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LINK PICKUP DRIVER IN GIRL DEATH PUZZLE

Alice Leonard, 15, Missing Two Months, Thought Murdered.

YELLOW CAR SOUGHT

Last Seen Going for Ride; Mysterious Phone Call Received by Family.

By United Press
CLEVELAND, Ohio, April 3.—A motorist, of extremely polite demeanor, who took pretty little Alice Leonard, 15, for a ride on Jan. 26, was sought for questioning today in connection with the girl's death.

Alice was never seen after she entered the yellow roadster the motorist was driving. Monday her body was found hidden in some tall grass near a deserted play-lot. Part of her clothing was missing and there was a cut on her ankle.

Phone Call Received
Authorities were unable to determine whether she had been murdered.

School girl friends said that Alice left the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Leonard, in Mayfield on Jan. 26, to attend a school basketball game. Just before the game was to start she met a man driving a "yellow roadster" they said.

The couple chatted a few moments and then the girl got into the motor car.

When she did not attend the basketball game and also failed to return home her parents became worried. The advised police. Descriptions were broadcast throughout the district.

Five days after Alice's disappearance the family received a telephone call from Akron, Ohio, saying Alice would be home the following day and not to worry. Some of their fears subsided but on the following day the girl did not appear.

Believe Girl Murdered
Week after week the family made an effort to locate Alice but these were to no avail. She had not been seen any place in this district.

Monday some boys playing on the vacant lot found the girl's body. Detectives said they believed the girl had been murdered although an early examination failed to reveal any wounds that might have caused death. Some believed a hit-and-run driver might have struck her, then dragged her body into the tall grass.

An autopsy will be performed immediately in an attempt to learn the manner of death.

RADIO TAXI NOW ARE POPULAR IN CAPITAL

Innovation Soothes Nerves in Traffic Jams.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, April 3.—The radio taxi has made its appearance in the District of Columbia. A receiver is installed beside the chauffeur just under the taximeter and the roof acts as an aerial antenna.

Residents of Washington riding downtown to dinner may listen all the way to jazz music from a famous New York orchestra, although the space available for dancing is even more restricted than in the most popular restaurants. Whenever the automobile is caught in a traffic jam the temper of the belated patrons may be reduced below the boiling point by the soothing strains of church organs or grand opera.

No extra charge is made for turning on the music, or for turning it off when not desired. But the taxis equipped with radio are especially in demand.

COMET IS DISCOVERED BY FRENCH SCIENTIST

Second of Year Located on St. Patrick's Day.

By Science Service
CAMBRIDGE, Mass., April 3.—The year's second comet arrived in time to be discovered on St. Patrick's Day, though the discovery was made in France, and not Ireland, according to a belated report reaching the Harvard College Observatory here.

The first comet of the year was picked up by a German astronomer in February on Washington's birthday.

The new comet, which was of the eleventh magnitude at the time of discovery, was found by M. Giacomini, of the Paris Observatory, and was in the constellation of Orion, now visible in the western sky in the early evening. It was then moving rapidly to the south.

Giacomini is known for his cometary discoveries, as he found another one in 1907.

FILIPINOS WILL DEBATE

Team of Four Will Appear at I. U. April 21.

By Times Special
COVINGTON, Ind., April 3.—University of the Philippines' debate team will appear at Indiana University April 21, in the course of an American tour which includes visits to the Universities of Southern California, Minnesota, Michigan, Wisconsin and Harvard.

The question is "Resolved, That the Philippines should be granted independence."

Members of the team are Jacinto Forja, Teodoro Evangelista, Deocaris Puyat and Pedro Camus.

TOT GOES A'VISITING

No Fare, Rides on 'French Leave'



Helen Maxine Holmes, 5, who knows how to ride without paying.

HELEN MAXINE HOLMES, 1206 Olney St., celebrated her fifth birthday with a street car ride—two of them, which took her eight miles from home.

And the rides were free rides, for Helen didn't have a cent when she started out. What conductor would refuse such a charming miss?

Helen's mother, Mrs. George Holmes, didn't have such an enjoyable time while this excursion was going on, but Helen is back home today and is perfectly willing to explain the full details of her trip.

Sunday Helen was 5. She was playing with Esther Mary Smith, 6, of 1114 Olney St., Monday, when she decided to celebrate a bit by journeying to visit her aunt, Mrs. Delby Monroe, 1121 N. New Jersey St.

About 11 a. m. Esther bundled her little guest into her (Esther's) little red car and hat that she wears to the first grade of School 54. Helen sallied forth to the corner and stopped at an E. Tenth St. car, bound for the business district.

She told the conductor she was going on a visit and rode free. Unconcerned, though watched by her anxious and smiling mother, she picked up her own coat today and showed how she had worn her girl friend's coat. She wore it tight around her body—just like an up-to-date flapper.

She left the street car at North and East Sts., the conductor told the parents. She evidently walked two blocks, for she rode north to the 2000 block in New Jersey St., on a car she had hailed at Alabama and North Sts.

A woman attempted to help her find "Aunt Monroe's," and when she failed, called police. Except for the fright from having a police escort, Miss Holmes, a bit mused from traveling, walked serenely into her mother's arms a little later.

"Hadda good time," she said.

G. O. P. TO NAME PARLEY LEADER

Committee Meets Today to Choose Chairman.

By United Press
KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 3.—Selection of a temporary chairman for the Republican national convention here in June probably will be made today by the committee on arrangements.

The committee met Monday and there was a session Monday night, but no agreement could be reached. It was reported that the choice of William M. Butler, national chairman, would be the first discussed today.

A number of Senators were included among the possibilities. Among them were Senator Simon D. Ross of Ohio, Senator Frederick Gilette of Massachusetts, Senator George H. Moses of New Hampshire, Senator Arthur Capper of Kansas, Senator Charles S. Deneen of Illinois, and former Senator Irvine Lenroot of Wisconsin.

Several details for the convention were settled Monday. Lee Nixon was named sergeant-at-arms for the convention.

The national committee decided on headquarters offices in the Security Bldg., in the downtown district, and also decided on the problem of housing Negro delegates. They will reside in the Negro Y. M. C. A. and Street Hotel.

Also, it was said the committee would enter new hotel contracts which called for abolition of the 25 per cent deposit. This would mean a number of deposits would be returned.

DOUBLE FUNERAL RITES

Burial Wednesday for Suicide Sisters at Logansport.

By Times Special
LOGANSPORT, Ind., April 3.—Double funeral services will be held at the Indian Creek Church near Graceland Wednesday for Esta Hoover, 22, and Seena Hoover, 18, sisters drowned in a suicide pact in El river here last week. The downfall of the younger girl was the motive for the tragedy, her condition having been revealed by an autopsy.

John Eskew, 25, who was to have married the older girl Sunday, and his brother, Edgar, 21, taken into custody at the time the bodies were recovered, have been released.

GILLIOM OPENS OFFICE

Campaign Headquarters in Charge of Ralph Kane.

Attorney General Arthur L. Gilliom, candidate for Republican nomination for United States Senator, has opened headquarters in Rooms 825 and 861, the Claypool. State Manager Ralph Kane is in charge with Fred Cummings as assistant. Gilliom speaks tonight before the Irvington Republican Club.

MELLON ASKS NEW SLASH IN TAX MEASURE

Cut of \$201,115,000 Urged in Senate: Says House Bill High.

INDORSES AUTO REVENUE

Tells Committee Flood Relief Must Be Deducted From Reductions.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, April 3.—Secretary of Treasury Mellon recommended to the Senate Finance Committee today a total maximum tax reduction of \$201,115,000, or \$23,885,000 below his previous estimate.

If the Jones-Reid flood bill passes and is signed, appropriations for flood relief next year must be deducted from the tax cut, making the total tax reduction about \$181,115,000, he told the committee.

Mellon renewed his plea for retention intact of the automobile tax and for repeal of the estate tax, which the House overrode last December in passing its \$289,000,000 tax reduction bill now before the Senate committee.

Surplus for 1928 Cut
He said the 1928 estimated treasury surplus had been cut, \$53,000,000 by unanticipated expenditures, principally the \$50,000,000 alien property bill, and that the 1929 estimated surplus had shrunk \$40,000,000 to about \$212,000,000 because of increased appropriations for the War and Navy Departments, United States Veterans' Bureau, postal deficiency and an enlarged building program.

In addition, total revenue receipts for 1928 fell \$6,000,000 below estimates, being actually \$4,069,000,000, he said.

"It is noteworthy," he stated, "that in view of all the criticism the March collections completely confirm the accuracy of the treasury's estimate of current income tax collections for both 1928 and 1929."

Mellon included in his recommendations to the committee a tax revision and reduction program as follows:

Reduction Recommendations
Reduction of general corporation income tax rate from 13½ to 12 per cent. This will mean a revenue loss estimated at \$123,000,000.

Revision of rates on individual incomes of from \$14,000 to \$75,000. Revenue loss about \$50,000,000.

Repeal of Federal estate tax. Estimated revenue loss, \$7,000,000.

Exemption from tax of income derived from American bankers' acceptances held by foreign central banks of issue. Revenue loss negligible.

Increase from \$2,000 to \$3,000 in exemption for corporations having incomes less than \$25,000. Revenue loss, \$12,000,000.

Increase from 75 cents to \$1 in exemption for admissions tax. Revenue loss, \$8,000,000.

Says House Plan Ill-Balanced
If flood control forces a lopping off of \$20,000,000 from this tax reduction program, Mellon advocated retaining the present exemption on small corporations and the present taxes on admissions, cereal beverages, bankers' acceptance and wines.

Mellon said the Senate could not pass the House measure cutting taxes without producing an ill-balanced tax system. He said the auto tax was an indirect levy that yielded substantial revenue without imposing particular hardship.

He also disapproved of the House proposal for a graduated tax on corporations. A corporation's income does not measure its ability to pay taxes unless the factor of invested capital is considered, he said. Adoption of a graduated corporation tax would inevitably lead back to the excess profits tax, he asserted.

In estimating the income for next year, Mellon said, "There is nothing to indicate that business conditions will differ materially during the balance of the calendar year from those which have prevailed during the past twenty-four months."

The secretary said the treasury was "seriously considering" settlement out of court of all back tax cases whenever the odds on a question of law are all against the Government.

He said that under the present method of compelling litigation the back-tax collection machinery was threatened with complete breakdown, since 60 per cent of all back-tax cases were appealed, with the Government winning only 41 per cent of appealed cases.

Stork Blanks Death

By Times Special
DUNKIRK, Ind., April 3.—The stork is monarch here. During March there were three births and not one death.

600,000 W.C.T.U. WOMEN TO MAKE CERTAIN THEY VOTE FOR DRYS

planks and candidates who are "the undoubted friends of prohibition."

Prohibition, she said, would be a real issue in the next election.

"The W. C. T. U. is non-partisan. The Democratic women within its ranks are working for prohibition in their party while the Republican women are doing the same thing with their own affiliations," said Mrs. Boole.

Mrs. Boole said that the W. C. T. U. had held eleven sectional campaign conferences this year at which every State was represented, and that as a result she believed the organization had succeeded in its objective to focus attention upon law observance.

Nine Best Spellers Are Chosen to Represent County in State Contest



Above, left to right, Charles Feibleman, Robert McTurnan, Max Glaze. Center, Helen Kass, Rosa Pence, Minnie Andrews. Below, William Thompson, Francis Nipp and Donald Robertson.

Nine winners were selected Friday from Marion County grade schools in the Indiana Spelling Bee under the direction of the Indianapolis Times. The students were from eight zones in Indianapolis and one zone outside the city in Marion County.

Winners are:
Charles Feibleman, 12, of 3262 Ruckle St., 8A grade of school No. 16 in zone one.
Robert McTurnan, 12, of 624 E. Twelfth St., 8B grade of school No. 10 in zone two.
Max Glaze, 12, of 323 Minkner St., 7B grade of school No. 16 in zone three.

Helen Kass, 12, of 519½ Court St., 8A grade of school No. 5 in zone four.
Rosa Pence, 12, of 1412 Prospect St., 8A grade of school No. 8 in zone five.
Minnie Andrews, 13, of 1149 Madeira St., 8B grade of school No. 79 in zone six.
William Thompson, 12, of 1136 N. Temple St., 7A grade of school No. 33 in zone seven.

DISPUTE LIGHT RATE

'Active Room' Request From Huntington Up.

With a request for approval of an optional "active room" rate schedule for Huntington before it, the public service commission is divided on a question which has agitated utility circles for months, observers said today.

A group of Huntington citizens have forwarded to Chairman Frank T. Singleton a request that the optional room rate schedule be approved for Huntington. A temporary optional active room rate schedule has been in effect in Huntington for some time. Many Huntington citizens bitterly opposed it when it was first proposed and several hearings have been held.

Request to put such a schedule into effect at Martinsville also is pending before the commission.

Under the active room rate schedule the householders minimum bill is determined by the number of rooms wired for electricity in his house.

REVEAL SHUMAKER TRIED TO AID KLAN

Attempt of Secretary E. S. Shumaker of the Indiana Anti-Saloon League to link Attorney General Arthur L. Gilliom with the Ku-Klux Klan and D. C. Stephenson in the primaries of 1924 proved a boom-crang today, when Gilliom produced a letter from Mayor L. A. Handley of Richmond, in which a Shumaker letter to Handley is quoted, showing that Shumaker in 1924, sought to keep the Democrats from attacking the Klan.

Shumaker sought to besmirch Gilliom in a letter to the Rev. William Brandon of South Bend, which was read before a recent meeting of the South Bend Ministerial Association. In it Shumaker said that he was "informed" Gilliom's nomination came through Stephenson.

Interviewed here the dry doctor declared: "I don't really know that Stephenson supported Gilliom, but I have heard that such was the case and I believe it."

Here is where Shumaker stood on the Klan in 1924, according to the "Handley letter": "I fear very much that the coming Democratic State convention will adopt a plank condemning the Ku-Klux Klan and I wish Brother Handley, that you would use your influence to prevent this, because if such a plank is adopted the campaign would develop into a religious war, and if it should you know you and I are Protestants."

"Brother Handley" is dry, but not in sympathy with the Klan, Gilliom declared, and so when asked he made the contents of the Shumaker letter public.

The attorney general today produced one of the so-called "Stephenson slates," used in the 1924 convention, and pointed out that it had been indorsed and not himself. He called attention to the fact that newspapers of that date used headlines showing that he won, despite the fact he had neither the indorsement of Dragon Stephenson or the Bossart branch of the Ku-Klux Klan.

HARDING TOLD OF SECRET OIL DEAL SCHEME

Three Members of Cabinet Also Warned, Teapot Committee Hears.

LENROOT IS ON STAND

Denies He Advised Former Interior Secretary to Conceal \$100,000.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, April 3.—The late President Harding and three of his Cabinet officers, including Secretary Hoover, had warning in April, 1922, that there was secrecy with Secretary of Interior Fall's lease of the Teapot Dome naval reserve to Harry Sinclair, according to testimony before the Senate Teapot Dome Committee today.

Birch Helms, former Texas oil man, testified he protested to Harding, Hoover, former Attorney General Daugherty and the late Secretary of War Weeks personally and by telegram against the secrecy surrounding the lease.

He said he told the officials that his Texas and Pacific Coal and Oil Company had wanted to bid on Teapot Dome, but that Fall misled him.

Hoover is the only one who took any action for him, Helms said. Hoover wrote Fall about the matter and received a reply from Fall's assistant, E. C. Finney, that Helms was mistaken about the matter.

"I might say I think Hoover did all he could about the matter," Helms declared.

Lenroot Is Witness
Weeks was the only one of the others who replied to his telegram, Helms said, and Weeks pleaded he did not wish to enter the controversy.

Helms' testimony preceded that of former Senator Irvin L. Lenroot (Rep.) Wisconsin, who denied that he had counseled Fall to decide the Teapot Dome investigation committee as to the source of \$100,000 Fall received from E. L. Doheny, oil man.

Defense attorneys for Sinclair proposed today to seek a five-day delay in this trial on a charge of conspiracy to defraud the Government.

Meantime, the attorneys awaited copies of a deposition by former Secretary of Interior Fall, co-defendant with Sinclair, in which Fall is reported to have said a Senator, a former Senator and a former Cabinet officer now in Europe advised him to tell a false story of the source of the \$100,000 loan from E. L. Doheny, lessee of the Elk Hills Naval Reserve.

Former Senator Lenroot and Senator Smoot, believed to have been the men to whom Fall referred in statements today, denied having given Fall such advice. On the contrary, they said they had advised him to tell the exact truth.

Want to See Fall
Lenroot, in the hearing today, told how he and Senator Smoot went to see Fall, and said Fall misled them. He told them, Lenroot said, that he received \$100,000 from Edward B. McLean, Washington publisher, instead of Doheny, lessee of the Elk Hills naval reserve.

Lenroot revealed to that former Postmaster General Hays came to see him at home here some time later to ascertain what Lenroot, as chairman of the Teapot Committee, was attempting to learn from Fall. Hays agreed with him, Lenroot said, that it was Fall's duty to appear before the committee and tell where he got the money.

Helms gave virtually the same evidence as his testimony today at the recent Fall trial here.

Lenroot denied statements based on press reports of Fall's deposition read to the committee.

"Some time in November, 1923, a Mr. Magee (Carl Magee, former Alameda county, N. M., editor), testified before the committee that Fall had bought the Harris ranch in New Mexico," Lenroot testified. "We also had testimony that Fall was supposed to be financially embarrassed."

Tells of Cash Purchase
"I suggested to Senator Smoot that he wire Fall, and Fall replied he would send his son-in-law, Mr. Chase, to explain the matter to the committee."

"I told Senator Smoot I thought we ought to have Fall himself, and Smoot so wired Fall."

"The next I knew about it Fall wired me (I had by that time become chairman of the committee) from Atlantic City, saying he was ill and could not appear."

"The next thing was when Smoot came to see me and said Fall was ill at Wardman Park Hotel here. I went with him to see Fall who was in a dressing gown and apparently sick."

"He asked me what were the suspicious circumstances in his ranch purchase. I told him one point of the evidence was that he had paid \$100,000 in cash for a part of the ranch property whereas in ordinary circumstances the payment would have been made by check."

"He said he not only had \$100,000 in cash then, but he had \$100,000 in cash. He said he made the cash payment because the nearest bank to his Three Rivers' home was twenty miles away."

"He then said the man from whom he received the many was Edward B. McLean."

Hays Won't Comment

By United Press
PARIS, April 3.—Will Hays, in Paris in connection with the French laws governing the showing of American-made motion pictures, refuses to discuss the Teapot Dome oil case now.