

NO RANSOM DEMAND YET IN LINDBERGH CASE

Aristide Briand, Famous French Statesman, Dies In Paris

APOSTLE OF PEACE IN FAILING HEALTH FOR MANY MONTHS

Led One of Most Active Careers in Modern History of the French Government

WAS CO-AUTHOR OF NOTED PEACE PACT

Refired From Cabinet Last January Over Protest of Premier Laval, and Refused, Because of His Health, To Serve Further Even In Light Way

Paris, March 7.—(AP)—Aristide Briand, "apostle of peace," died about 12:45 o'clock this afternoon.

He died in a coma, said Dr. Marx, his personal physician, after a stroke. It was the end of one of the most active careers in modern French political history.

The bent, shaggy-haired old statesman, who was 69, had occupied the post of foreign minister in one cabinet after another so long that he had made the office almost his own. It was in that capacity that he participated in the Briand-Kellogg pact outlawing war as an instrument of national policy.

Last January the lion heart weakened and, sick and weary, M. Briand asked his young chief, Premier Laval, to appoint a new foreign minister.

Pierre Laval had learned his politics at the feet of Briand and he was reluctant at this parting, not only for personal considerations, but because of matters of high policy.

It soon became apparent, however, that the old master could not go on. Laval asked him to serve as minister of state, without portfolio, and for a time if looked as though this device would keep M. Briand in the government. Eventually, however, he declined to serve.

He retired at his country place at Cereber, and the nation began to work in earnest for his health.

His own doctor called in specialists and, although their bulletins were reassuring, it became known that M. Briand was in a bad way, and that his heart had weakened.

Chinese Beat Off In Train Attacks Made In Manchuria

Mukden, Manchuria, March 7.—(AP)—A group of 200 Chinese attacked a southbound train on the Mukden-Ankang railway near Wu Lungpei station today and were beaten off by Japanese train guards, who used a machine gun.

The Korean passenger was wounded and three Chinese were killed. Hsiny Pa-Yi, descendant of the Manchurian emperors, was resting today at Tang Kang Tse, a hot spring resort 66 miles south of here, on his way to Chingchen to become head of the government of the new Manchurian state.

WEATHER SERVICE IN FORESTS BEGUN

Would Be Maintained as Part of Campaign To Prevent Disastrous Forest Fires

Raleigh, March 7.—(AP)—Preliminary plans for the inauguration of the forest fire weather forecasting service for the Southern Appalachian region were discussed today at a conference between officials of the United States Weather Bureau and the North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development.

L. T. Pierce, assistant meteorologist of the United States Weather Bureau, who has been assigned to direct the service from Asheville, and L. A. Denison, meteorologist in charge of the Raleigh station, outlined the idea to Colonel J. W. Harrison, director of the Conservation and Development Department, Forester J. S. Holmes and his assistant, Charles H. Flory.

GUARANTEE OF BANK DEPOSITS PROPOSED

Washington, March 7.—(AP)—Major changes in the Federal banking laws including guarantee of Federal Reserve member bank deposits and a \$50,000 minimum capital requirement for national bank charters were proposed today by Chairman Steagall of the House Banking Committee.

Scenes of Relentless Search



Here are two photos showing the relentless search being made by New Jersey State Troopers for clues to the missing Lindbergh baby. Upper shows a searcher peering into a culvert close to the Lindbergh home, and lower the examination of the ruins of a nearby barn that burned a day after the kidnapping.

Sales Tax Revenue Bill Is Offered In The House

Frenchman Dies



ARISTIDE BRIAND

NEXT MOVE UP TO SMITH AND MCNEILL

Albert Cox Definitely Out by Announcement Over the Week-End

CAMPAIGN YET DRAGS

Many Waiting Until Ranks Are Closed To Make Up Minds as to Course They Will Follow Election Day

Daily Dispatch Bureau.
In the Sir Walter Hotel.
BY J. C. HASKERVILLE

Raleigh, March 7.—The next move in the game of political checkers being played by the various potential candidates for the Democratic nomination for governor, now that General Albert L. Cox has removed himself from the race, is up to Willis Smith, of Raleigh, and Tom McNeill, of Lumberton, the only two "possibilities" still regarded as likely to run. A month ago there were six "potential candidates" in addition to the three already announced. One by one of these six candidates have been eliminated—first Josephus Daniels, then Lindsay Warren, A. D. MacLean and finally General Cox—leaving only Smith and McNeill still on the board. These two have been so maneuvered on the constantly shifting political checkerboard as that they will either

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Another Suspect Now Held In Case

Bridgeport, Conn., March 7.—(AP)—A man who said he rode from New York to Bridgeport last Wednesday with Henry Johnson, detained for questioning in connection with the kidnapping of the Lindbergh baby, was taken into custody here today.

Police, who refused to disclose his name, took him to police headquarters for questioning.

Johnson, a friend of Miss Betty Dow, the baby's nurse, was picked up in West Hartford Friday. He was taken to Newark, N. J., yesterday.

FEDERAL KIDNAPING LAW, WITH PENALTY OF DEATH, FAVORED

Theft of Lindbergh Baby Stirs Congress To Point Where Action Is Most Probable

U. S. ORGANIZATION OF POLICE TALKED

Was Suggested in Wickersham Report; Opponents of Lodging More Power With Government May Yield Under Pressure of This Incident

By CHARLES P. STEWART
Central Press Staff Writer

Washington, March 7.—One result of the Lindbergh kidnapping undoubtedly will be to include kidnapping among federal crimes before present congressional session ends. Legislation classifying it already was pending, but without much prospect of passage until the Lindbergh

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Umbrella Fixer Drowns Himself In Pan of Water

High Point, March 7.—(AP)—Thomas R. Mackey, 71, wandering umbrella fixer, drowned himself here today in a pan of water at his room in a cheap rooming house. The water was only six inches deep and the aged man, before placing his head in the water, covered his head and the upper portion of his body with a quilt.

A note found by his body read: "No work. Can collect no money. Sick. Busted."

Mackey came here about 15 years ago and citizens found him unusually taciturn.

Police reported they learned he came here from New York where he had been a member of Tammany Hall, and head bookkeeper for a large stock brokerage concern. Mackey was said to be highly intelligent, well travelled and well read.

Highway Patrol Tip on Baby Was Just Another Tip

Raleigh, March 7.—(AP)—The North Carolina highway patrol thought Sunday it was really on the trail of the kidnapped Lindbergh baby, Captain Charles D. Farmer revealed today, but the "hot tip" resulted only in the arrest of two alleged automobile thieves.

Captain Farmer said he got a tip from some place outside the State to stop a car bearing a Connecticut license plate and a woman had been sitting on the back seat with something looked like a baby in her lap. The car was stopped at Sanford. It contained a man and woman, but no Lindbergh baby. The couple gave their names as Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Landry, and were being held for Connecticut authorities.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA.
Fair and continued cold tonight and Tuesday; frost and freezing temperature to the coast tonight.

Police Interview Baby's Nurse



Betty Dow, 23-year-old nurse to the kidnapped Lindbergh baby, was subjected to a lengthy examination by police at the Lindbergh home in the hope that she could give a clue which would aid in the child's recovery.

Mrs. Dow, considered almost a member of the family, has seen much more of the baby than its mother because of Mrs. Lindbergh's many absences from home on flights.

Japs Report Offensive Started By The Chinese

Chinese, on the Other Hand, Claim Japanese Continue Pushing Westward Along Shanghai-Nanking Railway; Direct Peace Negotiations Hinted

Shanghai, March 7.—(AP)—Japanese military officials said tonight 3,000 Chinese soldiers in the vicinity of Liuhoo began an offensive against the Japanese positions there, forcing their troops to take "defensive measures."

The Chinese, on the other hand, said the Japanese continued to push westward from Nanking, along the Shanghai-Nanking railway and also westward from Kiating.

Neutral observers said they believed considerable skirmishing was continuing along the present battle line, but no general engagement had been begun.

Japanese authorities declared their

troops would be withdrawn from Shanghai as soon as it was made certain that the Chinese army would not again enter the 12-12 mile zone, and the offer brought Chinese and Japanese peace-makers together again in a hopeful atmosphere.

The declaration stimulated hope of softening the attitude of the Chinese government, which rejected former peace proposals, declaring the Chinese would not exonerate except on withdrawal of the Japanese forces.

The indications were late this afternoon that the proposed round table conference of the neutral powers would be discarded in favor of a direct Sino-Japanese parley.

DREDGE REPORTED MISSING ON COAST

Government Craft Had 50 Men; Oyster Sloop's Crew Is Rescued

Wilmington, March 7.—(AP)—The government freight steamer, which left Norfolk Saturday morning for Savannah was unreported today, despite army engineers here said.

Callisto Fort Macon, N. C., and to the coast guard station at Southport said the vessel had not been sighted at either place.

CREW OF OYSTER SLOOP IS RESCUED IN OLD TRAP BAY

Elizabeth City, March 7.—(AP)—Captain R. B. Hodges and five members of the crew of the oyster sloop Mildred Hodges, of Washington, N. C., were rescued by the coast guard today after the ship stranded in Old Trap Bay, near the mouth of the Pasquotank river. None of the survivors was seriously hurt, although all suffered from exposure.

The sloop was anchored to ride out the storm, but a shift in the wind caused the anchor to drag and drove the vessel on the lee shore.

COPY OF RANSOM NOTE NOT GIVEN

New York Police Commissioner Not Sent Missive as Promised

New York, March 7.—(AP)—Police Commissioner Edward P. Mulrooney announced today that, although New Jersey police promised last week to give him a copy of a ransom note left behind by the kidnapers of the Lindbergh baby, they had failed to keep their promise.

Mulrooney told reporters the contents of the alleged ransom note had been withheld from him when he met them at his usual daily conference. This was only a little while after Captain J. J. Lamb, of the New Jersey State police, had told reporters at Hopewell, N. J., that there had never been any ransom note, despite previous reports.

Dies Of Injuries
Lumberton, March 7.—(AP)—G. Owen Davis 47, died here of injuries sustained Friday when he was struck as he rode his bicycle near here by an automobile driven by Mike Adams, Dunn cafe proprietor, who was exonerated of blame by a coroner's jury.

NO COMMUNICATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM BABY THIEVES

Ransom Money Has at No Time Been Asked by Kidnapers, Police Officials Declare

CONTRADICTION TO STATEMENT GIVEN

Was Said Last Week That Ransom Note Had Been Found Pinned to Nursery Window When Kidnaping Was Discovered; Police Answer Questions

Hopewell, N. J., March 7.—(AP)

—Captain J. J. Lamb, of the State police, announced today that no demand for ransom has ever been made for the kidnapped Lindbergh baby, and that neither the Lindberghs nor the police have ever had any communication with the kidnapers.

This statement was in direct contradiction of information given out by investigating forces at the Lindbergh estate last week that a note had been pinned to the nursery window demanding ransom, and threatening harm to the baby if the text of the note was made public.

It was reported that this note demanded \$50,000 for the baby's return but this was never confirmed officially.

Captain Lamb made his announcement today at the morning press conference, at which he replied to a long list of prepared questions.

The list of 21 questions and answers follows:

Will the police say officially whether or not there was a demand for ransom in the note left by the kidnapers?

The family and police both deny there was a note left demanding ransom.

Will the police reveal the contents of the note?

Police know of no note or contents. How much ransom was demanded? Same answer as No. 1.

Did any one instruct Colonel Lindbergh to announce Spital and Bitts as intermediaries four days after the kidnapping?

No. What taken, if any, did the kidnapers leave to identify their later communication to Colonel Lindbergh from false messages?

None. Have the police or Colonel Lindbergh received any messages they believe are from the kidnapers?

No. Do the state police or Colonel Lindbergh believe the baby is dead or alive?

We believe the baby is alive. Was Johannes Juge (husband of the ransomers) in the home of Mrs. Wright E. Morrow, Mrs. Lindbergh's mother, released after being questioned in Newark last night?

Yes. Was the milk bottle found in Johnson's car the property of the company which furnished milk for the Lindbergh baby? (Henry Johnson, friend of Juge, as tutor of Betty Dow, the Lindberghs' baby's nurse, was still being questioned in Newark today.)

I can't tell you anything about the milk bottle, as investigators have not reported yet.

Will Johnson be released under bond or will he be detained further? Such depends on the outcome of his questioning.

Has he reported on the questioning of Johnson been received by the State police at the Lindbergh home?

No, not as yet.

What are the orders to the State police, if the kidnapers are negotiating satisfactory with Colonel Lindbergh, attempt to bring the baby to the Lindbergh home?

Do everything possible to help them deliver the child.

NEAR 6,000 GIVEN WORK OVER STATE

Raleigh, March 7.—(AP)—The American Legion employment drive in North Carolina resulted in placing 5,965 persons in jobs between February 15 and last night, Major Michael Perry, State secretary, reported today.

Last week North Carolina advanced in the national ranking of states by placement of unemployed in jobs from twelfth place to eighth, Major Perry said.

Persia Refuses Sugar

Therban, March 6.—(A.P.)—Persia's first sugar refinery was inaugurated by the shah at Kahrnak, a village 12 miles from this capital.