

## Merging of Wealthy Mother Combs Bowery for Missing Boy

Interstate Commerce Body to Hear Views on Consolidation of Systems Next Month.

Need Seen by Cummins

By ARTHUR SEARS HENNING.

Washington, March 25.—With Senator Cummins of Iowa asserting that the consolidation of the railroads into a few great systems is all that can avert eventual government ownership and operation of the transportation lines, unusual importance attaches to the proceedings pertaining to this question which will begin before the Interstate Commerce commission next month. The commission will hear the views of railroad officials and others on the various consolidation schemes which have been proposed to carry out the following provision of the transportation act of 1920: "A commission shall, as soon as practicable, prepare and adopt a plan for the consolidation of the railway properties of the continental United States into a limited number of systems. In the division of such railways into such systems under such plan, competition shall be preserved as fully as possible and wherever practicable the existing routes and channels of trade and commerce shall be maintained."

**Provides Uniform Rates.** "Subject to the foregoing requirements, the several systems shall be so arranged that the cost of transportation as between competitive systems and as related to the value of the properties through which the service is rendered shall be the same, so far as practicable, so that the systems can employ uniform rates in the movement of competitive traffic and under efficient management earn substantially the same rate of return upon the value of their respective railway properties."

Senator Cummins, one of the authors of the transportation act and an acknowledged authority on railway questions, said that there are some of our railroad companies that never can be maintained until the process of consolidation is consummated.

"I predict," said the senator, "that if we do not succeed in carrying out the principle of consolidation, which has already gone forward in a very satisfactory way, it will presently begin to appear to all the people of this country that there is just one other solution—that is government ownership and operation. If we don't consolidate the lines government ownership and operation is the only resource open to the people and I want it to be understood that I am unalterably opposed to government ownership and operation of our railroads."

**No Competition Now.** "The American railroad problem will never be finally solved unless all the railroads are consolidated into comparatively few systems, say 15 or 20, and competitive in their character. I might add that there is no competition in the railroad world and ought to be none except the competition of good service, the competition which renders one railway property more attractive to a shipper than another, or one railway passenger train more attractive to a traveler than another."

"When that is done we can fix rates so that the lowest schedules that will sustain these properties as a whole may be established."

"There are many pending before congress, and especially in the senate, a great many bills which have for their purpose the modification of the transportation act of 1920 in vital respects. The farm organizations—and the farmers have the sympathy because I know the hard—"

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## Coast Guard Cutters Search for Bandits

Port Angeles, Wash., March 25.—The coast guard cutter Snobish and Arcata today joined in the search for the bandits who yesterday entered the Sequim State bank at Sequim, and escaped with \$22,000 in cash and bonds. The Snobish was dispatched to Discovery bay and the Arcata to Port Townsend, on the theory that the men are on Quimper peninsula, near Port Townsend.

Rex McInnes, special deputy sheriff, who early today was wounded in a pistol fight with three men believed to have been the Sequim bandits, when he attempted to stop them at a railroad trestle near Maynard, was said to be only slightly hurt. In their hurried escape from McInnes the men dropped some of their loot, including several of the stolen bonds.

## Former "Glucose King" Dies at Home in Chicago

Chicago, March 25.—Charles Pope, once known as "the glucose king," and for years a multimillionaire, died at his home after a two weeks' illness.

Mr. Pope attracted considerable attention in 1914 when he sold his beet sugar refining plants at Geneva and Venice, Ill., to the Corn Products Refining company at Argon, Ill., for \$3,000,000. Floriculture was his hobby.

## Mrs. Whitelaw Reid Party Passes Through City Today

A special coach, carrying Mrs. Whitelaw Reid, wife of the former United States ambassador to England, and her party, will pass through Omaha from the west at 4:50 p. m. Sunday. Mrs. Reid wintered in California.

## Woman Searches Slums in Vain Quest for Lost Son, Heir to Millions—Another Woman to Start on Tour of West in Attempt to Find Lad, Separated From Her Four Years Ago.

By The Associated Press.

New York, March 25.—A mother, cultured and refined, with all the resources of immense wealth, today vainly combed the dark, ill-smelling Bowery for her lost son, heir to a million.

At the same time another mother, worn by ill health and hard work, put together her few threadbare clothes and with firm confidence, prepared to journey into the west to find her missing boy.

The first mother, Mrs. Graham Duffield of Chicago, has almost lost her faith. For eight days she has hunted. Today she visited the haunts of the wrecks who have failed in the battle of life and dropped out of sight into the cauldron known as the Bowery. But she failed.

The second mother, Mrs. Mary Whittey of Henry street, is supreme in her confidence. Her boy is somewhere in the west and tomorrow or Tuesday, in accordance with her announcement earlier in the week, she will leave New York in a cheap little motor car which she bought with her savings, carrying everything she owns, and ready to back her faith against the hardships of the road.

**Mother Near Breakdown.** Mrs. Duffield, whose son, Gordon, 17, rebelled against school life in Plainfield, N. J., and fled to the

Bowery, let her presence be known on her arrival. "The boy responded with telephone calls. But always, after telling her he would come to see her, failed. Tonight his mother appeared on the verge of a breakdown and feared approaching illness would force her to return home tomorrow."

She picked up her search today at the point left off last night, when a telephone call from her son was traced to a drug store on First avenue. Frail, still youthful in appearance, despite the worry she has experienced, she entered squalid rooming houses, rubbing shoulders with unkempt dangerous men. She never flinched.

**Searches Bowery.** She mingled with the broken derelicts of Bowery life, asking if any one had seen a boy dressed in a faded blue suit.

At one restaurant she was told that a boy answering the description of Gordon had washed dishes there—up to yesterday. At a squalid 25 cent a bed rooming house, not more than two blocks distant, she was informed that a youth who might have been Gordon had slept there—up to last night.

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## We're Almost Persuaded to Walk Out, Too

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## Market Reports Are Broadcast Daily by State

Three Hundred Stations in Nebraska Furnished News Four Times Each Week Day.

Lincoln, March 25.—(Special.)—Market reports sent out daily from the university and agricultural college radio stations are received by 300 wireless stations in Nebraska, Leo Stuhl, secretary of agriculture, declared today.

Information received over a leased telephone line at the state house is broadcasted four times a day, first by spark and then by radiophone. The reports are sent in English and any amateur operator within range of 150 to 200 miles of Lincoln should be able to hear the messages distinctly.

**Heard in Montana.** Stuhl asserted that under favorable atmospheric conditions they have been heard at distances of from 600 to 700 miles. An operator in Montana reported yesterday that he heard both the spark and the voice message distinctly at his station.

Each weekday the bureau of markets at the state house phones the early livestock reports to the department of electrical engineering, University of Nebraska, and from 10:10 to 10:20 they are sent out on a wave length of 375 meters.

**Closing Prices Sent.** So farmers may get market quotations on livestock in time to ship their stock the same day, Stuhl recently has installed a 12:20 to 12:30 service which sends broadcast the closing livestock and products markets, through another station, using a wave length of 200 meters.

In the afternoon from 4 to 4:15 the bureau phones the closing grain and livestock markets to the physics department of the Nebraska Wesleyan university and from there they are broadcasted. In addition to this service the Anderson Radio station at Wahoo disseminates the closing markets at 8:15 in the evening.

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## "Ghost" Has Machine Shoots Stones High in Air, Letter Explains to Make Rock Showers

Chico, Cal., March 25.—Confession of responsibility for the rock showers which for nearly five weeks have mystified residents, is contained in a letter signed "Ghost" received by the authorities, said by them to merit some credence.

The letter stated that "Ghost" planned to remain in Chico several days, but had decided to quit operations when announcement was made that airplanes were coming to seek the rock thrower.

"I have a little invention whereby I can shoot near the mark at 600 yards," the letter stated. "I elevate the rocks most of the time to about 200 yards. That is the reason they appear to come straight down."

"The colored lady that she is mistaken," it continued, referring to a negro woman's alleged explanation of the rock showers. "She did not know any more about that than you did, and that was nothing. Also that fellow Jones (a psychic investigator) from Frisco. I was standing by him when he was introduced to city officials."

"I may drop a few rocks today as a farewell token."

## Hitchcock Attacks Validity of Pact

Washington, March 25.—Validity of the senate's ratification of the four-power pact treaty was challenged in the senate today by Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska, ranking democratic member of the senate foreign relations committee, but was defended as vigorously by Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, republican leader, and Senator Lenroot, republican, Wisconsin.

Chase served as an expert electrician in the navy in the war, crossing to France several times. When he entered the service he left without notice and his wife did not know he was in the service until a month later, friends of the family say. Besides the widow there are two daughters, 8 and 10 years old. Chase's father is expected to leave Menominee, Wis., tonight for Omaha.

**Townley to Quit as Nonpartisan Head**

Fargo, N. D., March 25.—(By A. P.)—A. C. Townley today announced that he would present his resignation as president of the National Nonpartisan league to the state meeting of the Minnesota organization in Minneapolis, March 31.

**Fiance of Miss McCormick Planning to Visit U. S.**

Zurich, Switzerland, March 25.—(By A. P.)—Max Oser, the Swiss riding master and fiance of Matilde McCormick, daughter of Harold F. McCormick, Chicago, has sold his stable to a brother officer in the Swiss army and is preparing to leave Zurich within a few days, ostensibly to visit relatives in western Switzerland.

Oser personally refused to give further information concerning his supposed movements, but neighbors asserted that he would sail for the United States early in April to spend Easter with his bride-to-be, and be presented to the McCormick and Rockefeller families.

The neighbors of Oser also said he would take with him to the United States a member of the Mangold family, one daughter of which is now Miss McCormick's companion.

## Madison Banker Has Narrow Escape in Auto Wreck

Madison, Neb., March 25.—(Special.)—W. E. Taylor, cashier of State Bank of Madison, accompanied by his wife, Mrs. Willard Jones and Mrs. Edna Prince had a narrow escape when his automobile was struck by a freight train at Norfolk. The engine struck the car near the front wheels, turned it over on the side, pushed it 25 feet and stopped within a few feet of the cattle guard. No one was hurt.

## The Weather

Forecast. Sunday fair and somewhat colder. Hourly Temperatures.

5 a. m.	42	1 p. m.	42
6 a. m.	40	2 p. m.	44
7 a. m.	38	3 p. m.	46
8 a. m.	37	4 p. m.	46
9 a. m.	36	5 p. m.	46
10 a. m.	35	6 p. m.	45
11 a. m.	34	7 p. m.	45
12 noon	41	8 p. m.	41

## Passengers of Air Boat Died in Sea

Pilot Picked Up by Steamer After Clinging to Wreckage Many Hours in Heavy Sea.

Two of Victims Women

Miami, Fla., March 25.—Two of the women passengers of the flying boat, Miss Miami, which left here Wednesday for the island of Bimini and was forced down in the open sea by a broken propeller, died of exposure and two other passengers crazed by exposure jumped overboard into the sea, according to the story told by Robert Moore, pilot of the craft, to members of the crew of the steamer, William Green, which rescued him last night from the wrecked bulk of the boat.

The fifth passenger, a man whose name as well as those of the others Moore could not give, slipped quickly into the sea early yesterday after having become exhausted from clinging to the craft. Passengers aboard the Miss Miami when it left here were Mr. and Mrs. August Bulte, and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence E. Smith, all of Kansas City, and Mrs. J. H. Dickson of Memphis.

The subchaser, 154, arrived in port shortly after 10 o'clock today after having transferred the delirious pilot from the steamer William Green which picked him up. He was rushed to a hospital.

**Jump Overboard.** According to the disconnected story told during intervals when he was rational, two women died in his arms from exhaustion, two of the passengers became panic stricken and jumped overboard to their deaths, and the remaining male passenger finally slipped quietly into the watery grave Friday morning as a result of sheer exhaustion.

The incoherent story of the accident as told to the members of the crew by the pilot before he lapsed into a semi-conscious condition, is to the effect that shortly after the Miss Miami left this port last Wednesday morning a broken propeller forced her down and she rode the waves in safety, drifting northward in the gulf stream.

**Hull Begins to Leak.** Nothing happened until Thursday morning when the hull of the flier began to leak. Men and women passengers took turns at the pumps until all became exhausted and one of the women on Thursday night jumped overboard. A man whom he thought was her husband, leaped after her and both disappeared, never to be seen again. The fate of the man and woman depressed the other two women and they fainted away but were supported by Pilot Moore for seven and a half hours, when they died in the arms of the pilot and he gently dropped their bodies into the water which had now claimed four passengers.

This left only Pilot Moore and August Bulte, vice president of the Larabee Flour Mills corporation of Kansas City, who took turns manning the pumps.

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## Klan Sends Warning to Alliance Bank

Alliance, Neb., March 25.—(Special.)—"Cut out your graft—K. K. K."

These were the words of a warning notice found pasted on the front door of the First State bank here. The notice was written by a man whose name was withheld from authorities and who removed the notice under instructions of a bank official to whom he had telephoned regarding the finding of the notice.

The words were neatly printed with black pencil on a sheet of white paper and pasted on the door with muckilage. Bank officials are inclined to regard the incident as the work of youngsters who wanted to stir up some excitement, or possibly of some one who wished to injure the bank.

A Ku Klux Klan was organized in Alliance several months ago and is said to have a membership of more than 100. This is the first incident of the Klan's activities here to date. Bank officials said they would pay no attention to the incident.

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