

THE WEATHER.

Nebraska—Cloudy to partly cloudy today; tomorrow probably rain with colder in west.
Iowa—Fair today; tomorrow unsettled; rain probable in west and south; not much change in temperature.

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SHOCKS CONTINUE IN QUAKE AREA; 125 KNOWN DEAD

Final Toll to Increase Several Times, Fear; People in Panic.

HARBOR UP-ENDS; BECOMES ISLAND

Wellington, New Zealand, Feb. 4 (AP)—At least five towns in the Bay of Plenty province of North Island lay broken and burning today while the earth still rocked with the continuing shocks of the earthquake that brought wholesale death and desolation.

There were known to be 125 dead in Napier and Hastings and the final figure, it was feared, would be several times that number. In Napier alone there were one thousand injured. Many persons were still imprisoned in fallen buildings, and it was hoped some would be found alive.

The quake began yesterday morning and its violence brought public buildings, houses, hospitals, stores and homes down upon the unsuspecting occupants. Fire followed in the two largest towns, and the populace, panic-stricken, ran to the shore or to the open country.

Hill Collapses Into Sea.

At Napier, capital of the province, which has a population of 20 thousand, Bluff hill, which stands high above the city, collapsed and tumbled into the sea. Stone and brick buildings fell with a continuous roar, and oil tanks on the edge of the town exploded and poured streams of fire through the streets.

In Hastings, a plains town, 12 miles from Napier, the destruction of life and property was almost equally terrible. Whereas one hundred were reported dead at Napier, the first official reports from Hastings said that there were only 25 dead so far as could be determined, but that it was expected the final figures would be more than one hundred.

In both Napier and Hastings, the largest towns of the province, the earth was rent asunder by repeated shocks and fissures opened along the roads, some of them 70 feet long. The sea floor was shaken also, and when Bluff hill tumbled into the water the bottom of Napier harbor rose and the steamer anchored inside out and became an island.

Other Cities Razed.

Besides Napier and Hastings, the towns of Waturo, Waipukurua and Waipawa were razed by the quake but few details of the disaster came from them today.

The most official report of the disaster was from the commander of the naval sloop Veronica, which was in Napier harbor. He told of the almost total destruction of the city, of a wrecked water system, and of the fact that he had taken as many refugees aboard the sloop as was possible.

Under leadership of British sailors rescue work was well organized at Napier before dark and help was being rushed to all the suffering communities by land and sea.

Commander Rogers of the Veronica and his crew set up hospitals, dressing stations and a food depot. Killed in Parked Autos.

Many persons met death while sitting in their parked automobiles, Rogers reported, as buildings toppled over on them.

Residents of Napier, Hastings and other cities were sleeping outdoors afraid to enter buildings still standing.

Napier, terminus of the Wellington-Napier railway, is two hundred miles by sea northeast of Wellington city and 362 miles from Auckland. The city has a picturesque setting on the peninsula known as Scinde Island.

Inland is the Rotorua district, known as the "thermal land." There are geysers, hot springs and active and extinct volcanoes.

Central High Excited as Annex Work Begins

The advent of a steam shovel onto the vacant space just north of the Central High school building lifted the student body to a high state of excitement at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

Biography of Catherine Ruled Out of Schools

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 3 (AP)—A history book dealing with the life of Catherine the Great of Russia was ruled out of the Chicago public schools for children of school age.

Goes to Get Mother at Hospital, Breaks Hip, and Takes Her Room

Mrs. Mabel Jorgensen, 356 Benton street, Council Bluffs, today in a Bluffs hospital occupies the same bed vacated by her 75-year-old mother, Mrs. O. Talbot, Tuesday afternoon.

Governor Is Chosen "Handsomest Man"



Governor Pollard, St. Petersburg, Fla., Feb. 3 (AP)—Governor John Garland Pollard of Virginia won the first prize in a "handsomest man" contest here today.

SHEPARD IS SENTENCED FILES APPEAL NOTICE

"Fight Is Just Begun," Given 90 Days Liberty to Perfect Papers.

BOND OF \$20,000

Topeka, Kans., Feb. 3 (AP)—An appeal taken immediately after denial of a motion for a new trial to Major Charles A. Shepard and the beginning of a life prison term for the poison murder of his second wife.

Major Shepard, Judge Richard J. Hopkins in federal district court late today overruled citations by defense counsel of alleged error in the conduct of the trial of the army medical officer, and imposed the sentence specified by a jury last December 22, when Shepard was convicted.

Judge Hopkins set appeal bond at 20 thousand dollars, which Shepard gave and was released. The defense was allowed 90 days in which to perfect the appeal.

Shepard, alleged to have killed his wife because of his love for Miss Grace Brandon, San Antonio, Tex., stenographer, stood apparently unmoved as sentence was pronounced. Earlier he had said "We have just begun to fight."

His attorneys, Harry S. Class, Denver, and C. L. Kagey, Beloit, Kans., had questioned the competence of testimony of Miss Clara Brown, Topeka nurse, and Sergeant J. E. Gresser of the army medical laboratory at Fort Riley, Kans., where Mrs. Shepard died in June, 1929. They also held incompetent the introduction of letters written by Major Shepard to Miss Brandon several months after Mrs. Shepard died.

Woman Fatally Burned; Threw Oil in Furnace

Mrs. Edna Devers, 36, was fatally burned Tuesday afternoon as her clothing caught fire from a flash of kerosene flame when she threw the oil on live coals in a furnace at her home, at the rear of 4001 L street. She died at a hospital several hours later.

Her clothes aflame, Mrs. Devers ran upstairs and onto the back porch of the house. Her screams attracted the attention of Mrs. Lena Wenske, 4003 L street. She, in turn, summoned Fred Hopkins, 3554 M street. By the time he arrived, all clothing had been burned from Mrs. Devers' body.

Firemen were called to the scene, but the blaze did not spread to the house when the accident occurred. Her husband, L. Devers, is employed at the Burlington station.

Southern California Swept by Heavy Rains

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 3 (AP)—The heaviest rainstorm of the year swept over southern California today, stalling automobiles in the streets of cities, disorganizing interurban rail traffic and wreaking considerable damage along the shoreline.

Editor Marries Widow of Former Governor

New York, Feb. 3 (AP)—Henry J. Haskell, editor of the Kansas City Star, and Mrs. Agnes Leo Hadley, widow of former Governor Herbert S. Hadley of Missouri, were married this afternoon at St. Thomas church on Fifth avenue by the Rev. R. H. Brooks, rector.

Sisters Are Separated from Bandit Husbands

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 3 (AP)—The Chicago of two young couples into the land of milk and honey has ended.

EARLY SOLUTION OF DEADLOCK ON RELIEF IS SEEN

Democrat Leader Offers Compromise After Hoover Outlines Position.

'RESERVE FUND' IS HARRISON'S PLAN

Full text of President Hoover's statement outlining his relief views appears on Page 7.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 3 (AP)—Solution of the knotty relief problem was in prospect tonight after a new exchange of views by President Hoover and senate democratic leaders over the dispute which has threatened an extra session of congress.

Mr. Hoover, in a statement to the press, emphatically declared against the 25 million dollar Red Cross relief appropriation demanded by the democrats, asserting it struck "at the very roots of self-government."

But the pledge given by the president in his statement that he would employ every resource of the government to prevent suffering if other agencies failed brought an immediate response from the determined democrats.

Senator Harrison (dem., Miss.) went before the senate with Mr. Hoover's declaration of policy on relief and proposed a compromise on the 25 million dollar fund which he said came within the scope of the presidential policy.

Propose Compromise.

He suggested that this fund be made available during the approaching nine-month recess of congress, with the understanding that it was to be used only in the event charitable and local institutions were unable to extend adequate relief.

A 15 million dollar "reserve fund," guarded with the language suggested by Harrison, is now the bar for compromise negotiations and will be put up to President Hoover tomorrow.

While there was a noticeable snap in the tension which has gripped the senate after the conciliatory exchanges of the day, Representative Tilson (Conn.), leader of the resolute republican forces in the house, was still adamant tonight. He said, after a conference with Walter Newton, executive secretary to the president, that he saw no opening for a compromise in Mr. Hoover's statement.

"It is a humanitarian document," Tilson said, "but stands firmly on the principle for which we are fighting."

He argued that if an extreme emergency arose, the president could call congress into session to meet the situation.

Scan Conference Report.

Meanwhile, the senate permitted consideration of a conference report on the deficiency appropriation measure and began consideration of another appropriation bill which must be passed before the March 4 adjournment to avoid an extra session.

"I am not at all without hope that the extra session can be avoided," Senator Watson (Ind.), the republican leader, said at the end of the day.

After Harrison's proposal (Senator Couzens (rep., Mich.) inquired if he would accept a proposal for a 15 million dollar food loan instead of the 25 million dollar Red Cross appropriation.

Senator Robinson declined to comment until a definite compromise was formally offered. In two speeches, the democratic leader defended his own relief measures and assailed what he described as "in-difference" to the situation.

The president said it was not a question whether people should go hungry or cold, but of the best method by which hunger and cold could be combated. His statement came after careful preparation. He discussed the matter in a morning conference with Senator Watson, the republican leader. At the morning cabinet meeting, the members of his official family went (Continued on Page 8, Column 1.)

SEE VOTE IN HOUSE ON BONUS LEGISLATION

Harrison in Senate, However, Doubts if Any Bill Will Materialize.

CONTINUE HEARING

Washington, D. C., Feb. 3 (AP)—The outcome of proposals to pay cash on veterans' compensation certificates swung tonight between a senate sponsor's assertion the session would end without enactment, and house leaders' belief that some plan at least would come to a vote in that branch.

Senator Harrison (Miss.) ranking minority member of the finance committee, predicted that legislation before March 4 would not materialize—though he still urged it. Hardly had the echoes of his words died when Chairman Snell of the house rules committee said "any bill reported by the ways and means committee will receive consideration."

Minority Leader Garner made the flat forecast the committee would report favorably "some kind of a bill" and that "if we vote on it, the house will pass it." He is also the ranking democratic member of the house committee.

Both house and senate committees meanwhile heard witnesses in-veigh against enactment of the \$3,500,000 plan of canceling the certificates. An array of industrialists warned the house group that such legislation would delay the return of prosperity. Clarence M. Woolley, chairman of the board of the American Radiator company, said residential construction had "turned the corner," but that a \$3,500,000,000 bond issue to pay for full redemption of the certificates would "blight" chances of recovery this year.

Pope's Voice Will Be Heard 'Round World on Feb. 12

Vatican City, Feb. 3 (AP)—The pope's voice for the first time in history appeared to be certain to be heard around the world when the new Vatican city radio broadcasting station, HVJ, is opened February 12.

Pope Plus, according to present plans for opening the new station on the ninth anniversary of his coronation, will speak during a two-hour ceremony. His speech probably will be in Latin.

The ceremony will be transmitted by the Vatican station without intermediary British or other relays. However, it was decided today that both the Columbia and National broadcasting systems will be authorized to distribute the addresses in the United States.

The broadcast is planned to start about 9 a. m., Omaha time. Tests by station HVJ have shown that sharp and clear short wave signals have been heard distinctly in Nebraska, Connecticut and New York, as well as in Australia and Europe.

King Not to Interfere Further in Marriage

Stockholm, Sweden, Feb. 3 (AP)—King Gustave will place no further definite obstacles in the way of the marriage of his young grandson, Prince Lennart to the daughter of an industrialist commoner, it was reported unofficially from the palace today.

"Regardless of the monarch's disapproval, which would mean for the prince the loss of right of ascension to the throne, Lennart has gone ahead with plans to marry the pretty 20-year-old Karin Niswandt."

Meanwhile the king's objections were held to be based solely upon a desire to preserve the dynasty, the extinction of which he is said to regard as against the country's welfare.

Dr. Stewart Invested as Bishop of Chicago

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 3 (AP)—Right Rev. George Craig Stewart formally received his crown, mitre and crozier today as Protestant Episcopal bishop of Chicago, and in his first pastoral speech sounded a warning that Protestantism is "threatened with complete bankruptcy."

Al Smith Improves After Suffering Cold

New York, Feb. 3 (AP)—The condition of former Governor Alfred E. Smith, confined to his home since Sunday with a cold, was reported improved tonight. A friend said he might be able to go outdoors tomorrow.

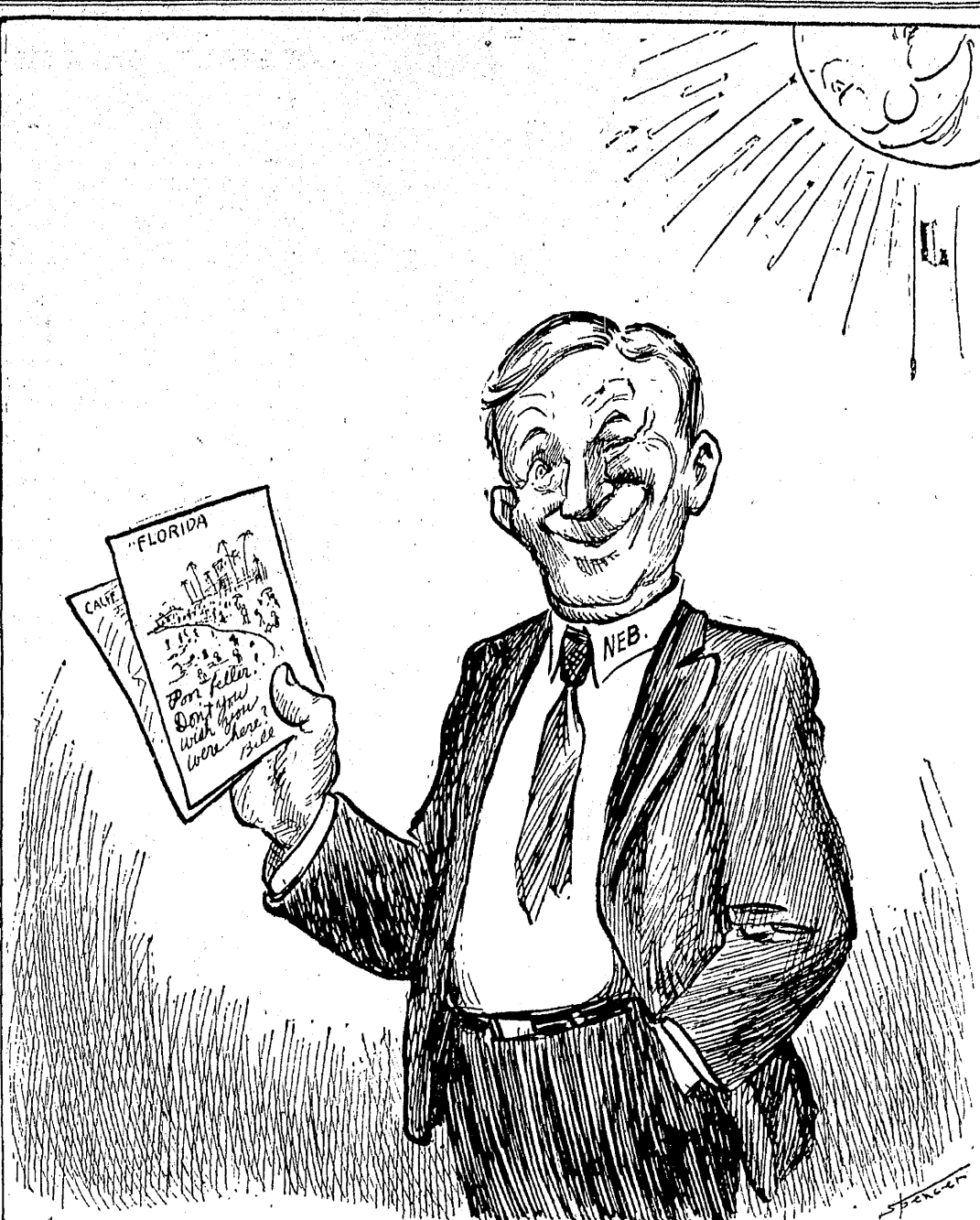
Negro, 17, Born Slave, Is Victim of Pneumonia

Stamford, Conn., Feb. 3 (AP)—Major Barnes, 17-year-old Negro, was buried today in Woodland cemetery. He died Saturday of pneumonia.

Born a slave on a Georgia plantation on July 4, 1813, Major Barnes took his name from that of his master whom he followed through the civil war.

To Talk Lighting Rates.

A committee comprising Commissioner Hopkins, Koutsky and Noyes was named by the council Tuesday to confer with the Nebraska Power company over rates for the new ornamental lights to be installed on Farnam street and probably in other parts of downtown Omaha. The company has asked for a five-year contract if the new three thousand candle power lamps are installed.



'IGNORE DOUGLAS SPAN OFFER,' URGES HOWELL

Says Bridge at Farnam Cheaper, and Entails No Concessions.

CITES TRACK LEASE

From The World-Herald Bureau, Washington, D. C., Feb. 3.—Plans for a municipal bridge at Omaha should be carried ahead without regard to whether the Street Railway company terminates the agreement under which the Douglas street bridge will become free of tolls, Senator Robert B. Howell (Neb.) said here today.

"If the railway company cancels the escrow arrangement or not, I don't see why the city should change its plans for a Farnam street bridge," Howell declared.

"I have said repeatedly, and I believe the people of Omaha agree with me, that to take over the 40-year-old bridge at Douglas street would be a burden on the city from the date it was acquired."

"A much more economical plan, one better for the city in the long run, would be to carry on plans under way for a Farnam street bridge. Engineers are now working on the specifications."

Farnam Cost Less.

"If we held up the bridge and took over the Douglas street span under the street railway's own terms, we would pay more than four million dollars and would give the company a perpetual lease for its trackage, the most wearing service on any bridge. What it would cost the city ultimately is difficult to say."

"If we built our own bridge, it would cost the city less than half and would give us a new, unnumbered span. Under the street railway plan, it will probably be five or six years before its bridge became free of tolls. The city, under the trustee plan, can build much cheaper and can make the bridge free in less time. There is only one alternative as far as I can see."

Big Wave Damages DO-X in Attempted Takeoff

Las Palmas, Canary Islands, Feb. 3 (AP)—The giant German seaplane DO-X lay at Gando bay, near here tonight while mechanics attempted to repair damage suffered when a big wave struck the ship as she was taxiing for a take-off this morning.

Experts here believed it would be at least 15 days before the plane could resume the flight to Porto Praia, Cape Verde islands, the second leg of a projected journey to Brazil.

Dance for Drouth Relief.

A committee of Sarpy county residents will sponsor a dance at Walnut Grove Thursday evening, the profits of which will go to the Red Cross drouth relief fund. The dance hall and the orchestra's services are being donated, and all the proceeds will go to the drouth fund.

Dawes Praises Allies

London, Feb. 3 (AP)—Ambassador Charles G. Dawes gave the allied countries and particularly Great Britain high praise for their service to American troops during the world war in a speech at an informal gathering of the London post of the American Legion today.

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Governor Turner Gets Parking Tag; Pays 5-Dollar Fine

Des Moines, Ia., Feb. 3 (AP)—Governor Dan Turner was a visitor in police court today—by request—to cost him \$5.

Tagged Saturday for double parking, he was requested to appear Monday, but arrived after the court closed. On the back of his summons card he wrote:

"Called. No one in. Due for conference at statehouse. Will appear again."

Meyer Finds Fault with Service of Banks to Nation

Washington, D. C., Feb. 3 (AP)—Dissatisfaction with the service rendered by the banking system to the country as a whole and especially to agriculture was voiced today by Eugene Meyer before the senate banking subcommittee considering his nomination to be governor of the federal reserve board.

Further than this the New York financier would not commit himself during another three hours' questioning by Senators Brookhart (rep., Ia.) and Fletcher (dem., Fla.).

The hearings will be concluded Thursday when several house members will be heard. They will include Chairman McPadden of the banking committee, whose charges that J. P. Morgan influenced events behind Meyer's nomination have been denied.

Meyer refused today to be drawn into a detailed discussion of methods of controlling speculation and what the reserve system might do to prevent recurrence of existing economic conditions pending completion of a study he is making of testimony before the Glass banking investigating committee.

Old Age Insurance for Oil Firm Employees

New York, Feb. 3 (AP)—Standard Oil Company of New York announced today it had insured its 45 thousand employees against old age in a blanket policy with the Metropolitan insurance company. Men will be eligible for retirement at 65 and women at 55.

Pottawattamie County Passes Relief Quota

Pottawattamie county (Council Bluffs) passed its quota in the 10 million dollar Red Cross relief fund for the drought-stricken areas Tuesday with a margin of \$116.17.

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Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 3 (AP)—"Any time is love time, and any time is good time to preach on this great theme," says Dr. Clarence A. Spaulding, of Santa Barbara, Cal., chairman of the educational commission of the Presbyterian mission on marriage, divorce and remarriage.

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MINISTER IS ABSOLVED OF RECKLESS SPENDING

Board Rules "Heresy" Charges Should Be Made to Presbytery.

VOTE CONFIDENCE

Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 3 (AP)—President Charles E. Diehl of Southwestern, a Presbyterian co-educational college here, was absolved tonight by the board of trustees of charges that he spent funds recklessly and had lost the confidence of churches supporting the institution.

The board ruled it was not competent to pass upon a charge he was "unsound in the faith" and referred 11 pastors who petitioned for an investigation to the Nashville, Tenn., Presbytery, to which Mr. Diehl belongs. The trustees, however, expressed their satisfaction with Dr. Diehl's theology.

Dr. Diehl announced he will demand that the Presbytery pass upon his theology at its meeting at Nashville next spring.

The trustees heard several of the petitioning pastors state their objections to Dr. Diehl. Most of them questioned whether he believed in the "divine inspiration of the Bible."

Rev. J. P. Robertson, presenting the ministers' case declared Dr. Diehl had been heard to call the shorter catechism "the bunk," and to say that "any preacher who teaches there is a hell makes himself a laughing stock."

Dr. Diehl told the trustees he believes there is a hell, but that he believes and teaches that "fear is not the only motive (for adherence to Christianity) and it is not the highest motive."

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Members of the post joked the ambassador as he hasn't been joked since he became envoy to the court of St. James and he seemed to enjoy the experience.

MEN AND WOMEN JOIN IN BATTLE AS RAID IS MADE

Police Riot Squad Called as Fists Fly Along Entire Block.

FIVE AE JAILED, AND EIGHT ESCAPE

Two federal prohibition agents, Claude J. Williams and Charles H. Davis, were attacked and beaten in a series of fist fights, participated in by both men and women of the neighborhood, that lasted for about an hour Tuesday afternoon on South Forty-eighth avenue. As a result, five persons are in jail and eight others are sought.

The two agents were walking along the street when they spied William Streeter, 2139 South Forty-eighth avenue, carrying what they thought to be a mash to the alley to dump, they related, forward. Williams stopped Streeter while Davis went to telephone for a search warrant.

Returning with a "telephone warrant," Davis, Williams and Streeter had not been in Streeter's house long when a stranger entered. He, too, was held by the agents, but while Davis was in the cellar dumping out mash, the stranger started to walk away from Williams. Williams followed him, stopping him at the alley.

Says He and Beaten.

While Williams and the man were talking, Ted and William Sims, brothers, of 2142 South Forty-eighth street, joined the group. Later another stranger and a man clad in a red sweater who identified himself as a city fireman who lived in the neighborhood, approached.

Then the fist fight started. While some of the men held Williams, the others attacked him with their fists, the latter alleges. Escaping from his assailants, Williams went into the house and got Davis, the five men waiting outside. When the two agents reappeared, one held Davis while the other four worked out again on Williams, the agents said.

Both men got away again, and Davis stayed in the house while Williams went to telephone for help. Neighbors refused the use of their telephones, he said and he walked the three blocks to Center street and called for the police riot squad. Two emergency cars, loaded with 20 policemen, arrived with three machine guns and four riot guns beside the regular pistols, started for the scene.

Bulldog Takes Part.

In the meantime, Davis was being attacked in the house by Streeter, his daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Kelly, 2144 North Nineteenth street, and Streeter's bulldog, he related later. Williams came back to the house, but while they were waiting for police reinforcements, Streeter decided to leave.

As Streeter left the house, he was joined by two neighbor women, who started to take him down the street. When the two agents tried to stop him, the two women and three other women who had joined them began battling the agents.

"For one and one-half blocks north the scuffling continued until the group arrived in front of the home of a man who gave his name as Jim Murphy, but who is alleged to be Nate Kelly, 2101 South Forty-eighth street. Kelly is alleged to have joined the attack on the agents.

Agents Not Armed.

Just then the emergency cars arrived, and the policemen jumped out with their guns to halt the "riot." Streeter was arrested on a charge of unlawful possession of a still, mash and liquor. Agents say they found a 75-gallon still in his house.

The two Sims brothers, Nate Kelly and Mrs. Dorothy Kelly were arrested on charges of unlawful interference with federal officers, but five women and three men escaped. Bonds for the four arrested were set at one thousand dollars cash each. The agents said charges would be filed against any of the eight they are able to identify.

Williams was badly beaten about the face, and suffered a cut ear and lip and several loosened teeth. Davis exhibited no marks of violence. Neither of the agents was carrying a gun when they were attacked, they assert.

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