

WEATHER

UTAH—Rain or snow in east; snow in west portion tonight and Wednesday; colder.

IDAHO—Tonight and Wednesday cloudy, snow southeast portion.

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SIGNS OF SPRING

Church musicians begin to rehearse music to be sung at Easter day services. First box score about due.

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AIRSHIP ROMA EXPLODES; 35 DEAD

BODY OF LIVESTOCK BUYER FOUND IN WEBER

FLAMES LEAP AS HUGE BAG STRIKES EARTH

Men Leap From Airship as Ponderous Dirigible Falls on Trial Flight

LARGEST IN WORLD

Hospital and Undertaker Reports Indicate Big Death List

NORFOLK, Feb. 21.—Exploding after crashing downward during a trial flight, the army's Italian built airship Roma was destroyed today near the naval base here with the loss of an undetermined number of lives. Estimates an hour and a half after the disaster placed the dead from half a dozen to nearly 40 out of the more than half a hundred persons on board.

DEATH LIST LARGE

The naval hospital at Portsmouth was officially informed that 28 of those aboard the airship, the largest semi-rigid dirigible in the world, were killed while it was in flight.

The Roma was between 600 and 1,000 feet in the air when she fell, officers at the Hampton Roads naval base stated. Some of the passengers aboard the ship were virtually unharmed, although all were shaken up. A number of the men jumped from the cars of the Roma as she fell. Others were caught under her and these, it is believed, were killed almost instantly.

CAME FROM ITALY

The Roma was placed in commission only several weeks ago after having been assembled at Langley field. She was the largest dirigible owned by the United States government and was purchased from Italy. Her mammoth gas bag had a capacity of more than a million cubic feet.

Observers at Tid Point, however, said that the Roma seemed to be well beyond the naval base when she took fire and fell. They believe that she fell on land.

DUNGES AND CRASHES

Reports from Portsmouth, which is near the naval base, said the Roma after a slanting plunge of hundreds of feet struck one of the barracks buildings at the base and exploded with a ripping crash. Sheaps of flame leaped from the gas bag and the passenger compartments slung underneath dropped twenty feet to the ground.

EASTERN SUPPLY OF APPLES SHORT

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—A large decrease in the country's supply of apples is indicated by figures given out here by the United States bureau of markets. The decrease was attributed primarily to the short crop last year in the east, particularly New York state.

Total holdings of barreled apples on February 1 were 1,422,000 barrels, as compared with 3,016,000 on the corresponding date last year and a five year average of 2,222,000. This decrease was offset partly by an increase in the holding of apples in boxes, which were 5,645,900 boxes on February 1 as compared with 5,224,000 on the corresponding date last year and a five year average of 5,350,000. The boxes contain approximately one-third of a barrel.

KU KLUX TARRING ON COAST PROBED

FRESNO, Calif., Feb. 21.—Reported activities of an alleged Ku Klux Klan organization in this section is under investigation, according to a story in the Republican today, by the police at Taft and the district attorney at Bakerfield following the complaint of E. J. Andrews, a rent car driver, that he was tarred and feathered by unknown, unidentified men.

Shortly before the alleged mistreatment of Andrews, printed warnings headed "Ku Klux Klan" were said to have been distributed in Taft. The city authorities said Andrews was fined on charges of bootlegging and drug selling and served six months in jail for vagrancy.

LOWER CALIFORNIA ON WAY TO PROGRESS

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 21.—Jose Inocente Lugo, new governor of the northern district of Lower California, on a visit here from his capital, Mexico, outlines the development program he has conceived for the territory he governs. It includes: Abolition of gambling in every form. Expenditure of millions in widening, deepening and improving the harbors of Ensenada, San Quentin, San Felipe and Los Angeles bay.

Perfection of a basis of exchange between Lower California and California.

Construction of a boulevard between Mexicali and San Felipe.

STREET CAR STENOGRAPHER PRIZE WINNER IN LYING CONTEST

EAST ST. LOUIS, Ill., Feb. 21.—The assertion that a local street car company had never received a complaint on its service won Miss Winifred Lowe, a stenographer of the street car company, first prize in a "lying" contest held here today by an organization of business women as a feature of a George Washington celebration. Miss Beas Thompson, a stenographer in the prohibition enforcement office, was voted the second best "liar" for asserting all Volstead act violators in East St. Louis were under arrest.

J. C. PELLETIER IS OUSTED BY HIGHER COURT

Nationally Known Lodge Man Declared Guilty of Malfeasance in Office

BOSTON, Feb. 21.—District Attorney Joseph C. Pelletier of Suffolk county was removed by the supreme court today. The court found him guilty in several counts, under charges of malfeasance, misfeasance and non-feasance in office. The court's ruling was on charges brought by State Attorney General Allen that Pelletier had been a party to conspiracy to extort money under threats of prosecution and to suppress indictments. His relations with Daniel H. Coakley and other local attorneys were characterized by the attorney general as a "partnership in crime."

United States Senator James A. Reed of Missouri, an counsel for Pelletier presented no testimony in defense, arguing that the evidence charged him with no wrong doing, and that the charges were merely the outgrowth of a conspiracy by personal enemies.

STORY OF TRIAL

The trial of District Attorney Joseph C. Pelletier of Suffolk county, before the full bench of the Massachusetts supreme court, which began on December 27 last and ended January 24, was the second hearing of the kind in the state's history and involved 32 specifications of alleged "malfeasance, misfeasance and non-feasance in office" formulated by the grievance committee of the Boston Bar association and the Boston Bar association.

Less than a year ago Nathan A. Tufis was removed as district attorney in Middlesex county in a similar proceeding.

Evidence was presented against the district attorney however, in only 21 of the charges. In 10 of those, he was accused of conspiracy to commit blackmail. Improper action in handling cases in his office was alleged to 10 others and one specification attributed "misconduct" in two campaign addresses in which the state quoted Pelletier as stating he intended to resign as district attorney. Pelletier withdrew from the mayoralty campaign before the election.

PARTNERSHIPS OF CRIME

Attorney General Allen alleged that the acts of Pelletier as district attorney since Nov. 13, 1909, when he took office, down to the date of filing the charges, as unfolded by witnesses, proved that the accused prosecutor had conducted his office in an "unlawful and reprehensible manner." None of the charges as originally filed specified that Pelletier had received money in return for his alleged misconduct, but evidence to this effect was presented in five cases. The attorney general offered this evidence in connection with a claim that Pelletier had "participated in the profits of a partnership of crime."

The action of assistants of Pelletier

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ONE IS KILLED 2 BADLY HURT AS POLICE SHOOT

Guns Fired After Several Patrolmen Are Knocked Down By Strikers

MAYOR IS ONLOOKER

Women Pulling and Mauling at Girls Seeking to Enter Mills

PAWTUCKET, R. I., Feb. 21.—One man was killed, two were seriously wounded and six persons were hurt when the police used riot guns today on a crowd of one thousand persons who gathered at the plant of the Jencks Spinning company, where a strike is in progress. The guns were brought into play when several patrolmen had been knocked down after the arrest of several strikers. The dead man is Juan D'Assumpcao of Valley Falls. Joseph Diaz and Tony Ragoos of this city were taken to a hospital in a critical condition.

RIOT ACT READ

Mayor Robert A. Kempoy witnessed the shooting. He had arrived at the gates of the plant early in the morning to observe the crowd that has customarily gathered to watch working operatives enter the mill. The mayor, believing that there was danger in the crowd, read the riot act. He then told the patrolmen to be careful and calm but to do their duty and to "shoot if necessary."

Meantime, the women were pulling and mauling at the girls who were attempting to enter the mill and several were knocked down. The police put their shoulders to the crowd and kept strict patrol, with fist and club blows. Three patrolmen were knocked down and the arrests followed.

STONES HURLED

A passing furniture van was commanded as a patrol wagon, but when the patrolmen attempted to hustle their prisoners aboard it, they were stopped by a bombardment of stones. Then riot guns swept the crowd. Eight persons fell, all but two of whom got up and ran away. The crowd dispersed.

The eighth coast artillery company, which was mobilized in the state armory last night, left the armory at six o'clock today. Its destination was not made public.

FLAGS ARE WAVED

NATICK, Mass., Feb. 21.—Striking textile workers and sympathizers jammed the streets of this village today waving small American flags but preserving silence. Meanwhile mounted cavalry troops and police kept strict patrol, forcing the throng to keep moving.

In the village of Pontiac, eight miles away, people remained in their homes with the blinds drawn. Orders to remain indoors were issued last night by the military authorities after disturbances at the B. B. and R. Knitting company mills.

In Natick hundreds of children, each bearing a tiny American flag, swelled the ranks of the strike sympathizers.

CAVALRY PATROLLING

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Feb. 21.—Two troops of state cavalry today patrolled the mill village of Pontiac, where striking cotton operators yesterday besieged the mill and offices of B. B. and R. Knitting company. The cavalry dispatched last night at the order of Governor Sam Soule was to be augmented today by a detachment with machine guns and possibly by a coast artillery company.

Pontiac, cut off from phone communication, was quiet all night, according to reports from the neighboring town of Arctic.

Londoners Eagerly Gobble Up Latest on Mary's Wedding

Every Detail of Elaborate and Expensive Ceremony to Be Rehearsed Carefully Before Actual Event on Tuesday; Britons to Forget Everything Else on Big Day

LONDON, Feb. 21.—(By the Associated Press.)—Plans for the wedding of Princess Mary and Viscount Lascelles are ready for completion. Early frequenters of London's streets will see some morning this week empty carriages, escorted by cavalry in rehearsal of the procession from the palace to Westminster Abbey, so nothing may go wrong on the all-important day.

There will be two processions on February 23, the day of the wedding. Queen Mary and Queen Mother Alexandra with their escort and attendants will form the first, the queen following shortly afterward with the bride and an escort.

The route through the Mall, Whitehall and Parliament street will not be decorated throughout, but there will be two triumphal arches and near the abbey the roadway will be adorned with festoons of flowers supported by pillars with intermediate ornamental devices bearing portraits of the bride and groom.

CHURCH MERELY LUMP OF FLESH, LAWYER SAYS

Slayer Suffers Complete Mental, Moral and Physical Disintegration

CHICAGO, Feb. 21.—Another argument whether Harvey W. Church should be admitted in court while a jury to decide on his sanity was to be selected, was scheduled to come up in Judge Scanlan's court today. Church was convicted of slaying two automobile salesmen. Attorney Bartel for the defense said last night.

"We have a case to prove. We demand the right to present our evidence. And exhibit A of our evidence is Harvey W. Church."

Meanwhile physicians who had examined Church said that his case is extremely abject. "There has been complete mental, moral and physical disintegration," said one. "One cannot think of him in terms of human kind. What lies there is merely a lump of flesh. Only the fundamental organic processes are functioning."

Church went on a hunger strike when sentenced to hang.

CHIEF TAKES BATH; GYPSIES CELEBRATE

NEWARK, N. J., Feb. 21.—Fourteen Gypsy families who make their homes near here are making holiday today for their chief, Ben Most, has taken a bath and changed his linen.

This is the first time the ceremony has occurred in at least 40 days, for the chief was forbidden by the traditional tribal laws to touch his body with water, shave or even change his clothing, until that time had elapsed after the death of his wife. This is the day and the chief's followers are giving every evidence of happiness.

Mary Garden Decides To Retire From Stormy Post of Director

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—(By the Associated Press.)—Mary Garden decides to resign her position as director of the Chicago Opera company at the close of the current season if some one can be found to take her place, but she expects to continue with the company as an artist "where she belongs," she announced today by Secretary Howard E. Potter.

Mr. Potter said Miss Garden would make no definite decision until she had conferred next month at Chicago with Samuel Insull, the new president of the Chicago Opera company.

The diva had received a \$250,000 offer from a New York manager for a concert tour and she had many other interests which she had found impossible to carry out, he said, because of demands on her time exacted by the position as director of the opera company and the attending "responsibilities, annoyances, troubles and embarrassments" of that position.

Miss Garden was out of the city today. Her secretary said that if Mr. Insull insisted the imbrassario was needed and must remain at the head of the Chicago organization, she would do so, but that she felt it more worth while to quit.

Last year the demands of the position out her vacation to six weeks, and that is not enough rest for an artist, Mr. Potter said. Besides, he added, Miss Garden receives no pay as director—her salary being only that for her singing.

MISS MATHILDE McCORMICK, 16, daughter of Harold F. McCormick, Chicago harvestor millionaire, and granddaughter of John D. Rockefeller, engaged to Max Oser, riding master, of Zurich, Switzerland.



JOHN D. GIVES HIS CONSENT TO MARRIAGE

CHICAGO, Feb. 21.—John D. Rockefeller has given his approval of the engagement of his granddaughter, Mathilde McCormick, 16-year-old daughter of Harold F. McCormick to Max Oser, Swiss riding master. Approval was given in a brief telegram, it was said, and it was reported also that he had expressed a wish that Oser become an American citizen. On this latter point there was no information forthcoming from the McCormick family.

New alleged relatives of Oser appeared in Chicago yesterday in the persons of Mrs. August Pol, her daughter, Lottie Doerflinger, and Mrs. Doerflinger's nine-month-old baby, Doris. Mrs. Pol says that her husband was a first cousin of Max Oser.

Emil Burgy, the first Chicagoan to announce his relationship to Oser, called at the McCormick home yesterday, but was informed that Mr. McCormick and his daughter Mathilde were not receiving on Monday, it was said.

SPENDS DAY IN BED. Miss Mathilde spent Sunday in bed, resting from the excitement attendant to obtaining her family's consent to wed Oser.

From the old Cyrus Hall McCormick mansion where Miss McCormick is living with her father, who moved there following his recent divorce from Mrs. Edith Rockefeller McCormick, further details of the international romance were gleaned.

First and foremost the family fixed Mr. Oser's age at only 40 years, contradictions of Emil Burgy, a Chicago interior decorator, who claims to be a cousin of Mr. Oser. Burgy told newspapermen that Mr. Oser was 37 years of age, although previous dispatches from abroad had fixed his age at 48.

GUESSES DECLARED WRONG. Most guesses were wrong, the McCormick family contended today. Howard A. Colby, a friend of Mr. McCormick, who gave the facts to the Associated Press, said:

"Mr. McCormick knows Mr. Oser personally. He is only 40 years old and full of mustard and pep. This stuff about his being an old man is all balderdash. He is really a young man and Miss Mathilde is a very young young lady. It is not like marrying his average 18-year-old girl. Everybody is much pleased with the engagement."

Miss McCormick, who was born in 1905, will be 17 years old on April 8 next.

The date of her return to Switzerland has not been decided, Mr. Colby said.

Asked whether she would wait until she is 18 to marry Oser, Mr. Colby said:

"That point has not been decided. Of course she can marry whenever she wants to."

CORPSE FOUND IN RIVER NEAR PACKING PLANT

Body Identified as That of Sig Degen, Livestock Buyer

IN WATER TEN DAYS Wounds Found on Head; Left Marion Hotel February Fifth

The body of Sigmond Degen, livestock speculator, who is said to have lost approximately \$50,000 in the past year in livestock speculation, was taken out of the Weber river this morning.

The body was removed to the Kirckendall undertaking parlors pending the holding of an inquest this afternoon. Dr. Roy H. Wilson, city and county physician who viewed the body on the banks of the river was unable to state whether wounds on the head had been caused after the body was in the river or before. This will be determined at the inquest.

Degen has been missing since Feb. 5 at which time he left a note in his room at the Marion hotel telling the hotel people to hold the room until he returned. He had a few days prior to his departure, been given a statement by the hotel clerk.

HAD BEEN DESPONDENT According to livestock men at the hotel that knew Degen he had been in a despondent mood for about three weeks prior to his departure.

He was seen at the Union stock yards about February 5 by John Gallagher, a livestock man of Denver, Colo., who positively identified the body this morning, by Jack Lee of the Union Livestock company, by Leo Peck of Logan, by F. C. Erwin, a livestock man of Ogden, and by M. H. Bryan, 352 Patterson avenue.

Mr. Bryan stated that he was quite sure he had seen Degen in the stock yards about ten days ago.

THOUGHT IT WAS AN ANIMAL The body was first seen in the water on Sunday about 2:50 feet below the wagon bridge that crosses the Weber river near the Ogdenville bridge, the Ogdenville Packing & Provision company's plant. It was seen by Sibert Johnson, 2150 Reeves avenue, employed as a blacksmith at the Ogdenville Packing & Provision company. Johnson said that it appeared to be the body of a dead animal and that it was so far from the bank and so deep in the water that he paid no more attention to it.

He noticed it this morning and upon further investigation discovered it was the body of a human. He immediately informed G. F. Stout, superintendent of the Ogdenville Packing & Provision company, who in turn called the police.

BODY IS REMOVED The body was removed from the water with a grappling hook by Police Chauffeur Bert Critch and Detective W. A. Jones. Before it was removed it was in a despondent mood for about three weeks prior to his departure.

When searched on the bank the body which was well dressed contained in the pockets of the clothing a bank book on the Delta National bank, Delta, Colo., \$4.25 in silver and a new memorandum book of the Ogdenville Packing & Provision company, a pipe and a small assortment of other odds and ends carried in a man's pockets. There was also a card bearing the name of Sidney C. Hoel, Grand Junction, Colo.

Esgen was about five feet eight inches in height, weighed about 145 pounds, had blue eyes, his teeth good filled and was about 45 years old.

He is said to be a brother of William and Morris Degen, a prominent livestock firm operating at the Union Livestock yards at Denver, Colo. Degen was a single man, according to his acquaintances here. His friends said he was not a drinking man.

The inquest to determine the cause of the death will be held this afternoon at the council chamber in the city hall.

DENVER, Colo., Feb. 21.—Sig Degen, whose body was reported found in Ogden today, formerly was a livestock speculator in Denver. He left here a year ago. Relatives said they had heard from him about a month ago. He was not a member of the firm of Degen Brothers, Denver, which is composed of his two brothers. When in Colorado, Degen managed a stock ranch for his brothers at Parker. He was 46 years old and unmarried.

LIFE INSURANCE COMPANIES PROSPER

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—The financial, industrial and commercial depression of 1921 seemed to exercise little adverse effect upon the operations of the leading life insurance companies, although lapses were heavy and many policy holders were obliged to borrow money on their policies, says a report issued today.

A lower death rate, higher interest rate and increased returns on dividends, endowments and surrendered policies are among the outstanding features of the report.