

U. S. SMASHES AT MARRIAGE, BIRTH RACKET

Fraud Orders Ban Thirteen Concerns From Using the Mails.

By Scripps-Howard Newspaper Alliance
WASHINGTON, April 27.—The government today took steps to break up a brand new mail order scheme, whose backers had sought to capitalize marriage and birth, by holding out alluring promises of financial returns to prospective brides and grooms and expectant mothers.

Postmaster General Walter F. Brown, at the request of Solicitor Horace J. Donnelly, issued fraud orders barring thirteen such concerns from using the mails following complaints from men and women in all sections of the country that they had been victimized. Concerns against which the fraud orders were issued include the Babylon Co-Operative Society, San Antonio; the Successful Marriage and Birth Endowment Association of Houston; American Birth Benefit Association, San Antonio, and Miami Marriage Endowment Association, Oklahoma City.

Put Out Alluring Ads

"In each case the plan of operation is substantially the same," Donnelly said. "Agents are employed to obtain members in so-called mutual benefit associations, and advertisements issued, indicating that single persons by making small monthly payments may receive amounts ranging from \$250 to \$4,000 when they marry, or married persons may receive similar amounts when a baby is born."

All of the concerns put out alluring advertising. A typical headline follows: "Your opportunity. Could you use \$1,000 upon marriage?"

Another, after telling of the glory of motherhood and the "unselfish, unwavering, loyalty of mother love," advises all expectant mothers to end their worries by joining the association.

Always the 'Catch'

"If you have been a member three months your association will pay you \$250; if six months you get \$500; if nine months \$750. The amount may vary slightly from this sum, due to its being determined by the membership, but this is the scale," read a portion of one advertisement.

The ad indicated that each member is assessed \$14 cents for each birth if the parent has been a member three months and proportionate amounts for longer terms. Failure to pay assessments voided each policy.

"Of course the catch in the scheme is that no member had any idea how many assessments might be levied, and thousands of persons, lured by the belief that by paying a small amount monthly, hundreds of dollars would be paid on marriage or births, joined the associations," Solicitor Donnelly said.

'JIMMY' BLAMES REDS

New York Mayor Claims Attacks Are Part of National Campaign.

By United Press
NEW YORK, April 27.—Mayor James J. Walker believes the attacks on his office are part of a national campaign by Communists to undermine municipal, state and federal governments in the United States.

Communists are making him the "goat" and the "target to shoot at" in their attacks at the foundations of good government, Walker told 2,500 friends of the Holy Name Society Sunday. He attacked the religion of those who have brought charges of misfeasance against him and termed them "parlor Communists."

LIFT TOOTH FROM LUNG

Woman Swallows Molar; Rushed by Plane to Ohio Doctor.

By United Press
CHICAGO, April 27.—Mrs. Ellen Williams, 28, was believed recovering today after an emergency airplane trip to a Columbus (O.) hospital, where a tooth she had swallowed was removed from her lung. Mrs. Williams missed the tooth about ten days ago. A few days later she became ill. Pneumonia developed. X-rays showed the trouble was caused by the tooth. She was taken to Columbus Saturday by plane. Dr. Charles S. Brown removed the tooth and she was brought back by plane Sunday.

BANDITS SLAY HOOSIER

Two Shoot Down Peru Confectionery Owner and Escape.

By United Press
PERU, Ind., April 27.—Clarence E. Beachamp, 40, was slain at his home here today as he resisted two holdup men. They fired three shots, one striking Beachamp in the head. Beachamp, who operated a confectionery and lunchroom, was putting his automobile in a garage when the men approached. Henry Hebe, a neighbor, heard the shots and saw the men flee in an auto. Beachamp leaves his widow.

Marriage Is Postponed; Film Star Goes Fishing



Dorothy Mackall

By United Press
HONOLULU, T. H., April 27.—Dorothy Mackall, film star, who last week postponed her marriage to Neil Albert Miller because of "urgent business in Hollywood," was discovered on a fishing party today, her scheduled departure on the liner Malolo also having been deferred.

When she announced that her wedding to the son of a prominent Los Angeles family had been

put off, Miss Mackall said she would sail for the mainland last Saturday. She spent the week-end on a fishing cruise, caught 179 pounds of fish, and the Malolo sailed without her.

Friends of the film player said she might sail on the Malolo's next voyage, and Miss Mackall confirmed this, "unless there is more good fishing."

Her catch Sunday included two one fish, four tuna, and two kawakawa fish.

POLICE HOLD BOYS

Two Are Caught Ransacking Allison Home.

Found ransacking the mansion on the estate of the late James A. Allison, on Cold Spring road, late Sunday, two youths were held by police today on burglary charges.

Caretakers found them on the premises and the youths admitted to police they had stolen a radio at the house earlier in the day.

Police said they found the radio at the home of one of the boys. Attempted robbery of the Caplin delicatessen, 949 North Illinois street, was frustrated Sunday night when Mrs. Sam Caplin screamed for police. The bandit had forced Mrs. Caplin to the family living quarters in the rear of the store.

KILLS WIFE AND SELF

Connecticut Man, However, Makes No Effort to Harm Visitor.

By United Press
SOUTHBRURY, Conn., April 27.—Edgar Oxford, pheasant breeder, walked into a bedroom in which his wife, Bertha, and Miss Winifred Gifford, a visitor from New York, were sleeping early today, shot his wife dead, then killed himself. Miss Gifford, hysterical, told police she was awakened by the report of the gun. Oxford made no effort to harm Miss Gifford.

POLAND IN FLOOD GRIP

1,000 Are Homeless, Several Dead as Rivers Overrun Borderlands.

By United Press
WARSAW, Poland, April 27.—A serious flood situation prevailed today in the eastern borderlands of Poland, particularly in the vicinity of the city of Vilna. The rivers Vilya, Vilejka and Vilenka were rising rapidly to flood vast areas of low-lying territory. About 1,000 families were homeless and several deaths were reported.

3 HELD AS FUGITIVES

Indianapolis Police Take Men for Anderson Authorities.

Three men were held here today as fugitives for Anderson authorities, who say they will question them concerning theft of several musical instruments from a store there Saturday night. They are: Harvey LeFever, 24, and Herman Hutchins, 40, of 232 North Oriental street, and Vern Wells, 26, of 540 Massachusetts avenue.

HERE'S A JOB! MANY GARDENS STILL UNTAKEN

Warm Weather Is Returning; Needy Families Can Earn Food.

After a brief cold wave warmer weather is returning to Indianapolis, and with it will come again the opportunity for unemployed, needy families in Indianapolis to earn their food for the summer.

They may become almost self-supporting by gardening one or more of the lots that generous land-owners have offered, free, to be made from weedy vacant lots into prim, neat gardens, producing food for hungry persons.

Many lots have been offered, but most of them are in locations not near persons who have asked for garden space. The Times today again prints several addresses of these vacant lots. If you want to make a garden write to the Garden Editor of The Times.

NORTH—Thirty-ninth and Byram; 4055 Boulevard place.
EAST—Christian, between Newton and Meredith, and Irving Terrace and Kitley avenue.

WEST—744 West New York street; 536 Concord street; Rockville road, in Tremont Gardens.
NORTHEAST—Parker avenue, near Thirty-ninth and Oxford; and Thirty-ninth street; 1202 East Forty-sixth street; South street, between Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth streets; Columbia avenue at Seventeenth street; lots about five blocks southeast of the state fair grounds; and Gladstone and Sixteenth streets.

NORTHWEST—Speedway road at Holmes avenue; 2000 block North Berwick street; Kosine street, between Twentieth and Twentieth-first streets; 1040 North Warren avenue.
SOUTHEAST—Sherman drive and South-eastern avenue; Grand avenue, near South-eastern avenue.

Several of these are large enough for two or three, or even more families. Will you work them? Write The Times Garden Editor today.

KILLED UNDER TRAIN

City Telegraph Operator to Be Buried Tuesday.

Last rites will be held at 2:30 p. m. Tuesday for Louis Eldo Dixon, 65, of 799 East drive, Woodruff Place, veteran telegraph operator, who died under the wheels of a Big Four train at Twenty-first street and Sherman drive Sunday afternoon.

Handling a message, Dixon slipped on a banana peel and fell across the track under the train. The body was cut in two at the hips.

Inbound from Springfield, O., the train was in charge of William L. Loy, 49, North Pershing avenue, conductor; George W. Hause, 456 North Arsenal avenue, engineer, and Garnett Covert, 2155 Station street, fireman.

Surviving him are the widow, a daughter, Miss Esther Dixon of Indianapolis; a son, Paul M. Dixon of Columbus, O.; a sister, Mrs. Hetie M. Armstrong of Letts, and a brother, J. P. Dixon of Greensburg.

GANGSTER LOCKS LIPS

South Side Gun Victim Freed as Police Fail to Substantiate Charges.

Adhering to gangdom's code—"don't squeal"—Tony La Rosa, south side gangster, was free again today after police failed to substantiate any charges after he was wounded in a gun battle.

The gun fight occurred at Sixteenth street and Hall place April 12 when La Rosa jumped from a car, driven by another man, that crashed into a utility pole. As La Rosa fled, the driver fired a shot that struck the gangster in the side of the head.



BY BEN STERN

It is a peculiar thing that the 1931 session of the general assembly brought to the fore no man who can be termed really outstanding.

As far as political timber for future campaigns is concerned, not one senator or representative indicated any real leadership.

It is true that Senator Walter Chambers of Newcastle kept the Democratic senators in line during the last two days of the session, on the question of diverting part of the highway commission's receipts to the general fund, but until that time, he in no way showed any marked ability as a leader.

The less said about the Republican senate leader, Lee J. Hartzell, Ft. Wayne, the better. He was named as president pro tem, through the patronage controlled by Lieutenant-Governor Edgar D. Bush of Salem, who intended him only as a figurehead. The end of the session found Hartzell not only dis- obeyed, but disregarded.

Wearing a perpetual scowl and shrouded in an air of disgust with everything and every one, heavy, stolid Delph L. McKesson of Plymouth tried to drive the Democrats in the house, instead of leading them.

Toward the end of the session, he was sitting on a volcano of dislike and revolt and only fortunately escaped an outbreak which would have resulted in his dethronement by the session coming to a close.

The Republican house leader, suave, gentlemanly and ever courteous James M. Knap of Hagerstown, let his whip, Miles J. Furnas of Winchester, do all of the talking and thus escaped criticism. "Smart fellow there," was the comment heard concerning Knap.

As for Speaker Walter Myers, he wanted to be the next United States senator, and he proved again that the man with political ambitions has no business with the Speaker's gavel. In a vain and futile attempt to please everybody, Myers pleased nobody. In fact, as it was pointed out, he carried "so much water on both shoulders that his ears were awash."

SENATOR GLASS RENEWS FEUD WITH CANNON

Ridicules Bishop's Sickness Plea as Objection to Committee Probe.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, April 27.—Senator Carter Glass (Dem., Va.) has renewed his feud with Bishop James Cannon Jr., in the South Methodist church, and out in a statement ridiculing the bishop's plea of sickness and proposing that his constitutional objections be ignored.

The Virginia senator's statement was in response to Cannon's challenge of the Nye senate campaign committee inquiry, authorized by a resolution proposed by Glass.

It precedes another crisis in the bishop's stormy career. The meeting next month of the college of bishops of the Methodist church, south, when Cannon will be named chairman if the usual seniority rule is followed. Other churchmen last week were reported circulating a petition to block Cannon's selection. Glass spoke sarcastically of the bishop's physician, who, he said, warned Cannon his life would be endangered if he appeared before the Nye committee, "at the same time telling him it would improve his health to travel across the continent making political and religious speeches."

The Nye committee, Glass said, is not charged with probing the paternity of the investigation under which it operated.

"It is empowered to investigate any charge made by responsible persons to the effect that Bishop Cannon or anybody else deliberately violated the federal corrupt practices act or embezzled campaign funds entrusted to him by diverting them to private uses. That is all there is to it; and nobody who has not been guilty of either one or both of these criminal offenses could possibly think himself in jeopardy."

The bishop's statement which emphasized Glass' authority of the inquiry was commented on acidly by the senator. "It will appeal to those simple and emotional souls who appear to derive satisfaction from extenuating this prelate's alleged irregularities."

Advancing years are the glory of the Chinese, and it is said to be polite to suppose your Chinese guest to be much older than his or her stated age.

Proud Mother



If any mother has a right to feel proud of her two sons it is Mrs. Robert M. LaFollette Sr., above, mother of U. S. Senator Bob LaFollette and Governor Phil LaFollette of Wisconsin. This is a new picture of her.

MISSION WILL HOLD MEETING

Dr. Rice to Talk at 38th Annual Session.

The thirty-eighth annual meeting of the Wheeler City Rescue Mission will be held tonight at 7:30 in the mission's auditorium with Dr. Merion Rice, Detroit, pastor, as the speaker.

The meeting is interdenominational with several churches co-operating.

Dr. Rice is one of the outstanding pastors of the nation. The mission's annual report will be read by the Rev. H. E. Eberhardt, superintendent.

The speaker will be introduced by Dr. Ernest N. Evans, executive secretary of the Church Federation of Indianapolis. Bishop H. H. Fout of the United Brethren church will offer the prayer. Music will be furnished by the mission's trio and radio ensemble. The mission broadcast a special radio program over WFEM Sunday.

An open house for visitors to the mission will be held Tuesday.

BANDITS' LOOT \$1,300 IN RAID ON DRUG STORE

Seven Customers, Three Employees Lined Up by Gunmen.

Herdling three employees and seven customers into the rear of the store, two bandits late Sunday obtained \$1,300 in a holdup of the Hook Drug Company, 3802 College avenue.

C. G. Willis, 5447 College avenue, store manager, was forced, at the point of revolvers, to open a safe and the bandits rifled three cash registers. One of the customers told police he recognized one of the bandit pair.

Bandits who held up Monroe McHenry, 28, of 3604 Prospect street, attendant at a filling station at Twenty-fourth and Meridian streets, Sunday night, obtained \$100, he told police.

Three men were held by police today as suspects in the \$400 robbery of the warehouse of Schnull & Co., 2208 West Michigan street, after police staged raids Sunday night on two houses on DeLesse street. Names of the trio, who police accuse of robbing Emery Myrman, manager of the warehouse Friday, were withheld by police. The men are held under \$10,000 bonds each.

Forcing him to lie on the floor, a bandit today robbed John Welsh, 40, of 850 Edison street, attendant of a filling station, at 1225 East Washington street, of \$23. Other robberies reported: Edwin Heather, 2357 Southeastern avenue, filling station attendant, \$15; T. L. Connor, 103 West St. Clair street, Apt. 3, clothing and jewelry, \$50; Dr. R. C. Beeler, 4551 Park avenue, jewelry, \$55; Frank Freige, 1131 Lexington avenue, restaurant at 540 East Georgia street, merchandise, \$50.

SLAPPED; TAKES POISON Punished by Mother, 17-Year-Old Girl Tries to End Life. By United Press
DETROIT, April 27.—Helen Toggios, 17, took poison because her mother slapped her. The girl was recovering in Receiving hospital today. The mother, Mrs. Anna Toggios, 46, watched at her bedside.

"What possessed you to do such a thing?" she sobbed, "I didn't mean to hurt you."

4th FLOOR

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4th FLOOR

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48 Were. \$15
24 Were. \$18
76 Were. \$25
23 Were. \$29.50
35 Were. \$35
42 Were. \$39.50
31 Were. \$49.50

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