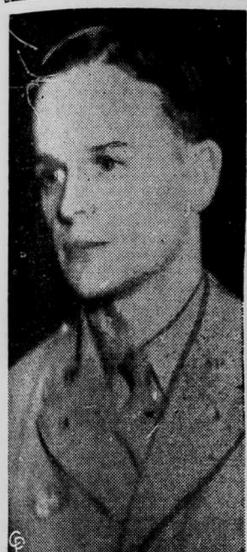


MacArthur Orders Arrest Of Lt. Gen. Doihara; State Demands Life Penalty For Samuel Epes; Main Highways Reopened As Floods Hit Crest

On Trial For Life



On his way into court at Columbia, S. C., is Samuel C. Epes, 27, former army lieutenant from Richmond, Va., as he went on trial on a charge of murdering his wife. Her body was found in a crude grave at Ft. Jackson, S. C., after Epes had directed police to the burial place. He told police he had buried her there in fear after she had died accidentally from an overdose of sedative. (International).

FORMER NHH GIRL REPORTED MISSING

Margaret Elaine Britt Disappears Enroute To Wilmington

Wilmington police and New Hanover county officers were on the lookout last night for 19-year-old Margaret Elaine Britt, former New Hanover High school student, who disappeared in a mysterious manner last Friday somewhere between Brevard and either Wilmington or Salisbury.

Associated Press reports said that the young girl, the daughter of the Rev. N. F. Britt, of Salisbury, and Mrs. Ora Holden Britt, timekeeper for the North Carolina Shipbuilding company here, was supposed to have left Brevard by bus last Friday afternoon. Her suitcase and steamer trunk, which were supposed to have been sent, have not been located.

The dispatch said that her father had reported that the Dean of Women at Brevard college, where Miss Britt had been studying preparatory to entering Mars Hill college, had informed him that, so far as was known there, there were no circumstances to account for the young woman's disappearance.

Mr. Britt said yesterday that a telephone call to the girl's mother here had yielded no further information. Mrs. Britt reporting that she had had no word of her daughter.

Miss Britt worked at the shipyards in Wilmington last winter while attending New Hanover High school.

T. T. Hamilton, principal of the school, recalled her as being a good student and a very nice girl.

She did her work well and seemed ambitious. She was carrying a very heavy load in attending school and working at the same time," he said.

Mrs. Britt was unavailable for comment here last night and city and county police were unable to throw any light on the mystery. State Highway Patrol and SBI officers are working on the case in a state-wide effort to locate the girl.

Miss Britt was described by her father as being five feet, six inches tall, weighing 135 pounds, with dark brown hair and a fair complexion. She walks with a very erect carriage, he said.

WEATHER
(Eastern Standard Time)
(By U. S. Weather Bureau)
Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p.m. yesterday.
Temperature
1:30 a.m. 74; 7:30 a.m. 76; 1:00 p.m. 80; 7:30 p.m. 80.
Maximum 94; Minimum 74; Mean 84; Normal 72.
Humidity
1:30 a.m. 78; 7:30 a.m. 88; 1:30 p.m. 55; 7:30 p.m. 85.
Precipitation
Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p.m.—0.00 inches.
Total since the first of the month—8.83 inches.
Tides For Today
(From the Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey.)
High Low
Wilmington — 10:05 a.m. 4:45 a.m.
10:33 p.m. 5:10 p.m.
Masonboro Inlet — 7:45 a.m. 1:41 a.m.
8:11 p.m. 2:01 p.m.
Sunrise 6:00; Sunset 6:09; Moonrise 7:30 p.m.; Moonset 6:40 a.m.
River Stage at Fayetteville, N. C. at 8 a.m.—68.7 feet. (Record)

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Weatherman Says Worst Yet To Come

HUNDREDS MAROONED

Red Cross, Army, Air Corps Men Aid In Evacuation Work

Answering a call from the Fayetteville Chapter of the American Red Cross yesterday afternoon, General Marsden, commandant of the U. S. Marine base at Camp Lejeune dispatched a rescue crew of 40 men, under command of Lt. Col. Felt, to take off a large group of people who were reported marooned by flood waters of the Cape Fear river, on a sand spit at Vander, nine miles northeast of Fayetteville on Highway No. 24.

The Marines took with them seven "Ducks" and two "Weasels" and Gen. Marsden said that the crew should effect a rescue within an hour.

RALEIGH, N. C., Sept. 21.—(AP)—All main highways through North Carolina were open tonight except those in the Cape Fear river area near Fayetteville, Lillington, and Elizabethtown, as four flooding rivers passed their crests and began to subside in their upper reaches.

Although Weather Bureau and Highway Department officials both predicted "the worst is yet to come" in the lower reaches of the Cape Fear, Tar, Neuse and Roanoke rivers, both described the situation as greatly improved throughout the state.

No estimates of property or crop damage in the flood, one of the worst in the State's history, have been made but damage to major highways and secondary roads was known to be extensive, and (Continued on Page Two; Col. 2)

BIG FIVE TALKS BALKAN TREATIES

LONDON, Sept. 21.—(AP)—The Big Five Council of Foreign Ministers discussed the Balkan peace treaties on a purely technical basis today, skirting political considerations upon which there is disagreement between the Russians and the British and Americans.

A source close to the Council said the ministers were making fair progress on the technical structure for the Romanian peace pact. He emphasized that the core of the issue—the British and American insistence on reconstitution of the Balkan governments on more democratic lines—was avoided thus far in formal talks.

The Big Five discussed the Romanian peace treaty in the morning, and this afternoon considered the drafting of a pact with Bulgaria. A Soviet memorandum was used as a basis for discussing the Bulgarian treaty, with attention turned also to the U. S. and British proposals, a communique said.

Indications grew that the peace pacts might be headed for the Council of Deputies. Two other vital issues, Italian colonies and the Italy-Yugoslav border dispute, already have been remanded to (Continued on Page Two; Col. 7)

Reprisal Threat Angers Senator From Maryland

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Reported World End Doesn't Faze Pastor

RACINE, Wis., Sept. 21.—(AP)—The Rev. J. Elwood Evans of the Union Tabernacle Church was pretty confident that the world wouldn't end today.

Disregarding the prediction of the Rev. Charles G. Long of Pasadena, Cal., Evans Wednesday ordered his usual church notices printed concerning his Sunday sermon.

The subject: "Why D'at the World End Last Friday?"

FLOODWATERS MAY DAMPEN WATER ST.

Informed Citizen Says Section Should Escape Damage

An informed citizen of Wilmington who has made a study of past flood records in the Cape Fear and the resulting damage in this area, said last night that he expected no more than a little dampness on Water street in front of the U. S. Customhouse providing the area does not get steady southeastward winds.

He said that since the 1908 record-setting flood on the Cape Fear the channel has been deepened and straightened.

Another factor in reducing the harmful effects here of the flood crest which reached 68.9 feet at Fayetteville early yesterday morning, is the broad expanse of low marshy territory directly above Wilmington which he said could spread an enormous amount of water out relieving the load on the river.

The fact that the Brunswick river, which used to relieve the pressure on the Cape Fear by bypassing high waters, shoaled up after the last big flood which was in 1926, makes it difficult to predict the exact effect of the flood crest here, he added.

Normally an increase of four or five feet at Fayetteville would be dissipated to a mere four or five inches here as shown from past flood records, he stated.

He predicted that shipyard docks would remain about a foot-and-a-half above water with the exception of one low-lying dock which might "get a little damp."

He reiterated that the biggest danger to the city was that steady winds from the southeast or south southeast would back water into the river which combined with the torrent from above Wilmington, might overrun the river banks.

CHERRY POINT AREA NAVAL AIR FIELDS WILL BE RELEASED

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 21.—(AP)—At least eight Naval Air Stations, major air facilities, outlying fields or satellite fields in North Carolina will be designated as surplus within the next six months.

This announcement was made by John L. Sullivan, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Air, in his report to the House Naval Affairs committee.

The Naval Auxiliary Air Station at Harvey Point is scheduled to be released the last quarter of this year. The field comprises 1,265 acres, all Navy owned.

Brown Offers No Testimony For Defense

GRAYDON DRAMATIC

Prosecutor Contends Victim Was Buried Alive By Husband

By JANE NOLAND
United Press Staff Correspondent

COLUMBIA, S. C., Sept. 21.—(AP)—Demanding that Samuel C. Epes pay with his life for the alleged slaying of his petite artist wife, the State contended at his murder trial today that the wealthy young Virginian buried her alive in a cold earth of a crudely-dug fox-hole grave.

Clint T. Graydon, noted Columbia criminal lawyer who was retained by parents of blonde Mary Lee Epes, tragedy-marked bride of the Richmond socialite, was first on the prosecution side to sum up the state's case before it goes to a 12-man jury.

He said the State had conclusively proved:

1. That Epes, who had admitted giving his wife ten Sodium Sulfate capsules to relieve her severe menstrual pains, knew the danger of the drug.
2. That Epes gave her the medicine, although knowing what might happen.
3. That he "took her out and buried her when he knew that she could have been revived."

Physicians testified yesterday that one phase of the effects produced by taking five or six Sodium Sulfate capsules is a hypnotic sleep during which a person is incapable of any voluntary action but is subject to the power of suggestion.

"I believe," Graydon said, "that she wasn't dead when he took her down the steps (of their tiny apartment) and put her in his car."

He said this "possibly occurred during that hypnotic stage doctors said the drug induced."

"There is no doubt of the fact—the doctors all agree—that life was not extinct when he put her in the grave."

(Actually, physicians had testified that it was possible that a person would be alive after taking the number of capsules believed given to Mrs. Epes.)

During a two hour passionate (Continued on Page Two; Col. 1)

WORKMAN BURNED BY POWER LINE

GREENSBORO, N. C., Sept. 21.—(AP)—John Wesley Loggains, 32, Pleasant Garden, and Henry Neather Mangum, 48, Climax, who were extensively burned by contact with a 6,900 volt power line about 10 a.m. today while well-digging at a small garage two miles south of Climax on Highway 22, were in critical condition at Piedmont Memorial Hospital here tonight, hospital attaches said.

Loggains sustained burns about the groins and Mangum suffered burns about the body and left leg, his left shoe had been burned away.

First Meeting of Pearl Harbor Committee



Headed by Senator Alben W. Barkley (D) Ky., the Pearl Harbor investigating committee composed of members of both the House and the Senate held their first meeting in Washington, D. C. Standing (l. to r.) are: Rep. J. Bayard Clark (D), N. C.; Sen. Homer F. Ferguson (R), Mich.; Sen. Scott W. Lucas (D), Ill.; Rep. F. B. Keefe (R), Wis.; Rep. J. W. Murphy (D), Pa.; Rep. B. W. Gearhart (R), Calif. Seated, (l. to r.) Rep. O. Browster (R), Me.; Sen. Barkley; Rep. J. Cooper (D), Tenn.; Sen. W. F. George (D), Ga. (International)

East Coast Gas Supply Threatened; Two More Automotive Plants Closed

Oil Strikes Spread In The Southwest; Over 20,000 Out

PORT ARTHUR, TEX., Sept. 21.—(AP)—Gasoline shortages developed today in the nation's cities where CIO oil workers were off refinery jobs, and the government moved actively to attempt a settlement of spreading oil strikes.

At least 20,000 workers have left their jobs in mid-western and Texas coastal refineries. Texas is hardest hit with 14,000 idle. Thousands of others voted to back up a demand by the Oil Workers International Union for a 30-percent wage increase.

In the Texas coastal section more than 5,000 additional members of the OIWI balloted today. Another 5,300 were on record for a strike.

From George H. Taber, Jr., president of the Sinclair Refining Company, came an assertion that "unless the refineries already shut down by strikes soon resume operations the public must face a shortage of gasoline."

Taber, in a statement in New York, said worst conditions at the present time were in the Chicago area; that a serious shortage in (Continued on Page Two; Col. 6)

Although Snows Hit Oregon, Collars Were Wet Here Yesterday

Did your shirt collar wilt, your dress wrinkle, the sun beat down like a hammer on your head, your car become an oven, the sweat pour off your brow even when you leafed? Were you gulping down iced tea and cold drinks and dreaming of cool mountain breezes and wishing for a cooler day? Then relax and listen to what an Associated Press dispatch said last night: "Unexpected snow over the southern Oregon mountains closed part of Crater Lake National Park, halted filming of a motion picture and trapped a woman and three children in a snowdrift." Does that help?

Well, even though you did suffer from a maximum heat of 94 degrees yesterday as announced by the Wilmington Weather Bureau, think back to that day in 1925, September 4 when the temperature reached up and touched the 100 mark on the thermometer as stated by records of the Weather Bureau. Now do you feel cooler?

BULLETIN
MIAMI, Fla., Sept. 21.—(AP)—A Navy plane apparently in serious trouble and being shepherded toward safety by three other Navy aircraft, tangled wings with a gulfing aircraft over midtown Miami tonight, killing four crewmen and causing a two-alarm fire in the business district.

Both planes were from the Melbourne, Fla., Naval Air Station. Both were torpedo bombers.

Bell In Navy Pants To Remain Awhile Yet

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21.—(AP)—"It'll be 'some time' before the Navy knocks the bell out of the bottom of its trousers.

Right now, the Navy, said tonight, its tailors are busy dreaming up what the well-dressed sailor should wear.

(Sen. Langer (R-ND) feels so strongly about all this he has introduced a bill to make it illegal for the Navy to bell-bottom its boys.)

But a Navy spokesman told a reporter that before any action can be taken samples must be sent:

ELKIN MAN HEADS N. C. PRESS GROUP

RALEIGH, N. C., Sept. 21.—(AP)—Harvey Laffoon, editor and publisher of the Elkin Tribune, was elected president of the North Carolina Press Association at its meeting here today.

Other officers are: Mrs. Elizabeth Gold Swindell of the Wilson Daily Times, vice-president; Miss Beatrice Cobb of the Morganton News-Herald, re-elected secretary-treasurer; and Clarence Griffin of the Forest City Courier, re-elected historian.

An executive committee was elected as follows: Laffoon, Miss Cobb, Mrs. Swindell, Dr. Julian Miller, editor of the Charlotte Observer, and retiring president of the association; Ollie McQuade of the Mocksville Enterprise; Frank Daniels, business manager of the Raleigh News and Observer; Tom (Continued on Page Two; Col. 5)

First Globe-Circling Flight Starts Friday

BY PAUL MILLER
Associated Press Staff Writer
WASHINGTON, Sept. 21.—(AP)—The first regular globe-circling air service, giving the world a preview of what will be commonplace in time, was announced today by the U. S. Army Air Transport Command.

The first C-54 (Douglas Skymaster)—a 40-passenger, four-motored transport—will leave Washington National Airport at 5 p.m., EWT, Friday, Sept. 28 on the schedule to be known as "The Globester." Additional passengers will be picked up at New York City's La

Chrysler, Zenith Units Shut Down, Idling 4,600 Workers

DETROIT, Sept. 21.—(AP)—The labor troubles of the nation's automobile capital approached a critical stage today as strikes shut off the city's supply of gasoline and closed down two more automotive plants.

The spreading strike of CIO oil workers left the city with sufficient stocks of gasoline to last only until Monday noon, a dealers association said, and approximately 1,400 of the city's 3,400 gasoline filling stations reported their tanks were empty. Their number was increasing hourly.

Meanwhile Chrysler Corporation's Dodge truck plant and the factory of the Zenith Carburetor division of Bendix Aviation Corporation were closed.

Chrysler, which sent 2,200 Dodge truck employes home yesterday because of strikes in supplier plants, charged that 40 to 50 pickets re- (Continued on Page Two; Col. 7)

FBI GETS DESERTER FROM NAVY ON HIGH SCHOOL GRIDIRON

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Sept. 21.—(AP)—A 19-year-old high school football player was being held in Federal custody here today on charges of desertion from the Navy after being identified by a newspaper picture.

William Andy Booker, Jr., Birmingham, was interviewed by a reporting in connection with a story dealing with service veterans returning to local high schools. His picture appeared along with the article.

Long-memoried FBI agents spotted the picture as that of a youth wanted on charges of Navy desertion and Booker was arrested.

Federal authorities said Booker was returned to the United States after serving in the Philippines campaign and was granted a 10- (Continued on Page Two; Col. 5)

Hand Of Jap Military Is Now Palsied

EXTEND OCCUPATION

Prestige Of Former Warlords Lowered In Homeland Circles

By The ASSOCIATED PRESS
TOKYO, Sept. 21.—(AP)—General MacArthur today ordered the summary arrest of Lt. Gen. Kenji Doihara, a marauder in Manchuria, who only recently assumed the most important military field command left in Japan.

Doihara was long a member of the Kwantung Army crowd that pushed the subjugation of Manchuria. The order for his arrest came as Japanese sources declared the militarists who led their nation into a disastrous war had hit the bottom of their prestige.

Well-informed Japanese said the hand of the military now was so palsied it lacked the strength to trouble Emperor Hirohito, whose leadership in the surrender was pictured as raising his authority to the highest peak in modern times.

The Japanese cabinet meanwhile grappled with the harsh reality of occupation—how to feed 80,000,000 people without outside help and with typhoons such as last week's moving down-already-short crops.

MacArthur tightened his grip over the Japanese with a censorship code which told the press to print the truth. It was extended to headlines, recently used by the Japanese for propaganda.

Edwin W. Pauley, American member of the Allied Reparations Commission who is expected here within a month, asserted in San Francisco that Japan's war-making potential would be eliminated and that the beaten nation would pay indemnities in goods, not cash.

(Ted Dealey, president of the Dallas, Tex., Morning News, said in a signed article MacArthur had told him he would "fix things" so that the "Japs will have a hard enough time eating for the next 25 years, much less having the leisure and materials to build up for another war.")

(Dealey, who saw the surrender signed, said MacArthur told a group of American publishers that occupation could end in six months "if we are not too ruthless and cruel" but might last indefinitely.

MacArthur gave no reason for the "immediate arrest" of Doihara, but obviously he will be questioned about war crimes as will the rest (Continued on Page Two; Col. 8)

ALL-INDIA PARTY DEMANDS FREEDOM

BOMBAY, Sept. 21.—(AP)—The all-India Congress Party's working committee demanded today that India, Burma, Malaya, Indochina and the Indonesian islands be freed from "imperialist domination."

A crowd estimated at 250,000 gathered at the first convention of India's largest party since 1942, when it adopted a "Britain must quit India" resolution and most of its leaders were arrested.

Mohandas K. Gandhi did not appear at the first session, attended by other such leaders as President Maulana Abdul Kalam Azad and Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru.

The working committee adopted a resolution asserting the independence of India, Malaya, Indochina, and the Indonesian Islands was essential to avoid "sowing the seeds of a future war."

Specifically referring to Great Britain's Asiatic Holdings, the resolution declared: "No concessions should be given to the new vested interests created by British authorities in favor of foreign capital which curtail the rights of those people or which injure existing Indian interests (Continued on Page Two; Col. 3)

BASEBALL RESULTS

American League
Washington 3, New York 5.
National League
Brooklyn 1-11, Philadelphia 0-3