

Blair Citizens Pledge Money to Protect Bank

Resolution Urges President to Return—Confidence is Expresed in His Management.

Blair, Neb., March 5.—(Special Telegram.)—The banking house of Castetter is in the hands of the state department of finance and commerce.

President F. H. Claridge has been out of the city since Sunday and his present whereabouts are unknown. While these two facts came as a shock to the people of this city Friday, when Secretary Hart of the state banking board tackled a card in the window of the bank announcing that it was closed, the depositors were not disheartened. Sympathy, not censure, for the president was the only remark heard as the people learned of the bank's condition.

Leading citizens of the town immediately began an investigation with the state officials. Secretary Hart announced that speculations in Nebraska and Colorado land were responsible. The recent drop in the value of land and farm products hit the bank hard and it was announced that the bank's capital was impaired between \$75,000 and \$100,000.

When the bank's condition was learned a mass meeting of citizens was called and within an hour between 400 and 500 people from all parts of Washington county assembled to do what they could to relieve the situation.

Dr. Morris Nelson, president of the Chamber of Commerce, presided and W. P. Cook of the Calhoun State bank was secretary.

Attorneys Herman Aye and Frank Howell of Omaha, former Blair boys, and Bankers Gene Burdick and Mr. Hanson of Herman spoke on the situation. A committee was appointed to solicit funds to aid the bank over the crisis and \$30,000 was subscribed. A resident of Cincinnati, O., who was present, subscribed \$10,000.

The 12 other banks in the county practically assured the meeting that they would give from \$8,000 to \$10,000 each for immediate use.

The bank was started in 1869, the year the first city lots were sold by A. Castetter. He was succeeded as head of the bank by his only son, Frank. At his death Mr. Claridge, a son-in-law of the founder, took over the management. Mr. Claridge has been employed in the bank for over 30 years.

Popular in Blair. During his 30 years in Blair Mr. Claridge has become extremely popular as was shown at the meeting. His efforts to protect his former customers from heavy losses forced sales to meet their obligations are said to have been partly responsible for the bank's condition.

When they learned of the bank's condition and that Mr. Claridge was on the verge of a nervous breakdown due to overwork in trying to overcome the pending calamity, farmers rushed forward and offered to place their possessions on the market immediately to pay their indebtedness and save the bank. Others offered to sacrifice their crops to help in the reorganization.

The committee in charge announced that sacrifices would not be necessary and that the required money could easily be raised to rejuvenate the bank. The committee announced that none of the bank's money had been used for other than legitimate purposes.

Resolution of Confidence.

The following resolution was passed by the meeting: "It is the sentiment of the entire community that Mr. F. H. Claridge be requested to immediately return to this city and resume the highly honored position he has held for over 30 years in this community and to take his place among his friends and the end that they together may reorganize and conduct the Banking House of Castetter."

The bank's capital, surplus and undivided profits accounts aggregate \$130,000; loans are shown at slightly over \$1,000,000; bills payable, \$200,000 and deposits about \$80,000.

Plan to Rejuvenate Bank At Blair Approved by State

Lincoln, March 5.—(Special.)—J. E. Hart, secretary of the state department of trade and commerce, said Saturday that Blair citizens plan to rejuvenate the banking house of Castetter was agreeable to the department.

The department will insist on being consulted on the reinstatement of the president, he said.

Father's Emphasis Makes No Effect Upon Judge Sears

A little girl cannot stay at home from school to "mind the baby."

Judge Sears made that plain in juvenile court yesterday to Michael Zdan, 5622 South Eighteenth street, the father of Mary, 9, who was in court for truancy.

"Mary HAD to stay at home to care for the baby and help her mother with the washing," Michael told Judge Sears. The mother is ill.

"The state of Nebraska says little girls HAVE to go to school," replied the jurist, emphasizing the "have" as strongly as Michael did his "had."

Judge Sears exacted a promise from Michael that he would send Mary to school hereafter.

Harding Will Renominate Le Jeune Head Marine Corps

Washington, March 5.—Major General Le Jeune, commandant of the marine corps, will be renominated for that post by President Harding and permanent rank of major general in the corps will be urged for Brigadier General Barnett, former commander. It was learned today following a conference between the president and Edwin Denby, who was to take office as secretary of the navy later in the day.

Check Mystery Solved.

Salt Lake City, March 5.—The mystery in connection with the disappearance of checks aggregating \$8,500 which were lost February 3, while in the mail, was cleared with the arrest of John Platt, 17, who, according to the police confessed to the robbery.

Woman, 99 Years Old, Proud of Descendants

Mrs. Nancy Garloch of Bladen holds two records of which she is proud. She recently passed her 99th birthday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. P. Saylor, amid a shower of post cards, boxes of candy and a multitude of other remembrances. Over 100 post cards from relatives alone dropped in on Grandmother Garloch on her birthday.



Mrs. Nancy Garloch.

But it is not of her age nor of her post cards that she is so proud, but of her great number of descendants and of what she calls her "war record."

Grandmother Garloch, they all call her, is the grandmother of 41 grandchildren, and has seven children living. Greater than this, she is the great grandmother of 143 young American citizens. This, however, is not the limit to the number of her progeny. Grandmother Garloch boasts that she is great-grandmother of 17 children.

Grandmother Garloch keeps well informed of her "war record." Her grandfather fought in the revolution, her father in the war of 1812, her husband, Andrew Garloch, in the civil war, and her son, Thomas S. Garloch, in the Spanish-American war.

Besides these, Grandmother Garloch is now collecting data from the various corners of the United States regarding the number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren who served in the world war.

Grandmother Garloch still holds her head high, for she comes of a long-lived family. Her father and mother both reached the age of 85; one brother, 96, and another, 94.

"Bandit Queen" Is Caught Here

Widow of Gunman Shot by Officers, Is Held for Sioux City.

Wanted in Sioux City on charges of conspiracy to commit murder and robbery, Mae Yetzer Burzette, darling young and beautiful widow of "Red" Burzette, notorious leader of a gunman gang in Sioux City, who was killed July 22, 1919 by Detective James Britton, who was himself dying from wounds received during a fierce gun battle between the police and the Burzette gang, was arrested Friday night in Omaha at the Harley hotel by Detectives Danbaum and Palmatag.

Murders and robberies by the score were attributed to the Burzette gang of which "Shiny Mae" as she is dubbed by police, was the admitted idolized queen.

One by one the members of the gang have been corralled and sent to prison, but "Shiny Mae" faced no charges at the time of the arrest of members of her gang. She was indicted last spring, however, by the county grand jury at Sioux City, and released on bond.

Then she dropped from sight and last fall Omaha police were notified to look for her here. Three months later Omaha police were "tipped" that the beautiful bandit queen was hiding in underworld recesses here, but could not be found.

Her arrest was made last night following a third request by the Iowa authorities. She will be returned to Sioux City tonight.

Santa Fe Cuts Force. Toppeka, Kan., March 5.—A cut of 15 per cent in the shop forces of the Santa Fe railroad, to go into effect March 8, is to be made on the basis of seniority, officials of the road announced.

Canadians Lose First Count Tilt Over Extradition

British Authorities Become Confused in Attempts to Identify Wiley Compton and Jack Howard.

Canadian authorities headed by Commissioner of Police Mahoney of Regina, Sask., lost the first skirmish in their efforts to extradite four Omaha men charged with robbery, breaking and entering and forgery of \$60,000 worth of certified checks in Canada.

They became confused slightly when they attempted to identify Wiley Compton and Jack Howard at a hearing of the four men in federal court yesterday.

When the prisoners—Bart Williams, alias "Red the Rough," Jack Howard, Wiley Compton and Axel L. Pearson—entered the court room, the Canadian authorities looked dubiously at them and hastily began a perusal of the rogues' gallery photographs they had with them.

Continuance Asked. Admitting that he was confused, whether the warrant for "J. B. Shelton" was meant for Compton or Howard C. E. Moore of Chicago, attorneys for the British consul requested a continuance of the hearing. Following objections by Gene O'Sullivan and Ray J. Madden, attorneys for the Omaha men, United States Commissioner E. C. Boehler set over the hearing until March 14.

Immediately, the Canadian authorities applied in the United States marshal's office for two federal warrants.

They were for Wiley Compton and Jack Howard. Complete records of the charges

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Bishop to Occupy Pulpit at Trinity

A new dean at Trinity Episcopal cathedral to fill the place left vacant by Rev. James A. Tancock, who has resigned, will not be chosen until after Easter, Bishop E. V. Shaylor said yesterday.

"I will assume the rectorship at the cathedral in the interim," said Bishop Shaylor. "It is my duty to nominate five men for the vestry, from which the vesters will choose one."

Dean Tancock resigned that he and Mrs. Tancock might make their residence on the west coast, in an effort to restore the health of Mrs. Tancock, who has suffered a nervous breakdown. The resignation takes effect immediately.

Flourist Calls Cop Liar Before Judge. The charge "lie" rang through juvenile court room yesterday. Paul B. Floth, Denver florist, hurled the short and naughty word at Police Sergeant Thestrup, who told the court Floth was a bootlegger.

Thestrup said Floth sold the liquor to Mrs. Marie Short, 1609 Leavenworth street, whose daughter, Marie, is the divorced wife of former Police Officer William Gibson, who now is a city fireman.

"They come to my house to buy flowers," averred Floth. The hearing arose over the custody of Gerald, the 7-month-old child of the Gibsons, whom juvenile authorities seek to take from the Short home.

Kronstadt Falls.

Washington, March 5.—Official information that the soviet fortress at Kronstadt had fallen into the hands of revolutionary troops was received today by the Finnish legation.

against each prisoner will be presented by the Canadian authorities at the hearing on March 14, Mr. Moore stated.

Judge to Decide Child Case Later

Will Probe Conditions at Thomas Hoban's Home Before Awarding Custody.

Possession of the four Hoban children, sought by both their grandparents and father, will hang in the balance three weeks longer. Juvenile Court Judge Sears yesterday decided to postpone his decision on the custody of the children until he made further investigation into the home of the father, Thomas Hoban, 1018 Bellevue boulevard, recently arrested for operating a still.

"Would you give these children to a father who lets his children go around wearing shoes like this?" inquired the white-haired grandmother, Mrs. A. Dent, 3919 T street, flinging a pair of tattered baby shoes onto the table in front of the judge. "The babies had no underwear, either."

"I can't take the children away from father merely because he is poor or because somebody else can provide for them better," replied the judge, "but if I find the home improper I'll take them away."

The two youngest children, Ambrose, 4, and Louise, 5, sat in their grandmother's arms, kissing her throughout the hearing.

The eldest two clung to their father.

Boy, 14, Nabbed by Officers After Robbing Oil Station

Just after he had broken into the Consumers Oil station, Twentieth and Harney streets, early yesterday, Glen Barton, 14, was arrested by Detectives Scott and Haney, and Officer Bnglewicz.

When taken to Central police sta-

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