

PROMINENT MEN LINKED IN STOCK POOLS

Senate Hints Al Capone Is Behind Lindbergh Kidnaping

SECOND OFFER TO RETURN BABY FOR LIBERTY IS CITED

Lends Color to Belief Capone's Friends Got The Infant To Be Used as Club For Him

CURTIS OFF AGAIN ON MYSTERY TRIP

Norfolk Intermediary Leaves Home Suddenly and Yacht Departs About Same Time; Bingham Links Liquor Racketeering With the Kidnaping Affair

Washington, April 23.—(AP)—Senator Bingham, Republican, Connecticut, said in the Senate today that the fact that Al Capone had twice offered to find the Lindbergh baby if released from custody, lends support to the belief that the kidnaping had been done by friends of Capone for this very purpose.

The senator said that color was also lent to this belief by the fact that it has been necessary to turn to gangsters for aid in the recovery of the child.

Bingham described Capone as a gangster leader who made his money out of beer racketing and bootlegging. He said, however, he did not believe the Lindbergh kidnaping was entirely due to prohibition, but added he thought Congress "must face the fact" that the "dry laws have made enormous profits available to gangsters and racketeers."

NORFOLK INTERMEDIARY IS IN ANOTHER MYSTERY TRIP

Norfolk, Va., April 23.—(AP)—John Hughes Curtis, intermediary in the Lindbergh kidnaping case was away from the city today on another secret mission undertaken a few hours after he and the Rev. Ver. H. Dodson-Pace returned from trips to further their efforts toward recovery of the stolen baby.

The sailing of the yacht Marcon, previously mentioned in connection with the negotiations, gave rise to the belief that Mr. Curtis may have left here aboard the vessel. Mrs. F. H. Lockmann, wife of the captain of the boat, said the Marcon left some time last night for Baltimore. The yacht is owned by Charles H. Consovo, hotel operator, who is a personal friend of Mr. Curtis.

MYSTERY ADDED TO DEATH OF AVIATOR

Young Woman Claims To Be Haden Clark's Fiance In Miami, Fla.

Miami, Fla., April 23.—(AP)—A young woman today added mystery to the fatal shooting of Haden Clark in the home of Mrs. J. M. Keith-Miller by appearing at the office of State Attorney H. Vernon Hawthorne today with the claim that she, rather than the Australian aviator, was Clark's fiancee.

Hawthorne refused to disclose her name until he has an opportunity to question her regarding any information she might have of the 26-year-old writer's death.

The State attorney was engaged in questioning Mrs. Keith-Miller when the girl arrived.

Meanwhile, he made no comment that would indicate whether the development would alter his prediction a few hours earlier that Mrs. Keith-Miller and her flying partner, Captain W. N. Lancaster, would be released shortly.

TRYING TO PROVE MASSIE WAS SANE

Honolulu, April 23.—(AP)—Announcing it was ready to proceed with an attempt to prove Lieutenant Thomas H. Massie was sane at the time he held the weapon that killed Joseph Kahahawai, the prosecution in the trial of Massie and three others accused of the slaying went into action today after a two-day delay.

SENATE PAYS ITS LAST RESPECTS



The nation's capitol forms an impressive background as pallbearers carry the casket of Senator William J. Harris of Georgia into the senate chamber for funeral rites.

Bonus Advocates Expect To Reverse Opposition

Patman Denies 2 1/2 Billion Dollars New Currency Would Push Country Off Gold Standard; Veterans Administrator To Give Government's Views

Washington, April 23.—(AP)—Frank T. Hines, Veterans administrator, said today he would present administration opposition to the full payment of the soldiers bonus to the House Ways and Means Committee next Tuesday.

Representative Patman, Democrat, Texas, leader in the fight for full cash payment, in a statement said that in the rebuttal testimony before the committee advocates "will satisfactorily answer every argument urged against

full cash payment of the adjusted service certificates.

"The issuance of two and one half billion dollars additional currency will in no way affect the gold standard, as we will still have 46 per cent gold reserve," Patman said. "Forty percent is the gold standard requirement."

Numerous witnesses have warned that issuance of new surrogacy to pay the full amount of the bonus certificates would force the country off the gold standard.

Put Armed Guards About Plantbeds

Hahira, Ga., April 23.—(AP)—Blue mold and early freezes have created a scarcity of tobacco plants that may cause automatic curtailment of acreage in sections of the brief leaf belt and reports of thefts in southern Georgia have led scores to post armed guards over seed beds.

Farmers are studying replacement crops and tomato, bean and other truck crop acreage may be increased as a result of the tobacco restriction.

CAMPAIGN FOR JOBS NETS 577,934 TOTAL

New York, April 23.—(AP)—The United Action Campaign for a million jobs for jobless today announced that the total number of positions found now stands at 577,934.

METHODIST WOMEN TO MAKE WAR AGAINST THE WETS

Wilson, April 23.—(AP)—Delegates to the annual conference here of the women's missionary society of the North Carolina Methodist conference pledged themselves to vote only for candidates who favor the retention of the eighteenth amendment and the laws enacted for its enforcement in a resolution adopted yesterday.

The resolution also put the conference on record as favoring making the buyer of whiskey as guilty as the seller and called upon state and federal officials to enforce the prohibition laws more stringently.

Mrs. A. M. Gates of Durham, who was re-elected president, and the other officers chosen at yesterday's session were installed.

Held in Shooting



These two noted figures in aviation, Mrs. J. M. Keith-Miller (top) Australian aviatrix, and her associate, Captain William N. Lancaster, are held in Miami, Fla., while police endeavor to unravel the strange shooting of Haden Clark, 31-year-old pilot and author, in Mrs. Keith-Miller's residence. The Australian aviatrix and Capt. Lancaster ascribed Clark's shooting to a suicide attempt.

COMMUNIST DRIVE BOOSTS TENSENESS NEAR AMOY, CHINA

Occupy City East of Changchow As Another Group of Missionaries Seek Safety

AMERICAN SHIPS ARRIVE IN HARBOR

Eight Americans Brought to Safety in International Settlement; Chinese General In Manchuria Is Prisoner of His Own Troops, Tokyo Hears.

Amoy, China, April 23.—(AP)—The Chinese communist army, occupied Chaowei, 15 miles east of Changchow, today, considerably increasing the tenseness of the situation here.

Another group of foreign missionaries, most of them British arrived here from the hinterland seeking safety.

The United States submarine tender Canopus and four submarines arrived from Manila on a trip northward for a brief stay, and a British submarine tender and five submarines arrived from Hong Kong, also on the way north.

The arrival of these ships, which naval officials said had nothing to do with the present emergency here, crowded the local harbor with foreign fighting craft.

EIGHT AMERICANS BROUGHT SAFETY INTO SETTLEMENT Peiping, China, April 23.—(AP)—Eight Americans were brought in safety to the international settlement of Kulungu island at Amoy, China, today, reports received here said.

GENERAL MAH PRISONER OF OWN TROOP SIN MANCHURIA Tokyo, April 23.—(AP)—The censorship on news of the movement of General Mah Changshan was lifted today, and local newspapers published dispatches from their Manchurian correspondents saying the general was a prisoner by his own lieutenants in northern Manchuria.

Chinese reports recently quoted General Mah as saying he joined in the regime of the new federated state of Manchuria only as a spy, and that he was now dissociated from it and loyal to the Chinese central government at Nanking.

J. G. Wright III Oxford, April 23.—(Special)—James G. Wright, prominent Granville county farmer, living in the northern part of the county, is critically ill at his home with pneumonia.

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA.

Fair tonight; Sunday increasing cloudiness; cooler on the north coast.

JOHNSON OPPOSES TAX SALE DELAYS AS SERIOUS MOVE

Says Ignore Law Might Bring About Terrible Financial Difficulty For State

WOULD NOT MEAN LOSS OF PROPERTY

If Such Were Case He Would Recommend Extra Session of Legislature To Block It, But 16 Months Will Elapse Before Foreclosure Suits Brought

Raleigh, April 23.—(AP)—Charles M. Johnson, director of the Local Government Commission, today expressed opposition to the postponement of tax sales until fall, and expressed fear that to ignore the law might bring about "serious financial difficulty."

Replying to a telegram of Joe A. Sheriff, chairman of the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners, Mr. Johnson said were it a matter of people losing their property at this time, he would recommend immediately a special session of the Legislature, but he pointed out that 16 months must elapse before foreclosure suits can be brought on tax certificates.

The reply was sent to Mr. Sheriff after a conference with Governor Gardner.

ALBERT RUDISILL, 24, TAKES HIS OWN LIFE

Charlotte Young Man Dressed Himself Like Woman Before Hanging Himself in Warehouse

Charlotte, April 23.—(AP)—Dressed in a woman's frock, bobbed in the ears and goggles over the eyes, the body of Albert Rudisill, 24, was found suspended by a woman's silken coat from a frame in a warehouse here today.

The body was suspended from the neck. Coroner Frank Hovis said the death was due to strangulation and the neck was not broken. He launched an investigation to determine whether the death was a suicide or a murder.

Rudisill was employed at the warehouse as a shipping clerk. His own clothes were found where he usually hung his coat while at work.

Death Driver Exonerated

Wilmington, April 22 (AP)—Bernard L. Wright of Richmond, Va., driver of the automobile which struck and killed Arthur Brown, Negro youth, here today, was exonerated by Coroner's jury.

Denied Freedom



Thomas J. Mooney has again been denied his freedom from the California penitentiary, where he is serving a life sentence for conviction of preparedness day bombings in San Francisco in 1918. Governor Rolph this week refused to grant him a pardon.

John J. Raskob Is Among Few Named In Senate Hearing

In Stock Probe



Percy Rockefeller, first cousin of John D. Rockefeller, Jr., who was called to testify before the Senate Committee in the investigation into short selling on the stock market. Rockefeller, one of the richest men in the country, is rated as one of the three biggest traders on Wall Street.

RECEIVERSHIP FOR MIDWEST UTILITIES IS PUZZLING TURN

National Popular Government League Head Says Cost of Monopoly Fight Is Cause

HANDS-OFF POLICY ATTITUDE OF R. F. C.

Aid In This Instance Larger Mouthful Than Corporation Liked To Tackle; Besides It Steered Clear Of Backing Unpopular Power Interests

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Washington, April 23.—The tremendous cost of the power interests' fight for continued and tighter control of their industrial field is seen by Director Judson King of the National Popular Government league as the real reason for the receivership which has just engulfed the Middle West Utilities company, monster holding corporation with properties serving 4,500 communities throughout the United States and Canada.

To be sure, proceedings throwing the giant concern into a receiver's hands are described by its head, Samuel Insull, as purely friendly.

Nevertheless, the management concedes that the receivership application was rendered necessary by its inability "to work out a plan for the payment" of between 30 and 40 millions in urgent or speedily-maturing obligations.

The case is a puzzling one in certain respects.

Condemned Man, Ill of Pneumonia

Mocksville, April 23.—(AP)—John Henry Hauser, 82, under sentence of death for slaying his son-in-law, lay in the county jail here today critically ill of pneumonia.

Dr. S. A. Harding visited the aged Davie county man today, and said he was "no better" than yesterday, when he was first reported suffering from heart disease and "on the verge of pneumonia."

TAKEN TO HOSPITAL Raleigh, April 23.—(AP)—Governor O. Max Gardner today telegraphed the sheriff of Davie county to remove John Henry Hauser, 82-year-old man under sentence of electrocution from the county jail at Mocksville to the Baptist hospital at Winston-Salem, under guard, for treatment for pneumonia.

TWO BIG "BEARS" TELL COMMITTEE OF TRADING PLAN

Thomas E. Bragg And Bernard E. Smith Tell Names And Tales at Senate Investigation

RASKOB AND DURANT MEMBERS OF POOL

Fisher, Kenny, Meehan and Rockefeller Also Linked With Speculation; Bragg Tells of \$30,000,000 Pool In Anaconda Copper That Was Disastrous

Washington, April 23.—(AP)—Two big bear operators on Wall Street today disclosed to the Senate Banking Committee nationally prominent names as having been members of various pools in the market, including that of John J. Raskob, chairman of the Democratic National Committee.

Thomas E. Bragg and Bernard E. Smith ended a search for themselves by appearing suddenly. They held a packed committee room and an intense committee in rapt attention as some of the story of Wall Street's gigantic operations was drawn from them by examination.

Smith and Bragg readily conceded they were "big short operators." Bragg told of a \$30,000,000 pool in Anaconda Copper which he operated disastrously in 1929. He said Raskob, W. C. Durant, Fred J. Fisher, W. T. Kenny, M. J. Meehan, Percy A. Rockefeller and other prominent persons were in the pool.

Bragg said he put up \$500,000 for this pool, and had \$400,000 when the price dropped and forced dissolution of the pool.

Smith started the committee when he denied previous testimony that M. J. Meehan was both a specialist and member of the radio pool of 1925 and 1929. Under examination, he explained that Meehan used his wife's name as a member of that pool.

Smith, who is a member of the Stock Exchange, also said he used his wife's name as a member of the radio pool.

Senator Glass, Democrat, Virginia, previously had stated any man who was a specialist in a stock and operated in a pool in it "would pick-pocket."

The committee adjourned until Monday to determine a future policy. William A. Gray, committee counsel, said he would seek permission to call Raskob and all others mentioned by Bragg and Smith.

BANK SUSPENSIONS DWINDLE RAPIDLY

Marked Improvement in Situation Reported By Federal Reserve

Washington, April 23.—(AP)—Reviewing the entire month of March, the Federal Reserve Board today reported a conspicuous improvement in the country's banking situation.

Suspensions during the month were placed at only 45, as against 122 for February and 342 for January. The deposits of banks reopening were said to be approximately as large as those of the institutions which were forced to close. Most amounts were in excess of \$15,000,000.

The board noted an accelerated return flow of currency from the public to the banks, insulation of bank loans continuing but offset in part by an increase in investments; increasing reserve balances of member banks and a decline in the total volume of reserve bank credit.

It is reported that the Bank of France increased its gold stock by \$106,000,000 during the month, but that the return of short term funds into France was diminishing partly because foreign balances had been almost all withdrawn.