

**MYSTERY SHIP  
S.O.S. APPEALS  
HINT TRAGEDY**

Vessel Believed Down in Atlantic After Crew Takes to Boats.

**HOAX IS SUSPECTED**

Confusing Radio Messages Lead to Belief of Rum Runner Plot.

By United Press  
NEW YORK, March 28.—Naval communications operators who listened to an S.O.S. early today from a ship off Barnegat light, which refused to reveal its identity, told the United Press they believed the ship's operator "deliberately was sending a hoax."

This opinion lent strength to an opinion expressed by commercial operators that the distress signals were a well-arranged hoax to deceive the coast guard.

It was suggested that the signals might have been transmitted by rum runners attempting to draw coast guard vessels to a certain point while they were landing contraband liquor on the coast.

**Liner's Search Futile**

By United Press  
NEW YORK, March 28.—The Munson line steamer Pan-America notified the Radio Marine Corporation early today that it had arrived at the spot off Barnegat lightship where an unknown vessel was reported sinking. The Pan-America was searching the vicinity for traces of the ship or lifeboats.

**Ship's Name Untold**

By United Press  
ASBURY PARK, N. J., March 28.—An unidentified ship carrying fifteen passengers in addition to her crew was believed to have gone down in a choppy sea off the lower New Jersey coast today.

An operator who had sent out distress signals for two hours summoned aid for the sinking vessel reported just before signing off at 2:05 a. m. today that the passengers and crew had lowered lifeboats and were in the water.

The coast guard vessels which sped to the scene on receipt of the S.O.S. reported at 6:20 a. m. that they were searching for the lifeboats.

No trace of the passengers, crew or ship was immediately apparent, the coast guard officers said.

Persistent appeals were made to the operator of the ship to report its name, but to no avail among the S.O.S. calls.

Although he was in communication with land stations along the coast and in New York for almost two hours and was asked repeatedly what ship needed aid, he would reveal only the location of the vessel, frequently adding the plea to "hurry aid."

As he signed off he reported that water had crept up into his cabin, and it was believed the ship had gone down after his radio transmitter became silent.

Shortly before sending his last message at 2:05 a. m., the radio operator aboard the mystery ship said water was rising in his cabin. His final words were: "Leaving now; goodbye."

**Perplexed by Messages**

Commercial operators in land stations were perplexed by the strange nature of the messages, and the apparent unwillingness of the operator to send the name of the sinking vessel.

The first S.O.S. came from the ship at 12:25 a. m., followed by a steady succession of distress signals. "We are off Barnegat light," the operator messaged.

At 12:26 the naval station in New York asked, "What ship is off Barnegat?"

There was no reply. After several minutes the distress signals were resumed, slowly and falteringly, as though the operator was confused and very nervous.

**Water in Radio Room**

In his next message the operator said his ship was thirty miles off Barnegat. Again the naval station inquired the name, and no response came.

At 12:56 the operator wirelessly: "Water in radio room. We have fifteen passengers aboard. We are thirty miles off Barnegat."

Further inquiries about the ship's name brought only the reply: "Hurry! Water rising."

The land operators persisted in their effort to learn the ship's name, but the distressed ship was silent. Finally it was asked, "Are you still with us?"

The reply was: "Taking to boats." Steamship to Rescue

The New York naval station wirelessly a request to "send dashes if possible," but there was no reply. To send dashes means for the operator to hold the key down for long periods, so compass bearings can be taken.

At this time the steamship Lion came in and informed the naval station it was sixty miles from Barnegat and headed for Rio de Janeiro. Asked if it was going to the aid of the unknown ship, the Lion's operator replied in the affirmative.

"Are you still with us?" the distressed ship again was asked.

"Yes, old man," replied the operator. "Radio room is filling with water, but set clear."

The ship was advised that aid was being rushed to the scene.

Hourly Temperatures  
6 a. m. .... 47 8 a. m. .... 42  
8 a. m. .... 46 9 a. m. .... 40

**CLOSED BANK HEAD  
KILLED BY GAS OF  
MOTOR CAR ENGINE**

Coroner to Determine If Edward Morris Died by Accident.

Coroner's investigation was under way today to determine whether death of J. Edward Morris, 52, president of the defunct Washington Bank and Trust Company, was accidental.

Mr. Morris' body was found in his garage at his home, near Eighteenth street and College avenue, late Friday. Coroner monoxide from the exhaust of an automobile, motor of which was running, caused death.

He died only a day after Herbert E. Wilson, Marion county prosecutor, announced he would begin grand jury investigation of the bank's failure Oct. 28, 1930. Brandt C. Downey, receiver, recently had declared that affairs of the bank would permit no payments to depositors for some time.

"I do not know whether the probe of the bank's failure will be continued," Wilson said today. "However, I believe that it probably will be carried on."

Insurance Receipts Found  
Reposing on a blanket on the garage floor, the head pillowed on a door mat, the body was found by Mrs. Helen Johnson, sister of Mr. Morris. She called Dr. D. R. Lee, of Broad Ripple, who notified police.

Mr. Morris apparently was dead when his sister entered the garage, according to Coroner Fred Velling. Velling and Drs. Emil Winters and Henry Allburger, deputy coroners, performed an autopsy at city hospital, but beyond stating that carbon monoxide gas caused death, reported nothing from the post-mortem.

In Mr. Morris' pockets were found several insurance receipts, all of which had been paid during the past month, according to the coroner. There was also a small amount of money in the pockets.

The coroner said he probably would return a verdict Tuesday after a formal inquest.

Was Real Estate Dealer  
Mr. Morris was born on a farm near Broad Ripple, and at one time taught public schools in this county.

For a number of years he was connected with several telephone companies, and in 1910 formed a real estate business.

In 1914 he was chairman of a committee of realtors that organized the Indianapolis Real Estate Board, and was president of that organization. Later he was named president of the Washington bank, which had numerous real estate holdings.

Mr. Morris belonged to Broadway M. E. church, Chamber of Commerce, Indianapolis Athletic Club, Murat Temple of the Shrine, Scottish Rite, Kiwanis Club and the Columbia Club.

Survivors are: The widow, Mrs. Ida Morris; two daughters, Miss Isabelle Morris and Miss Asberene Morris; two brothers, Irvin and Oscar Morris; and the sister, Mrs. Johnson.

QUESTIONING OF COLE  
TALESMEN CONTINUES  
Tedious Process Will End Early Next Week, Attorneys Hope.

RUSHVILLE, Ind., March 28.—Tedious questioning of talesmen in an effort to obtain a jury to try Mrs. Marie Cole, alleged to have lured her husband to his death Oct. 13, continued today.

Attorneys hoped to select a jury early next week.

Mrs. Cole is charged with being an accessory to the slaying of her husband, Raymond Cole, in a lane near Greenfield. Frank Jordan, paragon of Mrs. Cole, now is serving a life sentence for the crime.

Judge John A. Tisworth ordered a special venire of fifteen prospective jurors called. The original venire of fifty nearly is exhausted.

16 BOYS, GIRLS ARE  
FIRED FROM I. U.

Three Fraternity Houses May Lose Social Privileges for Year.

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., March 28.—Betty Co-ed was in rather a stew about things on Indiana university campus today.

Sixteen of her boy and girl friends were sorting their socks, shirts, and other clothing from roommates' trunks, ready to depart, because deans learned too much about recent social functions in fraternity houses.

The fraternity houses were penalized and probably will lose their social privileges for the remainder of the year. Whether any further action will be taken against miscreant students is problematical, since it was known Friday that the committee on student affairs had touched other alleged wild parties than those because of which the sixteen were expelled.

Names of the ex-students, and of the three Greek letter organizations found guilty by the committee of having sponsored dances at which co-eds drank and indulged in other indiscretions were withheld by the committee, which, in the past two weeks, has expelled two co-eds who attended the parties.

However, university authorities



J. Edward Morris

**EXPECT BURKE  
CUSTODY ACTION**

Missouri Governor Will Give Decision Today.

By United Press  
ST. JOSEPH, Mo., March 28.—Authorities expected to reach a decision today on the extradition of Fred (Killer) Burke, gunman, whose custody several states have asked since his arrest at a north Missouri farm home.

Governor Henry S. Caulfield said he would hold a hearing at Jefferson City during the day, and expects to announce then which of the claims for Burke would be granted.

Federal government, Michigan and Illinois authorities planned to demand legal custody of the man who is charged with twenty killings and numerous robberies in eighteen states, and who has been termed "the most dangerous criminal alive."

Burke's blonde 20-year-old wife, who married him under name of Richard F. White, visited Burke late Friday night. She was released a few hours earlier from the Kansas City jail, where officers detained her after Burke was arrested.

At Burke's request, the police captain made out a requisition for \$325 of the \$1,000 he had when arrested, and gave it to Mrs. Burke.

She said she would return to Kansas City, where she was a student nurse before she married Burke.

William L. Vandeventer, United States district attorney of Kansas City, said the federal government sought possession of Burke in connection with the theft at Toledo, O., of interstate shipments.

Burke and two companions were charged with robbing an express truck of jewelry there in April, 1928.

HOOVER RUSHING HOME  
President Likely to Be Back in White House by Sunday Night.

By United Press  
ABOARD U. S. S. ARIZONA, at Sea, March 28.—The battleship Arizona pushed rapidly toward Norfolk today in an effort to arrive ahead of schedule and permit President Hoover to reach Washington by Sunday night.

After warm weather in the West Indies, a stiff wind and choppy seas forced the President to wear an overcoat on the last stages of the trip.

Business Grows Optimistic  
LOS ANGELES, March 28.—Optimism is replacing pessimism among business leaders of the nation and an era of unprecedented business volume is coming, Frank A. Vandeventer, retired New York banker and recognized authority on economics, said today.

He said the girls, Miss Lois Pollock, Oak Park, Ill., and Miss Lillian Bornoff, East Chicago, were not dismissed because of misconduct at the parties.

In stating that the school had expelled the sixteen, most of which are men, C. E. Edmondson, dean of men, declared "newspaper rumors of wholesale vice," which gave the school a bad name, and challenged any community of 3,500 citizens anywhere in the state to be better behaved than the Indiana university student group.

Miss Agnes E. Wells, dean of women, maintained her campaign of silence on the investigations and dismissals, and it is believed she may expel additional co-eds who attended the parties.

PARRISH WILL TELL YOU ALL ABOUT EASTER STYLES

IF YOU hear a buzz-buzz-buzz everywhere you go, it can be just one thing—the buzz of female conversation on what to wear for Easter.

And just because Amos Parrish knows that all Times women readers and plenty of the men, too, are interested in Easter styles, he's devoting most of his authoritative fashion articles next week to Easter styles.

Monday, his article will dwell

**HUGE LOTTERY  
PRIZE WON BY  
EX-PEDDLER**

Former Ice Cream Vender Gets \$1,900,000 for Race Ticket.

**FORTUNE FOR AMERICAN**

Buffalo Worker's Share Is \$886,300 as Runner-Up in Irish Pool.

By United Press  
Work-a-day folk in scattered sections of the earth—London, Buffalo, N. Y., and Capetown, South Africa—were rich beyond their fondest dreams because they held winning tickets in the Irish hospital sweepstakes on the grand national steeplechase run at the Aintree court outside of Liverpool Friday.

They included:  
(1)—Emilio Scala, Italian coffee shop owner, prize \$1,900,000.  
(2)—Clayton C. Woods, factory worker, Buffalo, N. Y., prize \$886,300.  
(3)—George P. Dymond, hotel proprietor, Capetown, prize, \$574,359.

Sold Three-Fourths  
Scala, Italian, ex-pushtart ice cream peddler, now proprietor of a London coffee shop and holder of the first prize ticket on Grakle in the Grand National sweepstakes, revealed today that before the race he had sold three-quarters of his ticket to a bookmaker's syndicate for about \$50,000.

The ticket was worth around \$1,900,000 when Grakle galloped home ahead of the field in the Aintree race.

The next big one, the ticket on Gregalach, was held by Clayton C. Wood, a 39-year-old wood inspector in a Buffalo automobile manufacturing plant.

"I'm going to buy that horse Gregalach, if he's for sale," he said, when the news reached him. "I know where my luck lies from now on. I'm going in for horse racing."

Wood had only 50 cents invested in his ticket. Other members of the family made up the other \$2. He told reporters that he had been without a job since it became known that he had drawn Gregalach, winner of two Grand National sweepstakes.

Boss Fired Him  
"My co-employees showered me with so much attention that the boss got sore and fired me," he said. "Well, that's o. k. by me now. I guess I can get along on what I've got the rest of my life."

His wife did not concur in his horse-racing ideas.

"We'll get Easter outfits first thing," she said, "and then I'd like to have a new home and invest the rest safely."

Scala hid himself away Friday night in London in an effort to escape the attention of thousands of reporters who swarmed him with congratulations, but he was found later by newspaper men.

"I am still drinking lemonade, despite my luck," he said. "I'm not letting this turn my head. You can't go through life working hard and then suddenly have this thrust on you without feeling a tremendous change."

"Now I shall be able to do all I wanted to do for my invalid mother and also for my youngest boy, who is ill. They will be first in my thoughts."

Cables Mussolini of Luck  
He said he had cabled Premier Mussolini of his luck.

Meanwhile, Scala's wife continued washing dishes and doing the usual housework at their home.

The family expects to return to their native province in Italy and establish their home there.

It was said that no tax would be deducted from the prize of about \$886,300 won by Woods. It also was said that Wood's prize probably would be more than that due to the fact that he is entitled to a certain rate of interest on the amount until it is actually paid in April.

Officials at Dublin said more than \$1,000,000 in prize money, including consolation prizes, would be sent to the United States.

OAKLANDON TELEPHONE  
FIRM NOW IS UTILITY

Recognized by Public Service Group; Stock Issue Approved.

Oaklandon Telephone Company has been recognized as a public utility by the public service commission. It is a new corporation formed from the mutual telephone lines at Oaklandon.

Public service commission recognition was granted at the commission conference Friday afternoon.

The new company was authorized to take over the property of the Oaklandon Switchboard Company and other small independent organizations. Three hundred shares of the new company, valued at \$25 a share, were approved.

Volunteer Fireman Admits Setting Blaze

Joined Others in Fighting Flames for Excitement, He Says.

By United Press  
CLEVELAND, Wis., March 28.—Elmer Lutz, truck driver for the Cleveland volunteer fire department, was in jail today because, it was charged, he displayed too much zeal in office.

Early in the morning of March 6, Lutz aroused Arthur Reinemann, told him his barn was in flames, then joined others in a desperate, but futile effort to halt the fire. Besides the barn, a woodshed, chicken coop and garage were destroyed.

W. E. Finnegan, deputy state fire marshal, announced today that Lutz had confessed he started the fire for the excitement of putting it out.

**BAN JOHNSON DEAD;  
RULED IN BASEBALL  
WORLD FOR YEARS**

Ban Johnson

**Former American League  
Chief Loses His Long  
Fight for Life.**

By United Press  
ST. LOUIS, March 28.—Byron Bancroft Johnson, 65, former president of the American League, died here today after a long illness.

Death came at 8:10 a. m. at St. John's hospital.

Johnson was one of the most colorful and best liked characters in organized baseball. He helped organize the American League and served as its president until 1927.

His death followed closely that of his successor to the American League presidency, Ernest S. Barnard, who died in Rochester, Minn., late Friday.

In St. Louis Several Weeks  
Johnson had been in ill health since his retirement, four years ago. His diabetic condition failed to respond to constant treatment. He had been confined to a hospital here for several weeks.

His futile fight for life was similar in many respects to fights he participated in during his active career as a baseball executive. His retirement from baseball came after he had lost a long fight against the administration of baseball Commissioner Kennesaw Mountain Landis.

"Ban" Johnson, as he was known to the millions of baseball fans of America, made organized baseball his business in the late '80's after a brief career as a newspaper sports writer. He was elected head of the old Western League and later transformed it into a major circuit.

Bowed to Comiskey's Will  
Charles Comiskey and Johnson worked together to build up the younger major league circuit to a parity with the older National League. Their friendship was one of the closest in baseball for many years.

Later Comiskey and Johnson disagreed as to the administration by affairs of the American League. After a prolonged embitterment Johnson finally was forced to bow to the will of his one-time friend and retire.

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Supposedly as Arbitrator  
Leroy Keach, former Democratic county chairman, not officially con-

**MORE MILLIONS  
FOR VETERANS**

Additional Funds Received to Pay Loans.

An additional \$2,000,000 was credited to the regional office of the United States veterans' bureau in Indianapolis today for the payment of loans on insurance of veterans.

The local bureau has checked out \$5,500,000 to veterans and the \$2,000,000 received today makes a total of \$7,500,000 to be used in paying the loans.

"The \$2,000,000 will last about four days," said John H. Aie, regional manager.

"We've received approximately 30,000 applications for loans and have paid between 18,000 and 19,000 of the applications. As we are averaging approximately 1,200 checks daily we should be paying the loans on a current basis by the week of April 13," he said.

Aie said the loan applications received by his office had slowed down to approximately 400 a day. During the first rush for loans the office received an average of 3,000 applications daily.

Rome Ready for Palm Sunday

By United Press  
ROME, March 28.—The greatest part of Rome's 500 churches were filled with flowers and palms today for the celebration of tomorrow's ceremony of Palm Sunday.

Reached at a conference behind closed doors Friday afternoon, the April figure is more than \$17,000 under March expenditures.

Taxpayers and reporters were excluded from the meeting by Mrs. Noone.

Reports that the dove of peace alighted in the conference room were denied generally today by Charles Holtman, advisory board member, and the trustee's severest critic, with the declaration that "from now on, the trustee's office is going to be run on a business basis."

Wanted It Open  
"If Mrs. Noone has anything to hide, it's all right, but we think the meeting should be open to any one who wants to listen," Holtman stated before the session.

Under an emergency act passed by the 1931 general assembly, advisory board members were authorized to fix the poor relief budget.

Holtman pointed out, however, that if Mrs. Noone exceeds the April budget, she can call advisory board members into session and force appropriation of additional funds.

Holtman said that Walter Clarke, attorney for Mrs. Noone, and one of the conferees, estimated that \$75,000 would be sufficient for April relief.

"We gave him a \$15,000 leeway so he couldn't criticize us," Holtman stated.

**SPRING BLIZZARD RAGES IN  
WEST, AND TEMPERATURES  
PLUNGE BELOW ZERO MARK**

Snow, Sleet and Rain Rake Area From Canada to Texas Panhandle, Idaho to Illinois.

**LAST WINTER RALLY, SAY EXPERTS**

Crops Are Damaged, Rail and Motor Traffic Crippled, Planes Grounded, and Many Suffer From Cold.

By United Press  
CHICAGO, March 28.—Snow, sleet and rain were carried on raging winds across the country today and temperatures fell to zero in many places as winter staged a vicious rally which weather experts predicted would be its last this year.

From Canada to the Texas Panhandle, and from Idaho to Chicago, the countryside was lashed by snow and sleet-laden gales.

The belated blizzard reached its greatest intensity in states between the Rocky mountains and the Mississippi river, extending southward into Texas and northward far into Canada.

As it swirled across the continent, some of its force was lost, but even in Illinois several inches of snow fell.

Predictions were some snow might be swept as far east as the coast by Sunday.

Cripples Rail Traffic  
In Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and the Texas Panhandle, the blizzard crippled rail and highway traffic, grounded airplanes, damaged crops and caused much suffering.

Two boys, Boyd Evans, 7, of Max, Neb., and Ray Routaine, 13, of Redcloud wandered into the storm and were lost. Poses searched for them for hours but it was feared they would not be found alive.

The temperature fell to 2 below zero at Denver, to zero in Oklahoma and western Kansas, and to 8 below at Cheyenne, Wyo.

In Chicago, the mercury stood well above freezing and a rain storm continued, but the forecast was the temperature would drop to 15 above before the day ended.

Snow Over Illinois  
Much snow and rain fell here Friday. Snow fell throughout Southern Illinois, but in northern Ohio. Other north central states had snow and rain.

Rural schools throughout the Dakotas were closed, most highways were blocked completely and many telegraph and telephone lines were blown down.

Although Amarillo, Tex., fruit growers reported budding fruit trees seriously damaged by the cold, the wheat growers of the northwest were jubilant over the several inches of snow, which protected tender grain shoots from the cold and assured the crop an abundance of badly needed moisture.

Below Zero in West  
By United Press  
DENVER, March 28.—Road crews plowed through huge snow drifts last night to open the Denver-Omaha link of the Transcontinental highway, blocked by the heaviest storm of the winter.

The road was impassable between Ft. Morgan and Julesburg, Colo. The smaller roads in the vicinity probably will be blocked several days.

Mercury Falls Here  
Temperature drop of seven degrees in three hours this morning heralded the cold wave which is expected to force the mercury to 20 or 25 tonight.

Fury of the storm that has swept the western plains during the last two days will be abated and Indiana has better than a fifty-fifty chance to escape severe snow and temperatures below 20, J. H. Armstrong, weather bureau head, said.

At 6 a. m., the mercury stood at 47, but by 9 it had slipped to 40. Arrington said the descent will continue all day.

According to the bureau, the storm swerved from its path Friday night, heading directly north instead of northwest, as expected. However, southwest winds of 22 miles an hour are driving it eastward and the mercury at Terre Haute dropped to 38 at 7 and was continuing downward.

Winds that whistled around houses early today will roar at times, but will die out by tonight, Arrington said.

Arrington said temperatures will rise in the western plains today and is probable that Sunday will be fair, with sunshine prevailing during the day. The factor will tend to break the cold snap, probably Monday, he said.

CROWN PRINCE IS ILL  
Michael of Rumania Is Suffering Severe Influenza Attack.

By United Press  
LONDON, March 28.—An Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Bucharest reported Crown Prince Michael severely ill of influenza. His temperature was reported rising.

GOLF CLASS CHOSEN  
Ten Girls Picked for Last Free Lesson Course.

Judges in The Times contest for free golf lessons today announced the lineup of the last class of ten girls who will receive instruction at the Smith-Nelson golf academy, second floor Board of Trade building.

The ten chosen are asked to report at the academy at 6 o'clock Monday evening for their first lesson. The lucky ten are:

Burnelle Bailey, R. R. 17, Box 25.  
Margaret Layton, 1639 Fletcher avenue.  
Nellie Munson, 210 North Richmond street.  
Dorothy Ann McKay, 1623 South East street, Apt. 1.  
Mildred Begley, 3718 North Capitol avenue.  
Mary M. Abel, 5218 Kenwood avenue.

Thelma Miller, 4924 East New York street.  
Melba Greenwald, United Artists Corporation, 408 North Illinois street.  
Kathleen M. Richey, 914 South New Jersey street.

Mrs. Audrey Mount, 115 South Bancroft street.  
Further details on the tournament which will climax the course of instruction given four groups of ten girls each will appear in The Times next week