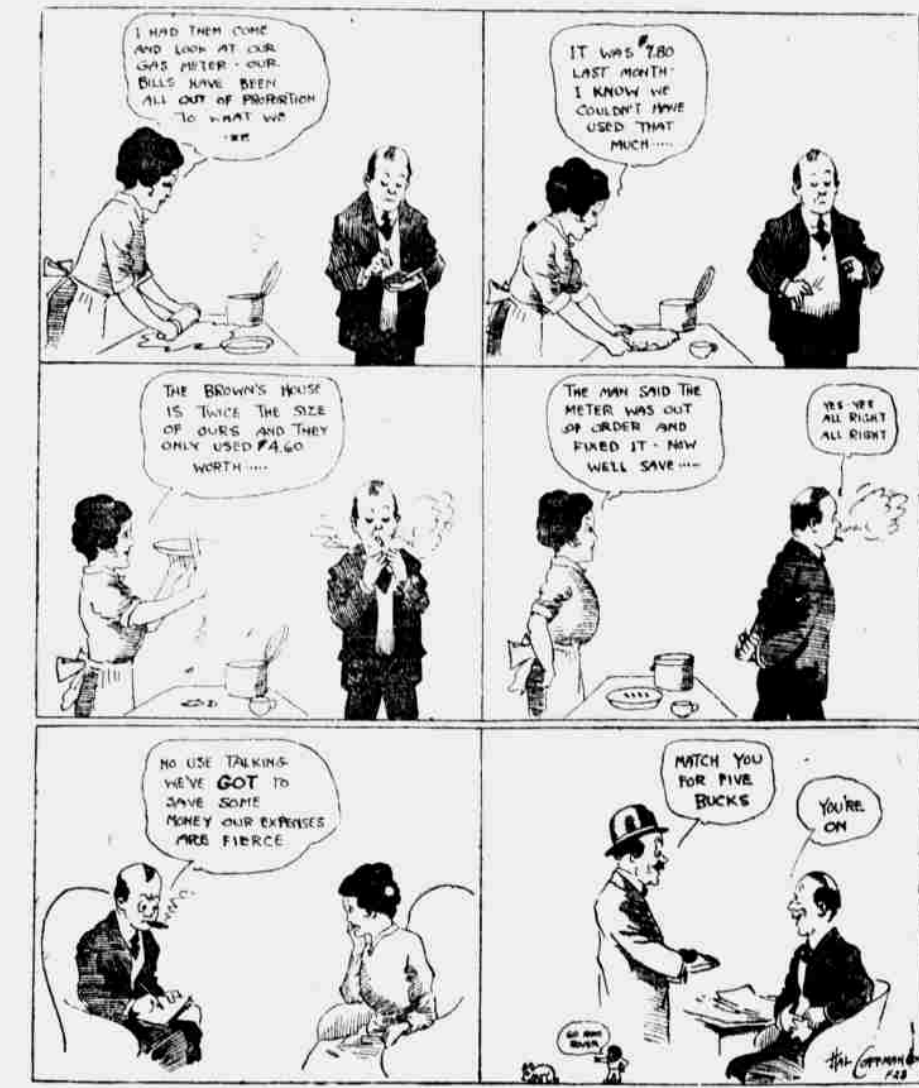
**Message Final Plea.**  
In his telegram yesterday, acting on this misconception, Mr. Griffin accused the Interstate Commerce commission of utter failure in the emergency and of having done more harm than good. He and his traffic committee conferred on the question of going into the courts, or of appealing to congress for prompt, dictatorial action to straighten out matters.

With the misunderstanding cleared up, today's telegram was said to be a final plea on behalf of the board of trade, and, in a general way on behalf of the farmers and country grain elevators of the Mississippi and Missouri valleys.

Mr. Griffin reiterated that the grain trade of this section is in a desperate way. Forty million bushels of grain are held up in local elevators; 7,000,000.

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## And So It Goes



## HOUSE JOGS ALONG IN SPITE OF HOLIDAY

No Recognition Is Given to George Washington by the Lower Body.

### WILSON BILL ADVANCED

(From a Staff Correspondent.)  
Lincoln, Feb. 22.—(Special.)—If the spirit of George Washington had appeared before the lower body of the Nebraska state legislature today on this his 185th birthday anniversary, he would have said something prohibitory more forcible than “I cannot tell a lie” when he saw what little consideration the members paid to the day. With the exception of a flag on the desk of each member little attention was paid to an observance of the day when the house met, and later when some member moved that the house observe the day by adjourning, there was but one vote for the motion.

**Movie Bill Alive.**  
The members took up the Reiser bill to forbid Sunday theaters and moving picture shows in any town in the state, which had been reported by the committee on cities and towns for indefinite postponement, and placed it on the general file. Mr. Segelke gave the house a blowing up for trying to force a law observance upon Omaha. Mr. Taylor, one of the introducers, said that it was an effort to make Omaha a better town morally. Mr. Tracewell, whose name is also on the bill said that he understood the bill did not apply to Omaha and Lincoln and did not think such a law would be practical in the big towns. In the small towns he thought it was necessary, for the churches could not compete with the picture shows.

**Triple Seven on File.**  
Railway Commissioner Vic Wilson's bill known as House Roll No. 777 is now on the general file in the house, having been placed there by a vote of the house today.

Among the bills killed was one providing for the physical valuation of the South Omaha stock yards. Another to displace Election Commissioner Moorhead of Douglas county.

**Funston Funeral Train Goes Through City of Los Angeles**

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 22.—The funeral train bearing the body of Major General Frederick Funston passed through here late today on the way to San Francisco. Representatives of military, patriotic and civic organizations met the train at the station and held brief services beside the car during the stop here.

San Francisco, Feb. 22.—Arrangements for the funeral of Major General Frederick Funston were completed today. The body will arrive here Friday at 1 p. m. A battalion of coast artillery will act as escort from the railway station to the city hall. The body will rest in the rotunda of the hall until the hour of the funeral Saturday morning. After services in the First Presbyterian church burial will be in the national cemetery at the Presidio.

**Juarez Puts in Force Retaliatory Quarantine**

Juarez, Feb. 22.—Retaliatory quarantine measures were applied by the military here today upon orders of the federal health service in Mexico City. All passengers on street cars and in automobiles who went to Juarez today were stopped at the Mexican end of the international bridge and required to have bath and vaccination certificates.

## BLAME FOR LEAK NOT ON OFFICIALS

Rules Committee of House Spreads Whitewash in Sweeping Manner.

### FULL REPORT MADE LATER

Washington, Feb. 22.—The house rules committee today decided to report that its investigations of an alleged “leak” on President Wilson's peace note had shown no public officials were responsible for any advance information on it becoming public. The full report will not be prepared before Saturday.

**Kaiser Releases Americans Taken By Sea Raider**

Amsterdam, Feb. 22.—(Via London.)—A dispatch received here from Berlin says that the American sailors who were taken to Germany on the steamer Yarrowdale have been released.

The Americans were released, the dispatch says, after the German government had been informed officially that German ships in America had not been confiscated and that their crews had not been interned.

**Ambassador Gerard And Party at Madrid**

Madrid, Feb. 22.—(Via London.)—James W. Gerard, former American ambassador at Berlin, and his party arrived here this morning on their way to the United States. The Americans were met at the station by representatives of the foreign office and by Joseph E. Willard, the American ambassador, and his staff.

**Sixty Thousand-Dollar Fire at Wakonda, S. D.**

Wakonda, S. D., Feb. 22.—Fire in the business district of Wakonda this morning caused a \$60,000 loss. The principal losers were Babb & Babb, Dwyer & Babb and A. J. Devine stores.

For a time the fire threatened the entire business district, but after a hard fight was controlled by the firemen.

**Austrian Royalty Eats Black Bread; Royal Teams Haul Coal**

Vienna, Feb. 20.—(Via London, Feb. 22.)—The intensely cold weather has passed and a thaw has set in which has solved the fuel difficulty of Vienna and incidentally greatly facilitated the importation of foodstuffs. The flour mills, which were shut down owing to frozen rivers, are again in operation and full bread rations are once more in force.

Emperor Charles has been a tireless worker in the campaign to relieve economic conditions and the imperial teams are still hauling coal for the population. Sight of the bloated stock, heretofore only harnessed to state coaches, hauling heavy coal trucks, is one of the curious wartime incidents of the Austrian capital.

The emperor recently banished wheat bread from the officers' mess at army headquarters and had both wheat bread and flour removed from a special train which was taking his brother, Archduke Maximilian, to Constantinople. In issuing this latter order, the emperor remarked that if the common soldiers, the people and himself were contented with black

## BALLOON FROM FORT LANDS NEAR PERSIA

Captain Chandler and His Aides Make Successful Flight From Omaha.

### DEAL DAY FOR TRIP

In the air about two hours and a half, the big gas bag and its crew which figured in the initial flight from Fort Omaha since the establishment of the balloon division there, landed near Persia, Ia., about forty miles east of Council Bluffs, at 7:30 o'clock last evening. The start was made from the balloon shed at Fort Omaha at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Owing to the distance and the bad condition of the roads, the balloon's crew will make the return trip to Fort Omaha by train. It was originally intended to bring the men and the gas bag back in a motor truck, which, filled with supplies, was in readiness when word of the landing was received.

Those who made the ascent were Captain Charles DeF. Chandler, the commanding officer, and Captain Bower and First Lieutenant Davidson. Anything over an hour is considered a successful flight, according to members of the balloon corps at Fort Omaha.

It was practically an ideal afternoon for a balloon flight. A 9,000-foot capacity balloon was used in the ascent.

**Break Between U. S. And Austria Sure to Come, Says Berlin**

Berne, Feb. 22.—(Via Paris.)—Austria's reply to the United States defining its position in the submarine war is known in Berlin, according to the Frankfurter Zeitung, which predicts that a breach of relations between Washington and Vienna is inevitable. The paper's Berlin correspondent says:

“The memorandum which President Wilson has sent to the Vienna government leaves no doubt that the breach of relations between the United States and Germany will soon be followed by a breach with Austria-Hungary.”

**Ladies' Legislative League Banquet Next Thursday**

(From a Staff Correspondent.)  
Lincoln, Feb. 22.—(Special.)—The annual banquet of the Nebraska Legislative Ladies' league will be held at the Lincoln hotel in Lincoln on Thursday evening, March 1, at 6 o'clock. Members who plan to attend should make reservations for themselves (or for their husbands) by notifying Mrs. Edgar Howard, Lindell hotel, Lincoln, on or before February 26. Banquet tickets \$1.

## WILSON RENEWS ALLEGIANCE TO AMERICAN FLAG

Cabinet Members, Diplomats and Congressmen Stand at Salute at the Patriotic Ceremony.

### LOUD CHEERS FOR FRANCE

Ambassador Acknowledges Applause as Traditional Friendship is Mentioned.

### ADDRESS IS BY POMERENE

Washington, Feb. 22.—President Wilson participated in George Washington's birthday exercises here today, at which frequent reference was made to the present international situation.

“It is much less of an adventure to write history than to try to enact it,” said the president in presenting a gold medal to a school boy for writing an essay on history.

The president pledged allegiance anew to the American flag and, with the remainder of an audience, including members of the cabinet, diplomats and congressmen, he stood at salute while the pledging allegiance was repeated.

The exercises, held under the joint auspices of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Sons of the American Revolution and the Sons of the Revolution, were marked by an outburst of patriotic fervor when President Wilson appeared. A huge American flag was displayed and the marine band played “The Star Spangled Banner.”

**Cheers for France.**  
Reference to the traditional friendship between the United States and France was made by Newell B. Woodworth of Syracuse, N. Y., past president of the Sons of the American Revolution, while Jules Jusserand, the French ambassador, stood and acknowledged applause. Mr. Woodworth declared that in the present situation the people stand patriotically behind their president and are ready to answer any call for the nation.

**Address by Pomerene.**  
Senator Pomerene of Ohio delivered the principal address. He denounced Germany's submarine campaign and assailed the pacifists who are urging a referendum on the question of war.

“I hope that they will make an arrangement under which the enemy will do no more shooting until the vote is taken,” said the senator.

Senator Pomerene said that both Germany and Great Britain had violated American rights, but that only Germany had sacrificed American lives. He urged all Americans to stand behind the president in the present emergency.

**Senators Take Day Off After Hearing Senator Beal Talk**

(From a Staff Correspondent.)  
Lincoln, Feb. 22.—(Special.)—While the house of representatives could not find anybody today worth paying tribute to, the senators arose to the situation and inspiration of the day and paid a mark of tribute not only to General George Washington, the father of his country, but to Colonel Harry Bradley, the janitor of the senate.

As the senators entered the chamber this morning they passed under two flags suspended across the doorway, while each desk displayed a miniature emblem of the star spangled banner. Pictures of Washington, Lincoln and Wilson were displayed on the wall and the inspiration brought out a speech from Senator Sandall in which he called attention to the fact that Mr. Washington was dead and that Mr. Bradley was very much alive.

After prayer and roll call, on motion of Senator Kohl, the senate adjourned after listening to a five-minute address by Senator Beal on the life and character of Washington.

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## The Weather

For Nebraska—Cloudy and  
Temperatures at Omaha Yesterday.

Hour	Deg.
5 a. m.	21
6 a. m.	22
7 a. m.	22
8 a. m.	22
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11 p. m.	22

Comparative Local Records.

1917	1916	1915	1914
Highest yesterday	59	41	37
Lowest yesterday	21	39	31
Normal temperature	49	36	31
Excess for the day	10	5	6
Total excess since March 1	112	52	24
Normal precipitation	40	38	34
Deficiency for the day	19	14	14
Total rainfall since March 1	17.40	17.40	17.40
Deficiency since March 1	22.60	22.60	22.60
Deficiency for one normal year	27.60	27.60	27.60
Deficiency for one period, 1911, 1.12 inches			

## Omaha Turns Out Record House to Hear Patti Sing Thirty Years Ago

“Ike” Miner, secretary of the Elks and Omaha pioneer, recalls that it is just thirty years ago since Adelina Patti came to Omaha and sang to the third biggest “house” in her great career, at least up to that time. The proceeds for her single concert in the old Exposition building were \$10,700. In only two previous concerts had she exceeded this figure, at St. Petersburg and Rio Janeiro.

“The Exposition building,” said Mr. Miner, “occupied the block between Fourteenth and Fifteenth streets on Capitol avenue. The management had lost several thousand dollars on previous attractions. When Max Strakosch, Patti's manager, came here he offered to have Patti sing for \$6,000. But the management feared to guarantee that large sum. So he rented the building for \$300.

“If the management had accepted his first offer, nearly \$5,000 would have been cleared.”

“Of course, nobody dreamed that Omaha, a city of between 40,000 and 50,000 people would furnish such an audience. But they came in from all around. The morning when the ticket sale started there was a line two blocks long. Those near the end tried to break out and rush the ticket office. Mayor Chase got upon a chair and made a speech telling them the ticket sale would be stopped if they didn't go back to their places.”

Mr. Miner was secretary of the Excelsior Building company. John A. McShane and John A. Wakeland of Omaha and B. F. Smith of Boston are the only other men connected with the Exposition building who are living today.

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