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ACCUSE FLIER OF MURDER IN WRITER DEATH

Warrant Charges Lancaster
Killed Fiance of Mrs.
Keith-Miller.

DEFENDED BY WOMAN

I Know He's Innocent,
She Says; Early Trial
Is Expected.

By United Press
MIAMI, Fla., May 3.—Mrs. Jessie M. Keith-Miller, noted Australian woman flier, today defended Captain William N. Lancaster, noted flier, against the charge that he murdered the man she was to marry.

"I know he is innocent," Mrs. Keith-Miller said of Lancaster, who was arrested late Monday, accused of first degree murder in the death of Haden Clarke, her fiance, a Miami writer.

Lancaster was found dead in the bungalow occupied by Mrs. Keith-Miller and Captain Lancaster on the morning of April 20, and notes found indicated Clarke may have committed suicide by shooting himself with a pistol.

Captain Lancaster also declared he was "absolutely innocent and the outcome of the case will prove it."

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Voluntarily Clears Up Notes

Hawthorne indicated he expected indictments will be returned against Lancaster by the grand jury now in session.

Mrs. Keith-Miller, appearing haggard, expressed confidence in Lancaster despite the fact the murder charge was filed after he voluntarily admitted he had written two notes, signed in Clarke's name and indicating the youth had committed suicide.

"Captain Lancaster and I cleared up the mystery of the notes when we voluntarily made an appointment last Sunday morning to see the state's attorney," she said.

Captain Lancaster had explained he wrote the "good-bye" notes, to save himself and Mrs. Keith-Miller from involvement.

Early Trial Is Asked

Asked why Lancaster tried to re-serve Clarke to get him to sign the notes, the Australian flier said:

"That probably was momentary panic."

Hawthorne's intimation that he would try the case at once, if an indictment is returned, was considered as in deference to the captain's wishes.

Behind the arrest is one of the strangest mysteries local authorities have had to deal with in years.

Mrs. Keith-Miller and Lancaster, an internationally-famous flying team, have been here several years. Their fame spread five years ago when they made a flight from London to Australia. Since then, Lancaster had served as manager and close associate of the British woman.

Reverses Encountered

Since coming to Florida, however, they had encountered reverses. None of their flying projects succeeded. There was even insufficient money to pay gas and electric bills, Mrs. Keith-Miller said.

Then, about that time, she met Clarke through his mother, an instructor at Rollins college.

While Lancaster was in Mexico examining a flying projection which he subsequently claimed was a plan to smuggle Chinese into Mexico-Clarke and Mrs. Keith-Miller worked on a book of her flying experiences. They fell in love.

They notified Lancaster, who was in St. Louis, of their plan to marry, and he telephoned them urging they postpone the nuptials until he could arrive and be best man. He hurried to Miami, arriving at the house the trio shared on April 13.

The following day, Clarke was found dead. He had been shot. A pistol was under the body. The two notes were found in the room. Mrs. Keith-Miller and Lancaster subsequently were detained by police and questioned for several days.

Pair Questioned Again

Throughout the questioning Mrs. Keith-Miller told of her love for Clarke, of their marriage plans, of the economic hardships that had pursued her recent career, and of the fact that Lancaster and she had never been in love, but had been friends and business associates. They finally were released.

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Year in Oven

By United Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn., May 3.—"Smiling" Jack Doty today still smiled as he began his second year in an oven electrically heated to a temperature of 103 degrees.

A year ago more than a third of Doty's skin was burned off in an automobile accident.

Physicians said he would live a few hours or day at most. Doty smiled and began a stubborn fight for life.

Day and night since then Doty has lain flat on his stomach in the especially constructed oven, which is fitted over his head and heated by electric light bulbs.

Doctors, however, say it will be many months yet before Doty can be removed from the oven. The physicians are grafting skin to his burned body.

U. S. TROOPERS EJECT JAPANESE

Clash Is Narrowly Avoided in Shanghai Settlement.

By United Press

SHANGHAI, May 3.—United States infantry troops forced a Japanese raiding party to retire from the American defense sector of Shanghai tonight after a Japanese raid in which the doughty were called out to defend Chinese civilians from the raiders.

The Japanese retired stubbornly, but in force, and garrisoned the American defense sector of Shanghai.

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Fear Trouble at Train

He will go with some sixteen other federal prisoners, narcotics dealers, automobile thieves and the like, on a Chicago, Burlington & Quincy train. He will be taken from the jail directly to the Union station.

Capone will be handcuffed like the others. Guarding him will be United States Marshal Henry C. W. Laubenthal and three of the brawniest deputy marshals in the Chicago office. Each weighs 200 pounds or over.

Time of the train's departure was not announced. The officials feared disorder at the station, or a possible attempt to liberate Capone.

The scar-faced gangster saw only wife, mother and sister in the county jail today. They are loyal although the "big shot" is only a convicted hoodlum now.

Wife, Mother Say Good-By

His wife, May Capone, a married sister and his aged mother spent a considerable time talking with him in low tones. Capone managed a crooked smile when they came in.

But no friends other than the three women helped Scarface Al spend the last day in Chicago as he will spend here for some seven years. He must stay approximately that long in Leavenworth, counting the year he was sentenced.

Estimate of the loss was made by D. B. Shimer, president of the company. He said building and contents are covered fully by insurance. He said he believed defective wiring started the fire. No smoking is permitted in the building a year's jail sentence.

Warden David Moneypenny of county jail and federal guards who have watched Capone's cell since he was taken to the penitentiary had attempted to bid him good-by.

Ignored by "Tough Guys"

So Capone, prison-bound, will go like a pretty hoodlum, ignored by the "tough guys" he drilled into a ruthless criminal army, and by the scores of gay ladies on whom he lavished jewels, diamond belt buckles and expensive liquor parties.

"He wouldn't watch his step and the big guy slapped down," a gangster spokesman said.

"Always was too stubborn from the time Johnny Torrio brought him in here to bounce at the Four Deuces cafe. Al was a know-it-all guy. It worked all right in the gang for a while because he gave orders that nobody dared to serve up on.

"But he was too stubborn when he was wrong. Plenty of smart heads in the gang told him to go in and get straight with the government on his tax bill.

"Hell, they can't touch me, I told them.

"But the government gave him the works, and now look where he is."

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BAKER VISIONS GREAT FUTURE FOR AMERICA

Ex-War Chief Pleads for Cash
Help Unemployed.

TOLEDO, May 3.—America will enter into an "even greater nation" when she shakes off the mantle of the depression, Newton D. Baker, Cleveland attorney, believes.

The former secretary of war, appearing before the Toledo community chest workers, made a dramatic appeal for funds in behalf of the unemployed.

"No matter how long this depression lasts, there must not be a hungry child," Baker said. "During the last four or five years, the United States has become an increasingly industrial nation and now is the most highly industrialized nation in the world has ever seen."

The concentration of population in cities has forced workers to become dependent, he said.

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BOXER KIDNAP TARGET

Berlenbach's Baby Son Threatened
in \$25,000 Demand.

By United Press

NEW YORK, May 3.—Paul Berlenbach, former light heavyweight boxing champion, admitted today that a police guard has been stationed at his home in Astoria, L. I., following receipt of a letter threatening that his infant son, Paul Jr., will be kidnapped unless he pays \$25,000.

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Mrs. Ida Mae Clarke, the dead man's mother, told authorities that the pistol found under her son's body had been purchased by Lancaster in St. Louis. She said she always had doubted the suicide theory.

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CAPONE SULKS AS HE WAITS PRISON 'RIDE'

Swears and Storms in Cell When Visitors Try to Approach Him.

'TOUGH GUYS' ABSENT

None of Ex-Henchmen Go to Say Farewell to Ex-'Big Shot.'

By ROBERT T. LOUGHREN
United Press Staff Correspondent

CHICAGO, May 3.—Al Capone sulks in his county jail cell today, cursing those who sought to see him before he starts tonight for Leavenworth penitentiary to begin serving the eleven years he must spend behind bars for income tax evasion.

"To hell, you lousy rats," Capone bellowed when newspaper men approached his cell.

Doctors, however, say it will be many months yet before Capone can be removed from the oven. The physicians are grafting skin to his burned body.

"Want to take me for a ride some more, eh? Well, I'm not talking seen! Get to hell out of here."

The 265-pound gangster trembled with rage. His face went to sickly purple. He shook his fist.

While the man who once ruled the Chicago gangs with machine gun and bomb, making this his capital of crime whence he drew millions in revenue from liquor, vice and gambling, stormed in his cell, last arrangements were made for sending him to the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, which he had been.

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