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BRITON PLANNING ULTIMATUM TO JAPAN

Bill Payne Reported As Kidnapper of Girl And Boy at Asheville

Threaten Pair With Gun Death

Left Them at Thomasville With Twenty-five \$1 Bills; Took Car.

Turner In Plot

Walked From Thomasville To High Point to Report Crime.

High Point, Aug. 27.—(AP)—A young man and a girl companion reported to Sheriff McMahon today that they had been kidnaped at Asheville by a man who they identified as Bill Payne, escaped convict, with a price of \$900 on his head.

They identified themselves as Miss Laverne Hedges 16 and Sam Wolfe 19, both of Swannanoa. They said the police the man forced them at gun-point to drive to a point near Thomasville as they entered their car last night.

Payne then took the car, bearing North Carolina license 222-609 and left them early this morning with twenty-five \$1 bills as he and his companion, Wash Turner, sped away.

The two convicts escaped from Calendenia last February had been the object of search since then. The search was intensified Sunday when Sheriff Lawrence Brown, Asheville, reports finding finger prints of the two on the car in which George Penn, state patrolman, met his death just outside Asheville.

Andrew W. Mellon Died Last Night

Former Cabinet Member Ill Three Weeks; Was G.O.P. Leader.

Southampton, N. Y., Aug. 27.—Andrew W. Mellon, Secretary of the Treasury of the United States under three Presidents; former ambassador to Great Britain, and one of the world's wealthiest men, died peacefully last night in the home of a daughter, Mrs. David Bruce.

Death was due to uremia and bronchial pneumonia. He was 82 years old. His death took from the American scene one of the last of its statesmen-financiers.

Mellon, spare, quiet, white-haired and reserved, had gone to the home of Mrs. Bruce last month, his health weakened by the excessive June heat of Washington where he had remained to arrange for his national gallery of art. Oil and aluminum were at the base of his vast fortune—one of the world's greatest.

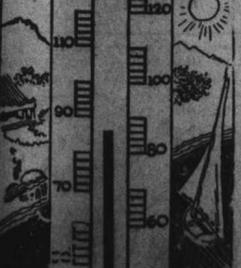
His benefactions had run into millions, and the operations of his vast enterprises had reached around the earth.

All his life he had been shy and diffident in manner. He went to death less known than many lesser men. Death came at 7:30 p. m. eastern standard time.

Idol of Republicans He became Secretary of the Treasury first in the administration

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The HIGHEST TEMPERATURE OF THE LAST 24 HOURS



THE WEATHER North Carolina: Partly cloudy today and Saturday preceded by scattered thundershowers this afternoon and near the coast tonight.

Wealthy Aviator Killed In Crash At Albany Port

Wife and Two Companions Die in Accident; Plane Dived and Nosed Over.

All Badly Mangled

Had Made 35-mile Flight From Saratoga Springs; Cut 50 Foot Path.

Albany, N. Y., Aug. 27.—(AP)—State Assemblyman Fritchard H. Strong, 30, wealthy Rochester aviator, his wife and two companions were killed today when his airplane crashed in fog and rain at the airport here.

The plane crashed down on a wooded hillside after a 35-mile flight from Saratoga Springs, N. Y. Only a few minutes before the plain disappeared, the port manager stated he received a radio from the pilot that he was about to land.

No portion of the plane was undamaged. It nosed down and then turned over shearing a path 50 yards long through the dense trees. The bodies were badly mangled in the twisted wreckage of the plane.

Publisher Dies On Highway Curve

W. E. Page of Columbus, Ga., Is Killed Almost Instantly On Slick Road.

A skidding motor car on a highway curve near Camilla, Ga., carried W. E. Page, southern newspaper publisher and prominent democrat leader to his death on Thursday afternoon.

The 49-year-old executive of the R. W. Page newspaper enterprises was driving with his negro chauffeur, Leonard McDuffie, from his home in Columbus, Ga., to Brunswick, Ga., when his sedan crashed into a pine tree.

Page died without regaining consciousness. McDuffie was injured slightly about the head.

J. E. Brooks, Camilla banker, picked them up. Newspapersmen and political leaders sent condolences to his family. Gov. E. D. Rivers, of Georgia, said "the state has lost one of her finest citizens."

The chauffeur, driving for Page a week, said the road got slippery about four miles from Camilla. "We had changed a tire at Richmond," he said, "and had to put on an old slick tire."

McDuffie said Page was advising him as to driving on curves when the car left the highway.

Smith to Aid Copeland

New York, Aug. 27.—(AP)—Sources close to Alfred E. Smith, said today the former governor plans to take an active part in United States Senator Royal S. Copeland's campaign for election as mayor of New York city. Friends said he would make at least two speeches during the democratic primary campaign in favor of Copeland's candidacy.

Robbers Force Entrance To Dry Cleaning Company Plant

Asheboro Concern Officers Report Small Loss; Broke In Through Window.

The third robbery in the past ten days in the city of Asheboro occurred sometime last night or early this morning when unidentified persons forced an entrance into the Asheboro Dry Cleaning company's plant, Scarboro street.

According to officers of the company the robbers gained little for their trouble, finding approximately \$1.50 in small change in the office cash drawer. The rear entrance and the door leading from the office to the work and store room was fastened thus preventing a possible looting of merchandise.

Entrance was gained by forcing a window on the easterly side of the office room.

The police are investigating the affair. Ten days ago, unidentified persons forced entrances into the Randolph Creamery and into the Greensboro-Fayetteville bus line offices here, after wrecking safes they made off with approximately \$500.

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Columnists Dispute Boy's Custody



A "round-the-world" fight, if necessary, for the custody of 5-year-old Tyler Abell, right, was vowed by two Washington columnists in London, after the child had been seized by his mother and her second husband. George Abell, top right, father of the boy, who had taken him to England, was followed there by Drew Pearson, top left, and Mrs. Pearson, bottom left, who seized Tyler on the grounds that a United States court order had been violated. Abell previously had been awarded custody of the youngster for six months out of the year on condition that he did not take him out of the country. (All pictures except upper left copyrighted by Harris and Ewing.)

Hull Warns Japan and China Demands Far East Rights

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Local Speaker U. S. Has Been Notified Officially of Planned Chinese Blockade

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Hull said the government was officially concerned over the Japanese statement that they intend to enforce a "peaceful blockade."

The secretary declared that his information from the Far East showed Japan did not intend to interfere with foreign shipping.

The secretary added, in a press conference, that this government now considers it is in a position of having officially been informed of the peaceful blockade intention.

INFANT SON OF MR. AND MRS. COX DIES

Arthur Cox, four-day-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Cox of Park street, died at the home of his parents quite suddenly Thursday evening. The child is said to have had a slight throat affection but his death was quite unexpected.

A brief service at the graveside is being conducted this afternoon at 4:00 o'clock by the Rev. H. P. Powell, pastor of the church to which the family belong. Besides the parents, two small sisters also survive.

Consulate Closed

Nanking, Aug. 27.—John Mallison, the United States consul at Isnanfu, capital of the Shantung province, notified Ambassador Nelson Johnson he was closing the consulate today and warning all remaining American citizens to evacuate the interior.

Walnut Creek Is Over the Highway

Franklinville, Aug. 27.—Walnut creek was the highest Tuesday afternoon that has been recorded for several years. The water came two feet over the highway at the underpass and came very near running over the fill at the Franklinville Motor Co. Water was also over the bridge on Allied street and swept away the abutment on the north bank, except for a few rocks on the upper side.

Deep river has also been high at several times during this recent rainy season but no flood-stage has been reached.

"Major Scandal" Hinted In House Absentee Voting

Members of "High Command" Report Investigation Has Been Opened.

Tally Clerk Checks

Leaders Say Many Away In Europe Were Voted As Being Present.

Washington, Aug. 27.—(AP)—A member of the House "high command" disclosed today that an investigation is underway in regard to the reported recording of votes on House roll calls of representatives known to have been out of town.

He was unwilling to be quoted by name but said "there was evidence of a major scandal."

Legislators who were in other parts of the country or in Europe have been listed, he added, as voting. He said the House leaders were determined to learn of how extensive the practice has been and to fix responsibility.

A check, he said, has disclosed a half dozen instances of illegal absentee voting.

Another member, holding a key post in the house said two members asked him at different times to have their votes cast on major bills when they were not in Washington but he had refused.

While declining to mention names or let their own be used until the investigation is finished, these leaders said it "was extremely dangerous" to have his vote cast by another and could result in expulsion from Congress.

Tally clerks have been asked to check their records with lists of members who were away from Washington during the last session.

Polar Flyers May Have Lost Alaska

Pacific Aviators Doubt Moscow Ship Reached American Shores.

Fairbanks, Alaska, Aug. 27.—(AP)—Pacific Alaska Airways pilots said today they were sure that the five Russian flyers never reached Alaska on their attempted trans-polar flight from Moscow to Oakland, Calif., by way of Fairbanks. The flyers have been missing two weeks.

These TWA planes have covered 100,000 miles of northern Alaskan territory without finding a trace of the missing plane.

Sir Hubert Wilkins, noted explorer, carrying on a search in a Russian-owned 17-ton flying boat, expressed belief the Russian plane was down somewhere on the 500 mile stretch on the North American side of the pole.

Hungary to Pay U. S.

Washington, Aug. 27.—(AP)—The White House announced today that the government of Hungary had notified the United States it would begin payment soon on its post war debt to this country.

Eagles in Tie For Seventh Place; Awarded Tourney Cup

State Officials At Farm Session

Weather and Bad Roads Limit Attendance at County Meeting.

Heavy rains and difficult traffic conditions considerably hampered the attendance scheduled for the meeting of Randolph county farmers at the agricultural building here last night. The meeting was arranged by county agent E. C. Millsaps. Several out-of-town speakers were present who discussed subjects of vital interest to farmers.

D. S. Coltrane, a former resident of Asheboro, now assistant to Kerr Scott, state agriculture head, discussed the new seed laws and exhibited a three-reel motion picture showing the advantage of better seed. It brought out the manner in which the seed germinates and different stages of growth.

M. D. Stuart, state crop inspector also gave an interesting talk relative to farming in the county.

Net Queen Wins Final Decree



Gaining her final decree in a secret court session at Reno, Nev., Helen Willis Moody, above, former tennis queen, veiled and nattily dressed, is shown leaving the courthouse just a few minutes after she obtained an uncontested divorce from Frederick S. Moody, Jr., of San Francisco. The one-time net champion said she would devote most of her time to golf and the designing of women's clothes.

Spanish Loyalists Worrying Franco

Insurgent Leader Speeds Motorized Columns to New Danger Sector.

Hendaye, Franco-Spanish Frontier, Aug. 27.—(AP)—General Franco, insurgent commander, worried by Spanish government lusty drives near Caragoza was reported by insurgent authorities today speeding motorized columns from Santander to that front.

Reports said the columns hurriedly packed up leaving other troops numbering 100,000 to continue operations east and west of Santander.

Eaves, Texas Hurler, Big League Pitcher, Broke Calloway's Streak

The McCrary Eagles, tied-up for seventh place in the National semi-pro baseball tournament are scheduled to arrive in Asheboro, this evening at about 6 o'clock. The team will be met at Greensboro by a special bus and will be brought to the McCrary Hosiery Mills, headquarters of their sponsoring company.

Wichita, Aug. 27.—(Special to The Daily Courier)—Although they fell short of the championship, the McCrary Eagles proved themselves worthy representatives of Asheboro and North Carolina. They won three out of five games against the best teams in the United States, were among the last eight in the running, and are assured of at least a tie for seventh place. They will receive a share of the gate receipts and a cup for their showing.

Picket Jap Consulate

New York, Aug. 27.—(AP)—Joseph Portal, executive secretary of the New York City division of the American League Against War and Fascism said last night Secretary Hull's attempt to forestall picketing of the Japanese embassy in Washington would not deter the local organization from demonstrating before the Nipponese consulate here.

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Japanese-British Relations Depend On Life Of Envoy

United States Sailor Gives Blood For Transfusion; Back is Broken.

Continue Fighting

Jap Troops Swarm Over "Death" Division of Chinese Defenders.

London, Aug. 27.—(AP)—Informal sources here today said the government has demanded "full satisfaction" from Japan on the wounding of its ambassador to China. The demands were presented to the Japanese ambassador when he called at the foreign office to offer "regrets" for the affair.

The ambassador was shot and seriously wounded Thursday by the attack of Japanese airmen at Shanghai.

The Japanese ambassador stayed one-half hour with Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden. Indicative of public interest in the tension was the large throng of citizens which gathered outside the foreign office to see the Japanese ambassador arrive and depart.

Earlier in the day the Chinese ambassador made a visit to Mr. Eden's office.

Informed sources said that in spite of the feeling in Great Britain no further action on the part of the government was expected today.

These sources said the government wanted further information of the shooting before taking further action in the matter, but it was understood to be considering a 3-point virtual ultimatum to Japan.

1.—Drastic punishment of the airmen involved.

2.—Promises from Tokyo that steps would be taken at once to prevent possible recurrence of the incident.

3.—Full compensation for the victim.

Nanking, Aug. 27.—(AP)—Japanese airplanes killed 150 civilians, mostly coolies in a daylight air raid today and swooped down again on this Chinese capital tonight while the diplomatic corps was giving a banquet to Nelson P. Johnson, American ambassador.

Johnson and other envoys had previously asked the Japanese to confine their raids to military objects.

Shanghai, Aug. 27.—(AP)—Crack Japanese and Chinese divisions fought a costly battle today and turned Chinese defense lines around Shanghai into a smoking heap of ashes.

The tide of battle shifted from side to side. Both Japanese and Chinese rushed reinforcements to the desperate fighting 12 miles north west of Shanghai. Thousands of casualties were sustained by both sides.

The Japanese, after fierce fighting in the Lion Forest reported they had rallied and occupied the town late this afternoon, gaining a foothold into the district north west of Shanghai proper.

While the battle raged the British ambassador lay dangerously ill from wounds sustained in an attack by Japanese airplanes.

His life and relations between Japan and Great Britain depended upon the success of a blood transfusion from a United States sailor. The Japanese hurled wave after wave of attacking troops from the homeland against two Chinese "Death" Divisions who were forced to hold the Lopgin lines until reinforcements of three divisions could arrive. The Chinese reported 3,000 Japs had been killed or wounded.

The physicians attending the British ambassador said he showed gradual improvement. His back was broken and his right side pierced by Japanese machine gun bullets when two planes swooped low and bombed his car.

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