

PIGEONS BRING FANTASTIC NEW KIDNAP 'LEADS'

Lindy Probers Study Notes Found Attached to Dead Carrier Birds.

BY BATES RANEY
United Press Staff Correspondent
HOPEWELL, N. J., March 21.—Colonel and Mrs. Charles A. Lindbergh waited today for some sign from the persons holding their kidnapped baby son, while police continued to check every avenue available for trace of the boy.

Police investigation has entered the fantastic. Dead carrier pigeons with curiously worded notes attached to them have been found and the notes sent to police.

Mysterious movements of persons in the Hopewell area on the night of the kidnapping have been reported.

Police admitted little credence could be put in many of the reports, but all were being investigated carefully in the hope of finding some trace of the child stolen from his crib March 1.

Colonel H. Norman Schwartzkopf, superintendent of New Jersey state police, issued the following statement to the press this morning:

Two Carrier Pigeon Notes

"Two notes carried by carrier pigeons have been reported to us. The first one is alleged to have been a note in code. This was supposed to have been taken off the carrier pigeon which was beaten down by a heavy storm in Connecticut, and upon being decoded by a local bootlegger is read approximately as follows:

"All lines unsafe. Kid in yacht making no ports. Well trained car outside United States jurisdiction. Return bird."

"The informant did not see this note and had only the word of the unidentified bootlegger to go by.

"No additional information was available and the informant refused to identify the source of his information. Charles E. Stein, Leighton, Pa., and Arthur L. Vaughn, East Stroudsburg, Pa., brought to these headquarters a dead pigeon with a note folded and attached to the band on the pigeon's leg.

The band bore the number AU 30 S 34181 and the note read:

"Pulled off the job in fine order. Made a clear getaway. No one even suspects me. Will meet you Monday as planned. Will have the dough with me. Ours, Red."

Johnson Still Being Held

"The band is such as would not indicate particularly that this had anything to do with the Lindbergh kidnapping. However, the investigation is continuing to determine the exact meaning and significance of this communication.

"Several people were interviewed at this headquarters Sunday purporting to have information concerning the case. In each of these instances the information was offered in confidence, and this confidence will be respected. All of the information so received is now being investigated.

"Following a telephonic communication with Jersey City we find that Henry Johnson still is in the custody of Jersey City, and has been there continuously since his return to the city Sunday night. Indications are that he is about to be turned over to the federal immigration authorities.

"Investigators are out all over the state following up information received and no reports are available as yet from any of them."

P-T. A. FEDERATION TO HOLD ANNUAL SESSION

Annual meeting of the Indianapolis Federation of Parent-Teacher Associations will be held Wednesday afternoon and night in the Caley Mills hall, with Dr. G. Bromley Oxnham, president of De Pauw University, as the principal speaker.

Mrs. S. M. Myers, president, will be in charge.

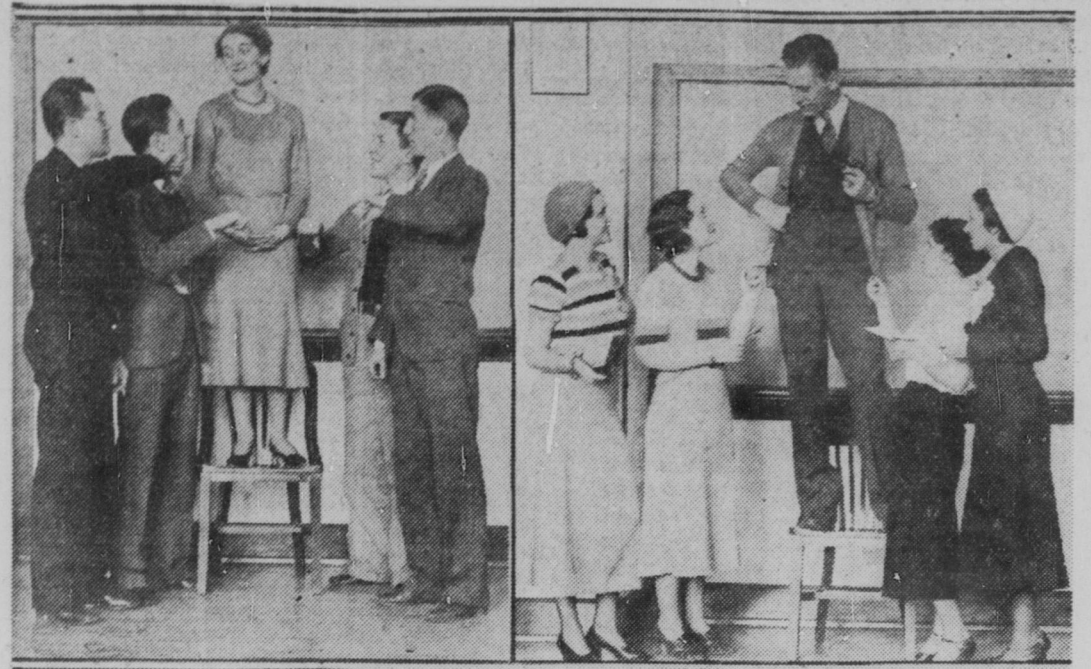
Dr. Oxnham will speak at 8 following the dinner in the school cafeteria. His subject will be "The Promised Land."

Mrs. Otto B. Heppner, music chairman of the federation, will be in charge of a music program by Shortridge high school music organizations.

Following an organ recital, members will inspect the building and all departments.

Guests for the events, in addition to Dr. and Mrs. Oxnham, will be Mr. and Mrs. Paul C. Stetson, city school superintendent; Mr. and Mrs. George Buck, Shortridge principal, and members of the school board.

'Thumbs Down' on Blond Co-Eds



THEY TELL ME

BY BEN STERN

ONE of the greatest evils of politics—and one which is the plague of panhandlers who grab the opportunity to put the "bee" on a candidate for awards ranging from a jingle to a saw-buck.

Candidates in the primary having business in the courthouse must steal from room to room or run the gamut of chisellers who congregate in the lobby.

The evil particularly is acute this year, because of the great number of unemployed who crowd into the building to keep warm.

Many are the expedients resorted to by experts in the line. Holidays, of course, get a full play.

St. Patrick's day, with the innumerable dances and card parties, offered an excuse which was grabbed eagerly and the victims had to buy tickets from almost every precinct committeeman and hanger-on.

Among the hard luck stories getting the big play is the one put on with an old medicine bottle.

The bedraggled panhandler will approach a candidate and sob out a hard luck yarn about the wife and children having the influenza.

"Why, I haven't worked for a year and we can't get any medicine. Here is the bottle," he cries, pulling out a dirty container, "and I am trying to get enough money to have it filled."

He then will whine that the medicine costs \$1 or \$1.25 and if the candidate is particularly susceptible he will pay the full amount.

Those accustomed to the story, who have been hit before, give any

amount of small change and suggest that others be solicited for the remainder.

Another good act is that with the torn shoes or the pair exhibited with gaping holes in the soles.

This is an especially good gag in cold weather.

The amount necessary for repairs is begged, but anything, a nickel or dime, will do.

Then, of course, there is the ordinary moocher who only wants the price of a cup of coffee.

Their name is legion. What price politics?

Just to get even with Butler university "co-eds" for declaring "thar ain't no sich animal" as an ideal man, the university's youths have turned "thumbs down" on blonds.

They declare a blond was behind the recent survey of the school and a search for an ideal man.

Left—Miss Virginia Taylor, a blond "co-ed," getting the regal razz from four brawny. But from Miss Taylor's eyes it looks as if she's handing back a package or two of "regust."

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12 INJURED IN BLAST

Explosion Rocks School at Springfield, Ill.

By United Press
SPRINGFIELD, Ill., March 21.—Prompt inquiry was made today in the mysterious explosions which rocked the \$1,000,000 high school building, and injured a dozen persons, several seriously.

Investigators hunted trace of malefactors who are believed responsible for a recent series of disastrous fires in central Illinois.

Six firemen, a newspaper reporter, two high school students and several townspeople were injured in the blasts which followed the outbreak of a small fire in the basement of the building.

The first explosion came after the group had entered the basement to investigate the fire, which proved to be of little consequence. After the first blast, a series of smaller detonations was caused by igniting gas.

Seven die in plane

American Airways Liner Hits High Tension Wire.

By United Press
REDLANDS, Cal., March 21.—Toll of an accident which wrecked an American Airways liner near here Saturday night stood at seven lives today, after death of the one passenger who was killed almost instantly.

Arthur R. Thomas, Tucson, Ariz., died in a Redlands hospital Sunday.

Six other occupants were killed as the big plane, flying low through a dense fog, struck a high tension wire ten miles east of here and burst into flames as it hit the ground.

Plan \$27,000 Building Program

ANDERSON, Ind., March 21.—As an aid to the "war on depression," the Masonic Temple Company has announced a \$27,000 program of improvements on the building here. The work, which will start soon, will include the construction of a new front.

Poor Relief to Be Topic

Marion county poor relief activities will be discussed at a luncheon of the Democratic county central committee at 12:15 Tuesday at the Washington. H. Nathan Swaim, chairman, announced today.

FRIDAY TED LEWIS AND HIS MUSICAL SHOW IN PERSON AT THE INDIANA

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DRYS DERIDE REPORT ASKING TAX ON BEER

Senate Subcommittee Says Legal Brew Would End Crime.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, March 21.—Prohibitionists today derided a senate subcommittee's claim that a tax on legalized 4 per cent beer would yield the government from \$374,000,000 to \$1,100,000,000 in new revenue yearly.

"Where are they going to get the money?" asked Superintendent F. Scott McBride of the Anti-Saloon League. "The rich don't want beer and the poor people can't afford it. It merely would be taking money out of the poor man's pockets and putting it into the government's."

The revenue estimate was made by Senators Jesse H. Metcalf (Rep., R. I.), and Robert J. Bulkley (Dem., O.), in a report urging adoption of the Blighman 4 per cent beer bill. The said beer would end "wholesale crime and drunkenness."

The third committee man, Senator Henry D. Hatfield (Rep., W. Va.), submitted a minority report against the measure. He said it was impossible to estimate possible revenue from a beer tax.

The beer bill now goes to the full senate committee on manufactures. Chairman Robert M. La Follette said he would do everything possible to get the measure before the senate for a vote, but informed circles counted the committee "dry" by at least two votes.

On another end of the prohibition issue, McBride reiterated that the Anti-Saloon League would classify as "wet" all congressmen who voted to submit the liquor problem to the states, regardless of whether they recommended repeal.

MURRAY 'NO. BRYAN'

Disclaims He Has Adopted Commoner's Platform.

By United Press
OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., March 21.—W. H. (Alfalfa Bill) Murray of Oklahoma favors increased coinage of silver, but is not seeking the Democratic presidential nomination on Bryan's "16-to-1" platform.

The Oklahoma executive clarified his position on currency reform in an interview before he left for a speaking tour of the old south.

"There can be no dispute about both gold and silver representing value," he said. "Bank notes should represent a limited portion of the value of some product, plus an actual reserve of money."

"Since there is not a sufficient amount of gold in the world to do this, without a diminution of the amount of money in circulation, it would seem essential that silver be added, as was intended by the Constitution of the United States."

SHOOT SWEETHEART AS WIFE LOOKS ON

Cleveland Man Then Takes Own Life; Girl Innocent, Says Note.

By United Press
CLEVELAND, March 21.—Mrs. Maria Petroff, 46, prepared today to bury her husband John, 48, while her boarder, Miss Kathryn Petro, 21, of New Castle, Pa., suffered in a hospital from a bullet wound in the head.

Petroff shot the attractive young woman Saturday night, then killed himself. Miss Petro was playing solitaire at a table when Mrs. Petroff ate a bowl of soup. The husband left a note:

"It has got to be this way," he wrote. "Because love is stronger than anything else on earth. I fell in love with her. She is innocent."

Miss Petro was expected to recover.

ART ROSE

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When you have supplied the dialog for all six pictures, mail or bring your contribution to Contest Editor, Indianapolis Times. All answers must be in by Friday. Cash awards totaling \$25 will be divided among winners as follows: First prize, \$10; second, \$5; third, \$3; fourth, \$2, and \$1 each to the next five selected by the judges.

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JUNGLE RESCUE TREK DELAYED

British Embassy Holds Up Search for Explorer.

By United Press
RIO DE JANEIRO, March 21.—Departure of a rescue party into the Brazilian jungles to seek Colonel P. H. Fawcett, British explorer missing for seven years, was delayed today at the request of the British embassy.

Stephan Rattin, Swiss trapper and hunter, believes he saw Colonel Fawcett held captive by Indians at an island jungle village and had intended to begin the trek into the interior today.

British officials asked him to wait until they received a communication from their government regarding the search.

Rattin was encouraged by a message from Mrs. Fawcett, wife of the missing explorer. "I am so glad that Rattin is going to make a search," Mrs. Fawcett said.

"I believe in him and would much rather have him undertake the rescue than any one else. I thoroughly am convinced that my husband is alive and that Rattin will bring him to safety."

Shipping Board Official Dies

By United Press
WASHINGTON, March 21.—Edward C. Plummer, vice-chairman of the United States shipping board for eight years, died Sunday night. He was 67 years old and had been ill for a month.

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