

HANOVER BANK HEAD VICTIM OF ORGANIZED GANG

Chain of Operations May Be Revealed in Seven States. Sensational Developments Are Exposed Here Today.

IN TEARFUL PRAYER FOR HELP Letter From Jaedicke to Alleged Accomplice Found.

"For God's Sake Don't Starve My Wife and Babies."

LEFT FAMILY IN DISTRESS

Wife Sells Ponies and Dogs for Household Needs.

Losses May Hit Washington Bank for Half Million.

August Jaedicke, Jr., missing president of the Hanover State bank, may have been the victim of an organized gang which "killed" checks and securities from banks in at least seven states. Today state, federal, postal and large corporation agencies prepared for an organized hunt for the defuncting banker and investigation of his operations. Jaedicke's manipulation of funds in his care may have hit the Washington county community for a half million dollars. Actual bank losses may range from \$100,000 to \$500,000.



In the state house today there is a belief that Jaedicke's absconding may lead to wholesale arrests. The probe of the Hanover banker's affairs now promises to reveal a chain system of operations that extends to at least August, 1918. Sums aggregating several hundred thousand dollars now appear to have been lost by persons who placed their confidence in the banker. Much of this money was seemingly not a record account of the bank.

Left Family in Distress. That Jaedicke fled without any considerable amount of actual cash is an other belief of state officials. He left his family in a state of destitution. It is said to have sold a couple of Shetland ponies and two Collie dogs from Jaedicke kennel that she might have money for the immediate needs of her household.

It became known in Topeka today that state and federal officials have intercepted a letter sent by Jaedicke this week to one of his alleged accomplices—possibly one of the men responsible for the growth of the bank. The letter is a tearful prayer for help.

"You have taken my money, my bank and my reputation," the letter is quoted as reading. "For God's sake starve my wife and babies."

Then the letter continues with an account of the banker's last hour at home. He speaks of leaving his wife and crooning babies goodby and fleeing from the community. He asked the person to whom the letter was addressed to go to Hanover and give Mrs. Jaedicke \$1,000—a mere drop in the bucket of loot from the community—and to replace a \$1,000 account of the German Lutheran church which is building a new house of worship in the town.

This letter may be the link that will connect a gang of shrewd operators who unloaded worthless paper on Jaedicke. It is believed that thousands of dollars of worthless paper was taken care of personally by Jaedicke until his own fortune tattered and fell. Then he sought relief from use of funds in Jaedicke's manipulation for investments and bond purchases—by men and women in the community.

It is reported that \$200,000 from Jaedicke's bank was sent to a bank in Chicago in the last ninety days. Large drafts were made by telegraph. Jaedicke was local financial agent for the Western Union Telegraph company which accepted his code orders for these transfers. Many of the drafts were protected and it was reported today that the wire company stands to lose \$30,000 to \$40,000.

Many stories are coming out of Hanover as to Jaedicke's manipulation of funds of the bank and of his friends. Only a few days ago one customer of the bank in said he had given the president \$5,000 with which to release two mortgages—one for \$1,000, the other for \$4,000. Records (Continued on Page Two.)

BELL COMPANY PLANS MILLION IMPROVEMENTS

Expenditures Announced Today by General Manager. Addition Costing \$115,000 Will Be Started in July.

NEW EQUIPMENT IN PLANT Will Give Topeka One of Best Exchanges in West.

General Offices Will Remain on Kansas Avenue.

Expenditures of \$859,000 to \$1,000,000 in Topeka by the Southwestern Bell Telephone company were announced today by R. J. Benzel, general manager for Kansas. The first move in the program from a practically new phone service for Topeka will be construction of a \$115,000 addition to the plant building on Jackson street. It will adjoin the present building on Jackson street between Eighth and Ninth streets. When the annex is completed the company will have a frontage of 128 feet on Jackson street. The new structure will be three-story and two stories above basement, the same height as the present three-story plant and local office building. Foundations will permit addition of three floors to the new structure.

General offices of the company will be continued in the Central National building for at least two or three years. These offices employ 150 to 200 people and occupy three floors of the building at Seventh and Kansas avenue.

For Local Plant. Benzel stated today that the new building would be completed in less than a year. The new building is designed to care for the increased business of the wire company and to provide space for new equipment. Quarters of the plant employees are congested in the present three-story structure and the additional floor space will care for new business and meet demands for several years. A basement will be added and the addition of the new offices will be provided. This will throw the first floor above the curb level and the new building will be the same height as the present structure.

Fire proof construction will be used entirely including exterior windows which will be of the masonry type. All of the inside trim will be of fire proof materials. Ample provision will be made for elevators and for the future enlargement of the building. The heating system will be of steam vacuum type. The new building will also carry provisions for enlarging the plant and for future expansion.

Exterior of the new building will be faced with a combination of several shades of mack brick. The main entrance and trimmings including the cornice, will be of colored terra cotta. The design of the exterior will be an adaptation of the Italian Renaissance style.

Garden for Employees. A space of 25 feet facing Jackson street and south of the south line of the new building is also owned by the telephone company. This space is to be used as a garden and flower garden for the plant employees.

"We have decided," said Manager Benzel, "to erect a new exchange building which will give adequate room to install the new equipment necessary both at this time and to provide for the growth of the service during the next several years. The present exchange building will not carry additional stories. For that reason as well as the fact that all a teleprinter is exhausted, it is necessary to construct a new building and install new equipment."

One of Best in Country. "When the new building is completed and facilities installed, we shall be able to answer all of Topeka's demands for a telephone service. This city will have one of the most up-to-date and best equipped telephone plants in the country. Lack of labor materials during the war prevented carrying out these plans sooner. That was a condition which could not be overcome."

The new plant equipment will not begin until the new building is completed. A large appropriation for cable extensions and general outside improvements will be used before the first of next year. Expense of betterments and new equipment will range from \$850,000 to \$1,000,000 to be used in the next fiscal year.

Rock Island, Ill., May 22.—Two vaults of the Farmers' State bank of Rock Island, Ill., were blown by yegmen last night. The vaults were blown and the robbery early today. Only \$30 in cash and several valuable papers were taken. Liberty bonds were removed from the bank yesterday.

St. Joseph, Mo., May 22.—Robbers who blew a hole in the vault of the bank of Easton, this county, were unable to penetrate the safe. They escaped with five dollars in revenue stamps. The robbery was not discovered until today.

Kansas City, Mo., May 22.—Robbers broke into the Farmers' bank at Calao, Mo., and escaped with several thousand dollars in liberty bonds and other valuables. The robbery was reported today that the wire company stands to lose \$30,000 to \$40,000.

Des Moines, Ia., May 22.—Five masked bandits blew the safe of the Reasner Savings bank at Reasner, Ia., early today and escaped with liberty bonds and negotiable papers valued at several thousand dollars, according to Des Moines police today.

Bank Robberies Today

New Bell Telephone Plant as It Will Look When Completed in Topeka. Construction Begins in July



TWO SHOT DOWN MUST RIDE OVER INTO LAST DITCH

Atchison Police Capture Fleeing Bank Bandits.

Third Made Escape, The Believed Badly Wounded.

BAD TIRE HELPED POSSE

Three Thousand Dollars in Bonds Found on Them.

In Hospital Dying Robbers Refuse to Talk.

Atchison, Kan., May 22.—Walter Bradford and Harry Kelly, believed to be the bandits who held up and robbed the Howe, Neb., State bank yesterday, were in a hospital here today following a chase which ended in a battle with the sheriff and four deputies.

Both are expected to die. A third alleged bank robber, Roy Edwards, escaped but was believed wounded. Edward McCullough, a deputy, was slightly wounded.

\$3,000 in Bonds in Pockets. Three thousand dollars worth of liberty bonds were taken from the pockets of the wounded fugitives, and a large bag, filled with liberty bonds and money said to total several thousand dollars was taken from the motor car in which they had been riding. Kelly and Bradford refused to talk, except to say their homes are in Kansas City.

The police received word that the men were believed to be headed for Atchison prior to their arrival here, and patrolled the main road. The three men passed thru Atchison, and crossed the Missouri river. Half an hour later the officers picked up the trail and pursued. They overtook the car in which they were riding, and identified by Bank Official.

Search of the Bean Lake vicinity was continued this morning for Roy Edwards, who was believed to have been wounded and escaped. John T. Cox, president of the bank of Howe, Neb., who was locked in the vault by the bandits yesterday afternoon, came to Atchison this morning and identified Harry Kelly and Ed Kelly, alias Walter Bradford, the wounded bandits.

Charles Davis, sheriff, and Oscar Lee, deputy, are assisting in the search for the missing bandit. It was said today blood was found on brush into which they fled, and the sheriff declared (Continued on Page Two.)

FINAL PLANS FOR TRAIN

Kansas Special for Allen-Gompers All Ready for the Whistle.

Final details for the special train to the Allen-Gompers debate are being worked out this afternoon by J. H. Janney, president of the Kansas Day club. Practically the entire train is now chartered under reservations. Nearly a dozen Kansas telegraphed today their support for the special, which leaves Topeka at 2:50 Wednesday afternoon.

It is apparent that every section of the state will be represented on the train to New York. A number of large wheat growers and business men from western counties are making the trip. Representatives from the larger towns and industrial districts will tax capacity of the train. Only a few spaces now remain, Lee stated, and those will doubtless be taken by Monday. Mrs. Minnie J. Grinstead of Liberal, the first woman legislator in Kansas, today wired that she would make the trip.

Governor and Mrs. Allen will be with the party during the entire trip. The train will stop in Chicago Thursday morning for breakfast with members of the Chicago Kansas Day club. Features to be provided by former Kansans on Broadway. The train makes the trip from Chicago to New York over the New York Central, the schedule calling for an hour's stop at Niagara Falls.

The very few remaining reservations will be taken long before the train starts," Lee said today. "Reservations for reservations have been sufficient to absolutely assure the train. I shall not be surprised if we are required to ask for extra equipment."

JAIL BRIDE FACES CHARGE

Officers Say She Slipped Saws to Prisoners Who Made Escape.

Tulsa, Okla., May 22.—Goldie Reynolds, who married Tony Hull here in the county jail recently, was arrested late yesterday, and committed to jail under \$1,000 for alleged conspiracy in the jail break of seven-teen prisoners from the county jail here February 12.

Goldie is accused of passing several saws to Hull, one of the men who escaped, the latter distributing them to other prisoners.

SENATE REPUBLICANS REFUSE TO POSTPONE RECESS

H. C. L., Bonus and Packers' Bills Must Wait.

Washington, May 22.—Deserted by some of their own forces, insurgent Republican senators today were outmaneuvered in their fight to have congress stay in session until it had enacted legislation to bring down living costs.

Following a caucus today at which Republican senators decided to back the party leaders against the insurgents, Senator Kenyon, Iowa, abandoned his plan to carry the fight for consideration of cost of living bills to the floor of the senate.

He announced to the senate that senators had informed him they did not want to be put in the position of voting against consideration of appropriate bills.

"For that reason," said Kenyon, "a test vote now would not show the full strength of those who favor taking up the packer bill and other legislation of that kind."

Senate Republicans refused to take any action regarding bills to reduce the high cost of living, measures to regulate the meat packers, soldier bonus and other important legislation. Consideration of these measures before any recess for the political conventions was urged by Senator Kenyon and others.

The caucus decided that appropriate bills and conference reports will be given preference in the senate.

CANDY MAKERS ARE BLAMED

Tracing Sugar Profiters Is Easy Job Now, Declares Fig.

Washington, May 22.—Sugar hoarders will be easily traced under evidence by importers, Howard Fig, special assistant to Attorney General Palmer, said today.

"Importers agreed to supply the department with lists showing names of purchasers of the 1920 crop and the prices which the importers received."

"Candy manufacturers and soft drink manufacturers are believed to be responsible for the sugar shortage. With the evidence we have, no opposition for the Democratic endorsement."

NEW OUTLAW STRIKE AT TOLEDO

Toledo, Ohio, May 22.—An "outlaw" strike of 175 Toledo switchmen developed today as a result of the failure of the railroad to meet the wage demand of 25 cents to \$1 an hour. The strikers are members of the Chicago Yardmen's association.

ABSCONDING EXPRESS MAN CAUGHT

Tulsa, Okla., May 22.—Thomas S. Castleberry, alias, J. S. Bishop, who escaped with \$50,000 pay rolls of the American Express company, St. Louis, May 3, has been arrested here.

TO FIGHT SLIDING SCALE

Railway Employes Want Same Pay for Same Work Everywhere.

Chicago, May 22.—Railroad employes intend fighting a proposed "sliding scale" made to the United States railroad board by E. T. Whittier, representing railroad managers. The proposal would establish differentials between work in small and large cities. Railroad employes will demand that they receive the same pay for the same work everywhere, it was learned today.

REDS STR UP BRITISH TROOPS

Investigation Reveals Soviets Have Made Units "Hotbeds of Dissension."

London, May 22.—Disquieting incidents affecting the discipline of certain regiments of the British army have occurred recently, says the Daily Sketch.

An investigation has revealed the fact that agents of the Russian soviet government have perfected a plan to make the army a "hotbed" of dissension.

Bolshevik Continue Advance

London, May 22.—The Bolshevik offensive against the Poles along the more westerly part of the front in the region of the Beresina, is continuing its make progress, according to Friday's official statement from Moscow received by wireless today.

Half Million Fire Is Mysterious

Cleveland, May 22.—Fire of unknown origin which today practically wiped out the plant of the Theodore Kuntz Lumber company, Lakewood, causing a loss estimated at between \$400,000 and \$500,000.

NEW HIKES TO BE BLOCKED BY JUSTICE AGENTS

Palmer Plans to Maintain Lower Price Levels.

Justice Department Will Prevent Any Rebound.

WAVE NOW SLOWING DOWN

Government Takes Stand There Is Much Profiteering.

Jump to Former Levels Now Predicted by Experts.

Washington, May 22.—Attorney General Palmer is directing justice department agents in an investigation of the price cutting wave throughout the country, it was learned today.

Palmer hopes to bring the entire influence of the department's machinery into the market at the moment when the price-cutting wave begins to wane to prevent a rebound of prices to former levels. This rebound has been predicted by Dr. Royal Meeker, government economic expert; Bernard Baruch, financial expert and others.

SECY BAKER ORDERS PROBE

Will Investigate All Possibilities of Collusion.

Taken to His Home to Secure Hidden Funds.

Washington, May 22.—Secretary Baker today ordered "an immediate and thorough investigation" of the escape of Grover Cleveland Bergdall, wealthy convicted army deserter.

Baker said he did not know Bergdall had been brought to Philadelphia or that there was any intention to bring him in.

TO GET HIDDEN FUNDS

"The escape of Bergdall was brought to my attention yesterday afternoon by General Harris, the adjutant general, shortly after it occurred," Baker continued.

"After his escape I was informed that General Ansell and Colonel Galley, counsel for Bergdall, prior to his arrest, had secreted a large sum of money in a place known only to himself, and had made application to have Bergdall brought under guard and accompanied by his lawyers to get the money."

WHEAT CROP FALLS SHORT

Be Nearly 200,000,000 Less This Year Say Federal Authorities.

Washington, May 22.—A winter wheat crop of approximately 600,000,000 bushels was forecast today by the United States chamber of commerce.

"This estimate may vary 100 million bushels either way," said the chamber's announcement.

Last year's winter wheat crop was 781,636,000 bushels, according to reports of the United States agriculture department.

The department's estimate of the 1920 crop is 434,647,000 bushels, based on reports May 15.

The short crop estimated for 1920 is due, the chamber stated, to a scarcity of farm labor and a "natural disinclination" of the farmer to commit his land too largely to a crop whose price he expects to decline when the government guarantee is removed."

HEISH ELECTED SECRETARY

Wichita, Kan., May 22.—The Kansas State League of Building and Loan Associations, which has been in session here the last two days, has elected the following officers: C. B. Bryant, president; A. J. Applegate, vice president; E. C. Ryan, Emporia, second vice president; J. L. Heish, Topeka, secretary-treasurer.

WILL NOT RAIN SUNDAY?

Forecast Is Contrary to "Seven Rainy Sunday" Adage.

TEMPERATURES TODAY. 7 o'clock.....71 8 o'clock.....73 9 o'clock.....75 10 o'clock.....78 11 o'clock.....82

FORECAST FOR NEXT WEEK—First half generally fair, with occasional showers. Second half generally fair, probably occasional showers, temperatures generally in the 60's.

Rain expected late this afternoon or tonight will be followed by a rather nice Sunday, according to the prediction of E. R. Laskowski, local observer.

In order to prove the "seven rainy Sunday" adage after rain or snow on Easter day, it must rain tomorrow. The low pressure area over Kansas that has been causing unsettled weather is moving eastward and should pass over Topeka late this afternoon or some time in the night. Thunder showers will probably occur at that time.

Sunday will be partly cloudy, but there will be a good deal of sunshine, according to the forecast. An area of high pressure that will come on the heels of the passing low discounts the chance of rain. Laskowski says there will be no rain tomorrow.

Showers have occurred in a few parts of Kansas in the last twenty-four hours. Reports indicate rain at \$400,000 and \$500,000. (Continued on Page Two.)

CARRANZA HAS BEEN KILLED BY OWN FOLLOWERS

With Six of Cabinet Assassinated Early Thursday.

Slayers Were of His Own Bodyguard, Says Report.

KILLING WAS PART OF PLOT

Rebel Troops Had Orders to Protect Fleeing President.

Another Added to Long List of Slain Mex Chiefs.

Mexico City, May 22.—Venustiano Carranza, deposed president of Mexico, with six members of his party, has been killed near the town of Tlaxcala-Tongo, in the state of Puebla, according to advices to headquarters of both Generals Alvaro Obregon and Pablo Gonzales here tonight.

Reports received at revolutionary headquarters up to midnight did not name the six members of the deposed president's party who were killed with him.

Earlier dispatches, however, had said Luis Cabrera, Carranza's minister of the treasury; General Barragan, his chief of staff; Acacio Berlanga, prime minister, and Ignacio Bonillas, former ambassador to the United States, were with their chief.

Telegrams received at the headquarters of General Gonzales, filed in Huachinango, Puebla, said the bodies were being taken to Beristain in the same state.

The Carranzistas were killed at 1 a. m. Thursday by a force commanded by Col. Rudolph Herrera, advices to General Obregon from Villahermosa, Puebla, said. Herrera was a sub-commander under Gen. Mariel Herrera.

Revolved During Flight. Telegrams here indicated the colonel with his men accompanied Carranza on his final flight into the mountains after the Kinohuastlan defeat. While reports were vague, it was believed at revolutionary headquarters that Colonel Herrera and his men revolved during the flight and turned against Carranza.

In view of the fact that some of the telegrams referred to the killing of Carranza and his men as "assassination" it was believed they may have been slain without an opportunity for defense.

Doubt as to Killer. Later advices gave the name of the slayers' leader as Colonel Barrera instead of Herrera, as spelled in earlier telegrams.

Barrera, these advices said, formerly was a commander under the bandit chief in the Vera Cruz and Tampico districts.

March surrendered to Carranza in Puebla and it was presumed Barrera and his men joined the Carranzistas at that time. The killing of the deposed president, these advices said, was the result of a plot laid by Barrera and about fifty of his followers.

Chief First to Fall. Carranza was the first to fall, it was said, then his followers were reported killed one by one. It was believed there was no surrender of Carranza's cabinet members who were with him among the dead. General Murguia, formerly in command of Carranza's forces in the federal district of Mexico City, also was reported to be dead with the deposed president.

Dispatches from Vera Cruz and Mexico City since the revolution became an assured success, have quoted its leaders as ordering their men to see to Carranza was not hanged if he was overtaken by federal troops.

The dispatches would give color to today's dispatches reporting the deposed president was slain by traitors among his own men. The reported assassination comes as an addition to an already long list of Mexican rulers who have met violent ends, and adds (Continued on Page Two.)

VENUSTIANO CARRANZA

Born Cuatro Ciénegas, Coahuila (150 miles southwest Eagle Pass, Tex.), December 23, 1859.

Studied law in Mexico City, later becoming a rancher in his native state.

Elected a judge, then senator and later governor of Coahuila.

First chief of the revolution, April, 1913.

Ruled Mexico as "first chief of the Constitutional party," 1914-16.

Elected president March 11, 1917. Fled from Mexico City, May 6, 1917.

Killed in the mountains of Puebla near Tlaxcala-Tongo, May 20, 1920.

Photo by J. G. Galt.

Weather

FORECAST FOR KANSAS: Partly cloudy and cooler tonight and Sunday; probable local showers this afternoon or tonight east portion.

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