

# Grand Jury Indicts May and Garssons

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23 (AP)—Attorney General Clark announced Thursday the indictment of Rep. Andrew J. May (D-Ky.) and three officials of a wartime munitions combine on charges of conspiring to defraud the government.

Clark said those named with May in the indictment, returned by a grand jury here, are: Henry M. Garsson, Murray Garsson and Joseph F. Freeman, all former officers and employees of the Erie Basin Metal Products, Inc., Elgin, Ill., and of Batavia Metal Products, Inc., Batavia, Ill.

He said that one count charges

that May, wartime chairman of the house military committee, "did agree to receive" from these firms "a total of \$53,634.07."

Clark said that a conviction under the conspiracy statute provides for a maximum of \$10,000 fine and for imprisonment of not more than two years.

The senate war investigating committee inquired at length last summer into relations between the Garssons and May. May was defeated in last fall's election after a campaign in which his relations with the Garsson brothers had figured. He had served in congress since 1930.

## Coup Nets Coop

NEWBERG, Ore., Jan. 23 (AP)—Three young Newberg residents decided to go out to get their own chicken dinner Sunday. The chickens they got turned out to be two hens and a rooster valued at \$100.

Convicted of the theft, Gene Wilkins, Robert Gates and Mrs. Lois Parks Thursday were fined \$50 each and sentenced to 30 days. Sentence was suspended for the woman.

Police said the chickens were stolen from poultryman H. A. Perkins.

## We Was Robbed, 120-5

KNOXVILLE, Ia., Jan. 23—(AP)—Melcher played the "swan song" for little Swan high last night—to the tune of 120-5 in a county tournament basketball game.

Swan's eight-man squad wore overalls for warmup suits and late in the game one of the substitutes played in overalls.

Though some discussion centered about calling off the game, or shortening the quarters, the boys battled it out the full distance.

### WIRE STAFF:

Dick Byfield Bert Moore.

## Governor's Funds Tied Up by Bank

ATLANTA, Jan. 23—(AP)—The Fulton National bank of Atlanta announced Thursday it would refuse to honor checks drawn by either claimant of Georgia's disputed governorship. The bank said it would begin independent court action to settle the controversy.

The bank's announcement came only after a few hours after State Treasurer George B. Hamilton disclosed that conflicting claims over the governorship had tied up state revenues and all operations of the state highway department.

In effect, the bank's action prevents Lieut.-Gov. M. E. Thompson from drawing any funds for operation of his "governor's" office. Although \$97,000 was turned over to him by retiring Gov. Ellis Arnall, Herman Talmadge, the other claimant, also is without funds.

## Concentration Camp Operators Sentenced

DACHAU, Jan. 23 (AP)—The sentencing of 15 Flossenburg concentration camp operators to hang has brought to 221 the number of Germans given death sentences by American war crimes court, trial officials said Thursday.

Of the 40 convicted of participation in nazi cruelties at the Flossenburg camp, where more than 25,000 prisoners died of starvation and abuse, 11 were sentenced to life imprisonment and 14 others to prison terms ranging from one to 30 years. More Flossenburg camp operators are scheduled for trial soon.

A total of 755 Germans have now been tried by American war crimes courts. Of these 660 have been convicted, with 221 sentenced to die and 439 given prison terms. Only 95 were acquitted.

The list of convicted war criminals includes operators of the Dachau and Mauthausen concentration camps and 73 SS men guilty of the Malmedy massacre of captured American soldiers. Many were convicted of murdering allied airmen shot down in Germany.

## Sinking Probe Begins

PORTLAND, Jan. 23—(AP)—An investigation of the sinking of the Drexel Victory, which foundered off the Columbia river mouth Monday night, was begun Thursday by a six-man board representing the coast guard merchant marine investigating unit.

Port Director Capt. D. J. McGarity expressed concern that the shipwreck would hurt local shipping. Some crew members testified they thought the ship hit a shoal while in the regular channel, but the district army engineer said charts showed no shoal.

The board, which will hear witnesses selected by a preliminary investigation which ended today, probably will not return its findings for many weeks.

## Marshall Names Aide

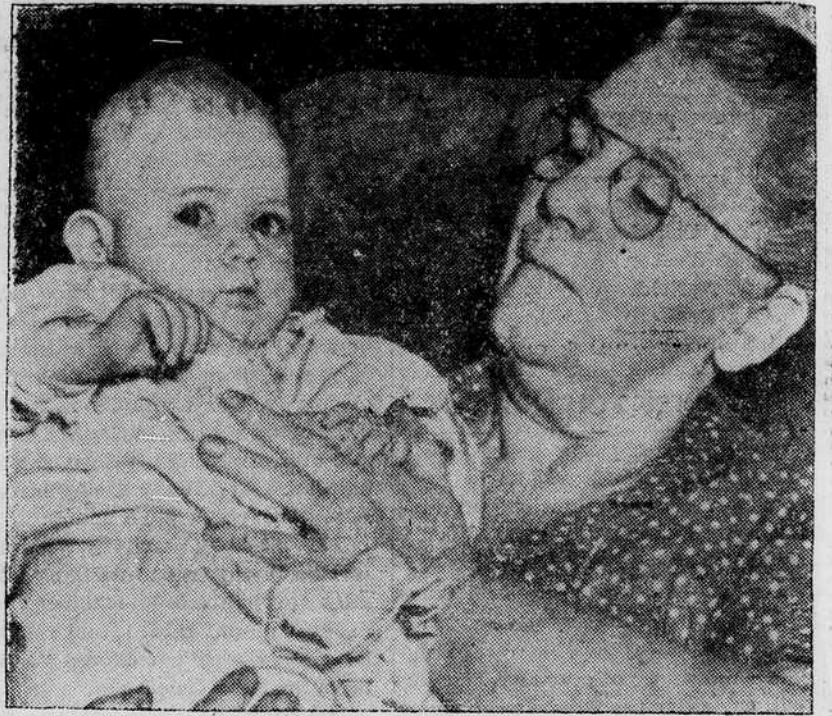
WASHINGTON, Jan. 23—(AP)—Secretary of State Marshall reviewed major foreign issues with President Truman Thursday and made his first appointment to a top position in the state department.

Marshall named John E. Peurifoy, a veteran of nine years administrative work in the department, acting assistant secretary of state. Peurifoy replaces Donald Russell, who resigned with Secretary Byrnes.

## Weather Forecast

Oregon: Showers Friday and early Friday night—cooler Friday in west portions and over state Friday night. Snow in mountains. Strong to gale force southerly wind becoming westerly and decreasing Friday.

Gloria Smith, Wire Editor



**WANTS TO TRADE EYE FOR HOME . . .**  
Mrs. Marie Didion of Edinboro, Pa., impoverished 51-year-old mother of 12, has offered one of her eyes in exchange for a home and steady income to care for her younger children. She is shown with a five-months-old granddaughter.

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