

### Farmers Saved From Death When Huge Dike Breaks

Damage to Property Estimated at \$300,000—Retaining Wall Just Completed—Cost \$100,000.

Woodland, Wash., May 31.—Between 400 and 500 persons, farmers and their families, were believed early today to have escaped to safety as the result of warning given last night when a dike near here, protecting a reclaimed farm area of 12,000 acres, broke under pressure of flood waters from the Columbia river. Damage to farm property was estimated by observers at \$300,000.

Meager reports received here were that some of the refugees had escaped from the district with comparative ease, but hastily. The pumping station at Birch Slough was swept away within 30 minutes after the dike broke.

The area known as Woodland dike district No. 5 is approximately nine miles long and two to three miles wide. Reports stated it was feared half the district had been inundated.

Preparations have been made for the accommodation here of the refugees. The pressure of the rising waters tore a hole 60 feet wide in the dike, which is 15 feet high, 70 feet wide at the base and 20 feet wide at the top. The dike burst at the mouth of Burrows creek, two miles south of Martins Bluff, and the waters poured through into the lowlands with terrific force. When first reports of the break reached here last night persons residing within the section were notified by telephone from here and by persons in automobiles sent from here. It was believed that every family had been notified and had fled to higher ground.

For several days as a precautionary measure farmers have been sending their cattle out of the lowlands. The dike was completed this morning at a cost of \$100,000.

**Cameraman Injured When Plane Crashes at Speedway**  
Portland, Ore., May 31.—Joe Peters, pilot, was injured, probably fatally when his airplane crashed at the Rose City speedway during a motorcycle race meet.

Gile E. Sanderson, photographer, and Joe Reeves were in the plane at the time and were slightly hurt. The party had been taking moving pictures of the races.

### First White Woman To Explore Sahara



Mrs. Rosita Forbes.

Mrs. Rosita Forbes, recently received by King George, is the first white woman to reach Kufra, the Senussi fastness across the Libyan desert, placing her in the front ranks of explorers. She traveled from Benghazi across the Libyan desert to the oasis of Kufra, the headquarters of the Senussi never before visited by a white woman, and only once by a European (Rohlfs) over 40 years ago. The journey was one of great hardship and danger, due chiefly to the fanaticism of the Zawais, a native tribe who hate strangers.

### Frank Tinney, Comedian, In Hospital for Operation

Chicago, May 31.—Frank Tinney, comedian, entered a hospital today for an operation on his leg. He fractured a bone as the result of a fall at a local theater, where he was appearing last week. The operation was decided upon to remove a section of the bone. The production in which he was appearing closed Sunday night, as Tinney was unable to continue his performance.

### American Chile Company Defers Quarterly Dividend

New York, May 31.—The American Chile company today deferred action on its quarterly dividend of 1 1/2 per cent on preferred stock.

### \$5,000,000 Suit Is Filed Against Vaudeville Firm

**B. F. Keith Exchange Charged With Holding Stars in Commercial Penonage and With Being Monopoly.**

New York, May 31.—Practically all the high class vaudeville stars of America are held in commercial penonage enforced by the B. F. Keith Vaudeville exchange, according to charges brought in a \$5,000,000 suit filed by Max Hart in the United States district court here.

Mr. Hart, who is one of the principal vaudeville agents in the business, charges that the Keith-Orpheum combination and their subsidiaries known as the United Booking office and operating under the title of the B. F. Keith Vaudeville exchange, is an unlawful trust in violation of the Sherman law.

He brings suit not only to recover \$5,250,000 damages which he claims to have sustained by being barred from the exchange, but also to restrain and dissolve the alleged trust.

Several suits have been brought in the past against this organization, alleging violation of the Sherman law but they have always been simply for the recovery of damages. This suit, if it is won, according to Mr. Hart's attorneys, will break up the alleged monopoly.

It is charged that the Keith exchange is in complete control and domination of practically all high class vaudeville houses in the United States and that to maintain this monopoly certain arbitrary rules are enforced against the performers. These rules, it is alleged, prevent any artist who appears in Keith houses from appearing in any other theaters except by special permission on pain of being disbarred from the Keith circuits.

Mr. Hart, who has probably developed more stars than any one agent in America, including Frank Tinney, Eddie Canter, Will Rogers, Fannie Brice, Kitty Gordon, and Blossom Seeley—charges that until he was barred from the Keith exchange he was making an income of \$75,000 a year.

So powerful is the monopoly, he alleges, that his business was utterly destroyed. He states in the court action that he represented 100 artists before he was barred and that now he represents only four.

Princess Juliana, the only child of Queen Wilhelmina and heir to the throne of the Netherlands, is likely to be the last feminine sovereign of the kingdom.

### Freedom for Capital Necessary to Save Soviet, Lennie Says

Riga, Latvia, May 31.—(By The Associated Press.)—According to a direct Moscow dispatch received today from independent sources, Nikolai Lennie, soviet Russian premier, declared yesterday that communism was in complete bankruptcy and asked the presiding officers of the all-Russian central executive committee to approve the unlimited return of capitalism and the recall to Russia of the constitutional democrats and other parties to aid in rebuilding the state.

The Moscow dispatch says Lennie has submitted the following written proposition: "Whereas, in the realization that communism has come to complete bankruptcy, and to save the idea of

communism and find without too big a change of policy the way out of the abyss into which communism has thrust the country, it is recognized that unlimited freedom must be allowed capitalism and that the constitutional democrats and representatives of the 'real politik' shall be summoned to resume the work of rebuilding the state."

### 1,000,000 Sign Petition To Reorganize Lithuania

Washington, May 31.—A petition, said to have been signed by more than 1,000,000 American citizens, urging the United States to give formal recognition to Lithuania, will be presented to President Harding tomorrow by a delegation of Americans of Lithuanian descent. The petition is said to be the largest in number of signatures ever taken to the White House except the one filed by women in support of their demand for suffrage.

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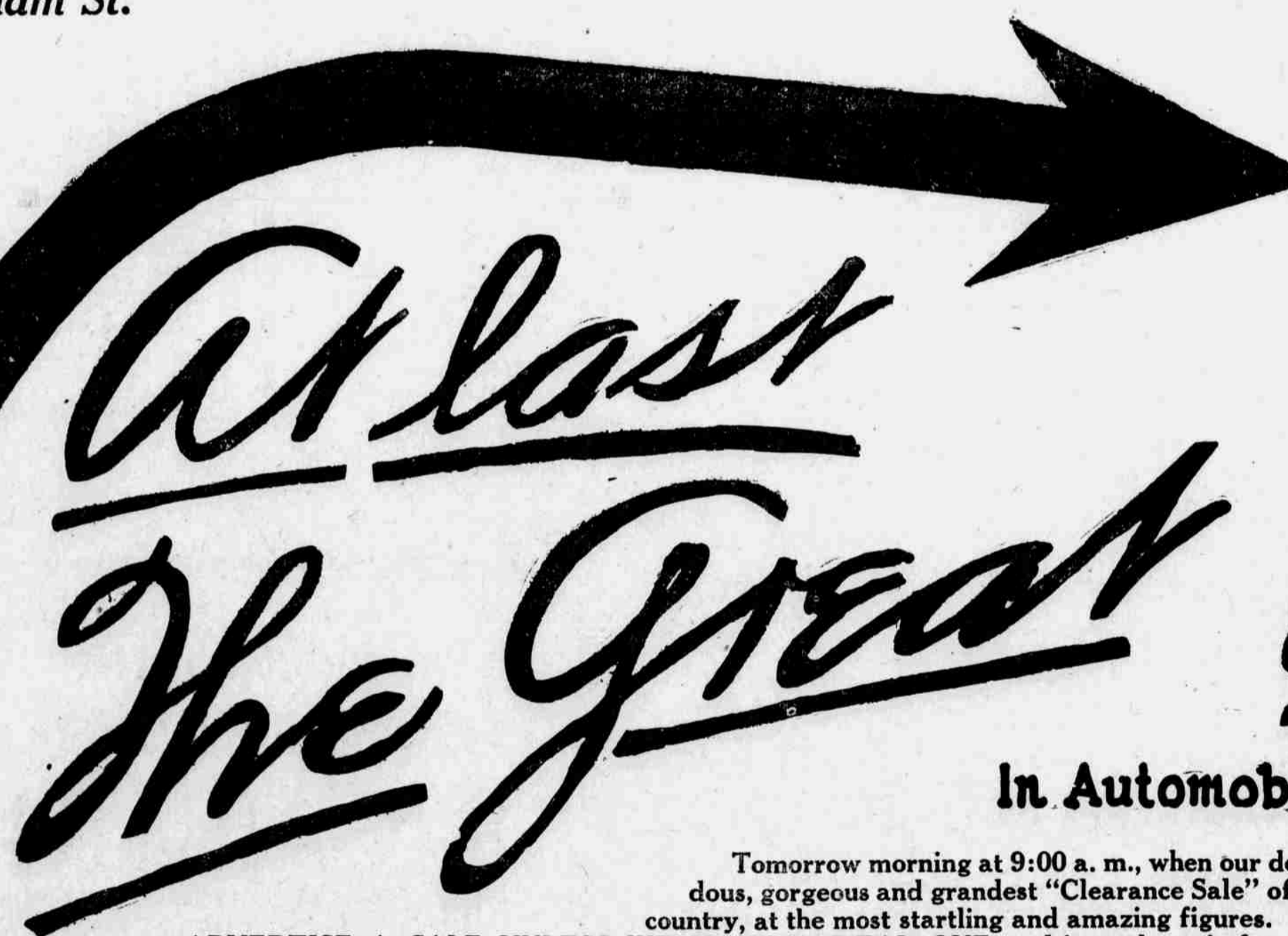
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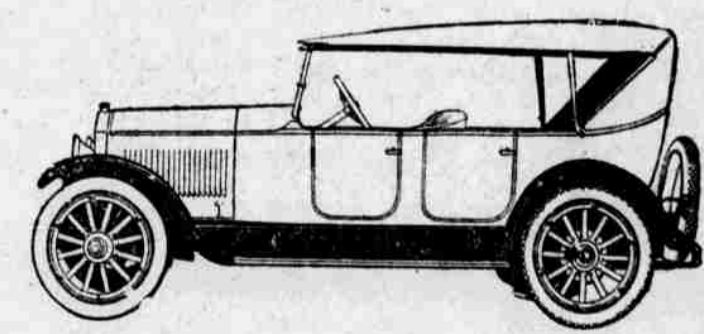
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