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THOUSANDS SEEK SAFETY FROM FLOOD

Louisiana Dwellers Flee Low-
lands as Flood Crest
Rides South.

Baton Rouge, La.—Louisiana has become the battleground of the Mississippi flood as the crest of the destructive stream swept southward, straining and breaking through levees.

Thousands of men, women and children are trekking from the lowlands to places of safety on bluffs and high spots across the river. Additional thousands have been warned to evacuate their homes in Voodooes parish, threatened by a break in the Red river at Echo.

Although the largest city in the south, New Orleans, apparently is safe from the flood danger, due to an artificial levee opening at Poydras, 14 miles south, backwater from St. Bernard parish is seeping into the low industrial section by way of the Lake Borgne ship canal.

The water loosed on the valley to save the town is returning to plague New Orleans, which thought the flood danger was past. Attempts of workers to erect a levee along the canal bank have proved unsuccessful so far.

In any event, however, the water from the canal is much less to be feared than the torrent of the Mississippi and damage from this source probably will be comparatively slight.

Overflow from the Arkansas river has flooded the entire northern part of Louisiana and with the Red river swollen almost to the breaking point and still rising, additional floods are feared.

G. N. ROAD GETS SUBURBAN LINES

Washington, D. C. — The Great Northern took another step in strengthening its interests in the inland Empire when the Interstate Commerce commission gave the Spokane, Coeur d'Alene & Palouse railway authority to acquire the lines of the Spokane & Eastern Railway & Power company and the Inland Empire Railroad company. This is, in effect, a gathering into the hands of the Great Northern of the network of suburban lines branching out from Spokane. Operating alone, it is said, they cannot expect to stand. Combined in one management, using the Great Northern trackage and depot in Spokane and serving as feeders for a trunk line, they are counted on to survive and thrive.

MURDERER BREAKS JAIL

Edward Sickles, Who Shot Sultan, Wash., Marshal Escapes.
Everett, Wash.—Edward C. Sickles of Seattle, under sentence of death for murder, escaped from the county jail here early Sunday.

The board of county commissioners has offered a reward of \$500 for his capture, dead or alive.

The 27-year-old desperado, who was convicted here March 23 of slaying Percy Z. Brewster, town marshal of Sultan, Wash., was aided from the outside in his break for liberty, county officials believe.

Sickles was to be hanged at the state penitentiary in Walla Walla on Friday, May 13.

\$10,000,000 Asked for Flood Victims.

Washington, D. C.—Declaring that because of the vast increase in the flooded area the \$5,000,000 goal originally set by the Red Cross for relief work would prove insufficient, President Coolidge issued a statement addressed to the people of the nation asking them to double the amount.

California to Curb Drug Sale.
Sacramento, Cal.—A bill passed by the lower house of the California legislature here provides for the appointment of a commission to confer with commissions from Washington and Oregon to discuss methods to suppress narcotics sales.

Port Angeles Rail Extension Granted.
Washington, D. C.—The Port Angeles & Western railway was authorized by the Interstate Commerce commission to construct part of an extension in Clallam and Jefferson counties, Washington.

Wind Flattens School, Injuring 16.
Scottsburg, Ind.—Sixteen children were injured, two probably fatally, when a country schoolhouse in the west part of Scotts county was blown down during a severe rain and wind storm.

Pilot Believed Smuggler; Shot Down.
Los Angeles.—A. J. Daugherty, student aviator of Somerset, Ohio, was shot and killed by three federal immigration inspectors, who shot down an airplane believed to contain smugglers.

WAYS TO BLOCK CROOKED PROMOTERS

By W. R. MOREHOUSE
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(This is one of a series of articles exposing the tactics of sharpers who are after your money.)

MANY reliable corporations, firms and individuals are engaged in developing mining properties, drilling for possible new oil wells and promoting new inventions and enterprises. On the other hand many unreliable persons are ostensibly engaged in the same pursuits, but in reality are only promoting frauds. Therefore, every investor should first divide the sheep from the goats before he hazards his savings. Because there are many dishonest manipulators using mining, oil, invention and promotion terms to deceive does not mean that all promoters in these fields are crooked. The truth is, there are many trustworthy men engaged in promoting enterprises that are honest investments. The problem is to know the difference between promoters of the reliable type and the high-pressure variety. The former are engaged in legitimate business. The other group is engaged in fleecing the public.

The number of those who deliberately scheme to defraud is large and they are shrewd and successful. For this reason those who cannot afford to lose their savings should not trust entirely to their own judgment in making investments. In order to divide the sheep from the goats, the investor should consult his banker or let the National Better Business Bureau, whose headquarters are in New York City, advise him. It costs nothing to get such advice from either source. It is safe to say that if those who have lost their savings through fraudulent schemes had followed this simple course they would still be in possession of their money.

Get the Facts
Invariably, get the facts and take no substitutes. There is nothing better and nothing just as good as the facts when it comes to withdrawing your savings from the bank and investing them. The facts about an investment often strengthen its position or show it up to be risky—often times too risky for the person who cannot afford to lose.

Good Advice
The Prevented Disaster
New schemes to defraud are being hatched daily. The unscrupulous promoter never sleeps but is continuously plotting new methods of attack on the savers' hard-won accumulations. The liberties he takes with the law and the schemes he designs for belittling the sound advice of responsible persons makes it even more essential for investors to get the facts.

Remember that anything that is worth investing in is worth knowing about, as to its safety, its income, and its marketability. Any investment which is enshrouded by a screen of glowing promises or is so complicated that neither you nor your banker can fathom it and get the hard facts isn't an investment you can afford to put your money into.

Make it an unbreakable rule to get all the facts, whether the investment be large or small, and you will save yourself the headaches and bitter disappointment of losing your savings. Millions of dollars have been unfortunately been lost through poor investment might have been saved if the investors had taken time to investigate before investing. There is always demand for investors' funds that not one cent need be wasted by them on fraudulent schemes.

Don't Trade Good for Bad
Don't exchange your investments for (A future article will tell of more schemes by which people are defrauded of their savings.)

They were on hand at the appointed hour. With the cunning of expert swindlers they proceeded to inveigle her stock away from her, assuring her that if she exchanged her public utility stock for that of the fruit company there was no doubt she would become very rich. But just as they were spreading out before her a beautifully embossed stock certificate the bureau's detective stepped out from his place of concealment and told the swindlers he had come prepared to take them for a ride in his car. They protested loudly and even struck at him, but experienced as he was in handling persons who resist arrest he soon had them handcuffed together.

Investigation revealed that the certificate of stock of the fruit company was fictitious. No such company had ever been organized. The evidence also disclosed that some certificates had already been issued and exchanged and there were a large number more ready for future use whenever a trade could be arranged.

Literally thousands of inexperienced investors are being swindled out of their good investments in such trades. It behooves all persons who have good investments not to exchange them without first getting all the facts from their banker or other person fully qualified to advise and protect them.

Bankers Helping
Three banks in South Carolina have inaugurated a plan to provide free of cost for two years a centrally located place to be used by the farmers of Greenville and neighboring counties for the purpose of establishing a cannery, a canning factory and a farm woman's club. The idea is to get the farmers to raise livestock, to raise their own food and feed and to have something extra to sell. The cannery is intended to utilize the surplus garden and fruit products, and the club rooms for getting the support and co-operation of the farm women.

Georgia Bankers Have Made Great strides in furthering a diversified farming program the past year. They helped farmers to sow fifty-five car loads of vetch seed, furnished local loans in eighty counties for the corn contest, the state prize of \$1,000 being furnished by a bank in Atlanta. A banker-farmer alfalfa demonstration was held at the college and attended by 250 bankers and farmers. Alfalfa acreage has increased from 1,800 to 3,000, the demonstration being credited with 50 per cent of this increase. This year the state has produced 12,000,000 more bushels of corn than last year, has sold 50 cars of truck, \$2,000,000 worth of pecans, and has produced 100,000,000 pounds of meat and enough corn and hay for its own use.

AS LABOR SEES BANKS
Vast sums of money are lost each year by wage-earners through investments hastily entered into. With the confidence of the wage-earners, banks will be enabled to more accurately advise such investors and thus save money which might otherwise be lost by unwise speculation. — William Green, President American Federation of Labor.

HUGH D'AUTREMONT PLACED ON TRIAL

Charged With First Degree
Murder Committed in Hold-
up of S. P. Train.

Medford, Or.—Hugh De Autremont, for over three years the most hunted man in the United States, was placed on trial for his life Monday morning at the Jacksonville court house. He is charged with murder in the first degree of Coyle O. Johnson, on October 11, 1923, during a holdup of Southern Pacific train 13 in the Siskiyou mountains at tunnel No. 13, about 17 miles south of Ashland.

De Autremont's trial will be one of the most important and sensational cases which has ever been tried in Oregon courts. Circuit Judge C. M. Thomas will be on the bench.

Attorney Fred E. Smith of Eugene will be chief defense counsel. Associated with him will be Attorney John A. Collier of Portland, Attorney Gus Newbury of Medford and Attorney David Evans of Eugene.

Prosecuting the case for the state will be Newton C. Chaney, district attorney of Jackson County; George Neuner, United States district attorney, of Portland, and Attorney George Roberts of Medford.

Four men were killed in the Siskiyou holdup, the mail and express cars were blown to a twisted mass with nitroglycerin and the robbers escaped with an unknown amount of loot. The men killed were: S. G. Bates, 55, engineer, of Dunsmuir, Cal.; Cal M. Seng, fireman, Ashland, Or.; C. P. Daugherty, 35, mail clerk, and Coyle O. Johnson, 40, brakeman, of Ashland.

The holdup occurred shortly after the noon hour in a densely wooded, wild mountain district. Three men took part in the holdup; after having in ambush and commandeering the train when it slowed down on the grade at the tunnel.

BOOTLEGGERS PAY LARGE INCOME TAX

New York. — Total federal income taxes paid by bootleggers in this city last year amounted to \$5,000,000, Hugh McQuillan, chief of the secret service unit attached to the internal revenue department here, revealed.

McQuillan said his department was not concerned with "any law violations except those dealing with the federal tax," and he had given this information to "prominent bootleggers" who came to his office to "sound him out" on the question of paying their 1926 income tax.

"They made their returns under the clause 'revenue from other sources' in the tax blanks," he said. "It is not up to us to turn their names over to the prohibition authorities."

It was intimated that when the figures on taxes paid by bootleggers and other gamblers are announced they will be just as amazing as those paid by illicit liquor dealers.

U. S. ADMIRAL BARRED

American Naval Officer Refused Soviet
Permission to Traverse Russia.

Moscow. — The soviet government recently announced it had refused to give a transit passport permitting Rear Admiral Mark L. Bristol, American naval commander in the Mediterranean, to cross soviet territory on his way to take command of the American fleet in Chinese waters.

The grounds for this attitude by the soviet government were stated to be Washington's refusal to permit Gregory Sokolnikoff, ex-finance commissioner; George Platakoff, economic commissioner, and Mme. Kollantay, soviet ambassador to Mexico to enter the United States.

Highway Shakeup at Olympia Begun.

Olympia, Wash. — The expected shakeup in the state highway department got under way Monday with the advent of Samuel J. Humes of Seattle as state highway engineer, when four men, all of whom have been with the department 12 years, received notices of dismissal. Three dismissals, those of E. R. Hoffman, construction engineer; R. M. Gillis of Vancouver, district engineer for southwest Washington, and R. H. Wilson, Seattle's district engineer for King and counties north, were immediate, their successors being named to take up the work immediately. The fourth, Assistant Chief Engineer McCoy, received two weeks' notice.

Action Demanded on Rail Extension.

Salem, Ore.—Action on the part of the railroads and not further extensions of time in which to begin operations, is demanded by the people of Oregon in connection with the proposed central Oregon rail development, said a telegram to the Interstate Commerce commission by the public service commission of this state.

A Lame Jumper for Mother

By JANE OSBORN

REGINALD POSTER'S devotion to his mother was like a big brother toward a rather frivolous younger sister. For Reginald at thirty felt and often looked older than his mother at forty-eight. His own father had died when he was young and his mother was now wife of the well-to-do Peter Posner. Every Monday morning when Reginald reached his office there was a letter lying on his desk from his mother—that is unless he had chanced to spend the week-end with her at the Posner country house thirty miles out.

This morning there was little news save that dear Peter had put through some very important contracts recently. "I meant to come to town last week, but everyone seemed to be having parties here and I couldn't get off. So I wonder if you'll do some shopping for me. You know how busy Peter is—don't you, Reginald darling? I really must have a lame jumper. I haven't an idea how much money they cost, but get a good one." Then followed a list including everything from a sundial for the garden to a good dog for one of the children. "And don't forget," said Reginald's mother in closing, "to have the lame jumper sent out at once, Monday and Tuesday I shall be motoring to the shore and back, but I do want the things Tuesday when I get back." Reginald was annoyed—as he always was a busy Monday to have a shopping list to attend to for his mother—but he felt annoyance not so much with his mother as with Peter, her husband. "Pretty sleek," quoth Reginald aloud. "He's too busy to bother."

Reginald heard two or three notes of a pleasant little laugh which was quickly suppressed when he looked up. Daphne, his partner's twenty-year-old daughter, had come into the office ostensibly to get her father to forward her next month's allowance and had come in unannounced to Reginald's office.

"Who's pretty sleek?" she asked. "Peter's sleek," said Reginald abruptly. "Peter Posner, who married my mother." "Oh, I think Mr. Posner is the dearest old thing—he's your stepfather, I suppose."

"I don't consider him any sort of a father to me," answered Reginald, "and he isn't at all old. He is some years younger than my mother, if that interests you—so he is not much past forty. I happen to be thirty myself." "You poor old dear," said Daphne. Reginald looked intently at Daphne without a smile. "You are very charming, Daphne," he told her. "There's no one I like so well at a dance—but in an office you're a nuisance."

"All right, I'll run away," said the girl, moving toward the door. "Only why did you say Peter Posner was pretty sleek?" "Because he lets me do his wife's shopping. I've got to take time this noon to go out and buy a dog and a radio and a lame jumper, whatever that is."

"Ask me to have lunch with you," suggested Daphne, "and I'll help you." "You wouldn't help, you'd hinder," Reginald told her. "You're a witch and you know it. No man could keep his head with you around."

Several times that morning Reginald looked at the list written in his mother's bold, clear writing. There was no doubt about the lame jumper. Peter took time to telephone to her apartment store and asked if they had any lame jumpers in stock, but no one there knew what he meant.

"Maybe it's a new book," some one suggested, and some one else suggested that it might be something to eat. "It sounds like some sort of crippled acrobat," Reginald insisted. Of course it was impossible to try to reach his mother by telephone. She was away on a motor trip.

It was at two o'clock, after Reginald had visited every sort of store he could think of—even the florist's shop—that he telephoned to Daphne. "You haven't an idea what my mother meant by a lame jumper, have you?" Daphne giggled. "I have an idea," she said. "Only you don't say it right." "Will you help me buy one?" begged Reginald.

"Gladly, if you'll take me to tea." At five that afternoon Reginald and Daphne, having finished their shopping, sat together in Daphne's favorite restaurant.

"I knew right away what she wanted," said Daphne. "Of course your mother should have put an accent over the 'e', but you ought to have known. It's 'lame'; Lame jumpers are quite the fashion. I'm thinking of getting one myself, though they are a trifle old."

"So'm I," grumbled Reginald. "You told me so this morning. Daphne, why, when you think I'm such an impossible old fogey, do you torment me so?" "Because," said Daphne looking intently at the cinnamon toast before her, "because I want you to respond. I had three proposals last week—and it does seem foolish to keep on saying 'no' to everyone—but then, Daphne interrupted herself, "if you don't care about me—"

"You don't mean you'd have me?" "Of course I would, you old simpleton," assured Daphne. "And Reginald dear—after we're married I'm going to call Peter Posner 'papa.' May I?"