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MAKLEY ALBI IS READY; DILLINGER SMASH AWAITED

Alleged Sheriff Slayer Claims He Was at Home on Day of Murder; Half-Brother, Two Sisters at Trial.

'TERROR ARMY' ON WAY, IS REPORT
Mob Chief Leading 25 Heavily Armed Men to Lima, General Hears; Judge Also Fears Delivery Attempt.

LIMA, O., March 13.—The defense of Charles Makley, on trial for his life in the slaying of Sheriff Jesse L. Sarber, will be based on a contention he was at his home in St. Marys, O., when Mr. Sarber was shot by gangsters who freed John Dillinger, it was disclosed today.

Selection of a jury in the trial of Makley continued here with Judge Emmitt Everett frankly admitting in open court that he feared a raid by John Dillinger.

"We have received word that John Dillinger is on his way here with armed men," Judge Everett announced tersely after overruling a defense move for abatement, a demurrer against the indictment and a plea for a change of venue.

Frigidier-General Harold M. Bush, commanding national guardsmen at the jail, said he received word Dillinger was coming to Lima with twenty-five heavily armed gangsters.

The basis of the defense plea was revealed by William Fogarty, Indianapolis, Makley's counsel. At the same time, the Dillinger gangster's half brother, Fred Makley, arrived here from St. Marys.

Two sisters of the accused gunman, Mrs. Mildred Bartholomew and Florence Makley, also came here today from their home in Eldorado, Kan. They had not seen their brother in twenty-six years, but exclaimed, "our brother can't be that bad," when they saw the slayer of national guardsmen patrolling the jail and Makley seated in the courtroom with shackles on his hands and feet.

Makley smiled and shuffled toward them as they entered. "Don't take it too hard," he told them. "I'm sorry I brought this on you."

Examination of prospective jurors continued slowly. Sheriff Donald Sarber said he had received no report regarding Mary Kierp, said to be the wife of Harry Kierp, convicted in the slaying of the sheriff. She was reported to have left Indianapolis yesterday for Lima.

Plane 'Tip' False

CLEVELAND, March 13.—Passengers on a United Airlines plane piled out of the cabin here today to find themselves confronted by a score of machine guns in the hands of four squads of grim detectives.

The surprise "welcome" was staged when police received a tip from Newark (N. J.) officials that John Dillinger, desperado, was on the plane.

None of the passengers even remotely resembled the outlaw, police said, and they were allowed to proceed about their business and would offer their flight as best they could.

Probe Delayed Again

CROWN POINT, Ind., March 13.—The grand jury investigation of John Dillinger's "toy pistol" escape from the Lake county jail was delayed for the second time today.

The inquiry was postponed because one of the six unimpaired jurors could not qualify. The jury did not open its investigation Monday because two jurors failed to appear.

Judge William J. Murray of criminal court said he would deliver his charge to the grand jury later today.

Plot Is Frustrated

COLUMBUS, O., March 13.—Frustration of a plot by which "lifer" and his fugitive brother were to dynamite the Ohio state penitentiary, scene of the disastrous Easter Monday fire of 1930, was claimed by authorities today.

Details of a wholesale delivery of the prison were contained in a coded message which authorities found on a convict about to be visited by his mother. The message apparently had been written by Howard Bowman, serving a life term for bank robbery. It was to be turned over to persons who would get it to Neal Bowman, who escaped from the Lima hospital for the insane on Christmas day.

Warden Preston E. Thomas disclosed that the cryptographic note was seized March 2. It was deciphered by experts in Washington. Six prisoners were being held in detention today while investigation of the plot continued.

The note directed Neal to arrange for a man to crawl through a city sewer which parallels the east wall of the prison and set off three charges of dynamite. He was directed to "pull this off sometime in March," when we are at chapel about 9 o'clock on a Sunday morning.

Directions for raiding a national guard armory to obtain cash and automatic rifles also were in the note. It explained that "these are good to have in a car during an escape, and if the wall screws (guards) open fire we will let them have it."

Neal Bowman is regarded as Ohio's most elusive criminal. He last was reported at Iola, Miss.

FACES LIMA COURT



Charles Makley, above, is on trial in Lima, O., accused as one of the slayers of Sheriff Jess Sarber in county jail at Lima in the Dillinger jail delivery last October. Russell Clark, below, also will face a murder trial, after the Makley hearing.

STEEL PRODUCTION IN CALUMET SHOWS GAIN

Output Reaches 32 Per Cent of Capacity, Firms Say.

HAMMOND, Ind., March 13.—Steel production in Calumet district mills has risen to 32 per cent of capacity, the highest level since August, 1933, and is expected to rise further here today.

Roosevelt Forces Facing Waterway Treaty Defeat

Opponents Hammer at Measure as President's Backers Fight to Rally More Votes.

WASHINGTON, March 13.—Opponents hammered at the St. Lawrence waterway treaty today as administration leaders, facing defeat in efforts to obtain ratification, fought to rally additional votes to their cause.

Senator Bennett Champ Clark (Dem., Mo.), speaking against the treaty, charged that those sponsoring it had attempted to cover the weakness of their case by accusing the treaty's opponents of "narrow-minded nationalism" and "subversion to powerful financial interests."

Senator Clark, 44-year-old son of the famous Champ Clark, paid tribute to President Roosevelt's "deep sympathy" for waterway projects affecting the Mississippi valley.

"In approaching the present treaty," Mr. Clark said, "it is obvious that the President has given primary consideration to the development of power in the International Rapids section and has been actuated largely by his humanitarian desire to afford chief electrical energy."

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LAUNDRY MAN IS MURDERED WITH HAMMER

Chinese Slain by Robber, Is Belief; Body Stuffed in Washing Machine.

HEAD BADLY BEATEN

Widow, Son Live in China; Fingerprints on Death Instrument Studied.

His head badly beaten with a hammer, apparently when he surprised a robber, the body of Willie Sing, 45, Chinese laundryman, was found today inside a rotary washing machine at his laundry, 417 North Illinois street.

When found, the body lay in about six or seven inches of water, in the bottom of the washer.

The murder was discovered when Dan Riley, 60, 222 East Wabash street, employed at a parking space nearby, noticed the door of the laundry open this morning. When he could not find Mr. Sing, with whom he was well acquainted, Mr. Riley hailed patrolman Timothy Shanahan, who was passing.

Following Trail of Blood
Noticing the drawer of the cash register open, the officer thought the laundry had been robbed and called headquarters. Patrolmen James Senteny and James Hasch responded.

Unlocking a screen gate leading to the back room, the officers investigated, and followed a trail of blood to a bedroom partitioned off in the back room of the laundry. The bedroom had been ransacked thoroughly. Drawers and a suitcase were open.

The officers followed a trail of torn clothing to the washing machine, and found the body. The back of the laundryman's head had been smashed in, apparently with a hammer, while a sharper instrument had been used to strike a blow above the forehead.

The bloody hammer was found on top of a barrel just outside the bedroom, and the blood was found outside and not inside the bedroom, leading officers to believe that the robber was surprised by Mr. Sing, who gave battle, despite his small stature, outside the bedroom door.

Scan Death Instrument

The death instrument, a machine's hammer, was to be examined for fingerprints.

As soon as the body was found, Lieutenant Donald Tooley and Detectives John Gish and Morris McCarty of the homicide squad were called and took charge of the investigation.

Dr. John Wittenbach, deputy coroner, who investigated, said the laundryman evidently had been dead four or five hours. He ordered the body sent to city morgue for an immediate autopsy.

Willie's Sing's real name was Gong Dun Jung. He was born in San Francisco. Several years ago he went to China and was married. His widow and a son, 4, live in China.

Two Cousins Live Here

He has two cousins living in Indianapolis, Louis Moy, 122 South Illinois street, and George Sam, 754 Ft. Wayne avenue, both of whom arrived at the laundry shortly after being notified of the murder. An uncle, Charles Moy, is proprietor of a cafe at Muncie.

Al Westbrook, occupant of a neighboring business office, said about two months ago Mr. Sing told him that he intended to return to China soon.

Acquaintances said the slain man kept only small change in the cash drawer, going to the back of the laundry to obtain change for sums larger than 50 cents.

He was reputed to have kept large sums of money hidden in the laundry, and police began a minute search of the premises. An old bank book indicated Mr. Sing had lost a large sum in the defunct Meyer-Kiser bank.

Mr. Sing had operated a laundry at the same address six or seven years, according to acquaintances.

Widening Plan Announced

A plan to resurface and widen U. S. Road 31, between Greenwood and Franklin, a distance of about ten miles, was announced today by the state highway commission.

backhand drive, Rene Lacoste, chop, Wallace Johnson; lob, Johnson; loop drive, Ichou, Kuzmagae, Japan; high volley, William Johnston; low volley, Vincent Richards; half volley, R. Norris Williams; court generalship, Norman Brooks, Australia; court-covering ability, Manuel Alonzo, Spain.

The 1934 Composite Player
Service, Ellsworth Vines; overhead, Vines; forehand drive, Vines; backhand drive, Hans Nusslein, Germany; chop, Berkley Bell, United States; lob, Karel Kozeluh, Czechoslovakia; loop drive, George Lott, high volley, Jean Borotra, France; low volley, Henri Cochet, France; half volley, Cochet; court generalship, Kozeluh.

In line with the increases in prestige of professional tennis it may be significant to note that all of Mr.

MAN, WIFE SAVED BY PET DOG AND CAT AS FIRE DESTROYS HOME

Fleeing through a bedroom window, Mr. and Mrs. A. Nash of 3357 North Gladstone avenue, escaped from the fire that destroyed the interior of their home at 4:02 a. m. today.

The occupants of the house were roused by their two pets, a cat and a dog, which ran into the bedroom after fire had driven them from the basement to the first floor.

Unable to see, and nearly suffocated, the couple made their way to the window. They shoved the two pets out and then climbed out after them in their night clothing.

The interior of the house was completely destroyed and with it all the furniture and clothing belonging to the occupants. The loss was estimated at more than \$1,000.

Defective wiring in the basement started the blaze, firemen said.

15 ON CAPSIZED SHIP ARE ALIVE

Signals Heard by Rescuers Indicate Japanese on War Boat Live.

SASEBO NAVAL BASE, Japan, March 14.—(Wednesday)—Navy officials issued a communique at 1 a. m. today saying it was indicated that at least fifteen men of the 113 aboard the capsized torpedo boat Tomozuru were alive.

Signals heard by rescuers, the communique said, indicated eight were alive in the stern of the torpedo boat, three in midships and four in the forward part of the hull.

Three men already have been rescued from a water-tight compartment. They were exhausted and were sleeping in a secluded part of the docks, guarded from correspondents and photographers.

The communique said rescue work was not progressing as expected.

INSULL GUARDED TO PREVENT HIS SUICIDE

Utilities Magnate Urged to Return to U. S. by Wife.

ATHENS, March 13.—Samuel Insull was furnished with United States government traveling papers today as those around him guarded him closely in fear that he might commit suicide.

Mr. Insull's wife was urging him to return to the United States and face trial, but it was reported he would go to a half dozen other countries, including Leichenstein, the dream-like principality of six-square miles and 10,000 inhabitants, on the Rhine between Switzerland and Austria.

ROBBERY SUSPECT IS FOUND 'RIDE' VICTIM

Charles Connor's Body Identified by Chicago Officers.

CHICAGO, March 13.—Gangland's famous last "ride" today claimed Charles (Ice Wagon) Connor, wanted in connection with the kidnapping of John Factor, a \$110,000 mail robbery at Charlotte, N. C., and dozens of other crimes.

Positive identification was made by Louis Puskin of the bureau of identification after careful examination of the body. Connor had grown a mustache since he last was photographed, which made identification difficult.

GRAND JURY INDICTS THREE FOR MURDER

Three First and Second Degree Charges Returned.

Three first and second degree murder indictments were among ten bills returned today by the Marion county grand jury. Eleven discharges were voted by the inquiry body.

Persons indicted for murder were: Charles Chapman, for the alleged murder of Mrs. Grace Lackey; Claude Mauldin, for the alleged murder of Mrs. Effie Mauldin; and Robert Coffee, for the alleged murder of Ollie Kimbrough.

MOTHER, THREE CHILDREN ARE BURNED TO DEATH IN BLAZE AT CITY HOME

LINDBERGH TO AID ARMY AIR MAIL INQUIRY

Flier to Join Wright and Chamberlain in U. S. Investigation.

WASHINGTON, March 13.—Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh, Orville Wright and Clarence Chamberlain—three of the nation's greatest civilian fliers—were called upon by the administration today to help it fix responsibility for the army's tragic difficulties in flying the mail.

George H. Dern, secretary of war, announced he was asking these three to sit with an army board to make a thorough study of air corps equipment, training and personnel. It has been charged that the army's equipment is obsolete and training not up to date.

It was understood the formal invitations to join the committee had not yet gone out, but acceptances were expected from all three.

Prepare Service Resumption
Army and postoffice officials meantime still were preparing schedules for limited resumption of army air mail flights on a "safety first" basis.

Postmaster—General James A. Farley yesterday said he hoped flights could be resumed on nine routes today, no planes had taken the air up to 11:30 a. m., so far as could be learned here. Nor could any detailed data be obtained regarding the temporary routes.

Congressional committees continued work on legislation to permit return of the mail to private air lines within the next several months.

Plan Two New Routes

Harlie Branch, second assistant postmaster-general, told the house postoffice committee, that the department in its plans for revamping the air mail system preparatory to seeking new private contracts, was making tentative provisions for two new through routes—one from Chicago to Spokane, Wash., and the other from Billings, Mont., to El Paso, Texas.

It was pointed out that nothing definite has been decided on these routes.

Cisler, superintendent of mails, also appeared before the committee to continue his defense of the space rate payment plan included in the new air mail bill drawn up by postoffice department experts. The space rate plan was vigorously opposed by Representative Clyde Kelly (Rep., Pa.), who advocates a flat rate of two-tenths of one cent per pound per mile.

Contract Method Defended

Brigadier-General Oscar Westover, assistant chief of the army air corps, testifying before a house war department investigating committee, defended the negotiated contract method of buying planes, which has been criticised as weakening the efficiency of army ships.

General Westover denied assertions of committee members that negotiated contracts for planes were illegal under the 1926 defense law.

Representative William M. Rogers (Dem., N. H.), chairman of the special military affairs subcommittee, questioned General Westover as to a letter he wrote on Dec. 7 to Brigadier-General H. Conger Pratt, procurement head of the air corps.

The letter made public last week included a paragraph which said "Burdette Wright apparently has placed the entering wedge which may further complicate the plan of procurement under the PWA program."

General Westover asserted that he was not discussing a change in procurement methods for the \$7,500,000 fund for plane purchases, but simply sought to inform General Pratt that Wright's activities as representative of the Curtiss-Wright Airplane Company apparently had forced a delay in the plane contracts.

KIDNAP PLOT AGAINST FACTOR'S SON BARED

Gang Reprisal Feared; Police Guard 8-Year-Old Boy.

LOS ANGELES, March 13.—Police today disclosed a purported plot to kidnap Alvin Factor, 8-year-old son of John (Jake the Barber) Factor, from the home of the boy's uncle, Robert Cowan, in Beverly Hills.

Although police moved secretly, it was learned that one suspect had been arrested, then released after several hours of questioning. The boy has been guarded since coming here because of fears that he would be kidnaped as a reprisal for his father's testifying against the Tothy gang members at the Chicago trial at which they were convicted.

Hourly Temperatures

6 a. m.	46	10 a. m.	55
7 a. m.	45	11 a. m.	58
8 a. m.	48	12 (noon)	60
9 a. m.	51	1 p. m.	62

11-Months-Old Baby and Grandmother Are Rescued From Flames by Neighbor; Firemen Too Late to Save House.

FATHER NOT NOTIFIED OF TRAGEDY

Roena Street Resident Braves Death to Carry Older Woman and Infant to Safety; Blaze Spreads Swiftly.

A mother and her three children were burned to death early today in a fire which destroyed a story and half frame house at 1005 South Roena street.

In the ruins of what formerly was the kitchen of the little home, firemen found the bodies of Mrs. Edna Finch, 28, and her children, Ernestine (Teeny), 4; Francis, 6, and Carol Jane, 9. The baby, Alice Jo, 11 months, was rescued with her grandmother, Mrs. Jennie Covey, 844 South Roena street, by a neighbor.

In her dying moments, Mrs. Finch attempted to save the lives of her children. From the position of the bodies, firemen said the mother apparently had tried to open a kitchen window. Her body was found beneath the window with the bodies of Ernestine and Francis beside her and little Carol Jane clutching her dress behind. All four had perished in the flames which swept through the kitchen.

Mrs. Covey and the baby were rescued when a neighbor, Walter Raigner, 1006 South Roena street, directly across the street, noticed the house rapidly being consumed by fire. The flames spread so swiftly that the fire had swept through the roof in the brief time it took him to run across the street.

Mr. Raigner rushed to the kitchen door which he was unable to open. Then he ran around to the front of the house and broke through a window.

Burying his head in his coat, Mr. Raigner fought his way through the flames into the living room, where he found Mrs. Covey unconscious on the floor with the baby clutching to her breast. He lifted her prostrate body and carried her and the baby to the street.

Tragedy Kept From Husband
Meanwhile, firemen led by Pumper 18, in charge of Captain Kale Jacobs, arrived on the scene. The firemen attacked the blaze fiercely, but it was too late. The house was practically destroyed when they arrived.

Playing several lines of hose on the house, the firemen fought their way into the kitchen, where the little family was found burned to death.

Mrs. Covey was taken to her home, where neighbors administered to her and the baby. Ernest Finch, husband of the dead woman, was notified at the Federal Foundry Company, where he works, that his home had been destroyed by fire. He was not told of the tragedy which had come to his family until later.

Neighbors told the firemen that Mrs. Covey owned the house, but had allowed her daughter to move in recently. Damage was estimated at more than \$2,000 by the firemen.

Baby's Arms Blistered

Still overcome by the tragic events, Mrs. Covey nevertheless gave her attention to the baby after the baby had been removed to her home. The baby's arms were found to be blistered and she was given first aid. Mrs. Covey told firemen that she thought the blaze was caused by an overheated stove.

"I was downstairs with the baby," she sobbed, "when Edna came rushing toward me screaming, 'the house is on fire.' I took the baby in my arms and Edna rushed back upstairs to help the other children down. Then Mr. Raigner broke a window in the front of the house and carried us into the street."

"I was almost unconscious," Mrs. Covey said, "but I remember that I heard poor Edna still screaming for help. I think she died trying to save her children by dragging them through the kitchen window."

Mrs. Covey said that her daughter had two sisters and a brother. They are James Johnson, Holton; Mrs. Hiram Logan, Morristown, and Mrs. Eva Ramp, Columbus City. Dr. William E. Arbuckle, coroner, is investigating the blaze.

Father Is Stricken

Mr. Finch sat in Dr. Arbuckle's car in front of his burned home today sadly examining some of the children's belongings rescued from the fire.

"All I lived for was my babies," he sobbed, and now I only have little Alice Jo."

He told Dr. Arbuckle that misfortune has been preying on the family for more than two years.

"I have been out of work for about two years," said Mr. Finch. "Six weeks ago I got a job with the Federal Foundry Company. It was the first good luck that had come my way in a long time. And now this had to happen."

Burglar Routed by Cop

A burglar, who had broken into the Heathcote bakery, 6343 College avenue, last night was surprised by merchant policeman Charles A. Davis, 6248 Norvaldo street. Mr. Davis fired a shot at the burglar, who escaped. Merchandise was stolen.