

Weyerhaeuser Child Is Released

Fear 250 Dead In Floods And Tornadoes In Far West

FRIGHTFUL TOLL OF HUMAN LIVES GIVEN BY RED CROSS MAN

Many Isolated Sections Depopulated and No Bodies Have Been Found Anywhere

SMALL CITIES ARE HURT IN NEBRASKA

23 Bodies Counted by Observer in Streets of St. Francis, Kans.; Four Children Perish When Cloudburst Strikes Section Of Tuesday Friday Afternoon

McCook, Neb., June 1.—(AP)—A major part of south central Nebraska lay devastated by flood and tornado today with one Red Cross worker estimating the dead at 250.

The known dead totalled six, but the stricken regions were so isolated and it was impossible to obtain accurate information.

Dr. J. M. Willis, of McCook, after aiding injured and receiving reports throughout the night, said he believed 250 had perished in the twin disaster in the raging overflow of the Republican river, and a tornado which twisted through this city of 4,500 and Red Willow county late yesterday.

Two tons, Parks and Max, with a total population of 150, were wiped out, but no bodies were recovered, and the extent of the fatalities was not known.

TEN REPORTED MISSING IN CHEYENNE COUNTY, KANSAS

Goodman, Kans., June 1.—(AP)—Ten persons were reported missing today in Cheyenne county as the flood waters of the Republican river subsided.

FOUR CHILDREN DROWNED IN CLOUDBURST IN TEXAS

D'hanis, Texas, June 1.—(AP)—At least four children were drowned when a cloudburst struck this section yesterday, rescue workers learned today after arriving in this small farming community, isolated for many hours by flood waters.

President Is Waiting View Over Nation

Constitutional Fight Might Rend Country from One End to The Other

Washington, June 1.—(AP)—High sources close to the White House indicated plainly today that President Roosevelt is likely to reject all plans for stop-gap NRA legislation for the present and await the country's reaction to the question which he posed as the most momentous peace-time issue ever to confront the nation.

Opposing forces already were lining up on the issue, which the President raised in a formal call to the country to decide whether the Federal government shall deal with major economic and social problems, or whether they shall be relegated to the 48 states.

Chairing comment followed the President's pronouncement in his extraordinary press conference. His hint of an effort to revise the Constitution, as a result of the Supreme Court decision smashing NRA, aroused opposition among Republican critics of the New Deal, and some Democrats, while others supported him.

There were indications that the issue, if pressed to the ultimate conclusion, would mean an historical battle.

His Life Is Spared



Walter McGee

In his cell in Kansas City, Mo., Walter McGee smiles as he receives news his sentence to hang has been commuted to life imprisonment by Gov. Guy B. Park. McGee's life was spared following a plea to the governor by Mary McElroy, victim of the kidnaping of which McGee was convicted.

"First Lady" Coming



Formal welcome and White House visit is in store for Mrs. Albert LeBrun (above), wife of the President of France, who is enroute to New York on maiden voyage of S. S. Normandie.

MOST BUSINESSES IN NORTH CAROLINA ARE KEEPING CODES

Few Smaller Employers Have Made Slight Wage Cuts and Increases in Working Hours

MERCHANTS FOLLOW CODE REGULATIONS

Governor Thinks Benefits Accruing Have Demonstrated Their Value Sufficiently to Commend Them; Few Will Turn Back, Labor Commissioner Feels

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

Raleigh, June 1.—A majority of North Carolina manufacturers, merchants and employers are continuing to observe the wage and hour provisions of the old NRA code, even if these codes are no longer legally binding, a survey made here today indicates.

There are no factories or textile mills here in Raleigh. But the merchants are standing together against any reduction in wages or increase in hours, according to John Swain, secretary of the Raleigh Merchants Association.

"Even before the NRA was declared,"

FORD PEACE SHIP HELD POSSIBILITY

Most People Took It As Joke 20 Years Ago, but Some Others Hoped

By CHARLES F. STEWART Central Press Staff Writer

Washington, June 1.—Madame Rosika Schwimmer, installed in New York Hotel Bitmore, organizing the Ford peace expedition, 20 years ago, "come" next November, quickly ran into certain difficulties.

The press, virtually without exception, gave the plan the "ha-ha." That didn't do much matter.

Many a newspaperman, regardless of his superiors' attitude, was at least tentatively friendly to the expedition.

I was, I wished it well, from the outset, and thought it had possibilities.

And my managing editor (Bill)

APPLICATION FILED FOR PARDON TO BE GRANTED LUKE LEA

New Documentary Evidence Showing Prisoner Innocent Is Set Forth In Petition

ALL JURORS WHO SAT IN CASE SIGN PLEA

No Reference Made To Judge Barnhill, Who Tried Case, Nor To Prosecutors; Lea Has Served 13 Months In Asheville Bank Failure; Son Paroled In 1934

Raleigh, June 1.—(AP)—A formal application for a pardon for Luke Lea, for United States Senator from Tennessee, who is serving a term in the North Carolina State Prison for bank law violations, was filed today with Governor E. B. Ruffalo.

The petition was placed in the hands of Edwin M. Gill, parole commissioner, though it was addressed to the governor.

Gill said he planned to hold a public hearing in the matter within ten to 15 days. He will then lay his recommendations before the governor.

Lea bases his pardon request on allegedly new documentary evidence which his counsel, J. M. Broughton, of Raleigh, contends proves the former Tennessee newspaper publisher and financial wizard is innocent of the charges on which he was convicted, "conspiracy to wreck the Central Bank and Trust Company of Asheville." Lea is serving six to ten years, and has been in prison 13 months.

A petition asking Lea's release, which is signed by each of the 12 jurors who convicted him, was included in the application.

The petition contains no reference to the attitude of Judge M. V. Barnhill, who tried Lea, or to the attitude of the prosecutors. Their recommendations, as in all clemency matters, will be asked by Gill, and will be given in writing.

Lea was convicted in July, 1931, along with his son, Luke, Jr., and Wallace B. Davis former president of the Central Bank, Lea, Jr., was paroled a year ago, due to his physical condition, and Davis was given a parole sometime ago.

Revenue Of State 14.4 Percent Up

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Raleigh, June 1.—Collections of State revenue continue to show a substantial increase over last year, the collections for the first eleven months of this fiscal year amounting to \$22,652,276 as compared with \$19,788,412 for the corresponding eleven months of the previous fiscal year, a gain of 14.4 per cent, according to the privilege or License B taxes \$110,757; the franchise tax \$24,790; the beer tax \$57,100 and other miscellaneous taxes yielded \$1,886.

These figures include collection for the month of May, which amounted to \$1,170,842, as compared with collections of \$1,101,536 for May 1934 a gain of 6.29 per cent. Of this total, the three per cent sales tax yielded the largest amount, or \$640,650. The income tax yielded the next largest amount, or \$313,047. The inheritance tax brought in \$22,609; the privilege or License B taxes \$110,757; the franchise tax \$24,790; the beer tax \$57,100 and other miscellaneous taxes yielded \$1,886.

The detailed statement of collections for the first 11 months of the fiscal year ending May 31, 1935, shows that the sales tax has already yielded the largest amount of revenue of all the various state taxes, or a total of

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WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Fair tonight, Sunday partly cloudy, possibly followed by local showers in the mountains in afternoon or night; not much change in temperature.

Kidnaped Boy and Liberator



GEORGE WEYERHAEUSER

Little nine-year-old George Weyerhaeuser, scion of wealthy lumber family of Tacoma, Wash., was released unharmed at dawn today near that city by the kidnapers who had held him captive eight days, and who collected \$200,000 ransom for the boy's freedom, which was paid by his uncle, F. Rodman Pitcomb.



F. R. Titcomb

High Point Man Hires Son To "Crucify Him" To Induce Wife To Come Back To Him

High Point, June 1 (AP)—J. R. Riggs, middle-aged filling station operator, was crucified here this morning.

Passersby found Riggs nailed to a rough board cross about 200 feet to the rear of his filling station on Highway 10-A this morning at 4:50 o'clock. Ten-penny coated nail had been driven through each hand and one through each heel.

P. A. Walls, passing by the scene saw Riggs and called the ambulance. Others arrived on the scene and helped take the nails out of the man's hands and feet.

When police asked Riggs how he was he is quoted as having said, "I'm Jesus Christ."

Later he told police that three men had come by his filling station early this morning, had taken

him from bed, wrapped a sheet around him and walked him to the spot where they nailed him to the cross.

He is a patient in a local hospital and his condition is not thought to be serious.

RIGGS IS DESCRIBED AS BEING RELIGIOUS FANATIC

High Point, June 1 (AP)—J. R. Riggs, 36-year-old filling station operator, found nailed to a cross near here early today, confessed this afternoon, Solicitor Jackson A. Johnson said, that he arranged for a 15-year-old boy to "crucify" him in an effort to get his estranged wife to return to him.

The boy, Solicitor Johnson said, was

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EXPLAINS GROWING TRADE OF JAPANESE

Currency Depreciation and Low Living Standards Tell Whole Story

By LESLIE EICHEL Central Press Staff Writer

New York, June 1.—An explanation why Japan's foreign trade is increasing is given by the Alexander Hamilton institute of New York in these words:

"The recent increased exports of cotton textiles from Japan to the United States has again brought into the limelight of discussion Japan's competitive power in international trade, and has raised the question as to how Japan has been able to increase its exports in spite of high tariffs and the depression. The fact to 2,282,000,000 yen as compared with that Japan's exports in 1934 amounted 1,917,200,000 in 1933 and 1,431,000,000 in 1932 shows the extent of the Japanese export trade expansion.

"The reason for Japan's ability to compete in the international markets may be briefly summarized as follows: (1) The depreciation of the currency and (2) the low standard of living. The Japanese currency has depreciated in terms of the gold franc by 66.3 per cent and in terms of the dollar by 66.2 per cent.

"Although the decline in the external value of the yen has forced Japan to pay higher prices for imported commodities this has not materially affected the general price and wage levels of the country.

"Since the cost of labor in Japan has not increased to any extent, the depreciation of the yen has enabled Japanese manufacturers to export their commodities in spite of the high tariffs prevailing in a number of countries. Although exports from Japan have shown a material increase, imports have risen still more sharply and the excess of imports over ex-

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SOFT COAL STRIKE SET FOR JUNE 16

Official Instructions Affect 450,000 Men, Unless Wages Are Given

Washington, June 1.—(AP)—Official instructions to approximately 450,000 soft coal miners to strike on June 16, unless new wage contracts are signed in the meantime, were issued today by the United Mine Workers of America.

The strike plans, drafted as a result of the collapse of the Appalachian coal wage conference, were sent to between 5,000 and 6,000 union locals in all the coal producing states.

TO ALLOT TEACHERS FOR THE NEXT YEAR

School Commission to Take Action Within Next Few Weeks on That

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

Raleigh, June 1.—The first task ahead of the State School Commission, which held its first meeting here Friday since the reappointment of its members by Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus, is the allotment of teachers for the coming school year, LeRoy Martin, executive secretary of the commission, said today. The commission took no definite action Friday with regard to any of the various matters it will have to deal with, but did make preliminary plans for the allotment of teachers.

All of the various city and county

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\$200,000 RANSOM PAID KIDNAPERS OF RICH TACOMA LAD

Dumped Into County Road By Abductors at Dawn and Brought to Town By Farmer

CHILD NOT HARMED BY HIS EXPERIENCE

Kept In House Three Nights and Four Days and Was Allowed To Read the Newspaper Accounts of Search for Him; Kept In Trunk While Traveling

Tacoma, Wash., June 1.—(AP)—Little George Weyerhaeuser was freed early today after nearly eight days captivity by his kidnapers, believed to be the notorious Alvin Karpis gang who got \$200,000 ransom as the price of the boy's freedom.

Tacoma, Wash., June 1.—(AP)—Little George Weyerhaeuser was released safely by his kidnapers early today after he said \$200,000 ransom had been paid by his uncle, F. Rodman Pitcomb.

The child was found by a farmer, George Bonface on his place about four miles from Isaquah, 25 miles northeast of here, and returned to his anxious parents after being in the hands of kidnapers eight days.

The little boy was released about dawn near Isaquah, and said the man who seized him called each other "Alvin, Harry and Bill."

First reports of the release were telephoned to police headquarters here by a man who said he found the boy and was bringing him in.

Bonface reported the boy walked to his home about 4 a. m., unharmed and cheerful. He dried his clothing and started for Tacoma after daylight.

At Renton, Bonface stopped at a gasoline station and attempted to telephone the Weyerhaeuser home. Failing after ten minutes to rouse the household, he called Tacoma police.

The Bonface started for Tacoma in his decrepit automobile.

Outside the city limits he was met by John H. Dreher, Seattle newspaper man, in a taxicab.

Dreher gave Bonface back a pair of shoes the farmer had loaned the boy and brought the child to the Weyerhaeuser home in his taxi. The farmer said he needed the shoes for his daughter, so George made the rest of his trip in his stocking feet.

"Did they hurt you, George?" Dreher asked the boy.

"No, they didn't hurt, because they all kept saying, 'He's too valuable to hurt,'" the boy replied.

"They told me once we were in

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Karpis Gang Looked Upon As Kidnapers

Karpis Is U. S. Public Enemy No. 1 and Wanted for Long List of Crimes

Chicago, June 1 (AP)—"That fellow Karpis," as nine year old George Weyerhaeuser described one of this kidnapers, has been the country's hottest criminal for fourteen months—ever since it was announced in March 1934, that he was wanted as one of the men who staged another \$200,000 abduction, that of Edward G. Bremer.

Unofficially dubbed "Public Enemy No. 1" at the death of the late George "Baby Face" Nelson Alvin Karpis has evaded death or capture longer than any other holder of that title, usually a ticket to oblivion.

Under nine names Karpis is wanted for crimes ranging from burglary to murder. Only 26 years old, the dark-haired Chicagoan is the last of a notorious coterie of Middle Western bandits who included Harvey, Baby, Frank Nash, Verne Miller, and Karpis.