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WRENCH USED TO TAP SUB'S SIGNALS FOUND

Paint Is Worn Off Hull by Brave Officer Sending Code Messages.

DISCOVER NO MESSAGES

All of Crew of Forty Lived Shortly After Crash; Deaths Peaceful.

By United Press

BOSTON, March 20.—The instrument with which Lieutenant Graham Newell Fitch tapped out messages from the torpedo chamber in the submarine S-4, was found by investigators today.

It was a torpedo socket wrench, not a hammer.

Secretary of the Navy Curtis D. Wilbur was expected to arrive here at 2 p. m. from Pittsburgh to inspect the S-4. It was not known whether he was coming by airplane or train.

Two members of the board of inspection and three technical advisers, seeking to determine the status of the S-4 at the time of the crash with the coast guard destroyer Paulding, completed their examination of the torpedo room where six men were entombed alive three days.

They failed to find any written messages of farewell. Secretary Wilbur, who has been at Fitchburg, Mass., will visit the Navy yard at 2 p. m. to confer with members of the board about their findings.

The socket wrench with which Fitch pounded his code messages was worn on one end. The handle was bent apparently from the force of the hammering on the steel plates of the hull.

Couldn't Stay at Posts

The theory that the submarine could have been saved after the crash if the men had stayed at their posts in the control room was refuted in the findings of the investigators.

Had the men stayed at their posts even a minute, they would have died of the deadly chlorine gas which was released when the water poured through the hatch into the battery room, adjacent to the control room, the board said.

The S-4, in dry dock here after three months on the ocean floor off Provincetown, had yielded the final eight bodies not recovered by divers, and provided the full story of what happened on Dec. 17, when the S-4 was rammed by the cutter Paulding.

The preliminary investigation furnished much information on the tragic death of the forty men.

They died a peaceful death. Most of them apparently slipped into unconsciousness from partial asphyxiation still hoping to be saved, and died without awakening.

All Forty Lived After Crash.

All forty were alive for a considerable period after the sinking of the S-4.

The six in the torpedo room lived the longest. It was they who, headed by Lieut. Graham N. Fitch, courageously hung on for three days and maintained communication with those who tried to rescue them by signal-tapping on the hull.

They died sleeping in their bunks. Only Lieutenant Fitch stayed on his feet, maintaining his morale as an officer in the pitch darkness 100 feet under water, taking care of his men, ordering them to lie quiet to conserve the air, and keeping up his tapping on the hull with the wrench.

The spot where he had worn the paint off the hull by his rappings remained as silent testimony to his valor.

A small two-celled flashlight, with an ordinary pocket watch attached to the end, was found. The occasional use of the flashlight must have supplied the only glimmer of light the entombed six had after the submarine was struck.

Oxygen in One Tank

Oxygen still remained in one of the tanks, showing clearly that Fitch had been saving it as a last resort and that the end must have come to him unaware, so that he never had the chance to use it.

The hole cut in the submarine by the Paulding was surprisingly small—about one foot by three. It was partly plugged by the bow of the Paulding, which was wrecked off. Capt. E. L. King, in charge of salvage operations, said the hole was not sufficient to sink the vessel.

It was believed that when the collision made the apparatus of the S-4 was set for a "crash dive" and she sank down for her own accord, due to the flooding of her ballast tanks.

The men were driven from the control room by chlorine gas from the batteries or noxious fumes from burning electrical insulation. The thirty-four men aft and amidship sealed themselves in the two aft compartments, where they died.

One fact showed the sinking of the vessel to be a bit of ill-fate. A difference of one foot in the positions of the Paulding and the S-4 might have prevented the forty men from being killed.

"If the S-4 had been a foot lower in the water," Lieut. A. C. Wilson reported, "or had the S-4 made just twenty degrees more in its turn, the collision would have been avoided."

WATSON 'DRYNESS' CAN'T BE TRUSTED, CRUSADER ASSERTS

Prohibition Losing Public Sentiment at Alarming Rate, Party Leader Declares at Meeting to Nominate Slate for Fall Election.

Prohibition is losing public sentiment at an "alarming rate," it was admitted today by Indiana prohibition party leaders in convention here to nominate a slate for the fall election.

"If we go for the next ten years as we have for the last eight, we are in danger of losing the prohibition amendment," declared F. W. Lough of Indianapolis, former State chairman of the prohibition party. Other speakers were in agreement with Lough's assertion. They deplored lax law enforcement; railed at George L. Winkler deputy dry administrator; placed no more faith in Senator James E. Watson's "dryness" than in Al Smith's, and criticized President Coolidge for trimming down liquor law enforcement appropriations.

They declared the need for a strong Prohibition party with an out-and-out Prohibition President as the only successful means of accomplishing real prohibition in the United States.

"Prohibition philosophy is just as badly needed today as fifty years ago," said Lough. "Lots of folks who stood with the drys, now say they are in doubt."

Second-Hand Thinkers

"It's the second-hand thinker with half-baked thoughts that feels that way. Liquor propaganda is flooding the country and must be fought," Lough said he and John W. Huddleston, who, he said, had been an under-cover operative, city policeman and detective, went into southern Indiana and at a "saving of hundreds of dollars to the Government" stacked up liquor evidence against alleged violators in Evansville, Washington, Booneville and other cities.

"We turned the whole lot—evidence substantiated by responsible citizens—to Winkler up here," Lough shouted, "and later learned it was all dumped into a wastebasket at Evansville. It hurt bitterly to play detective and then be laughed at at headquarters."

Need Strong President

Lough said the Thirteenth amendment outlawing slavery succeeded, because the people voted a President into office who would uphold it.

"But when the Eighteenth amendment was enacted," he said, "the people elected Harding—a man as wet as Al Smith, and he in turn appointed on his cabinet Andy Mellon, a big distiller!"

A bid for a merger of the prohibition party with the Anti-Saloon League and all anti-liquor groups was sounded by Dr. Homer J. Hall of Franklin, eight years State prohibition chairman, now State field secretary for the No-Tobacco League.

"If such a 'dry federation' isn't formed," he said, "the United States and Indiana will go down and down like Greece, Rome and Babylon."

Hall's slaps at the cigarette brought from J. E. Thompson of Mooreville, the question: "What can we do about the cigarette when a man like Jim Watson gives the picture and name to an indorsement?"

Jim Like All Politicians

Lough replied that investigation had brought from Watson the statement the advertisement referred to was without his knowledge or consent.

"But so far as that goes," Lough added, "I've no more faith in Jim Watson's dryness than in Al Smith's. He's just like all politicians. They talk dry to please the drys, but they act wet to please the wets—and it's actions that count."

"What we need," he declared vehemently, "is a President who would call out troops from Ft. Benjamin Harrison to enforce the liquor law in Indiana!"

Stafford E. Homan, Marion County prohibition chairman, urged adoption of a plank restricting immigration, "because," he said, "immigrants increase unemployment, unemployment makes it hard to enforce the liquor laws, and the harder it is to enforce liquor laws, the worse the situation gets."

Two Attend Convention

W. T. Lynn of Indianapolis acted as chairman of the convention meeting at the Volunteers of America Hall, 320 N. Illinois St., in the absence of Chairman B. L. Allen, D. Leigh Colvin, chairman of the prohibition national committee, spoke briefly this morning and will be the principal speaker tonight.

Sixteen men and four women were present this morning, but speakers insisted "it was the principle and not the number that counted."

The Rev. William H. Harris of Indianapolis, was expected to be the party's nominee for United States Senator, and Dr. Albert Stanley, a dentist, also of this city, the nominee for Governor.

Homan, H. S. Bonis of Indianapolis, and S. A. Keiger of Kokomo, comprise the nominating committee.

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General Noble, designer of the ship, as well as the Norge which took the Amundsen-Ellsworth-Noble expedition across the pole in 1926, expressed satisfaction with its performance.

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MOORE BRIBE CHARGE TRIAL IS NEAR END

State Is Completing Case; City Clerk on Stand All Morning.

DORSETT NEXT ON LIST

Another Councilman to Face Court as Soon as Jury Returns Verdict.

The States case against City Councilman Boynton J. Moore, on trial for bribery in Criminal Court, was being completed this afternoon.

City Clerk William A. Boyce Jr., was on the stand all morning, reading into the record numerous city ordinances bearing on testimony the State has introduced, in its efforts to prove Moore solicited and accepted a \$100 bribe to influence his vote on impeachment proceedings against Mayor John L. Duval.

The trial moved slowly, in direct contrast to the sensational testimony and sharp clashes of attorneys which marked Monday's session.

Dorsett Next on Trial

Trial of Councilman Walter R. Dorsett on a similar charge, set for Thursday, will follow immediately at the end of Moore's trial. Special Assistant Prosecutor Emsey W. Johnson said today.

Due to another trial set for criminal court next week, Dorsett's trial may be held in one of the superior courtrooms.

No special venire for Dorsett's trial has been ordered. Three special venues were exhausted before Moore's jury was selected.

After two hours on the stand for direct examination, Boyce was started on its cross-examination, the method of which was objected to frequently by Prosecutor William H. Remy.

Moore's attorney, Ira M. Holmes, took the position that since the numerous ordinances and entire impeachment proceedings against Mayor Duval had been read into the record as State's evidence, he had a right to show the slight part Moore had in these and other council matters, but he was overruled by Special Judge Paul G. Davis.

Armitage to Take Stand

William H. Armitage, who was a principal witness in Mayor Duval's trial last year, will be the first defense witness, Attorney Henry H. Winkler said. It is believed Armitage will be used in an attempt to discredit Duval's testimony against Moore.

The State today was putting into the records the official minutes of city council regarding rezoning deals on which it alleges Moore received bribes.

It required more than an hour to read the impeachment charges against Mayor Duval. The council records had to do with deals mentioned in Monday's testimony, which picture Moore as receiving bribes on at least five occasions.

Loose ends of the case were gathered in, the prosecution already having presented the evidence by which it claims it has proved Moore's acceptance of the \$100, for which he is on trial.

VOTE IN N. DAKOTA

Smith, Lowden Unopposed in Today's Primary.

By United Press

BISMARCK, N. D., March 20.—North Dakota went to the polls today in what was expected to be one of the quietest primaries in the history of the State.

The voters will select Al Smith of New York, Democrat, and Frank O. Lowden, former Governor of Illinois, Republican, as their presidential choices. No other candidates certified.

State issues and the gubernatorial contest were quiet.

FRANK PRINCE NAMED REED PUBLICITY CHIEF

Former Times Reporter Will Assist Missouri Senator.

By Times Special

WASHINGTON, March 20.—Lee Merrivether, in charge of Senator James A. Reed's campaign for the presidential nomination, announced today that Frank J. Prince of Indianapolis had been appointed director of publicity for the Reed campaign.

Prince took a leading part in the expose of corrupt political conditions in Indiana as a member of the staff of the Indianapolis Times.

SENATOR CRITICALLY ILL

Ferris of Michigan Suffers Attack of Bronchial Pneumonia.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, March 20.—No change was noted today in the condition of Senator Woodbridge W. Ferris of Michigan, who is seriously ill with bronchial pneumonia.

The 75-year-old Senator spent a "fairly comfortable" night, it was said by relatives.

Rah Rah! Miss Spring, Greetings!



Technical High School students tripped lightly across their campus in June with the pace set by Miss Springtime as she arrived today. Hatless, overcoats, ungloved, sometimes neckties youth portrayed the universal happiness that the time of violets and apple blossoms approacheth. Typical celebrants in the picture are, left to right: Miss Merle Clark, 37 N. Eastern Ave.; Miss Lowanna Cannan, 3016 E. New York St.; Raymond Huebner, 436 N. Capitol Ave., and Robert Austin, 526 N. Temple Ave.

THREE DAYS OF LIFE LEFT TO MAN AND WIFE FACING NOOSE

Oh, Sue Hymn!

By United Press

ATLANTA, Ga., March 20.—The congregation of the Mt. Vernon Baptist church (Negro) will sing no more hymns nor hear any sermons until it has settled with the Rev. William Jones, pastor.

Jones seized the church's five song books, its organ, its Bible and its collection box, and announced he would hold them until his back salary was paid.

The deacons, meanwhile, have petitioned a court to enjoin him from further practice.

OFFICERS DEMOTED

Pair Reduced in Rank for Discourtesy.

Discourtesy to motorists was given as the reason for demotion of two traffic officers today by the board of safety.

Ira M. Haymaker, Democratic member, reprimanded Traffic Officer Robert Van Hoy for his remarks to a woman motorist. Van Hoy told the board he "had been nervous since he was run over by a car a year ago." He was transferred to a district on his request.

Barrett Ball, Republican, a crack shot of the department, was reduced from patrolman to second-grade patrolman on recommendation of Police Chief Claude M. Worley. Worley told Fred Connell, board president, he asked Ball's demotion "because of his discourtesy."

Worley and the board have preached courtesy to officers since they took office.

MSGR. GAVISK IMPROVES

Condition of Sick Chancellor Reported Fair.

Msgr. Francis H. Gavisk, chancellor of the Indianapolis diocese of the Catholic Church and pastor of St. John's Church, was "considerably improved" at St. Vincent's Hospital today, attendants reported. His condition now is "fair." Msgr. Gavisk has been in a serious condition since going to the hospital March 3 suffering from a cold and heart attack.

TAX BOARD MAPS WORK

Will Consider Valuation of Phone Companies, Starting April 2.

Telephone companies will be the first to be considered for valuation by the State tax board, starting the week of April 2.

Valuation hearings will follow each week on telegraph, sleeping car and pipe lines, electric, gas and water utilities and financial establishments, electric railroads and steam railroads.

VEILED SHOT MAY KILL

Police Unable to Solve Wounding of Washington Man.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, Ind., March 20.—Matthew Blair is in a serious condition here as the result of a mysterious shooting which police so far have been unable to solve.

Blair was in his home at the time of the shooting. With him were his mother, brother and sister, but all refused to talk, police said.

OPPOSE SOVIET ARMS PROPOSAL

England, France, Italy Join in League Issue.

By HENRY WOOD

UNITED PRESS STAFF CORRESPONDENT

GENEVA, March 20.—Representatives of three major powers today opposed immediate action on the Soviets' disarmament proposals which have the indorsement of three other nations.

Lord Cusendon of England, Count Chaulard of France and Signor De Mammis of Italy deplored Soviet insistence that the League of Nations' preparatory disarmament commission give a quick "yes or no" answer regarding its project.

WINKLER FORCES OPEN PARKE COUNTY CLEANUP

Federal Men With 30 Warrants Start Third Raid This Month.

The third wholesale liquor raid conducted by Federal prohibition agents in the last ten days was under way in Parke County today.

Thirteen dry agents under George L. Winkler, deputy dry administrator, began the raids early this morning. They were armed with thirty warrants. Cooperation was given by the sheriff and prosecuting attorney.

POOL TICKETS SEIZED

Police Arrest Five in Raid on Gaming Devices.

Lieut. Ralph Dean and squad seized eight pre-season baseball pool books in a raid on a poolroom at 239 Indiana Ave. late Monday.

Ralph, Altmeyster, 28, of 427 Hancock St., and Herman Dodson, 40, Camby, Ind., were charged with keeping gaming devices.

At the Speedway bar, 254 Indiana Ave., William Kretsch, 58, proprietor, was charged with keeping a gaming device and Charles Dwyer, 31, of 348 Orange St., and Charles Cramer, 44, of 2435 N. New Jersey St., were charged with selling pool tickets.

STORK DELAYS TRAIN

Passenger Held Twenty Minutes for Arrival of 9-Pound Boy.

By United Press

MUSKOGEE, Okla., March 20.—Missouri, Kansas & Texas passenger train No. 11, arrived here twenty minutes late, but carried an unexpected passenger, a nine-pound boy, born to Mrs. Florence McGure, while the train was held at McAlester.

Witnesses stories of the crash varied. Some said the bus driver, Esta Emerick, 22, 27 N. Fulton St., had ample time to stop and avoid the crash. Others said Mrs. Chapple, driving east on Twentieth St. across Delaware, failed to stop at the preferential street.

Lieut. Fred Drinkut charged Emerick with assault and battery and reckless driving and Mrs. Chapple with failure to stop at a preferential street.

Three passengers on the bus were bruised on the legs. They were Louis Gleason, 28, of 4001 E. Washington St.; Mrs. Ella Kent, 1345 W. Thirty-First St.; and Mrs. Edith Shelton, 2955 N. New Jersey St.

Dr. William A. Doeppers, city hospital superintendent, who rushed to the scene with two ambulances, personally treated the injured.

Frantic Efforts Made to Save McDonalds From Gallows Death.

BY JAMES R. KELLY

UNITED PRESS STAFF CORRESPONDENT

MONTREAL, Quebec, March 20.—Only three days and nights more of life—and those behind steel-barred windows—remained today for the youthful Doris and George McDonald, unless there is a kindly intervention.

The couple, convicted of killing Abelard Bouchard, a taxi driver, who had been in the old provincial gallows, now painted a bright new red, at Valley field prison, Friday.

But intervention attempts are many.

Mrs. McDonald's attorney has spent the last few days seeking clemency from the minister of justice at Ottawa. One of his men wedged an affidavit signed by McDonald, which exonerated his youthful American wife from any connection with the murder.

"She had not one thing to do in the murder," the affidavit read. "I swear this by my God in Heaven."

Doris mother, Mrs. Hazel Greco of Chicago, and George's father, John McDonald of Sydney, N. S., have arrived to be with their children in these last few days.

McDonald brought a petition signed by many people in the Sydney and Cape Breton region—who had known the sleek-haired George as a youth—for clemency. Mrs. Greco brought only hope for her daughter.

"I still believe the department of justice at Ottawa will commute the sentence of my daughter," Mrs. Greco, a slight, rather attractive woman, insisted.

She has no reason to offer, other than a mother's hope and a mother's prayer for her child.

Call Sinclair Secretary

The committee now believes "the package may have been a Christmas gift sent by the son-in-law of Chief Justice Martin of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals. The son, who is employed by the Sinclair Refining Company, Chicago, sent a package of Christmas cards which was delayed en route, Martin said.

The committee will meet Wednesday to hear Wilbur Marsh, Waterloo, Iowa, former treasurer of the Democratic national committee and Merritt Baldwin, Meriden, Conn., former confidential secretary to Sinclair.

Marsh has been called in connection with the story related to the committee in Chicago by Irl Hipsley, that the late Fred W. Upham, treasurer of the Republican national committee, had a tacit understanding with Marsh not to file detailed reports of 1923 party contributions.

Marsh has denied the charge.

Baldwin has been called to see if he knew anything of Sinclair's financial arrangements with politicians.

The Robinson charges against Smith, concerning which Nye said he also had some private information, climaxed a sensational four-hour debate in the Senate late Monday, when both Republicans and Democrats bared their campaign animosities over the Teapot Dome affair.

Will Hays was attacked by Senator Borah, who declared the Republican party was obligated to pay back its "debt of shame" to Sinclair and said that no Republican could win the next election "whose clothes smell of smut."

VIOLATION OF VOTE LAW BY G. O. P. HINTED

Donations by Corporations Bared; Prosecution Is Seen Possible.

WON'T CALL AL SMITH

Any Sinclair Contribution in N. Y. Outside of Probers' Realm.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, March 20.—A violation of the corrupt practices act may have been shown in two Republican campaign contributions uncovered at the Chicago Teapot Dome hearings, Senator Walsh of Montana said today.

He announced that he plans further investigation of the \$4,000 contribution of the Corn Products Company and the \$2,000 contribution of the Congress Hotel Corporation, to ascertain if prosecutions are warranted.

Walsh said the corrupt practices act restrains any contributions of corporations to political campaign funds.

This was the first intimation that any prosecutions could be undertaken in connection with the new investigation. Walsh and others agreeing that the statute of limitations makes prosecutions generally inadvisable.

The Corn Products donation was revealed by George W. Lamb, employee of the company, and the Congress Hotel gift was made known by John Burke, hotel manager.

No Call for Al Smith

Governor Al Smith will not be subpoenaed by the Senate Teapot Dome Committee to ascertain if Harry Sinclair, indicted oil man, contributed liberally to his 1920 gubernatorial campaign, Chairman Nye announced today.

"The committee can not go into the question of whether Smith appointed Sinclair a State racing commissioner or whether Sinclair gave a campaign contribution to the New York Governor," Nye said. "Our investigation is confined to the bonds of the Continental Trading Company."

Senator Robinson (Rep.), Indiana, said he did not intend to rest his charges Sinclair was a liberal Smith campaign contributor. He announced he would soon make a speech to the Senate setting forth what facts he can privately develop about the matter.

Discount Mystery Package

Nye let it be known the committee would inquire into sale of the Marion Star in 1923 by the late President Harding; and previously there accumulated a mass of confusing and conflicting information about the committee's "mystery witness."

The committee will seek, Nye said, to ascertain if any Continental Liberty bonds were "involved in any way in the Teapot Dome case."

He has no information that the oil bonds were involved, but he believes a private inquiry into the matter is necessary in view of unsubstantiated reports concerning the deal which have been current in Washington.

Nye now feels the committee may have been misled by information it received from its mystery witness M. B. Frederick, American Rail Express Company agent at Washington, Ill. Frederick revealed privately to the committee he had received orders from a Sinclair Oil Company employee in Chicago to redirect to a Washington (D. C.) judge a package which had been erroneously addressed to Washington, Ill.

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