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OFFICER SHOT IN GUN BATTLE IS NEAR DEATH

Burglar Suspect Makes His
Getaway; State Officers
on His Trail.

MOTORIST IS KIDNAPED

Welch in Serious Condition,
Say Doctors; Gunman
Heading South.

Suffering from a dangerous abdominal wound received in a gun duel with Ivan Coy, burglar suspect and moonshiner, late yesterday afternoon, Detective-Sergeant John Welch was in a critical condition in city hospital this afternoon.

Police hopes for the capture of Coy were buoyed by the report from Martinsville that Coy had stolen a Ford truck from a garage there and escaped. Description of the truck was given and police have been sent to make a thorough search of southern Indiana.

On the theory that the desperado who engaged in the pistol duel with Detective Welch yesterday in front of 1515 Reinsner street, probably was making for Arkansas, his home state, police under Lieutenant Donald Tooley were in Martinsville early today.

Coy escaped from the scene of the pistol battle by kidnapping a motorist, Ernest Ray, 23, 1545 Hiatt street. Mr. Ray afterward told police that Coy forced him to drive toward Martinsville, jumping from the car at Paragon, Ind., and running through a cornfield toward a dense woods.

Pursued Through Alley

The shooting occurred at Detective Welch pursued Coy through an alley heading west from 1515 Reinsner street when the fugitive suddenly turned and fired point-blank, striking the detective in the body just above the left hip and in the right thigh.

Detective Welch fell in the alley, but with a supreme effort raised himself on his elbow and, steadying his right hand, emptied his revolver after Coy, who fled down the alley. Detective Sergeant Charles Russell, himself a victim of gunmen's bullets several years ago, chased Coy through the alley, but was outdistanced.

In front of 1545 Hiatt street Coy found Ray seated in his car. Mrs. Clara Ray was seated in the car with her husband. Mrs. Ray, an expectant mother, was forced out of the car at the point of the desperado's gun and suffered a severe nervous shock as a result of her experience.

With his pistol pressed into Ray's side the gunman forced him to drive him out of the city.

Has Police Record

Detective Welch was wounded when he and Detective Russell went to the Reinsner street address, after they had received information that Coy, who was wanted for burglary in connection with the looting of a North Salem general store, was hiding in the house.

Welch went to the front door of the house, while his partner went to the rear. Coy, from a window, saw Welch mounting the front steps and ran toward the back of the house. Welch started for the back and Coy, reversing his steps, dashed out of the front door and made for the alley, closely pursued by the detectives.

Coy has a police record as a burglar and "bad man." He came to Indianapolis from Jonesboro, Ark. At one time he served a term in prison at Little Rock, Ark.

Detective Welch has been on the police force since 1910. He was promoted to detective sergeant during the administration of Chief Mike Morrissey.

THREE NEGROES DIE IN ELECTRIC CHAIR

Forfeit Life in Tennessee for Attacks on White Women.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., April 4.—Three Negroes died in the electric chair at state penitentiary today for attacks on white women.

One, Percy Smith, 20, confessed his crime to Dr. Pickens Johnson, penitentiary chaplain, just before going to the chair.

Jasper Graham, 29, and Frank Mays, 30, accused in another case, died maintaining innocence after being reidentified by the girl they were convicted of assaulting.

GANGSTER IS CONVICTED

Chicago Thug Found Guilty in \$105,000 Mail Robbery.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., April 4.—Isaac Costner, Chicago gangster, today was found guilty of participation in the \$105,000 mail truck robbery here last November.

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GOVERNOR PRO TEM. TELLS PRESS HE FEELS SORRY FOR DILLINGER

The pro tem. governor of Indiana wishes that John Dillinger, arch desperado, would escape the arms of the law.

Richard Neff, 507 Buckingham drive, the Boy Scout who was chosen to rule as governor for an hour this morning, told newspapermen in a press conference that he "felt sorry for Dillinger."

When the reporters pressed the question and referred to the killing of a policeman in East Chicago, leaving a widow, "Governor" Neff said, "Well, when a man's desperate, he'll shoot."

Governor Paul V. McNutt admitted to young Neff that the biggest worry for the governor was providing relief for the unemployed. Governor McNutt expressed his admiration for the Boy Scout movement, saying that he had been a scout commissioner himself.

Wallace O. Lee, local Boy Scout commissioner, introduced Mr. Neff to the Governor.

SCHOOL TEXTS CONTRACTS LET

Books Adopted for Five
Years by State Board;
Prices Lower.

School texts in reading, writing and arithmetic were adopted for the next five years by the state board of public instruction today. Prices were from 1 to 3 cents lower than the old prices.

Readings included primer, first reader, combined primer and second reader, awarded to Johnson Publishing Company, Richmond, Va.; third, fourth, fifth and sixth readers, Charles Scribner Sons, Chicago.

New contract for seventh and eighth grade readers was awarded to Houghton-Mifflin Company, Chicago; writing system to the Columbia Press, Bloomington, Ind.; geometry to the McGraw-Hill Book Company, New York; and three new arithmetics to Ginn & Co., Chicago. The American Book Company will continue to supply fourth, sixth and eighth grade arithmetics.

U. S. BOND HOLDERS OFFERED NEW ISSUE

Maturing Securities May Be
Exchanged.

WASHINGTON, April 4.—Holders of a billion and a quarter dollars of maturing federal government securities were offered the privilege today of exchanging them for a new issue of 10 to 12-year 3 1/2 per cent bonds.

The maturing issues are approximately \$1,000,000,000. Called the Fourth Liberty Loan 4 1/2 per cent bonds due April 15 and \$244,234,000 of 3 per cent treasury notes due May 2.

No new money was asked by the government in the current financing, treasury officials apparently feeling that still better market conditions will prevail when further money for the recovery program is needed.

STATE MAN, 65, AND WIFE, 25, ARE SLAIN

Indiana Couple Found Dead
at Jonesville Home.

JONESVILLE, Ind., April 4.—Hosea Holcomb, 65, and his 25-year-old wife were found shot to death today at the home of Fred Bollman here.

SEEKS DIVORCE FROM EX-STATE POLICEMAN

Mrs. Carl Losey Charges Cruelty
in Her Petition.

Divorce, charging cruel and inhuman treatment, was requested today in a suit filed in superior court two by Mrs. Pearl J. Losey, 721 Olive avenue, against Carl Losey, former state policeman during the G. O. P. administration.

Mrs. Losey requested support of \$8 weekly for her son, Carl Lyman, 14, and \$100 attorney fees.

Losey was prominent during the Republican regime as an investigator.

A Page for Thought

THE Home edition of The Indianapolis Times today brings you the latest editorial comment on news of the day. The new editorial page of The Times carries each day the thought of the country's best editorial writers.

Dr. Wirt, Gary school head, who recently aroused the nation with charges concerning members of President Roosevelt's "brain trust" is named in the leading editorial on the page today.

Indiana's park system wins notice in another editorial, reprinted from the Cincinnati Enquirer, in which the state is lauded for the state-wide system of parks and summer recreation centers.

In addition there are other editorials, each dealing in direct language with problems of the day, with comment that you can not afford to miss.

R. O. Berg, Times cartoonist, presents a striking cartoon relative to Samuel Insull and his arrest in Turkey.

Dr. Harry Elmer Barnes, nationally known commentator, discusses the desirability of passing the Warner-Lewis unemployment insurance bill in the first of two editorial page articles. Dr. Barnes' column appears daily.

One of the outstanding features of the editorial page is the Message Center, which has grown rapidly within the last few months. In this readers forum, residents are permitted to voice their views on questions of the day.

FIVE HOOSIERS ESCAPE DEATH IN MINE BLAZE

Workers Build Walls in
Smoke-Filled Pit to
Save Lives.

ENTOMBED FIVE HOURS

Joyous Reunions Follow
Rescue After Battle
With Flames.

BY GERALD BOWMAN
United Press Staff Correspondent

SWITZ CITY, Ind., April 4.—Five resourceful coal miners who were saved from what had seemed certain death in the smoke-filled Sinclair mine, celebrated their rescue today with a holiday.

The miners were raised to safety in an improvised elevator after being entombed for five hours in a tiny underground prison which they had constructed to keep out the deadly fumes.

Operations at the mine probably will be halted for a week, it was said, while the surface building, tippie, mine cage and wooden shaft are rebuilt.

The miners who were trapped are Roll Himebrook, 25, Dennis Combs, 26, and Thomas Barnett, 18, all of Linton, and Jack Hineman, 4, and Henry Johnson, 22, Lyons.

Pony Is Rescued

Prince, a black and white pony used to draw mine cars up the shaft, also was rescued. The pony had stood in the dense smoke for several hours before being tied to the improvised elevator and hauled to the surface.

An ovation as great as that accorded the miners was given the plucky little pony when it reached the air and stood half conscious in the weird shadows cast by 2,000 joyous spectators.

After the miners had been brought out safely they went home to hold happy reunions with relatives and friends who had expected to mourn their deaths.

The fire started from undetermined origin, spreading swiftly to the surface building, the tippie and cage and wooden shaft.

Rescue Work Starts

An alarm brought fire departments from Lyons, Bloomfield and Linton. But soon all chemicals and nearby water were exhausted. Aided by volunteers, the firemen hauled water in huge tanks from the White river, four miles away.

When the flames had been brought under control, rescue teams were sent in, dressed in strange looking asbestos suits and wearing oxygen helmets.

Dr. Rogers, Linton, a deputy state mine inspector, and John Oglebay, leader of a rescue crew from Bicknell, made the first descent.

Rogers and Oglebay found the pony at the bottom of the shaft. The foul air forced them back to the surface, however, and Jack Hayes and John Ingelman took up the rescue work.

Dig Way Through Walls.

Fighting through debris, they made their way ten feet back into the mine chamber before being forced to seek fresh air.

Meanwhile the air was freshened in the shaft by means of long strips of muslin which were lowered by a heavy weight and waved in circles.

The third square which went down was composed of six Linton coal miners, Sam Linton, Jess Ellis, James Sargent, George Walk, Marshall Robertson and Bill Maughan.

They dug their way through the walls constructed by the entombed men, and assisted them to safety.

Barnett, driver of the pony, was the first of the imprisoned miners to discover the fire. He noticed the smoke coming down the shaft and ran back to warn his fellow workers abandoning the pony.

Awaited Rescue Squad

They fed back into the tunnel and used bits of cloth, clay, coal, mud—anything they could get their hands on to build a wall.

Before the wall was completed, however, the smoke started filtering through.

The miners ran back forty yards and built two more walls, one at their front and one in the rear, entombing themselves in a chamber twenty-five feet long, twelve feet wide and three feet high.

Then they sat down to await the rescue party.

Fred Hoke to Speak

Fred Hoke, Indianapolis business man, will speak on "Who Teaches Our Children," at the Northwood Christian church, at 6:30 tomorrow night. Herschel Davis will be chairman of the meeting.

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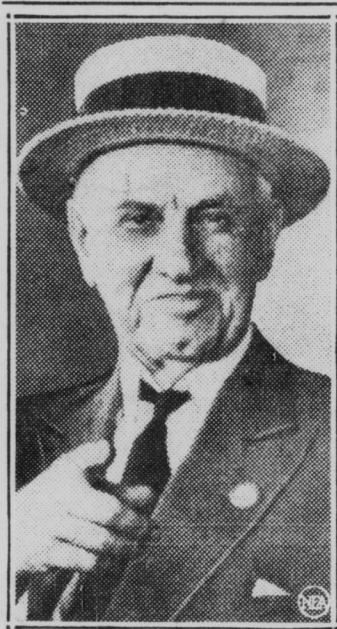
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DILLINGER SEEN IN MAYWOOD, CITY SUBURB, WITHIN LAST 36 HOURS, LIFELONG FRIEND SAYS

'I Gamble on Anything,' Colonel Bradley, Famed Turf Man, Tells Senate



Colonel E. R. Bradley

WIRT'S CHARGE CALLED 'SILLY'

'He Can't Name One Plotter
in Government,' Says
Speaker Rainey.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, April 4.—Speaker Henry T. Rainey, calling the Wirt "brain trust plot" charges "silly," said today that the Indiana educator "can't name a man in the government who is fomenting a revolution."

Speaker Rainey predicted that the house special committee investigation into the "red plot" charges of Dr. William A. Wirt, Gary, probably would last only a few hours.

"He hasn't got any informants," said Mr. Rainey. "The whole thing is too silly for words."

"If all Wirt has is what he has given out, namely that men like Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace and other key men are alleged to be leaning to Communism, the investigation will end almost immediately."

Speaker Rainey said he would name the five members of the special committee probably tomorrow.

"They will all be loyal men," said the speaker.

SHOWERS PREDICTED AS MERCURY SOARS

All-Time Records Tumble in
Heat Wave.

Showers tonight and tomorrow were expected to cause a break in the abnormally high temperatures of yesterday and today, but no extreme weather change was anticipated.

The mercury yesterday equalled the all-time high for April 3, mounting to 79 at 3:30 p. m., and was expected to near the same mark today. The only other April 3 on record where the mercury touched the same height was in 1879. At 9 a. m. today, the thermometer reading was 70.

6 REPORTED MISSING IN OKLAHOMA FLOOD

Farm Lands Inundated as Rain
Swells Rivers' Overflow.

ELK CITY, Okla., April 4.—Flood by heavy rains, low-banked streams in this flat plains country overflowed today, inundating farm land and some villages.

Six persons were reported missing. It was feared they had drowned. Several houses in the Hamman section were under water.

CUBA REPORTS BOMBING

Explosion in Havana Wrecks Twenty-Three Phone Cables.

HAVANA, April 4.—A bomb explosion broke twenty-three telephone cables in Havana today, putting hundreds of telephones in the center of Havana out of commission.

Three persons were injured. The bomb was believed to have been set off by strikers.

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By United Press

WASHINGTON, April 4.—Race horse gambling in the south and the turbulent Louisiana political situation were the central themes today at an exciting senate hearing in which Colonel Edward R. Bradley, famous Kentucky turfman, testified that he was willing to "gamble on anything."

Colonel Bradley was a witness before the senate finance committee in an investigation forced by Senator Huey P. Long (Dem., La.) into the nomination of Daniel D. Moore as collector of internal revenue for the Louisiana district.

One man was ejected from the crowded committee room for applauding when Colonel Bradley was called. The hearing was carried on in a courtroom atmosphere, both Mr. Moore and Colonel Bradley sitting with their counsel.

Colonel Bradley, elderly, quiet spoken and gentle of manner, sent a buzz through the room when he gave his business as "speculator raiser of race horses and a gambler."

Called "Chief Racketeer"

"Do you gamble only on race horses?" asked Senator Long, who was playing the role of prosecuting attorney in his effort to convince the committee of his charges that Colonel Bradley was the nation's "chief racketeer and gambler" and that Mr. Moore was the political tool of John P. Sullivan, also accused of being a "big time" gambler.

"I gamble on anything," Colonel Bradley replied.

Chairman Pat Harrison took up the questioning.

"Do you know Mr. Moore?"

"No."

"What is your connection with Mr. Sullivan?"

"Just a social friend."

"What are your business relations with him?"

"I'm a stockholder in the Louisiana Jockey Club with him and many others."

Bets on Own Horses

Earlier witnesses testified that hand-book horse race betting, illegal in Louisiana, was carried on with other federal squad leaders, eight hours after he and the red-haired woman helped Dillinger shoot his way out of an apartment house trap.

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Coulter fired the shot that felled Green and sent him to a guarded hospital bed with "one chance in seven" to live. The shot also broke Green's nerve, for the gangster gave Coulter and other agents his statement, including a confession to his part in the apartment house battle.

Mother Ill; Son Is Sought

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America Has 'Turned the Corner' to Prosperity, Big Business Readily Admits

BY MAX BUCKINGHAM
United Press Financial Writer

NEW YORK, April 4.—America ponders more intently than ever today whether she has at last "turned the corner" in a long and desperate fight against economic depression.

Controversy, gloom and optimism still are intermingled in the national economic picture.

Perhaps most unusual, however has been the recent tendency of outstanding business executives to break a long silence on industrial conditions. Some have attacked pending governmental measures.

Others have supported the program of the administration. But in recent weeks there has been a growing unanimity in comment on business improvement.

To back this up have been rapid developments, including wage increases for hundreds of thousands of workers; sharp production increase in huge industries such as steel, automobiles, electricity, retail trade and building. Even to a startling increase in the number of top hats on Fifth avenue on Easter Sunday.

Following are straws in the economic wind:

Myron C. Taylor, chairman of the United States Steel Corporation: "Last year we thought we had turned the corner and could see ahead immediate signs of revival. Today we know we can."

Samuel M. Vaulain, chairman of the Baldwin Locomotive Works: "During the next year the nation will see a veritable cyclone of business."

Alfred P. Sloan, president of General Motors Corporation: "It seems reasonable to expect a further betterment of conditions."

Charles M. Schwab, chairman of Bethlehem Steel Corporation: "Business is better and there are indications of still better business."

DILLINGER IS IDENTIFIED IN ST. PAUL CASE

Gang Chief Was Gunner,
Asserts Hoover, U. S.
Police Chief.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, April 4.—John Dillinger was identified by department of justice agents today as one of the two men who shot their way out of a St. Paul apartment Saturday, J. Edgar Hoover, head of the division of investigation, announced.

The other man was identified as Eugene Green, who was seriously wounded by department of justice agents in another surprise raid last night.

Fingerprints of both Dillinger and Green, together with those of John Hamilton, described as a lieutenant of Dillinger, were found at the apartment raided last Saturday.

The department reported Green was slowly gaining strength and is being questioned. A total of \$1,500 was found on the woman caught with Green last night.

Pal Breaks Silence

ST. PAUL, April 4.—The unsolved Edward G. Bremer kidnapping was revived today when a gangster shot down during a federal roundup of underworld characters broke gangland's code of silence as he lay near death.

Capture of the gangster, Eugene Green, an ex-convict, and his auburn-haired sweetheart was hinted as the prelude to a break in the month-long silence.

Bremer, a wealthy banker, was turned loose after payment of \$200,000 ransom.

The gangster's sweetheart has been identified only as a St. Paul girl.

Connection between Green and John Dillinger, elusive outlaw, was revealed by J. Edgar Hoover, head of the federal division of investigation, in commenting at Washington.

Green, trailed by an automobile load of federal agents, leaped from a moving machine driven by his sweetheart into the bullets of anti-federal squad leaders last night.

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YORK: "Volume of industrial activity increased in February for the third consecutive month and there was considerable growth in factory employment and pay rolls."

The bank also reviewed building contracts for the first three weeks of March and reported: "As a result contracts for this part of March were nearly 50 per cent larger than for the whole of February and the average daily amount was above the January level."

John D. Rockefeller Jr.: "I am optimistic. What else can one be?"

Jesse H. Jones, chairman of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, announced business was improving generally, and based his opinion on the fact that RFC expenditures for 1934 are more than \$500,000,000 under the estimates.

Henry G. Simonds, assistant treasurer of Pacific Mills of Lawrence, Mass., said: "The business outlook for the woolen industry is really anybody's guess. Although business is 100 per cent better than a year ago, it is not a fair comparison due to the disturbed conditions then prevalent."

Salaries—Thousands of industrial workers gained additional pay, Mass., said: "The business outlook for the woolen industry is really anybody's guess. Although business is 100 per cent better than a year ago, it is not a fair comparison due to the disturbed conditions then prevalent."

Freight car orders in 1934 are 20,397 as against 14,533 in the three-year period, 1931-33, and 46,000 in the entire year of 1930; passenger cars, 227 so far this year, against 56 in the three years.

Period, 1931-33, locomotives, 20 so far this year, against 42 last year.