

PACKERS AGREE TO MEDIATION

Give Order For Arrest of Claridge

Missing Blair Banker to Be Charged With Violating State Laws on Four Counts.

Davis Conducts Probe

Blair, Neb., March 12.—(Special.)—Violation of the state banking laws in four specific instances will be the charge filed against F. H. Claridge, missing president of the banking house of A. Casterter here, with a warrant for his arrest, according to Clarence A. Davis, attorney general.

Mr. Davis, who is here with the state bank examiner, investigating the condition of the bank, says the warrant will be issued immediately on the completion of the investigation.

His investigation revealed there was \$16,000 in cash on deposit at the bank. This money was distributed among three other banks for safe keeping. A check, worthless paper was also discovered, Mr. Davis said.

Friends Caused Failure

Friendship, augmented by excessive financial accommodations to his fellow men by F. H. Claridge, missing bank president, is the real cause of the wrecking of the banking house of A. Casterter here.

Seventy-five per cent of the funds lost, which rough estimates now place at nearly \$300,000, was due to friendship, and the other 25 per cent to real estate investments, according to old-time residents here.

Clarence A. Davis, attorney general of Nebraska, and J. E. Hart, secretary of the department of trade and commerce, with Gus Hyers, state sheriff, are here today and declare they will have completed their investigation of the affairs of the bank by night.

Opinion in the community is divided with reference to confidence in F. H. Claridge, the missing president and son-in-law of the founder of the Banking House of Casterter.

There are probably 25 men here today who have done business with Claridge and who, if they knew where Claridge now is, would send him enough money to make good his losses and back him in a new start, according to the spokesmen for the pioneer residents who maintain their confidence in the missing banker.

In Absolute Control

Claridge held absolute control over the affairs of the bank, according to Edward Carrigan and Dr. Maurice Nielsen, pioneer residents here, although he held but 15 shares of the bank's stock, while the direct heirs of A. Casterter, the founder, held the balance.

Mrs. Claridge held 208 1-3 shares. Mrs. F. M. Casterter held 360 shares; Mrs. B. F. Haller, a daughter, now dead, held 208 1-3 shares, and Mrs. Joe Nash, another daughter, held 208 1-3 shares.

Thus while he was the founder of the bank he held 985 shares of the stock, and Claridge held 15 shares, he held sway over the destinies of the bank and mounted to a position of one-man-power in Blair.

Came As Clerk

Claridge came to Blair from Boston as a youthful bank clerk years ago. He soon won the confidence of his fellow citizens and builded for himself a reputation unimpeachable.

"He never speculated in oil, never gambled, never played the stock market," said Dr. Nielsen.

"The wrecking of the bank centers on his friendship for farmers who he aided through their financial straits."

Claridge was the leader in Blair society and civic affairs, but never entered politics. Although the pioneers here say he could have been elected to any office.

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Still Holds Confidence

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Claridge has undoubtedly gone to some country where there is no extradition treaty in existence with the United States," says Carrigan, who, apparently, is not so sure of Claridge's good intentions.

Down in the exclusive section of this little city are two houses side by side. In one lives Mrs. Claridge, wife of the missing president. Next door lives Mr. Casterter.

Neither woman has been seen on the street since the failure of the bank. They are keeping to the seclusion of their homes.

What is left of the Casterter estate will never make good the losses the bank has incurred.

Up until two years ago, the bank was sound. But the recent crash did not come suddenly.

The bank's affairs have been declining for two years, ever since Claridge began helping farmers through financial stringencies.

The remote cause of the failure of the bank, according to the pioneers who have watched the affairs of the bank for many years, was the crash in the grain market which left farmers unable to meet their notes.

Hoover is Real "Go-Getter" Hard Work His Only Hobby

New Secretary of Commerce Regarding Cabinet Urges Standardization of All Industries—Says Problem of Getting Jam of Goods Moving is Biggest Problem.

(By EYE WITNESS.) Chicago Tribune—Omaha Bee Licensed Wire. Washington, March 12.—"I have no hobby except work,"—Herbert Hoover.

"This administration has too darn much energy. I'll tell the world that Hoover is a go-getter, but I wish somebody would teach him how to rest a little bit. I want this way in the old days," Hoover's Aged Colonial Doorkeeper.

It is Hoover's thought and not his personality that commands here. His personality is pale; his voice light, his face round, boyish, unlined, his manner unaffected and unspoiled.

He likes the phrase "here's a typical case," and that phrase helps to characterize him, for he is ever concrete.

"In the long view," is another of his favorites.

"In the long view," he said, "we are going to meet from Europe a degree of competition we have never met before. To meet it means greater national efficiency."

Without further preamble, he brought in the concrete illustration of what would contribute to such efficiency, saying, "an electric railway from here to Bangor (I think it was Bangor) anyway some such big coast town) would effect a saving of 30,000,000 to 50,000,000 tons of coal per annum."

Views on Shipping. And again, when he was touching the multifarious and interrelated problems of foreign trade and shipping board and internal transportation, came this:

"Transportation does not end at seaboard and we ought to consider these steamship lines as just an extension to our internal transportation."

And still again, very concrete in the matter of crying economic scandal of non-standardization in a hundred lines readily capable of it:

"There are 11 different sizes of automobile wheels in this country. For would meet the requirements of the trade without sacrifice to excellence of production. To reduce this number of sizes would reduce needs and storage costs, etc., one-half. It took 10 years to agree on a standard car coupling in this country. Attainment of a standard car wheel meant equal effort and time—and the work is not yet done. What

we need is an industrial or economic esplanade. Take f. o. b. Merchants of this country mean two things when they say that. What we want to do is to have them get together and say what they do mean.

Standard Building Code. "So much of this need not be governmental. Why not voluntary standardized action? If we could get a standard modern building code it would contribute substantially to reduce building costs. Simplify things in common every day use, but not at the sacrifice of quality. Standardize quantities. The foreign trade tendency is to refuse goods from the United States and the quibble is usually based on quality."

Mr. Hoover wants a much elaborated bureau of domestic commerce and points of contact between it and the trade. "Take a tip," he said. "We want a business functionary here from the leather trade"—and he went on to tell why from the leather trade especially.

Hoover's favorite pastime is work. His hatreds are waste and department overlapping. His ideal of good government—good administration I mean—is one \$5,000 a year man doing a man's work instead of five \$1,000 a year "poor little clerks putting about."

"Yes, but," said one of his listeners, "if you had the \$5,000 a year job to give, you'd have to have the congressman's brother to fill it."

Going Down to Roots. "It's my belief this administration is going to take its courage in its hands and not worry about discharging a few poor little clerks. It's going to go to the roots of things and find out in its work for reorganization what the purpose of such a department as this—for example—is. So long as a department has nine different purposes it's not going to function competently. All these things are going to depend on what is evolved here as the theory of government."

The Washington correspondent takes him seriously and like to listen to him because he stimulates them and opens up vistas of news. (Turn to Page Two, Column Two.)

Auto Men Are Busy Preparing for Show

Auditorium Scene of Great Activity as Exhibitors Wind Up Preparations.

Exhibitors were busy yesterday arranging their displays in the Auditorium preparatory to the opening of the Omaha Automobile show, Monday.

Installation of booths and exhibits continue into the afternoon, and all exhibits are ready for the opening. The decorations, which crashed to the floor of the stage Friday afternoon, have been replaced and all decorating has been finished.

The decorations this year, carrying out a color scheme of green and silver with a myriad of electric lights throughout the Auditorium and annex, are more pretentious than ever. The decorating was done by the Burgess-Nash company.

"The show will open on time Monday," Manager Howell said today. "I have managed the Omaha Auto Show for 15 years and I can honestly say this will be the best of all."

Imperial Orange Council of World to Meet in Canada

Winnipeg, March 12.—The Imperial Orange Council of the World will hold its convention here in 1923.

George P. McReedy, deputy grand master of the Orange lodge of Manitoba, announced today. He said several thousand delegates from all parts of the world probably would attend.

Denies Reports Indians Forced Into Citizenship

Ottawa, March 12.—Denial was made by D. C. Scott, deputy minister of Indian affairs, that the Dominion government was forcing Indians to take out citizenship papers.

"We never endeavored to use compulsion," he said, "and we do not intend to do so now."

WHERE TO FIND THE BIG FEATURES OF THE SUNDAY BEE

Trailing the Rum Hounds in Omaha—Part 4, Page 1. Photos of Omaha Night Life—Rotogravure Section, Page 1. Married Life of Helen and Warren—Part 4, Page 8. Speed Work on Cruiser Omaha at Tacoma Yards—Part 4, Page 2. Light and Shadow—Photographs of Movie Stars—Rotogravure Section, Page 2. Letters of a Home-Made Father to His Son—Part 4, Page 8. Gibson Cartoon—Part 4, Page 8. Blue Law Jazz, by Montague—Part 1, Page 10. Heart Secrets of a Fortune Teller—Part 2, Page 8. Automobile News and Photographs—Parts 5 and 6. Sport Ngus and Features—Part 3.

Brandeis' Wife Admits Settlement

Young Woman Says Agreement Was Made Before Filing Divorce Suit Against Millionaire Omahan. Exact Sum Not Revealed

Los Angeles, Cal., March 12.—(Special Telegram.)—Even if I do receive \$1,000,000 settlement in my divorce case it is nothing to brag about.

Just these few words reveal the story of the sensational divorce case of Mrs. Madeline Frank Brandeis against Ervino John Brandeis, millionaire merchant of Omaha.

For the first time since she filed suit for divorce in Omaha, Mrs. Brandeis, who is residing at the exclusive Beverly Hills hotel, a fashionable southern California resort, admitted today she had made a settlement with Brandeis previous to asking a decree, basing her action on the grounds of extreme cruelty.

Admits Settlement. While Mrs. Brandeis refused to reveal the exact amount, it is reported in Los Angeles that \$300,000 has been given by Brandeis as a trust fund for his daughter and that the wife is to receive several hundred thousand dollars as the result of a settlement reached prior to the filing of the decree for divorce. Mrs. Brandeis refused at first to talk of the divorce suit, but finally consented to answer a few questions.

"Yes, I understand reports are in circulation to the effect a settlement has been reached in my suit for divorce which was filed in Omaha Thursday," said Mrs. Brandeis today. "I am not in a position to talk much about the case, as my attorneys have advised me to remain quiet until the suit comes up in court."

To Remain in West. "It probably would be foolish to refuse to admit a settlement has been reached, therefore I will say such an agreement has been made. I intend to remain in southern California for some time. Whether or not I will return to Omaha before the suit is called, I cannot say. It depends upon the decision of my attorneys. I suppose such action will be unnecessary."

Said to have been despondent over "affairs of the heart," Mrs. Edna Elys, 29, 123 South Thirty-second avenue, attempted suicide in the basement of her home yesterday afternoon by swallowing a quantity of liquid poison.

Miss Eric Miller, who stays at the house, saw the woman take the poison. Mrs. Elys' mother, Mrs. L. Hoffman, summoned police and Dr. Kohn treated the victim. She will recover.

According to Mrs. Hoffman, her daughter, who separated from her husband, had threatened for the last few days to kill herself. The mother said that at noon yesterday she halted Mrs. Elys in an attempt to commit suicide with an anesthetic.

The attempt later in the afternoon was said to have followed a visit by an alleged lover of the woman. Mrs. Elys has a 5-year-old son.

Woman Attempts to Commit Suicide by Swallowing Poison

Two Credit Bureaus Announce Combination

With the consolidation of the J. J. Cameron credit bureau and the Retail Credit Men's association, in Suite 217-218 Leffing building, Sixth and Capitol avenue, more than 130,000 individual credit and collection records are combined. The announcement was made by J. J. Cameron and J. C. Robertson.

The Retail Credit Men's association is a private agency, in existence 10 years, and is not connected with the Associated Retailers' Credit bureau.

The Cameron Credit bureau has been established 12 years in Omaha, gathering and assembling credit information for Omaha retail merchants, who make use of these records when opening a charge account with a new customer.

The Retail Credit Men's association has been established 10 years and specializes on collections for retail dealers and professional men.

George Harvey Decided on As Ambassador to England

Washington, March 12.—George Harvey of New York, editor of Harvey's Weekly, is understood to have been definitely selected by President Harding as American ambassador to London to succeed John W. Davis, who is now returning home. The nomination may go to the senate before the present extraordinary session ends.

Indians Want Nebraskan Named as Commissioner

Washington, March 13.—Thirty-five Indians, some of them in tribal uniform, called at the White House today to recommend the appointment of Thomas L. Sloan of Nebraska as Indian commissioner. They came from various western states.

Four American Sailors Reported Killed in Tampico

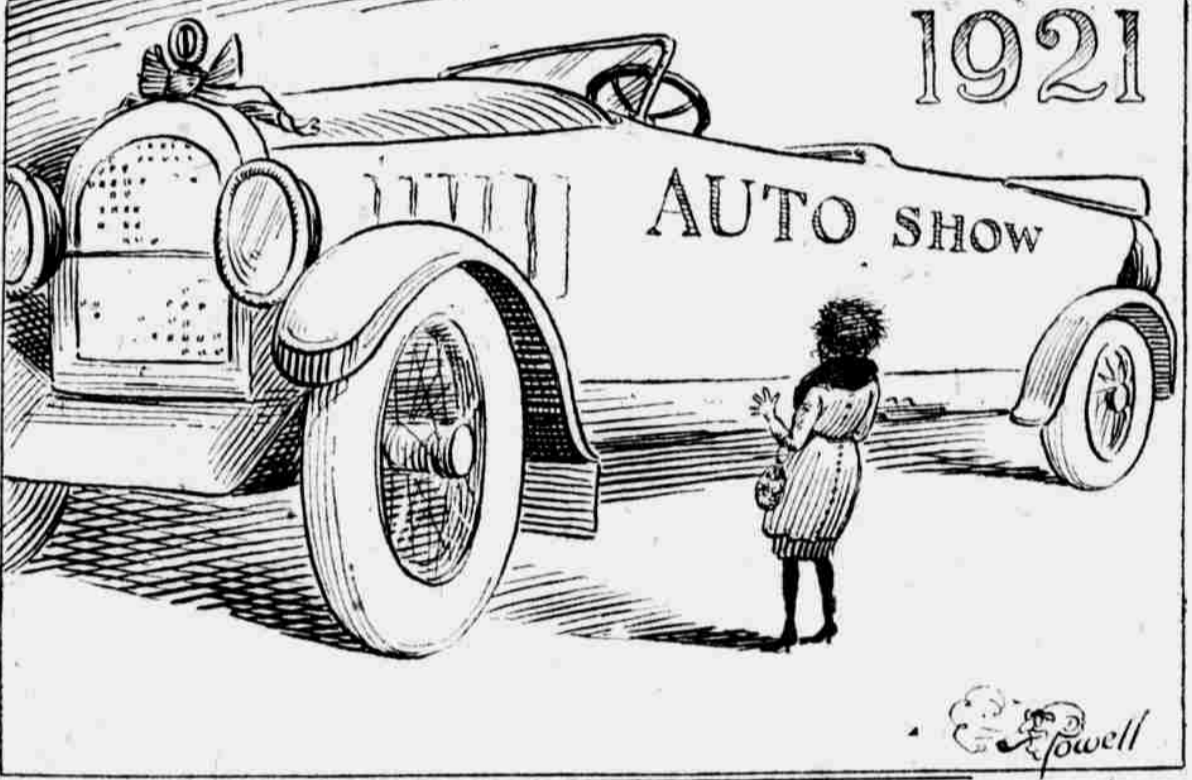
Mexico City, March 12.—Four sailors, said to be Americans, were killed in Tampico yesterday, according to newspaper dispatches received here. Up to noon the United States embassy here had received no reports of the killing other than the newspaper advices.

The men, who were part of the crew of the Norwegian ship Saxon, were attacked as they were boarding a launch, by five masked men in another launch, the press dispatches say. The bodies have not been recovered.

New Cabinet Formed

Madrid, March 12.—Former Premier Manuel Salazar today formed a new cabinet to replace that of the late Premier Dato.

Growing With Growing Omaha



Petitions Asking Passage of Vets' Aid Bill Circulated

Veterans of Foreign Wars Seek Signatures for Passage of House Roll No. 356.

Petitions prepared by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, asking the state legislature to pass House Roll No. 356, relating to ex-service men's relief, are being circulated, beginning today, in Omaha and Lincoln for signatures.

The measure was drafted by a committee of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and provides for the sale of school lands of the state on long term payment plan to the ex-service men of Nebraska for farms and homes.

The money received on such sales, under the bill, would be loaned, along with the money which the state has at present loaned out on Massachusetts bonds at 3 per cent, to the ex-service men for the term of 15 years at 5 per cent for the purpose of improving their farms, building homes, or entering into their own chosen profession, business, or vocation.

The bill also provides for instituting a state forestry service for the benefit of future development and extend a development project designed to promulgate activity in dormant resources. Funds from the sale of these lands would also, under the provision of this measure, provide for an increased school fund for the better education of the children of the state.

Eugenics Lecturer To Address Mothers' Meet

Mothers only will be addressed Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the assembly room of the Y. M. C. A. by Dr. Winfield Scott Hall, international lecturer on eugenics and sex hygiene, of Chicago.

Dr. Hall is spending a week in Omaha giving a series of lectures. This special meeting for Omaha mothers has been arranged by the boys' work committee of the Y. M. C. A., of which Supt. J. H. Beveridge of Omaha public schools is chairman.

Dr. Hall will speak to the mothers on the subject of "Mother and Child." He will talk on the mother's part in teaching the great truths of life to the children in the home.

Dr. Hall has spoken to thousands of mothers in America on this subject. He has spent 32 years teaching in medical colleges and universities and is now a member of the faculty of the college of medicine of Northwestern university.

Superintendent Beveridge will preside at the Monday afternoon meeting and introduce Dr. Hall to the mothers of Omaha.

U. S. Seeks 40 Men Here as Auditors on Income Tax

Uncle Sam wants 40 men in Omaha for auditors in income tax units, to go over the returns of large Omaha business houses. The pay is \$1,800 to \$3,600 per year. Civil service examinations to fill the positions will be held March 23.

"The government had to send us men from New York and Washington because we had no men here to do the work," said A. B. Eychaner.

Requirements for the jobs are a high school education, at least two years' experience in double entry bookkeeping and age of 23 or over. A trip to Washington for a special training course, with all expenses paid, is another inducement, according to Eychaner.

Case Co. Makes 15 Per Cent Cut in All Farm Implements

The J. I. Case company announced yesterday a reduction in prices of all farm implements which it handles, averaging 15 per cent. This is in addition to a 10 per cent reduction made several months ago.

"Costs of production did not warrant the decrease at this time," said C. J. Evans, Omaha branch manager, "but the company took this step to place necessary farm implements within the reach of farmers who need them."

Brutal Methods Used to Obtain Murder Avowal

District Attorney Admits Shameful Treatment of Youth Sentenced to Hang To Force Confession.

Indianapolis, March 12.—A copy of an affidavit saying Deputy District Attorney L. C. Smith of Shasta county, California, admitted shameful and heartless treatment of William Norris, 17, of Terre Haute, Ind., to obtain a murder confession, prompted Governor McCray to appeal to Governor Stephens for commutation of the youth's death sentence.

The affidavit was made by Recorder H. C. Moodrom of Shasta county, according to Governor McCray's information.

Norris, under the name of Arthur Owen Davis, was sentenced to be hanged at the San Quentin prison on March 25 on his plea of guilty to murder. The youth's identity was learned by the prison chaplain, who informed Indiana relatives, who with a Terre Haute newspaper reporter, went to California to investigate Norris' confession. The reporter sent Governor McCray a copy of the recorder's affidavits, which quoted the deputy prosecutor as saying:

"The only thing I regret or hate to think of, in fact, I admit it reluctantly, is the method I used in obtaining the confession from Norris. I stated him shamefully, in a heartless, inhuman manner, but I had to for I knew that without a confession no attorney in the world would be able to convict him and even with it, if he had had an attorney, it would not have been the first degree murder."

Governor McCray's message to Governor Stephens urged commutation of Norris' sentence so "sufficient time for a new hearing" might be given the youth.

Irish Republican Army Loses Six Men in Attack

Mohill, Ireland, March 12.—Thirty men of the Bedfordshire regiment, while proceeding from Caneick-on-Shannon to Ballinacorney Friday evening, were ambushed and attacked with rifle fire and bombs. The military returned the fire with the result that six of the attackers were killed and one was mortally wounded. The six men killed were attired in uniforms of the Irish republican army.

Tenants' League Officer to Be Tried on Ouster Suit

W. Whittaker, secretary of the Tenants' League, will be tried in municipal court Monday on an ouster suit, brought by the Drake Holding company.

W. J. Palmer, vice president of the company, says there are now only 16 of the original 106 tenants who are holding out their rent. Others are said to have moved away or settled.

The Weather

Forecast. Sunday fair; not much change in temperature.

Hourly Temperatures table with columns for time and temperature.

Davis Will Represent Government

Employers Accept Offer of Services of Labor Department to Avert Threatened Strike.

Each Side to Name 2 Men

By The Associated Press. Chicago, March 12.—After an all-day discussion by heads of the packing industry, a telegram was sent Secretary of Labor Davis at Washington accepting his suggestion that they send two representatives to confer with him and two representatives of the employes regarding the situation in the industry.

The telegram signed by Armour & Co., said: "Your message received. Will be glad to follow your suggestion."

A statement given out said: "We assume that the justice and necessity of wage cuts will not be an issue. Nor can there justly be an issue on the matter of hours."

Secretary Davis' offer of personal mediation in an effort to avert a threatened strike also was accepted by the union leaders, Dennis Lane of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of North America sending a telegram to him. It said:

"It has always been and is, the policy of our organization to cooperate with all governmental agencies. We accept your tender of services to work out a solution of the situation which has been brought about by the deliberate and arbitrary violation and repudiation by the five big packers, of the agreement between your department, our and other labor organizations and the packers.

Suggest March 18. "We note that you specify no date for conference and we have information taking advantage of that fact. This and the other organizations who are parties to the agreement between your department and the packers will attend a conference when you set a date. We suggest such conference be held in Washington, March 18."

The statement issued by the packers does not mention the wartime arbitration agreement adopted February 26 and says regarding the announced reduction of wages and re-adjustment of working hours, that "except through such measures as we have adopted the possibility of industrial difficulties that might close our plants would stare you in the face."

"The nation's insistence on a return to normal and its refusal to pay our war prices in peace times has caused prices of our products to drop to what are practically prewar levels. This has forced the price of live stock down to a point which threatens the existence of the livestock industry. Our own business has been conducted at a loss for two years, but our operating expenses remained at the wartime peak. Wage reductions, therefore, are essential, not only from the employers standpoint but from the standpoint of live stock producers, who are having to bear with us the losses.

Wages Not an Issue. "We assume that the justice and necessity of wage cuts will not be an issue. Nor can there justly be an issue on hours. These companies are not responsible for the fluctuations in live stock receipts—fluctuations illustrated by the fact that on some days there have been less than 1,000 cattle on the Chicago market, while on other days there are 49,000. It is obvious that a work day of a definite number of hours cannot meet such conditions. There are bound to be days when employes will work only a few hours, just as there will (Turn to Page Eight, Column Three.)

Ira Jones Back From Meet Of Recreation Men in N. J.

"Chicago spends \$700,000 for recreation, including community centers," declared Ira Jones, recreation director of the city park department, speaking before the Lincoln community center Friday night, "Philadelphia spends \$200,000. These places do not use their school buildings from 3:30 in the afternoon until 8:30 the next morning. They have large community buildings and all the people who entertain are paid for their services at these centers."

Mr. Jones is just back from a convention of recreation directors at Atlantic City.

"Omaha has only \$20,000, which is 10 cents per capita, and that includes all recreation," he continued. Mr. Jones also told the children at the meeting they must train themselves to be able to meet their problems as their parents do, and although they are defeated in their athletic contests, to be game and try again.