

KILL CHICAGO SLEUTH: GANG LEADER SLAIN

Two Deaths Dampen Hopes of City in Cleanup Drive.

By United Press
CHICAGO, Dec. 1.—Thomas Geary, detective, was shot to death today as he sat in a saloon, said to be owned by Representative Lawrence C. O'Brien.

Geary was killed by Thomas J. Mullarkey, bartender, with a revolver the bartender snatched from the holster of Patrolman Edward Johnson, who sat by Geary, Johnson said.

Mullarkey had been drinking. Johnson said, and had quarreled with Geary. Mullarkey suddenly reached across the bar, seized Johnson's gun and shot Geary in the head, Johnson said.

The killing of Geary followed closely the assassination of Joseph Martino, 45, Sicilian chief of a Chicago Heights alcohol ring who was shot down as he stood near his saloon in that suburb by a gang in a curtained car. He fell before a barrage of machine gun and pistol fire.

Dampens Clean-Up
Martino was under indictment on a charge of giving a government agent a bribe. It had been reported he was about to turn government's evidence in the Chicago Heights liquor conspiracy cases now pending.

Fearing exposure, the liquor gang killed him, Donald A. Koonen, special prohibition agent, said.

The two killings somewhat dampened the hopes of law-abiding residents of Chicago in their drive against crime and vice.

A scheduled police shakeup further raids against saloons and vice resorts, naming of a new federal prohibition squad leader, proximity of the date when new state attorney will take office and general indignation over the grand jury report Friday were listed by reform leaders as hopeful signs of a real cleanup.

Five hundred police officers and men are due to be shifted and several officers are slated for the ax, it was learned at police headquarters.

Swanson Refuses Comment

That the federal government will take a hand in the activities was presaged with the appointment in Washington of Alexander G. Jamieson as chief of the special agents' unit here. Jamieson succeeds George "Hard Boiled" Golding, who was removed recently after spectacular raids in which his men shot two persons and were arrested by city authorities.

Jamieson will attempt to dam Chicago's liquor flow by breaking up big conspiracies rather than by arresting small offenders.

The report of the November special grand jury denounced the police department, laying the blame for crime and vice conditions on district commanders and Michael F. Hughes, former commissioner of police. He was the only one of Mayor William Hale Thompson's appointees to be named in the report.

John A. Swanson, state's attorney-elect, who takes office Monday, refused to comment on the jury report, but said, "My actions will speak for themselves."

HOLDUP WITHOUT GUN FAILS; STORE BUSY

Woods Ponders Ruse's Disappointment in Los Banos Jail.

By United Press
LOS BANOS, Cal., Nov. 30.—Andrew M. Wood has thirty days in which to ponder over his faux pas in attempting to get away with an old-fashioned bluff in this town. Andrew will do his cogitating in jail, where he was ordered by Justice Thomas after committing his indiscretion.

Woods entered a cigar store and with his right hand in his pocket in a menacing attitude, loudly ordered customers and proprietor to "stick 'em up." He then demanded harshly that the cashier hand over \$200, "and make it snappy."

No one paid the least heed to the bold intruder and political discussions calmly continued. There seemed nothing else to do, so Woods turned and walked out. He was arrested a few minutes later. No weapon was found on his person.

LUNA'S TIME ERRATIC; NEEDS GOOD CLOCKER

Scientist Says Moon Doesn't Always Stick to Rail Schedule.

LONDON, Nov. 30.—Astronomers need the help of horologists to check the gains and losses in time made by the moon. Luna is not always up to the second on her course, Sir Frank Dyson stated before the British Horological Institute.

The moon was thirty seconds slow on astronomical time in 1630, Sir Frank said, but made up the full minute by 1720. By 1775 it was nearly 30 seconds ahead, and then started to lose again, and then was back to the time of the rotating earth by 1865. From 1876 to 1897 the moon lost 15 seconds, but regained 11 seconds between 1897 and 1918.

"We should like half a dozen clocks in the best observatories," Sir Frank said, "which could be trusted to keep time to one second a year."

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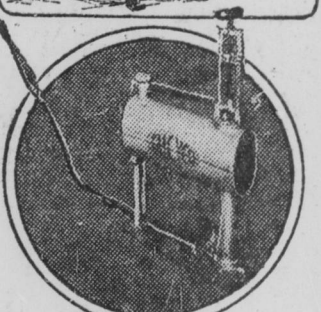
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We Could Eat Forever

A pajama dinner-dance given by the younger set at an exclusive Indianapolis club lately started something other than the wagging of tongues among the older generation. It's got to be so much the thing that Miss Beulah Hyde of L. S. Ayres & Co. calmly demonstrated a peach satin crepe and black velvet creation, while the announcer boldly declared they were for dinner wear only.



Nevada Builds Gas House Where Killers Will Die



Robert F. White and the means by which he is to be put to death. The small poison gas tank is shown below.

BOOST AL FOR 1932

Preamble of Resolution Attacks Klan and Anti-Saloon League.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—The Al Smith Democratic Club here voted last night to "foster and animate a nation-wide movement to bring about the nomination and election of Alfred E. Smith in 1932." A preamble in which the Anti-Saloon League and the Ku-Klux Klan were attacked, prefaced the resolution.

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REVAMPED SHIP INSPECTION MAY BE QUIZ RESULT

Vestris Probe Will Lead to Reorganization, Hopes U. S. Chief.

By HARRY FERGUSON
United Press Staff Correspondent
NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—The local United States steamboat inspection service may be reorganized and strengthened as a direct result of the government's inquiry into the sinking of the Lampart and Holt liner Vestris.

Dickerson N. Hoover, supervising inspector-general of the service, is expected to conclude today his investigation of the inspection given the Vestris' lifeboat by local men and he intimated he would call for a strengthening of the service.

Examine Sister Ship

Charles H. Tuttle, United States attorney, reviewing the evidence in his separate inquiry before Francis A. O'Neill, United States commissioner, called attention to the fact that testimony of steamboat inspectors conflicted. One local inspector, Tuttle said, had certified he lowered and raised lifeboats of the Vestris a few days before she sailed—when, as a matter of testimony, he had not actually done so. The court may reconvene for the recall of previous witnesses for added information on Wednesday, Tuttle said, and it will meet then in any event to receive the report of nautical advisers—one for the United States and one for Great Britain—who were to examine the Vauban, sister ship of the Vestris, today.

Outlines Causes of Tragedy.

Tuttle drew six possible causes for the loss of life in the Vestris sinking:

1. Placing of passengers, including women, in lifeboat No. 8, which witnesses agreed had a six-inch hole in its lower side.
2. Lowering of lifeboats from the high port side, when starboard lifeboats had capacity for all on board.
3. Failure to launch the first two portable lifeboats after they had been filled with women and children.
4. Launching of the motorboat, lifeboat No. 1, without anyone in it who knew how to run the engine.
5. Unseaworthiness of the lifeboats and insufficiency of their equipment.
6. The apparent failure to have an officer in charge in each lifeboat when launched.

Questions that still must be settled by inquiry he said were:

Actual cause of the loss of the vessel.

Actual cause for the delay in sending out the SOS.

LOTS OF TURKEYS

Dressed Birds Offered at Market.

Cranberries still were plentiful on market after the Thanksgiving rush and sold for 25 cents a pound. The meat market and poultry stands had turkeys left, since many dressed birds were sold this morning.

Oranges were plentiful and not so expensive. The small size tangerines ranged from 15 to 20 cents a dozen, while the large sweet California oranges were 50 to 60 cents a dozen. Bananas sold for from 15 to 25 cents a dozen. Apples still were six pounds for a quarter. Cabbage had gone up a penny to 5 cents a pound. Red cabbage was 10 cents a pound. Celery was 5 cents a stalk and celery hearts four bunches for a quarter. Parsley was 5 cents a bunch.

Bakery stands had fresh supplies of cakes, cookies, tea rings, bread, nut bread and rolls.

JOHN BUEHLER RITES

TO BE HELD TODAY

Lieber Company Director Will Be Buried This Afternoon.

Funeral services for John Buehler, 78, of 2106 North New Jersey street, director of H. Lieber Company, were to be held today at 2 p. m. at the Plummer & Buchanan mortuary, the Rev. Frank S. C. Wills, pastor of All Souls Unitarian church, officiating.

Mr. Buehler died in St. Vincent hospital, Wednesday, two hours after suffering a heart attack at his desk. He came to America from Heekingen, Hohenzollern, Germany, his birthplace, in 1864.

Kills Rabbits in Cellar.

By Times Special

TRAFALGAR, Ind., Dec. 1.—Two rabbits which had been living in the cellar of Mrs. Hesper Richardson's home here are no more.

Mrs. Richardson, a cousin of Sergeant Earl Halstead, "flying cop" of the Indianapolis police force, killed the rabbits with rifle shots. She is an expert marksman.

CONGRESSMEN ASSEMBLE FOR SHORT SESSION

Ambitious Program Planned to Clear Slate for Hoover Entry.

By KENNETH G. CRAWFORD
United Press Staff Correspondent
WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—From all points of the compass 530 members of congress were assembling here today for the opening of the three months' session Monday.

A program including tariff revision, farm relief, Boulder dam, Muscle Shoals, the naval cruiser bill and the Kellogg anti-war treaty, was being worked out by leaders in hope of clearing the legislative slate before President-elect Hoover brings his new congress in March 4.

The annual message of President Coolidge is to be sent to the capitol Monday noon, the convening hour, but it probably will not be read until Tuesday. It is customary for both houses to adjourn immediately after swearing in new members, adjournment being taken out of respect to members who died during the recess.

Budget Up Monday

The budget message and numerous annual reports of the government departments are to be sent up Monday and Tuesday before the session really gets down to business.

The Johnson Boulder dam bill will come before the senate automatically as unfinished business under an agreement reached during the filibuster over the measure in the closing days of the last session. Behind it on the calendar is the house bill to authorize fifteen new naval cruisers at a cost of \$174,000,000.

The house has no immediate business except the twelve government appropriation bills. The first of these will be ready within a few days.

The house ways and means committee has been called to meet Monday to discuss the possibility of tariff revision or as special emergency tariff on farm products. The agriculture committee is expected to meet shortly and on the senate side McNary of Oregon is preparing to introduce a revised and "Hooverized" version of his old McNary-Haugen bill. The senate Republicans will caucus Monday to consider the program for the session.

Anti-War Plan Waiting

The Kellogg anti-war treaty is expected to be sent up by the state department within a few days and will be referred to the senate foreign relations committee, where Chairman Borah is planning speedy action upon it.

Th personnel of both houses is not materially changed from the last session. Four vacancies in the senate and seven in the house will be filled by new senators. The rest of the membership will remain the same.

GOLD PROSPECTORS

TO TREK NORTHWARD

Rush Promised by Finds in Vicinity of Ontario Lake.

By Times Special
TORONTO, Nov. 30.—Pickle Lake, located about 100 miles north of Sioux Lookout, Ontario, in the vicinity of Lake St. Joseph, promises to be the scene of a rush of prospectors next spring, according to C. Price-Green, commissioner of natural resources of the Canadian National Railways. A representative of the Northern Aerial Minerals Exploration Company makes the statement that this will prove to be the outstanding gold discovery of the 1928 season.

It is said that the "break" extends over a distance of five miles. Four miles north of Mace, in the township of Steel, near the Quebec boundary, another interesting discovery has been made, says Price-Green. There are four "breaks," said to aggregate some 15,000 feet in length in all, carrying copper, zinc and precious metals.

The property will be developed under the name of "Marbano mines."

Thieves removed a battery, tire and bag of tools from the garage of Harry Shannon, 4930 Brookville road, Friday night, police were told today. R. M. Ragsdale of Golden Hill reported the title card stolen from his car, which was parked downtown. Edwin Stephenson, 3530 East Fall Creek boulevard, told police his license plates, No. 48-414 were missing when police recovered his car, which had been stolen.

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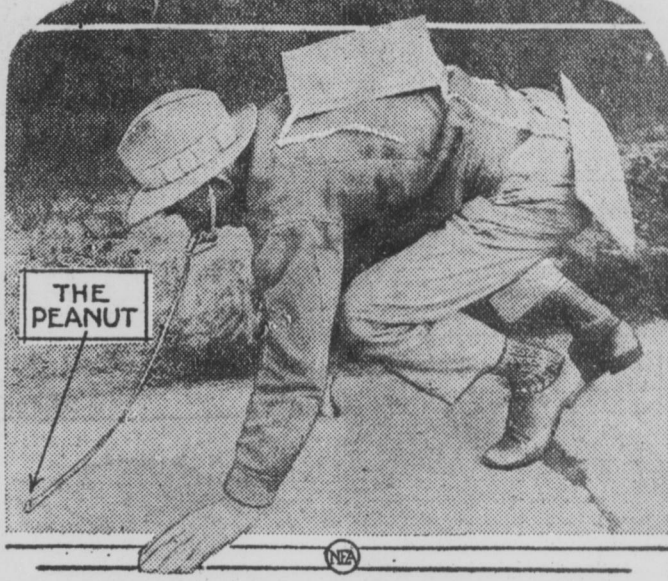
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A new world record for peanut-pushing was established the other day by Bill Williams of Rio Rondo, Tex., who rolled a goober with his nose for eleven miles. It took Williams nine days to roll the peanut from Rio Rondo to Harlingen and he arrived two days ahead of schedule. On the fourth day out an automobile ran over him, but Bill didn't mind that.

THE PEANUT

BURNED AT PLAY, GIRL, 2, SUCCUMBS

Comb Waved in Fire Exploded, Parents of Child Believe.

121 North Bradley avenue. Burial will be at Pittsburg, Ind.

The Turkish horsemen of southern Siberia keep on their clothes without change till they literally fall off.

That a celluloid comb, waved in the flame of a gas stove, exploded to set fire to the clothing of Harriet Annabelle Abraham, 2, burning her fatally, was the belief today of the child's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Norval H. Abraham, 1731 East Terrace avenue.

The little girl died at 9:30 p. m. Friday, at city hospital, six hours after her mother found her, clothing ablaze, on the floor of the kitchen in their home.

The mother was at the phone in an adjoining room when she heard Annabelle's scream. At the same moment, Annabelle's 4-year-old sister, Ida May cried out.

Wraps Child in Coat

Frantically the mother tugged at the door of a clothes cabinet and, tearing it open, grabbed an old coat with which she smothered out the flames.

"Every thread she wore was on fire," said Mrs. Abraham. "She must have breathed the flames when she screamed, because she never regained consciousness."

Gathering up the little form, the mother ran to a neighbor's home, where a physician and the police ambulance were summoned.

The baby's father, a Big Four brakeman, returned Friday night to learn of the tragedy.

Would Have Been Blind

"Perhaps it is best that Annabelle didn't recover," the mother sobbed this morning, "for doctors told us she would have been blind for life if they had been able to save her."

The family came to Indianapolis from Seneca, Ill., three months ago. Funeral services were set tentatively for Sunday morning at the home of a grandmother, Mrs. Ida Abraham.

Measured in relation to the investment in their property, the railroads of the country netted much less in 1927 than in 1926, and so far in 1928 they have netted even less than in 1927.

This decline in the rate of railway net earnings strikes at the roots of our national prosperity. It must be checked if the railroads are to be maintained in their full vigor of usefulness. General prosperity depends more than is sometimes realized upon the service the railroads perform, the employment they provide, the purchases they make and the returns they yield to their owners.

When railway earnings decline, the continuance of good service is endangered. Railway managements are forced to reduce pay-rolls and purchases. Operating and maintenance expenditures are cut down, and improvements are curtailed if not discontinued altogether. Dividends are reduced or wiped out. The result is quickly felt in every industry, and every home.

On the other hand, when their earnings are adequate, the railroads are able to maintain their properties at a high degree of efficiency, carry on necessary improvements, employ the maximum amount of labor, make liberal purchases of equipment and other supplies and reward their owners in a manner that encourages the flow of needed capital into the railway business. The result is a quickening of industry and trade throughout the country.

Two influences have caused the recent decline in railway net earnings in the face of rigorous economy on the part of railway managements. One is the increased patronage of competing means of transportation subsidized out of the public treasury. The other is the constant whittling away of railway rates, seemingly inconsequential in individual cases but large in the aggregate, that is going on all the time. The power to check the tendencies lies with the great body of users of railway service, who will suffer most if they are not checked.

Constructive criticism and suggestions are invited.

L. A. DOWNS,

President, Illinois Central System.

CHICAGO, December 1, 1928.

AIR MAIL LOOT SHOWN SMALL

Bandits Gain Little in \$1,000,000 Stickup.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 1.—Actual loss in the \$1,000,000 air mail robbery here yesterday will be negligible, postal authorities announced today.

Five pouches of air mail were taken from a mail truck by two bandits, who crowded the mail truck driven by Harry C. Graham to the side of the highway near Lambert street. St. Louis flying field and forced Graham and his wife to give up the pouches.

The pouches contained \$1,000,000 in checks which were being forwarded to New York by St. Louis banks for collection, some registered mail was stolen, but for the most part the cost will be nothing for the banks, postal authorities said.

Bank officials said the checks would be of no value to the bandits.

CALLS CRIMINAL 'BOOB'

Dreyfus Rhoades, Condemned to Die, Expresses View.

By Times Special
EVANSVILLE, Ind., Dec. 1.—"Any young fellow who has seen what has happened to me and still thinks crime pays, is just a big boob, that's all he is," declares Dreyfus Rhoades, who is under sentence to die in the electric chair March 6.

Rhoades, convicted of slaying Simon Carle, a Vincennes policeman, says he started him crime career at the age of 13, when he broke into a store with another boy.



Railway Prosperity

Advances in the market prices of railway securities which have occurred in the last two years have been assumed to indicate that the railroads generally are enjoying increased prosperity. Unfortunately, they are not. The increased price level of their securities is primarily caused by the unprecedented buying of securities generally, and the prices of railway securities have increased much less, as a rule, than the prices of industrial securities.

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