

LUBBOCK PLANE IN FATAL DIVE

\$90,000,000 LOSS IN ARSENAL EXPLOSION

**FULL TOLL OF LIVES
IN DOVER BLAST
IS NOT YET KNOWN**

**RESCUE PARTIES CAN'T
PENETRATE RED HOT
RUINS**

**11 KNOWN DEAD
FOUR IDENTIFIED, SEVEN
OTHERS OUT OF
REACH**

BY MAURICE MERMEY
United News Staff Correspondent
DOVER, N. J., July 11.—The most expensive lighting bolt in history has wiped out about \$90,000,000 worth of property and 11 known lives—the toll of the explosions Saturday night which annihilated the naval ammunition depot at Lake Denmark, damaged the Picatinny army arsenal nearby and injured hundreds as its devastating effects were felt in villages many miles around.

At 11 o'clock Sunday night 14 marines and one sailor were officially reported missing and unaccounted for. Three Polish families who lived near the scene of the explosion could not be found and shells at the charred arsenal continued to explode in the great red hot area marking the charred naval reservation which no man could penetrate.

The exact loss of life probably will not be known for several days. Four bodies, those of two naval officers, a man and a woman, have been identified, and seven other bodies have been seen in the impenetrable area.

An airplane reconnoitered over the ruins late tonight and the pilot reported to Captain W. R. Sayles, U. S. N., that he had seen seven bodies lying about the area. He said he thought one of these was Lieutenant Commander E. A. Brown and another was Captain Russell Charles. The naval arsenal no more exists. Buildings, trees and the very grass were razed to smoldering wasteland. Here and there a magazine can be located by the frequent explosions, as shells come shrieking up from the valley to bury themselves in the hills around Lake Denmark.

Damage to Hugs
Officials said that the total damage probably would reach \$100,000,000, barring further explosions. Major Norman Ramsey, in charge of the army arsenal, placed the navy's damage toll at \$87,000,000, and \$2,500,000 to the army arsenal at damage to nearby towns may run into additional millions.

Nearby stands the United States army arsenal, some of its 50 buildings shattered by the blast, its magazine filled with deadly explosives which may be fired by the chance bursting of a shell from the navy depot. All buildings are said to have been hit by flying fragments and shells. A valuable laboratory was razed.

May Save Army Depot
The fires which sprang up to complete the destruction of the reservation have been somewhat checked, however, and it is believed that the army arsenal will be spared.

Thousands Homeless
Between 4,000 and 5,000 persons are homeless, their dwellings having been destroyed or damaged in the series of explosions or rendered uninhabitable by the danger of future blasts.

In the Morristown armory, 200 refugees were sheltered Sunday, awaiting the time when it would be safe for them to return to their homes, if any remained to them. They came from the little villages of Mount Hope and Rockaway, where houses were razed, water mains broken, and all means of communication disrupted.

By a freak of the explosions, Rockaway, eight or nine miles from the naval depot, was harder hit than Dover, which is but six miles away. Between 3,000 and 4,000 persons were ordered out of Rockaway by the authorities after it was found that the first terrific blast was being followed by other throughout the night.

Here in Dover, buildings were shaken and cracked, windows were shattered, the streets and pavements are filled with broken glass, and the town's three churches are badly damaged. Mass was held in the

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BLEDSE PARTY IS TODAY

**JOHN W. WEEKS
REPORTED DYING**

**FORMER SECRETARY OF WAR
WENT LAST LONG,
SAYS DOCTOR**

By United News
LANCASTER, N. H., July 11.—Former Secretary of War John W. Weeks is dying at his summer home here, according to a statement given out by his physician, Dr. R. E. Wilder of Whitesfield, late this afternoon.

The statement reads: "Secretary Weeks is failing rapidly and hope has been abandoned for his recovery. The end now is not far off, being only a question of hours."

The secretary's illness is diagnosed by Dr. Wilder and Dr. Roy Wheeler of Boston, who have been in attendance on him for the past six weeks as a heart condition. Secretary and Mrs. Weeks arrived in Boston early in June and at that time Mr. Weeks' condition was regarded as greatly improved. On June 23 he suffered a recurrence of heart trouble and was moved to his summer home at Lancaster.

His present critical condition has developed, according to Dr. Wilder, during the last 24 hours.

**Marines Ordered
to Scene of Blast**

By United News
WASHINGTON, July 11.—Two hundred marines from the base at Quantico, Va., left Sunday afternoon for Dover, N. J., for general duty in the devastated zone.

**Striking Dock Men
Riot in England**

DUNKIRK, Eng. July 11.—Extremists among dock strikers here have attacked policemen, set fire to a warehouse containing stores of nitrate and dumped quantities of wool into the water.

A crowd of 3,000 gathered during the outbreak and hurled stones at officers from ships docked here.

**Goes to Defend
Two Lubbock Men**

Pearce and Triplett of Lubbock have been retained as counsel for John Bunyard and Jack Carter, Lubbock youths held in Carrizozo, New Mexico, on a charge of breaking into a garage, and Fred Pearce leaves today to get the two youths out of the New Mexico jail, if possible. He will also go to Amarillo.

**FRENCH VETERANS MARCH SILENTLY
PAST STATUE OF WASHINGTON IN
PARIS TO PROTEST DEBT PACT**

By RALPH HEINSEN
United News Staff Correspondent
PARIS, July 11.—Silent save for the sound of marching feet, 15,000 French veterans of the world war, among them many blind, legless and mutilated of face, have filed past the Washington statue and thus carried out their plan of protest against the Mellon-Berenger agreement for settlement of France's debt to the United States.

Cordons of police surrounded the American embassy and the residence of Ambassador Myron T. Herrick as the march began in a misty rain, but the police were not needed. There was no further demonstration against the United States, no sign of outbreak on the part of the protesters.

From the Champs Elysees the parade passed the tomb of the unknown soldier and then paraded past the monument erected to Americans who volunteered to serve with France

**THOUSANDS TO GATHER
IN COCHRAN
COUNTY**

**ONE YEAR OLD
LITTLE CITY TO OBSERVE
ANNIVERSARY WITH
BARBECUE**

BLEDSE, July 11.—Bledse celebrates its first anniversary today and tomorrow, and has invited all the plains to come and eat barbecue and see what one year's growth means in Cochran County.

As many as five thousand are expected to be present during the festivities. Hub Bryant, old time cattle man, spent all today preparing the pits for the barbecues, bringing in the truck loads of meat, getting the butchering crews in hand, and in general taking every precaution that the inner man will be well satisfied among the hosts of visitors. He is ably supplemented in this task by J. W. Dove, who will have charge of the actual cooking and feeding for the hungry thousands.

All departments have labored diligently for the providing of entertainment and amusement of all. There will be a rodeo that will entertain everybody, a Merry-Mix ride will furnish amusement for the kiddies, dancing will be the diversion for the youth and the more serious minded will have the opportunity to listen to orators who will tell of the ills of Texas and will offer the remedy therefor. If the host of guests that are sure to be present for the two days only partially enjoy the fruits of the efforts of the ones charged with their entertainment, then the party will be a great success.

**Demos Laugh at
Coolidge Praise**

WASHINGTON, July 11.—Praise lavished on the recently adjourned congress by the summer white house spokesman who is fishing with Coolidge in the Adirondacks, meets with scoffing among democratic leaders sweating here in Washington.

"Whistling to keep his courage," said Representative Oldfield of Arkansas.

**DOCTOR URGES SPEED
FOR MOTORISTS SAFETY**

By United News
WEYBRIDGE, Eng. July 11.—Ninety miles an hour is the speed for motorists, said Dr. Eric Gardner in testifying at an inquest on Ernest Hurlock, killed at the famous Brooklands motor track near here.

"Hurlock was making 45 miles an hour," said Dr. Gardner. "If he had been going faster there would have been less tendency for him to light on his head and his life might have been saved."

**FILIPINO ASSAILS
CARMITHOMPSON**

**SENATOR LEADS FIRST ATTACK
ON REPRESENTATIVE
OF COOLIDGE**

By United News
MANILA, July 11.—Senator Juan Alegre, wealthy Filipino and influential nationalist member of the legislature has struck the first blow against the Carmi Thompson mission to the Philippines.

In an ironical speech before university students today Alegre declared that Filipinos ought to look with suspicion upon Thompson, now here for a survey of the islands.

"I hold no grudge against a man taking money from my pocket," he said, "but I suspicion any one who says he is planning to take my money from altruistic motives." Alegre charged that Thompson was sent to the Philippines by President Coolidge to help American business men exploit the islands. He declared that he would refuse to cooperate, that Filipinos knew more about their own resources than Thompson could ascertain.

Denouncing American business men here, the Senator said that the only business Filipinos ever learned from Americans was the saloon business.

**Wife Held for
Texan's Slaying**

CENTER, July 11.—Mrs. Alvin Lout is in jail here charged with the death of her husband who was fatally shot near their home here Saturday night.

According to police Lout was beating his wife and she ran to a neighbor's home for protection. When he followed her there she fired two shots at him.

**Senators Urge
Merger Inquiry**

WASHINGTON, July 11.—Twenty-three senators have asked the federal trade commission to investigate recent large corporation mergers without delay.

**Sweetwater Votes
Big Bond Issue**

SWEETWATER, July 11.—A bond issue for \$225,000 to be used for a new high school building and for ward 4 schools carried here at an election held Saturday.

**Kills Himself to
Escape Garrote**

HAVANA, July 11.—Faced with death in the terrible garrote, Segundo Rosales, convicted with A. Belardo Non of kidnapping a wealthy Cuban, hanged himself in his cell at Ciego de Avila, in the province of Santa Clara, where he was awaiting sentence.

**Pacific Coast
Tonnage Increases**

By United News
WASHINGTON, July 11.—The cargo tonnage volume of Pacific coast water borne foreign trade in the first quarter of 1926 exceeded 3,000,000 tons, an increase of 19.4 percent over the first quarter last year, the United shipping board announced today.

WONT HANG TOGETHER

By United News
SYRANA, July 11.—Separate gallows are planned for various public places here if the who plotted against the life of Mustafa Kemal Pasha, president of Turkey, are sentenced to death.



Rear Admiral John D. Beuret has been reappointed chief of the bureau of construction and repair of the United States navy for a term of four years.

**TWO DEAD IN
DALLAS SHOOTING**

JOHN CONKLIN AND FORMER WIFE VICTIMS OF TRAGEDY

By United News
DALLAS, July 11.—Two persons are dead here as a result of a shooting which took place Sunday afternoon shortly after three o'clock.

Miss Lois Johnson, 17, former wife of John Conklin, 24, both of Dallas, died at Parkland hospital while on the operating table, suffering from a bullet wound in the abdomen. Conklin died almost instantly from two bullet wounds in the breast, one of which pierced his heart, self-inflicted.

According to witnesses to the double tragedy, Conklin waited across the street from the Western Union where his former wife was employed until she got off work at three o'clock. When she left the building he crossed the street, and the two entered into a conversation, walking slowly down the street. Suddenly Conklin drew an automatic pistol and fired once striking the girl, and then placed the gun at his own breast, firing twice.

A note found in Conklin's pocket addressed to his mother said: "I loved Lois to the bottom of my heart and have fought this for two weeks out just had to do it."

**5000 Attack
Sunday Opening**

By United News

OCEAN GROVE, N. J., July 11. Five thousand persons in the Ocean Grove auditorium acclaimed a resolution attacking opening of the sesqui centennial exposition at Philadelphia on Sunday. The resolution said in part: "Disregard for law and order, whether by the Reds abroad or by American citizens at home, is anarchy."

**TWELVE BUFFALO AND FIFTY RED
INDIANS ARRIVE IN ILLINOIS
TOWN FOR "LAST BUFFALO HUNT"**

RIGHTON PARK, Ill., July 11.—The 20th century veneer which encrusts the rolling hills where buffalo once roamed is being stripped off hereabouts as residents of this village prepare to revive the days of the old mid-west in a colorful pageant.

The bloodcurdling yells of meat hungry Indians are soon to mingle with hoof beat staccato of startled buffalo as mounted braves, armed with bows and arrows, ride down their food.

The buffalo arrived today, fifty Chippewa Indians are coming from their Northern reservation, and the

**PRIESTLY SUTTLE OF LEVELLAND
KILLED WHEN AIRSHIP CRASHES
FROM HEIGHT OF HUNDRED FEET**

**REV. T. L. SUTTLE LOSES SECOND SON WITHIN YEAR;
CLINTON BREEDLOVE, PILOT OF PLANE,
ESCAPES SERIOUS INJURY**

LEVELLAND, July 11.—Priestly Suttle, 21, of Levelland, was instantly killed, and Lieutenant Clinton Breedlove suffered minor injuries, when the latter lost control of his plane, the "Maiden Lubbock," 100 feet above the flying field here today, and the ship crashed nose first to the ground. The plane, made by J. B. Cole and others in Lubbock as the first unit of the Plains Airways company, was completely demolished. The engine was thrust back upon Suttle whose head was forced against the rear of the cockpit, breaking his neck.

Breedlove got out of the wreck and walked to a car, dazed but not seriously hurt. He was cut in many places, but no bones broken.

The plane fell within one hundred feet of Cole and a party of friends who had been riding in the airplane during the morning. Cole had taken the plane to Levelland about 8 o'clock, and had made a number of trips in it. Breedlove, a graduate of the Kelly Field flying school, was present, and when Suttle's turn to ride came, Suttle asked that Breedlove, his friend, pilot the ship. The two rode for some time, high in the air, and had come down to the comparatively low height of 100 feet when the tragedy occurred.

The bystanders rushed to the scene and extricated Suttle from the wreck of the ship.

Cole declared that not a piece of wood bigger than a broomstick was left of the plane. Suttle is a son of Rev. T. L. Suttle, Baptist minister of Levelland. Another son of Rev. Suttle accidentally shot and killed himself last fall while hunting.

The Baker Undertaking Company took charge of young Suttle's body.

**Wind Hurts Small
Grain at O'Donnell**

L. A. Dennis, cashier of the First National Bank of O'Donnell, was in Lubbock yesterday to visit Mrs. Dennis, who has had two operations at the Lubbock sanitarium in the past 20 days. Mr. Dennis declared that wheat in the O'Donnell section was in fine shape, but that small grain, kaffir and maize was burned somewhat by last week's winds. He said the bank was willing to back the farmers of the O'Donnell community to the last nickel.

**Noon Today Zero
Hour in N.Y. Strike**

NEW YORK, July 11.—The zero hour for New York's subway strike will have arrived Monday noon. An ultimatum of Frank Hedley, I. R. T. president, stipulates that unless the workers returned to their posts at noon they will be stricken from the rolls of the company.

**300,000 Elks Are
Meeting in Chicago**

CHICAGO, July 12 (Monday).—Three hundred thousand members of the Benvolent and Protective Order of Elks are converging on Chicago for their annual convention opening here today.

**Heavy Rain Falls
Near Shallowater**

Heavy rains, up to an inch and an inch and a half, were reported as having fallen yesterday noon in the Shallowater, County line and Roundup.

**DIES OF OVERWORK AT 113
REDDING, Calif., July 11.—Over exertion at the age of 113 is held responsible for the death of George Norton, Shasta county Indian.**

WEATHER

WEST TEXAS—Monday probably cloudy.

At the Churches Sunday

First Presbyterian Church

UNION SERVICES

"The Responsibility of Christian Citizenship" was the subject of Rev. E. E. White's sermon in the first of the union services which will be held during the summer months by the various churches of the city. The services will be held at the various churches and at different pastors will take time about in the pulpits. A few of the churches of the city were not able to enter into the union services because of previous arrangements. The services will be held next Sunday at the First Methodist and First Baptist churches.

Choosing his text from the fifteenth chapter of St. John, 1st to 17th verses, Rev. White made the statement that we cannot expect the privileges of the kingdom of God without accepting the responsibilities of the citizenship within the kingdom. When one becomes a member of the United States, he is called upon to assume the undivided allegiance to the government, accept the laws which effect his life and property and pledge his support to the nation time of peace and war.

His sermon in part: "A citizen who refuses allegiance to his government is not tolerated by his fellow-citizens. In our own study of responsibility of Christian citizenship you will find that there are set forth clearly in the scriptures certain demands upon the citizens of the kingdom of God. The passage from John reveals some of these demands. In the 10th verse we read, 'If ye keep my commandments ye shall abide in my love.' Throughout the life of Jesus, he set forth for his followers a clear example of obedience. At 12 we find him in the temple of temptation when selfish interests were set aside, the plan of Satan rejected and the kingdoms of the earth refused. Throughout his ministry, whether in the temple or on the mountain side, or by the sea shore, he was continually conforming to the plan of God and in his final struggle of his life his words were, 'Not my will, but thine be done.'"

"There are some professed Christians who do not go to church because they say that it makes too many demands upon its members. They confess that they want to do this, that or the other thing but hold that they cannot do it if they are in the church. Such a theory is wrong and is faulty logic, the church makes no more demands upon its members than God makes himself. In fact those who keep the commandments of God are doing more than the church demands. Every demand for moral righteousness that is found in the church has as its base the word of God. Within the pages of the Book there are many, 'Thou shalt not's' of which the church has never spoken and there are many 'Thou Shalt's' which the church has not rigidly enforced."

Here Rev. White gave numerous instances in the Bible of the demands made upon the followers of Christ which surpass even the demands of the church. He continued, "No man need feel that he can stay away from the house of God and avoid responsibility. Many seem to desire to accept Jesus as their savior but they do not want him as their Lord. Instead of telling him what we want to do for the master we are continually reminding Jesus what we expect him to do for us. The tendency is to pray, 'Lord Give' instead of 'Lord Take.' Many stand like beggars at the throne of Grace while the thing God wants is a life of complete devotion and service."

"Now the chief commandment which Jesus sets forth is that 'Ye love one another as I love ye.' There should be between all Christian believers a fellowship of brotherly love. Such union services as these which are being held tonight in Lubbock should foster that spirit. Christianity calls for a spirit of harmony fellowship and love between all Christian believers. The master says 'Greater love hath no man than this, that he would lay down his life for his friend.' In the next breath he adds, 'Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you.' And soon you may become a friend of Christ, not a bond servant, driven into service but a friend who with a

oving spirit voluntarily assumes the responsibility of Christian. Here he gave illustrations of citizenship and then drifted to the next thought of the lesson.

"It stands to reason then that if you abide in Christ's love you will bear fruit, there is no way out of it. In meeting the responsibility of Christian citizenship you must not only keep the commandments of God which warn against evil but you must also do service constantly for the master. Jesus says in the lesson, 'Ye have not chosen me but I have chosen you that you may go and bear fruit.' When God calls a man from the way of righteousness which leads to sorrow sin and death, he does not expect a life of idleness or halfhearted service, he does not expect him to merely beat the air but to call men and nations to a life of righteousness. There are some who say 'I can't' but Jesus says you must, 'For herein is my father glorified that ye bear much fruit,' he then adds that it is through fruit bearing that you may know that you are his disciples."

"The personal work of the master is ended. As his followers we are to direct the spread of the gospel following at a times the leadership of his spirit. What Lubbock needs is a Christian citizenship which will enter wholeheartedly into the spirit of the Master, ever striving to carry out the will of his word."

19th Street Methodist Church

Silas Dixon, Pastor

Morning sermon, Text Matthew 5:14; ye are the light of the world; a city that is set on a hill can not be hid. Theme the responsibility of the Christian.

In the sermon on the Mount Jesus is setting forth the fundamental principles which is to characterize His Kingdom. He mentions the sort of Christians that we are to be. The Christian life is a positive experience. Therefore, the works of a Christian man or woman can not be hid.

The one big task before the leaders of the church now is to get each individual member to feel and shoulder his responsibility of saving the world to Christ.

The responsibility does not rest alone upon the shoulders of the preachers but the laity must equally share it with him.

The church too often shifts all the responsibility of making community Christian upon the shoulders of their pastor without sharing it with him. There must be co-operation on the part of every member; if the message of Christ is put over to the world, Jesus did not overlook that important task of the members of his Kingdom.

In a meeting of churchmen from all denomination last week we found from statistics that there are more than sixty million people who never darken the door of a church. These figures are a pallid where does our fault lay? Jesus says that we are the light of the world; and He further emphasize that statements in this language. A light can be hid.

Again I say we are responsible as individuals as to whether the Kingdom of this world shall become the Kingdom of our Christ.

The task is a gigantic one. The persons who accept his responsibility of this tremendous task shall have grown taller because he has done his duty. No person can come into contact with a gigantic force without it broadening, enriching his religious experience.

It will make him or she a better man or woman, boy and girl accept his responsibility of taking the world for Christ. There is a reward for you.

STEWART POSTPONES GOOD GOVERNMENT TALK

Judge Hill Stewart, speaking yesterday morning at the First Baptist church, postponed his discussion of good government and confined his remarks to various functions of the church itself. However, he announced that he would speak on "Good Government," next Friday at the same church at 8:30 p. m.

First Methodist Church

"The Transformed Life" was the subject of Rev. E. E. White's sermon at the First Methodist church yesterday morning. He took his text from Romans 12:2. "Be not conformed to this world but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind that ye may prove what is that good acceptable and perfect will of God."

He preached to a large audience. The services opened with the regular ceremonies which were followed by special music by Mrs. Lorena W. Barker of Ft. Worth. Rev. White stated briefly the purpose of the text and its effect on the average human life.

"We are reminded too much of the world and its many attractions which lie before us," We must learn to discriminate the good from the bad. The plan of Christianity was never for one to separate himself entirely from the world in which he lives. The great task is to live the Christian life in a world of sin. Paul recognized this when he said in the text, "Transform thyself."

"His admonition is therefore that we conform not to the customs and fashions of the age in which we live but that we conform to the high standards which are found in the life of Christ Jesus." At the night services Rev. White preached at the First Presbyterian church in one of the first of the union services of the summer.

First Christian Church

UNION SERVICES

In the Union services at the First Christian church Judge Crenshaw spoke on "The Trial of Christ." He gave a lawyer's view point of the great trial and presented some very interesting facts and data concerning the trial. A good crowd attending the service and spoke highly of Judge Crenshaw's address.

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INTERNAL REVENUE SHOWS BIG JUMP

QUARTER BILLION MORE THAN IN 1925 FLOWS INTO U. S. TREASURY

By United News

WASHINGTON, July 11.—Internal revenue receipts for the fiscal year, 1926, were more than \$250,000,000 in excess of the 1925 total, the treasury department announced in a statement tonight.

Total collections from all sources for the fiscal year, 1926, were \$2,836,112,859, compared with \$2,584,140,268 for the fiscal year 1925.

Income tax collections during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1926, exceeded income tax collections during the fiscal year 1925, by more than \$200,000,000.

Total income tax collections for 1926, amounted to \$1,872,798,839, compared with \$1,763,659,949.51 despite tax reduction by congress. New York state paid more than one fourth of the total income tax and about one fourth of the total internal receipts.

Income tax collections from New York, totaled \$568,114,671.06 during the fiscal year 1926 and in 1925, the total was \$496,709,727.73. Total internal revenue receipts from New York in 1926 were \$735,072,365.97.

Pennsylvania was second with income tax collections of \$195,395,868.71, and total receipts of \$261,928,700.66.

Michigan came next with total receipts of \$225,455,226.69.

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LEVENS EXPLAINS WITCHER LETTER

A STATEMENT OF FACTS

In order that the public may be correctly informed of the facts and circumstances surrounding a certain letter published in the Sunday Morning Avalanche July 11th, and be further informed as to the author of said letter, I feel it my duty, in fairness to Mr. Durwood H. Bradley and the public to make a full and complete explanation of the whole matter, since Mr. Witcher the publisher of the letter, and myself are the only living persons to whom the facts are known.

The facts are as follows:

On the 22nd day of May A. D. 1925, Mr. Witcher came to my office and stated to me that he would be an applicant for the appointment to the office of district attorney to serve out the unexpired term of the late Honorable Park N. Dalton, and solicited my support. I informed him that it would give me great pleasure to support him. He then asked me to write a letter for him to the Honorable James E. Ferguson in support of his application for the appointment. I explained to him that I was not acquainted with the Governor, and suggested to him that he write the kind of letter that in his judgment would be most impressive. This being agreed upon, Mr. Witcher left my office and did not return until the next day the 23rd of May, at which time he handed me a letter that he had written to the Governor and which letter I was supposed to sign; but being of the opinion that the letter needed toning down a bit, I waited until the next day before taking action on same. On the afternoon of the 24th day of May, and immediately after learning that Honorable Park N. Dalton had been laid to rest, I copied off his letter on the stationery of Levens & Bradley, toned it down a bit, signed and placed it in the mails, without the knowledge or consent of Mr. Durwood H. Bradley, who knew nothing of the letter having been written until some ten days ago.

I discussed the advisability of my taking an interest in securing the appointment of Mr. Witcher, with Mr. Bradley, when first approached by Mr. Witcher on the subject, and was advised by him that he would not

have anything to do with the matter whatever, and giving his reasons therefor. Feeling that Mr. Bradley was perhaps too harsh in his opinion of Mr. Witcher, and feeling that I was doing a kindly deed for my fellow man, I disregarded the advice and admonitions of Mr. Bradley and proceeded to copy off the letter, sign, and place in the mails, as above stated. I have not a copy of the letter herein referred to, but if the name of Levens & Bradley appears on same, such firm name was inadvertently typed thereon, and the letter positively signed by me.

In proof of my statements that Mr. Bradley did not sign this letter and knew nothing of my having taken a part in writing same, I here print in full the answer to the said letter, which does not include Mr. Bradley:

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
AUSTIN, TEXAS,
May 25, 1925.**

Hon. J. C. Levens,
Lubbock, Texas.
Dear Mr. Levens:
Your letter of the 24th inst. with reference to Mr. Witcher has been received and noted.

Governor has requested me to write you and thank you for the interest shown in this matter, and to assure you that same will have the careful consideration of the Governor.

Yours truly,
Ghent Sanderford,
Secretary to the Governor.

If I have erred in taking the part that I did in support of Mr. Witcher's appointment, and if I have done an injustice to the citizens of the district thereby, I wish to state that in so doing I was not actuated by mercenary motives, since his appointment could be of no benefit or profit to me but was prompted to give him the assistance that I did by the fact that I considered him a gentleman, and felt that I was doing a kindly deed for my fellow man.

I am not in politics, but since Mr. Witcher has shown his lack of appreciation for services rendered him by me in securing this appointment, and since he has seen fit to accuse Mr. Bradley of inconsistencies, becoming a candidate for public office, and tries to prove his contention by publishing this letter which was written by him and myself, and for his sole benefit, I feel that I would be derelict in my duty to the public in

general if I did not make known the facts; and since I am not in politics and have no interest therein other than to see good men in the office; I wish to state here and now that I have no malice in my heart toward anyone running for office, and that I will not enter into any kind of argument with anyone.

Respectfully,
J. C. Levens.
(Political Advertisement)

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE

First Game:
Oakland 000 001 000—1 4 1
Sacramento 001 000 018—2 9 0
Delaney and Boot; Martin and Shea.
First game:
Seattle 001 212 200—8 14 2
San Francisco 203 000 010—6 9 2
Martin and Baldwin; Williams, Griffin, Moody and Yelle.

First game:
Mission 001 040 010—6 12 1
Portland 000 201 000—3 6 0
Ludolph and Murphy; Meeker and Tobin.

First game:
Los Angeles 000 301 212—9 15 1
Hollywood 000 000 000—0 4 0
Wright and Hannah; Shellenback and Peters.

Second game:
Oakland 000 000 200—2 10 3
Sacramento 000 010 038—4 7 1
Kraus, Pruette and Baker; Vinci and Shea, Alley.

Seattle 200 023 021—10 16 2
San Francisco 200 000 001—2 11 3
Elliott and Jenkins; Mails and Yelle.

(7 Innings)
Mission 000 200 0—2 6 1
Portland 200 001 8—3 8 1
Bryan and Walters; Mangum and Tobin.

(7 Innings)
Los Angeles 000 000 1—1 3 0
Hollywood 000 210 8—3 6 0
Stroud and Hannah; Hollerson and Cook.

During the centennial celebration at La Paz, Bolivia, the Argentine government sent a twenty-two car special train carrying exhibits of industrial products.

TWO NEW CONTESTS IN SCHOLASTIC LEAGUE

AUSTIN, July 11.—Great interest is being manifested in two new contests announced by the Inter-scholastic League for one and two-teacher rural schools, according to Roy Bedichek, chief of the League Bureau of the Extension Division.

"One of these contests," said Bedichek, "is athletic and one literary. The athletic contest is known as the 'Rural Pentathlon,' and consists of five simple track and field events. The contestant from a one- or two-teacher rural school who scores highest in these events at the county meet will be entitled to represent his county in the Rural Pentathlon in the district meet, and the winner in the district meet will be qualified for entry in the State Meet in the same events. There will thus be a state championship for the rural pentathlon, contestants in which are limited to pupils in the one and two-teacher rural schools.

"The literary event for schools of the same class will be known as the 'Three R Contest' and will consist of contests in reading, writing and arithmetic. The contest in each of these subjects will be based upon simple tests which have been devised by test and measurement experts. For illustration, the test in reading will be of the achievement type, and will determine the contestant's ability to read silently unfamiliar matter in a given time and give evidence of a comprehension of the paragraph. The test is based upon two points, viz., time taken in reading, and fullness of comprehension. The arithmetic test will be based upon speed and accuracy in the four fundamental operations; and the writing test will be based upon speed and legibility.

The pupil scoring highest in these three events in the county meet will be qualified to represent his county in the 'Three R' contest in the district meet, and the one scoring highest in the district meet will be qualified for entry in the final state contest.

The county superintendents of the state were recently circularized relative to these contests, and the replies so far received indicate a practically unanimous enthusiasm for these new contests especially devised to interest the one and two-teacher schools. The contests have the enthusiastic en-

DAVIDSON SPEAKER SLATON MAN'S KIN

CLAUDE MILLER OF WACO IS
RELATIVE OF CLAUDE
MILLER OF SLATON

Claude Miller of Waco, who will be here Thursday night to speak in behalf of Lynch Davidson for governor, is a close kinsman of Claude Miller of Slaton, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce in that city.

The Davidson speaker will arrive here on the 15th and will speak at 8 p. m. at some place still to be designated in Lubbock.

He declares in a letter to the Avalanche that Davidson is rapidly gaining strength.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

First game:
Toledo 000 320 000—5 10 0
Louisville 010 000 000—1 5 2
Clarkson and Heving; Koeb, Wilkinson and Devoorn.

First game:
Kansas City 000 700 010—8 12 2
Minneapolis 100 101 010—4 9 1
Zinn and Snyder; Hubbell, Wilson and Byler, Cowdy.

First game:
St. Paul 000 010 000—1 8 2
Milwaukee 001 000 108—2 7 0
Johnson and Hoffman; Robertson and McMenemy.

Columbus 000 700 000—7 10 2
Indianapolis 100 010 008—8 13 0
Blenheim, Zumbro, and Meyer; Wisner, Thompson, Hill and Hartley.

KANSAS CONVICTS SLEEP SOUNDLY WITHOUT SHEETS

STATE PENITENTIARY, LANSING, Kans., July 11.—The convict miners of the state penitentiary here—376 of them—who suffered for 36 hours in the depths of the prison mine here, hoping thereby to induce the warden to provide their cell banks with new bedsheets slept peacefully Sunday night on bunks without any sheets at all.

dorsement, also, of the Rural School Division of the State Department of Education, it is stated.

SPORT FLASHES

FRENCH TENNIS

By United News
LONDON, July 11.—All that the French tennis players need to become international leaders on the courts is more stamina coming from a stronger physique, in the opinion of Miss Mary K. Browne, captain of the American women's team and the finalist against Mlle. Suzanne Lenglen in the French national hard court championships.

"It is amazing to see the development of French players since the end of the war," Miss Browne said. "In Mlle. Lenglen, Rene Lacoste, Henri Cochet and Jean Borotra, France has four of the best tennis players in the world and in a few years some of the younger players should make France the ranking tennis nation of the world.

"Lacoste is one of the finest stylists in the game. His form is almost as perfect as that of Billy Johnston and he has a sound knowledge of the game. He lacks strength, however, and until he gets more stamina, he will be handicapped always against such players as Bill Tilden and Vinnie Richards.

"Borotra is a brilliant player but he also is weak physically and he burns himself out on the court. He is the same type of a player that Maury McLaughlin was and he can't possibly play as long as Lacoste or Johnston.

"Billy Johnston has been a front ranking player for years and he will be able to play for many more years because he has such perfect form that he never has to waste a motion. Borotra does a lot of dashing around the court and it takes so much of his strength to keep his best game going.

The French people, according to Miss Browne, are just realizing the importance of teaching youngsters to play. The effects of the war, of course, have been felt but even before that the French children did not have the opportunity to engage in sports and athletics like the American, English and German youngsters. Now the French Government is giving serious attention to the promotion of a general scheme of national athletics and the results already are manifest in the improvement shown in the younger tennis players.

ISSUES COTTON FLEA BULLETIN

AGGIES GET OUT BOOK TO
HELP FIGHT PEST
IN TEXAS

Special to The Avalanche
COLLEGE STATION, July 11.—A bulletin on the cotton flea hopper, which today is threatening the entire cotton crop of Texas with destruction, has been published by the division of entomology of the Experiment Station of the A. & M. College of Texas. The pamphlet contains the life history of the cotton flea hopper, its feeding and protective habits, methods for controlling it, and other relatively important information concerning the insect. Copies of the bulletin will be mailed upon request to the publications department of the Experiment Station.

LOCAL BRIEFS

Dr. W. M. Leman and A. L. Page went to Muleshoe yesterday.

Bob Burns and T. Greer of Lockney were Lubbock visitors yesterday.

Bob Collier, editor the Slaton Slatonite was a visitor in Lubbock yesterday.

Dr. C. C. Cox of Brownfield was the guest of Dr. R. B. Hutchinson yesterday.

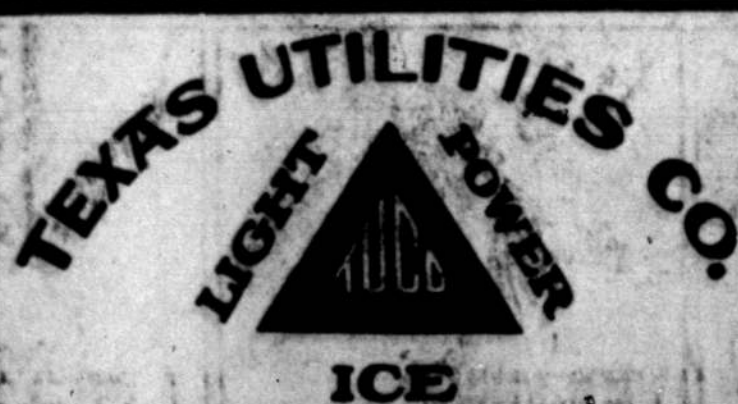
Dr. W. L. Ray returned Saturday from Austin where he has been visiting for the past several weeks.

The marriage of J. S. Parker and Miss Joy Brock was solemnized yesterday morning at 10 o'clock by Rev. E. E. White at the Methodist parsonage. The couple are popular members of the younger set of Post. They left immediately for their future home in Post.

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MOVIE PEOPLE BRAVE DESERT SAND STORMS AND HOT WINDS TO GET LOCAL COLOR FOR PICTURE

BY JOHN P. MILES
United News Staff Correspondent
BARBARA WORTH, Nevada, July 11.—After nearly a month of daily encounters with scorching heat, thunderous sand storms and the discomforts of desert life, a group of Hollywood film players is struggling through the final weeks of a location assignment which is proving anything but agreeable.

If the vigorously expressed opinions of these home sick movie folk are to be believed, this blistering stretch of Nevada desert represents the most desolate, starkly realistic picture location ever selected by a producing company.

It would be a hardened skeptic who doubted them. Sprawled on the alkali floor of Black Rock desert, this movie camp would be a revelation to any city dweller who might glimpse it.

There is a vast array of tents, broken here and there by solid structures which house eating places, movie theaters and dance halls. Winds, coming from the ends of the earth, sweep through the streets whirling aloft clouds of sand. At intervals a tent is torn from its ropes by winds of more ordinary ferocity. The canvas flapping noisily, is shot high in the air, dropped to earth when the winds release their clutch.

And through all of this is the heat, constant, oppressive, stifling. The daily maximum is about 130 degrees. Winds are no relief; they are like hot blasts from a quickly opened oven.

There was no Barbara Worth before the movie people came and named it after the picture they are making. But now there's a post office and all the other appurtenances of a regular town. The newest community is Winnemucca, of 2,000 souls, eighty miles away over almost impassable sheep trails.

There is some amusement here. The weekly square dances are generously attended. And then there are the tobacco expectorating championships, in which sheep herders, cowboys and deserters participate. The record now is five feet, achieved by a native boy who spat in the face of a brisk west wind.

The actors spend their time, when not at work, gossiping about Hollywood, its cases, comports and persons.

Kuykendall Has Camping Display

Bringing the call of the road into sight of the crowded streets of Lubbock, Kuykendall's yesterday arranged a show window display of a Chevrolet car rigged with an automobile tent, and furnished with cots, camp chairs, and various other camping apparatus.

The tent and other paraphernalia were obtained from the Crawford Outdoor Store.

Lyric

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COMING
Wednesday & Thurs.
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Powerful Novel
"The Non-Stop Flight"
Don't Miss It.

Landscaping for Students at A & M

COLLEGE STATION, July 11.—Two new courses are to be added to the curriculum at the A. & M. College of Texas when the regular school term opens in September. The school of agriculture will offer a four-year course in landscape art, and the school of agriculture in conjunction with the school of veterinary medicine, will offer a six-year course in agriculture and veterinary medicine, leading to the degrees of Bachelor of Science and Doctor of Veterinary Medicine.

The course in landscape art has for its object the training of young men to become landscape designers. In the opinion of Professor F. W. Hensel, head of the department, the landscape art field is sufficiently broad to enable men of diverse talents to follow their inclinations. Successful completion of the course will prepare students for positions as part superintendents, members of park boards, employees in various phases of civic improvement and planning superintendents, in addition to landscape designers.

TEACHERS PLAN SPEAKING TOUR

ENLIST ORATORS TO TELL OF
EDUCATIONAL NEEDS
OF TEXAS

FORT WORTH, July 11.—Speakers on Texas educational needs and conditions are being enlisted by the Texas State Teachers' Association for a campaign to extend through the next year in the interest of public school development in the state. This announcement was made today from the Fort Worth offices of the Association by Secretary R. T. Ellis. Several hundred will be enlisted for this service.

Bankers, editors, attorneys, presidents of Rotary, Kiwanis and Lions' clubs, leaders in the Federation of Women's Clubs and in the Texas Congress of Mothers and Parent-Teacher Associations, as well as college presidents and school superintendents are included in the group enlisted. Their services will be offered free and available to every community in the state. Local committees are asked to correspond with the Fort Worth offices of the Association in securing the services of these speakers.

Following the opening of the thru railway service between Buenos Aires and La Paz, Argentine and Bolivia are exchanging products as never before.

Lithuania now has eighty-one electric light and power companies, a greater part of which are operated with oil or peat as fuel.

Vain Gold Rush Will be No More

PROVIDENCE, R. I., July 12.—Gold rushes soon will be a thing of the past, in the opinion of Instructor Lloyd W. Fisher of the geology department of Brown University.

Wild reports of newly-uncovered riches will immediately be stamped as such with the aid of the scientist and his microscope, Fisher believes, and the "get-rich-quick" folk will be spared much hardship and effort.

Science can now tell with accuracy whether the deposit of precious metal is localized, according to Fisher, and marked advances are being made in this process of foretelling the potentialities of new-found gold fields.

When the metal appears in the ore in certain forms it indicates the deposit originated at the spot where it was discovered, and therefore the only hope of finding more is the further exploitation of that particular stratum, according to Fisher.

"If, however, other forms appear," he said, "it is certain that the metal was brought from elsewhere to the location of the gold 'strike,' and that adjacent areas will probably reveal further deposits or perhaps the point of origin."

"In the first case a rush of men from all points of the compass in the hope of staking a rich claim would be doomed to a disappointment as great as if they set out in search of the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. In the latter case they would have excellent reason to risk life and limb for fortune."

"The method of crystal study has been given practical application in the Porcupine district of Canada, not far from the new strikes at Red Lake. In that area the deposits have been found to be localized and news reports from the Red Lake district telling of an abatement of the rush have borne out the conclusions of science. The gold is borne in a quartz vein which can only be worked with expensive machinery."

The telephone systems in the large cities of southern Italy and Sicily are being modernized at a cost of \$25,000,000.

The electric railway between The Hague and Rotterdam has replaced its alternating-current equipment with direct-current system.

I. C. C. TO PROBE BUS QUESTION

TANGLED SITUATION IS NOW
FACING FEDERAL
BOARD

By United News

WASHINGTON, July 11.—When the interstate commerce commission begins in a few days to investigate the motor bus problem throughout the country, as a basis for regulatory legislation, it will find a chaotic situation whose complexities are almost as many as those faced in the early days of the railroads.

In the first place, motor bus transportation lines have grown beyond all bounds. The average person sees them, rides on them, ships goods by them, but probably does not get the bird's eye view, which would show a network of 70,000 motor busses and 2,500,000 trucks.

In the second place, there is no regulations whatever now for interstate bus and truck traffic, as a result of decisions of the supreme court and the interstate commerce commission. Most states regulate bus traffic within their own borders, but the interstate traffic is the big problem of the future, as this form of transportation develops.

Because of the very nature of the growth of the motor bus lines, an over-night development, such regulation as was attempted was haphazard and incomplete.

The situation was intensified by the three decisions by the supreme court holding that states have no power to regulate interstate bus traffic and by the decision of the interstate commerce commission that it has no authority to regulate interstate bus commerce, thus leaving bus lines to operate over state without any regulation whatever, as they do now. This is the situation that the interstate commerce commission during the next 3 months, when it will hold hearing in 13 centers.

The suburban railway system of Cologne, Germany, now has six electric lines operated under the management of the municipal street railway officials.

The competition of motor busses following losses caused by floods, compelled the reorganization of the electric car line company at Peru recently.

C. I. A. PREXY JOINED BY WIFE AND CHILDREN

Special to The Avalanche

DENTON, July 11.—President L. H. Hubbard of the College of Industrial Arts, who assumed his duties on last June 2, has been joined at the college by Mrs. Hubbard and children, Louise and Jack.

The family is now residing in the Ellen H. Richards Demonstration Cottage on the college campus until repairs have been finished on the President's home.

More than twice as many American made trucks were taken to Australia in the past year as in the same period in 1924.

Russia is shipping more butter to other countries than ever before.

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