

HAMMER SLAYER MAKES ESCAPE

Jail Bars Sawed by Convicted Killer.

HUSBAND IS DETAINED

(Three or Four Persons Believed to Have Aided.)

PEGGY CAFFE VANISHES

Chief Witness at Murder Trial of Mrs. Clara Phillips Is Reported Missing.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 5.—(By the Associated Press.)—Declining birth rate and an increasing death rate for 1922 as compared with 1921 were forecast today by the census bureau, which based its calculation on records for the last six months of the year for the registration area of the country, comprising about 82 per cent of the total population of the United States.

The birth rate for the first six months of this year was 22.7 for each 1000 population, while for the same period of 1921 the rate was 24.8 and for the whole of last year 24.5. North Carolina had the highest rate for the half year, being 30, while Virginia was second with 27.5. Vermont had the lowest rate, 18.1.

The death rate for the six months ending June 30 this year was 12.6 for each 1000 population, while for the same period of 1921 the rate was 12 and for the whole of last year 11.6. Maine had the highest mortality rate for the half year, its rate being 15.7, with New Hampshire second with a rate of 15.5. Idaho had the lowest rate with 8.2.

Not all states are represented in the registration area.

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CHICAGO, Dec. 5.—A campaign to enlist 40,000 ministers and through them 40,000,000 church members to take an active part in the 1924 presidential election was announced today by Rev. J. Clover Mennema, editor of the Ministers' Monthly.

The plan, he said, will embrace organization of the Christian voters' league and the holding of a national convention here shortly before the presidential nominating conventions.

"If the party conventions keep on following the beaten path and refuse to designate candidates that stand for the things that churches uphold a bolt will be suggested," his announcement contained. "With the churches organized, however no party can afford to ignore the tremendous vote controlled by them."

FASCISTI MEAN BUSINESS

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ROME, Dec. 5.—(By the Associated Press.)—Criminals will be clubbed and sent to hospitals instead of being imprisoned, in the administration of justice under the fascist regime in the province of Alessandria, Dr. Sala, the secretary, said in an address to malefactors summoned before him.

"If, after such lessons, veteran offenders still exist, the next time the clubbing will be such as to send them, not to hospital but to the cemetery," he added.

7 COMMISSIONS PLANNED

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WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 5.—Regional interstate commerce commissions operating under jurisdiction of the interstate commerce commission in Washington would be provided under a bill introduced today by Representative Hawes, democrat, of Missouri.

The measure would establish seven divisional bodies of three members each with headquarters at Boston, New York, Atlanta, Cleveland, Chicago, St. Louis and San Francisco.

GOVERNOR'S PLEA DENIED

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OXFORD, Miss., Dec. 5.—Judge E. R. Holmes overruled the demurrer of Governor Russell asking that the petition of Miss Frances Kirkhead be dismissed on the basis of no grounds for action, when court convened today.

Judge Holmes ordered that the case go to trial tomorrow.

Miss Kirkhead's suit asks \$100,000 on charges of seduction and breach of promise.

EDUCATE PARENTS, PLEA

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CHICAGO, Dec. 5.—Compulsory education of parents in their duties toward their children, to be acted on by the Colorado legislature, was advocated on a national scale today by Judge Lindsey of Denver in an address before the Rotary club of Chicago.

He declared such compulsory education for parents would greatly lessen juvenile crime.

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Cashier of Gas Company and Po-Room Engaged in Hotel.

WEST NEW YORK, N. J., Dec. 5.—Three outlaws today attacked the cashier of the Public Service Gas company and a policeman who guarded him as they left the company's offices, filled them with pistols and fled with a bag containing \$8770.

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The visit was described at the White House as merely a social call of courtesy at which, it was said, serious problems of state were not discussed.

The Tiger said tonight it was "a delightful visit" during which he gave the president his views about economic conditions in general. He said that he did not ask the president for any assurances, pointing out that he was merely a private citizen of France, and asserted he was not going to "preach to the president, but to pay my compliments."

No Effect Is Indicated.

If Clemenceau's pictures of conditions overseas had any effect on the administration's foreign policy, it was not indicated in comment at the White House later on other subjects. With respect to the Lausanne conference on the near east, full participation in which has been suggested by Clemenceau, the president was said to feel that every proper influence of this government—and this influence was described as great—always was being exerted in a manner believed to be in harmony with the best judgment of the world statesmen who were fully in touch with the situation.

As to the question of American mandate over territory once a part of the Ottoman empire, the president was said to "rejoice" that the United States had not assumed such a responsibility. The executive was represented as feeling that America could not take upon its shoulders a responsibility for directing the affairs of the world.

Talk Apparently Enjoyed.

Clemenceau apparently enjoyed his talk with the president, which was the first event of a full day. He was smiling when he emerged from the executive offices, where he had been received, and chatted so volubly with Jules J. Jusserand, the French ambassador, who had presented him, that he forgot his hat and had to return for it. It was his "tube," the formal high hat which he had out of his luggage only once before, when he went to the opera in Chicago.

But his smile vanished when he saw the usual battery of motion-picture photographers and still camera men lined up. He seemed for a moment with a frown and then muttered something to Ambassador Jusserand, turned away and entered his limousine, while several hundred persons who had collected to get a glimpse of him cheered.

Wilson Visit Postponed.

It had been expected that the French premier would drive to Woodrow Wilson's 8000th street home from the White House, but the visit was postponed because of the ex-president's convenience. So the Tiger went night-driving.

Ambassador Jusserand took him first to the Lincoln memorial, where he stood for several minutes in silence before the heroic figure of Lincoln in the vast columned temple. Then he walked over and read the Gettysburg address on the marble wall. Ignoring workmen who were holding buckets of paint to the roof he also paused to read Lincoln's last inaugural address, which is hewn into the opposite wall.

Emerging, M. Jusserand pointed out the reflecting pool under process of construction between the memorial and the Washington monument and explained that in the morning it would mirror the tall Washington shaft and in the afternoon would reflect the memorial.

Monument Is Visited.

Clemenceau then was driven to the monument, but his car circled it without stopping and sped out through the fashionable Chevy Chase section to the biological gardens, where the Tiger expressed a desire to see bears. He made the complete round of the bear den, stopping before nearly every one to grant an occasional comment to M. Jusserand.

Ignoring the tiger house, which all the trading photographers hoped he would visit, he returned to the Crescent place home of Henry.

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