

TEACHER TELLS OF TALKS WITH JAFSE CONDON

Latest Suspect Denies any Connection With Lindy Kidnaping Affair

Sought to Obtain Financial Help From Condon; Yarn Will be Checked

By FRANCIS A. JAMIESON HOPEWELL, N. J., May 19 (AP)—A possible link between a Brooklyn school teacher and "Jafse" bobbled in and out of the Lindbergh murder hunt today as police exhibited eagerness to learn more about the activities of Dean H. Dobson-Peacock, associate of John Hughes Curtis, hoax negotiator.

Behind the closed doors of the Brooklyn district attorney's office, officials questioned Mrs. Mary G. Ford for several hours about a report she had communicated several weeks ago with Dr. John F. Condon, who handled the \$50,000 ransom payment for Col. Charles A. Lindbergh.

In another room other officers interrogated the teacher's daughter, Miss Gertrude Ford, whom they found in a Riverside drive apartment.

Both told substantially the same story of their contact with "Jafse" and were released.

Investigation is Not Yet Finished

District Attorney W. F. X. Geoghan said he neither believed nor disbelieved her explanation but would continue an investigation.

Mrs. Ford told her questioners a story of being in financial straits, thinking "Jafse" might be able to aid her, and appealing to him in vain for \$2,500.

Information supplied by public school officials started detectives off on this new tangent. They heard Mrs. Ford talk to Dr. Condon by telephone, they said, and knew she was absent from her duties between February 25 through March 1, the day of the kidnaping.

Under questioning Mrs. Ford said she first thought of Dr. Condon when a private detective called on her about another matter and started discussing the Lindbergh case.

Her story of what followed was this: She wrote to Dr. Condon asking an appointment about a personal matter, and adding she would like to be of service in the Lindbergh case. He replied by letter asking for her telephone number. She sent him the school number.

Jafse Refused to Assist, She States

Dr. Condon called her and she asked him for \$2,500—\$1,700 to settle an account and \$800 for her daughter, who had motion picture ambitions.

Dr. Condon told her to write to him. Instead she called him several days later and someone at his home said he could do nothing for her.

She explained her absence from school from February 25 through March 1 by saying she and her daughter had been ill. She gave the name of the physician she said treated them. Authorities said they would check that part of the story.

Geoghan said he would ask Dr. Condon to go to his office tomorrow with the letter Mrs. Ford wrote him.

Dr. Condon was told of the interrogation of Mrs. Ford as he came from a mysterious visit to the United States military academy at West Point, N. Y.

Steel-Nerved Gob Who Clung to Slippery Rope 2000 Feet in Air



Robert "Bud" Cowart, 19-year old navy enlisted man who clung to a greasy mooring line 2000 feet in the air for two hours until rescued, after watching two of his companions dashed to death. All three were jerked to a height from which it was unsafe to let go, while assisting in an attempt to moor the dirigible Akron at Camp Kearny, near San Diego, last week. Cowart said he was "scared" but there was nothing to do but hang on.

STOCKMAN'S TRIAL TO START MONDAY

Jury Selected After Many Challenges, Opening Statements Made

DALLAS, May 19.—(Special)—Testimony of state witnesses in the case against Jay H. Stockman, former counsel for the Empire Holding corporation, on a charge of devising a scheme to defraud, will begin Monday morning at 9:30. Court adjourned this afternoon following the opening selection of the jury, five by the defense, and eight jurors were excused for cause.

A special venire of four men was called at noon today, in order to secure an alternate juror as the last special venire was exhausted. Two of these men were selected for cause but the third examined was accepted.

Six women and six men form the regular jury which will hear the case against Stockman. All the men are farmers and all the women are housewives. Those on the jury are Sarah Rhodes, Sheridan; Ella J. Blair, Buell; Milton Lehman, Suver; R. H. Butler, Dallas; Mattie I. Carr, Salem; Belle A. Wunder, Independence.

Gangsters Cooperate in Lindbergh's Hop Five Years Ago

NEW YORK, May 19.—(AP)—Underworld hostilities were forgotten, Morris Rosner told the World-Telegram today, and every organized mob and gang in the country cooperated, at his request, in hunting the kidnaped Lindbergh baby.

In a copyrighted article, an amazing story is told of the gangsters' search.

The high points of Rosner's story, as related by the World-Telegram are:

AMERICANS ARE ENDANGERED BY CHINA UPRISING

Communist Hordes Deemed About to Make War on Nanking Leaders

Missionaries Stationed at Pengu Apprehensive Of new Outbreak

SHANGHAI, May 19.—(AP)—Chinese communist hordes ravaging wide areas in central China endangered the safety of Americans today and threatened the Nanking government with Civil war.

Apprehension was acute among 60 Americans, most of them missionaries, at Pengu in northern Anhwei province, where 20,000 communists had surrounded a force of 7,000 Nanking troops.

Amoy dispatches said a communist army had occupied Shihma, 13 miles from that city, and had started seizing river craft with the intention of attacking Amoy.

Other communists, ravaging villages ten miles north of Hankow, were bombed by government airplanes.

The government, experiencing its greatest financial stringency, has been unable to pay its armies. Many soldiers were said in dispatches to have deserted to the communists to obtain a living by plundering.

Nanking feared civil war would break out, owing to a reluctance of the unpaid forces to fight and the likelihood of further defections to the outlaws.

The outlaws near Pengu threatened to cut the Tientsin-Pukow railway south of there to block the movement of government troop reinforcements, while a similar threat was made against the Kinshan railway in the Hankow area.

TITLE FOR SCHOOL MEASURE IS READY

Ballot title for the proposed initiative measure providing for consolidation of the state college and university at Corvallis and other changes in the higher education setup, was completed Thursday by Attorney General I. H. Van Winkle and filed in the secretary of state's office.

The short title appearing on the ballot in case the petitions are completed and the measure submitted, will be "Bill moving, consolidating and changing state institutions of higher learning."

The initiative measure is sponsored by the Taxpayers Equalization league of Oregon of which Henry Zorn of Aurora is president. It will require 17,888 signatures on the petitions which must be filed by July 7, to get the measure on the November ballot.

In addition to consolidating the college and university at Corvallis, the measure proposed establishing a teachers' college at Eugene, a law school at Salem, converting the normal schools at Ashland and La Grande into junior colleges and abandoning the normal school plant at Monmouth.

More Prejudice Assertions Are Facing McMahan

Two affidavits of prejudice were filed in the county clerk's office Thursday against Judge L. H. McMahan by Robin D. Day, Salem attorney, who now has five affidavits of prejudice against the judge awaiting action from the supreme court. Day holds McMahan is prejudiced against him and therefore cannot give him a fair trial. Day filed three similar affidavits last week on cases which he was bringing to trial. The chief justice of the state supreme court is asked to name another judge to hear the lawsuits.

The cases in which Day asks a new judge are those of Monner vs. Meek, vs. Starker, and Martin vs. Klut.

Voters to Get Their Inning As Oregon Polls Open Today

Roosevelt Has Edge on State Support, Seen

Hoover, With Name Left off Ballot, may Have Hard Race With France

Steiwer's Senate Post Gets Chief Attention; Prohibition Fight in Evidence

By LESLIE J. SMITH PORTLAND, Ore., May 19.—(AP)—Tom pledges votes in the national convention, the reward for democratic victory in the Oregon presidential preference primary, appeared assured to Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt of New York, on the eve of Friday's primary balloting. But on the republican side of the presidential contest, there was considerable uncertainty.

Republicans as well as democrats generally conceded Roosevelt's election over William H. (Alfalfa Bill) Murray of Oklahoma, the other democrat on the ballot. It was assumed there would be scattered write-ins for Alfred E. Smith and for John Nance Garner of Texas.

But few would predict the outcome of the voting which saw Joseph Irwin France of Maryland the only republican presidential candidate on the ballot. A belated campaign to write in the name of Herbert Hoover was dependent upon his backers to result in substantial plurality for the president, but none could be sure of the outcome.

Delegates Given no Personal Discretion

Delegates to the two national conventions in June, elected individually from throughout the state, and pledged by the expression of the electorate to support the two nominees, will go to Chicago to vote their blocs without personal discretion. These delegates are elected largely on the basis of their prominence in the state and on the strength of their expressed preference for a candidate. Regardless of the individual delegate's preference, however, he must vote at the convention as the party in Oregon has voted. Under the terms of an unwritten law each delegation must support its candidate until that point.

Monner Seeking \$10,000 Damages Against Starker

Damages of \$10,000 are asked by Frank Monner, administrator of the estate of Frances Monner, deceased, in a suit brought Thursday against J. A. Starker. The latter is alleged to have failed to carelessly driving of a car February 13, 1932. Miss Monner having been fatally injured in an accident which occurred on South Commercial street, city, as Starker was driving into the city from the Clifton restaurant at that time.

Monner claims Starker was speeding and did not exercise due precaution in his driving. Miss Monner was only 21 years of age and had a normal expectancy of 42 years, plaintiff says. Starker's case has already been examined by the Marion county grand jury.

Meek, Asserted Klamath Slayer Reported Found

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., May 19.—(AP)—Sheriff L. L. Low has received word from Chief of Police W. C. LeFevre of Phoenix, Ariz., that a man believed to be John Meek, wanted for the murder of John Ansel here December 30, 1927, is under arrest at Phoenix. Sheriff Low has forwarded full information necessary for identification.

Worker's Face Is Pierced by Long Splinter

BANKS, Ore., May 19.—(AP)—Louis Winter was painfully but not seriously injured today by a splinter of wood 13 feet long and 3 3/4 inches wide which pierced his face. The wound extended from the corner of his mouth to the base of his left ear and 68 stitches were required to close it.

Washington Man Elected Bishop

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., May 19.—(AP)—The general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church filled its two Episcopal vacancies today by electing J. Ralph Magee of Seattle, Wash., and Ralph S. Cushman of Rochester, N. Y., to the board of bishops.

It's Your Turn to Speak, Voters! These Men Solicit Your Ballots In State Primary Election Today

- PRESIDENT:**
Republican: Joseph I. Frazer, Maryland.
Democrat: Franklin D. Roosevelt, New York; W. H. Murray, Oklahoma.
UNITED STATES SENATOR:
Republican: Robert Gordon Dixon, Portland; Alfred E. Clark, Portland; Frederick Steiwer, Portland; Kenneth Earlan, Portland; Robert M. Stagg, Portland.
Democrat: Marshall N. Dana, Milwaukee; Milton Schering, Portland; Walter B. Gleason, Portland.
CONGRESS, FIRST DISTRICT:
Republican: Charles C. Hulet, Albany; Emmett Howard, Eugene; James W. Mott, Salem; W. C. Hawley, Salem.
Democrat: Harvey G. Starkweather, Milwaukee; William A. Dezell, Salem.
SECRETARY OF STATE:
Republican: Hal E. Hoss, Oregon City; George A. Palmer, Milwaukee.
Democrat: Ray H. Wisecarver, Minnville.
STATE TREASURER:
Republican: Rufus C. Holman, Portland; Milton Schering, Portland.
Democrat: J. W. Maloney, Pendleton.
JUSTICE SUPREME COURT:
ATTORNEY GENERAL:
Republican: I. H. Van Winkle, Salem; C. Brown, Portland.
Democrat: James T. Brand, Marshfield; Henry J. Bean, Pendleton; R. P. Hewitt, Salem.
Position No. 3: Loyal M. Graham, Forest Grove; J. O. Bailey, Portland; George M. Brown, Salem.
STATE SENATOR:
Republican: Charles K. Spaulding, Salem.
Democrat: William H. (Alfalfa Bill) Murray of Oklahoma.
STATE REPRESENTATIVE: (4 to be elected)
Republican: S. A. Harris, Brooks; W. Pettibon, Salem; Mrs. Hannah Martin, Salem; Romeo Gouley, Brooks; Frank Davey, Silverton; Frank W. Wettemore, Woodburn; Ronald E. Jones, Brooks; D. W. Fugh, Salem; Carl Adams, Salem; Otto K. Pettibon, Salem.
SHERIFF:
Republican: Joe Williams, Liberty; J. G. Hearsh, Astoria; Charles A. Ratcliff, Salem; O. D. Bower, Salem.
Democrat: A. C. Burk, Salem.
ASSESSOR:
Republican: Ben F. West, Salem; O. A. Steelhammer, Silverton; Lane Morley, Salem.

- DISTRICT ATTORNEY:**
Republican: William H. Trindle, Salem; Mila Carson, Salem.
COUNTY COMMISSIONER:
Republican: W. A. Heater, Sublimity; Ed A. Jory, Salem; H. E. King, Silverton; John H. Porter, Silverton; Roy S. Nelson, Salem.
COORNER:
Republican: L. E. Barrick, Salem; L. Ripdon, Salem.
RECORDER:
Republican: Mildred Robertson, Brook; Salem Heights; F. Howard Zinser, Salem.
CLERK:
Republican: U. G. Boyer, Salem.
SURVEYOR:
Republican: B. E. Herrick, Salem.
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS:
Republican: Mrs. Mary Falkerson, Salem.
TREASURER:
Republican: D. G. Drager, Salem.
CITY OFFICES:
MAYOR:
P. M. Gregory, Douglas McKay.
RECORDER:
Mark Paulsen, H. R. Boshard and Lester Jones.
TREASURER:
C. O. Rice and Howard M. Perry.
WATER COMMISSIONER:
Two-year terms—two to be elected: F. G. Delano, F. L. Odum and E. B. Gabriel; four-year terms, three to be elected: J. M. Doughton, Ed Rostad, William Gahlsdorf and Thomas E. Cole.
CITY COUNCIL:
FIRST WARD:
Phil Eiken, H. H. Vandover and C. L. Parmenter.
SECOND WARD:
Frank P. Marshall, Walter Fuhrer, C. A. Page.
THIRD WARD:
W. H. Dancy, Elmer A. Dase.
FOURTH WARD:
George W. Averett, W. D. Evans, R. Boatwright, Adelbert S. Henderson.
FIFTH WARD:
E. A. Bradford, C. E. Albin.
SIXTH WARD:
Chris J. Kowitz, Ralph H. Kietzling, Carl B. Armpriest, Henry E. Morley.
SEVENTH WARD:
Paul R. Hendricks, E. H. Kennedy, H. C. Leavenworth.

POLK DECLAMATION WINNERS REPORTED

WEST SALEM, May 19.—The Polk county grade school declamatory contest was held today at the West Salem community church, with two divisions participating, the first division made up of the third and fourth grades and the second of the seventh and eighth.

Contestants in division one were: Clementina Folk of Brush College, Carl Brown of Greenwood, Esther Schroeder of Salt Creek, Danny Adams of West Salem, Jessie Jones of Independence, Betty Wiener of Airle, Truman Robbins of Pioneer and Hal Fox of Rickreall. Winners of this division were: first prize, Betty Wiener of Airle; second prize, Ruth McDonald of New Grand Ronde, Robert Armstrong of West Salem, Mildred Lange of Salt Creek and Constance Chors of Independence. First prize was taken by Clara Mae Haller of Monmouth, Paul Banta of Airle, Florence Corville of Rickreall, Ruth McDonald of New Grand Ronde, Robert Armstrong of West Salem, Mildred Lange of Salt Creek and Constance Chors of Independence. First prize was taken by Clara Mae Haller of Monmouth, Paul Banta of Airle, Florence Corville of Rickreall, Ruth McDonald of New Grand Ronde, Robert Armstrong of West Salem, Mildred Lange of Salt Creek and Constance Chors of Independence. First prize was taken by Clara Mae Haller of Monmouth, Paul Banta of Airle, Florence Corville of Rickreall, Ruth McDonald of New Grand Ronde, Robert Armstrong of West Salem, Mildred Lange of Salt Creek and Constance Chors of Independence.

Lions Entertain Their Wives at Triple Program

Lions club members last night entertained their ladies with a triple program. First was a banquet at the Gray Belle restaurant. A tour of the Cherry City bakery, under guidance of Arthur W. Gardner, general manager and club member, followed. Last was a theatre party at the Elsinore with the bakery the host. Forty persons participated.

Farmer Takes Own Life With Neighbor's Shotgun

Overpowered by despondency, William Kieper, 43, farmer living six miles west of Jefferson, committed suicide by shooting himself in the head with a shotgun sometime yesterday afternoon, Coroner Lloyd T. Rigdon reported, at here last night.

The man was found on the floor of the C. A. Myers house, near his own residence, with the top of his head blown off. Myers made the discovery when he returned home from Jefferson toward evening.

Incidents occurring Wednesday night point to Kieper's having been contemplating suicide at that time, the coroner said. That night he went to the nearby residence of George Baker and asked to borrow a gun. Baker said he had no shells, however. "All I need is one," Baker told the coroner Kieper had replied. Kieper then was taken home by one of his brothers. Yesterday morning when the brother got up to go to work on a barn they were building together, Kieper remained in bed. Sometime that afternoon he went to the Myers home, entering by the back door, and obtained the shotgun.

LOCAL BATTLES ARROUSING MOST INTEREST HERE

Legislature, Mayorality and Council Contests Hard Fought and Close

Candidate Lists Unusually Long; big Crowd out At McKay Rally

Marion county voters, registered in greater numbers than in any other period of the area's history, will go to the polls today in a primary election in which the closest contests will be those of county or city matters.

With no warmly contested races for presidential delegates on and with the state contests only mildly interesting, voters in this county have witnessed in the last month one of the hardest scrambles for county and city offices seen in recent years. The outcome in a number of brackets is decidedly hazy.

Promptly at 8 a. m., 79 voting precincts throughout the county, 24 of which are in Salem, will be thrown open, and registered voters may cast their ballots at any time until 8 p. m. Two boards will serve in the majority of precincts, one handling the voting during the day and another starting late in the morning or early in the afternoon to do the counting. Only registered voters may cast a ballot although persons who have changed residence in the last 30 days and who have registered in proper manner may secure a removal permit which entitles them to vote in their new precinct.

Republican Ballot Is Extensive One

On the republican ticket voters will decide on presidential convention delegates on the party's preferential choice for nomination as president and upon presidential electors. One national senator and a congressman from the first district will be elected. In the state ticket a secretary of state, a treasurer and an attorney general are to be nominated. Marion county is to nominate a state senator and four representatives and since the democratic ticket has no entries in these contests, nomination on the republican ticket today will mean election.

A district attorney is to be nominated by the republicans and here again nomination will mean election as the democrats have no candidate in the field.

The county also is to nominate almost a full ticket of county officials, including sheriff, county commissioner, recorder, assessor, clerk, treasurer, school superintendent, surveyor and coroner. There is only one candidate for the democratic nomination for a county office and he is running for sheriff.

Record Number Out For Council Places

The city race, a non-partisan affair, sees a heavy list of candidates placed before the voters for their selection. A mayor, a recorder, a city treasurer and four water commissioners are to be elected. In addition eight aldermen are to be selected out of a field of 31 candidates, the largest number of aspirants for election as councilmen the city has ever seen.

Voters in the 24 precincts in Salem must also decide on two charter amendments. The first (Turn to page 2, col. 5)

Election News Will be Offered Starting 8 P. M.

PROMPTLY at 8 p. m. The Capital Journal and The Statesman will both be releasing to the public full information on the election returns in the city and county.

Tip for Writing In Names Upon Ballots Given

Persons who vote today may write in the name of any person they wish to vote for any office, but they must mark an X in front of the name they have written in to make it count. There is a blank space for writing in names under every office which is being voted on.

Those desiring to vote for Herbert Hoover for president must write in his name in the space where the office of president is designated and mark a cross in front of the name.