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TWO WOUNDED IN GUN BATTLE HERE

ILL-FATED PLANE WRECKED BY BOMB, U. S. PROBER SAYS

Murder Is Hinted as Investigators Seek
Actual Cause of Tragedy Which
Took Lives of Seven.

LABORATORY TESTS UNDER WAY

Ship Severed in Mid-Air by Blast, Is
Finding; Tail of Craft Found Mile
Away From Other Wreckage.

CHICAGO, Oct. 14.—A bomb or other high explosives wrecked the transport plane that plunged seven persons to death near Chesterton, Ind., Tuesday night, reports of two official investigations said today.

Explosion of something in the baggage department, either by design or by accident, wrecked the plane in mid-air and sent it to earth, department of justice and United Air Lines reports stated.

Previously Carl Davis, Porter county coroner, who conducted an inquest, and experienced airplane pilots who viewed the wreckage, had expressed the opinion the huge air liner was "bombed."

Witnesses at the inquest testified an explosion in mid-air preceded the crash. The tail of the twin-motored ship was torn off by the explosion and flung to earth a mile from where the plane crashed.

Melvin H. Purvis, department of justice agent, announced a detailed investigation led him to a "positive belief something foreign to the airplane exploded." He was not certain as to the type of explosive.

It may have been caused by a time bomb or a bottle of nitroglycerin in the baggage, Mr. Purvis said. D. B. Colyer, vice-president of United Airlines, which operated the ship, issued a statement saying he was convinced by exhaustive laboratory tests at Northwestern university that a high explosive caused the tragedy.

In Perfect Condition
The plane was one of the most modern of the large fleet which had carried 325,000 passengers 40,000,000 miles without a previous fatality, Mr. Colyer said. It had been inspected thoroughly and was in perfect mechanical and structural condition, he said.

"Consolidation of all available evidence surrounding the accident leads to the conclusion that it was caused by a high explosive, presumably located in the baggage, and that the passenger cabin and toilet section aft of the passenger cabin and ahead of the rear section," Mr. Colyer said. "The passenger section and the rear section were severed by the explosion. This forced the plane to the ground, where it burst into flames. The nature of the explosion never will be known, as it apparently was destroyed."

Exhaustive Tests Made
"It is impossible to determine whether it was a liquid or a solid form, according to the laboratory reports by Northwestern university, which made tests on fragments of the plane's metal structure and cabin furnishings damaged by the explosive."

"Despite a thorough investigation by the company and interested federal organizations, it has not been possible to ascertain why the explosive was on the plane. We know of no possible reason for its having been placed there."

"There is conclusive evidence that there was no gasoline explosion or fire preceding the crash and no structural failure of the airplane prior to the explosion."

Theories Are Advanced
Several theories regarding the possible motive for wrecking the plane had been advanced, but none given official credence. Murder for revenge, suicide and anarchy are not borne out by known facts, Mr. Colyer said.

The most plausible explanation, and there is no evidence to bear it out, Mr. Colyer said, is that of anarchy or murder for revenge. Department of justice agents already are working on these angles and also on the possibility one of the passengers might have been carrying an explosive.

Sky Ball

The Sky Ball sectional contests which were to have been held in city parks today have been postponed until Oct. 28. The Times next week will carry locations of the various parks in which the sectionals will be held. In addition to the district competitions, the final contests also will be held on the night of Oct. 28 at Tomlinson hall.

Watch The Times for additional announcements of the contests and retain your entry blank for entrance in the city-wide race.

One man and a police officer were wounded today when five bandits armed with machine guns were cornered in the Hamilton-Harris & Co. store, 302 West South street.

The building was surrounded by squads of police, with all available guns ready for use. Much confusion was evident at headquarters and details of the raid were lacking.

Sergeant Charles Hodges was wounded in the left arm. He was struck when a hail of bullets followed an attempt of himself and Lieutenant Dan Scanlan to enter the building.

The injured man, John Gardner, Beech Grove, clerk in the cash and carry department of the company, is so badly wounded that doctors say there is practically no chance for him to recover.

He was riddled by a blast from a sawed off shotgun in the hands of one of the bandits.

The bandits, all young men, fled in a Graham sedan stolen a short while before from Gus Billman, 96 East Morris street.

Indiana to Clash With Notre Dame

Bloomington Game Is Top
Attraction on Today's
Football Card.

Hoosierland held the nation's collegiate football spotlight today, with the "big three" involved in two major battles.

Notre Dame's struggle with an improved Indiana university eleven at Bloomington was rated at the top of the list, with the Irish out to blot out last week's stinging scoreless upset by Kansas and the Crimson battling to prove their 6 to 6 tie with Minnesota as no accident.

Sophomores were expected to play an important role for each club, with the upstarts favored. Purdue, pre-race Big Ten favorites, faced a terrific struggle with Minnesota at Minneapolis. The Gophers have pointed for the Boilermakers since the start of the campaign. The Kizerman were favored.

Wabash took on Rose Poly at Crawfordsville, De Pauw entertained Earlham, Indiana State was favored over Manchester, and Valparaiso was host to Grand Rapids, Mich., in other games.

HOURLY TEMPERATURES

6 a. m. 40 8 a. m. 46
7 a. m. 41 9 a. m. 49

Raid Mooresville Farm in Hunt for Dillinger

No Trace of 'No. 1 Bad
Man' Is Found at
Father's Home.

No trace of John Dillinger, escaped bank bandit, was found in a raid on the farm of his father, E. H. Dillinger, near Mooresville, late last night.

Aroused from his sleep, the convict's father stood on the concrete porch of the farmhouse and explained to the raiding party, composed of twenty police, deputy sheriffs and constables, that he has not seen his son since last May.

"At that time," said the elder Dillinger, "he came home on parole from the Indiana state prison a half hour after his mother died. I don't know what to think of him now—it's pretty bad."

The father, according to the police, apparently has been following

his son's recent activities, including the killing of Sheriff Jess L. Sarber at Lima, O., during the sensational delivery from jail of the younger Dillinger—through newspaper accounts.

Four state policemen originally assigned to the raiding party were suddenly withdrawn when Al Feeney, state safety director, explained that "it was a cold trap."

The Dillinger camp has developed a sharp rift between state and city police, it was learned at the statehouse. A conference attended by Governor Paul V. McNutt, state and city police officials, was held at the statehouse yesterday. At the close, all parties announced that "harmony" existed, but observers were skeptical.

Chief Mike Morrissey blamed Matt Leach of the state police for allowing Dillinger to be turned over to Lima (O.) authorities instead of holding him in Indiana for prosecution of the Massachusetts avenue savings bank holdup, it was learned.

MISSING GIRL SOUGHT

Police Asked to Join in Search for
Young Woman.

Police today were asked to search for Miss Madelin Dashan, 17, of 935 South Delaware street, missing from her home since Thursday. Relatives said at first they thought she had gone to the home of relatives in Louisville but telegrams revealed she was not there.

She is described as being 5 feet 2 inches tall, weighing 85 pounds, with brown eyes and hair. When last seen she was wearing a brown dress, gray coat and brown oxfords.

DR. KERSHNER TO TALK

Bible Class Will Hear Address by
Dean of University.

Dr. Bruce L. Kershner, Butler university dean, will address the men's Bible class of the Central Christian church at 9:30 Sunday morning. His subject will be "Two Great Ladies and a Great Church."

BUS SERVICE PROVIDED

Company Offers Transportation to
Saddle Horse Roundup.

Special bus service will be provided at 9:15 and 10:30 tomorrow morning by Indianapolis Railways, Inc., for the saddle horse round-up of the Indiana Polo, Hunt and Saddle Clubs, at Meridian and One Hundred Sixth street. The busses will start on the Circle in front of the English opera house.



RACE TRACK Selections

WASHINGTON PARK, HOMEWOOD, ILL., Oct. 14.—The running of the eighth race this afternoon at Washington Park marks the last of the racing on the mile tracks in this vicinity for the season. It is get-away day and don't think the boys won't be shooting for the moon in an effort to get shipping money for the Lamp Black in the third looks the best of anything on the card. He won his last out, but sure figures to be a repeater.

The Audrey Farm Stables seem to have another one of the good 2-year-olds going postward in Trey, who will face Starter Cassidy in the Sixth.

Watch Tower in the seventh figures to be the old bird that can stick out the two and a quarter mile distance and make the field like it, while Sydney Grant is my choice to be the best thing of the day. In the second, who can pick one to beat Head Play?

Greyclade will be the one to catch in the third and Fred Avon, whom some one said was sponged, should get a fair workout in the fifth galloping in front of that field.

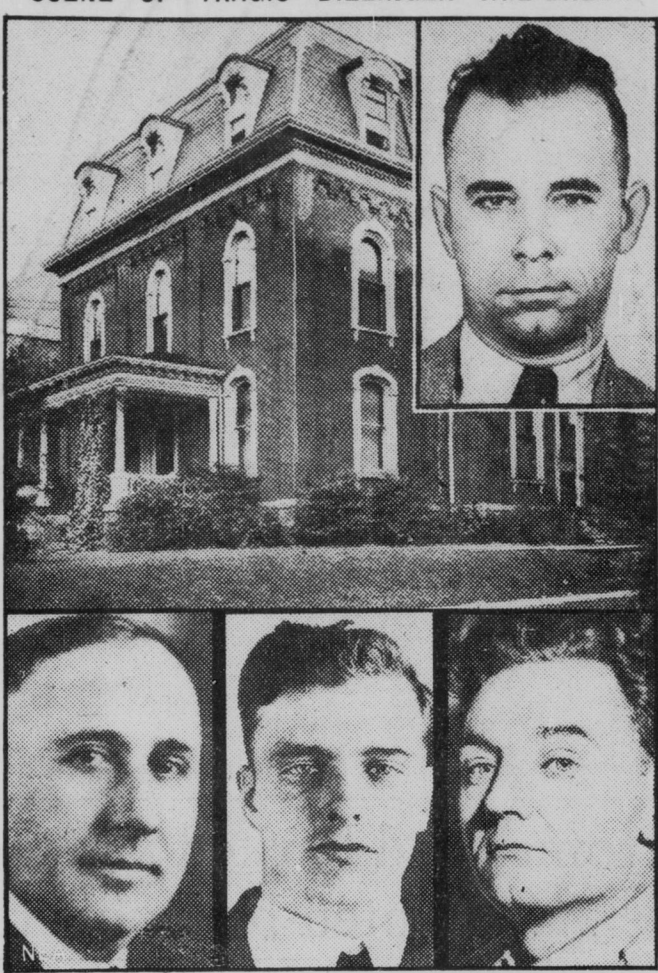
Today's Selections

- At Washington Park—
1. Our Rose, Cotton Club, Boom's Pal.
2. Grand Prince, Volta Maid, Backlog.
3. Lamp Black, Hyman, Flying Cadet.
4. Pancho Lopez, Bedight, Captain Red.
5. Our Justice, Axtel, Interpreter.
6. Trey, Pennacote, Speedy Skippy.
7. Watch Tower, Sidney Grant, Rowdy Boy.
8. Major Lamphier, John Mill, His Last.

At Laurel—

1. No selections.
2. Doeskin, Time Off, White Cloud.
3. Head Play, Marooned, Sir James.
4. Greyclade, Tomyne, Landsman.
5. Fred Avon, Jamestown, Mate.
6. The Darb, Monel, Fingal.
7. Renaissance, Bright Bird, Hacky H.
8. Flying Cherokee, Syriac, Pel-dam.

SCENE OF TRAGIC DILLINGER JAIL-BREAK



Scene of the Lima (O.) jail delivery, in which John L. Dillinger, bank robber suspect, was freed and Sheriff Jess L. Sarber was slain by a bandit rescue gang, and the principals in the tragedy are shown here.

Top, left, is the Allen county jail. Top, right, is Dillinger, paroled Indiana convict, believed to be the "outside man" in the recent Michigan City prison break in which ten convicts escaped.

Below, left to right, are Sheriff Sarber; Harry Pierpont, one of the convicts who broke from the Indiana prison and now branded as the trigger man who shot down the sheriff at his desk; and Deputy Sheriff Wilbert Sharpe, who was locked in a cell as the rescue was effected.

Kidnapers of State Cop Branded as Rum Runners

Detective Chief Simon
Casts Doubts Men Were
Jail Killers.

Skepticism that the kidnaping of State Patrolman Ernest Richardson near Lebanon yesterday was connected with the delivery of John Dillinger, bank bandit suspect, from the Lima (O.) jail, grew today as city and state police admitted a new theory as to the motive for Richardson's abduction.

Detective Chief Fred Simon of the city department first surmised that the two men who overpowered Richardson on state road No. 52 were members of a run-running gang, who expected to meet a liquor cargo on the highway, and realized that a state policeman's presence would be embarrassing.

So—Simon deduced—they disarmed Richardson and forced him to drive one of them to Indianapolis, where the kidnaper slipped out of the state police car and escaped running.

"I wouldn't be surprised if that were the case," Al G. Feeney, state director of public safety, said this morning when he heard of Simon's interpretation of the affair.

However, Feeney said he had no clues to the identity of the abductors, or to their motive for the strange affair.

Richardson stopped on the highway to warn a motorist, who with another man apparently was repairing a tire, to park off the concrete. He said he saw two guns lying in the auto, and as he grabbed them the two men attacked him, recovered their weapons and took his own, and then forced him back into his car.

While one held a gun on him, Richardson told his chiefs, he drove his police car while the other man followed in their machine a short distance, and then disappeared.

Authorities at first believed the pair to be members of the gang who invaded the Lima jail Thursday night, liberated Dillinger, and blazed their way out of the place, killing a sheriff. Dillinger was wanted here as a bank bandit suspect. After state authorities obtained extradition papers for him, his return from Dayton, where he was arrested, was balked as Dayton police turned him over to Lima officials.

MACON DODGES STORM

Dirigible Forced to Alter Course On
Way to Join Pacific Fleet.

MIDLAND, Tex., Oct. 14.—The navy dirigible Macon, en route to fleet maneuvers in the Pacific, soared over the Guadalupe mountains at dawn today after skirting a severe west Texas storm.

GERMANY QUILTS LEAGUE, WORLD ARMS PARLEY

Double Withdrawal Precipitates Europe Into
Gravest Crisis in Years; London
Refuses to Make Any Comment.

REJECTED PLAN BACKED BY U. S.

Germany Kicks Over Traces in Conflict
Raging About Her Determination to
Rearm Despite Versailles Treaty.

BERLIN, Oct. 14.—Germany in bitter anger announced today her withdrawal from the League of Nations and the world disarmament conference.

President Paul Von Hindenburg at the government's request immediately decreed the dissolution of the dormant Reichstag and proclaimed for Nov. 12 a general parliamentary election, designed to test the nation's opinion of the double withdrawal which precipitated Europe into its gravest crisis in years.

In an official communique the government said:

"In view of the humiliating and dishonoring demands of the other powers at the Geneva disarmament conference, the government has decided no longer to participate in the discussions of the conference and simultaneously to notify the League of Nations of the Reich government's withdrawal from this body. 'So that the nation could be given an opportunity to decide these questions, vital to Germany's fate, the Reichstag was dissolved today by Presidential decree. New general elections will be held November 12.'"

Hitler to Go on Air
Chancellor Adolf Hitler announced that he would explain his action to the nation in a nationally broadcast radio speech at 7 p. m. (12 noon Indianapolis time).

The government action was taken after long and anxious conferences between leading ministers—Chancellor Hitler, Foreign Minister Baron Konstantin von Neurath and Defense Minister Werner Blomberg, particularly.

While they were meeting last night, the German delegates at Geneva pleaded with American disarmament delegates to intercede with the British delegation and see that the door was not closed to agreement.

But this morning the government learned the text of a speech made by Arthur Henderson, president of the disarmament conference, in opening the meeting of the steering committee.

Then, it was said reliably, the decision to announce the withdrawal was at last decided, in the belief that Germany was confronted with a solid front of her World War enemies.

Insures Nazi Reich
It was believed the government was not fully acquainted with the speech made by Sir John Simon, presenting a loosely drawn eight-year disarmament plan.

But whether even this new gesture would suffice to ease the present crisis was doubtful, in view of the drastic nature of the German government's action.

By calling an election, it insured a vote on its nationalistic program, and virtually insured a Reichstag, with a complete Nazi representation.

Regardless of the Simon plan, Germany had said that she would not wait four years for other nations to begin disarming unless she in the meantime were permitted to rearm herself up toward their level.

World War Is Feared

GENEVA, Oct. 14.—A new eight-year disarmament plan was sponsored by World War allies today as Germany announced her withdrawal.

U. S. Sees Defeat

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14.—Germany's announcement of withdrawal from the League of Nations was viewed by officials here as virtual defeat for the strenuous disarmament efforts of the last two years.

Apparently the United States had anticipated some such move on the part of Hitler, for last night President Roosevelt in a national address took occasion to denounce threats to world peace.

The announcement that Germany would leave the disarmament conference was received by American officials with surprise and dismay. It apparently means the defeat of the strenuous disarmament efforts of the United States, through Ambassador Norman H. Davis.

France Wants Control

With Germany out of the disarmament conference, little hope was seen for any agreement. France, the major military power of Europe, has consistently maintained that it could not sacrifice a single soldier or gun unless Germany came within the disarmament treaty.

France has insisted that there must be a four-year period of international armament control, during which Germany would demonstrate its faithfulness to the armament limitations of the Versailles treaty.