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The Only Good Fly Is The Dead Fly. We Have Screen Wire To Sell. ---VAN PELT, KIRK & MACK

## Storm Sweeps Two States--Deaths May Reach 1,000

### TERRIFIC HAIL STORM AND CYCLONE CLAIMS MANY LIVES IN THE CITIES OF OMAHA AND TERRE HAUTE

Whole Business Blocks are Crushed and Many Families Buried in Their Homes. 30 Killed in Moving Picture Show and 50 Killed in a Negro Pool Hall. All Wire Connections Cut Off and Number of Dead Not Known. Hospitals Filled.

#### THE LATEST NEWS FROM THE STORM CENTER.

Chicago, March 24.—All wire connection leading out of the storm center has been cut off up to noon today, and no estimate has been placed on the number of dead and injured. Up to five o'clock this morning 100 dead bodies had been found in Omaha, and on account of the dark night and confusion it was hard for the searching parties to work. In Omaha streets cars were picked up from the track and whirled about like toys and demolished. Whole business blocks were crushed, and it is due to the fact that it was Sunday, and the business houses where the storm struck, were closed that the death list is no greater. United States troops are on duty at Omaha to keep down work of ghouls. No news can be had from the interior section struck by the storm as all wire connection is cut off, and the number of dead and injured will not be known for from twelve to twenty-four hours. The damage to property will run high into the millions.

OMAHA, Neb., March 24.—The greatest disaster in the history of Nebraska was caused Sunday evening when Omaha and surrounding country were swept by a terrific hail and cyclone.

The storm struck first at Ralston, a town near here, about six o'clock, and moving on to Omaha hit the business district, where the greatest damage to property and life was done. At 24 and Lake street a moving picture show was demolished and 30 people instantly

killed, and many injured. In the business district a negro pool hall also served as a death trap and 40 or 50 negroes were killed.

Another storm followed close on the trail of the first one and struck Omaha at six-thirty, but was not as severe as the first, and the damage was not as great.

Reports from Council Bluffs state that many were killed and injured in that town. All incoming trains stop in the suburbs and pick up the injured and are bringing them to the city hos-

pital. All wire connections are cut off and the only report to reach here from the surrounding country is by the arrival of trains.

At Yeuton, a small village 35 miles from Omaha, reports ten dead, five expected to die and many injured.

Terre Haute, Indiana, March 24.—This county was swept by a terrific cyclone late Sunday evening, and the reports arriving slowly indicate that the death list will

run up into the hundreds. Fifty bodies have been found here and many families were buried in their homes and destroyed by fire, which, broke out following the storm. A small town six miles South of Terre Haute was completely destroyed, and over 300 injured have been brought here to the hospitals, and all the hospitals in the city are filled with the injured. The death list for this county will run into the hundreds it is feared.

### MYSTERIOUS FIRE SUNDAY NIGHT

Vacant House in Southern Part of Town Destroyed by Fire About Ten O'clock Sunday Night. Officers Investigating

A fire alarm was turned in from the home of Corine Webb, in the Southern part of town, about ten o'clock Sunday night, and the fire company responded to find that the old house, which was up to a month or two ago occupied by Beulah Gafford, and formerly occupied by Vergie Goss, had been set on fire. At least the fire boys soon reached the conclusion that the fire was of incendiary origin.

The house is located out of the fire limit, and it was impossible to reach it with the fire hose, and it soon burned to the ground. The house was vacant and as above stated had been vacant for some time, and those who were the first to arrive after the alarm was given last night state that they could see oil burning on the ground under the house, and every evidence shows that it had been set on fire. There was no insurance on the building, and why it was destroyed will perhaps never be known unless the guilty party is apprehended.

The officers have a clue, and as go to press an investigation is made and a number of witnesses have been summoned.

### EGG AND SOME CHICKEN.

Willingham has a Rhode Island hen that is entitled to a ribbon when it comes to eggs. Ralph says she always did lay an unusually large egg, but celebrated Easter Sunday by laying the largest egg we have ever seen of the chicken variety. It is a big brown egg and weighs 3 3/4 ounces, or nearly a quarter of a pound.

Mr. Willingham thinks a great deal of his hen, and has been saving the eggs for hatching. He has had one brood of chickens from a hen, and when they were three months old he sold them for a pound on the local market and they weighed 3 3/4

Three Shields left Monday on a short business trip to Angelo.

### THE POWER OF THE RESURRECTION

Man's Conception of the Power of the Resurrection is Limited by the Lack of Faith in the Power of God.

"The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death"—1 Cor. 15:26. At the eleven o'clock service of the First Presbyterian church Sunday morning Rev. R. M. Hammock preached from a text in keeping with the occasion of Easter, and in a most impressive and sincere manner portrayed the glories of the resurrection, and told of man's weakness or unwillingness to follow Christ on Earth, and in living a Christless life making it necessary that we pass through the grave to experience the power of the resurrection.

Rev. Hammock said if there is one thing Christ has written more than anything else, it is the glories of the resurrection? He pictured the desire of man for life after the death, and that if we were able to accomplish every other thing, yet be in bonds of death, without hope for life beyond the grave, there would be blight in our lives. At best we limit the great revelation given to us through the resurrection and cloud the real glories of the power of the resurrection. We may look everywhere for solicitude, but the great power and consolation of the life to come thru the resurrection of Christ.

"The smallest conception we can get of the resurrection," said the speaker "is to get the conception that some day the body will be called from the dust of the earth and be reunited with the soul. This is the smallest conception to take of it. What we need is to follow Christ on earth, live a life in keeping with his great power and teaching, and we will not have to pass through the grave to experience the power of the resurrection. It is in the life of Christ that the power of the resurrection comes to the man on earth. Resurrection was not for the purpose only to overcome death, but to abolish death. \* \* \* This thing we call the sting of death is nothing but the limitation of our vision—nothing but the limitation of our poor narrow vision. It is through our faith that we are made to realize the great gift of the power of the resurrection. It is through the lack of faith that many lives are strewn with graves, where many a precious hope is bur-

ried. He waits to touch you with his divine power and to call you into the power of the resurrection."

Splendid music by the choir was a feature of the Easter services at this church, and the baby of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Turberville was baptised and the pastor announced that Mr. and Mrs. Turberville were received into the church by the session last Wednesday night on letters granted by the church at Winters

### WOMAN GETS \$1500 DAMAGE

Mrs. M. Sigal was awarded \$1500 by the jury at Abilene Saturday in a suit against the Abilene & Southern for personal injury. Mrs. Sigal is known in Ballinger as Mrs. Hall, which was her name before she was married to Sigal. She has visited here a number of times and attracted large crowds to the opera house where she demonstrated her hypnotic power. She was injured while traveling on the A. & S. by a ventilator falling and striking her. She brought suit for \$10,000.

Mrs. Preston McKinley and children of Miles, who had been visiting relatives and friends in Ballinger the past week, returned home Monday at noon.

Mrs. Clara Ransom left Monday at noon for Paint Rock in the interest of her company.

### LEGISLATURE VISITS A. & M. COLLEGE.

College Station, Texas, March 24.—The citizens of Bryan, the faculty and students of the Agricultural & Mechanical College were hosts to the members of the State Legislature Saturday March 22. More than 250 persons were in the party, including the wives of the legislature. They thoroughly inspected the college and expressed themselves as being surprised and delighted at the work being accomplished by the students. The expense of the trip was borne by the Bryan Commercial Club.

### IF A MAN DIE SHALL HE LIVE AGAIN

Ninth Street Baptist Pastor Discusses Humanity's Greatest Question. Makes Clear the Certainty of Life After Death.

Taking his text from Job. 14:14—"If a Man Die Shall He Live Again," Rev. Bion W. Adkins in a splendid sermon Sunday night impressed his hearers with the fact that all must die, and with the fact that all will live again.

Rev. Adkins said in part: "The question, 'If a man die shall he live again,' is as old as human life. That is the question which men would rather have answered than any other question in this world. Can it be answered? Have we any definite reply to make? How can I know that a man shall live again after he dies? I know first by man's desire for life after death. You stood by the open grave of your loved one, and when the first clod of earth fell upon that casket it sent a shot through your very being and came like a thunder bolt against your already breaking heart and almost crushed it; and in that moment, the saddest of your life, this was the expression that found its way to your lips: 'He is not dead; it cannot be; I must see him again. I know it.' When a man stands by the grave which holds the form of his loved one, it is unthinkable for that man that death has ended it all."

The preacher pictured to his hearers how the fragrant flower dies that it might live again. How dependent upon the death of the flower is the life of the seed, and how the seed was marked the flower might live again. The illustration was the perfect one, and to mingling with the speaker illustrations on the birds, the instinctive downy to the sunny eyed white birds of winter, the central country, and fancy diminutive brings them of brilliant hues, the lilies shed their crystal holders

of the human heart that creates a desire for another life. Such instinct is in every part of the world and in every human heart. In every man, everywhere, all the time, there is that deathless desire for another life, and when God planted the desire in man's heart, he planted also the satisfaction somewhere in His universe for that desire. Rev. Adkins made this clear by referring to the fact that when God made any condition in this world He made provisions to meet it. When He made the deep desire in man's heart He made the other world and the future to meet it. Almighty God equipped a human soul with the present equipment to disappear in a few brief years of existence. Man's very greatness in the universe demands another life. The preacher drew numerous practical illustrations to prove this statement, as well as making his sermon throughout clear with illustrations, and if there be any who heard the splendid discourse, who are skeptical about the life beyond the grave, they have food for thought, and will no doubt be made to feel that there must be

some provision in God's great plan to meet man's desire for another life.

The service at this church was made more impressive by the splendid music by the choir and a solo rendered by Mrs. J. E. Powell and Miss Lucile Adkins.

### EASTER EGG HUNT.

Mr. J. D. Mangum, of West End delighted the hearts of some 25 or 30 children at an Easter Egg hunt at his place northeast of the city Sunday afternoon. Before the children were allowed to proceed with the hunt, Mr. Mangum delivered a splendid talk on the origin of Easter and took his text from the Bible and explained the grand lesson of the risen Savior. Quite a number of ladies and gentlemen of the neighborhood were present and enjoyed the occasion while listening to some splendid sacred music and short talks by the gentlemen present.

It was a splendid meeting, all left voting Mr. Mangum for the delightful time and all expressed the hope that they would soon entertain in a similar manner.

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# PRINCESS TONIGHT

## Picture Subjects

The Pilgrims  
Wanted—A Governess  
My Son is Guilty.

First Show Begins 7:45

Second Show Begins 8:45

Admission Ten Cents

## MYSREY SURROUNDS ABILENE DEATH

An Inquest Held Saturday Night but no Verdict Rendered. Heart and Stomach Will be Subject to Chemical Analysis.

The corpse of Arthur Reed, a young Potosi boy of 17 years was carried to his father's house Friday night about nine o'clock by two companions, Harry Bright and Oscar Smothers. The circumstances of his death seemed so unusual that a call was put in to Abilene for the officers. About midnight, Justice Tom Willis, County Attorney Keeble and Dr. Audavee Cash left for the scene in an automobile and conducted a preliminary examination, returning about four this morning. Today District Attorney Morris, the County Attorney, Sheriff Weir Dr. A. Cash and Dr. L. W. Hollis went to Potosi and continued the investigation. An autopsy was held and the heart and stomach of the boy was brought back for chemical analysis. The story of the boys with deceased is somewhat confused, but they seem to have left Abilene together in a buggy about sundown Friday evening intending to take in a literary exercise at Cedar School House. They had with them two quarts of whiskey which they consumed in a very short time. Bright says that a short time after they had passed the Epileptic Colony, Reed, who was driving dropped

one line and in reaching for it fell out of the vehicle on his head and shoulders. He seems never to have regained consciousness and it is possible that the shock of this fall stopped an already over stimulate heart action. According to the boys' story, they carried him on to Cedar school house, where they took him out and again tried to revive him, thinking that he was only in a drunken stupor. When they finally reached the boy's home a doctor was summoned, who pronounced that the boy had been dead for some time.

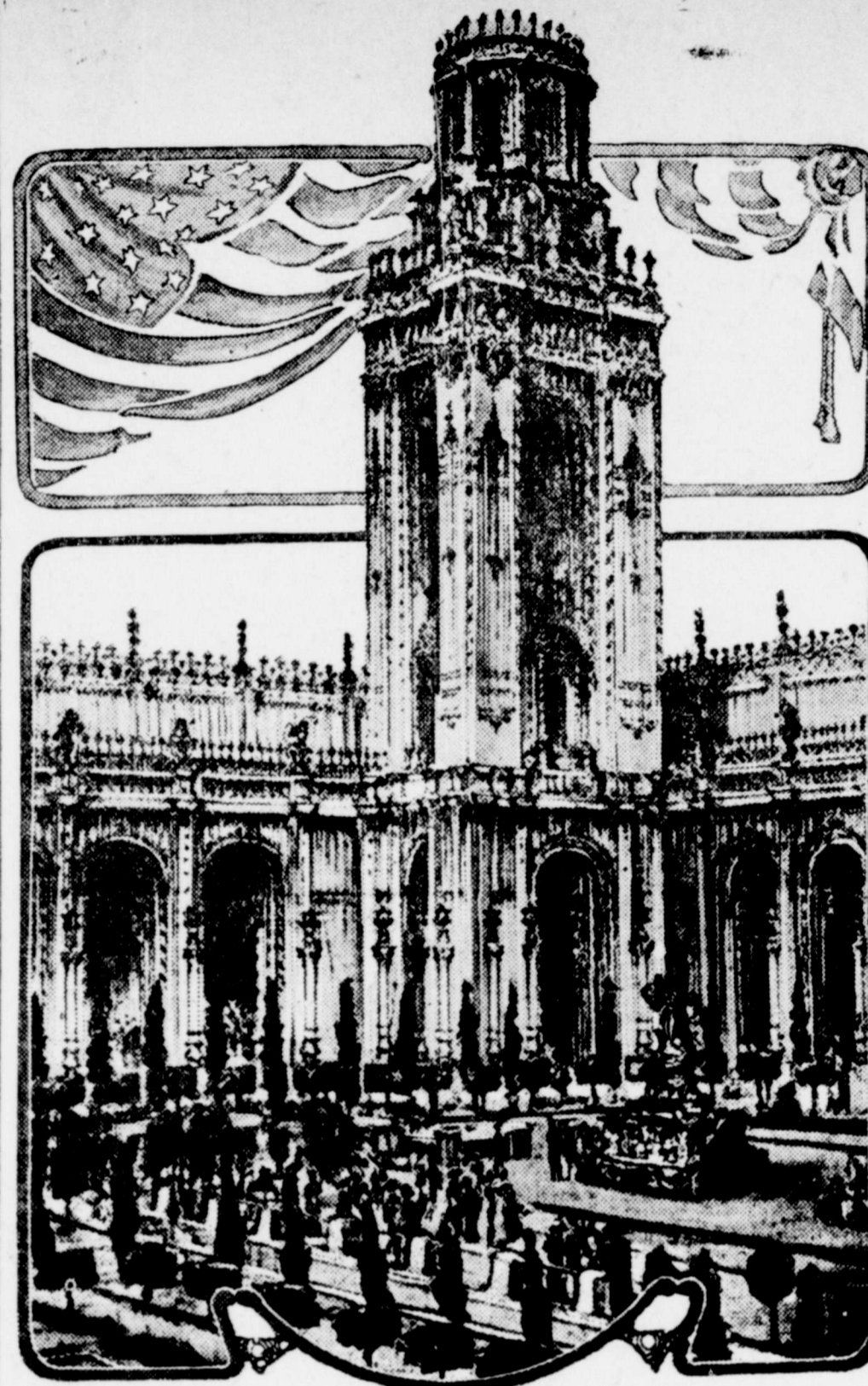
The inquest proceedings have not yet been completed and there are circumstances in the matter that seem to have the officers puzzled. Reed was an important witness in a felony case now pending in the district court here. The officers are unwilling to make any statement until further investigations are completed.—Abilene Reporter.

## PRESIDENT WILSON MAKES SOME NEW RULES.

Residents of Washington who have been accustomed to certain routine affairs which were considered permanent fixtures, are witnessing the breaking of some of the old cherished traditions of the capitol, and are wondering what will go next. Here are some of the principle upsets so far in the Wilson regime:

1. Came the downfall of the inaugural ball.
2. The favorite barber, President Wilson shaves himself.
3. The antiquated custom of parading office-seekers at the White House. No pie-hunters are admitted until sent for.

## PANAMA-PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION, SAN FRANCISCO, 1915.



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An echo tower in the Festive or East Court. At night the East Court, with its pavements of gold, its great banks of flowers, and its lofty palms, will be flooded with light. Musical masterpieces of the world will be rendered by the chimes in the towers. Great saengerfests and choral festivals will assemble upon the floors of the court. In the Festive Court, the visitor will behold a vision surpassing the richest dreams of Oriental or Moorish architecture. The floors of this court will be in tessellated pavements of gold. In the center of the court will be great groups of sculpture with fauns, dancing nymphs and satyrs. There will be great fountains upon which magic lights will play at night and at night this mystic court, as all others, will be flooded by a glow of indirect light which will resemble a bright moonlight. At the south end of the court will be a huge tower 270 feet in height in which will be a great organ with echo organs in smaller towers of the court. The Festive Court will be a court of music, of acting, and symphonic dancing. Here will assemble many of the great pageants of Oriental nations that will take part during the exposition; here too will come many of the processions from the amusement center, which will be designed to draw visitors from the more serious phases of the exposition.

4. The President is going to run the government. Politicians may make suggestions, but need not expect to see them carried out, unless, perhaps, they coincide with the White House views.
5. The President goes to church to worship, not to be seen. Crowds may gather without the President's door, but if he sees them first they will not see him.
6. The gold braid and lace business has been eliminated. Major Rhoades, military aid, inherited from President Taft, dresses like an ordinary citizen when he goes out with the President.

7. Determination not to use the Mayflower or any vessel as the Presidents yacht. Determination not to use the Dolphin or any other vessel as the Secretary of Navys yacht.

8. The ancient custom of droj ing the Presidents box at the theater and playing the National anthem when the President arrives has been put into the discard.

9. The old "it is said" has disappeared from the White House news and instead it appears. "the President said."

10. "That was said in a cabinet meeting and can not be made public" is of the past. What transpires at a cabinet meeting is now public property.

11. The bi-weekly cabinet meetings are under the ban. The cabinet will meet when there is something to be done.

12. Promiscuous use of the "executive order" has been stopped. A young woman, barred by the civil service regulations from the white house stenographers' corps, could have gone in by special appointment of the President, but the President refused to exercise the power in her behalf.

13. President Wilson rests the seventh day. He put the bars of the White House up Saturday night at 12 o'clock and lets them stay up until Monday.

14. Cold suppers are to be the rule at the White House Sunday evenings. The old Presbyterian rule will prevail.

15. The President declined an invitation to the Chevy Chase Club.

16. John Barleycorn and all other sorts of intoxicants have been tabooed at the White House. Striking at cherished Washington institutions, some of these re-

forms do not appeal to the society folks here. They like to see the President surrounded by army and navy officers in all the glory of their blue coats and brass buttons. They enjoyed the luncheons and dinners and the trips down the Patomac on board the Mayflower and the Dolphin. They feel inclined to be indignant at the President because of his action in depriving them of what they have grown to look upon as a prerogative.

Mr. Wilson does not seem to be concerned, however, at what society here thinks.

Miss Eunice Brown, came in Monday at noon from her home in Florida, and will spend the summer with her sisters, Madames Tremmier and Dan Van Pelt. Miss Eunice has many friends in Ballinger who rejoice to have her visit our city.

Mrs. Will C. Grant and two children of San Angelo, who had been visiting Madames Asa Cordill and Jas. E. Brewer and family, the past few days, returned home Monday at noon.

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## AMUSEMENTS

The Spooner Dramatic Co., at Opera House tonight and all this week at popular prices. The offering tonight will be the five act comedy drama "Waiting for the Verdict." The San Angelo Standard has this to say about "Dad" Spooner and his company.

"The Spooner Dramatic Co., opened a two weeks engagement at the Princess last night in a good play called "Waiting For the Verdict." It was a play of intense interest, and proved a winner from start to finish. "Dad Spooner" as Moses Levi, the London shark was at his best. He received a hearty applause from his first entrance and kept it up to the fall of the final curtain. The entire company is evenly balanced, and the special vaudeville features between acts are way above the average.

Ladies will be admitted free tonight under usual conditions. One paid ticket will admit one lady and one gentleman, or one paid ticket will admit two ladies, if purchased at seat sale before 6 p. m. today.

## ADVERTISED LETTER LIST.

List of letters advertised, March 22, 1913.

Baker, Mattie,  
Bruce, Miss Gladys,  
King, R. P.  
Musel, Egnac.  
Pearson, J. N.  
Ragsdale, Jim.  
Thompson, Jim.  
Thompson, Ella.

When calling for the above letters please say Advertiser, and give the date of this list. After two weeks these letters will be sent to the Dead-Letter-Office.  
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## JUDGE BLEDSOE

### OUT OF TEXAS

Was at Henrietta When Last Heard From. Governor Colquitt May Offer Reward.

Up to midnight last night no information had been received in Abilene as to the whereabouts of former County Judge T. A. Bledsoe, who escaped from Sheriff Weir at Gordon early Wednesday morning.

According to reports, Judge Bledsoe was at Henrietta, Clay county, Thursday afternoon.

There were many reports circulated Saturday, each one having him located at some particular point in Oklahoma, but authentic information was lacking. All, however, are of the opinion that he is no longer on Texas soil, and some are certain that there is at least one state between him and the Lone Star Empire.

Deputy Sheriff Whaley, who has been absent from Abilene since Thursday morning is still out of the city.

Postal cards giving a minute description of Judge Bledsoe have been mailed to all parts of the country, and the sheriff's parment is leaving no stone turned to apprehend him.

It is understood that Gov. Colquitt has been requested offer a reward for his capture. Abilene Reporter.

M. D. Oliver, of San Saba, passed through Ballinger at noon Monday en route to San Angelo. He had been up to Winters on a visit to his son, Polk Oliver, the past few days.

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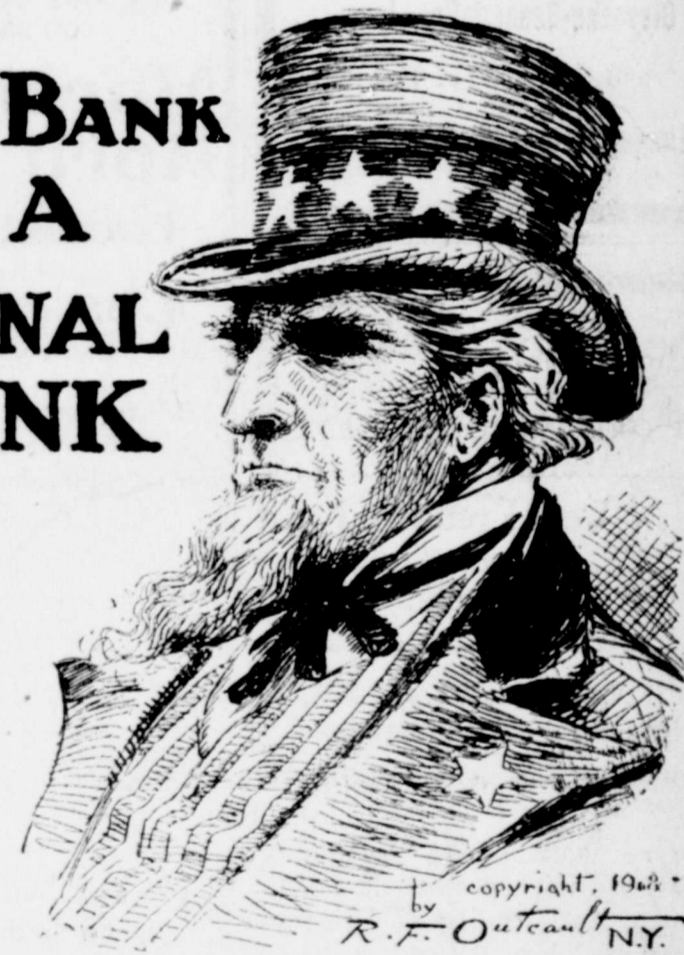
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