

CURTIS UNDER SUSPICION

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JAFSIE TAKEN TO ROGUES GALLERY

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NEW YORK, May 18 (AP)—Frank Parzych, who said yesterday that he was one of the kidnapers of the Lindbergh baby, confessed today his story was false.

Parzych was arrested for wife desertion and volunteered the kidnap story. He told Police Commissioner Edward P. Mulrooney today in a small story of being connected with the kidnaping was a hoax.

JAFSIE VIEWS PICTURES

MT. VERNON, N. Y., May 18 (AP)—Accompanied by three New York detectives, Dr. John F. Condon, Lindbergh negotiator, arrived at Mt. Vernon police headquarters at noon today to view rogues gallery photographs.

BLUEBACKS ARE BEING CAUGHT AT THE LAKE

The bluebacks are biting in Wallowa lake, according to information received today from R. E. Stivers, secretary of the Associated Chapters of Wallowa Lake League with headquarters at Enterprise.

Mrs. Sweeney Dies In Portland, Ore.

Mrs. Thomas E. Sweeney, mother of Mrs. Fred Spach, died in Portland this morning, according to word received here. She had been ill for some time. Funeral arrangements had not been announced.

Rube Davis Dies In South May 15

Rube F. Davis, for a number of years a resident of Cove and La Grande and the former husband of Mrs. Pomona Johnson, daughter of Karl J. Stackland, died in Southern California May 15, according to word received here. The body will be shipped to his former home in Martinsville, Va. for burial.

Senior Class At Radium Springs In Picnic Today

Members of the senior class of the La Grande High school are picnicking at Radium Springs, near Haines, today.

Parker Speaker At Credit Meet

PORTLAND, May 18 (AP)—Credit men here for the 12th annual conference of the Retail Credit association of the northwest concluded their convention Tuesday.

Ed Davis Suicides At Pendleton, Ore.

PENDLETON, Ore., May 18 (AP)—Ed Davis, for many years a veterinarian here, was found dead in his apartment here Tuesday, a cup of poison at his bedside. He had been ill for several weeks.

Senators Turn Down Beer Measure

Open House Held At High School; Crowd Attends

Program Staged in Afternoon and Evening—Exhibits Among Finest Ever Shown at L. H. S.

Artistic activities which accompany the regular work-a-day world at the La Grande High school were displayed yesterday when the annual High school open house was held between the hours of 2 and 10 o'clock.

The open house climaxed the day's activities which opened with an assembly on the stage and in the gymnasium at 9 o'clock when High school honor awards were made before the High school student body.

Manual Training Awards Made

Manual training awards were made by Supt. J. T. Longfellow, of the city schools, for superior work in eight classifications. Albert Lilly was awarded the first prize for the best made and best finished project with a buffet; Donald Higgins received second for a dining table; Dennis Miller, third, dining chairs; and honorable mention was made for a Duncan Phyfe table by Kenneth Feuerstein; a tea wagon, by Wayne Standley; a writing desk, by George Berry; a davenport table, by Glen Fox; and another davenport table, by Howard Sheppard.

Wranglers Play At Huge Picnic In Payette, Ida.

One of La Grande's best known musical organizations—the Blue Mountain Wranglers—is entertaining a large crowd of people, most of whom are of another state, today.

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COUNT 61-24 ON BILL FOR 2.75 CONTENT

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CONFESSES



John Hughes Curtis (above), shipbuilder of Norfolk, Va., confessed yesterday that the supposed kidnapers of the Lindbergh baby he contacted, were really nothing but creations of his own imagination.

Curtis was one of Colonel Lindbergh's most trusted intermediaries previous to the finding of the child's body.

ROOSEVELT AND HOOVER FAVORED

Alabama, South Carolina and Vermont Expect to Instruct Delegates.

By the Associated Press
More convention votes were in the offing today for Franklin D. Roosevelt and President Hoover through party conventions in Alabama, South Carolina and Vermont, and a Democratic primary in the District of Columbia.

Kidnaped Child Found Near Home At Steubenville

STEUBENVILLE, O., May 18 (AP)—Half an hour after being stolen from his crib, two-year-old Eugene Swearingin was found last night behind a rail fence 50 yards from his home here today, according to word received today.

FATALITIES IN MOSLEM RIOTS CLIMB TO 92

BOMBAY, May 18 (AP)—The list of casualties of the Hindu-Moslem riots which entered their fifth day here today was increased to 92 dead and 910 injured when four persons were killed and 60 injured as the rioting broke out afresh this morning.

Patten Funeral To Be Held Thursday

The funeral of Harvey Patten, who died early Tuesday morning, will be held from the chapel of Walkers Funeral Home Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock with Rev. J. George Wals, pastor of the Presbyterian church, in charge of the services. Burial will be in the family plot in Masonic cemetery.

McKenzie Pass Not Open To Traffic

BEND, May 18 (AP)—A party of road workers and five men left Bend Tuesday for the McKenzie Pass country to determine how soon the road may be opened to traffic, and to survey snow conditions. The road was opened May 13 last year, although 10 feet of snow covered the ground in some places.

Marshfield Bank To Pay Dividends

MARSHFIELD, May 18 (AP)—Dividends amounting to \$73,823 and representing a 30 per cent payment, will be paid to depositors of the Bank of Southwestern Oregon soon, according to word from the office of the state bank superintendent. The bank closed the first of the year.

Columbia River Is Lowering At Last

VANCOUVER, Wash., May 18 (AP)—The Columbia river, five feet above flood stage, fell one-tenth of a foot during the night. It was the first time since April 28 that the river had not risen. It now is at the 20-foot stage. With cooler weather predicted it is believed the stream will continue to subside. Hundreds of acres of lowland property has been flooded but no damage of consequence has been reported. The upper Columbia is falling.

Wheat Today

CHICAGO, May 18 (AP)—Wheat reacted today from an earlier advance, and underwent losses, affected somewhat by bearish behavior of speculators.

Mrs. J. P. O'Brien Dies

A message was received here this afternoon that Mrs. J. P. O'Brien died at 1:30 o'clock in Portland. She was the wife of General Manager O'Brien of the C. O. W. who retired the first of this month.

Pope Calls The World To Pray For Deliverance

Encyclical Issued Today Touching Upon "Peril of Terrorism and Anarchy" and Other Evils.

VATICAN CITY, May 18 (AP)—Pope Pius XI, in an encyclical issued today, called the world to prayer, penance and mortification to save itself from "the peril of terrorism and anarchy" and "the still graver evils that are threatening."

For this purpose he set aside a period of eight days for "reparation" on the octave of the feast of the Sacred Heart, beginning June 3.

He exhorted the faithful to abstain during the eight days "at least from entertainments and amusements, however lawful, and urged that 'there be greater charity to the poor' 'the proceeds of this retrenchment.'"

Lists Causes
In the encyclical, entitled "Charitas Christiana"—Christ's charity—he lists the causes of the present "evils that are crushing humanity."

They are, he said, greed, the accumulation of the wealth of nations in the hands of a small group of individuals, exaggerated nationalism, unequal distribution of wealth, communism and "the revolt of man against God."

"From greed, he said, arises 'a blight on all human dealings.' He reiterated the words of St. Paul: 'The desire of money is the root of all evil.'"

"Turning the point of his criticism equally upon communists and speculators, the Pontiff said a small group of holders of the world's wealth 'manipulate the markets of the world at their own caprice to the immense harm of the masses.'"

"Even those very few," he added, "who with their speculations were and are in great part a cause of so much woe, are themselves quite often the first and most notorious victims, dragging down with themselves into the abysses the fortunes of countless others."

"Profiting by so much economic distress," he added, "and so much moral disorder, the enemies of all social order, they called communists or any other name, boldly set about breaking through every restraint."

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By John Evans (Associated Press Staff Correspondent)

TAKE MUD FROM HIS AUTOMOBILE

Questioners Also to Interview Dean Dobson-Peacock, Associated With Norfolk Man.

HOPEWELL, N. J., May 18 (AP)—Arraigned on a charge of giving false information in connection with the Lindbergh kidnaping, John Hughes Curtis, Norfolk, Va., was held in hearing today and was held in jail of \$10,000.

NORFOLK, Va., May 18 (AP)—Chief of Police S. W. Ironmonger said today that John Hughes Curtis, hoax negotiator in the Lindbergh kidnaping case, had requested Colonel Lindbergh to deposit \$25,000 in a Norfolk bank where Curtis was on bond and a down payment on the ransom for the return of Lindbergh's baby.

TRENTON, N. J., May 18 (AP)—Governor Harry Moore late today flatly denied he had said John H. Curtis of Norfolk had attempted to commit suicide since his confession of hoaxing the Lindberghs.

HOPEWELL, N. J., May 18 (AP)—Police disclosed today that a woman was helping them determine the true and complete facts concerning the activities of John Hughes Curtis, hoax negotiator with the kidnapers of the murdered Lindbergh baby, and it was learned that Norfolk, Va., police had been trying to locate where Curtis was on the night the child was stolen.

His whereabouts on that night had not been definitely established, but it was said all information obtained had been forwarded to police here.

Local police officials were reticent as to just what they were questioning Curtis about, but they did acknowledge the examination had continued.

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