

Whittlesey, War Hero, Is Missing

Commander of Famous "Lost Battalion" Disappears From Ship on Which He Sailed Saturday.

Friends Are Mystified

New York, Nov. 28.—Lieut. Col. Charles W. Whittlesey, hero of the famous "Lost Battalion," has disappeared from the steamship Toloa, on which he sailed Saturday from Havana, according to a wireless today.

News of the famous soldier's disappearance came in the following message received from the captain of the ship:

Report Is Confirmed. "Passenger named C. W. Whittlesey disappeared. Left several letters."

Officials of the United Fruit line, operators of the ship, confirmed the fact that the passenger was Lieutenant Colonel Whittlesey through his relatives.

Can't Explain Trip. Members of Mr. Whittlesey's law firm here were at a loss to account for his visit to Cuba. When he left the offices of the firm Friday he announced his intention, they said, of attending the Army-Navy game Saturday.

His business assistants declared his mind was clear and that he apparently was in good health other than when last seen. He seemed cheerful, they added, and declared they were unable to explain his seemingly strange action in going away without notifying them of his plans.

Hero Was Unmarried. C. W. Whittlesey, the soldier's uncle, declared tonight Colonel Whittlesey attended the services for the unknown dead at Washington on Armistice day and had since appeared depressed.

Colonel Whittlesey, who was 36 and unmarried, lived in a bachelor apartment here. When he appeared at breakfast Saturday he brought a suitcase from his room. He did not say where he was going.

The crisp, laconic reply: "You go to hell," hurled into the teeth of a German officer who called on him and his men to surrender, was the rhetorical battlefield classic which brought Colonel Whittlesey into fame.

Battalion Lost Four Days. Surrounded in the Argonne with his command, the first battalion of the Thirtieth infantry, 77th division, he had been cut off for four days without food or fresh water. All but 87 men had been killed or wounded. At dusk October 7, 1918, a blindfolded German bearing a white flag crossed the lines. He bore a message asking the Americans to surrender, "in the name of humanity."

A few hours after the messenger was sent back with Whittlesey's reply, an American advance took place and all were rescued. His exploit was rewarded by President Wilson with the congressional medal of honor. After the armistice the German officer who demanded Whittlesey's surrender added to his laurels by publishing a statement extolling the American's courage.

Territorial Rights In China Are Defined

Washington, Nov. 28.—(By The Associated Press.)—The draft of a resolution on extra territorial rights in China was completed late today by a subcommittee headed by Senator Lodge, for submission to the far eastern committee tomorrow. It provides for an international commission of jurists to visit China and report on the administration of justice. This commission shall be appointed, one from each of the nine powers, within three months after the adjournment of the conference and shall report within one year. Another provision would give nations, not represented, the right to join with the conference powers within three months after filing of the commission's report.

Minnesota Merchants Take Corn on Farmers' Accounts

Madison, Minn., Nov. 28.—The "Madison plan" of the local merchants of accepting corn, delivered between November 26 and December 13 at 10 cents above the market price, has been declared a success. The decision to accept corn on account and in exchange for goods was adopted last week by the merchants. The merchants fixed a minimum of 40 cents for shelled and 35 cents for ear corn, and agreed to accept as high as 100 bushels from each farmer.

Final Decision on Naval Issue Possible This Week

Washington, D. C., Nov. 28.—(By The Associated Press.)—The American delegation held a long conference yesterday which was devoted, it was understood, to a discussion of the matters now before the conference. The impression within the delegation was that the question of the naval armaments was rapidly coming to a head, with a final decision possible this week.

Viviani Engages Passage On Ship Sailing on Dec. 14

Washington, Nov. 28.—(By The Associated Press.)—Rene Viviani of the French delegation, has engaged passage to return home on the French liner steamer Paris, sailing for France, December 14, provided the work of the conference has been concluded by that time.

"Lost Battalion" Chief Disappears From Ship



Major Whittlesey.

Vatican and Japan May Establish Relationship

Apostolic Delegate to Tokio Instructed to Congratulate Prince Hirohito on Elevation to Regency.

Washington, Nov. 28.—(By The Associated Press.)—The apostolic delegate to Tokyo, who is going to Tokyo to congratulate Prince Hirohito on his elevation to the regency and to thank him for the visit he made to the Holy See. It is expected these intercourses will lead to the establishment of diplomatic relations.

The apostolic delegate, who will leave Rome soon for Tokyo, has been appointed to the place held for four years by Monsignor Fumasoni, first apostolic delegate to be stationed in Tokyo. It is believed a papal nuncio will then be appointed as the diplomatic representative of the vatican in Tokyo, while a Japanese ambassador or minister will be sent to the vatican.

Many of the preliminaries to the probable establishment of diplomatic relations, it is understood, have been conducted through Commander Yamamoto, an ardent Catholic. It has long been the desire of the leaders of Roman Catholic Japan to have closer relations established between Japan and the vatican. Almost all the Catholic churches in Japan are under the direction of the priests of the French mission.

Man Confesses Murder Of Idaho Falls Grocer

Idaho Falls, Nov. 28.—Ed Nelson, arrested at 11 Sunday morning at the home of his brother, Guy, is said to have confessed to the murder and attempted robbery last night, of Stephen A. Browning, merchant, at his grocery store. Guy Nelson was also arrested although his brother maintains he was alone in the crime. Browning fought a pistol duel with the bandits before he himself fell fatally wounded.

Nelson telephoned to his mother to come and dress wounds in his left arm and thigh and she notified a doctor who in turn informed the sheriff. The alleged murderer claims his failure to obtain work and money prompted his action.

Woman's Arrest Reveals Plot To Beat Auto Insurance Firms

New York, Nov. 28.—Alleged nationwide activities of an organization to defraud insurance companies, particularly those writing automobile risks, is behind the arrest Saturday at Philadelphia of Miss Hazel Whitaker, according to officials of the automobile underwriters detective bureau. The case was put into the hands of the federal Department of Justice, officials said today, because of its scope. It has been under investigation for more than one year. Previous arrests were made in Los Angeles, Washington and Baltimore.

\$1,000,000 Block of Victory 4-3-4s Disposed of at Par

New York, Nov. 28.—One block of \$1,000,000 of victory 4-3-4s sold at par, their previous high record of the year, on the stock exchange today and this was accompanied by other dealings in the same issue, making \$1,500,000 in the final hour. Purchases of liberty bonds and victory notes during the day were roughly estimated at more than half of the entire trading, which totaled about \$23,000,000 par value.

Would an Offer of \$100,000 Reward Interest You?

Watch for Announcement in Next Sunday's Bee

Farm Aid Loan Firm Is Planned

Nebraska Bankers and Business Men Will Meet Here Wednesday to Organize Company.

More Funds Available

A conference of bankers and prominent business men of Nebraska has been called to be held in Omaha Wednesday to form an agricultural and live stock loan company to obtain Nebraska's full allotment of finances from the war finance corporation.

A telegram received yesterday by F. H. Davis, president of the Omaha Bankers' Clearing House association, from Eugene Meyer, jr., managing director of the war finance committee in Washington, stated that "Nebraska has not been receiving as much financial aid as it might" from the war finance corporation.

Conference Results. Mr. Davis immediately called a meeting of the directors of the clearing house association and the calling of a conference next Wednesday resulted. The telegram from Mr. Meyer read:

"This is an opportune time for the banking business interests of your state to organize an agricultural and live stock loan company to make loans to farmers and live stock men in Nebraska and thus make available the amount of money they wish to borrow. Nebraska has not been receiving as much financial aid from the war finance committee as other states on account of the lack of cooperation of loan companies."

Farmers Complain. Lack of financial aid from the federal reserve board and the War Finance corporation has been the complaint of Nebraska farmers and bankers during the present business depression.

Immediately following the meeting of the clearing house directors yesterday, telegrams were sent to all Nebraska bankers and prominent business men to come to Omaha Wednesday to form a loan company to endorse loans from the War Finance corporation to farmers. It was stated at the recent conference in Omaha of the federal reserve board directors of this district with Nebraska bankers that this state had received not more than \$2,000,000 in loans from the War Finance corporation.

State Needs \$10,000,000

"Nebraska needs at least \$10,000,000 to tide the agricultural interests over this depression," said F. H. Davis yesterday. Joseph Millard, chairman of the board of directors of the Omaha National bank, stated last Friday that Nebraska could use "between \$15,000,000 and \$20,000,000 at this time."

Mr. Davis said that the Nebraska farmer could obtain financial aid from the war finance committee with the help of responsible endorsers. The proposed agricultural and live stock loan company will act as endorser for the country banker and farmer, Mr. Davis said.

Uptdike in Conference With Director Myer

Washington, Nov. 28.—(Special Telegram.)—Nelson B. Uptdike, publisher of The Bee, accompanied by Joy M. Hackler of Omaha, spent the day in Washington, leaving for Indianapolis in the later afternoon in company with Eugene Meyer, jr., managing director of the war finance corporation. Mr. Uptdike, who has just been appointed a member of the congressional committee, which has its first meeting at Indianapolis tomorrow, came in for a conference with Mr. Myer, but learning that the head of the War Finance corporation planned to attend the meeting at Indianapolis he held his plans accordingly and they held their conference en route.

Ohio University Students Win Stock-Judging Contests

Chicago, Nov. 28.—Students from Ohio State university won first place in the collegiate live stock judging contest held at the International Live Stock exposition, it was announced last night. The Ohio team scored 4,178 points out of a possible 5,000, winning first honors in the placing of sheep and horses. Ontario college was second. Other schools finished in this order: Oklahoma, Purdue, Kansas, Nebraska, Pennsylvania State, Missouri, Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Kentucky, Texas, Colorado.

Italian Police Disperse Anti-French Gatherings

Rome, Nov. 27.—Several demonstrations against the French embassy were attempted today as an aftermath of the excitement caused by the publication of the Washington dispatches alleging use of harsh words by Premier Briand of France against Senator Schanzler at the Washington conference. The police dispersed the demonstrators. There were further anti-French demonstrations Saturday night in Genoa and Naples.

Bodies of Racer And Team of Dogs Found Under Ice

The Pas, Man., Nov. 28.—(By The Associated Press.)—The bodies of a racing party, who were missing since the death of Walter Lutz, were found today in a log derb. Through the ice, the body of the driver was seen in eight feet of water, lying upright on the sled, partly covered by an eiderdown robe. Stretched out in front were the nine racing dogs.

Opposing Forces Try to Influence Harding on Tariff

Extreme Protectionists Urge Speeding Up of Bill, While Liberal Element in Favor of Delay.

Washington, Nov. 28.—Opposing forces are at work in an effort to influence President Harding's position on the tariff as it will be outlined to congress in his message at the opening of the new session next month.

The extreme protectionists desire President Harding to urge the speeding up of the long-delayed tariff legislation and its enactment into law at the earliest possible moment. Furthermore, they are eager that the president should strongly support the American valuation plan as incorporated in the tariff bill passed by the house and now before the senate finance committee.

The opposing group, made up of more liberal protectionists within the republican ranks, are endeavoring to convince the president that no harm would be done by a longer delay, in view of chaotic conditions throughout the world and the difficulty of framing a satisfactory tariff measure. Some of this group would be glad if the whole tariff question could be put over until after the congressional elections in 1922. Some of them are opposed to the American valuation plan and would like President Harding to abandon his support of it.

Reports that Congressman C. F. Reavis of the First Nebraska district may resign, in order to practice law in Omaha, led Mr. Reavis to make a statement yesterday in which he declared any report of his resignation was unauthorized and denied specifically that he contemplates practicing law in Omaha. Friend of Mr. Reavis have known for some time that he might not be averse to leaving congress, but they have understood that his ambition was to become an attorney in New York City, emulating his friend, William Hayward, formerly of Nebraska City and now United States district attorney in New York.

Mr. Reavis is now at his home in Falls City, having come from Washington Sunday for a brief visit during the congressional recess. His statement to The Bee was conclusive as to the rumor that he might locate in Omaha.

"No one has been authorized to say that I may resign from congress," he said. "Furthermore, there is no truth whatsoever in the report that I may practice law in Omaha."

Police Still Baffled By Murder Mystery

Gallup, N. M., Nov. 28.—Mystery continues to surround the slaying of J. W. Blackwell, jr., and his wife on the front porch of their home last Friday night. Their bodies were discovered Saturday morning. Each had been shot through the breast. Blackwell was nephew of the founder of the Bull Durham Tobacco company. Blackwell's father, who lives here, and the latter's brother also founded the town of Durham, N. C., to which place the bodies of J. W. Blackwell, jr., and his wife will be sent for burial.

Former Army Lieutenant Fatally Injured in Crash

Los Angeles, Nov. 28.—Emery Rogers, former lieutenant in the aviation corps and an instructor at various eastern flying fields, was injured fatally yesterday in a crash at a field near here maintained by a commercial flying club. Spectators said his monoplane was about 40 feet up and traveling rapidly when Rogers attempted a turn. The plane crashed sideways.

Passengers Mistaken For Detectives by Robber Arrest Him

Detroit, Nov. 28.—Mistaking for detectives two fellow travelers on a Michigan Central train arriving here today, John Petkewicz, 17, confessed to them that he had participated in the \$28,000 payroll holdup outside the A. G. Walton & Co. shoe factory at Chelsea, Mass., last Saturday. He turned over to the two citizens \$5,000 in cash which he said was his share of the loot.

"I know you are detectives," he told M. J. McDonough of Detroit, and M. M. Conroy of Chicago. They questioned him at length and the latter beginning to suspect they were not officers demanded the return of the money. They turned him over to the police.

"My Word! Is It Hari-Kari for Me?"



Reavis Denies Might Practice Law in Omaha

Congressmen, Reported to Be Ready to Resign, Had Ambition to Go To New York.

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Europe Slighted at Arms Meet, Says Stinnes Paper

Berlin, Nov. 28.—(By The Associated Press.)—Europe is being treated as a negligible quantity at the Washington conference, in the opinion of the Deutsches Allgemeine Zeitung, the organ of Hugh Stinnes, leading German financier. It sees evidence in the circumstances that curtailing of naval armaments has been given primary consideration and that the issue of land armaments is not causing the conference apprehension. This attitude, says the newspaper, "gives France an indefinite franchise to continue her devastation on the European mainland."

Two-Day Storm Buries New England With Snow

Boston, Mass., Nov. 28.—New England was glazed over or melting today and its transportation and wire service were interrupted after a two-day storm of sleet, snow and rain. There was a snowfall of 15 inches at Portsmouth, N. H.

Convict Who Played Violin For Governor to Be Pardoned

Austin, Tex., Nov. 28.—Enrique Razo, the young Chilean convict who played on his violin before Governor Neff and his party while they were inspecting the prison last week will receive his pardon in time to be at home in El Paso on Christmas, Governor Neff announced today.

Porto Ricans Arrive to Ask Removal of Governor

New York, Nov. 28.—A. R. Barcego, president of the Porto Rican senate, with three other delegates of the unionist or independence party, arrived today, on their way to Washington to ask the removal of Governor E. Mont Reily.

A Correction

W. E. Perry, 1705 Ontario street, arrested Saturday evening in connection with an automobile crash at Twentieth and Leavenworth streets, was not charged with drunkenness, as erroneously reported by The Bee. He did not procure his release in police court by pleading that his baby had become entangled in the steering wheel.

Astronomer Discovers New Planet Near Mars

Buenos Aires, Nov. 28.—(By The Associated Press.)—The discovery of a new planet in the group of asteroids, which revolve between the orbits of Jupiter and Mars, is announced by Dr. Hartmann, director of the observatory of the University of La Plata. The planet is of the 14th magnitude and is seen at present from this latitude in the constellation Cetus, which lies south of the "great square" of Pegasus, now visible in the evening sky.

Revenge May Have Prompted Hatchet Murder

Either robbery or revenge may have been the motive of two men who hacked Charles Petrusa with a hatchet in his room on the second floor of 1517 Cuming street, Sunday night. He died yesterday in a hospital. Detectives found rings, pins, watches and other jewelry and \$90 under the mattress. They also found postal money order receipts for more than 25,000 Italian lire, sent by Petrusa to Italy. The fire has been worth from 4 to 7 cents in the last year, so that the 25,000 lire represented from \$1,000 to \$1,700.

Historic Old Locust Trees Ravaged by Wind

Defiance, Nov. 28.—The last of five red locust trees on the grounds around the local public library, said to have grown within the walls of Gen. Mad Anthony Wayne's fort, was partly blown down by wind. Attorney E. H. Stuphen asked permission to make an effort to save a branch, still standing, at his own expense. If the effort fails the tree will be distributed as fuel among needy families by the Defiance Welfare league.

Industry Held by Grand Jury

New York, Nov. 28.—The federal grand jury late today returned an indictment charging 51 individuals and 53 corporations in the window glass industry with violation of the Sherman anti-trust law. J. M. Neenan, president of the National Glass Workers' union, was indicted on similar charges.

Obregon Invited to Meet Foch in Texas

San Antonio, Tex., Nov. 28.—President Obregon of Mexico has been invited by the American Legion of Texas, to meet Marshal Ferdinand Foch when the allied leader visits San Antonio, December 7. Wayne Davis, state commander, wired the invitation to Mexico City last night.

Rain Scares Women Traffic Cops in New York From Duty

New York, Nov. 28.—Hundreds of New York's 2,500 women reserve traffic cops, called for duty for the first time, took one look out into the cold, dismal rain today and decided this was no time for christening their stunning new uniforms.

Defense In Arbuckle Case Rests

Case Near End as Film Comedian, on Stand, Issues Sweeping Denial to All Charges.

Court Room Crowded

San Francisco, Nov. 28.—Roscoe Arbuckle, motion picture comedian, spoke his first lines today in a tragic drama of which he has been the central figure since its inception September 5, last. Arbuckle told from the witness stand his own story of the happenings at a party in his room at the Hotel St. Francis here which preceded by a few days the death of Virginia Rappe, one of those who attended. It was at this party that the girl received injuries which caused her death, the prosecution contends and it is that allegation that forms the basis of Arbuckle's trial, now drawing to a close on the charge of manslaughter.

The defense closed its case at 5:25 after a vain attempt to obtain admission into the record of a statement by George Glennon, house detective at the Hotel St. Francis, which it was contended, was the basis of the prosecution's case. The defense closed its case at 5:25 after a vain attempt to obtain admission into the record of a statement by George Glennon, house detective at the Hotel St. Francis, which it was contended, was the basis of the prosecution's case. The defense closed its case at 5:25 after a vain attempt to obtain admission into the record of a statement by George Glennon, house detective at the Hotel St. Francis, which it was contended, was the basis of the prosecution's case.

Large Crowd at Trial. Due to the failure of the defense to qualify a witness it had summoned as an expert, Arbuckle, under the stand during the time set for him to do so. His direct examination was completed in 10 minutes, his attorneys leading him over the ground to be covered in such a short time that it surprised many in the courtroom.

In a clear, loud voice, Arbuckle denied that he inflicted the injuries to Miss Rappe that have been charged against him. "When I went into my room during the party to dress for an engagement I had with a friend, Mrs. May Taube, I found Miss Rappe on the bathroom floor writhing and moaning," he said. "When I opened the door of the bathroom it struck against her."

"I assisted her in the bathroom all I could. Then I placed her on the bed in my room and continued to assist her. She was moaning and writhing and nothing she said could be understood by me."

Tells About Mrs. Delmont. "Where was Mrs. Delmont?" he was asked by his chief counsel. "Mrs. Bambaina Maud Delmont," a guest at the party, brought the original charge of murder against Arbuckle, which later was reduced in a police court hearing to the manslaughter charge on trial.

"Mrs. Delmont appeared while we were trying to assist Miss Rappe. She told me to get away from Miss Rappe." (Turn to Page Two, Column Six.)

Omahans in Theater Blast at New Haven

A number of Omaha students at Yale were in the Riello theater, New Haven, Conn., Sunday night when an explosion started a fire which wrecked the building, killing at least three and injuring 79. Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Norton, Colonial apartments, received the following telegram from their son, Rudyard, a Yale student: "The Riello burned. It was in it. All Omaha fellows safe. Rudyard."

Among the other Omaha youths at Yale university are Robert Millard, Dick Stewart, son of Dick Stewart, 2d; Jasper Hall, son of Mrs. Richard Hall; Denman Kountze, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Kountze; Chick Neville, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Neville, and Walter Preston. James Connell, also a student there, is home at present for the wedding of his sister, Regina.

Dry Agents Are Not Liable If They Raid Wrong House

Washington, Nov. 28.—Prohibition agents who raid the wrong house after exercising the usual care cannot be held liable, the Prohibition Commission has ruled in effect held today in exonerating E. B. Henson, a special agent, from charges preferred by Mayor Stewart of Savannah, Ga.

Government Not to Oppose \$50,000,000 Argentine Loan

Washington, Nov. 28.—The State department has been apprised of steps which have been taken in connection with the proposed loan of \$50,000,000 by a group of bankers to Argentina. The loan will not be opposed by the government, it was said today.

Police Battle Friends of Water Front Strikers

New Orleans, Nov. 28.—Two hundred and fifty policemen battled for an hour today with union sympathizers of striking river front workers. The battle extended over a space of five blocks. Numerous arrests were made and a number of injured were sent to hospitals.

Densest Fog of 20 Years Holds London in Its Grip

London, Nov. 28.—London was groping today in what is said to be the densest fog in 20 years. Telephone systems have been disorganized for four days, during which time the vaporous folds have spread over a wide provincial area.

The Weather

Forecast. Nebraska—Partly cloudy Tuesday and Wednesday; somewhat cooler Tuesday.

Iowa—Partly cloudy Tuesday and Wednesday; not much change in temperature.

Hourly Temperatures.

Table with 2 columns: Time and Temperature. Rows for 5 a.m., 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m., 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 12 noon.

Highest Monday.

Table with 2 columns: Location and Temperature. Rows for Cheyenne, Lawrence, Deaver, Tea, Dodge City, Lander, North Platte.

Shippers' Bulletin.

Protect shipments during the next 24 to 36 hours from temperatures as follows: North, 20 degrees; west, 26 degrees. Shipments east and south can be made safely.