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Unsettled tonight and tomorrow; showers this afternoon or tonight; slightly cooler tonight.

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YOUNG MOTHER PUT TO DEATH AT SING SING

Frail Woman Unflinching as
State Exacts Penalty
for Slaying.

2 MEN ALSO EXECUTED

Gov. Lehman Is 'Distressed,'
but Finds No Grounds
for Reprieve.

By United Press
SING SING PRISON, OSSINGING, N. Y., Aug. 10.—A frail 29-year-old woman said good-by to her canary, walked steadily down a corridor and permitted herself to be strapped into a chair. A moment later the state of New York fulfilled its grisly function of exacting a life for a life, except that last night it exacted three lives for one.

Ladies were first in the death house in all social and official functions. After Mrs. Anna Antonio died the two men she hired to murder her husband followed her into eternity.

Warden Lewis E. Lawes went from the death chamber to his office, and into an empty telephone said: "It's all over."

The telephone line led into the executive mansion at Albany, 125 miles up the river. Governor Herbert H. Lehman said, "Thank you," and went off to bed, satisfied that he had performed his duty to the state of New York as he saw it.

Issues Formal Statement
Until the very last minute Governor Lehman waited at the telephone on the possibility something might happen to justify a new reprieve to his official conscience. He had wrestled with that official conscience because to him it was "a tressure" for the state to execute a woman who had happened to be the mother of three children.

The law made no distinction between sexes, he said in a formal statement. Therefore, he, as an officer of the state, could not make the distinction of commuting her sentence to life for no other reason than her sex.

Only twelve hours before she died, Mrs. Antonio was hysterical at her time approached and it was evident even to her that there was no hope, her composure courage returned and she died flinching.

The deference man always shows woman was given Mrs. Antonio even to the moment death got her. Her chair mates were dressed for the execution during the afternoon and locked into cells. She was permitted the run of the death house corridor and not until 9 p. m. did the prison barber present himself to shave the crown of her head for the electrode.

Distressed by Bald Spot
Several weeks ago, he performed the same task. After he finished, Governor Lehman gave her a reprieve and she was so distressed by the shaved spot that she kept her head covered with a towel for days.

When the barber finished, matrons bound her breasts in a brassiere, dressed her in a blue dress with white collar and gave her a stocking for her right leg. The left had to remain bare for the electrode, they explained.

By the time they finished, Father John P. McCaffrey, prison chaplain, was waiting to give spiritual consolation. Soon afterward he walked with her into the chapel-like execution chamber where pews were filled with official witnesses.

The priest prayed while the straps were tightened. The woman's face was composed, her eyes focussed on the wall above the witnesses' heads. The death mask was adjusted. The whine of the generator broke the prayer and the priest left the room to fetch the next victim. At 11:15 p. m., Robert M. Elliott, executioner, signaled that he had turned off the current. Dr. Charles C. Sweet, prison physician, applied his stethoscope, saying in a hollow voice: "I pronounce this woman dead."

Second Jolt Needed
Only then did the keepers, standing like statues around the walls with hands locked tightly behind their backs, open their eyes.

Samuel Ferraci, one of the paid killers, was next. He sat down in the chair and smiled.

"I want to thank you, gentlemen," he said to the witnesses. "I go to die, but I am innocent. That is all I can say. I wish you good luck—all of you—all your life."

The period of his sentence was provided by the generator. Father McCaffrey left to bring the next. Dr. Sweet stepped forward, found a flutter of life and signaled Elliott for another jolt. The generator hummed for another minute. This time Dr. Sweet said:

"I declare this man dead," he said. In the third row of spectators there was a flutter of excitement. One of the official witnesses had fainted.

Father McCaffrey returned with Vincent Saccetta. He smiled, but had nothing to say. One jolt was enough for him and at 11:31 p. m., Dr. Sweet, for the third and final time, said:

"Mrs. Antonio spent the conscious moments of her last day thinking about her canary and her children. She thought of her 7-year-old daughter Marie, who was celebrating a birthday. She had sent Marie a dress she made in the death house."

THANKS, MR. PRESIDENT Roosevelt Helps State Boy to Health



Noah Rush, 17, in his bed at Robert Long hospital, where, through the intercession of President Roosevelt, he is being aided to regain his health.

ROOSEVELT IN CAPITAL AGAIN

President in Best Health,
Ready to Tackle
New Problems.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—President Roosevelt returned to Washington today, buoyant in health and ready to tackle the problems facing his administration.

A small, but enthusiastic crowd swept out of the station yards in a White House motor car at the end of his 10,000-mile, seven weeks' vacation trip.

The President appeared to be in the best health he has enjoyed during his administration. He arranged a conference for 3 p. m. with Treasury Secretary Henry Morgenthau Jr., who was one of the three cabinet officers to meet the train.

Secretary of State Cordell Hull and Commerce Secretary Daniel C. Roper were at the yards when the President's train pulled in a few minutes before noon.

Anna Roosevelt Dall, who obtained a Nevada divorce during the President's absence, met him and rode back to the White House with him.

McNutt Disappointed

GARY, Ind., Aug. 10.—Governor Paul V. McNutt stood with the throngs that watched President Roosevelt's special train pass through the Gary railway station late yesterday.

The Governor flew here from Indianapolis in the afternoon with the intention of boarding the train and conferring with the President.

When the train passed through without stopping the Governor returned to Indianapolis.

TEXAS SKY IS BLACK WITH BUZZARDS AS HEAT KILLS CATTLE

By United Press
FT. WORTH, Tex., Aug. 10.—Buzzards, the cattle country's symbol of death and omen of future ills, patrol the west Texas skies in increasing numbers these days.

The drought has made every day a ghastly picnic for these scavenger birds.

Throughout the cattle country, according to Tarant county agents, windward pastures are the scenes of feasts on drought-stricken cattle and the skies above them are current. Dr. Charles C. Sweet, prison physician, applied his stethoscope, saying in a hollow voice: "I pronounce this woman dead."

There's no alternative—oil with which to burn the carcasses of condemned cattle costs more than the farmers have to spend, and the drought-hardened earth makes burial too laborious a task.

HOLLYWOOD DIRECTOR KILLS SELF AT HOME

George W. Hill Commits Suicide at Venice Beach.

By United Press
LOS ANGELES, Aug. 10.—George W. Hill, 39, prominent film director, shot and killed himself at his Venice Beach home today, police reported.

Mr. Hill was employed at the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studios and only recently returned from China, where he directed the filming of background scenes for a picture.

It's Here Again! It's the Steal of the Year!

IT is the biggest steal of the year. Any one can have IT. IT will make the fellows in the club "set 'em up," and the wife as proud as huckleberry pie. IT will give you Mister Politician, Mister Candidate, Mister Advertiser, Mister Citizen, the right to tell a crowd all about yourself. Then as the huzzas fall like an old-time "mellerdrammer" snowstorm you can walk away with the crown of crowns! IT has no ward lines, party ropes, no bosses, no rules. To get IT you can beg, buy, steal, graft, chisel. IT is for men only! Men alone can get IT. IT starts Aug. 15. IT ends Sept. 6. The whole town talks IT! Men eat, drink, and sleep IT! Watch for IT in The Indianapolis Times! IT will be known tomorrow—WHO—WHAT and IT.

HOUSING ACT IS PUT IN EFFECT

Improvement of Homes Aim
of New Recovery
Program.

By Robert S. Brown
Times Staff Writer

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—The government today formally opened the way for modernization of 13,000,000 American buildings through the spending of millions of dollars of idle savings now locked in the vaults of financial institutions for the lack of suitable and safe investment.

The government thus began another phase of its recovery program, directing its force toward re-employment of more than 4,000,000 persons who have lost their jobs and incomes in the almost complete deterioration of the building construction industry.

A basic aim is improvement of homes and housing conditions so that the "more abundant living" of the New Deal can expand itself in proper and fitting physical settings.

In launching the first part of the national housing act, James A. Moffett, administrator, today issued rules and regulations under which financial institutions of the nation (Turn to Page Nineteen)

FOUR KNOWN DEAD IN COLORADO FLOOD

\$100,000 Damage Inflicted
by Raging Torrent.

By United Press
MORRISON, Colo., Aug. 10.—Ravaged and torn by flood waters that took a toll of at least four lives and caused an estimated \$100,000 property damage, this little mountain town today is digging out from under the debris today.

The dead were: Mr. and Mrs. John Husband of Denver, drowned when they abandoned their stalled automobile and tried to outrun the flood foot.

Charles M. Gubko, 57, of Englewood, Colo., tourist camp owner. Gordon Eiken, 12, who with his mother Mrs. J. H. Eiken, and his brother, Wendell, 15, all of Detroit, had been spending a vacation in Colorado. Mrs. Eiken and Wendell were missing.

WIDE YELLOW STRIPS
MARK 4-LANE STREET

Capitol Avenue Painted in Move by
Safety Board.

Broad yellow strips have been painted on Capitol avenue north of New York street to designate a four-lane street by order of the safety board.

"Cat's eye" buttons had been used previously, but these proved unsatisfactory. The strips will be painted on three other four-lane streets, Meridian, Delaware and New York streets.

HOOVER CELEBRATES HIS 60TH BIRTHDAY

Personal Friends Will Attend
Dinner With Ex-President.

By United Press
PALO ALTO, Cal., Aug. 10.—Former President Herbert Hoover is 60 years old today.

A few personal friends and members of the family, including his son Allan, Dr. and Mrs. Ray Lyman Wilbur, and Mrs. Charles Walcott, widow of the former director of the Smithsonian institute, will come to the house on San Juan hill tonight for a quiet dinner.

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SLOT MACHINE HIJACKER UNDER ARREST HERE; 'HEAT ON,' GAMING DEVICES DISAPPEAR SUDDENLY

U. S. TO PRINT \$100,000,000 IN SILVER CERTIFICATES AT ONCE, MORGENTHAU REVEALS

Bitter Inflation Controversy Stirred by Nationalization of
Metal; Boon to Farmers, Senator Thomas
Claims, Praising Action.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—Nationalization of silver today sent inflationists and hard money advocates into bitter controversy as to whether it constituted inflation. The government made ready to print \$100,000,000 in silver certificates as quickly as possible.

President Roosevelt's proclamation and executive order seizing all domestic silver, except newly mined, within ninety days will mean issuance of \$100,000,000 in new silver certificates as rapidly "as the presses can turn them out," Treasury Secretary Henry Morgenthau Jr., said.

The congressional inflationary bloc, headed by Senator Elmer D. Thomas (Dem., Okla.), hailed the seizure as a boon for farmers from the standpoint that it will be easier for them to pay off their debts and the making of silver as a "primary" money with gold.

Hard money advocates, however, pointed out the issuance of \$100,000,000 in new silver certificates is a "mere drop in the bucket" compared to the nearly half billion dollars in notes now in circulation.

Morgenthau Is Silent
Mr. Morgenthau would not enter the controversy, explaining that the "treasury prefers to work on a day to day basis and intends to continue its present policies of silver certificate issuance."

Officials estimate that there are approximately 300,000,000 ounces of silver subject to the order in which the price was placed at 50.61 cents an ounce.

The treasury's policy is to issue silver certificates at the cost, holding the balance in reserve. This means an issue of approximately \$100,000,000 in new currency.

Observers saw in President Roosevelt's nationalization edict a swift step toward his "sound currency" program.

Mr. Morgenthau termed the seizure a "rehabilitation of silver" but declined to amplify the remark. He said that the order affects only domestic silver as of Aug. 9 and that foreign silver at present is exempt.

Exports Are Prohibited
He indicated, however, that the nationalization decree could be extended to seize imported silver and other classes of the metal not now embraced within the regulations.

Proponents of the nationalization said issuance of the new money would be a stimulating factor for business, which has been suffering a summer slump.

Belief grew that the nationalization might lead to a new international monetary conference for stabilization of silver. President Roosevelt has favored a stabilized currency for international credit and purchases.

Meanwhile, the treasury moved to put the nationalization order into effect with Secretary Morgenthau warning the public that regulations will soon be issued requiring all persons to register their silver holdings as of Aug. 9 and all silver purchases, thereafter.

Treasury officials said that through the President's prompt action, the government was able to retain control of the silver situation as market prices were nearing the 50 cents per ounce limit, which the government would pay, when the order went into effect.

JURY DISAGREES IN
POISON MURDER TRIAL

Panel Discharged After 29-Hour
Deadlock Over Case.

By United Press
COSHOCKTON, O., Aug. 10.—The jury in the poison murder trial of Mrs. Amelia Webb Wardrop, 43, accused of killing her son Herbert to collect insurance, was discharged today.

After deliberating twenty-nine hours, the foreman reported to the court that there was a hopeless deadlock and it would be impossible to reach a verdict.

Political disloyalty is a stench in Mr. Greenlee's nostrils and he is quick to detect any faint odor that might appear to emanate from persons upon whom the state administration might be expected to depend. And Mr. Greenlee is not at all alarmed, upon a casual investigation, that any one is seriously threatening Mr. Minton's cause.

Mr. Greenlee will admit upon questioning that what "party disloyalty" he has learned about concerns Arthur R. Robinson, the Republican incumbent, more than it does Mr. Minton.

A great number of Republicans, according to Mr. Greenlee, are willing to forget partisan politics and vote this fall for Mr. Minton. Under even closer questioning, Mr. Greenlee is willing to admit he has heard the name of the alleged traitor in the Democratic ranks, but he dismisses him with, "if that's who it is—the fellow who is taking a lot and sending out letters knocking 'Shay' Minton, it doesn't make a lot of difference. The fellow who

Probe Asked, "Coin Collectors" Vanish
Within Thirty-Five Minutes; So, Sheriff
Sumner's "Hunt" Will Be In Vain.

"ORDERS" GIVEN, OPERATOR ADMITS

"Boys" Told to Keep Boxes Out of Sight
for Few Days, He Confesses to Enter-
prising Times Investigator.

One of the three "hijackers" who have been stealing slot machines from private clubs in this city has been arrested and identified as a Louisville "rowdy," The Times learned today.

The man, picked up on another charge two or three days ago, was identified, it is reported, in a lineup of four prisoners yesterday by an aged caretaker of one of the clubs, whom the Louisville man had threatened with a pistol during the robbery of several machines from the club.

Meanwhile, with the "heat on" in Marion county and slot machines not to be found in any of their usual places in roadside beer taverns and dance places, other developments in the tangled slot machine situation came thick and fast. They included:

1. An apparently well authenticated report that a second three-man gang is in the field with counter-hijacking activities.

2. Announcement by County Prosecutor Herbert E. Wilson that he and Police Chief Mike Morrissey are conducting a "thorough investigation of this whole slot machine business."

3. The arrest of an Indianapolis man for questioning as to whether he had been instrumental in bringing Louisville slot machine interests into Indianapolis.

4. An apparently well authenticated report that some county spots, fearful of the first "hijacking" gang, had pulled guards over their slot machines until last night when the machines were put in hiding.

5. A report that state police would make a thorough investigation of the slot machine situation in Marion and other counties. (This could not be confirmed in the absence from the city of Captain Matt Leach.)

The speed with which the slot machines disappeared from county spots yesterday afternoon caused some comment in official circles today.

Within thirty-five minutes of the time Prosecutor Wilson asked Sheriff Charles (Buck) Sumner's office to determine the extent of slot machine operations in the county yesterday afternoon, the illegal gambling devices had begun to come out of roadside beer taverns.

Last night, Times reporters visited fifty-six of these taverns, dance places and even filling stations outside of the city limits. Not one machine was in evidence, though some of the places visited had exhibited several within the last two weeks.

Most proprietors were extremely loath to discuss the absence of the machines. One insisted that his machines were being "repaired."

But, those who would talk agreed that the machines had been removed from action between 4 and 6 p. m. yesterday.

"Given the Word"
Most explicit was a lunchroom proprietor on Road 52, who described the situation in detail to the young and pretty wife of a Times investigator.

She asked him why he had no slot machines.

"Oh," he replied, "we have one, but we were given the word this afternoon to put it away for a few days. Didn't hear direct, you understand, 'cause I haven't a phone, but they come down from the tavern a nearby, larger beer spot. They got several machines up there."

"They say A—passed the order to hide the machines for a few days. Ours was in this room until 4."

"Is it against the state law to have them?" the proprietor was asked.

"Well," he answered, "some of them don't like it, but the sheriff, he's all right. He don't bother us none. I guess there's some trouble with this Louisville crowd. They supposed to have brought a lot of machines here and I guess they're trying to clean 'em out."

"If They Know You—"
"Can't very well clean them out and not touch ours, so they must have given us the word for that reason. I got mine back in the bedroom. Down to the tavern, they got 'em back room. I guess, if they know you, you can play them down there."

The proprietor's reference to "this Louisville crowd," along with the arrest made known today, verified an exclusive story in The Times two days ago, in which it was revealed that fifty-six machines had been moved into Indianapolis and its environs from the Kentucky city within the last few days.

It was this and two other stories carried by The Times in the last few days that prompted Sheriff Wilson to request information from Sheriff Sumner.

Sheriff Sumner was in French Lick at the Democratic Editorial Association convention today, but Ralph Hitchens, his chief deputy, said deputies had searched the county vainly for "hijacking" machines.

Apparently they got the tip from your paper—or some place," Mr. Hitchens told a Times reporter today. Prosecutor Wilson called Sheriff Sumner's office at 3:25 p. m. The machines were going out of their accustomed places by 4 p. m. The edition of The Times giving Indianapolis its first news of Prosecutor Wilson's request did not go on sale downtown until 4:26 p. m.

At one dance place on Road 67, raided recently by the three "hijackers," of whom the arrested man is a backer, who have been "hijacking" machines, there were no machines last night.

Most Are Reticent
A Times reporter overheard a girl ask the proprietor's assistant where the machines were.

"Oh," he answered, "we've taken them out for a couple of days until things cool down."

East on U. S. Road 40, one proprietor said he had removed the machines from his establishment "because of all this racketeering." He did not amplify his remark.

Proprietors of twenty-five places in the south and southwestern parts of the county were reticent for the most part. It was here, on Road 31, that one man volunteered the information his machines were out temporarily for "repairs."

In some places, where Times representatives were recognized, there were jovial questions as to when the proprietors' pictures were to be published.

Democratic Judas Betraying Minton Just a 'Sorehead,' Greenlee Asserts

By James Doss
Times Staff Writer

FRENCH LICK, Ind., Aug. 10.—Democrats of doubtful standing were very busy today explaining to administration leaders that they are not the Judases of the Democratic party supposed to be betraying Sherman Minton, Democratic nominee for United States senator.

The party Judas is alleged to be knifing Mr. Minton without benefit of thirty pieces of silver, attempting to undermine him merely because of a politically sore head.

Pleas Greenlee, Governor Paul V. McNutt's patronage secretary, and No. 1 political lieutenant, is the chief repository of these confidences.

With this little town in the hills of Orange county the scene of the Indiana Democratic Editorial Association's annual summer outing, Mr. Greenlee was on the ground well in advance of the early comers and didn't lose any time in taking care of the administration's interests.

is doing that, if he is doing it, is discredited.

A record turnout for the editors' meeting was indicated by advance reservations at the French Lick Springs hotel, where visitors were scheduled to indulge today in a social program.

Editors and other guests at the annual summer meeting were scheduled to play this afternoon in a golf tournament for which a golf prize will be awarded for people who shoot "between here and there."

There will be prizes for the low gross, the most fives, the highest score and almost everything. While the editors are playing golf, women guests will play bridge. The first of the two days will end tonight with an elaborate floor show and dance.

Formal sessions of the Editorial Association will be held tomorrow morning and the two-day meeting will be concluded Saturday night with a banquet at which Mr. Minton will deliver the principal address.