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## ROOF WASHINGTON THEATER COLLAPSES

DEATH TOLL WILL REACH 125—  
SNOW ON ROOF CAUSES  
THE CALAMITY

Washington, Jan. 30.—The death toll caused by the collapse of the Knickerbocker Theater roof here Saturday night, one of the greatest movie theater catastrophes in the history of the country, stood at 113 early today. Deaths were reported almost hourly from hospitals throughout the city where there were 144 injured victims of the disaster, many of whom were near death, were being cared for. With the death list constantly growing police officials and rescue workers believed it would pass 125. E. H. Shaughnessy, second assistant postmaster general, is in a critical condition and is not expected to live. Rescue squads have been working frantically for thirty-six hours to extricate those trapped when the roof collapsed at 9:15 Saturday night, under the weight of tons of snow. Early today practically all of the debris had been picked over and there was not much chance that more bodies would be found in the gaping hole, according to marines. "Get Rich Quick Wallingford" was the film being shown at the time when the catastrophe occurred.

Washington, Jan. 30.—Congress today was asked to make a complete investigation of the Knickerbocker Theater disaster. The death toll now stands at 114. The resolution calling for investigation was introduced in the senate by Senator Capper of Kansas.

Washington, Jan. 30.—President Harding today requested that all capital social functions be postponed until the city recovers from its grief over the Knickerbocker Theater disaster.

## Two Bandits Are Captured

Chicago, Jan. 30.—Two bandits were arrested as they left the commonwealth jewelry store today after slugging a clerk and taking \$10,000 in jewels.

## Yeggs Escape With Big Loot

Minneapolis, Jan. 30.—Yeggmens bound a watchman and blew the safe of the Franklin Co-operative Creamery company here early today escaping with \$7,300 in cash.

## Naval Questions Are Practically Settled

Washington, Jan. 30.—All naval questions of the Washington conference were practically settled today when a reply was received from the Japanese government regarding the Pacific islands for fortifications. The reply from Tokyo just received by the Japanese delegation is understood to give general approval of the Hughes' plan.

## Hearing In Steel Cases

Milwaukee, Jan. 30.—The Pittsburgh plus plan through which it has been alleged the United States Steel Corporation extorts seventy-five million dollars annually from the middle west in united freight charges by billing all steel, f. o. b. Pittsburgh, went on trial here today in a hearing before the federal trade commission at the federal building. The hearing is the first of a series to be held in the steel districts of the country.

## Ask \$10,800 For A Death

Emery, Jan. 30.—An action by which the sum of \$10,800 is sought to be recovered from the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railway company, has been instituted in the Hanson county circuit court by Peter Jarling, of Emery, administrator

of the estate of Joseph Jarling, who was killed in the Emery yards of the railway company when his auto was struck by a train at a crossing. It is alleged in the complaint that a string of cars standing on another track obscured the view and prevented the victim of the accident from seeing the approaching train.

## Opera Star Is Taken To Hospital

New York, Jan. 30.—Lucien Matorre, star of the Chicago Grand Opera Company, was taken from the Ritz Carlton Hotel today and rushed to a hospital for immediate operation for relief from appendicitis.

## A. C. TOWNLEY IS RELEASED FROM JAIL

MUST APPEAR AT FARGO N. D.  
ON AN EMBEZZLEMENT  
CHARGE

Jackson, Minn., Jan. 30.—Arthur C. Townley, president of the Non-partisan league, was a free man again today. He was released from the Jackson county jail after serving ninety days' sentence for sedition at 10 o'clock this morning and left immediately in a closed car for the twin cities with a party of his friends. He must appear at Fargo N. D., next Monday in answer to a warrant charging him with complicity in the embezzlement of \$3,000 from the Scandinavian American bank there. He is accused of having induced J. J. Hastings to put through an illegal note.

## TO ENJOIN GASOLINE TAX

JOBBER TO ATTACK THE CON-  
STITUTIONALITY OF THE  
LAW IN COURT

Sioux Falls, Jan. 30.—South Dakota's one-cent tax on gasoline for use in motor vehicles, which went into effect January 1st and is expected to yield over \$500,000 to the state treasury for the upbuilding of roads of the state, is to be enjoined in the state courts by the efforts of the independent oil jobbers of the state are successful. Suit is contemplated in the circuit court at Pierre in a few days against the state officials having the enforcement of the law, according to E. A. Thacker, secretary of the Lake Park Oil company of Sioux Falls.

There will be a meeting in Sioux Falls Tuesday and Wednesday, January 31 and February 1, of the South Dakota Oil Men's association south members and one in Aberdeen February 2 and 3, of the northern members. These meetings will be held to back up the proposed suit for injunction, the oil jobbers feeling that the law works to their disadvantage. The suit is nominally being brought by the National Petroleum Marketers' association and the Western Refiners' association with which the South Dakota Oil Men's association is affiliated. The jobbers maintain that it is a hardship for them to have to pay the tax when the gasoline is shipped into the state because it ties up their money and the law makes no provision for immediate rebate to them until the exemption where the product is used for tractors, or other than automobile travel, is finally paid by the state.

"The jobbers should not have to carry the whole burden," said H. F. Freeman, president of the South Dakota Oil Men's association, today. "When a consumer is entitled to a redemption, it is the duty of the state and not the jobber to handle it. If the money from the tax is to be used only for road building purposes, we are not opposed to it. We also believe the law is unconstitutional and the Chicago attorneys who have the case in hand so feel."

The convention her next Tuesday and Wednesday will be held at the Cataract hotel. On Tuesday registration will be held from 9 a. m. to 1:30 the meeting opening at 2 o'clock with adjournment at 5 and a dinner at the Cataract at 7. The group will then go to the Orpheum at 9 o'clock.

On Wednesday the meeting will open at 9:30 with adjournment at 11:30 and lunch at 12:15.

## SOUTH DAKOTA BONUS PLAN

MAY BE TAKEN AS SYSTEM FOR  
THE WHOLE COUNTRY  
AT LARGE

Sioux Falls, Jan. 30.—South Dakota's plan of paying the state bonus may become national in its scope, according to David Heffron, state adjutant of the American Legion, who returned today from a conference at Indianapolis.

At the conference all state commanders and adjutants, and all national officers were in attendance. The various plans for paying a national bonus, should it be granted, were discussed at length. It was finally decided that the South Dakota plan was the best and the most workable.

Action was therefore taken by which the national organization of the American Legion offered its services to congress in the paying of the national bonus, in the event that the present compensation bill is passed. The men also agreed to push the federal bonus to the fullest extent.

Another plan adopted was the tentative arrangement for a rotating fund for those opposed to the national bonus. In the event the present compensation bill is passed by congress, the American Legion will possibly recommend that a rotating fund be established. In this fund, all men opposed to the bonus, may deposit the money due them. It will then be loaned to disabled ex-service men.

South Dakota delegates attending the conference were Fred B. Ray, state commander; David Heffron, state adjutant, and Mrs. Madge King Johnson of the American Legion auxiliary.

## FARMERS WILL BE BENEFITTED

BANKERS OF WATERTOWN ARE  
TO TAKE STEPS FOR  
CATTLE LOANS

Watertown, Jan. 30.—Bankers of the Watertown group of the South Dakota Bankers' association definitely launched their proposed cattle loan organization through which it is planned to borrow approximately \$500,000 on livestock security, from the war finance corporation, at a meeting at the Lincoln hotel. Reassembly after adjournment from January 2, when the undertaking was first outlined, the bankers of the third group approved articles of incorporation, elected temporary directors and chose by ballot, the name under which the new enterprise embarks.

The Agricultural Loan Corporation of Watertown will be capitalized at \$500,000, the articles provide. A working capital of \$50,000 will be paid in by the banks of the local group, which number 76. On this working capital the corporation can borrow, under provisions announced by the war finance corporation, from eight to ten times its amount or about \$500,000 on properly secured livestock paper.

Although organized by bankers the Agricultural Loan Corporation has no other connection than this with the banks. Anyone may become a stockholder.

The corporation will begin functioning as soon as the working capital has been subscribed. To this end action was taken authorizing the president of the group, George K. Burt, to appoint men to interview banks in the group. Discussion indicated each bank will be expected to subscribe to about \$1,000 worth of stock.

## Doctor Victim Shrewd Swindle

Beresford, Jan. 30.—Dr. H. P. Hanson, of this city, was made the victim of a smooth swindler, who in some unknown manner had secured his name and address from a twin brother who is a member of a religious colony at Waukesha. Dr. Hanson received a telegram from Milwaukee which purported to be from his twin brother, which read:

"In Milwaukee on sick call; lost money; send \$10 by wire; letter will follow."

Believing his twin brother was in

dire distress Dr. Hanson wired him the \$10. Later in the evening came a telephone message, sent collect, asking that Dr. Hanson send another \$10. This also was sent.

The letter of explanation did not follow and Dr. Hanson became suspicious that all was not right. Now he has received a letter from his twin brother, written at Waukesha and does not mention his having been in Milwaukee, and this has confirmed the suspicion of Dr. Hanson that he was the victim of a smooth swindler.

## SIX INDIAN TOTS ARE SAVED FROM DEATH

LITTLE ONES WHO LEFT BODIES  
OF PARENTS IN WILDERNESS  
REACH WATCOMB, ONT.

Fort Williams, Ont., Jan. 30.—Six little Indian children, who left the frozen bodies of their father and mother in the northern trapping wilderness, today reached Watcomb, on the Canadian government railway, after a fortnight of tramping over snow covered ground. The five young children, ranging upward from a baby of 4 months, were brought back by their 14-year-old brother and a neighbor.

Their father, Atchimmo Nan Tuches, trapper, and their mother both died of grip in the family's woodland hut on Friday, January 13. That day the father called Atchimmo, the oldest boy, to his bedside, told him the end was near, gave him \$1,200, the fruits of his trapping, and bade him care for his brothers and sisters. There was little food in the home.

Unable to bury the bodies, Atchimmo left them in the shack with the five other children, while he set out on snowshoes to fetch the nearest neighbor, 30 miles away. Two days later Atchimmo came back with John Hingosh, the neighbor. The five hungry tots were chewing raw moose flesh for nourishment. They had burned most of the furniture to keep from freezing. The bodies of their parents were frozen stiff.

The youngest children were placed on the sledges by Hingosh, who then began the long march to Watcomb, where they were fed and given medical aid. It is feared the baby will die.

## Flames Destroy Barn And Cows

Milbank, Jan. 30.—One of the most disastrous farm fires in South Dakota for some time occurred on the farm of Roy J. Englert, a well known Grant county farmer. The loss reached several thousand dollars and was partially covered by insurance.

The large barn on the place was completely destroyed, and in addition nearly 20 cows and half a dozen calves were burned to death. Other property, including hay, several hundred bushels of oats, cream separator and other farm equipment was consumed.

The fire was discovered by Mrs. Englert during the absence of her husband. She attempted to rescue the cows and calves, but the door was frozen shut and she was unable to open it.

There was \$1,500 insurance on the cattle and \$3,000 on the barn and contents.

## Harding Urges Aid For Jobless

Washington, Jan. 30.—Aid of the war, navy, agriculture, treasury, interior and commerce departments in providing work for the unemployed was requested by President Harding today in a letter addressed to the heads of those departments.

The executive suggested that in those six departments there might be repair and construction work which could be undertaken now "when the most difficult period of the winter is still before us, rather than later in the year."

"The response of employing interests throughout the country to the appeal for special efforts to afford employment to the greatest possible extent during the winter has produced highly gratifying results," the president said. "Thanks to this fine co-operation, the situation has been much less difficult during the winter than it might otherwise have been."

## SEEK DECREASE CEMENT PRICES

EIGHT STATES, DECLARE BUY-  
ERS' STRIKE ON THE  
MANUFACTURERS

Pierre, Jan. 30.—The declaration of a buyers' strike against the cement manufacturers of the country by executives officers of the highway departments of South Dakota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota and Missouri at the recent Mississippi valley conference of state highway department at Chicago, will have no material effect on highway and bridge construction in this state, according to W. E. Hudgins, highway engineer. Mr. Hudgins, Andrew Marvick and M. L. Shade, members of the highway commission attended the meeting from South Dakota.

The resolution declaring the strike seeks to bring about a flat 16 per cent. decrease in the price of cement and pledges the state involved to postpone until such a decrease becomes effective, all highway work not absolutely necessary.

In South Dakota there is no hard surface work being done at this time, so the only use the highway commission has for cement is in the construction of culverts and bridges. Because of the financial stringency the commission is building culverts and bridges only where they are necessary, and this program will continue.

The highway department heads of the eight states attending the meeting also decided to recommend that investigate the possibility of erecting steps be taken in each state to in- and operating state-owned cement mills.

Asked whether this action would hurry the construction of the contemplated South Dakota plant at Rapid City, Governor McMaster announced that it would not and that the present policy would be continued.

## Hides Liquor Under Water

Yankton, Jan. 30.—A water-filled well in his basement, equipped with a shelf just beneath the surface served as a hiding place for liquor manufactured by Adam Hornberger, a bachelor living in a house on Marne creek in this city, according to officers who made a raid on the place and discovered the cache.

Noting a small nail with a string attached leading down into the water, they pulled it up to find attached a first class copper coil.

A quantity of corn whiskey of home make, of home-brew beer and other parts of a still, were found, the officers said.

## Thieves and Rob- bers Are Wary

Baltic, Jan. 30.—Baltic has been exceedingly fortunate this winter about the sneak thief infestations that other towns are tormented with. From almost every direction there comes the complaint of depredations by sneak thieves and night prowlers, while Baltic has not even had as much as a chicken coop hold-up.

## Daily Market Report

Minneapolis, Jan. 30. — Corn — Prices up with futures, demand good. No. 2 yellow closed at 45 cents No. 2 mixed at 44 1-2 cents.  
Oats — Demand better, market firm. No. 3 whites at 32 7-8 and 39 3-8 cents; No. 4 whites at 32 7/8 and 32 3-8 cents.  
Rye — Steady to firm, No. 2 at 1 cent under to 1 cent over May. No. 2 rye closed at 73 1-4 to 79 3-4 cents.  
Barley — Demand fair, offerings light. Prices closed at 43 and 56 cents.

## Sioux City Live Stock

Sioux City, Jan. 30.—The early top for light hogs was \$8.55 with shipper's paying \$8.50 for most of the sorted lights. Butcher grades sold at \$8.25 and \$8.40 with mixed loads under \$8.25. Packers sold at \$7.50 and \$8.00 and heavy packers had to sell under \$7.00. One load of light lights and pigs sold with the pigs at \$9.25 and the hogs at \$8.60 the extreme top of the season.

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