NEED URGENT FOR QUICK RELIEF IN PAPER SHORTAGE

Interview Published in Bee Brings Many Suggestions To Congressman McLaughlin.

Washington, March 13.—(Special Telegram.)—Congressman McLaughlin said that the interview recently published with him in The Bee with reference to the newsprint paper situation had brought him many letters of inquiry and suggestions from publishers and newspaper associations in all parts of the United States, which convinces the member from the Fourth district that there is urgent need for relief.

George S. Foxworthy, manager of the Western Newspaper Union office in Omaha, writes that the print paper situation is of vital importance to newspapers in the small towns, especially those located in the middlewest.

"We, who are close to the newspaper business, realize what it would mean to the country to allow a condition to continue that may force the suspension of practically all small town newspapers, and that is exactly what will happen unless something is done quickly," said Mr. Foxworthy.

Would Eliminate Twaddle.

E. P. Howard of the American Press association, New York, is of the opinion that "the paper situation would be improved and the public greatly benefited if seven-eighths of the twaddle published in the metropolitan Sunday papers never saw the light of day.

"Of course, we must all recognize that it would never do to edit newspapers with legislative blue pencils," he said. "It would be a dangerous precedent and clearly inimical to the interests of the people should any legislation be attempted that would seek to dictate to newspaper publishers either the character of the matter they should publish, the volume of advertising they might accept, or in any other way restrict the already very much hampered freedom of the press."

Opposed to Cut In Size.

"There are now about 12,000 country newspapers running on an average of eight pages, with six columns to the page, and an average circulation of 1,200," said Congressman McLaughlin, "but I would not favor, nor do I believe it possible to expect papers in that class to be reduced in size. Five eastern papers discovered in February that by eliminating certain Sunday features, "bulldog editions" and matter of restricted useful news, they could save 325 tons of paper a week. Most of the matter eliminated was probably never missed by the readers and now the question arises as to whether the saving could not be continued with profit to everybody concerned."

Chief of British Staff Pays Foch Remarkable Compliment On Genius

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London, March 13.—Sir Henry Wilson, chief of the British general staff, in a conversation paid a remarkable tribute to the genius of General Foch. He declared Germany lost the war through hard luck, and he was asked to explain. He said Germany came up against factors it had no right to expect. He was asked for an instance, and he said no one expected the rise of a genius like Foch. Asked further if he considered Foch a greater military genius than any British or German general, he replied:

"There is no one in his class."

House Naval Committee Rejects Daniels' Program

Washington, March 13.—"In the interest of economy," the three naval construction programs recommended by Secretary Daniels depending on disposition of the peace treaty were disapproved today by a house naval subcommittee.

An appropriation of $72,000,000 for continuing the unfinished 1916 program was decided upon by the subcommittee as the only ship construction funds to be provided for the next fiscal year.

Salvador and Venezuela Assent to League Covenant

London, March 13.—Salvador and Venezuela have deposited their declarations of assent to the covenant of the league of nations, thus completing the list of 13 nations invited to become original members of the league.

Venezuela's action on the invitation to join the league has not as yet been reported from that country.

Great Marriage Rush in Paris Due to Bachelor Tax

Paris, March 13.—The great marriage rush that has been going on here for some time is expected to continue on the increase until the end of this month.

Reason—The financial commission's decision to tax bachelors' incomes 10 per cent. The tax becomes operative April 1.

Lady Astor Campaigning Against Wearing Aigrettes

London, March 13.—Lady Astor announces she is heading a campaign to abolish the wearing of aigrettes in Britain. She herself usually wears the plainest toques and insists that the sale and possession of plumage should be prohibited "the same as in America."

Anti-Red Flag Ordinance Found Unconstitutional

San Francisco, March 13.—The state supreme court declared portions of a Los Angeles ordinance prohibiting the display of the red flag and other alleged radical activities unconstitutional and ordered Anna Hartman and Dave Weifman, who were sentenced to prison, released

Bandit Queen Indicted On Serious Charge Following Three-Year Career of Crime

Daring, Young, and Beautiful Widow of Notorious Leader of Gunman Who Was Killed in Fierce Gun Battle by Dying Detective Finally Arraigned to Face Charges of Conspiracy to Commit Murder And Robbery—Life Story Rivals Dime Novel.

By NED E. WILLIAMS.

After a three-year career of crime in northwest Iowa as queen of a daring gang of crooks and gunmen organized by her husband, a notorious bandit chief, Mae Yetzer Burzette, 24 years old, whose striking beauty gained her a reputation in Sioux City's underworld, has been indicted by a grand jury and is in custody awaiting trial on a charge of murder.

Police detectives and state agents have never been able to uncover facts regarding the early life of the attractive gangster queen. It is known that she is a Jewess and that she lived in Chicago prior to her arrival in Sioux City three years ago. It is said that she has a divorced husband and two children in Chicago, but no further details are available.

The daring young beauty first came to the attention of Sioux City police in September, 1917, when she was arrested on a charge of maintaining a disorderly house. She was rearrested at frequent intervals thereafter on various occasions, but never served jail or prison sentences for convictions on any charge.

Marries Handsome Criminal.

Shortly after her arrival in Sioux City, Mae Yetzer married "Red" Burzette, handsome young gang leader of the underworld, who had a wide reputation as a desperate criminal and an outlaw "killer." His gang was said to be responsible for a wild series of murders, robberies, holdups, automobile thefts, bootlegging and highjacking exploits and other major crimes extending over a period of more than a year. It operated between Minneapolis and Kansas City, including the cities of Omaha and Sioux City. Headquarters of the gang were maintained at Sioux City, but crimes which occurred in various sections of five states were attributed to it.

The pretty wife of the chief gangster, who was famous for her beauty in the dives and resorts of Sioux City's criminal district, was made queen of the big band of crooks. She accompanied the bandits on their "jobs," usually driving one of the high-powered automobiles in which they traveled. She exhibited a fearless nerve that matched that of her husband and was reputed to be as daring a gunfighter as any of the men.

The murder of Claude Letner, near Hull, Ia., occurred on the night of March 28, 1919. He was held up on a country road by two men and a woman, according to evidence in the case. Eleven cases of whisky were highjacked from his machine, $800 in cash was taken from his pokects and his body was dragged to a nearby field. It was found the following day by George Divestas of Sioux City.

Puzzles Police for Year.

This murder mystery puzzled police for nearly a year. No evidence was uncovered until about a month ago, when James E. Risden, state agent, succeeded in connecting Joe Pavey, a Burzette gangster, with the case. Pavey is now serving time in the Missouri state prison. Further investigation, according to Mr. Risden, demonstrated that the beautiful bandit queen was the woman who participated in the highjacking and murder. Her indictment followed.

During the months when "Red" Burzette was an outlaw, terrorizing northwest Iowa with the operations of his gangsters, but keeping in hiding because he was "wanted" in dozens of places for scores of crimes, his pretty wife lived in Sioux City, maintaining her home as the headquarters of the gang. The infamous chief would drive into the city under cover of darkness to meet his men at the rendezvous and plan crimes and coups.

His meteoric crime career was abruptly halted on July 22, 1919, when he was killed in a grim revolver battle between himself and two of his henchmen and four policemen in a Sioux City restaurant. The gangsters had spent the night in town and had stopped for breakfast before driving away into hiding about daybreak. Police received a tip that they were there and surprised them before they could make their getaway.

Dying Detective Kills Leader.

True to their reputation as desperate gunmen, the gangsters opened fire when the officers entered the place. "Red" Burzette, the leader, was killed instantly by Detective James Britton, who himself received wounds from which he died a few hours later. The duel between the detective and the outlaw rivaled all tales of fiction. They stood a few feet apart and emptied their guns into each other, bullet for bullet, before falling to the floor.

Jim Davis and Tex Maynard, the other two gangsters, were seriously wounded, but both recovered and are serving long prison terms. None of the other members of the police squad were shot.

Following the death of her husband and the temporary breaking up of his gang of criminals, Mrs. Burzette lived quietly in Sioux City for several weeks. Then she reorganized the band, with herself as queen, and began to plan more crimes for them to stage. At least one murder and a big robbery were accomplished by her gang before it was broken up by police in December, with the arrest of the queen and three gunmen, Joe and Richard Pyle and James Bruno, known as "The Wop."

Arrest Creates Sensation.

The three men faced trial for the alleged robbery of Mrs. Margaret Gaillet in her home at Sioux City. They were convicted and given prison sentences. Joe Plye, 21 years old, with whom the bandit queen had been living since the death of her husband, was also tried for the murder of Jacob P. Christianson in an attempted taxicab robbery in November. He was convicted of manslaughter.

The pretty queen faced no charges at the time of the arrest of her gang. Although police believed that she was the real leader of the bandits and undoubtedly planned their coups for them, no evidence could be obtained to show that she accompanied them or was otherwise implicated in their crimes.

May Yetzer.

Her arrest upon charges growing out of a crime alleged to have been committed a year ago, before the death of her husband, created considerable sensation in northwest Iowa among people who were familiar wth the strange history of her career and the exploits of her outlaw husband's gunmen. She was indicted by the Sioux county grand jury and is held in jail at Orange City, where she will face trial on charges of conspiracy to commit murder and robbery.

Widow of Detective Slain by Bandits Loses Suit for Compensation

Lincoln, March 13.—(Special)—According to an opinion of the state supreme court, a "qualified and acting policeman of the city of Omaha is an officer appointed for the regular term of good behavior, unless the office itself is abolished, and is not included in the class of workmen and employes entitled to compensation from the city under the workman's compensation act."

This is a claim resulting from the death of Policeman Frank Rooney, who was shot by members of the Berl Kirk gang in a raid on a house of the latter January 30, 1918. The upper court holds that the compensation allowed by the district court of Douglas county is not authorized by the workman's compensation act and reverses the action of that court.

Two Weddings in Two Days Record of California Man

Washington, March 13.—It took Capt. Jack Bernard De Voe, a wealthy ranch owner near Los Angeles, nearly four months to woo and wed Miss Clistie M. Phillips, a Washington war worker. But the next day he fled to Portsmouth, Va., where after a courtship of 24 hours he married Mrs. Florence Juanita Berry, a widow, whom he neglected to tell he was a bridegroom.

This is the story that was revealed when the former Miss Phillips, who now lives at Silver Hill, Md., brought action for an annulment of her marriage.

Captain De Voe, who was decorated for heroism with the American forces in France, posed as the favorite nephew and heir to millions of the ink manufacturer of his name, it is alleged.

Makes Plea for Repeal of Emergency War Measures

Chicago, March 13.—A plea for the return to prewar standards of business and living and for the establishment of an adequate national defense was made by Senator Warren G. Harding of Ohio, presidential candidate, in an address before the Hamilton club.

"We should pledge ourselves never to be unmindful of our national defense," Senator Harding said. "We ought to have an ample navy, we ought to lead the world in the development of aviation, and we should have a stronger army than we have ever known in peace heretofore."

Every extraordinary war measure should be repealed promptly, the senator said.

Cold Water Cast on Hopes Of Drop in Clothing Prices

New York, March 13.—The hope that clothing prices in America would soon tumble, born of a recent statement that England would soon ship millions of yards of surplus cloth and a large number of surplus ready-to-wear suits, received a cold bath when J. E. Hargreaves, British "wool king," stated upon landing from the steamship Adriatic that for several years to come there is little likelihood that men's clothing will be reduced in price. Millions of demobilized soldiers and sailors have created a demand upon returning to civil life which tends to keep prices up, he said.

Have Root Print It—Beacon Press.—Adv.

NONPARTISANS NAME CANDIDATE FOR CONGRESS

James Elliott of Scottsbluff Choice of Convention Of Sixth District Farmers.

Grand Island, Neb., March 13.—(Special Telegram.)—Nonpartisan league delegates from the Sixth congressional district of Nebraska, meeting in Grand Island Saturday, nominated James Elliott of Scottsbluff for congress from that district. Owing to Mr. Elliott's ill health it is uncertain if he will run, as he resigned from the state executive committee recently because of poor health and also declined to permit the use of his name as a candidate for governor on the league ticket.

The convention took action to prevent a vacancy in case of his possible refusal to run and named a committee of three to fill such vacancy with the instruction that J. D. Ream of Broken Bow be first choice if Elliott fails to enter the race.

The league delegates in the Eighteenth senatorial district have indorsed E. G. Stolley of Grand Island, member of the constitutional convention, for state senator.

Sugar Beet Company To Base Contracts on Sale Price of Sugar

Grand Island, March 13.—(Special)—The American Beet Sugar company announces that since formulating its contract in January it has received numerous inquiries from various beet growers' associations regarding a contract price for beets based upon the selling price of sugar. The announcement continues:

"We are anxious at all times to do everything possible consistent with good business judgment to meet the views of our growers and in response to these inquiries we have decided to offer a bonus on all 1920-21 operations in Grand Island based upon the following: If the total production of sugar at the Grand Island factory for the season of 1920-21 reaches or exceeds 110,000 bags and if the average net seaboard or basing price of beet sugar during the months of November and December, 1920, and January, 1921, exceeds $11 per 100 pounds, the company will on February 15, 1921, make an additional payment on all beet deliveries for the 1920 season of an amount equivalent to $1 per ton of beets for each $1 received per 100 pounds of sugar in excess of the $11 basis, fractions in proportion."

Nebraska City Auto Show To Be First Week in April

Nebraska City, Neb., March 13.—(Special.)—The local automobile dealers at a meeting held yesterday decided to hold an automobile show in this city the first week in April and have appointed committees to make the necessary arrangements for the event, the first of the kind to be held here. It was found impossible to secure a suitable building for the event and a large tent has been secured for the occasion. The men having the affair in charge expect to make it an annual event.

Dodge County Bridge Offer Is Rejected by Board of Supervisors

Fremont, Neb., March 13.—(Special.)—The Dodge county board of supervisors by a vote of 4 to 3 rejected the offer of Robert Z. Drake, president of the Standard Bridge Co., to settle the claim of the company against the county for work done on the North Bend state-aid bridge.

The case has been pending in district court for three years. The plaintiff took over the contract of the Stupp Bros. contracting firm of St. Louis and completed a fill. The expense was $18,200, more than called for in the contract. The state engineer has recommended that the state pay its share.

A jury in district court returned a verdict in favor of the county on instruction of Judge Paine of Grand Island, who recently ruled that he was in error when he overruled the motion of the plaintiff's attorney for a directed verdict.

The affidavit for the change of venue by Mr. Drake's attorney charges one member of the board for being responsible for the fight against the claim on the ground that he was refused a loan by Drake after he had borrowed several smaller sums and failed to pay them back.

Voting on Treaty in Schleswig Today Will Take Place by Communes

Washington, March 13.—Voting in the plebiscite, which will take place Sunday in the second zone of Schleswig, as provided by the treaty of Versailles, will be by communes.

The city of Flensburg has been divided into voting districts with different ballot boxes for the different categories of voters, while in the country districts all votes will be deposited in the same ballot boxes.

For nearly 20 years after the separation from Denmark the Danes fought hard for Flensburg. In the election of 1884 there was a difference of only three votes between the Danish and the successful German candidate in Flensburg power.

In the election of 1912 there were cast 456 votes for the Danish and in Flensburg 5,421 for the German and for the socialist 5,691, of which a considerable part were Danish.

Delinquent Taxes to Swell Coffers of Holt County

O'Neill, Neb., March 13.—(Special.)—The coffers of Holt county are expected to be exceedingly enriched from delinquent personal taxes as a result of the prosperity incidental to the war. The county board of supervisors is going over the personal tax records from back during the hard times of the early nineties. It finds that there are large amounts due from local residents now well off. A list of the delinquents is being prepared for the sheriff and distress warrants are to be issued. The amounts of delinquencies expected to be recovered will run into the thousands.

Farm Laborers Spurn $65 A Month, Board and Laundry

Auburn, Neb., March 13.—(Special.)—With the opening of the farming season, farm laborers here are spurning jobs at $65 per month, board, laundry work done, and an automobile furnished. Farmers say rather than pay more, they will cut down the acreage of crops to what they and members of their families can attend to individually.

NEARLY 400,000 FRENCH PEOPLE OUT ON STRIKE

Officials of Labor Federation Report Several Thousand Silk Workers at Lyons Quitting.

Paris, March 13.—Nearly 400,000 persons are on strike in France, according to estimates made today by officials of the Federation of Labor.

In the Lyons region several thousand hands in the silk mills have gone out, bringing the number of strikers there to a total of 60,000 in the various industries.

In the Department Du Nord 20,000 coal-miners have struck in sympathy with the strike of an equal number in Pas de Calais, and this development has strengthened the hope of radicals among labor leaders that a general coal strike may be effected.

Strikes of 2,500 to 5,000 building workers are reported from various regions, among them Angers and Toulouse. The Paris region seems freer from strikes than most parts of France.

Millions of "Skimmer" Clams Washed Upon Beach

New York, March 13.—"Skimmer" clams, millions and millions of them, washed up by recent storms, line the Long Island shore from Rockaway Point to Edgmere, heaped in piles from a foot to three feet deep, but instead of helping solve the high cost of living, it is going to cost the city much money to remove them. The clams, which are tough and sandy, are useful only for bait in fishing.

Saved Nickels to Buy Auto.

Connellsile, Pav., March 12.—Dr. J. French Kerr, a local physician, has purchased a high-powered limousine by saving nickels, dimes and quarters. At one time Dr. Kerr had a bushel basket full of "Buffalo" nickels.

Two Marriage Agency Prospects Fail to Please Detroit Miss

Vancouver, Wash., March 13.—After traveling from Detroit, Mich., to Kalama and Vancouver, Wash., to marry Edward Deckert of the former place, or John Sullivan of this city, Miss Mabel Lewandowski, 19 years old, no sooner looked at Sullivan, on alighting from the train than she burst into tears.

So disappointed with both prospective husbands was the young lady that she has left for her home in the east again. Miss Lewandowski said she had corresponded with both Sullivan and Deckert through the medium of a matrimonial agency. She said that Deckert had sent her a picture of a handsome young swain and "smooth shaven." She found on her arrival, however, that Deckert supported a moustache and this grieved her sorely. Sullivan, she said, had sent her a letter with $100 enclosed that she might make the trip west. Deckert furnished the money for her return, she said.

By a chance of fate both men were together at the depot here when the girl arrived. Neither man looked good to her. Every time she took a look at Mr. Sullivan she started to weep. Deckert was moved to pity for the girl and provided for her immediate return to Detroit.

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