

## Paving Of Road To Be Continued

Contractors to Keep Up Work Provided Specified Amount Of Cement Used and Daily Reports Made.

### Tests Show Weakness

Paving of the Lincoln highway will be continued by Murphy Brothers, contractors, provided one and three-quarter sacks of cement are used for each lineal foot and daily reports on the quantity of cement used are made.

Laying of brick on the concrete base will be held up until tests of each day's work on the base are made under the supervision of Prof. Clark E. Mickey, state testing engineer.

This was the outcome of a probe into the alleged shortage in the amount of cement used, conducted in the court house yesterday afternoon by State Engineer George E. Johnson.

At the close of the hearing, Lew Adams, county engineer, said he would make no change in his system of inspection of the work and that he was confident tests would prove the concrete base was up to specifications.

### Engineer Doubtful

State Engineer Johnson, however, is of the opinion the base laid since the contractors changed their system of mixing may prove faulty. If so, he will recommend to the county commissioners that they not accept the base, and that they require the contractors to relay it.

None of the commissioners would state what attitude he would take on such a recommendation. In making the tests, blocks will be cut from the base and into cubes six inches square. They will then be given the regulation compression test and results will be compared with those on similar cubes containing one part cement to six parts gravel, mixed and dried under the same conditions as was the base. By this method Professor Mickey hopes to ascertain what ratio of cement was used in the base.

### Offers to Make Changes

At the close of the hearing, Richard Murphy of Murphy Brothers, exclaimed: "We want to do this job the way you want it. We'll do anything you ask us to."

Chairman Unitt, of the county board, exclaimed with equal vehemence: "The county wants what it is paying for. If there isn't one part cement to six parts gravel being used it isn't getting what it is paying for." "It seems the whole proposition has been handled very carelessly," was the comment of State Engineer Johnson. "But there doesn't seem to be any evidence of bad intentions or graft."

Attorneys for the contractors contended throughout the hearing that wet gravel shrank much more than

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## Extradition Papers Awaiting Van Duesen

Washington, July 25.—(Special Telegram).—Ross Johnson, accused of forging a check for \$500 on the United States Trust company of Omaha, who has been apprehended in Montreal, Canada, and is awaiting extradition, will shortly be on his way to Omaha if everything works out as expected.

The state department in response to inquiry by Congressman Jeffers as to issuance of the extradition papers asked for by the Nebraska authorities stated that the necessary papers will be issued, but officials of the department have been holding them pending the arrival of C. C. Van Duesen of the Omaha detective. In the event Van Duesen does not show up in the next 24 hours the papers will be sent to the American consul at Montreal.

## Morman Anniversary Is Celebrated in Salt Lake

Salt Lake City, July 25.—Featured by pageantry depicting the entrance of the first band of pioneers into Salt Lake valley, a special program was furnished at the mouth of Emigration canyon, at the spot where Brigham Young on July 24, 1847, uttered the famous words: "This is the place."

The pageant formed a reproduction of the entrance of the pioneers, horses pulling an old wagon similar to that in which Brigham Young rode over the plains to this valley. This was followed by oxen teams and women in pioneer costume.

## Sultana of Afghanistan

Is Visitor at White House Washington, July 25.—Princess Fatima, Sultana of Afghanistan, who has attracted unusual attention during her visit to this country because of a white sapphire set in right side of her nose, was received at the White House by President Harding. The princess and her two sons were dressed in native costume and were accompanied by an American naval officer detailed as interpreter.

## Britain and U. S. Try to Work Out Immigration Law

London, July 25.—(By The Associated Press.)—Negotiations are in progress between the governments of Great Britain and the United States of the settlement of the difficulties incidental to the first application of the new American immigration law. Cecil Harmsworth, under secretary of foreign affairs, announced in the house of commons today.

## State Engineer Opens County Paving Probe



## State to Hold New Base Ball Investigations

Confessions of Players Admitted Into Evidence—Charge Rothstein Paid \$10,000 For Papers.

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Chicago, July 25.—After a heated legal battle, Judge Hugo Friend today admitted the full confessions of Cicotte, Williams and Jackson that they had participated in a plot to throw the 1919 world's series for \$100,000 into the evidence at the "Black Sox" trial. His action followed the calling of Chief Justice Charles A. McDonald as a witness that the statements of the players had been given voluntarily.

This victory for the state followed a day of startling developments in which two new grand jury investigations were promised by the state and charges made that Arnold Rothstein, New York gambler, had paid \$10,000 to an attorney at the state attorney's office for the original confessions when they were made before the grand jury in 1920.

Attorney John F. Tyrrell, one of the attorneys prosecuting the "Black Sox" case, said tonight that a special grand jury investigation aimed at the persons responsible for the corruption of the 1919 world series would be begun immediately after this case is finished.

Johnson Makes Charge. The second investigation will delve into the question of the missing immunity records and other papers which were stolen during the spring of 1920. In a public statement today, New York governor, charged that Rothstein had paid \$10,000 for the confessions. He declared that Rothstein had found he was not implicated in the documents that he turned them over to a friend in the newspaper game.

An agreement made by attorneys just before adjournment today is expected to save considerable time. It was agreed that all the attorneys would go over the confessions and if they can be corrected to the satisfaction of both sides they will be entered into evidence without further delay.

Judge McDonald Testifies. Judge McDonald took the witness stand after Cicotte, Williams and Jackson had testified that they had been promised immunity and told that if they "came through" that they would be taken care of.

The players admitted signing the immunity papers, but said they did not know "they were loaded." They said they did not read them. Jackson said he was "tired up." The chief justice denied that he had ever promised any of them immunity. He said that he had listened to their confessions, then told them that if they told their stories to the grand jury, they would have to take the consequences, that he could do nothing for them.

## Navy Captain May Have to Pay \$350 a Month Alimony

Racine, Wis., July 25.—Receiving a salary of \$600 a month, as a captain in the United States navy, William D. Brotherton, 50, may be compelled to pay \$350 a month to two wives from whom he has separated.

His first wife, to whom he was married in Racine in 1899 and from whom he was divorced in 1905, is receiving \$100 a month alimony. The second wife, which he married in California in 1912 and from whom he separated a year ago, is receiving \$150 alimony and she now demands an increase to \$100.

## Washington and Jefferson College President Dies

Denver, July 25.—Samuel C. Black, president of Washington and Jefferson university, Washington, Pa., died at a local hospital early today after a two weeks' illness growing out of complications resulting from an attack of influenza last April. He was on a honeymoon trip to national parks. Mr. Black was a native of Clarinda, Ia.

## Leaves For Germany

Sidney, Neb., July 25.—(Special.)—Rev. Father Link of the local Catholic parish left to visit his parents in Germany. He has not been back to his native country for 10 years and is making the trip at this time to visit his mother, who is ill.

## Referendum Sought on Four Laws

Petitions Carrying 66,000 Names Presented to Secretary of State by Farm and Labor Men.

### Object to Primary Law

Lincoln, July 25.—(Special.)—Nebraska political storm clouds loomed on the horizon here today when 150 farmers, representatives of political and nonpolitical farm organizations, labor unions and candidates for governor and United States senator gathered in the office of the secretary of state and presented referendum petitions, bearing from 57,000 to 66,000 names, against four laws passed by the last legislature. The laws at which the petitions are aimed follow: Randall-Hascall anti-picketing bill. Portion of banking bill which gives state banking board discretionary power to decide whether there is a public demand for a new bank in a town.

A state-wide registration bill which would force farmers to register their political affiliations.

Amendment to the primary bill which would discontinue direct primary for election of delegates to county, state and national conventions.

Way Demands Amendments. Arthur G. Way of York, probable candidate for governor, formally opened his campaign broadsides in a speech delivered at the meeting, in which he advocated an initiative campaign demanding the following constitutional amendments:

To forever prohibit the legislature from taking away from the people their right to nominate their own candidates in the primary.

To forever prohibit the legislature from passing a law requiring a voter to register his party affiliation as a qualification for voting at any election.

The stage setting was managed by A. E. Sorenson, secretary of the Nebraska Nonpartisan league, who introduced the speakers and supervised the work of draymen in carrying the petitions and placing them on a table for flashlight pictures.

### Attacks Registration Law

The speakers included R. Beecher Howell, candidate for United States senator; Jesse Johnson, Nebraska organizer for the Nonpartisan league; A. H. Bigelow, attorney for the Central Labor union, Omaha; Mrs. R. W. Curry, representing a gentle sex branch of the Nonpartisan league at Litchfield, Neb.; J. N. Norton, representing the Nebraska Farm bureau; C. J. Osborne, state president of the Farmers' Co-operative union. Arthur G. Way explained reasons for directing the referendum at the state-wide registration law.

"The law," he said, "is an unnecessary burden upon rural communities."

Woman Store Keeper Flogged by Masked Men. Birmingham, Ala., July 25.—Mrs. Kate Alexander, who, with G. S. Cooley, was taken into the country by a masked band of men Saturday night and flogged, stated today that she had been ordered to leave Birmingham by next Saturday or suffer a worse fate. Mrs. Alexander operates a small grocery store.

### I am going to stay here even if they kill me," Mrs. Alexander said.

My prayers saved me Saturday night and I know they will save an innocent woman against all comers again. I don't know why they came after me. I have no enemies that I know of. I won't leave town."

Cooley, who is a butcher, stated today that as soon as he could close his business he would leave. He says he was warned to leave by his masked assailants, who charged him with intimate relations with a negro. He declared it is a case of mistaken identity.

### Co-Operative Marketing Bill Reported to Senate

Washington, July 25.—A substitute for the house co-operative marketing bill for agriculture producers was reported favorably today by the senate judiciary committee. The substitute, drafted by Senator Walsh, democrat, Montana, contains a direct provision prohibiting agricultural associations for setting up monopolies.

The committee added a new section authorizing co-operative agricultural associations to deal in products of members, but not in larger quantities than secured from its own membership.

### Three Held for Slaying

Brother of K. K. K. Victim. Galveston, Tex., July 25.—J. E. Hayes, Perry McFadden and J. H. Ross of League City, were arrested by Sheriff Henry Thomas today in connection with the killing of M. C. Benson at League City this morning.

Benson, 30, a stockman, was shot to death on the main street of League City. Benson was a brother of G. C. Benson of Dickinson, who was flogged by a party of masked men last week.

### Shipping Board Enjoined From Seizing Mail Vessels

New York, July 25.—A temporary injunction restraining the United States shipping board, the Emergency Fleet corporation and the United American lines from interfering with the operation of the ships seized Friday from the United States Mail Steamship company was issued here today by Judge William P. Burr of the state supreme court.

## Denver's Mystery Girl Is Returned to Home

Denver, Colo., July 25.—Miss Constance Phillips of Rosston, Tex., who for two weeks mystified Denver county hospital authorities when she was unable to remember her name, left last night for her home in Rosston, accompanied by Sheriff Tom M. Ford of Cook county, Texas. The sheriff positively identified the girl as a school teacher of Cook county. The girl continued to cling to her account of being kidnaped from Rosston, Tex., by "a man and a woman with red hair." Sheriff Ford announced he was investigating the circumstances surrounding the girl's plight. Local police have been unable to find any trace of the alleged kidnapers, whom the girl charges with her abduction.

## Securities Co. Is Declared Bankrupt By Federal Receiver

Receiver Named for Concern Involved in Pioneer Bank Failure—Land Titles Found Worthless.

The Guarantee Securities Investment company, involved in bad investments with the defunct Pioneer State bank of Omaha, was declared bankrupt yesterday by Federal Judge Woodrough. F. E. Sheehan is receiver.

The last hope to save the Securities company from going to the wall collapsed when title to 147,000 acres of West Virginia land, for which \$260,000 in bonds was held by the Pioneer bank, was found to be worthless.

F. H. Gaines, representing the receiver for the Pioneer bank, R. A. Mulfinger, for the Securities company, and Judge E. P. Holmes of Lincoln, representing Lincoln stockholders, returned Sunday from Charlottesville, Va., where they investigated the land titles and brought back the report.

Title Worthless. "If the company's title to this land had been good, we could have saved the Securities company and the Pioneer bank, too," said Mulfinger. "But it is worthless and no taxes were paid for 50 years."

Officers in both companies are practically the same. The land involved was held by the Colonial Land, Coal and Timber corporations, said to have been organized by Thomas H. Matters, recently released from Leavenworth penitentiary on a pardon by President Harding, with Walter Stickell of Kearney, Ralph Sunderland, Lee Herdman, W. V. Matthews and Walter A. George of Omaha and William J. Culver of Chicago.

These men bought out Matters' interest a year ago for \$250,000 and are said to have paid him \$125,000 in cash for his 30 per cent holding.

Bonds for \$2,000,000 Issued. The Securities company issued \$2,000,000 worth of bonds on the Colonial holdings and sold about \$900,000 of it, the rest being held as securities on other mortgage bonds.

The Securities company was named trustee and holder of securities of the Pioneer State bank and the Pioneer State bank was named depository for the funds of the Colonial company. The Securities company was to have 15 per cent of the sale of the \$1,000,000 bonds as a commission.

Armed with the facts ascertained by the trip to Virginia, counsel for the Securities company yesterday withdrew its answer to the suit in federal court and permitted the company to be adjudged bankrupt.

## Treasurer of Home For Girls Kills Self

Chicago, July 25.—Mrs. Jennie B. Lathrop, prominent social worker who for the last 13 years has devoted practically all her time to the redemption of wayward girls, killed herself by shooting today.

Her husband, who is general manager of the A. P. W. Paper company, said she had spent most of the night poring over conditions at the Chicago home for girls, of which she was treasurer. This morning he passed her room and found her dead, where she had fallen after shooting herself. He did not hear the sound of the shot.

### Disarmament Reply Is Expected From Japan Soon

Washington, July 25.—If expectations of official circles here are realized the next day or two will see Japan's attitude toward the scope of the disarmament conference defined and the way cleared for the more formal diplomatic exchanges that are to bring the conference actually into being.

### Iron Company Cuts Wages Of Its 10,000 Employees

Duluth, Minn., July 25.—Additional reduction of 10 per cent in the wages of its 10,000 miners, effective August 1, and further curtailment of operations in the Lake Superior district was announced today by the Oliver Iron Mining company, a subsidiary of the United States Steel corporation.

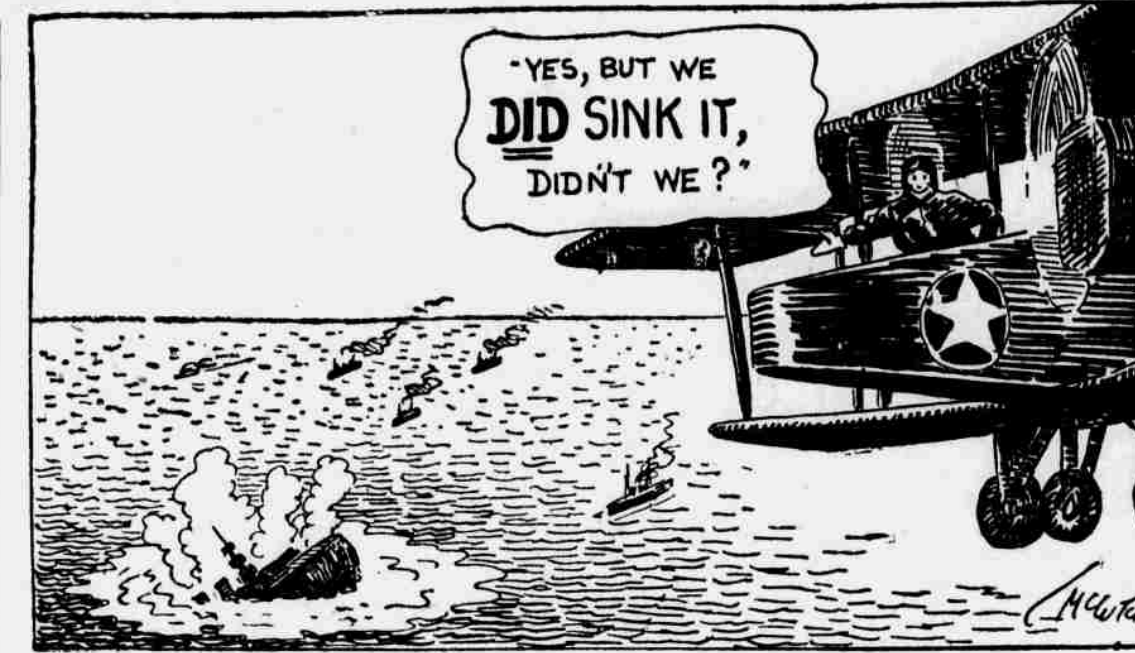
### Brokerage Firm Fails

New York, July 25.—The failure of the firm of Chandler Brothers Co. was announced from the rostrum of the Stock Exchange today.

## The Battleship Bombing Experiment



As the pro-battleship partisan sees it.



As the pro-airplane partisan sees it.

## Illinois Civil and Military Forces Likely to Clash

Governor Small Insists He Will Resist Arrest—Use Of Troops Seems Only Safeguard.

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Springfield, Ill., July 25.—That there will be a serious clash between the civil and military authorities of Illinois tomorrow appears more certain tonight than heretofore. The truce between the governor and Judge Smith will expire tomorrow when Governor Small must submit to arrest or the warrant will be turned over to the sheriff for service.

Sheriff Mester, who has the reputation of getting what he goes after, says he will serve the warrant if it is given him. Governor Small is equally determined to resist arrest.

One thing has been definitely decided, it is generally agreed, and that is the refusal of the governor to submit to arrest or go voluntarily into court to answer the indictment against him. Three plans have been suggested as outlining the probable course of the executive. They are:

First, to refuse Sheriff Mester admittance to either the executive office or the executive mansion, should he attempt to serve the warrants.

Second, to call on the local units of the state militia and issue orders to prevent the arrest.

Third, to let the sheriff come to the executive offices and meet him at the door with a declaration of martial law. In such an event the sheriff's power would cease instantly and the state would take over direction of both the police and sheriff's offices, it is claimed.

### It seems certain tonight that Judge Smith will rule that the criminal code is not to be suspended in the case of the governor. In this event the writs will be turned over to the sheriff who will attempt to call the governor on the telephone and notify him his presence is desired in court. If the governor goes into court and gives bond there will be no civil trouble, but if he declines, no one can foresee where the end of the problem will be.

## "One of Greatest Heroes of War" Is Buried at New York

New York, July 25.—The body of Fred H. Meyer, whom General Pershing mentioned as "one of the greatest heroes of the war," was buried today with one of the most elaborate military funerals ever accorded a private soldier.

At Cantigny, Meyer was killed while offering his body as a living wall to a comrade armed with an automatic rifle, which exterminated a German machine gun nest. He was riddled by bullets.

## 9-Year-Old Girl Dies When Motor Car Falls 350 Feet Into a Gorge

Pasadena, Cal., July 25.—Katherine Messenger, 9, was killed at Mount Wilson, near here, Sunday when the automobile in which she was riding left the mountain road, leading to the observatory, and dropped 350 feet into a gorge. The girl's father, I. Messenger, of Burbank, Cal., was driving. He was thrown clear of the car, and escaped unhurt except for shock.

## Hunt for Banker Is World-Wide

Indications Are Chicago Financier Is Headed for Canada or Japan.

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Chicago, July 25.—Search for Warren C. Spurgin, missing president of the Michigan Avenue Trust company, today extended to all parts of the United States, Canada and Mexico. Especial watch is being kept upon Canadian ports, as there are indications that Spurgin is headed that way.

Six depositors of the failed bank filed a bill in the superior court asking the appointment of a receiver. It is directed against Spurgin and all other officers of the institution.

There were also lively intimations that others beside Spurgin are concerned in the \$1,000,000 grab from the funds of the institution. This information came at the same time the bank officials learned of Spurgin's difficulties in a bank at Panama, Ia., 20 years ago. At that time Spurgin had just departed for the Everglades of Florida and remained until the troubles were adjusted. Three months ago, it is said, Spurgin went back to his hiding place in Florida and the question now is being asked if he had in mind at that time a repetition of his Iowa experiences.

Mrs. Spurgin and daughter, Vivian, have been traced to Detroit, but the police officials and detective agencies do not believe Spurgin himself is within 100 miles of them, and that he is using them to throw his pursuers off his trail. There is reason to believe that when he sent them away he fled in an opposite direction, perhaps to Colorado or to northwestern Canada, in the hope of getting a boat to Japan. It is not believed that Mrs. Spurgin or her daughter were aware of his wrongdoing.

## Creamery Company Cleared Of Charge of Shortweight

The Fairmont Creamery company was found not guilty of selling short-weight ice cream after a hearing of its case in police court yesterday. Complaint had been made that containers in which the company sold ice cream to dealers were not full weight. Testimony failed to support the charge.

## Britain to Release Members Of Dail Eireann in Prison

London, July 25.—If Mr. De Valera decides to summon the Dail Eireann a full attendance will be possible, the British government will release the members of that body, who are still in prison, in accordance with a request of republican leaders already made, says the Daily Mail.

## Three Bandits Hold Up Paris-Marseilles Express

Chagny, France, July 25.—Three masked men held and robbed the first-class passenger Paris-Marseilles express train here early today. The bandits shot dead one man who refused to raise his hands, and wounded another. They escaped with a quantity of booty.

### U. S. Steamer Sinks

London, July 25.—The American steamer Parthian, of 1,366 tons from Alexandria to Hamburg, sank in the Port of Oran, on the west coast of Algeria, yesterday, according to advices received here today. The ship is reported to have foundered as the result of a fire. There was no loss of life, but damage to the cargo of cotton and silk was said to have been considerable.

## Matters' Pardon May Be Probed

Nebraska Congressman Proposes House Committee Investigate Freeing of Attorney From Prison.

### Andrews Urges Action

Washington, July 25.—Investigation by a house committee with a view to determining why Thomas H. Matters was pardoned "after serving 44 days of a five-year sentence for aiding and abetting unlawful issuance of certificates of deposit of the First National Bank at Sutton, Neb.," is proposed in a resolution introduced by Representative Reavis republican, Nebraska.

The resolution is as follows: "Resolved, That the committee on judiciary, or any subcommittee thereof, is authorized to make such investigations as it may find necessary to ascertain and determine the reason for the pardon of one Thomas H. Matters, after serving 44 days of a five years' sentence for aiding and abetting the unlawful issuance of certificates of deposit of the First National bank of Sutton, Neb."

### May Call Witnesses

"Said committee is authorized to sit during the sessions of the house and to send for persons and papers, to compel the attendance of witnesses and to administer oaths to witnesses."

"The cost and expense of such committee shall be paid from the contingent fund of the house of representatives, to be paid on the audit and order of the chairman, subject to the approval of the committee on accounts."

Congressman Reavis may possibly be chairman of the subcommittee of the judiciary committee of which he is a member.

### Wants "Inside History"

In speaking of his action today, the congressman said: "I assume that the pardon was perfectly legitimate, but inasmuch as it does not seem to have been based upon facts, or evidence additional to those submitted to the courts, I believe that the people, whose confidence in the due enforcement of law is so essential to the peace and order of organized society, should know whatever of inside history this case contains. Any one familiar with Washington will readily perceive the almost insurmountable difficulty the resolution will encounter, and I can offer assurance only of my best efforts to secure its adoption."

### Andrews Favors Probe

Congressman Andrews, following the introduction of the resolution said he was in receipt of many letters from residents of Sutton, who lost money in the suspension of the First National bank at that place, asking for information as to who were instrumental in getting the Department of Justice to act favorably on the pardon. He believed that an investigation was absolutely necessary and he hoped the resolution would be adopted.

## Impossible to Comply With Law, Says Bakers At Bread Bill Hearing

Lincoln, Neb., July 25.—(Special Telegram).—Hearing on the application of Omaha bakers for an injunction against enforcement of the Smith bread bill occupied the time of the Lancaster county district court today and further arguments will be held tomorrow. An early decision is expected, as the law is due for enforcement July 28.

Representative Ed Smith of Omaha, author of the bill, who says it, from numerous pitfalls prepared during the legislature by the big baker lobby, assisted C. L. Dort, assistant attorney general, in defending the attack of the bakers in court.

The bakers declared it would be impossible to bake bread at a standard weight with only a two-ounce tolerance, and presented affidavits of experiments to prove their claim. The state said such a thing was possible and presented affidavits of experiments to prove their claim.

## Men Guarded by Asbestos Shield Fight Oil Well Fire

Mexico City, July 25.—Guarded by an asbestos shield, fire fighters were making an attempt today to reach one of the burning oil wells at Amatlan to shut off the valve regulating the flow of oil. If this effort fails, tunnelling will be tried in an attempt to check the flames.

Two hundred men are fighting the fires and oil men believe the flames will have been extinguished within three weeks.

### All nearby wells have been covered with earth.

## Man's Body Recovered After Buried Under Tons of Sand

Red Wing, Minn., July 25.—After 52 hours of constant shoveling by hundreds of men the body of Frank Ek, who was buried alive in a cave-in at the sand pit of the Red Wing Filter Sand company here Friday forenoon, was recovered today. It was estimated that more than 200,000 tons of sand were moved.

## Anti-Alien Land Law Upheld by U. S. Court

Tacoma, Wash., July 25.—The Washington state anti-alien land law, which prohibits aliens to own or to lease land and penalizes citizens who enter into leases with aliens, was declared constitutional today by a decision filed in the federal court.

## The Weather

Forecast.

Fair Tuesday; not much change in temperature.

Hourly Temperatures.

7 a. m. 72° 8 a. m. 73° 9 a. m. 74° 10 a. m. 75° 11 a. m. 76° 12 noon 77° 1 p. m. 78° 2 p. m. 79° 3 p. m. 80° 4 p. m. 81° 5 p. m. 82° 6 p. m. 83° 7 p. m. 84° 8 p. m. 85° 9 p. m. 86° 10 p. m. 87° 11 p. m. 88° 12 noon 89°

Highest Monday.

Chicago 84° North Platte 86°

Des Moines 82° St. Louis 84°

Denver 80° Salt Lake 78°

Portland 82° Seattle 84°

San Francisco 80°

London 82°

Paris 84°

Rome 86°

Stockholm 88°

Warsaw 90°

Yokohama 82°

Manila 84°

Peking 86°

Shanghai 88°

Singapore 90°