

Omaha Relative Denies Merle Hay Family in Want

Cousin of Iowa Hero Here Says Parents Own 160-Acre Farm 3 Miles North of Ralston, Ia.

There is no truth in the report from Atlantic, Ia., that the parents of Merle Hay, first Iowan to fall in the world war, are destitute and in need, according to C. E. Horton, 1517 South Twenty-fifth avenue, employed in the freight claim department of the Union Pacific.

Horton was a cousin of Merle Hay. "Merle's parents are living on a 160-acre farm that they own three miles north of Ralston, Ia.," said Horton. "Ralston is seven or eight miles north of Glidden."

"The Hays were living on another farm six miles south of Glidden when Merle enlisted. After he was killed, the parents moved to Glidden where they lived about two years, later moving to this last farm they bought."

"With 160 acres of Iowa land, one could hardly call them destitute."

Merle Hay was killed the night of November 3, 1917, before the war insurance bill was enacted, but at the instance of Senator Kenyon of Iowa and J. B. Hungerford of Carroll, Ia., back compensation for \$450 with \$15 a month compensation has been granted the father and \$15 a month compensation and \$25 a month insurance has been granted the mother, or \$55 a month for the family.

Boys and Girls to Judge

Live Stock at County Fair

A junior live stock judging contest is planned in connection with the Douglas county fair in September. E. G. Maxwell, county agricultural agent, announces. Boys and girls between the ages of 10 and 18 are eligible.

In preparation, a judging school will be held August 17-19, with M. B. Fosson, extension animal husbandryman of the state university, in charge. A day will be given to Shorthorn cattle on the Sam Gelston farm near Elk City. Practice will also be given in judging draft horses.

The Douglas county farm bureau will hold a picnic August 26. The committee includes James Maclier, Henry Bull, John Bergschat, N. C. Wickland, Chester Miller, Charles Rosacker, William Kempecke, Mrs. O. M. Boettger, Mrs. Ed Lewis, Mrs. Andrew Frye.

Four Suspects Arrested

For Illinois Mail Holdup

St. Louis, Aug. 6.—Following a chase by detectives through the northern section of the city, four suspects were arrested here this afternoon, to be questioned on the holdup yesterday of a postoffice messenger at Wood River, Ill., who was robbed of several mail pouches that contained \$46,000.

Local police and postoffice authorities believe the suspects may be able to reveal the identity of the three bandits.

Had \$99 and Stolen Dime

Detroit, Mich., Aug. 6.—Joseph Peters paid a fine of \$50 after conviction in municipal court today of stealing 10 cents from a newsboy. When arrested, police testified, Peters had \$99 in his pocket.

Conditions in Mexico Improving, Envoy Says

Chicago, Aug. 6.—Louis Rubalcaba, assistant secretary of commerce and industry of the Mexican government, arrived in Chicago today to confer with representatives of the American Mining congress in reference to the Mexican exhibit, which is to be a feature of the national exposition of mines and mining equipment in Chicago, October 17-22.

"Conditions in Mexico are steadily improving," he said. "After 10 years of civil war and revolution, the Mexican government is now working on a sound basis and industrial and commercial developments are making steady progress, in spite of depressed business conditions in every part of the world."

Motion to Kill Brietson Petition

Based on Contention Federal Court Has No Jurisdiction—Hearing Friday.

Counsel for O. A. Brietson, president of the Brietson Manufacturing company, filed a motion in federal court yesterday asking that the petition of stockholders for appointment of a receiver be dismissed.

The motion was based on the contention the federal court had no jurisdiction in the case. The hearing of the motion will be held next Friday morning before Federal Judge Woodrough.

Attorney Weaver said Brietson is not worried over the action started by stockholders, who not only asked that a receiver be appointed, but that the company be enjoined from handling any assets excepting merchandise sold in the ordinary course of business, from paying its president exorbitant wages and from removing any records or documents from Douglas county.

Brietson lives at Hotel Blackstone, Service was rendered on him by Deputy United States Marshal Shaffer Thursday.

The Brietson company was organized to manufacture tires, according to the petition.

Total Losses of Octavia Bank Now Set at \$67,000

Lincoln, Aug. 6.—(Special.)—Losses in the Octavia State bank will total \$67,000, according to a statement today by J. E. Hart, secretary of the state department of trade and commerce.

Hart today received the report from special examiners who have been working on the books of the defunct bank during the last week.

He turned the report over to Attorney General Davis, who, after a thorough audit, probably will file criminal prosecution against E. A. Risher, missing cashier, and anyone else responsible for the condition of the bank, he said.

Pals of Chicago Gunman

Raising Fund for Defense

Chicago, Aug. 6.—Underworld pals of "Terrible Tommy" O'Connor, held as the slayer of Detective Sergeant O'Neill and also accused of the murder of two or three other men, are said to be raising a large fund to defend him. The goal is said to be \$20,000.

O'Connor, who was arraigned for the second time today, announced he had not secured an attorney and asked the court to appoint James C. O'Brien, former assistant state attorney, to defend him.

List of Persons Held by Soviets Has Been Prepared

Compilation Made at Request of State Department—Will Be Used by Relief Workers.

Riga, Aug. 6.—(By The Associated Press.)—American officers here have reported, at the request of the Washington State department, a full list of all American citizens in Russia, including those in bolshevik prisons. This list will be turned over to Walter L. Brown, European director of American relief, who will confer here with the delegates of the Russian soviet government.

Whether the United States will demand that all these Americans be sent out of Russia or that only the six or seven persons imprisoned be liberated is not known. It is certain that at least 100 claiming to be Americans are in Russia and are seeking to leave the country, and it is believed efforts will be made to facilitate their speedy return to the United States.

The departure from Russia of Americans had not been reported up until late yesterday afternoon. The hospital car operated by the American Red Cross, however, went to the frontier to greet the prisoners when they had actually reached non-Russian soil.

Paris, Aug. 6.—France will not participate officially in famine relief measures in Russia, it is declared by the Petit Parisien. It will leave the whole problem in the hands of the American relief organization and other American bodies. France unofficially has planned to help meet distress in southeastern Russia.

In making inquiry at Washington, France is said to have declared it would be glad to join the United States in any plans. A reply was received yesterday, thanking France for its offer of co-operation and it was stated the United States would be glad to see this country second the efforts of Herbert Hoover.

Fire in Tijuana Theater Causes \$100,000 Damage

San Diego, Cal., Aug. 6.—Fire originating in a motion picture theater at Tijuana, Mexico, 16 miles south of here, during the showing of a film of the Dempsey-Carpentier fight, destroyed three buildings last night, including the gubernatorial and municipal offices, and did damage estimated at \$100,000. For a time the flames threatened to destroy the town.

Road Conditions

(Furnished by Omaha Auto Club.) Lincoln Highway (East)—Weather is cloudy, roads good to Denver.

Lincoln Highway (West)—Detour Elkhorn to Valley. Roads rough to Columbus. West roads are fine. Weather cloudy except at Central City.

O. L. D. Highway—Rough roads at Ashland, detour Greenwood to Waverly. Roads west of Lincoln fine. Weather is cloudy.

Highland Cutoff—Rough. Weather is cloudy.

S. F. A. Road—Good. Fair weather. Black Hills Trail—Road work Omaha to Fremont, Fremont to Norfolk good. Weather cloudy.

George Washington Highway—Take high road to Blair. Roads good to Sioux City. Weather cloudy.

King of Trails (North)—Roads good. Weather cloudy.

King of Trails (South)—Roads fine. Weather cloudy.

River to River Road—Fair to Des Moines. Weather cloudy.

White Pole Road—Good to Des Moines. Cloudy.

Blue Grass Road—Rough Glenwood to Malvern. Weather cloudy.

Pope Benedict Sends Message of Greeting To Knights of Columbus

San Francisco, Aug. 6.—Greetings from His Holiness, Pope Benedict XV, were received by the international Knights of Columbus convention today, through His Eminence Cardinal Gasparri, papal secretary of state.

"The supreme pontiff received graciously the expression of filial devotion from the sterling order of 800,000 patriotic American citizens, the Knights of Columbus, conveyed through his grace, Archbishop Hanna of San Francisco and Supreme Knight James A. Flaherty," the message read. "The magnificent work of the Knights of Columbus enjoys his constant blessing."

The last parties of Knights of Columbus delegates and visitors are expected to leave San Francisco tomorrow. Supreme Knight Flaherty will go east by special train tomorrow and will stop at various large cities, including Los Angeles and Denver, on his way to Philadelphia and New York.

Illinois Woman Goes 52 Days Without Food

Urbana, Ill., Aug. 6.—Mrs. J. M. Chase of this city has gone 52 days without food. In that time she has been given only a small amount of water. She had a disease of the stomach which makes it impossible for her to take food and physicians have informed her that she has only a short time to live. It was found that an operation could not relieve her and she patiently awaits death.

Mrs. Chase has lost about 40 pounds in weight. Her voice remains clear, however, and she does not complain of any suffering.

County Holds Rod On Paving Jobs

Unitt Denies Board Turns Work Over to State Engineer in Resolution.

"Make no mistake, we have not turned over the paving of Douglas county roads to the state engineer," said County Commissioner Unitt yesterday, commenting on a resolution passed by the board Friday giving the state department of public works charge of construction and inspection of three paving jobs now under way.

"This was a formal resolution passed to satisfy certain good roads committees of Omaha who have a suspicion, unfounded, I believe, that the work was being skipped."

"Douglas county is paying for the paving and will continue to do the constructing. The state engineer is given by law supervision of improvements on all state highways. The Lincoln highway, D-L-D road and Washington highway are respectively state highways Nos. 22, 21 and 12. The state paid for the grading and, therefore, has the right to exercise supervision on the job. Grading and paving are part of one road improvement."

"The state engineer will appoint one inspector on each of these jobs, which, we hope, will satisfy the people who fear the work is not being done right."

Release Man Suspected In Wall Street Explosion

New York, Aug. 6.—The complaint against Giuseppe de Filippis, a truckman of Bayonne, N. J., arrested several months ago by agents of the Department of Justice in connection with the Wall street explosion, was dismissed today by United States Commissioner Hitchcock.

De Filippis has been "identified" by several persons as a man seen standing beside the car thought to have carried the explosives into the financial district, but it was announced today he had proved he was loading freight cars in Bayonne when the blast occurred.

Sweet Soldier Aid Bill Reaches White House

Washington, Aug. 6.—The Sweet bill for the relief of disabled soldiers finally completed its tortuous journey through congress and reached the White House Friday.

After reposing three days on the vice president's desk, it was signed by Senator Curtis of Kansas, acting president pro tempore, immediately after the senate convened today.

If it had been signed earlier in the week, it would have been sent to New Hampshire to receive President Harding's signature, but in view of the fact that the president is scheduled to return to Washington early next week, it probably will be held at the White House to await his arrival. It is expected that the president will approve the bill without any further delay.

Boarder Stole His Wife, Man Alleges in Divorce Petition

Jerry Morovitz alleges in a petition for divorce filed yesterday in district court that a boarder at his home, Nathan Martin, usurped the affections of his wife, Sophia Morovitz and that she has now gone to Elizabeth, N. J. They were married in Russia in 1919.

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