

Tornado In South Kills 50 Persons

Heaviest Loss of Life Apparently Has Been Inflicted in Two Counties in Arkansas.

Late Reports Raise List

Birmingham, Ala., April 16.—Ten persons were killed, more than 100 injured, and scores of homes wrecked in a series of storms which were widespread over northern Alabama today.

Death List Grows

Little Rock, Ark., April 16.—A rapidly mounting death list that may exceed 50, dozens of persons injured and property damage as yet unestimated are results of a tornado that cut a wide swath across parts of Miller and Hempstead counties, Arkansas, and Cass county, Texas.

Reports coming into Little Rock from the storm area augment, rather than diminish, the report of the damage, and because of paralyzed wire communications, officials were of the opinion that days might elapse before the full extent of the damage is definitely known.

Apparently the heaviest loss of life and property was caused in the two Arkansas counties. In the rural sections of upper Miller county, near Texarkana, 11 persons are known to have been killed and a large number injured.

Prescott is another town in Hempstead county that may have been struck by the storm. A brief message received late last night said there were several bodies there, but it was not known just where the fatalities occurred.

School House Wrecked

At Shiloh, six miles east of Texarkana, a school house was wrecked, a woman and four children being injured. The school house at Trigenta was wrecked just after school had been dismissed.

Everything on the Boyce, Potter and Sims plantations, all large places with many tenant houses, was destroyed.

The Chamber of Commerce here has organized relief parties to send to the devastated district and all available doctors have been called out.

Storm in Mississippi

Jackson, Miss., April 16.—A severe storm swept through Hinds county about five miles west of here late Friday. Buildings were blown down and trees uprooted. A heavy rain-fall accompanied the wind, and

Bonds of Federal Land Bank to Be Opened for Subscription Monday

Washington, April 16.—Forty million dollars of 5 per cent, 20-year federal land bank bonds would be offered for subscription at par Monday, through 1,000 investment bankers over the country, it was announced tonight by Secretary Mellon.

The bonds will be redeemable, Mr. Mellon said, at the option of the issuing bank, at any time after 10 years from the date of issue.

Managers of the investment bankers group, formed to handle the issue, will be Alexander Brown & Son, Lee Higginson & Co., National City company, Brown Brothers & Co., Harris, Forbes & Co. and the Guaranty company.

The supreme court of the United States has firmly established the federal land bank, Secretary Mellon said. "In view of the satisfactory financial condition of the bank and the economy of the bonds issued by these banks from federal, state, municipal and local taxation and with the very adequate security back of these bonds, they should prove an attractive security to investors."

Former Leader of Carranza

Laredo, Tex., April 16.—General Pablo Gonzales, former leader of the Mexican army under the Carranza regime, probably is in Mexico again, it was learned today at a Laredo bank where he carried a deposit. Notwithstanding denial at General Gonzales temporary home here last night, of reports that he had returned to Mexico to lead a revolt against President Obregon's government, it was stated at the bank that Gonzales left Laredo Thursday afternoon for an unknown destination. His family stated here today they were unaware of his whereabouts.

Total of 325 Men and Three Women Taken at 'Stag Party'

Minneapolis, April 16.—Three hundred and twenty-five men and three women dancers were arrested late last night in a raid on a hall in the residence district, where according to the police an objectionable "stag party" was in progress. Police said it was the largest raid in the history of the city. The 328 persons were locked up for the night without charges being placed against them.

E. A. Benson Accepts Helm of Ure-for-Commissioner Club

Undertakes Charge of Campaign "Through a Pure Sense of Duty"—Declares Ure Has Served City With Uncompromising Honesty and Constructive Ability.

E. A. Benson, prominently identified with Omaha civic affairs for many years, has accepted the chairmanship of the Ure-for-Commissioner club, supporting the re-election of Commissioner W. G. Ure.

In answer to a question as to his reasons for undertaking to head the Ure campaign, Mr. Benson said: "I accepted the position through a pure sense of duty as a citizen. Mr. Ure is one of the most valuable city officials Omaha has ever had. I do not think there is any room for doubt about this in the minds of informed men and women, and if he does not receive the vote of every well-meaning citizen in Omaha, it will be because such citizen is not informed or because he allows some prejudice or personal interest to overshadow his duty to the city."

Ability Never Questioned

"In saying this I do not mean to disparage any other present or former official. I am simply stating what I believe to be an universally recognized fact. I have never heard a man or woman question Mr. Ure's ability, or his integrity, his value as a public official or his fidelity to a trust."

"I know there are some who will vote against him because he has been too faithful in guarding the interests of the city. The penalty every honest and courageous public official must pay, but it is not the reward the people of Omaha are going to give."

Deadlock Looms In Legislature On Two Measures

Senate and House Unable to Agree on Provisions of Appropriation and Revenue Bills.

Lincoln, April 16.—(Special.)—The fate of Senate File 65 remained undecided today when the house adjourned.

That an effort of uncertain dimensions will be made in the house next week to again inject a 4 or 3 mill intangible tax, seemed probable.

Then, too, there was talk of levying the intangible and tangible tax the same with a 50 per cent valuation put on the market value of intangibles.

The seasonal merchants, coal dealer, sugar dealer and others, who, it is declared, have for years failed to play square with assessors and emptied their sugar and coal bins and oil tanks just before assessment time, still have trouble before them either in the lower house or in the senate.

Late this afternoon a number of house leaders predicted the deleted taxation bill would be advanced to third reading in the house, passed on Thursday and turned back to the senate for concurrence.

The senate's attitude, judging from its original vote on the average capital and intangible property tax, is strongly in favor of that part of the tax bill cut out by the house committee.

The senate was expected to reinstate these stricken clauses in the bill and send it back to the house. Meanwhile, sentiment and information will crystallize and the house members will get another opportunity to vote.

Everything indicated a deadlock in the closing days with the senate balking on the big boost in university and board of control appropriations made by the senate.

Members of the senate and senate are anxious to get certain bills passed and trading and uproot, the customary procedure at the end of a session, is at its zenith now.

Passenger Train Goes In Ditch Near Joplin

Joplin, Mo., April 16.—St. Louis and San Francisco passenger train No. 324 from Kansas City to Joplin, went into the ditch 16 miles northwest of here this afternoon, according to word received tonight.

Permanent Camping Park Is Obtained in Ogallala

Ogallala, Neb., April 16.—(Special.)—Ogallala is to have accommodations again this year for tourists. The free camping park provided to the Ogallala city location has been obtained south of the Platte river bridge for a permanent park.

The Keith County Community club has taken over the project and will install a swimming pool, city lights, plenty of shade and all other conveniences for the tourist. As high as 30 tourists were camped at the park in one evening last summer, and many spent several days camping in Ogallala.

Seven Arrested After Man Killed in Fall From Room

Detectives arrested seven men in the second floor room at Seventeenth and Cuming streets yesterday after a man that a Gonzales left Laredo "stag party" was in progress. Police said it was the largest raid in the history of the city. The 328 persons were locked up for the night without charges being placed against them.

Mystery in Farm Fire Unraveled

Youth Burns Home Containing Skeleton of Negro in Effort to Throw Officers Off Trail.

X-Ray Photo Upsets Plan

Lancaster, Mo., April 16.—(Special Telegram.)—Interwoven in the affairs of Orval Dooley, wealthy young farmer near here, was a thread of finances creditable to a Wallingford. The burning of his \$10,000 home Saturday, the finding of charred bones, presumably his own, and the subsequent discovery that they were those of an imported skeleton, have brought to light a masterful and intricate plot to defraud.

Dooley was last seen about 9 Saturday night by one of the tenants of his farm. At 10 his wife and 7-year-old son returned from Queen City and found their home in ruins. Sunday human bones were found in the ruins. Everyone accepted the theory that Dooley had perished in the fire.

Bones Upset Plans. Then A. D. Morris, prosecuting attorney for Schuyler county, began an investigation. The bones were scraped of debris and each was found to be perforated with the regularity of a taxidermist preparing a specimen for mounting. An anatomical specialist was called. He said the bones were those of a negro, the thickness of the skull indicating that, and that they had been strung on wires, for study or surgical reference.

Dooley was known here as an energetic, ambitious, youthful Midas, whose touch turned cattle and sheep into negotiable currency. While the town boys talked in "tens" Dooley was dealing in "hundreds." While the bankers here were building cottages, Dooley was constructing a palace on his farm.

And it has gone on for months. The banks have loaned him money. It was not until recently, when the Ricker National bank at Quincy loaned him \$20,000, that the other banks here became uneasy.

Sold Mortgaged Cattle. It was learned Dooley had given 200 head of cattle as security when he really had only 90. Recently he sold the cattle while they were still under mortgage.

It was the same with hogs and sheep. Dooley, with his magnetic personality, had convinced the bankers that he would repay all his loans, and on the strength of his promises they recommended that the bank at Quincy loan him the money. Last week the Quincy bank demanded repayment. Several times it demanded it. Then followed the fire and the subsequent disappearance of Dooley. It has been brought to light that Dooley's liabilities were between \$75,000 and \$90,000.

Has Life Insured

The week previous to the fire Dooley had taken out \$20,000 in life insurance from two companies, stipulating double pay in case of death by accident. The policies were made payable to his wife and son. His wife, however, ingenuously he showed in devising them, he overlooked one important detail, the destruction of an X-Ray photograph of his lower jaw. This detail caused Mr. Morris to instruct the coroner not to issue a certificate of death.

Photograph Undoing

The photograph was taken by his brother-in-law, Dr. Roy Fouts, of Falls City, Neb., a few weeks ago. Dooley had dental work done by a dentist in Coatsville, Mo. The pictures showed the source of trouble and neglected to take them home.

During the investigation the jawbone of the skeleton found in the ruins was being examined. The dentist was among those present. He produced the old plates. They were not similar in any respect.

When the family was confronted with the evidence they admitted that Dooley was not dead, at least not in the fire.

Smoot Will Address Farm Bureau on Tax Questions

Washington, April 16.—Consideration of a committee report recommending repeal of the excess profits tax and imposing a tax on corporations was postponed by the American Farm Bureau federation conference to hear a speech Monday by Senator Smoot, republican, Utah, on the sales tax.

Nominations to Rail Labor Board Are Sent To Senate By Harding

Washington, April 16.—Nominations to fill the three vacancies on the railroad labor board, considered particularly important because of the controversy between the roads and their employees, were sent to the senate today.

A. Harding's representative, President Harding named Walter L. McMenimen, acting president of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, Samuel Higgins of New York, former general manager of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railway, was named to represent the management group, while former Governor B. W. Hooper of Tennessee was appointed to represent the public.

All three of the nominations caused more or less surprise, none of the men having figured prominently in gossip about the vacancies. Quick confirmation by the senate is expected by officials.

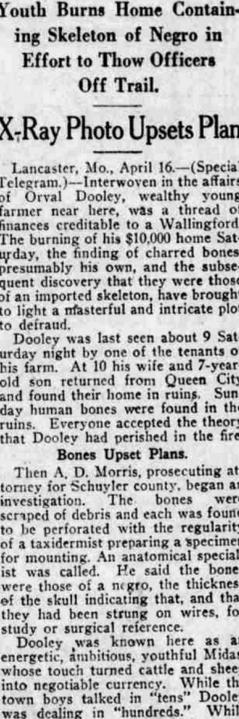
Omaha Firm Gets Contract For Norfolk High School

Norfolk, Neb., April 16.—(Special.)—Alex Beck of Omaha was awarded the general contract for the construction of the new senior high school at an executive session of the board of education. The contract price for completion of the building up to a point ready for plaster is \$239,439. The heating, plumbing and ventilating contract was awarded to the Orr company of Sioux City for \$59,897, which will include "troughing in work together with the boilers, fan and other heavy mechanical equipment."

Observe "Slouch Day"

Pawnee City, Neb., April 16.—(Special.)—Pawnee city high school observed their annual "slouch day." The students dressed in slouchy clothes and many of the costumes were unique, if not dignified.

The Complete Building Show (The Most Popular Exhibit)



Girls Are Picking Older Husbands, Says U. S. Expert

Modern Miss Passes Up Dream of Romance for Life With More Reliable Mate.

Washington, April 23.—"Whether it is suffrage or some other influence, it is a fact that the marriageable young woman of today prefers to pick her future husband from among men of maturer age," according to Captain Kroll, the ecaptial's marriage license clerk.

"The psychology of the girl who contemplates marriage has experienced a decided change during the last two years," observed Cupid's official intermediary, who insisted that a girl these days has an eye to a safe future with comfort with a husband with good sense, even though older than herself, rather than a "life full of romantic uncertainty with a handsome youngster who may change his mind over night and get a divorce the next morning."

Colonel Kroll was not prepared to say whether this rather startling development in matrimonial contemplations would be lasting or whether the principle of "like likes like" would again gain the upper hand. "It may be that the girls desire more independence and it may be they think an older man can guarantee such a young husband just starting out in life. Young husbands as a rule are also jealous and wish to dominate over their brides, while men with more experience are more tolerant."

Minneapolis and Omaha Road Reports Increase

Chicago, April 16.—Earnings of the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis and Omaha Railway company were larger in 1920 than since 1916, when there was a surplus of \$1,627,754 after all charges, according to the annual report. In the year ended December 31, 1920, after all deductions and balance of profit was \$871,683 compared with deficits of more than a million dollars in the two years preceding.

Total operating expenses for 1920 amounted to \$23,767,080 and total operating revenue was \$26,489,816. Operating revenue in 1920 decreased \$1,242,283 from 1919, while operating expenses increased \$450,601.

Gompers and Mrs. Neuscheler Married in New York City

New York, April 16.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, and Mrs. Gertrude Gieves Neuscheler, whose engagement was announced last night, were married here today in a hotel. The ceremony was performed by Supreme Court Justice Robert F. Wagner. Only a few close personal friends of the bride and groom were in attendance. These were guests at a bridal breakfast immediately after the ceremony.

Community Bargain Day Is Planned at Superior

Superior, Neb., April 16.—(Special.)—Plans have been perfected by 30 of the leading merchants of Superior, members of the retail merchants' bureau of the Superior Order of Shoppers, to unite in holding monthly community bargain day sales, the first of which will be held April 27.

Lower House Adjourns

Lincoln, April 16.—(Special.)—The lower house of the Nebraska legislature adjourned at noon today until 10:30 Monday morning.

Senate Advances 16 House Bills

First Saturday Session of Upper House Speeds Up Action On Minor Measures.

Lincoln, Neb., April 16.—(Special.)—The senate, holding its first Saturday morning session, ground away in the committee of the whole and thrashed out 16 bills of minor importance, killing only one of the entire number.

The bill killed was H. R. 585, forbidding the removal of goods sold on conditional sale contracts from the county without the seller's consent.

Three bills were advanced without discussion, providing for relief of persons injured in the employ of the state. They were: H. R. 388, giving C. E. Olson of Saunders county \$500 for injuries received when his automobile ran into road machinery at night; H. R. 462, giving J. V. Dunn of Cozad \$2,825 for the loss of his hand in road machinery, and H. R. 592, to reimburse Mrs. Dean Focht \$5,000 for the loss of her husband, electrocuted while working in the boiler room at the Lincoln state hospital.

Mr. R. 483, providing for a state reformatory to cost \$300,000, was sent along without discussion. The original bill was replaced by one drafted by the governor and makes only two changes—one being to locate it close to the penitentiary on a full section of ground.

Omaha Retailer and Wife Leave to Attend English Convention

C. C. Belden of Thompson-Belden company, accompanied by Mrs. Belden, left Saturday evening for New York, whence they will sail for Europe.

Mr. Belden is one of 40 members of the National Retail Dry Goods association who are to be guests of British retailers. They are to be entertained in London and then taken on a motor trip through England and Scotland.

Employees of Thompson-Belden company presented Mr. and Mrs. Belden with many "ship letters" and with two volumes of "Innocents Abroad," one for each.

Girl Recovers Purse When Finder Reads Story in Bee

"That certainly was a good deed you gave me in The Bee last night and I got my purse back this morning," said Miss Minnie Levy yesterday.

Miss Levy lost her purse containing \$30 at Eighteenth and Douglas streets. This morning J. T. Randolph, 713 Telephone building, called her up and said he had found it.

Minnie lost no time speeding to Mr. Randolph's office. "I picked up the purse and then I read about your losing it in The Bee," he said.

Minnie offered him a \$5 reward, but he politely declined it.

Farm Assessment Values Reduced in Merrick County

Central City, Neb., April 16.—County Assessor C. E. Lind announced a 20 per cent reduction on farm land values in Merrick county this year. He previously announced a 15 per cent reduction.

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Nebraskan Loses Wife Number 3

Chicago Girl Freed From Pseudo War Hero Who Left Trail of Fogged Checks and Broken Hearts.

Chicago Tribune—Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Chicago, April—Glen T. Aldrich of Nebraska City, the gay "lieutenant naval commander," who traveled from coast to coast in the fall of 1920, leaving a broad trail of forged checks and lacerated feminine hearts, lost one of his wives today.

Chicago, Ill., set society awash with tales of bloodthirsty sea battles and prodigious deeds of valor on many a gory field. He was profusely decorated with medals and after a whirlwind courtship he married Miss Dombrow. Three days later she awoke to find herself without a husband. Weeks later he was arrested in Portland on charges of forging \$4,000 in government checks.

At this time another wife—Mrs. Esther Carlson Aldrich of Astoria, Ill., popped up and announced she had been married to him five weeks before he met Miss Dombrow. Government sleuths stripped him of his medals, honor stripes and glittering shoulder straps, which he had bought in a supply store, and brought him back to Chicago. Subsequently he was released on the bigamy charge when his wives refused to prosecute.

Wife Accuses Man of Gambling in Answer To Divorce Petition

Mrs. Phoebe Bushee "comes back at" her husband, George, in an answer filed yesterday in district court to his petition for divorce. She says he is a gambler and a bootlegger.

The Bushees were married in 1917 and she says she was forced to leave him in November, 1918, at Grand Island, because of his alleged drunkenness and bootlegging. He had liquor shipped to Minden, Neb., she alleges, which he disposed of to customers in Grand Island and Kearney.

When she came to Omaha she took a position as a nurse in the case of Dr. Dinos S. Luttig, Seventeenth and Douglas streets.

Mr. Bushee alleged that his wife cooks in the apartment of Chad Luttig of the military firm.

Mrs. Bushee alleged that her husband has been arrested and fined recently for being drunk and disorderly in Omaha.

Townley and Workers Arrive at Norfolk

Norfolk, Neb., April 16.—(Special.)—A. C. Townley of St. Paul, Minn., president of the National Nonpartisan league, arrived in Norfolk with a staff of prominent Nonpartisan league speakers and workers. Among them were Professor Wilson of the extension service of the University of North Dakota and A. E. Bowen of Minneapolis, prominent league orator and advocate.

Hearst Likes President's Stand, He Says on Stop Here

William Randolph Hearst, newspaper magnate, munched salted peanuts as he wandered about the Union station during the 20-minute stay of the westbound Overland Limited here yesterday morning. He is en route to San Francisco on business.

Mr. Hearst admitted that he liked President Harding's message to congress and pronounced his utterances, especially on international subjects as "sound, businesslike, progressive and safe."

"The more I see of Mr. Harding the more I am convinced that he is the right man in the right place," said Mr. Hearst.

Co-Operative Truck Line Case Decision Withheld

Pawnee City, Neb., April 16.—(Special.)—District Judge Raper has taken under advisement the suit of Dr. E. L. McCrea and 20 other stockholders in the Co-operative Garage and Livery company against W. W. Day and T. L. Simmons of Lincoln. The stockholders charged that two organizers of a proposed truck line dissipated the funds of the company and forced it into bankruptcy. One of the division points was to have been at Table Rock, where a fine garage was built.

Large Graduating Class

Alexander, Neb., April 16.—(Special.)—The largest class in the history of the high school here will graduate May 19. The senior class will give the play, "And Billie Disappeared," April 21.

The Weather

Forecast. Fair and warmer Sunday.

Hourly Temperatures table with columns for 5 a.m., 8 a.m., 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 5 p.m., 8 p.m., 11 p.m., and 15 noon.

Shippers' Bulletin

Protect shipments during the next 24 to 26 hours from temperatures as follows: North, east and west, 30 degrees; south, 35 degrees.