

ASSASSIN FIRES AT ROOSEVELT

President-Elect is Unhurt But Chicago Mayor May Die

Targets of Would-be Assassin In Startling Attack at Miami



Above, President-elect Roosevelt; below, Mayor Anton J. Cermak of Chicago. Shots fired presumably at the president-to-be in Miami, Fla., last night did not injure Mr. Roosevelt but wounded Mayor Cermak and four other persons.

ANTON CERMAK AND 4 OTHERS ARE WOUNDED

Zangara, Assailant, Caught Says He Wants to Kill 'All Presidents'

Shooting Occurs Just After Roosevelt Talks From His Car at Miami

MIAMI, Fla., Feb. 16.—(Thursday)—(AP)—Physicians early today said Mayor Cermak of Chicago has more than a "fifty-fifty chance to recover." The following statement was issued by physicians: "The condition of Mayor Cermak at 2 a. m. was as follows: pulse 88; temperature 98.6; respiration 24. His condition is regarded as dangerous but not immediately critical. The bullet evidently traversed the diaphragm and margin of the liver and lodged in the body of the seventh dorsal vertebrae. Surgical intervention is deemed unwise unless his condition becomes worse."

By FRANCIS M. STEPHENSON MIAMI, Fla., Feb. 15.—(AP)—A determined gunman with poor aim made a deliberate attempt tonight to assassinate President-elect Franklin D. Roosevelt, but his shots instead seriously wounded Anton Cermak, mayor of Chicago, and four other persons. He was a stocky, swarthy complexioned assailant with curly black hair who fired on the president-elect's party in a Miami street crowd. Mr. Roosevelt was not hurt. The assassin said he was Joe Zangara, of New York, and told police he attempted to kill the king of Italy some years ago. "I'm sorry I didn't kill him," the gunman told police. "I want to kill all presidents—all officers."

Mayor Cermak, from his hospital bed told Mr. Roosevelt: "I'm glad it was me instead of you." The Chicago mayor's condition was considered grave, and plans for an operation were abandoned for the time being. Roosevelt Delays Trip to New York The president-elect was hurried away from the scene of the shooting and postponed his scheduled trip to New York—going to the hospital where he visited all the victims. After visiting the hospital, Mr. Roosevelt returned to the yacht of Vincent Astor from which he had just landed after his fishing cruise in southern waters. En route to the train, he stopped at 9:30 p. m., amid a huge throng in Bay Front park to speak a word of greeting. He had just concluded when the shooting occurred. The gunman fired about 25 feet away from Roosevelt's automobile. Startled, the president-elect waved an assuring arm to the crowd and to those near him said "tell them I am all right." Pandemonium broke loose. While officers pounced on the assassin (Turn to page 8, col. 1)

The Day in Washington

By the Associated Press Senate debated in night session bill to repeal 18th amendment amending it to provide ratification by conventions instead of legislatures. Senate agriculture committee reported domestic allotment farm bill limited to wheat and cotton. Senate banking committee heard Samuel Insull, Jr., as it opened hearings on utilities empire. House sent \$43,000,000 interior department appropriation bill to White House. Industrial and financial leaders continued presentation of economic recovery proposals to senate finance committee. House republican leader Snell attacked a proposal for "sale of federal jobs" appeal of Chairman Farley of democratic national committee for contributions to wipe out party deficit.

STATE SESSION TO END IN NINE DAYS IS BELIEF

Heated Argument is Heard On Bill for Reducing All tax Budgets

Primary law Changes Also Come in for Debate at Committee Hearing

Legislative leaders last night were unanimous in their declaration that the 37th session now in progress would be concluded by Saturday, February 25, but with only nine working days ahead, a bulk of work remaining unfinished.

Meanwhile legislative hearings on most bills continued. The house committee on health and public morals last night conducted a two-hour open session on two pending measures: one to create a board of guardians of five members in each county to assist the county court in juvenile cases, the other to provide for county aid to families keeping two or more orphan children in their home.

In a hearing room on the third floor the senate committee on municipal affairs heard a heated argument on H. B. 20 by Representative Gordon, a measure making a 20 per cent tax reduction on the 1933 budgets over 1931, mandatory. A Portland group with Amadee Smith, former Portland commissioner as leader, told the committee the bill was imperative in order to curb unreasonable city, county and school district expenditures in Multnomah county. Members of the East Side Tax Reduction league joined with Smith in an ardent plea for legislative aid and said budgets of subsidiary governmental units could not be forced down sufficiently because of officeholders' resistance. William Briggs, representative of the League of Oregon Cities, introduced numerous speakers who opposed the bill on the ground that a flat, unflexible provision was unworkable in some communities.

Proposed changes in the Oregon primary law were talked pro and con in another committee room while in a committee room off the senate the special committee on mortgage moratoriums labored over pending bills effecting the status of mortgages in the state. H. M. Hawkins led in the opposition to a general mortgage moratorium but said he would favor the joint resolution now before both the houses demanding consideration by circuit judges of the circumstances behind foreclosures.

The house committee on taxation and revenue continued its labors on income producing measures, concentrating most of their attention on income tax bills, but at a late hour no measure was yet ready for report to the lower house.

Hot Dogs Must Be Yellow Says Idaho Measure

BOISE, Feb. 15.—(AP)—The red and sizzling Idaho "hot dog" hereafter will become a yellow, "hot dog" under terms of a bill passed today in the house of the Idaho legislature. It now goes to the senate.

The bill prohibits artificial coloring of any kind in meats, eliminating the vegetable dye reputed commonly to be used in "weenies."

Representative Gossett said the bill aimed at preventing adulteration of meats.

Children, Men Without Shoes; Donations Asked

Shoes for small children so they can go to school, shoes for their fathers that they may earn bread and butter for the little ones—these are the pleas being received in increasing number at the Red-Cross-Community Service relief office here.

And the charity workers continually have had to send the pleading fathers and mothers home, unprovided for.

An urgent call for donations of all sorts of shoes, regardless of their condition, was issued at the relief office yesterday.

Shoes, as well as hats and other items of clothing, should be delivered at the relief warehouse, 147 North Front street.

Train Robber Slain, Conductor Wounded Critically in Duel

Overalls-Clad Bandit Herds Passengers, Gets Money and Valuables; Exchange of Shots Ends With Both men on Floor

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif., Feb. 15.—(AP)—An unidentified train robber was killed and Conductor Judd Caster of Southern Pacific Transcontinental No. 2, was shot through the stomach, in a pistol duel aboard the train near here tonight. Fred Byers, a passenger from Beverly Hills, was wounded in the leg.

WETS WIN VICTORY ON LIQUOR REPEAL

Senate Ballots Today for Submission to States By Conventions

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—(AP)—The senate tonight struck from the Blaine prohibition repeal resolution a provision to give congress concurrent power to regulate or prohibit the saloon. The vote was 83 to 32.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—(AP)—Strategy and votes tonight placed senate anti-prohibitionists within reach of a goal toward which they have striven for years, a vote on removing the 18th amendment from the constitution. By unanimous agreement, the chamber will vote tomorrow at 3 p. m. on the Blaine repeal resolution modified to stipulate ratification by state conventions, rather than by legislatures, and stripped of a section which would have authorized congress to legislate against the return of the saloon.

Senator Robinson of Arkansas, the democratic floor leader, led the fight for these changes in the measure, but capitulated on another change by which he and others were seeking to bring the Blaine measure into conformity with the democratic platform. He expressed the opinion the (Turn to page 8, col. 4)

Fight Taken In Extensive Liquor Raids

Federal, state, city and county law officers joined here last night in a prohibition enforcement offensive which when completed, had resulted in the arrest of eight persons, the seizure of three autos and the taking of considerable quantities of whiskey and other liquor.

All persons arrested will be charged with violation of the national prohibition laws when they come up for hearing before Lars Bergsvik, federal commissioner here.

In a raid on the Bridge cafe, (Turn to page 8, col. 4)

ROBBER IS KILLED, BANK TELLER SHOT

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Feb. 15.—(AP)—An unidentified robber was killed and a bank teller seriously wounded by a policeman, who mistook him for a bandit during a holdup of the United States National bank today.

The robber was shot by J. R. Russell, cashier, after he had scooped up \$3,154 and while he was brandishing a sawed-off shotgun.

Officer Ernest Hance met Warren Mead, teller, as the latter ran out of the back door carrying a pistol in his hand. Hance fired one bullet through Mead's right lung. Surgeons said Mead had an even chance for recovery.

Officers to Take Suspect of Bond Theft to Boise

OMAHA, Feb. 15.—(AP)—Idaho state officers and Omaha police detectives today ceased their questioning of Ray Wenger, Boise high school graduate, who has confessed the theft of \$230,000 in Idaho state bonds, as they waited for Boise officers to arrive here to take charge of Wenger for the return to Boise.

Wenger had been subjected to relentless questioning after his arrest here on Saturday, but throughout he resisted the efforts of his questioners to draw from him an admission he had the aid of others in the theft.

DIRECT RELIEF FUND FOR THIS COUNTY TALKED

Prospect Good of Obtaining Emergency Assistance, March and April

County, City and Charity Officials Confer With State Field man

A conference to determine the sum Marion county will ask Governor Meier, through the state relief committee, to obtain for direct relief here, was held at the courthouse Wednesday afternoon between members of the county court, Community Service and Mayor Douglas McKay, and Ivan White, Salem young man who is one of two field representatives of the state relief committee.

Although some suggestions were made as to the possible sum to be asked, this will not be determined until a survey is made. It was reported that Lane county's application for \$22,000 was granted this week.

Funds which the R. F. C. is releasing now for direct relief are for only two months, March and April, White said, adding that already 14 Oregon counties have made application.

Relief will be given only on basis of need, and funds will be granted in one sum to the state relief committee, and from this point allocated to the borrowing counties. Reimbursements will be started in 1935 by diversion of 20 per cent per year from the federal highway appropriation of the state.

Relief Problems Increasing Rapidly Marion county's need for help in financing its relief problems, which have doubled monthly the last two or three months, is urgent, the county court and others declared.

The Marion county-Red Cross-Community service set-up is now feeding 890 families; 150 are being cared for by the Associated Charities; and 40 by the Salvation Army, the court informed Mr. White. The county has 2,500 men registered for work.

As need for relief work in the county increases, funds have declined (Turn to page 8, col. 3)

SEATTLE'S JOBLESS INVADE CITY HALL

SEATTLE, Feb. 15.—(AP)—More than 2000 "Mahatma Gandhi" of the unemployed squatted patiently in the city hall today and obstinately organized for an indefinite stay, saying they would not leave until their relief demands were granted.

Meanwhile their committee prepared to go to Olympia, where the state legislature is in session, to protest abolition of the King county dole system and present requests for jobs, groceries, free light, water and gasoline.

It was as queer a gathering of the discontented as the northwest has ever seen. They jammed the county commissioners' auditorium until they could barely breathe, then gasped out speeches. They sang, played pinocle, swapped stories, "bummed" cigarettes and handed out sandwiches to women and children who had slept in the marble corridors all night.

The county jail kitchen furnished coffee to demonstrators who slept in the courthouse last night.

All representatives held the escape of Mr. Roosevelt was a miracle. Questions arose as to whom Mr. Roosevelt's successor would be had he been fatally injured. Senate members determined that the position of president would fall to Mr. Garner, vice-president-elect, under the provisions of the recently passed 20th amendment to the federal constitution which has been ratified by more than 36 states.

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Late Sports

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 15.—(AP)—Gus Kallio, 157-pound claimant of the world's middleweight wrestling title from Cincinnati, won from Bob Miller, Chicago, by taking two straight falls here Wednesday after Miller won the first after 42 minutes of struggling.

Kallio used wristlocks and winglocks to score his victory.

ZANGARA SAYS HOOVER DEATH FIRST PLANNED

Changed Mind Upon Learning Roosevelt was to be in Miami, he Explains

Guard for Both President and President-Elect To be Augmented

MIAMI, Fla., Feb. 16.—(AP)—The broken story of Giuseppe Zangara slowly unfolded here tonight to police.

Questioning brought the information that he purchased his eight dollar .32 caliber pistol three days ago with the original idea of assassinating President Hoover.

He said he read in a newspaper that President-elect Roosevelt was coming here and he changed his mind and decided to go after Roosevelt.

He insisted that no one encouraged him or prompted him and that he had not discussed his plans with anyone. He said he had lost more than two hundred dollars at the race tracks.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—(Thursday)—(AP)—Police Commissioner Mulrooney said today that "every man necessary" will be assigned to guard President-elect Roosevelt when he returned to New York.

Expressing shock and regret at the Miami shooting, Mulrooney said it was proof that "in these times too many precautions cannot be taken."

"It shows anything can happen," he added. "I had that in mind when I assigned 700 or 800 men to guard President Hoover on his recent visit. We'll use as many men as are necessary to take care of the president-elect when he returns. We know we can't be too careful."

Resentment At Shooting Voiced Here

Expressions of resentment at the attempted assassination of President-elect Roosevelt mingled with joy over his escape last night as news of the Miami tragedy reached Salem and was relayed to the large number of people at the state capitol.

Comments were frequent that the escape of Mr. Roosevelt was a miracle. Questions arose as to whom Mr. Roosevelt's successor would be had he been fatally injured. Senate members determined that the position of president would fall to Mr. Garner, vice-president-elect, under the provisions of the recently passed 20th amendment to the federal constitution which has been ratified by more than 36 states.

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Theory Cermak Intended Victim Voiced, Chicago

CHICAGO, Feb. 15.—(AP)—Chicago police officials tonight were too stunned at the Miami shooting to advance any theory that it might have been Mayor Anton J. Cermak, instead of President-elect Roosevelt, who had been marked for the assassin's bullet.

Although it was recalled that Chicago's mayor has been crusading against gambling syndicates, the police said they knew of no threats against him.

Since he became mayor of Chicago, Cermak has waged a continuous campaign against the hoodlum element of the city and gambling syndicates. If threats ever were made against his life, they were kept secret by the police.

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—(AP)—Col. Louis Howe, confidential secretary to the president-elect, expressed great surprise tonight at news of the shooting in Miami in which President-elect Franklin D. Roosevelt's life was endangered.

"The president-elect's mail has been especially free of any crank mail or threats of any kind," he said.

"I seriously doubt," Howe continued, "the bullets were meant for Mr. Roosevelt as he is not the type of man who would be the target of such an assault."

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt burstled into the room of the Roosevelt mansion on East 65th street while Howe was talking to