

BLACKMAILERS TRY TO BLOW UP HOUSE

TACOMA, May 2. (AP) — Blackmailers, angered because their demands had been refused, sought revenge and almost claimed the life of a woman yesterday in their desperate efforts to strike terror into a Kelley Lake home, 23 miles east of Tacoma, it was learned today.

Mrs. Louisa Wahl of the Little lake community 12 miles from Sumner was the near victim. A dynamite bomb that blasted the kitchen range in the White home to bits would have killed her tonight had she not left the kitchen a moment before the explosion came.

Details of the death plot, learned today by the Tacoma Ledger, were at first denied but later confirmed by the Pierce county sheriff's office which had withheld announcement of the crime.

Mr. and Mrs. Wahl have been receiving threatening letters for two months past, it was learned. These letters demanded various sums of money with dire results to the family if three children in the demand were refused. The Wahls have steadfastly refused to accede to the demands and until recently did not take the threats seriously, remembering a similar case early this year near Fifteen Tuesday afternoon about 9:30 o'clock Mrs. Wahl, after sending the children to school, placed a large tub of water on the stove and built a fire to heat the water for a family washing.

When the fire was burning she placed two more sticks of wood in the stove and stepped out of the kitchen door to the back porch for more water. Hardly had she left the room when there was a mighty blast that wrecked the stove and hurled the tub of water across the room. Terrified, Mrs. Wahl stopped only long enough to see that the water apparently put out the fire from the stove and then fled from the scene.

She hurried to Carbono, where her husband is employed and they returned together, only to find the home on fire. This blaze, presumably started by an ember from the original blast, had not gained much head when the tub of water extinguished it with a few buckets of water.

The Wahls are not wealthy and cannot understand why they were singled out for the attention of extortionists.

MRS. BROWN HEADS CLUB AT SILVERTON

SILVERTON, May 2. — The monthly meeting of the garden club was held in the city hall Monday night. Election of officers for the coming year was as follows: Mrs. Percy Brown, president; Mrs. Sam Ames, vice-president; Mrs. W. R. Tomlinson, secretary and treasurer; Harry Hallett, auditor; Mrs. Ernest Starr, press representative; Roblin Cooley, director for the state federation of garden clubs.

Oscar Loe gave an interesting talk on flowers of the month, which was followed by a short discussion.

May 20 was decided as the date for the spring flower show which will be held in the Webb Terminal building. All spring flowers will be entered.

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GOOD-NIGHT STORIES

By Max Troll

The Shadow-Children Stage A Race Between the Rabbit and the Tortoise

ONE day there was a little shadow child—were in the garden when they came across a rabbit and a tortoise. The rabbit, being an Easter rabbit, took no notice of the tortoise. On its part, the tortoise, being a very old tortoise, took no notice of the rabbit. But the shadow-children took notice of both.

"Let's arrange a race," said Yam. Hanid and Knarf gave an exclamation of surprise.

"A race?" they cried. "What good would that be?"

"It would be exciting," said Knarf, "when we all know beforehand who is going to win!"

"The rabbit hasn't a chance against the tortoise!" he repeated. "Why, it's just the other way around. The tortoise hasn't a chance against the rabbit!"

"Don't be silly," retorted Hanid, "everybody knows that when the rabbit and the tortoise held a race, the tortoise won. I read it in a book."

draw a line across the path. The tortoise and the rabbit were to run as far as the garden wall and then return. Knarf sprang on the rabbit's back and Hanid stood on the tortoise's back.

"I'm sure the tortoise will win," said Hanid, as the race began.

The rabbit gave two jumps and reached the garden wall, while the tortoise plodded wearily along. "Humph," said the rabbit, "there's no use hurrying. It will take the tortoise hours to catch up with me." And the rabbit was about to take a nap.

"No, no," cried Knarf. "You mustn't take a nap now. First finish the race."



"Do You Want to Run a Race?"

The rabbit took another jump and got half-way back. "The tortoise can't possibly win," said the rabbit, stopping again. "It isn't more than a foot away from the starting line. I have plenty of time to nibble a leaf before it reaches the wall." And despite Knarf's protests, it went over to the leaf and began to nibble it. Knarf tried to push it, and to pull it by the ears. It refused to move. Meanwhile the tortoise was coming along, slowly, but steadily. "You see," cried Hanid to Knarf, "you see, I am going to win."

But Knarf didn't give up. He crept up close to the rabbit's ear and at once made a noise like the back of a dog. Like a flash, the rabbit gave a tremendous leap forward. Over the line it went and

Home-Making Helps

By ELEANOR ROSS

Color a Delight—but in Moderation

BLESSINGS on the man who started the fad for color in the kitchen, and rescued us from the hospital-white kitchens that gave home a sanitary but slightly institutional look. White is not the most cheerful color at all times. It's cold as well as cool. And when it is less than white, it is rather depressing. For indelible scratches and chips happen in the most careful households. And they are worse looking on white than on any other color.

MEXICANS IGNORANT OF WAR'S COLLAPSE

MEXICO CITY, May 2.—(AP) —Today's labor holiday and the fact that no newspapers were published kept the Mexican public in ignorance tonight of the virtual termination of the revolution begun some seven weeks ago. Soldiers, which was the last stronghold of the rebels, came virtually into complete possession of the federal forces last night.

Although twenty four hours had elapsed since the news reached the presidency, the population was not aware of the fall of Nogales and Agua Prieta, the precipitate flight of rebel leaders and the disintegration of the remaining rebel armies.

Fresh tidings were lacking even in official quarters for President Portes Gil spent a quiet day at home and his offices were closed as light as any business house. It was the first complete day of rest that the president and his immediate assistants had experienced in nearly two months.

STRIKERS QUIET

CHARLOTTE, N. C., May 2.—(AP) —May day passed quietly in the North Carolina strike zone, where communist organizers have been leading textile strikes, and no disorders were reported.

Business men and his stenographer were found shot dead in an automobile. But then, handits might easily have done it.—Cleveland News.

lined with black, and this sharp motif covered every inch of a three-room apartment—walls, doors, floors, yes, even the ceiling. Plenty of color, but the ensemble was bewildering. Can this be real, you asked yourself?

If rooms are en suite, not only must the colors in each room harmonize, but there should be a consecutive blend, so that moving from one room to another one doesn't become too painfully conscious of wild color. Rooms in a home should be restful, not irritating. Too much positive coloring has a subtle but sure influence against relaxation.

Another point to watch in choosing color combination is, how will it suit those who live in the room? Not only in their color preferences, but in the becomingness. There's Mrs. B., a rather plain little woman with straw-colored hair and regular but undistinguished features. She has the habit of wearing tan and brown clothes and doesn't strike one as at all good-looking, until you see her in her own living room. By some happy chance the tints of walls and draperies are exactly suited to her. Just the right green and gold and violet scattered about provide a frame for her type and coloring. She steps into her own living-room and the otherwise plain woman looks exquisite.

The colors in a room are part of the stage setting for the occupants. They should provide a pleasing background, and this may mean that you have to pass by a tempting combination, or even relinquish your favorite colors, in order to achieve those that are becoming.

175 Dresses at \$1.00
See Ad on Page 7 Today

Telephone From Airplane Made Possible When New Invention is Put Into Use

HADLEY FIELY, N. J., May 1. (AP) —The airman of America were presented today with the means of speaking from cloudy peaks with their bosses, their sweethearts, or anyone else on the earth whose telephone has access to a regular telephone instrument.

The Western Electric company demonstrated in a series of tests for the press an invention linking planes on the wing to the land line of the commercial telephone system.

The first call was put through by an Associated Press reporter who went aloft in the flying telephone booth at 11 a.m., and stayed up until noon. Wearing a regular telephone headset and speaking into a microphone held in his hand, he gave the telephone number of the Associated Press office in New York to the Bell Telephone Experimental Radio station at Whippany, N. J., by wireless telephone.

A moment later he heard the A. P. switchboard operator respond and was switched to the city desk which in turn handed the call over to a rewrite man who took the report of the demonstration from the flying reporter.

Though the reporter in the plane was sitting only four feet from the roaring engine, from which he was separated only by a thin pane of glass, he could hear the people in the New York office as clearly as an ordinary phone conversation, and his words were plainly audible in New York.

The takeoff was made in a driving rain but the telephone plane rode above the storm and the demonstration was made while 2,000 feet over Plainfield, N. J., and while the plane was making about 100 miles an hour.

South Dakota expects more than 1,000,000 tourists this summer. They will spend more than \$20,000,000.

POLLY AND HER PALS

WHY HAS PA LOCKED HIMSELF IN HIS ROOM, EVER SINCE HE SHAVED OFF HIS MOUSTACHE?

WE'LL SOON FIND OUT, POLLY. I'VE SENT FOR A POLICEMAN TO BUST IN HIS DOOR!

I DON'T SEE HOW WE CAN PREVENT THEM FROM DISCOVERING YOUR TERRIBLE SECRET, SIR!

THINK FAST! THEY MUST NEVER KNOW THAT I LOOK LIKE ASH WITHOUT MY MOUSTACHE!

ATTA BOY, OFFICER!

MAMMY!

TILLIE, THE TOILER

FRED CAN'T COME TO MY PARTY TOMORROW NIGHT. DO YOU KNOW SOME FELLOW I COULD ASK?

SURE, ASK HANK.

OH, HE DON'T DANCE—SO THAT'S OUT.

THEN ASK HIS BROTHER CY.

MAC, YOU'RE IMPOSSIBLE.

I'M NOT DOING ANYTHING SATURDAY NIGHT, MISS JONES.

THEN YOU'LL BE ABLE TO GET UP EARLY AND GO TO SUNDAY SCHOOL, NIFTY.

LITTLE ANNIE ROONEY

OH, GEE WHILIKENS—HE STOLE THEM JEWELS HIS VERY OWN SELF.

BY GAD!!! IT'S THE LITTLE BRAT! SHE'S CAUGHT ME WITH THE GOODS. WHAT'LL I DO?

HELP!

YOU STOLE TH' JEWELS YOURSELF. YOU'RE TH' ONE WHAT'S TH' REAL THIEF AN' I'M GONNA TELL ON YOU.

OH, NO, YOU WON'T!

What will Taylor do now that Annie has discovered his secret?

TOOTS AND CASPER

COLONEL AND MRS. HOOPER CALL WITH PEGGY FLUFFINGTON AT THE HOME OF TOOTS AND CASPER! YOU WILL REMEMBER THAT CASPER WAS SHIRT ON PEGGY FOURTEEN YEARS AGO!

CASPER, YOU OLD DEAR! YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED ONE BIT!

PEGGY! I WANT YOU TO MEET MY WIFE, TOOTS!

HOW DO YOU DO!

WHO'S HAD THOUGHT THAT LITTLE CASPER WOULD EVER MARRY SUCH A BEAUTIFUL GIRL? THE FOLKS BACK HOME WILL BE SO SURPRISED THAT HE'S DONE SO WELL! LEM HAWKINS WAS SAYING THE OTHER DAY HE'D BET THAT CASPER WOULD NEVER BE ANYTHING.

YOU CAN INFORM LEM, WHOEVER HE IS, THAT MY CASPER IS A SUCCESS AND HE'S ALSO THE NICEST BOY IN THE WORLD!

I ALWAYS LIKED CASPER, BUT THE REST OF THE GIRLS NEVER TOOK HIM VERY SERIOUSLY—HE COULDN'T DANCE VERY WELL, AND HE WAS ALWAYS SO QUIET AT PARTIES.

HOW TOOTS EVER FELL FOR THAT SHRIMP IS BEYOND ME!

MAYBE THE REASON CASPER HAS DONE SO WELL IS BECAUSE HE THINGS MORE OF BUSINESS THAN OF DANCING! I'M GLAD THOSE GIRLS DIDN'T TAKE CASPER TOO SERIOUSLY! THAT LEFT ME TO BE THE LUCKY GIRL TO LAND HIM!

EARACHE MAY BE DUE TO NUMEROUS CAUSES

It is Probably the Worst of All Pains, Says Dr. Copeland, and Often Comes from a Trouble Center Quite Remote from the Ear Itself.

By ROYAL S. COPELAND, M. D.
United States Senator from New York
Former Commissioner of Health, New York City.

PAIN is uncomfortable, almost unbearable at times. No matter where it is you wish you could escape it.

Pain in the ear is about the worst of the pains. A real old-fashioned earache will cause the proudest of strong men to give every evidence of suffering.

I recall a roommate of mine in college. He had the earache and walked the floor by the hour. His outburst alternated between childish weeping and vehement profanity.

Not long ago I saw a lady leave the table, her hands clasping the back of her neck. Sudden and violent pain in that region was too much for her.

Talking with the lady afterward, I learned that she had a mastoid operation some years ago. Since that time she has had occasional attacks of neuralgic pain, attacks like the one I mentioned.

There are two distinct types of ear pain. One is due to actual inflammation such as my roommate suffered. The blood vessels of the middle ear are filled with blood, actually crowded with blood. Or else there is an accumulation of fluid inside the middle ear. This places such pressure on the delicate nerves as to cause severe pain.

The other type is purely neuralgic in its nature, or it comes from an inflammation in the course of one of the nerves going to the ear, but the nerves that supply these tissues may be out of order.

The pain may not be in the ear itself. It may appear to be located in the bone back of the ear. Or it may be in the side of the neck, as was the case with the lady of whom I spoke.

Repeated attacks of this sort should need the attention of a specialist. The purpose of the visit is to make certain exactly what may be the condition of the ear. There will be a search for relief when the organ is found to be perfectly normal.

I shall assume that there is no trouble there. Then you must conclude the trouble is nervous in origin. It may be a "reflex" trouble. That is, the real source of the disturbance may be quite remote from the ear.

A defective tooth, for instance, an exposed nerve in one of the back teeth may give little pain in the mouth. The pain may be referred to the ear or the region about the ear. I have seen many a case of "earache" disappear instantly. Getting rid of the bad tooth brings relief of the pain.

Disease of the nasal sinuses or of the tonsils may result in such absorption of poisons as to poison the nervous system. In such a case there may be earache.

My purpose today is to point out that earache may be the one symptom of a disease of the ear. When you realize this, you will take pains to have

Answers to Health Queries

Q.—What causes rheumatism?

A.—Rheumatism is due to some sort of infection in the system. Try to locate the cause and treatment can be advised. You should have your teeth, gums, tonsils and nasal sinuses examined for possible points of infection. Make sure that your kidneys and bowels eliminate properly.

Q.—What will produce blood?

A.—If you are anemic I would advise you to eat plenty of liver, beef juices and fresh green vegetables.

Q.—What is the cause of stammering?

A.—Stammering is due to nervousness. Locate the cause and treatment can be advised. An examination by a nerve specialist is advisable.

Q.—What should a girl weigh who is 23 years old and 5 feet 3 1/2 inches tall?

A.—For her age and height she should weigh about 127 pounds.

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