

WOMEN TELL OF TERROR ABOARD MURDER YACHT

'Pirate' Forced Own Wife to Guard His Victims, She Declares.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 1 (U. P.).—Three women today told of indignities and terrorizing under the iron rule of a swashbuckling sailor who seized command of the yacht Aafie and sailed for the South Seas where he apparently planned to found a "Paradise Isle" with himself as their master.

The sailor was Jack Morgan, who Federal agents revealed, had a long criminal record. He chartered the yacht, killed the skipper, and sailed for the tropics with the three women, two men, and a boy as prisoners. One of the men hit him on the head with a marlin spike and threw him overboard. But not before he had experienced days of terror.

The women were Mrs. Lillian Morgan, a 17-year-old New Orleans girl; Miss Elsie Berdan, a nurse, and Mrs. Gertrude Turner, fiancée of Dwight L. Faulding, the slain skipper.

Morgan's own wife told of being struck, and forced at gun point to help guard his prisoners.

Murder Complaints Filed
Federal agents still held Mrs. Morgan and the two men who tossed him overboard, George Sperrack and Robert Horne. Murder complaints were filed against the two men, but only as a formality. Federal prosecutors said they were convinced the men acted justifiably in self-defense. They came into court Monday for arraignment.

Horne and Sperrack acted as deckhands on the yacht which left San Pedro Dec. 20 on what was to have been a two-day sail around a nearby island. On Christmas eve, four days later, Horne saw his opportunity. Morgan ordered him to put out the log. The madman stood at the wheel with a gun in his hand, his back turned.

"I was so completely worn out and sick of abuse that I grabbed a marlin spike," he said. "It was heavy, of solid oak. I rushed at Morgan and hit him on the head with all my strength. I realized it was either Morgan or me, and I was relieved to see him crumple."

They tossed him to the sharks off the Mexican coast without knowing whether he was alive or dead.

Cold-Blooded Murderer

"As I took hold of Morgan, George (Sperrack) seemed to realize with-out my saying anything, that I intended to leave him overboard, and he helped me. We knew we would have to do a thorough job to prevent terrible retaliation. He had proved a cold-blooded murderer. I had seen him kick his wife in the face."

Authorities learned additional information from which to patch together a picture of Morgan's fantastic plans. He apparently intended to sail toward the Galapagos Islands and set up a "Paradise Kingdom," just as the Baroness Eliza Bosquet von Wagner, the notorious Viennese noblewoman, had done on her "paradise of lovers" with barren Charles Island there several years ago.

A former San Quentin cellmate described Morgan as obsessed with the idea of sailing for the tropical seas. Morgan had served two prison terms for criminal assault.

ROBBED WHILE SLEEPING

Charles Christ, 431 N. Illinois St., told police today that a thief took \$300 from his trousers while he slept last night in his apartment. He said he always left the door unlocked.

OFFICIAL WEATHER

United States Weather Bureau

Indianapolis Forecast: Fair tonight and Sunday; colder tonight, with lowest temperature 20 to 25 degrees; continued cold Saturday.

Sunrise 7:07; Sunset 4:31.

TEMPERATURE

Jan. 1, 1937 —

7 a. m. 33 1 p. m. 41

BAROMETER

7 a. m. 29.96

Precipitation 24 hrs. ending 7 a. m.12

Total precipitation 30.25

Excess 1.10

OTHER CITIES AT 7 A. M.

Station Weather Bar. Temp.

Amarillo, Tex. Clear 39.4 30

Bismarck, N. D. Clear 39.18 -2

Boston Snow 39.28 36

Chicago Cloudy 39.28 36

Cleveland, O. Cloudy 39.28 36

Denver Clear 39.28 36

Dodge City, Kan. Clear 39.28 36

Helena, Mont. Clear 39.28 36

Little Rock, Ark. Clear 39.28 36

Los Angeles Cloudy 39.28 36

Miami, Fla. Clear 39.28 36

Minneapolis Snow 39.28 36

Mobile, Ala. Foggy 39.28 36

New Orleans Clear 39.28 36

New York Clear 39.28 36

Ola, Okla. Clear 39.28 36

Omaha, Neb. Clear 39.28 36

Pittsburg Rain 39.28 36

Portland, Ore. Clear 39.28 36

San Antonio, Tex. Clear 39.28 36

San Francisco Cloudy 39.28 36

St. Paul Clear 39.28 36

St. Louis Clear 39.28 36

Wash. D. C. Cloudy 39.28 36

Here's County Traffic Record

Deaths (To Date)

1937 2

1937 0

Deaths in City

1937 0

Accidents (Dec. 31)

Injured 11

Dead 9

Arrests (Dec. 31)

Speeding

Reckless Driving

Running Preferential Street

Running Red Light

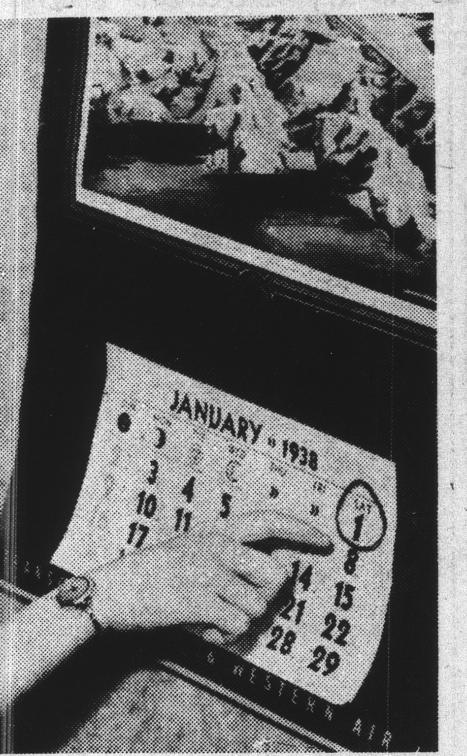
Drunken Driving

Others

HAPPY NEW YEAR—AND BIRTHDAY, TOO



New Year's Day has a very personal significance for Miss Velma Imogene Rusk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Rusk, 914 Parker Ave. She has a prominent role in the history of Coleman Hospital.



Marion County grand jurors were private citizens today, their work having been completed yesterday. The jurors are shown as they inspected the county jail, which they termed "insanitary" in some respects.

JURY INSPECTS JAIL BEFORE RETIRING



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F. D. R. SLICES 12 CENTS FROM SILVER PRICE

Move May Alienate Bloc of Western Senators, Observers Say.

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ing to carry through Administration legislation at the next session, Senator Adams (D. Colo.) said: "I think the price will be very helpful to the industry. Of course, we would like to have seen the price of 77.57 per ounce retained. I'm not able at this time to figure what the difference between the new and old price will mean to the industry. Some of the mines work on close margins."

World Quotation Is 42.92

The new price compared with a world quotation of 42.92 cents and the New York price of 44.75 cents. Thus, even at the lower domestic price, United States silver producers will be receiving a so-called bounty of nearly 20 cents over what it would cost the Government to purchase the metal on the open market.

The London "antidumping" silver agreement of June, 1933, also expired last month with no effort by this Government or any other signatories to extend it. Evidence that the Administration intended to pursue a program of bilateral agreements in connection with the understanding reached during the past week with Canada and Mexico.

Mr. Roosevelt's proclamation was issued under authority granted in an amendment to the Agricultural Adjustment Act to fix the domestic silver price as a step toward economic recovery.

His first price-fixing proclamation, issued Dec. 21, 1933, set the figure at 64.46 cents an ounce, the price to which he returned in his latest proclamation. Then, on April 10, 1935, as the world price began soaring, the President boosted the domestic price to 71.11. Fifteen days later, he raised it to the 77.57 cent figure which prevailed until last month.

Claim Many to Lose Jobs

The shift in the silver policy will not affect the value of silver coins in the public's hands. The silver dollar will still buy as much as it did before. Its only immediate effect, the silverites claim, is that it will force thousands of miners into idleness.

The United States has pursued a two-fold silver policy since March 3, 1933. Under the Roosevelt embargo, gold and silver and exports. It calls for:

1. Purchase of silver in the open market until silver stocks have reached the point where their value is one-third of that of the gold or until the price of silver has reached \$1.29 an ounce. The Secretary of the Treasury is directed to issue silver certificates against the metal to a face amount of not less than the cost of all silver purchases.

2. Rehabilitating the domestic industry by absorbing the complete output at prices in excess of world market quotations. This was criticized by financiers as a direct subsidy.

Under this program the Treasury on Nov. 30, 1936, held 1,445,004,865 ounces of silver bullion, which at the \$1.29 monetary value, was worth \$1,864,056,265.

Deplore Inflow of Gold
With the \$503,390,000 of silver dollars included, the nation's silver stock on that date totaled \$2,367,936,265. The cost of the metal to the Treasury is not known, but silver certificates in excess of \$800,000,000 have been issued against it.

Government experts despair of ever carrying out the congressional silver mandate unless the inflow of gold to America ceases. Despite the heavy purchases of the white metal, it would have required an additional 1,701,000,000 ounces to reach the 75-25 gold-silver ratio on Sept. 30, 1937.

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F. D. R. MAY REPLY ON TRUST ISSUE

Do Ickes, Jackson Reflect White House Views? Critics Demand.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1 (U. P.).—

Critics of last week's New Deal antimonopoly speeches—Democrats and Republicans—invited President Roosevelt today to show in his message to Congress Monday how completely they reflected his own views.

Meanwhile the President at his press conference said the talks were aimed only at certain "malefactors of great wealth," and not at all wealthy individuals.

The series of attacks began last Sunday night with a speech by Assistant Attorney General Robert Jackson, who asserted there were indications that capital was on strike against the Administration.

Wednesday he renewed the attack in a second speech, and Thursday night Secretary of the Interior Harold I. Ickes described the current situation as a battle between "America's 60 families" and the nation's other 120 million citizens.

"I tremble," Senator Copeland (D. N. Y.) said, when he spoke of Mr. Ickes' speech, "lest the President in his message on Monday may follow up these attacks with concrete suggestions which will further muddy the economic situation. To my mind this will be calamity."

Speeches Criticized

A second Tammany Democrat from New York, Chairman John O'Connor of the House Rules Committee, shot a question mark at Mr. Roosevelt when he said:

"No one can make me believe that Mr. Jackson is reflecting the views of the President."

Rep. O'Connor, ignoring Secretary Ickes, said his temperature went up to 300 degrees Fahrenheit when he read Mr. Jackson's second speech.

House Minority Leader Bertrand H. Snell (R. N. Y.) was indignant at what he called a "desecration of the Christmas season." Mr. Ickes, he said, had pronounced the New Deal benediction on 1937—"let us hate!"

"His speech," Rep. Snell said, "is a black flag in the history of the United States. Its violent and demoralizing demagoguery will one day symbolize the entire Administration of Franklin D. Roosevelt. I speak against 60 families. I suggest a more effective approach to the problem would be to dismiss four or five official crack-pots in Washington."

TOWNSEND MAY AID 12-YEAR-OLD MOTHER

Granting of Exception for Wedding May Be Asked.

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gest that the Governor intercede and grant an exception so that the children may be married.

"I understand," the Governor said in a statement released here, "that some of the townspeople have prepared an appeal to me for an executive order to allow a wedding for the children."

"The matter has my sympathetic attention and I will do everything I can to bring peace out of chaos. I am not sure, however, of my authority to circumvent state law and will consult the Attorney General if appealed to."

Circuit Judge J. Raymond Powell, who has taken under advisement a statutory charge against Tommy, gave his support to a movement to permit the children to marry.

"Law Should Aid," Says Judge
"They love each other," he said, "and I believe the law should aid rather than hinder that love, no matter how illegal the situation is."

Tommy, who has not seen the baby or Betty since the baby's birth Tuesday, said he wanted to marry the girl.

He was kept confined by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Chapman. Ben Lacer, Betty's father, charged that the Chapman family "deliberately was keeping" Tommy from visiting Betty and the baby.

"I don't believe that's the right attitude," he said. "It's just one of those things that happened and we'll have to bring the best of it."

He indignantly tossed aside an offer of Ross Sutherland, 26, Frankfort, Ind., to marry the child mother.

If the Indiana attorney general rules that the case is out of the jurisdiction of Gov. Townsend it is expected that the children will wait until they become of age and then marry, the Chapman family, meanwhile, aiding in support of the baby.

BOB BURNS Says:

HOLLYWOOD, Jan. 1.—I've already made one new year's resolution that I'm gonna stick to from now on. I ain't gonna give any more Christmas presents without checkin' up and findin' out if it's what the people want. I know Grandpa Snazzy's eyes were going bad on him and I thought a pair of spectacles 'd be the finest gift I could give him. The other day I says: "We'll, Grandpa Snazzy, I'll bet them new spectacles brought you a lot of enjoyment." Grandpa says, "Yes, they did—but they also brought me a fella I been talkin' to and I considered a friend for the past 11 years turned out to be a scoundrel."

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TWO KILLED BY AUTO AT GLENNS VALLEY

Three Others Outside County Are Holiday Victims.

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went out of control and plunged into the car driven by Mr. Davis, hurdling it into a ditch.

Mr. White's car overturned. Injured in the crash were Mr. White, who was out on the front seat, and Mrs. Marie White, 23, his wife, bruised and suffering a possible fracture of the pelvis; Robert Robinson, 24, of 1621 Nelson St., face lacerations, and Mrs. Maye Robinson, 20, out on the face.

The four injured, who were riding in the car that overturned, were taken to the City Hospital. All except Mrs. White were released after treatment.

Mr. Woodruff, a former Arsenal Technical High School student and member of the Indiana National Guard, is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Woodruff, and two sisters, Clara May and Janice Ann Woodruff.

The parents said he had planned to leave for Wyoming within a few days to attend a CCC camp.

Born in Ohio County, Kentucky, Mr. Morrison had lived here two and a half years. He was employed as a machinist at the Universal Gear Corp.

Survivors are his mother, Mrs. Mary Morrison, Indianapolis; a brother, Arthur G. Morrison, Louisville; four sisters, Mrs. Arthur E. Kappesser, Louisville, Mrs. Robert Mathings, Maywood, Mrs. Orville H. Brouse and Miss Clara Morrison, both of Indianapolis, and two children, Shirley Ann, 7, and Thomas Joseph Morrison, 9. His wife died seven years ago.

The body of Mr. Woodruff was taken to the Harry Moore funeral parlor, and the body of Mr. Morrison to the Wilson funeral parlor.

Others arrested by deputy sheriffs in connection with the fatal accident were Williamson, charged with parking on the highway, and Meyers, charged with drunkenness and interfering with an officer.

Among the first cases before Judge John L. McNelis as he sat for the first time on the Municipal Court bench today were those of two men arrested as a result of the Glenns Valley accident.

With Meyers standing before him, Judge McNelis said:

"At the first of the year, with a change of judge, it has been customary to give leniency to the first defendant. However, it seems they have come at me with a double-headed."

Pending good behavior, fines of \$1 and sentences of 60 days in jail each were suspended.

Judge McNelis continued the cases of White, charged with manslaughter, and Williamson, charged with parking on a highway, until Jan. 7.

Jesse Huey, 61, of 546 Massachusetts Ave., received a possible fracture of the right leg and injuries to his hip when he was struck by a car operated by George R. Willman, 33, of 501 W. 32d St., late yesterday. Mr. Huey was sent to the City Hospital.

Witnesses told police that Mr. Huey was attempting to cross Delaware St. at Court St., when he was hit. Mr. Willman was not held.

A hit-run driver struck Charles C. Robinson, 40, of 6101 Central Ave., yesterday as he started to enter his parked car at College Ave. and 46th St. Mr. Robinson was cut on the head and several of his teeth were knocked out. He was sent to City Hospital.

Mrs. Lora Pauls, 61, of 616 Bradshaw Ave., was struck by an auto driven by Russell Eden, 32, of 1410 Barth Ave., last night as she attempted to cross Virginia Ave. at Buchanan St. She suffered cuts and bruises.

LIDDY ATTACKED IN SMOKE FIGHT

Disqualified as Officer of Abatement League, Johnson Says.

In answer to charges made against the Smoke Abatement League at the last City Council meeting, Roy O. Johnson, League attorney, today said "J. J. Liddy has disqualified himself for further service as an officer of the Smoke Abatement League."

Mr. Liddy said: "This bears out my statements to the Council. Mr. Johnson's league and nobody else. I don't know where he acquires the authority to say what should or shouldn't be done."

Council is to consider the proposed amendments to the smoke ordinance Monday night.

Mr. Liddy, Indianapolis Union Railways superintendent, and first vice president of the League, charged at the Dec. 20 meeting that the League was financed by "potential violators" who are responsible for the ordinance presented here tonight.

Claims Liddy Is Disqualified
Mr. Johnson said: "The opposition never once touched upon the issues before the Council, namely the proposed amendments which had been presented and explained by officers of the League."

"There was no foundation or excuse for any opposition on the part of the railroad interests, and had there been foundation for any opposition by them, it is impossible to find justification for the manner in which it was raised. Mr. Liddy has disqualified himself for further service as an officer of the Smoke Abatement League."

Mr. Johnson also said the League was willing to withdraw its support of the measures in the proposed amendment which would regulate the smoke of locomotives.

"The Ringmann chart is the principal improvement and the one for which we most earnestly plead," he said, referring to the section of the amendment aimed to legalize instruments for smoke detection.

"There must be some enforcement of the ordinance. This chart is recommended by the United States Bureau of Mines and is recognized by the National Association for Smoke Prevention as a practical scale of measurement, and is being used by a large number of our neighboring cities."

Plan Educational Drive
"Let us repeat that it is our plan to promote a crusade of education and training supported by a program of reasonable enforcement of the ordinance. Either without the other will fail, but linked together they will succeed."

"The citizens of Indianapolis are earnestly pleading that the smoke menace be put under better control and whatever opposition there is to this comes from persons or groups uninformed or from those whose opposition is prompted by selfish interests."

\$165,000 ASKED IN CONSPIRACY SUIT
Ora C. King and other trustees in bankruptcy of the Ehrhart Leaf Tobacco Co., Versailles, O., today filed suit in Federal court against the Indiana Warehouse Co., Winchester, Ind., for \$165,000 damages. Plaintiffs claimed that there was a conspiracy by the defendants to violate the Indiana Warehouse Receipts Act.

BUILDING DISPLAY PLANNED
The Frantz Manufacturing Co. and Texaco Roofing Products Co. are to display Indianapolis-made building products at the Ohio Retail Lumber Dealers' Association convention in Columbus, Ind., Feb. 9 to 11.

HOSPITAL NEW YEAR FOLLOWS ACCIDENT
John Parks, 58, of 2150 Kildare Ave., welcomed the New Year at City Hospital with a broken leg.

While dumping ashes into a horse-drawn ash wagon late yesterday, his clothes caught on the vehicle and he was jerked under the wheels, he told police.

RETIRED RAIL AID DIES
WINTER PARK, Fla., Jan. 1 (U. P.).—Edward Payson Bracken, retired Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad official, died at his home here yesterday. He was 68.

Constance Bennett to File \$250,000 Radio Slander Suit

HOLLYWOOD, Jan. 1 (U. P.).—Attorney Barry Brennan announced today he would file on behalf of Constance Bennett, blond movie star, a \$250,000 damage suit charging slander and defamation of character against a Hollywood radio commentator.

The lawyer said Miss Bennett instructed him to file the suit in Los Angeles Superior Court on Monday.

He said Miss Bennett, once the highest paid star in films, was incensed at the radio commentator's alleged statements, and was threatening to carry the case to the Federal Radio Commission, as well as to court.

The radio speaker's identity was not revealed.

Disney Brothers Give Parents New Home
HOLLYWOOD, Jan. 1 (U. P.).—Mickey Mouse's "grandparents" received a home in Hollywood as a New Year's present today.

Walt Disney, "father" of the famous animated cartoon movies, with his three brothers, made the presentation to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elias Disney of Portland, Ore. The parents will be given a home of their own choosing.

The other brothers are Roy, business manager of Walt's enterprises; Raymond and Herbert.

Ft. Wayne Honors Carole Lombard
FT. WAYNE, Jan. 1 (U. P.).—To the movie world she is the glamorous Carole Lombard, but to all the neighbors and the neighbors' kids with whom she romped and played like any other little girl, she's just pretty, blond-headed Jane Alice Peters.

By which ever name you know her, she'll be signally honored by Ft. Wayne today when a bronze plaque will be erected at her birthplace, 704 Rockhill St.