

# HEARST AGENT IS LINKED WITH FORGED 'DOCUMENTS'

## ERRORS FOUND IN LETTER ARE LAID TO AVILA

'Code' Messages Are Called 'Gibberish' by Expert Before Senators.

### COMMA IS MISPLACED

Same Mistake Appears in in State Papers 'Exposed' by Publisher.

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—Evidence which may link Miguel Avila with the alleged forgery of Hearst Mexican documents was presented to the Senate-Mexican committee today.

Avila, Hearst agent, committed in a statement typewritten for the Senate investigating committee the same unusual grammatical errors in Spanish that appear in the forged Mexican documents, Commander Carlos V. Cusachs United States Navy, retired, and a Spanish scholar, told the committee.

Cusachs said Avila wrote the Spanish word "ud" (meaning you), with a comma behind it whereas it should have a period behind it just like the word Mr. in English.

### Seven Called Spurious

The Spanish scholar said that to his knowledge no similar grammatical error had come to his attention before except in the Mexican "document" published in Hearst newspapers.

Seven of the "documents" purported to be Mexican government code messages are spurious, Commander A. D. Struble, United States naval code expert, testified.

He said he spent ten days studying the seven messages, some of which were supposed to have been exchanged between President Calles of Mexico, and Arturo Elias, Mexican consul general in New York.

"It is my belief they are not actual code messages, but appear to be fakes," said Struble.

The expert said the "code" appeared to be "typewritten gibberish" struck off at random by someone.

Struble said the seven "translations" of the messages as published by newspapers of William Randolph Hearst did not fit the "code messages" in any way.

"In my opinion no inter-relationship exists between the apparently coded messages and the so-called translations, and in my opinion the so-called coded messages are not actually either coded or ciphered dispatches," the witness added.

As an experiment Struble said he had several men in his office attempt to type the messages on a typewriter and it was discovered that all of them used letters in one section of the typewriter keyboard. The seven "fakes" used only eight different letters, Struble said.

### Lane Takes Stand

Struble said he was acquainted with all kinds of code and had charge of the code and signal department of the navy.

Arthur Bliss Lane, head of the Mexican division of the State Department and former secretary to the American Embassy in Mexico City, testified that Miguel Avila, Hearst agent, had once tried to sell him a "Mexican document."

John Page, Hearst's Mexico City correspondent, once called with Avila at the embassy and produced a copy of a document attacking the then American Ambassador to Mexico, James R. Sheffield. Avila offered to get the original copy from the Mexican government files for 100 or 200 pesos, Lane said.

"I told Avila the embassy was not in the market for such documents," Lane testified.

### Grammatical Errors Similar

Again in August, 1926, Page (who procured the documents for Hearst newspapers) called at the embassy with a forged paper, Lane said. This document was written on embassy note paper and purported to relate that whatever should be taken up by Sheffield with Secretary Kellogg on the ambassador's American visit could be learned for a price.

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### RATE REDUCTION ASKED

Fertilizer Association Claims Freight Charges Are Discriminatory.

Petition for rate hearing and reduction was filed with the public service commission today against twenty-two railroads operating in Indiana by the National Fertilizer Association, Washington.

It alleges that the present freight rate on 30,000 pounds of fertilizer is sufficient for 40,000 pounds and that rates are "preferential and discriminatory."

### FOUR CITY FLATS SOLD

Two four-apartment flats, one duplex and one single dwelling were included in the purchase of \$30,000 worth of property in the 900 block on N. Capitol Ave. made Thursday by Charles B. and Caroline Hawk.

The properties were bought from William H. and Emma Smith, the deal being made through the Fieber & Reilly real estate firm.

The properties will be held for improvement, it was announced. The frontage is 911-13 and 15 N. Capitol Ave. and 930 to 940 Muskingum St.

## How Sweet!

By Times Special  
MARION, Ind., Jan. 6.—Frank Jefferson was arrested here after his wife said he had a case of inebriated halitosis. She informed police even his best friends could have told him, as he had been drinking perfume.

## EMPLOYERS TO MEET

Studebaker Official Will Speak at Dinner.

Dr. Charles A. Lippincott, South Bend, manager of the personnel and cooperative relations department of the Studebaker Corporation, will be the principal speaker at the twenty-fourth annual meeting and dinner of the Associated Employers of Indianapolis, Jan. 31, at the Columbia Club.

Andrew J. Allen, secretary of the association, will present a "Quarter Century Indianapolis Labor Review."

President Howard T. Griffith and other officers will give annual reports.

Moving pictures from the American Plan Association will be shown. Members of the Indianapolis Foremen's Club will be guests.

Eight new directors will be elected for three-year terms.

## JOBS TO DEMOCRATS

City Hall Custodian and Street Chief Named.

The board of works today announced appointment of two more Democrats to succeed two Republicans to fat city jobs.

Charles A. Grossart, 5148 N. Meridian St., former county commissioner, was named street commissioner, succeeding George Woodward.

Christ Hoffman, 1226 King Ave., was named city hall custodian, succeeding Charles L. Clark, former grand jury foreman.

It is expected the board of safety will give two more Democrats jobs at its meeting Tuesday. Howard E. Robertson, 5050 E. New York St., is slated to succeed Claude E. McCoy as safety board secretary.

Wilbur Parr, Broad Ripple, is slated to be chief inspector of weights and measures, succeeding Robert Hathaway.

Mayor L. Ert Slack has recommended the appointments.

## URGES FARM RELIEF

By Times Special  
CAYUGA, Ind., Jan. 6.—"The farmer must have help," declared Walter Myers, Indianapolis, Democratic candidate for United States Senator, in addressing a farmers' meeting here Thursday night.

"After he has paid his expenses, figures show that one-third of his dollar goes for taxes. The politicians have doubled the assessed valuation of his property and doubled his taxes. Nothing is done to help increase his income," Myers asserted.

## BLAMES ROUGH WEATHER IN SUB LOSS OF LIVES

Divers Could Have Kept Men in Sunken Craft Alive, Court Is Told.

By United Press  
CHARLESTOWN NAVY YARD, BOSTON, Jan. 6.—Only continued unfavorable weather prevented the rescue of the six men trapped in the torpedo room when the S-4 sank, the naval court of inquiry was told today.

Lieutenant Commander Edward Ellsberg, retired salvage expert, testified that if the weather had permitted diving while the men were still alive and able to operate the tubes, the salvagers could have provided them with food, air and clothing sufficient to last for weeks if necessary.

He expressed the opinion that although only six men were known to have been alive on the S-4 after the submarine was rammed by the coast guard destroyer Paulding, perhaps thirty other members of the crew were unconscious in the after part of the sunken craft.

Ellsberg said he believed everything possible was done toward rescuing those imprisoned in the sunken hull of the S-4.

Speedy Rescue Efforts  
"In my judgment," he said, "very speedy action was taken to send all equipment that was of benefit and a great deal that was of no benefit to the scene of the accident."

Under questioning by Commander Leslie E. Bratton judge advocate, the salvage expert reiterated that the navy was the only organization equipped for deep sea diving and that most good deep sea divers were navy trained.

Divers at the scene of the S-4 disaster were the best divers obtainable, he thought.

Ellsberg described the early attempts at rescue. At first, he said, it was decided to try to raise the S-4, something which might be accomplished by blowing water out of the ballast tanks. This was at 3 p. m. Dec. 18, less than twenty-four hours after the accident.

"It was believed that we might be able to rescue not only the six men forward, but perhaps thirty unconscious men aft," he said.

Send Down Air Hose  
The witness described how a diver was sent down to attach hose to the air compartments.

The blowing process was started, and for about an hour, it appeared that the submarine would be raised. Then air bubbles showed and increased until it seemed no air was getting into the submersible, Ellsberg testified.

"The only thing then was to abandon hope for the men aft and try to save the men forward," he said.

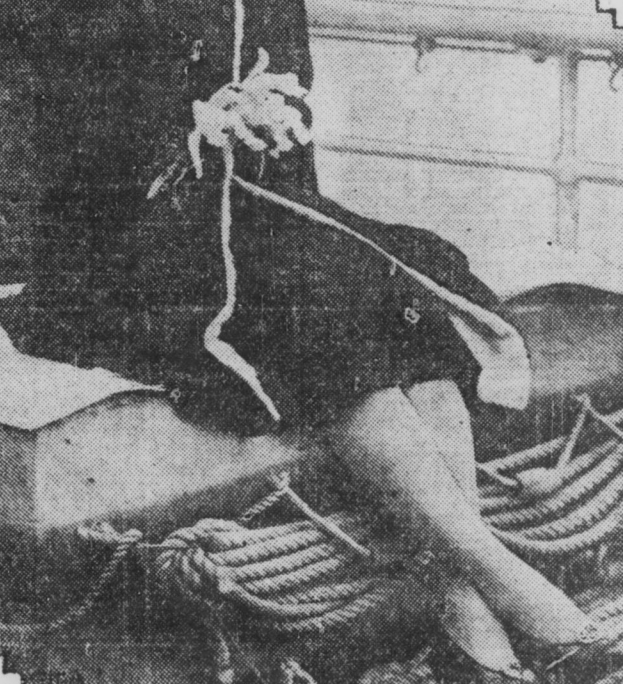
Ellsberg said Diver L. S. Michaels went down in bad weather for the star board salvage line which is a pipe lead with external valve leading

## State Will Honor Singer

JELICO, Tenn., Jan. 6.—A trainload of Tennesseans will go to New York next month when Grace Moore, former Jellico girl, makes her debut with the Metropolitan Opera Company in "La Boheme."

Governor Henry Horton, members of his staff, members of the Moore family and prominent Tennesseans will hear the native daughter "make good in the big city."

Miss Moore started her singing career in the choir of the Baptist church here.



to living quarters throughout the submarine.

Michaels sank into mud up to his hips, the witness asserted, and the cooperation of thirteen men was necessary to remove him.

Too Rough for Diving  
Finally Michaels got on the sunken submarine, but his line caught on the wreckage of the Paulding's bow. He tried to get back but could not free his line. The yawing of the Falcon above slackened the line which caught on the other side, catching the diver under the rope.

Ellsberg told how Michaels, after being down three hours, was rescued by a fellow diver.

"This showed that the weather was altogether too rough for diving," Ellsberg said.

Just Too Many to Count  
HOBOKEN, N. J., Jan. 6.—Kupper Bier, celebrating his 107th birthday, was visited by 140 of his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. He admitted not knowing how many more there were.

Hair for the best violin bows comes from white horses.

## DATE SET FOR TAXES HEARING

Horizontal Refund Requests May Be Received.

Hearing on a request of William Bosson, local attorney, to have county commissioners set a date for receiving petitions for payment of horizontal tax refund claims will be held by the commission next Friday.

Bosson, who represents several petitioners, attempted to have the matter brought before commissioners today, but officials and attorneys of the Indiana Taxpayers' Association asked for postponement.

The horizontal tax rates levied in 1919, 1920 and 1921 were held illegal by the Indiana Supreme Court last year and county officials were ordered to refund. County Attorney Clinton H. Givan said county officials will follow the court's order.

An amended complaint has been filed in Federal Court in the case brought by E. C. Atkins Company against county officials for an injunction to prevent the rebate.

Judge Robert C. Baltzell indicated he will dismiss this.

Plaintiff's attorneys are contemplating taking the case to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals at Chicago if this is done.

County Auditor Harry Dunn recently gave taxpayers six months in which to file additional rebate claims, setting out, however, that such action will be taken by them because the county is without funds to aid.

## EVANSVILLE GETS AID

Coast Guard Cutter to Help Fight River Ice.

By United Press  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—The coast guard has been called on to assist ice-bound farmers along Green River in Kentucky. After an appeal from Evansville, Ind. The Mississippi River coast guard cutter Kankakee was ordered to assist the steamer Evansville, caught in the Ohio River between the mouth of Green River and Evansville.

The Evansville is loaded with provisions needed by Green River valley farmers. The Kankakee will either take the provisions from the Evansville and distribute them along the river settlements or break a passage way through the ice for the steamer.

## Flood Fuel

By Times Special  
EVANSVILLE, Ind., Jan. 6.—Receding flood waters of the Ohio River left behind piles of driftwood which needy residents of the city are using as fuel. Those wont to visit railroad tracks to pick up coal are now seen along the river bank.

## KILLED AT CROSSING

Injuries in Crash Fatal to City Youth.

William Grimes, 20, of 1438 Samoa St., died Thursday night in the city hospital after his automobile was struck by a New York Central train at E. Twenty-First St. and the Belt railroad.

Grimes had driven to the Indianapolis Glove Company, 430 N. Liberty St., to meet Miss N. E. Thompson, 2187 Linwood Ave., whom he usually took home each evening. He was returning from her home when struck by the train.

The warning whistle was blowing and the bell ringing at the time of the crash, according to Ernest Bowman, 49, 2831 Station St., the engineer.

Grimes was sent to the city hospital suffering from a fractured skull and severe bruises. Coroner C. H. Keever investigated.

Grimes came to Indianapolis about a year ago from Attica, Ind., where he was born. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Grimes, live there. Mrs. Grimes is in the Robert Long Hospital for an operation for a throat ailment.

## CABINET MAKER BURIED

Service Conducted for Fred Wuster, Native of Germany

Fred Wuster, 88, who died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Leonard Vogt, 1818 S. East St., Wednesday, was buried this afternoon at Crown Hill cemetery, beside the grave of his wife, who died three weeks ago.

He had been ill three years. A native of Germany, Mr. Wuster came to Indianapolis thirty years ago and worked at his trade of cabinet maker until his retirement.

Surviving are three sons, Ernest, Adolph and Robert, all of Indianapolis, and four daughters, Mrs. Vogt, Mrs. Paulina Wolf, and Mrs. Albert Janert, all of Indianapolis, and Mrs. William Nepper, of Buffalo, N. Y.

## RULING SOUGHT ON CITY POWER

Gilliom to Be Urged to Act in Huntington Dispute.

Attorneys Otto H. Krieg and Arthur Saylor of Huntington, and Ford Paul, water works superintendent, today called on Attorney General Arthur L. Gilliom in an effort to obtain another ruling from him as to whether or not the State tax board or the public service commission should have jurisdiction over a proposed \$60,000 bond issue to improve the Huntington municipal light plant.

Gilliom recently ruled for the State Tax Board Chairman John J. Brown that bond issues of a municipal light plant come under the service commission, but Gilliom was not informed that the Huntington plant is operated only to provide power and light for streets and municipal purposes and not for profit, the attorneys said.

Brown was accused at the time of a hearing before the tax board on the bond issue of advising Huntington officials they could get their power cheaper from the Insull-owned Northern Indiana Power and Light Company.

## GOOD WILL FLIER READY

British War Ace to Leave Chicago for Latin America.

By United Press  
CHICAGO, Jan. 6.—Captain Joseph Donnellan, British World War ace, expected to take off today on the first leg of his 18,000-mile "Good Will" flight to Latin America.

Captain Donnellan's plane, a single motored biplane, was pronounced fit after yesterday's tests, and weather permitting, a start will be made today. Donnellan expects to visit practically every South and Central American capital to promote business good will.

## Attacked Girl, Charge

By Times Special  
TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Jan. 6.—Charged with criminally assaulting a 14-year-old girl, Franklin Edward, 58, is held here after officers battered down the door of a room in which Edward, armed with a shotgun, had locked the girl and himself.



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