

John Philip Sousa, March King Without Peer, Dies Suddenly

Heart Attack is Fatal Shortly Following Big Banquet

Gave Brief Speech at Event in Reading In his Honor

READING, Pa., Mar. 5.—(Sunday)—(AP)—John Philip Sousa, whose fame thunders in brass from military bands everywhere, died suddenly today in his 78th year after attending a banquet given in his honor.

He had arrived in Reading on an early evening train, and appeared in his usual health. Before the banquet he conducted a rehearsal of the band.

He made a short talk at the banquet, and was in good humor, though it was noticed his voice seemed weak. He retired to his room in a hotel and died shortly afterward. His secretary, Miss Lillian Finegan, found him ill at 12:10 a. m. The house physician pronounced him dead 20 minutes later. It was a heart attack, the doctor said.

The theme of patriotism on which his entire active life was built and which was marked even by the three final letters of the name Sousa—s—s—s—seemed to prevail to the last; for the name of the hotel in which he died was Abraham Lincoln.

"Stars and Stripes Forever" His Best

Best known for his "Stars and Stripes Forever" march, his activity as a bandmaster, first with the United States Marine corps and later at the head of his own world-famous organization, has been equally notable. The mounting years have never been able to strike the brisk baton from his hand. To the last he was the trouper-bandmaster-musician.

ERPELDING DELAYS DEATH CASE PLEA

Archie Eddy Arraigned Also On Burglary Charges; Up Again Monday

Showing no emotion, Harry Erpeliding, 23, faced Justice of the peace Miller B. Hayden yesterday morning and heard read the charge of first degree murder placed against him as the result of the death on Thursday night of Lloyd Eddy, 19, whom Erpeliding allegedly shot in the course of a drunken quarrel at Wednesday at the Eddy house, 1335 Hines street.

State Tourney Prelude to be Chamber Topic

A program aimed to develop closer feeling between Salem business men and Willamette university and to serve as a prelude to the annual state basketball tournament coming here March 16 to 19, is to be held Monday noon at the chamber of commerce here.

Reduction in County Tax Figure is 14.4 Per Cent

A reduction of 14.4 per cent in the total of the 1931 tax roll from that of 1930 is reported by Oscar Steelhammer, county assessor, who has just completed preparation of the tax rolls preliminary to turning them over to the county sheriff for collection.

Total tax levy in incorporated places as follows:	
Total tax levy in incorporated cities:	
Aumsville	.....0377
Aurora	.....0350
Donald	.....0404
Gervais	.....0427
Jefferson	.....0367
Mt. Angel	.....0341
Salem	.....0473
Scotts Mills	.....0491
Silverton	.....0565
Stayton	.....0430
St. Paul0273
Sublimity0299
Turner0284
West Woodburn0243
Woodburn0468

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Death Summons Noted Bandsman



JOHN PHILIP SOUSA

FRESHMEN WIN IN ANNUAL GLEE SING

Event Featured by Return Of First Pennant, won By Class of 1912

Jubilant freshmen, joy unrestrained, swept to the Willamette gymnasium platform last night to repeat their prize-winning song when a beginning class in the first time since 1925, won the annual glee contest at which the freshman class is traditionally the challenger.

HOLMAN FILES FOR STATE TREASURER

Seeks Election to Office Held by Appointment; Walker Will run

Rufus C. Holman, state treasurer under appointment by Governor Meier, yesterday filed in the state department his declaration of candidacy for the republican nomination for the office at the primary election May 20. Holman succeeded the late Thomas B. Kay.

BARRICK CANDIDATE FOR CORONER'S JOB

Leon E. Barrick yesterday filed notice with the county clerk's office that he would seek the republican nomination as Marlon county coroner. While Lloyd T. Rigdon, incumbent, has not yet filed he is expected to seek reelection to the office he has held steadily for 12 years.

DENY INVASION PLAN

TOKYO, Mar. 5.—(AP)—The League of Nations Manchurian investigating committee was informed by War Minister Saiaoe Araki today that Japan has no intention of invading Russian territory but is prepared to do so if the Panicharia in the event of Soviet threats.

CASUALTIES HEAVY

SHANGHAI, Mar. 5.—(AP)—Chinese casualties during the engagements in the Chapei, Kiangwan and Woosung areas reached a total greater than 20,000, the Press Union estimated today.

Late Sports

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 5.—(AP)—The Dallas City basketball team won its first round game in the state independent tournament tonight, defeating the Hells-Fendleton 21 to 23. De Nette's of Eugene and Astoria were the other first round winners. Two of these teams will meet Sunday afternoon and the winner will meet the team drawing the afternoon bye, Sunday night.

CITY BUSINESS RECORDS MUCH IMPROVED NOW

Audit Completed Repeats Mention Expenditures Are Above Budget

Tax Receipts Shrinkage is Also Shown; Balance In Cash is Fair

The city of Salem's business records are in much better shape than a year ago, but there is work yet to be done to have all phases of the accounting system made thoroughly efficient. This fact, together with the recurring news that the city's expenditures in 1931 were \$44,983 in excess of budget appropriations, due in large measure to tax receipt shrinkages, constitute highlights in the 1931 audit just completed by A. D. Bacon, who submitted his report Saturday to David O'Hara, alderman who is chairman of the finance committee.

Major recommendations made by Davidson in a letter to the mayor and council, accompanying the audit, are: More care in handling redemption fund moneys, need of making up shortage in Bancroft bond interest accounts, need of recording minor lien claims, imperative necessity of balancing expenditure of general budget with income.

The city's cash position was fairly good January 1, 1932. Cash on hand amounted to \$126,000, and the city treasury had a balance of \$4,838,000 of which more than \$2,100,000 in paving was a principal item. Liabilities of the city amounted to more than \$2,000,000. Bancroft bonds being \$964,000 of these and general obligation bonds \$966,000.

Underworld Characters to Be Lindbergh Go-Betweens

JOHNSON STILL HELD BUT HOT CLUES LACKING

Milk Bottle cap Date and Ladder Material are Held Significant

Thirty-Hour Grilling Ends With no Announcement Of Developments

NEW YORK, March 5.—(AP)—The Times quotes Hymn Hatia, roommate of Henry (Red) Johnson, detained at Hartford, Conn., as saying Johnson was absent from his Englewood, N. J., lodging house between 6 p. m. and midnight Tuesday, the night of the Lindbergh kidnaping.

HARTFORD, Conn., March 5.—(AP)—Although state's attorney Hugh M. Alcorn said an expected development in the trial of the Lindbergh kidnapers failed to develop tonight, he announced he would continue to hold Henry (Red) Johnson, a friend of the child's nurse.

Johnson, a sailor from Englewood, N. J., who was taken into custody here yesterday at his brother's home, remained in a cell in the county building after Alcorn and County Detective Edward J. Hickey finished an intermittent grilling extending over 30 hours.

What's Left Of Ole Olson Money Found

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 5.—(AP)—When Ole Olson, 55, sold his South Dakota farm and moved to Silverton, Ore., he decided to carry his life's savings with him rather than entrust them to a bank.

Center of Latest Suspicion in Lindbergh Infant's Abduction



Below, telephoto of Miss Betty Gow, nursemaid to the kidnaped Lindbergh baby, who was quizzed by detectives. She was the last to see the infant before he was spirited away. Her "steady," Henry Johnson, is being held in Hartford by police but Hopewell officers say they are not interested and that the girl is "all right." Below, telephoto of the Lindberghs' appeal to the kidnapers promising immunity for the safe return of the child. It bears both their signatures.

Our only interest is in his immediate and safe return and we feel certain that the kidnapers will realize that this interest is strong enough to justify them in having complete confidence and trust in any promises that we may make in connection with his return.

Republican Assembly to Frame Platform Planned

Republicans of Marion county as represented by precinct committees, decided Saturday afternoon that a party platform should be drafted but postponed any action until a special republican assembly could be called.

The idea of a platform assembly was presented to the gathering here yesterday by a committee composed of P. N. Derby, chairman, Cecil Edwards, H. C. Porter, Henry Zorn and Lloyd A. Lee. Hal D. Patton, vice-chairman of the republican party in the county, presided Saturday and Lee Unruh was secretary.

Jack Kentworth Waives Hearing

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 5.—(AP)—Jack Kentworth, 25, pugilist, charged with the first degree murder of Johnny Hansen, 19, waived preliminary hearing in municipal court here today and was bound over to the grand jury.

SPITALE, BITZ ARE SELECTED TO NEGOTIATE

One Ex-Bear Baron, Other Once Narcotic Vender; New Appeal Issued

Statement Reveals Lack of Communication so far With Kidnapers

NEW YORK, March 6.—(Sunday)—(AP)—The Daily News says the men named by Col. Charles A. Lindbergh as "go-betweens" in negotiations for his child's return are big-time Broadway racketeers whom Jack "Legs" Diamond accused of putting him on the spot in the Hotel Monticello in 1930.

A signed plea from the Lindberghs that they authorized "Salvy" Spitale and Irving Bitz to deal with the abductors if they "are unwilling to deal direct with us." The Lindbergh statement as sent to state police headquarters in Trenton from here said:

Available newspaper files showed that Salvatore Spitale had figured in the police investigation of the shooting of the late Jack "Legs" Diamond in the Hotel Monticello in New York October 12, 1930. Spitale's name also was projected into the investigation of the slaying of Diamond last December in Albany, but he was not arrested in either case. Police arrested Spitale, known to the underworld as "bear baron," for homicide in 1928 in New York, but he subsequently was discharged.

Irving Bitz was convicted in 1926 of violating the Harrison narcotic act and sentenced to a year and a day in federal prison at Atlanta.

A radio appeal and a signed statement emphasizing their only interest was the immediate and safe return of their 20-months old son had been issued previously by the Lindberghs and apparently failed to obtain any results.

HIGHWAY WIDENING PLAN IS PREPARED

A general plan for the widening of the Pacific highway between Salem and Brooks, a distance of nine miles, is now being prepared by R. H. Baldock, new state highway engineer and will be submitted to members of the state highway commission at its next meeting to be held in Portland, March 16.

Baldock said the Pacific highway widening operations had been included in the state highway program for the current year, and that some definite plan probably would be adopted by the commission within the next few weeks. The cost of the project was estimated by Baldock at approximately \$300,000, a part of which will be paid out of federal cooperative funds.

The plan now being considered by Baldock provides for widening the pavement between Salem and Brooks to 26 feet, with shoulders of sufficient width to accommodate parked cars. It first was proposed to construct a part of the shoulder of bituminous material, but this plan was protested at a recent road meeting held at Woodburn. This meeting was attended by representatives of virtually every community along the Pacific highway between Salem and Oregon City.