

SPECIAL GRAND JURY TO PROBE STOLL KIDNAPING

Sees Dismal Future For Air Mail Carriers With Present Federal Set-Up

Thomas Doe, Former Eastern Air Transport Head, Testifies Before the President's Board

BANKRUPTCY AHEAD, EXECUTIVE ASSERTS
One of Men Farley Had Said Attended "Spoils Conference" and Was Put on "Black List"; He Is Asked What He Thinks of the "Black List"

Washington, Oct. 18 (AP)—Thomas B. Doe, former president of Eastern Air Transport, Inc., today assailed the air mail set-up with the assertion that "at the present rate all the lines will be in bankruptcy not later than June 30, 1935."

Doe, one of the executives Postmaster General Farley charged with attending a "spoils conference," appeared before the President's Aviation Commission.

Charles A. Lindbergh this week told the commission that what he termed the post office "black list" was "one of the most disturbing factors in the industry."

Doe reddened when Franklin K. Lane, Jr., of the commission, asked him his opinion of the "black list."

"The popular opinion that the so-called Wall Street crowd is being

WOMAN TIGHTWIRE RIDER IS KILLED

Falls To Death on Stage of Roxy Theatre as Thousands Look On

New York, Oct. 18 (AP)—Death rode tandem with Mary Larkin de Phil on the tight wire at the Roxy Theatre yesterday evening.

It was the second show of the day for the "flying Phillips"—Mary de Phil and her husband, Charles. Three thousand patrons of the theatre had watched as the 26-year-old woman rode a unicycle expertly along the "road of steel 40 feet above the stage floor."

Mrs. de Phil rode the unicycle to the platform and alighted. Somehow she missed her footing. Even as the applause rolled up from behind the footlights she fell. The sound of her body striking the stage echoed through the auditorium, which became suddenly hushed as though by a mammoth damper.

Six women fainted. Men gasped and paled. Charles de Phil, horror fighting the eyes that but an instant before had smiled happiness, ran to where his wife had fallen, half hidden by the wings.

Japan May Compromise Arms Ratio

But Two Concessions As To Tonnage and Replacements May Be Demanded

London, Oct. 18 (AP)—The belief was growing in American quarters today that Japan may accept a naval limitation plan somewhat similar to present ratios if she gets two concessions.

They are tonnage quality in "principle" and replacement of the term "ratio" by one less offensive to her, indicating relative strength.

Enthusiasm over this possibility, however, was overshadowed by the problem of reconciling the vast differences between the basic program of the two countries. Americans held hopes a suitable compromise might be effected during the tri-power naval conversations to open next week preliminary to the 1935 conference.

To Revive Executed?



Dr. Robert E. Cornish

This youthful San Francisco scientist has requested governors of three Western states, in which lethal gas is used to execute the condemned, to permit him to attempt to restore life to an executed convict. Dr. Cornish's successful experiments with dogs have attracted international attention.

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\$400,000 HIGHWAY BIDS ARE OPENED

Call for Construction Of Nearly 30 Miles of Roads, Mostly Concrete

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel, By J. C. Bankerville.

Raleigh, Oct. 18.—Bids on eleven projects calling for the construction of 29.73 miles of highways, most of this concrete and a good deal of it through towns, were opened here today by the State Highway and Public Works Commission. The cost of these projects is estimated as in excess of \$400,000.

Six of the projects are for concrete pavement, one calls for sand asphalt surfacing, one for crushed stone surfacing and three for bituminous surface treatment. One project is for the bridge and approaches over Reddies river in "Wilkes county," while another is for concrete approaches to the bridge over the Yatin river, on Route 60.

Included in this letting are the projects for the laying of concrete pavement the towns of Murfreesboro and Spencer and of bituminous surface treatment in Blowing Rock and Boone. Other projects included in this letting are as follows:

Hertford county, 5.31 miles of 20 foot concrete pavement from Virginia line towards Murfreesboro on Route 12.

Sampson and Duplin counties, 7.22 miles of sand asphalt pavement on

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Devaluing Of Dollar Is Likely

By LESLIE EICHEL (Central Press Staff Writer)

New York, Oct. 19.—Maybe there was more truth than poetry in Senator Robert Bulkley's misce. The Ohio senator, it will be recalled, when emerging from the White House advanced the opinion that the dollar would be devalued further. Such a statement coming from an administration member of the Senate Banking Committee was considered authentic. But both the White House and Senator Bulkley soon made it clear that the senator was cogitating on the distant future—and that surmises remained merely surmises.

Behind the senator's surmise, nevertheless, there are some potent facts.

The chief potent fact is Congress. Another potent fact is the refusal of commodity prices to stand up except by unnatural processes.

And, dangerous as well as potent, is the again increasing number of unemployed, with a tendency to check

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Price Probe Brought Gas Price Cuts

Due to That Rather Than Gasoline War As Claimed by Big Companies

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel, By J. C. Bankerville.

Raleigh, Oct. 18.—The tumble in gasoline prices in North Carolina during the past ten days or so from the peak of 22.7 to 23.1 per gallon that prevailed almost the entire summer to 18 cents a gallon as of today, although it is selling even less than 18 cents in a few places, is being attributed by the gasoline and oil companies to a "gasoline war" between the large companies and the independent filling stations that have been selling at prices less than those charged by the large companies. But those who know what has been going on behind the scenes are convinced the real reason for the sudden and sharp reduction in the retail price of gasoline is the investigation which Secretary Harold L. Ickes, who is also petroleum administrator, instituted several months ago at the request of Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus. It is recalled that after Governor Ehringhaus had asked the gasoline companies to give North Carolina some relief from the high prices charged here and they disregarded his request, he wrote Secretary Ickes asking him to make an investigation of the prices being charged for gasoline in this State.

Shortly after this, press dispatches from Washington carried the fact that Secretary Ickes had ordered an investigation of the gasoline prices

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Contact Had With Kidnapers of Son Of Rich Merchant

New York, Oct. 18. (AP)—Contact has been established with the kidnapers of Louis Esposito, 23-year-old son of a reputedly wealthy junk dealer, a brother of the victim disclosed today.

The brother, Joseph, said that only an accord as to terms of the ransom remains to assure the release of the young man who disappeared Monday.

Joseph, 21, a graduate of Notre Dame in the class of 1933 expressed the opinion that the kidnaping was "big time stuff."

He disclosed that a letter in his brother's handwriting had been received yesterday, and, although he did not say so, it was reported from another source that yesterday's letter was delivered by messenger.

ROOSEVELT EASILY WINNING SUPPORT

But Important Thing Is Whether He Can Hold It Once He Gets It

By CHARLES P. STEWART (Central Press Staff Writer)

Washington, Oct. 18.—Few White House visitors, who actually are admitted to the Presidential presence, leave the executive mansion in a frame of mind otherwise than favorable to the administration.

Callers who are turned away frequently leave in a highly embattled frame of mind. Arriving angry, they are still angrier at not getting in.

Those who do get in, however, generally get in because they are recognized.

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Hauptmann Extradition Will Be Decided Friday

New York, Oct. 18 (AP)—Bruno Richard Hauptmann probably will know by sundown tomorrow whether he must face "Jersey justice" for the murder of Charles A. Lindbergh, Jr.

Presiding Justice Edward R. Finch, waiving a rule that requires the printing of a record on appeal, and the five-day notice to the prosecutor, has set 2 p. m. for the appeal from extradition recently granted by New York to New Jersey.

Hauptmann, through his counsel, James M. Fawcett, sought a writ of habeas corpus, which was denied, but which delayed his extradition. Tomorrow, if his appeal is denied, further delay may be sought, Attorney Fawcett saying today that he would carry the case to the State Court of Appeals at Albany, and, if unsuccessful there, might even apply for a writ of certiorari in the United States Supreme Court.

King Alexander Is Buried In Atmosphere Of Terror

FEAR ANARCHISTS MIGHT SEEK LIFE OF THREE RULERS

Little Peter II, Son of Deceased; Carol of Roumania and Boris of Bulgaria Attend

TROOPS HOLD BACK MASS OF MOURNERS

Children on One Side And Adults on Other as Train Passes by; Many Arrests Made by Secret Service Agents Seeking Firearms and Bombs in Crowd

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Belgrade, Yugoslavia, Oct. 18 (AP)—The body of King Alexander was placed today near those of his ancestors in the memorial chapel at Popolo.

Up a hill through three long lanes to While 50 men bore the sarcophagus the chapel, all activities throughout Yugoslavia remained at a standstill for two minutes as the common people paid tribute to their fallen king.

Then, as Alexander was laid in the tomb which he had only recently completed church bells were tolled throughout the country. They mingled strangely with heavy guns on land and sea, which roared out a mighty dirge.

Trumpeters sounded a farewell tap for the dead soldier-sovereign. "Mignon," as Alexander called his wife, the dowager Queen Marie, took leave of her royal consort and the doors of the tomb were closed.

Massed thousands of mourners were held back by troops standing shoulder to shoulder as the funeral train passed from Belgrade to Popolo. Only children were allowed on the right side of the route, enabling troops to supervise more efficiently the activities of adults on the left.

Spectators were not allowed to carry canes or umbrellas, despite a drizzling rain. An atmosphere of terror prevailed, lest anarchists attempt to take the lives of the three kings in the funeral cortege—Little Peter II, son of Alexander; Carol of Roumania, his uncle, and Boris of Bulgaria.

Secret service agents made many arrests as they mingled among the crowds, seeking firearms and bombs.

Jury Is Told of "Dummy Accounts" In Insull Stocks

Chicago, Oct. 18 (AP)—J. D. Scheinman, a brother, testified in the Insull mail fraud trial today that "dummy accounts" were used for trading in Insull stocks, some of them on orders given by Samuel Insull himself.

About December 1, 1929, Scheinman told the jury which is trying Insull and 16 associates Insull told him to trade in the first stock issued by the company now under fire—the Corporation Securities Company of Chicago.

"He told me to operate in the allotment units," said Scheinman, referring to the form in which the stocks was distributed, and "and said he'd like to put them up to \$75 a share. He said a lot of people had paid that for them."

"Within reason I could use my own judgment on what to buy and what price was necessary to get the stock up."

Alleged Kidnaper of Mrs. Stoll



The picture is from a recent photograph of Thomas Robinson, Jr., alleged kidnaper of Mrs. Berry V. V. Stoll, wealthy young society matron of Louisville, Ky. Mrs. Stoll was released last Tuesday by Federal agents, who

Declares Mrs. Robinson Tried To Free Mrs. Stoll

She Worked With Justice Department Agents To Undo Work of Her Missing Husband

LATTER NOW BEING SOUGHT FOR CRIME

His Father Also Named In Same Warrant; Car Bearing Robinson License Found in Springfield, Ohio, But Robinson Makes Good His Escape

Louisville, Ky., Oct. 18 (AP)—The claim that Mrs. Francis Robinson worked with Department of Justice agents in an effort to free Mrs. Alice Speed Stoll was made today by counsel for the wife of the discharged lunatic named as the actual kidnaper.

Clem W. Huggins, representing her, said she had befriended Mrs. Stoll and that he believed Mrs. Stoll would help her.

The woman was arraigned late yesterday and held in default of \$50,000 bond, charged with kidnapping and conspiracy to kidnap. Her fugitive husband and the latter's father, Thomas Henry Robinson, Sr., of Nashville, Tenn., were named in the same warrant. Huggins said he would move her bond reduced to about \$5,000.

After a restless night in jail, in which she twice was visited by the jail physician and given sleeping tablets, Mrs. Robinson sent a note asking that Huggins, a leading criminal lawyer here, be named as counsel. Huggins, who said he went to school in Nashville "many years ago" with the elder Robinson, announced he would defend her. He added that "for old time's sake" he would defend the elder Robinson, if requested, but said he would not defend the fugitive if he is caught.

CAR BEARING LICENSE OF ROBINSON IS DISCOVERED

Springfield, Ohio, Oct. 18 (AP)—Chief of Police George Abell said today a car bearing the Illinois and Indiana license plates belonging to Thomas H. Robinson, Jr., sought as the kidnaper of Mrs. Alice Stoll, of Louisville, was located here today.

The automobile was located on a

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U. S. ATTORNEY TO DEMAND DEATH OF WOMAN SNATCHER

Crime Is Flagrant and Defiant Violation of United States Law, Prosecutor Says

TYPEWRITER FOUND IN THE APARTMENT

Declared One Used To Type Demands for \$50,000 Ransom, Which Was Finally Paid; Writing Tested In Laboratories of the Department of Justice

Louisville, Ky., Oct. 28 (AP)—A special grand jury to inquire into the kidnaping of Mrs. Alice Speed Stoll today was ordered empanelled Saturday by Federal District Judge Charles R. Dawson.

The order was issued on motion of U. S. District Attorney Thomas J. Sparks, who announced yesterday that he would demand the death penalty for the man who abducted the young society matron and held her six days for \$50,000 ransom.

Sparks recounted how the young society matron was snatched and taken from her home the afternoon of October 10 and held six days in an Indianapolis apartment.

"The action of said parties consti-

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EPISCOPALIANS ASK MOVIE REGULATION

Convention Votes Favorable Upon Asheville Rector's Proposal

Atlantic City, N. J., Oct. 18. (AP)—Federal regulation of the motion picture industry was endorsed today by the 51st triennial general convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

A resolution offered by Rev. George Floyd Rogers, of Asheville, N. C., calling for "supervision (not censorship)" of films before they are made was adopted by the House of Bishops, ratifying earlier action by the House of Deputies.

The loss of Christian influence in modern public education was deplored, meanwhile, in a resolution offered by Rev. Arthur B. Cinsolving, of Baltimore, which the House of Deputies adopted.

Several attacks on the motion picture industry followed from the floor when the Rogers resolution was introduced in the House of Bishops.

California Storm Has Heavy Toll

Two Boys Missing, 500 Homeless, Damage Over \$100,000 in Southern Section

Los Angeles, Cal., Oct. 18 (AP)—Two boys missing, 500 people homeless, highways blocked by landslides and property damage estimated at more than \$100,000 was the result today of a southern California weather potpourri.

Starting with a mild earthquake, nature brought out about every trick in its bag yesterday, including a mild tornado, thunder, lightning, hail, snow, torrential rains and a water-spout.

Donald Butterworth, 9, Los Angeles, was reported missing by his mother. Police said they had been informed a boy had fallen into a storm drain near the Butterworth home.

Lloyd Spindale, II, also of Los Angeles, failed to return home from school, and it was feared he had drowned in flooded streets.

The homeless were largely in the North State area of Long Beach, where nearly five inches of rain fell in 24 hours.

Flooded homes would approximate Police estimated the damage to \$100,000.

In addition to this, severe damage was done to State Highways.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Cloudy, possibly occasional light rains in west and north portions tonight and Friday; slightly warmer in west portion tonight.