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Hailey, Idaho, Man Arrested on Four Serious Charges

HAILEY, Ida.—As an outcome of an audit by J. B. Schofield of the books of the defunct Bellevue Bank & Trust company, which closed its doors October 25 last, warrants for the arrest of Thomas B. Perry, president of the institution, and R. B. Merrill, cashier, were filed in the probate court at Hailey Thursday.

There are three complaints against Perry and Merrill jointly and one against each singly. Perry was placed under arrest and his bond set at \$8000 or \$2000 on each count. He was released when bonds were furnished by I. E. Rockwell, one of the three heaviest stockholders of the bank, and Phillip S. Dittus. Merrill is in California, where he went several months ago. He has not yet been arrested.

The complainant was W. E. Houston, principal of the Bellevue public schools. The audit was made at the instance of Prosecuting Attorney E. A. Broadhead.

Large-sized, clean cotton rags wanted at The Observer.

RANGES CLOSED BY THE SNOW

Forest Ranger Floyd Kendall reports that he has just made a survey of the Umatilla National Forest ranges and that the snow fall makes it impossible to allow cattle to be turned in for grazing for at least a period of ten days longer than was planned. The date for opening the ranges was set at April 15, but they will not be opened until April 25, and possibly not then if the present weather keeps up.

Coal Strike Spreads To More Territory

(By Associated Press)
NEW YORK.—Bituminous coal operators who have offices here Thursday reported the receipt of telegrams from the Connellsville and Fayette regions of Pennsylvania where the unions have been concentrating their efforts since the strike was declared April 1, saying that the strike was "spreading like wildfire."

Philip Murray, vice president of the United Mine Workers of America, declined to corroborate these reports other than to say that "the strike is spreading rapidly through regions heretofore strictly non-union."

Nine Villages Are Under Water in the Mississippi Valley

(By Associated Press)
VICKSBURG, Miss., Apr. 14.—At least nine villages are inundated or surrounded by water and upwards of 250 square miles of farm land is under water as a result of flood stages on the lower Mississippi and its tributaries.

Reports Thursday to headquarters of the levee district here indicated that the most severe flood conditions were centered in the Arkansas and White river basins, but the Mississippi itself approached new high records at Vicksburg and Greenville. At many points, engineers were at work reinforcing the levees.

The villages under water or cut off by the flood are Elaine, Lambrook, Counties, Lundell, Itatio, Melwood, Laconia, Modoc and Ferguson, Arkansas.

Numerous refugee colonies have been established in the flood district and the Missouri-Pacific railroad has distributed 150 boxcars along its route for use of the homeless.

Among the Northwest's Leaders
An intellectual leader of the northwest, Dr. A. M. Meldrum, will lecture at the Christian church April 17. 18 and 19.

BUSINESS IN RUSSIA GAINS

(By Associated Press)
ODESSA, Apr. 14.—Every foreigner who comes here asks first the same question: "Can business be done in Russia and if so when and how?" The fact is that business already is being done in Russia and the indications are that every month will see more of it. Since the correspondent entered Russia in August last, business has taken on big strides. It is not big business but it is business. The Communists were unable to stop small trading even by threats of death which often were carried out. Trade in foreign monies, the exchange of paper rubles for Russian gold or for American bank notes, the most favorite money, is still prohibited but it goes on merrily in Moscow a few doors from the headquarters of the once powerful Chekka, or secret police. It goes on everywhere.

Internal trading for food is conducted in the so-called famine districts of which, to say the truth, there is none, for all Russia is a famine zone. Goods show up in stores that are blandly stated to come from hidden stocks or out of the government warehouses when frequently they have really come over the frontier in handbags or as freight labeled "official documents."

The American Relief Administration has helped to stimulate the freedom of life and property which has made trading more free. It has helped to change the spirit of the Communists to whom every trader represented the hated capitalists or the speculator whose deserved fate was a Cheka prison or firing squad. The A. R. A. men go everywhere and are breaking down these old barriers of hatred.

The Americans were at first opposed everywhere but their patience and good will and, finally, harsh orders from higher officials have dissipated the undercurrent of opposition.

The first American ships to this port bearing food have given heart to the rugged workmen and have shot new life into the port.

Life-giving business is in the air and coming as surely as the flowers of spring. The people know it and respond.

The spirit of America has worked itself into the official mind and this is shown in the treatment of small trading vessels which come here. Their captains have been systematically flogged ashore where their cargoes have been brought at reduced prices and their captains have been paid for them in bad salt, or rotten hides.

The balance of money due them were fixed at ruinous exchange rates and finally the ship master was overcharged for labor and port dues; but as he had brought in goods which he had not declared or made illegal investments in diamonds or art goods the captain went away fairly satisfied. This form of hold-up is passing out with the entrance of bigger ships bringing real cargoes and owing to the impelling sense of decency imported by the Americans.

MESSAGE FROM RIVER STYX

NEW YORK, Apr. 14.—Sir Arthur Conan Doyle described the sensation of the death bed as he said it had been handed to him from beyond the Styx.

Listening to him was a vast audience, an audience that filled Carnegie hall; an audience, many of them soon to board Charon's craft for the voyage all must take. Paleled heads shook with emotion as the earnest words fell from the lips of a man who was turned from medicine and letters to a search for the spiritual.

"Death is not painful but a pleasant process," said Sir Arthur. "As death approaches the soul—the ethereal body—floats out from its earthly shell and hovers above the human clay, tethered only by the silver cord of which ecclesiasts speak. The only sensation is one of delicious languor."

"The first sight that greets the eye is one of smiling, loving faces bending over the death bed," continued Sir Arthur. "Proof?" he asked.

"I have stood by the side of the dying. Seen hands turning cold in death stretched out. Heard words of endearment fall from lips that soon would move no more. Delirium say materialists. No, it is not delirium."

"Proof?" asked the preacher of spiritualism again. "The disengaging of the ethereal body can be, has been photographed. I am fortunate enough to have such a plate."

Then he told of eight daughters—all clairvoyants—who sat beside his dying mother.

"It was lovely to see the ethereal body disengage itself," he said. "There was a multiplicity of beautiful sights."

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Velour Capes Polaire Coats

\$9.00, \$10.90, \$12.50

Just in time for your Easter selecting are these Capes and Coats of Polaire and Velour.

Mannish styled coats in polaire, belted, pleated, with novelty pockets. Cape wraps in fine velours and the best of the Spring colors, plain and embroidery trimmed.

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Suits

Of twills and tricelines in the best of the Spring colors, over a wide range of styles. Your place in the Easter parade is assured if your suit is selected from this showing.

Prices range from \$19.90 to \$46.50

Silk Crepe Dresses

Are among the latest to be added to our Easter showing. Attractively styled dresses of Canton Crepe and crepe de chine, combining all that is new in line, sleeve and trimming effects.

Prices range from \$18.50 to \$36.50.

Easter

Millinery

We are featuring the season's best shapes and colors, in braids, novelty straws and silks. There are distinctive styles and shapes at prices within the reach of everyone.



SUEDE LIKE-CAPE KID

Gloves

To complete your costume, select from this showing. Fine capeskin gloves in white, brown and beige, strap wrist, gauntlet style, price \$3.69. Suede-like fabric gloves in a variety of styles, priced from 49c to \$2.98



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Elastic Brassieres

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Sizes are again complete in this much wanted brassiere. There are two styles with narrow and wide elastic at the waist line.

Treo Elastic

Girdles

\$3.69

A new addition to our stock—an all-elastic girdle which fits well down over the hips and extends three inches above the waist line. Clasp front.

EASTER

Footwear

A most important item in your new wardrobe. Fashion dictates low shoes, oxfords, or strapped slippers. You will find our showings most complete in patent, kid and suede leathers.

For the Miss

Easter Hats

We are now showing Easter Hats that are sure to please any Miss from 6 to 16 years. Shapes and trimmings just as distinctive as those for the ladies in a most varied selection. Prices from 79c to \$4.50

Radium Silk

Petticoats

A beautiful range of plain color petticoats in this lustrous, durable silk, hemstitched and scalloped flounces. Silk jersey and taffeta petticoats at \$3.39 and \$4.39

Spring Shades

Silk Hose

Nude, gray and champagne, the most wanted shades in silk hose, are here. Pure thread silk, seam fashioned, with high reinforced heel and toe. Prices \$1.25, \$1.49

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A Goldwyn Picture

Rogers' wit is not lost on the screen, for many of the funny titles in the Rogers pictures were written by the star himself.

Also Showing a Comedy

Tells Women They Should Become "Real Politicians"

(By Associated Press)
PHILADELPHIA, Apr. 14.—P. O. women are advised by Mrs. Medill McClellan of Chicago to become "real politicians."

29 BOTTLES TELLS STORY.

LONDON.—When Mrs. Gladys M. Hussey was found dead here there were lying by her side 17 empty whisky and 12 empty beer bottles.

(By Associated Press)
BERLIN.—All oil manufacturers in the Crefeld district have granted a wage increase of 10 per cent, thus averting a strike.

GREAT TREE WEARING OUT

(By Associated Press)
MEXICO CITY, Apr. 14.—The "Great Tree of Tule" in the state of Oaxaca, after some 800 years of recorded existence, is beginning to show signs of wear and tear. This giant cypress, with a trunk so huge that 20 persons with outstretched arms can scarcely span it, is known to have been a tree when Columbus discovered America, and history recounts that Cortes and his Spanish soldiers slept beneath its old branches four centuries ago when it was about 175 feet, and is said to be one of the largest trees in the world.

But although time has dealt kindly with the monarch the correspondent during a recent visit to the tiny village of Santa Maria del Tule, Oaxaca, noticed that the wrinkle of age are beginning to show. There is no immediate cause for worry, however, that Tule, as the Indians affectionately call the tree, will wither away before the present generation has passed on. And even if it should, Tule has a son some 50 yards away from the parental boughs that is showing healthy signs of maintaining the family honor in the matter of robustness. Hijo (son), as the Indians have named it, already is so large that 12 persons are needed to span it and 190 is only a couple of hundred years old.

The spread of its branches is almost 150 feet. It stands in the court yard of a tiny church and is the only bid for popular interest made by the village of Santa Maria del Tule, whose population reveres the tree almost as much as one of its saints.

SHOULD A MAN TELL?

NEW YORK.—"What does your husband earn?" Mrs. Fred Lunn was asked in municipal court. "He says \$25, but you can bet it's \$50," was her reply.

"OPEN AIR" PIGS.

MANCHESTER, Eng.—Lord Hamilton of Dalzell, who raises pedigree pigs, does not believe in pigsties. All his pigs are reared in the open and they bring high prices.