

BANKER'S HOME IS WRECKED BY BOMB

Stone Shattered, but Family Escape.

DEADLY INTENT IS MANIFEST

Terrific Explosion Awakens Chicago South Side.

THREATS MADE BY LETTER

Attack Is Sequel to Bank Failure, and Woman and Her Sons Are Taken Into Custody; Neighborhood in Panic.

CHICAGO, Feb. 12.—(Special).—Maddalena Mastrogianni's recent bank failure found an echo at 5:50 A. M. today in a bomb explosion at his luxurious home at 3719 Grand boulevard, an explosion so terrific as to awaken the whole South Side.

"Enemies," said Mastrogianni, as he staggered out through the dusty aperture that formerly had been a wall of solid masonry. In his hand he held a letter. His thought had gone back to it when he realized, after a few moments, what had happened.

Threat Written in Italian. "To put them on the street, blow up, burn or kill if the money is not returned."

It was the threat incorporated in a letter written in Italian—for nearly all the depositors in the Mastrogianni bank were Italian—and bearing the signature of the wife of one of his creditors.

There was a great gap where the facade of the Mastrogianni residence had been. One could look into the rooms at the front and glimpse oil paintings and the smashed furniture and bric-a-brac.

The bomb had been placed there to kill—not to frighten. Its destructive power was so great that it reduced to bits stones weighing tons, and the detonation was so great as to arouse the residents as far south as South Chicago and as far north as the loop.

Bed Shattered; Occupant Unhurt. What was regarded as the most unusual feature was that the Mastrogianni family, five in all—father, mother, two sons and a daughter—escaped without a scratch. The bed in which the former banker and adviser of those of his nationality was sleeping was shattered.

The bomb had the effect of reducing the masonry, tons of it, but did not reach the interior," said Captain Stephen K. Healey. "Had it been placed beneath the house not one member would be alive to tell the story."

A woman has been taken into custody by the police. Mastrogianni has been threatened many times since the failure of his bank. Letters, however, aroused in him no terror of assassination.

"Here are some of the letters I received," said Mastrogianni to the police. "See what you can make out of them."

One of these bore the signature of Mrs. Camplone Paola, 2839 Lowe avenue. It was she who was taken to the police station.

Woman Denies Doing Harm. "Yes, I wrote him a letter," she said, "but I meant him no personal harm. I lost \$1000 in his bank and I wrote and told him I would report to the Society"

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ANOTHER CANOEIST DROWNED IN RIVER

TWO OTHERS HAVE NARROW ESCAPE AT OSWEGO.

Swells From Passing Steamer Upset Craft Within 35 Feet of Shore. Oak Grove Man Lost.

Swells from a river steamer capsized the canoe in which Henry Pielt, Charles Bosburg and William Bosburg were crossing the Willamette River from Oswego last night at 6 o'clock to Oak Grove, where they resided, and the drowning of Mr. Pielt is added to the list of canoe tragedies for the river thus far this year.

When not more than 35 feet from the shore, near the cement plant at Oswego, the swells from the passing steamer upset the canoe and all went into the water. The 8-year-old son of Mr. Bosburg disappeared for a moment, but Mr. Bosburg found him about 10 feet toward shore and with him aimed the craft and started for shore. Near him Mr. Pielt was swimming to apparent safety. Within about 25 feet from a landing place, however, Mr. Pielt threw up his arms and disappeared. Mr. Bosburg, calling assistance, set out in a row boat to find Mr. Pielt. The quest was in vain.

Mr. Pielt was 31 years old and is survived by a widow. Mr. Bosburg is 27 years old. Mr. Pielt was a teamster. Mr. Bosburg is a mechanic.

A search party was organized at Oak Grove last night.

CO-EDS DEMAND CHANGE

Leap-Year Rights Call for Open House Among Fraternities.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Feb. 19.—(Special).—Since this is leap year, the co-eds of the university insist they should derive some of the benefits thereof.

Ordinarily, it is the custom for all sororities to hold open house on a Sunday at the beginning of each semester, allowing the men to come in groups to meet the young women. But the young women now say the fraternities should hold open house and allow them to do the visiting. The proposition will come up before the interfraternity council in the near future and an answer given the request.

SKATERS WARN MOTORISTS

Children at Vancouver Carry Bells and Danger Is Lessened.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Feb. 19.—(Special).—The danger of boys and girls skating on the hard-surface pavement in this city has been greatly lessened. The children now carry small bells or tie them to their feet. As they skate the bell rings and can be heard at some distance by automobilists.

The City Council wrestled for several meetings with the problem of the children's roller skating on the busy streets, but the ordinance did not pass the third reading.

WELL ENTERS BASEMENT

Steam Pump in Centralia Depot Just Keeps Up With Flow.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Feb. 19.—(Special).—The Northern Pacific Railway has an artesian well in the basement of its local depot.

When the water first started to force its way through the concrete floor two months ago it was thought the trouble was merely temporary owing to high water, but the flow has increased, forcing the railway to install a steam pump, which is just able to keep up with the incoming water.

Berlin to Increase Taxes.

LONDON, Feb. 19.—A Central News dispatch from Amsterdam quotes the Berliner Tageblatt as saying that the communal income tax in Berlin is to be increased 35 per cent, while increases also are to be made in the tax in neighboring communities attached to the municipality of Berlin.

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RAILWAY HELD AT BIG COST TO ARMY

Russians Save Warsaw From Fate for Time.

150,000 GERMANS IN DRIVE

Muscovite Defense Is Numerically Much Weaker.

MEN STICK TO TRENCHES

Great Numbers Blown Into Atoms by High Explosive Shells—Teuton Fire Concentrated on Front of Few Miles.

BY STANLEY WASHBURN. (War correspondent of the Chicago Tribune, returned from the Russian front. Published by arrangement.)

By July 23 it was reasonably clear that the German movement in the north was not a mere demonstration but a violent assault to break through the Russian line in force and cut the railroad to Petrograd. The belief by the Russians that the major German effort would fall in the south had resulted, as I have shown, in the sending of picked corps from all other fronts to the Chern-Lublin line.

Three of the best corps that had heretofore been used in the Warsaw defense were fighting in Southern Poland, and when the unexpectedly heavy blow fell on the Narw, the Russians were not in condition to put up a strong resistance.

Not only was it difficult to find new men to throw into the firing line but out of the meager reserves of ammunition then available the bulk was going to the southern front, where the menace seemed to be the greatest.

150,000 Men in Attack. It is difficult to estimate the exact numbers engaged, but to the best of my information, and my sources were of the best, the Germans were able to concentrate on the Narw sector and their center of attack on Pultusk somewhere in the neighborhood of 121 active battalions and 13 or 14 reserve battalions, giving them an effective infantry force of not far less than 150,000, not to mention their artillery and other arms.

Against this force the Russians were able to concentrate at the threatened point probably less than two-thirds of that number of infantry and not over a third to a half of the amount of artillery and probably had not over a fifth of the quantity of munitions, even at the beginning of the operations, and this ultimately ran down to approximately a tenth or even less, for some of the batteries ran out of shells entirely.

The heaviest attack fell on Pultusk itself, where I was informed the enemy effected a concentration of fire from 150 guns on a front a few miles in length. This narrow strip was held by a Siberian corps which had fallen back a few days before from Moscow, where it had held back for several days a large number of Germans.

Russians Slaughtered by Shells. The same situation developed, as I have chronicled, on the Krasnyastav front. The Russians were not turned out of their trenches in disorder by the German bayonets. They remained at their posts and for the most part were blown into atoms by the German high explosive shells that were rained upon them.

In this way the enemy broke down a front of perhaps five miles and managed to cross the Narw and to establish himself on the eastern bank with

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ESCAPED GERMAN SPY IS ARRESTED

Ignatius T. Lincoln Captured in New York.

MAN DISGUISED ON BROADWAY

Ex-Member of British Parliament Poses as Farmer.

PRISONER DISPLAYS ANGER

Confessed Traitor Says Wrongful Treatment by American Government Caused Him to Escape. Pistol Used in Capture.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—Ignatius T. Lincoln, ex-member of the British Parliament and self-confessed German spy who escaped several weeks ago from a United States deputy marshal in Brooklyn, was arrested tonight at Broadway and Thirty-ninth street by agents of the Department of Justice.

Lincoln, his hands manacled, was taken in a taxicab to the office of William M. Coffey, division superintendent of the Department of Justice. When Lincoln, who had his mustache shaved off since his escape, entered the offices of the Department of Justice he was greeted by Assistant United States District Attorney Dunham, of Brooklyn.

"Well, well, I certainly am glad to see you once more, Lincoln," said Mr. Dunham. "I'm glad to see you," replied Lincoln. The door of the inner office was then closed, but Lincoln could be heard telling Mr. Dunham how his arrest came about.

Trunks Cause Arrest. "You people never in the world would have caught me," he declared, "if I hadn't made a mistake about my trunks. I think the people where I had the trunks recognized me several days ago, and notified you so that when I went back there today you were waiting for me. I made a serious mistake in going back."

While being questioned by Mr. Dunham and the secret service agents, Lincoln became angry and protested in loud tones that the United States Government had not treated him fairly or he would not have run away.

"The Washington officials know what is behind this persecution," he was heard to say. "This is nothing but a political affair, but still they don't treat me fairly. I wouldn't have run away if they had, but I am only human. I'll be game, though; I'll take what's coming to me."

The Government agent who arrested Lincoln is attached to the Baltimore office of the secret service and has been working on the case since Lincoln escaped.

Officer Uses Revolver. When he saw the fugitive on the street tonight the detective decided to take no chances. He pressed a revolver against Lincoln's body and advised him to submit to arrest quietly.

"You needn't do that," said Lincoln smilingly. "I'll go along with you quietly enough."

After his escape, Lincoln told his questioners, he went to South Amboy, N. J., where he disguised himself as a farmer and went about with no fear of his identity being learned. He made frequent trips to New York and rented a room in the vicinity of the spot where he was arrested.

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Still handcuffed and guarded by two United States deputy marshals, as well

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OWNER OF LOOTED HOUSE HAS INNINGS

MAN GOES AWAY TO WORK AND PLACE IS DESPOILED.

Defense Tells of Acquiring Property in Trade, but Court Estimates Value of Three Lots at \$6.

The ownership of a house and lot in Laurelhurst Addition, together with improvements and furnishings, occupied the Municipal Court yesterday afternoon to the exclusion of all other matters.

Five years ago A. E. Keats purchased a lot and erected a modest home. Bit by bit he furnished it from his savings. A few months ago he went away to work. When he returned he found the little place that had been his home literally swept of everything he cherished. Even the window panes had been taken. He reported to Deputy District Attorney Deich and a John Doe warrant was issued.

Detective Tichenor, who worked on the case, found that an auto truck had hauled away the furnishings. Boys of the neighborhood recalled the number of the truck. The information led to the arrest of Emmett Austin, who asserts that he is a real estate operator.

To Judge Langruth the accused said he had traded three lots at Sand Lake for an equity in the property. It is shown by the contract that his title rests to another and adjoining lot.

"I submit that those Sand Lake lots are not worth \$1 apiece," Deputy District Attorney Deich said.

The judicial brow wrinkled. "They are worth at least \$2," Judge Langruth rejoined. "I had one of them."

The case was continued for decision next Thursday.

EVERY MAN PUT TO WORK

Northern Pacific Concentrates on Clearing Line to Eltopia.

ELTOPIA, Wash., Feb. 12.—(Special).—Every available man was picked up in Pasco today to augment the Northern Pacific Railway extra gangs to work on the washouts between Pasco and here. Several hundred are at work tonight and day. No trains have reached here for the past week. Arrangements are being made whereby Eltopia will be served with mail by automobile from Pasco.

I. B. Richards, general superintendent of the Northern Pacific, arrived yesterday at the flooded district from St. Paul.

NEW BUTTER RECORD MADE

Holstein Cow Produces More Than \$5 Pounds in Week.

MONTPELIER, Vt., Feb. 19.—The production of 55.316 pounds of butter in seven days by a registered holstein cow owned by Dr. J. G. Whitney was declared by officials at the Vermont State Experiment Station today to be a world's record for a one-week test.

The test was conducted under the supervision of the station.

HYENAS ATTACK TRAINER

Circus Man Seriously Injured by Animals Under His Care.

VENICE, Cal., Feb. 19.—John Ducake, an animal trainer with a circus, was seriously injured today when attacked by three hyenas being removed from one cage to another.

Ducake was rescued by companions. His left arm was broken and his left leg lacerated.

FROG SKIN PUT ON WOMAN

Recovery From Burns Expected After Grafting Operation.

DES MOINES, Feb. 19.—Frog skin was grafted onto the chest of Mrs. Samuel Short at Mercy Hospital today.

It was announced she probably will recover from severe burns received in a fire at her home here January 26.

RATE DECISION IS WON BY ASTORIA

Port on Parity With Portland and Sound.

BARRIER ORDERED REMOVED

Commerce Commission Holds Present Schedules Unfair.

NATURAL GROUP IS FOUND

Demand for Equality of Treatment With Respect to Traffic Originating in Inland Empire Territory Is Granted.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 19.—The Interstate Commerce Commission today announced its decision in the Astoria rate case, upholding the contentions of Astoria. The opinion, after reviewing the facts, concludes as follows:

"Astoria has stated its case on a comparison of its distances and transportation conditions with the distances of Seattle and Tacoma from the Inland Empire and with the conditions surrounding their traffic to and from Inland Empire points. Astoria has refrained, however, from making any comparison of its rates and the circumstances and conditions surrounding its traffic with the Inland Empire rates of Portland and the circumstances and conditions surrounding the traffic between that point and Inland Empire points.

Portland Aware of Proceeding. "The hearings in this proceeding were held at Portland, and it may properly be assumed that Portland was aware of the pendency of the contest and its possible consequence to her, yet it is to be noted that Portland has not intervened upon the record and has taken no part in the hearings.

"Under such circumstances, it does not seem unduly venturesome to assume that this inactivity on Portland's part indicates no lack of interest in Astoria's complaint, but rather, as the defendants anticipate, a purpose on the part of Portland, in case of a reduction in the Astoria rates to the basis of the rates to the Puget Sound ports, to call our attention at a later date to its advantage over Astoria, of 100 miles in the distance from Inland Empire points, and to predicate upon that fact a demand for a corresponding reduction in its own rates.

Rate Relationship Natural. "It is obvious, however, that there is something of a natural relationship in the rates of Seattle, Tacoma, Astoria and Portland that cannot be ignored, and a reduction in the Portland rate to and from the Inland Empire does not necessarily follow as an inevitable consequence of a reduction in the Astoria rates to the basis of the Seattle and Tacoma rates.

"While Astoria is not fairly to be criticized for presenting its case solely upon its relation to the Puget Sound ports, the records emphasize our own duty in the premises, namely, to consider the entire rate situation and the influence that our action here may have upon other points not represented in the proceeding or especially touched upon in the record.

Mountains Are Disadvantage. "As before stated, Astoria now takes terminal rates on class and commodity traffic to and from points east of the line drawn from Buford to Trinidad. Its rate disadvantage, as compared with Seattle and Tacoma, commences on traffic to and from the Inland Empire. Considered solely in its relation to Seattle and Tacoma, it would be

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PICTORIAL SIDELIGHTS ON SOME PROMINENT EVENTS IN THE WEEK'S NEWS

