

## 'EAVESDROPPER' GIVES CLEW IN LINDY MYSTERY

Chance Conversation Heard on Albany Boat Probed by Investigators.

BY BATES RANEY  
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HOPEWELL, N. J., March 23.—A chance conversation overheard on an Albany night boat was added to day to the investigation in the kidnapping of Charles Augustus Lindbergh Jr.

Ralph Shenton, 20, of Schenectady, N. Y., appeared in Hopewell today upon request of authorities investigating the Lindbergh case, and was escorted to the Lindbergh home by state troopers. He said his information came from a conversation on an Albany night boat, March 10.

Shenton would not reveal what he had heard in the conversation, saying he preferred to consult only the authorities working on the investigation.

**Hears Racketeers Talking**

He said he was on the night boat on the night of March 19—nine days after the child was seized from its crib in the Lindbergh mansion—and heard several men discussing the kidnapping case.

The men were New York racketeers, and said they apparently were members of a gang who had headquarters in a New York speakeasy some place "in the fifties." He said he knew the address of the speakeasy.

After the trip he said he telephoned detectives in charge of the kidnapping investigation, and was advised to come here and submit whatever information he had obtained.

**Raid in Bronx Futile**

Meanwhile, police today admitted they had no new information bearing on the case. Colonel H. Norman Schwartzkopf, in his morning press conference, said that the story told by Wallace Caldwell of Chicago had given no aid to the investigation and other lines of inquiry had failed to produce clews to the case.

Caldwell, member of the Chicago board of education, informed reporters at Trenton he possessed "certain information which is best yet, and I am not working alone on it."

New York police raided an apartment in the Bronx on the tip that they might find Harry Fleischer, reputed member of Detroit's "purple gang," hiding out there. The raid yielded no incriminating evidence.

## FLAY EASTER EGG TOGS

*Rainbow Men Edict Irks Ziegfeld Girls*



Buddy Rogers . . . "Well-dressed from the knees up; too much Hollywood off stage."

BY H. ALLEN SMITH  
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NEW YORK, March 23.—The Merchant Tailors' National Association's hope that men would start wearing flashy colors and fancier styles, roundly was denounced by four Ziegfeld showgirls.

The girls interviewed backstage during a rehearsal, were unanimous in the opinion that men should dress conservatively.

They picked Ronald Coleman as "one of the few movie stars who knows how to dress," and made a few sly digs at the sartorial splendor of Buddy Rogers, one of the stars of "Hotcha," the show in which they themselves are appearing.

Since one of Mt. Ziegfeld's press agents was present, the girls knew better than to condemn their Buddy outright.

"Now listen, girls," said the press agent, "suppose you just tell the gentleman that Buddy Rogers is the best dressed man in the world."

"Well," said Mary Coyle, who originated in Lincoln, Neb., "I would say he is well dressed, on the stage. Be sure and put that on the stage, in."

"Yes," added Louise Allen, from Boston, "and also say from the knees up. He's well dressed, you might say, on the stage from the knees up."



Jimmy Walker, snapped several years ago in a colorful sartorial moment . . . "He's got a nerve ever to leave his house; what the best-dressed man should not wear."

"Girls," said the press agent, "ask you that is a nice thing to say about a guy right here in our own show? Is it nice?"

"BUDDY is too much Hollywood off the stage," put in Marian Dixon, who comes from Wichita, Tex.

"I like Englishmen, the way they dress," said Mary Alice Rice of Dallas. "I think it would be all right to have something like those red businesses they wear when they are hunting to hounds, or whatever you call it."

"Maybe we could have red outfit for certain hours of the day—say for tea."

"Only I turn thumbs down on pink tuxedos, coats with belts,



Ronald Coleman . . . "One of the few movie stars who knows how to dress."

coats that are slit in the back, turtle-neck sweaters, and all the rest of Hollywood's horrible haberdashery."

MISS RICE was given due credit for having turned a pretty phrase, then Miss Coyle, wearing pajamas at the moment, took the floor.

"If those tailors ever put this idea over—the idea of having the men dress like Easter eggs on wheels—I'm for having the girls go around in overalls, or barrels, or adhesive tape."

"No self-respecting girl would keep a date with a man who dresses like a clown."

"Personally, when any of my boy friends break out in a gaudy shirt or a gray derby or a tie that can be heard half way across town, I simply tell them to go back, and change their clothes if they want to be seen in public with me."

"And as for Jimmy Walker," finished Miss Allen, "I think he's got a nerve ever to leave his house. To my way of thinking he represents what the well-dressed man should not wear."

Vocational Chief to Speak  
Z. M. Smith, state director of vocational education, will address boys of George Washington high school Thursday morning. He will speak on various phases of the vocational education field.

## BRITAIN INSISTS IRELAND RETAIN OATH TO KING

Land Annuities, Too, Must Be Paid by Free State, Parliament Told.

BY HERBERT MOORS  
United Press Staff Correspondent  
LONDON, March 23.—J. H. Thomas, Dominion secretary, informed the house of commons today that the British government stands firmly against abolition of the oath to the king and non-payment of the land annuities, as proposed by the Republican government of Eamon De Valera in the Irish Free State.

The government is addressing to the Free State government a communication which will make its standpoint clear beyond the possibility of a doubt on the question of the oath," he said.

Failure to pay the land annuities would be a manifest violation of an agreement which is binding in law and honor on the Irish Free State, whatever administration might be in power."

Thomas stated the government's position after an audience with the king and an important cabinet

meeting.

Thomas, in reply to a question, confirmed the published contents of a communication from John W. Dulyant, Free State commissioner in London, in which the Free State contended the oath was not made mandatory in the treaty of 1921.

"It is manifest that the oath is an integral part of the treaty," Thomas said.

Regarding the land annuities, he said there had been no official communication, but on the basis of de Valera's speech to the Free State senate Tuesday, as reported by the press, "we understand the Free State government proposes to retain the land annuities."

"An honorable agreement only could be altered by agreement on both sides," Thomas said. "The Free State government is bound by the

## Dogs, Plane Race North to Society Woman's Aid

Mrs. E. M. Biddle Snowbound in Arctic Since Jan. 12, in Tiny Cabin.

By United Press  
NENANA, Alaska, March 23.—Mike Cooney mushed his malamutes over frozen tundra and deep snowdrifts today with a fair chance of reaching Kantishna, where Mrs. Edward M. Biddle of Philadelphia has been snowbound for nearly three months.

Cooney and his eight-dog team arrive before Friday he probably will start back to Nenana with Mrs. Biddle.

If he has not arrived by Friday, the Philadelphia society leader and authoress, weather permitting, will hear the welcome hum of the Diamond mail plane miles off its course, and sent to Kantishna by friends.

As an air passenger, she would look back at the tiny cabin of Panne Quigley, her hostess since Jan. 12, when she was trapped by an Arctic winter.

Although it is only 220 miles to Kantishna, Cooney has been beaten back for a month in repeated attempts to penetrate the drifts and blizzards.

The plane yet may be needed if Mrs. Biddle is to fulfill her desire to see the early breakup of ice in May.

most formal and explicit undertaking to continue to pay the land annuities to the national debt commissioners."

Thomas' refusal to reveal contents of the British communication to Dublin until it is "timely" to do so caused numerous interruptions. George Buchanan, Glasgow Laborer, said "It is a declaration of war."

Thomas insisted his statement leaves no doubt about the oath and land annuities.

"That's the considered judgment of the government; that is where we stand on the matter," he said. The ministerial benches cheered.



Mrs. Edward M. Biddle

### MARLEN E. PEW WILL ADDRESS CITY AD MEN

"Newspaper Service to America" Will Be Luncheon of MEN

"Newspaper Service to America" will be the subject of Marlen E. Pew, editor of Editor and Publisher, and widely known for his activities in the newspaper world, at a luncheon of the Indianapolis Advertising Club Thursday in the Columbia Club.

Pew will be a guest of three Indianapolis newspapers.

For more than twenty years Pew has been connected in editorial capacities with eastern newspapers and press associations and syndicates.

## MINERS' PLIGHT TO BE STUDIED

200 College Men Head for Eastern Kentucky Fields.

By United Press  
NEW YORK, March 23.—Two hundred students from Yale, Harvard, Princeton, Columbia, the College of the City of New York, New York university, Smith and Hunter colleges piled into busses and automobiles today planning an impartial "search for truth" in the coal strike region of Eastern Kentucky.

The party planned to proceed to Knoxville, Tenn., where all the groups will unite on Friday, then enter Kentucky and spread out through Harlan and Bell counties until Sunday, when they will return.

Their purpose was not to make "demands" or "protests," they were told, but to remember they were students doing sociological research.

Rob F. Hall, president of the Social Problems club at Columbia university, who will accompany the party, warned the students before leaving that mine operators suspected they were Communists.

To forestall attempted indictments on charges of criminal syndicalism, each student was to carry full credentials, showing what college he represented.

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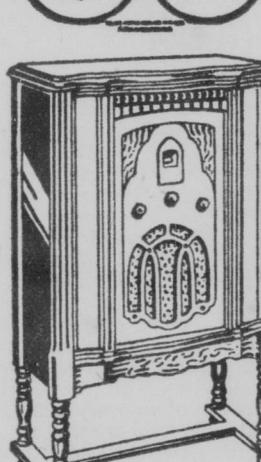
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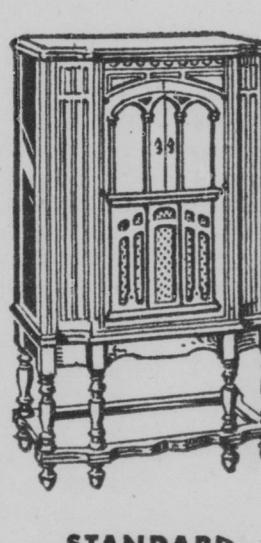
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