

**The Weather**  
Unsettled today and Thursday, little change in temperature. Max temp. Tuesday 39, min. 22. River -5 feet. South wind.

EIGHTY-EIGHTH YEAR

## New Arrest Is Made in Probe Of Drug Setup

### Benjamin Simon Is Held on Conspiracy Charge Against US

### Learn Musicas Expended Great Sums for Lobby on Liquor

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—(AP)—Benjamin Simon, who lives at the address in the Bronx which appears on faked birth certificates filed three years ago in Washington by the Musica brothers, was arrested tonight on a "general conspiracy" charge in connection with the McKesson & Robbins drug firm scandal.

A man named Ben Simon was questioned last Saturday by investigators of the securities and exchange commission who are de-ving into the case and a Ben Simon was mentioned also in testimony concerning purported munitions deals of F. Donald Coster-Musica, head of the drug firm who killed himself.

Simon was seized by federal and local officials at the direction of Assistant US Atty Gen. Brien McMahon.

No Trace Found of "Midwife"

They found him at 1840 Grand Concourse, the address given on the Coster birth certificates for "Adele Vinard," who was listed as midwife when the papers were filed in the capital in August, 1935. No trace of Adele Vinard could be found and none recalled that she ever lived at that address.

Taken to police headquarters, Simon was booked as a salesman, 49 years old, married, with a record for violation of section 88, title 18 of the federal laws.

The name Simon was brought into the state attorney general's inquiry by Frederick Wingersky, Boston lawyer and vice president in charge of law and labor relations for McKesson & Robbins.

Wingersky testified before Assistant State Attorney General Ambrose V. McCall that he had drafted a proposed contract for the sale of arms and ammunition and that he had turned the papers over to Ben Simon at the order of Coster-Musica. Wingersky said that, so far as he knew, the contract never was consummated.

Offense Against US Is Charge

Taken to the federal courthouse, where he was detained overnight, Simon was photographed and fingerprinted. The section which he was charged with violating deals with conspiracies to defraud or commit an offense against the United States and provides a penalty of not more than two years in prison or \$10,000 fine or both.

Further investigation of Coster-Musica's operations, meanwhile, indicated that the millions pilfered from McKesson and Robbins mostly had been frittered away.

Much Spent for Lobbying

Great sums pilfered from the \$37,000,000 firm, they added, were sunk in lobbying activities in virtually every state and in Washington.

The three surviving Musica brothers, all masquerading under assumed names along with Coster-Musica, who resigned the McKesson & Robbins presidency by suicide last Friday, are held in default of \$100,000 bail each.

Brien McMahon, assistant US attorney general, who came here from Washington to coordinate the federal activities, said the "brothers" revenue from bootlegging alcohol ran into millions but that "their ill-gotten gains are mostly gone."

"They didn't live lavishly either," he said. "We have reason to believe much money was used for promoting favorable legislation everywhere for price-fixing on liquors. We are particularly interested in what happened in western states."

"Our inquiry is already under way from the Pacific Coast eastward, and including Washington."

McMahon said there also was some indication that the Musica brothers, who hid their connection with a million-dollar swindle a quarter of a century ago under different names and pedigrees, were probably forced to pay blackmail.

## Holy Father Gives Thanks for Living

VATICAN CITY, Dec. 20.—(AP)—Pope Pius XI knelt today in a long prayer of thanksgiving that his life had been spared to enter the 60th year of his priesthood.

He prayed after mass in his private chapel, surrounded by flowers sent from all parts of Italy and from as far away as Paris by his devout admirers on this anniversary.

A vatican news service reported the 81-year-old holy father's health was good. He suffered an attack of cardiac asthma November 25.

## "Little Flower" Knocked Down



FIORIELLO LaGUARDIA

## New York Mayor Gets up Fighting

### "Lucky for Him I Wasn't Facing Him," Declares "Little Flower"

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—(AP)—Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia, five feet three inches and weighing about 160 pounds, was knocked down from behind today at the entrance to city hall by James Hagan, some six inches taller and 30 pounds heavier—and promptly announced his assailant was lucky they hadn't met face to face.

The pugnacious mayor, whose only visible injury was a red welt under the right eye, waved away sympathy with the remark:

"It was nothing. That all happens in a day's work. It was nothing compared to some blows delivered under the belt."

But, he added reflectively, "I think it was very fortunate for him that I was not facing him."

Hagan, identified by the police as a discharged WPA employe who apparently blamed the mayor for the loss of his job, was charged with simple assault and then committed to Bellevue hospital psychopathic ward for a hearing December 30. He made no threat on LaGuardia's life.

It was the first physical brush LaGuardia has had since becoming mayor, despite a characteristic belligerency which always has contrasted oddly with his first name, which means "the little flower."

## Rain Is Greeting As Winter Comes

### Season of Snows Official After 4:14 Tomorrow Morning

PORTLAND, Dec. 20.—(AP)—Slightly higher temperatures and predictions of rain today scooped off the official advent of winter.

Winter officially begins at 4:14 a. m., Thursday, the moment of the winter solstice.

However, snow dusted Portland and much of the state last night and today. The heaviest rain of the winter, 24 of an inch, fell at Medford.

Snow fell at Ashland and plows were used to remove the white blanket from the highway through the Siskiyou mountains. Fog added to motoring dangers.

Temperatures here ranged from 34 to 38 degrees today, melting the snow that fell during the night.

Other temperatures: Baker 32, Bend 20, Burns 18.8, Brookings 44, Hood River 28.8, Lakeview 34, Medford 34, Newport 36, North Bend 40, Pendleton 26, Portland 34, Siskiyou Summit 26.

The general forecast was for clouds tonight and Wednesday with showers in the west and snow flurries in the east.

Small craft warnings flew at the mouth of the Columbia river. Highways generally were open, but most were icy or covered with packed snow in spots.

## Germany Asks Refugee Head To Talk Jew Hegira Method

(By the Associated Press)

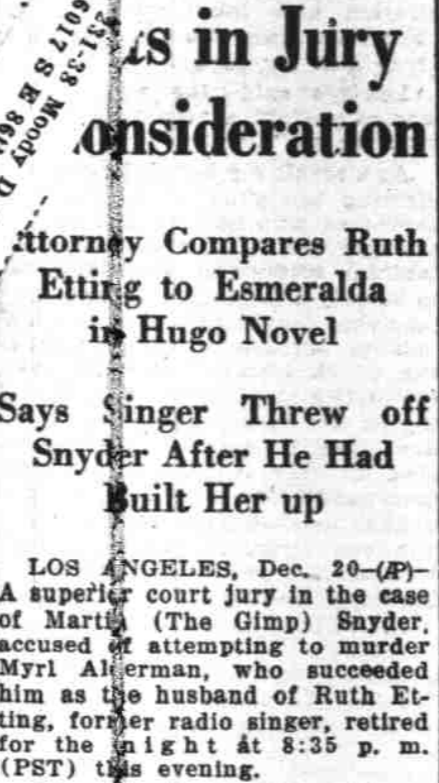
Official Germany yesterday finally extended an invitation to the executive director of international refugee office to go to Berlin to discuss plans for emigrating Germany's nearly 700,000 Jews.

Field Marshal Herman Wilhelm Goering, chief of the Nazi four-year economic plan, invited the director, George Rublee, an American, after Rublee had waited two months to go to Germany to talk to officials on the problem.

Rublee was expected to present counter-proposals to German plans, one of which was reported to include permission for Jews to take as much as 20 per cent of their wealth out of Germany, although this project was reported dependent on sale of more German goods abroad.

The charge that Germany was planning to march eastward

## Snyder's Fate As in Jury Consideration



Martin Snyder

### Attorney Compares Ruth Etting to Esmeralda in Hugo Novel

### Says Singer Threw off Snyder After He Had Built Her up

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 20.—(AP)—A superior court jury in the case of Martin (The Gimp) Snyder, accused of attempting to murder Myrl Alderman, who succeeded him as the husband of Ruth Etting, former radio singer, retired for the night at 8:35 p. m. (PST) this evening.

After considering the evidence in the case for four and a half hours, with an intermission for dinner, the jury reported it had decided to suspend deliberations until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

During closing arguments in the case today, the jurors heard Miss Etting likened to Esmeralda in "The Hunchback of Notre Dame"—"a woman who forsook her crippled protector for a younger man."

Snyder's counsel, Jerry Gesler, delivered a severe castigation of the former radio singer, whom he said "forced Snyder after he had given 15 of the best years of his life to promoting her career, because she wanted a younger man."

Gesler told the jury Miss Etting had lived a life of deceit, that she accepted Snyder when he was "some chorus girl" because she saw in him the means to an end, and that although he was a cripple and not very well educated, she knew he could promote her professional career.

"When an artist gets to the age when she can go no further, professionally, about 40 years of age, there comes a play time," Gesler said. "Miss Etting didn't want Snyder any longer. She had kept him as long as he could be of use to her. Now she wanted another man, a younger man, a physically whole man, for a playmate."

"Alderman was that man in him she got what she wanted, but that is no reason she should get what she wants in this case," Gesler said. "She doesn't mean she should get for a wedding present the conviction and imprisonment of her former husband."

Compares Etting To Esmeralda

"Esmeralda, too, wanted a young man—a man who was physically whole. When she found him she left the cathedral, where she was sheltered and safe, and was hanged. They found the hunchback dead at her feet, finally reunited with his love."

At this Snyder buried his face in his hands and sobbed.

Gesler said he hoped the marriage of Miss Etting and Alderman, who flew to Las Vegas, Nev., last week for the surprise ceremony, would be a lasting one, but he said he had grave doubts.

## TCLACA to Give Associates Place

EUGENE, Ore., Dec. 20.—(AP)—The famed TCLACA (Two Can Live as Cheaply One Association) at the University of Oregon figured it might be a good idea to accept some associate members.

Six students who were formerly married have applied for admission.

The association, formed two years ago, reported 173 students, five per cent of the enrollment, were married. Its founders, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Kessler, are still on the campus and have added a daughter to their household.

Married students usually have better grades than the garden variety of unmarried scholars, presumably because they spend more time at home, university officials reported.

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through the Ukraine of soviet Russia was made in Paris by the White Russian General Anton Denikin. He said Chancellor Hitler aspired to cut off all the rich southern provinces of the soviet union and carry vast influence 1,800 miles east of Berlin to the Caucasus mountains.

A Japanese spokesman in Shanghai reported Tokyo's air and navy forces had bombarded for three days Chinese positions between Kachol, in the extreme south of China, to Shantung province in the north, the Japanese concentrating the attacks on guerrilla units behind Japanese lines.

Britain's house of commons approved by a vote of 270 to 9 the government's plan for a national register of the nation's reserves and manpower for voluntary defense services. The plan will be tried for a trial period ending next March, when it will be reviewed and altered as necessary.

## Martin Snyder Awaits Decision From Jury on Trial's Outcome



Martin (The Gimp) Snyder is shown at his trial in Los Angeles on a charge of attempted murder of Myrl Alderman conferring with his attorney, acrobatic Jerry Gesler, right.

### Chance Is Viewed Of new City Barn

### Payment of \$9895 County Withheld by Mistake May Give Funds

Salem city officials yesterday saw a chance to replace the ancient, dilapidated city barns at 13th and Ferry streets in an announcement by the district WPA office here that a project for raising the old structures had been approved and in advance that the county court had authorized payment of \$9895.72 to the city in delinquent tax interest mistakenly withheld during the last five years.

The WPA would be glad to receive an application for a project to build a new city warehouse, Fred Bates, office engineer, said after disclosing approval of the demolition project. Plans already prepared at the city hall call for a 100 by 140 structure with concrete walls and timber inner structure. Cost of materials alone has been estimated at \$19,000.

Alderman E. B. Harris, council street committee chairman who has repeatedly sought budget appropriations for replacement of the old barns, declared "if we can arrange it, we will build the new warehouse."

He said receipt of the money from the county should make the project possible.

The city in the fall rejected a PWA grant for the warehouse when it developed requirements would run costs above the amount the city would have available.

## 8-Year-Old Child Accident Victim

WOODBURN, Dec. 20.—(AP)—Albert Hoffman, 8-year-old son of Cyril and Marie Hoffman who live near Playmore park on the Pacific highway, was injured fatally Tuesday afternoon between 3:30 and 4 o'clock when he was hit by an automobile driven by Max Fisher of Falls City. The boy had started home from school in Hubbard and stopped at a house along the road to play. As he started on toward his own home he is said to have stepped directly in front of the Fisher machine. He was rushed to the Woodburn hospital but died enroute.

The body is at the Beecher-O'Hair mortuary.

## Jack Doyle Away For Old Country

SAN PEDRO, Calif., Dec. 20.—(AP)—Jack Doyle, 24-year-old Irishman who fights and sings, waved goodbye today to America from the Italian motorship Celina as he sailed for Europe to escape being deported by the US immigration service.

At the dock to see him off were Movita, his Mexican-born actress-fiancee, John Bac-So, his manager, and Mrs. William Koenig, wife of the motion picture director.

Whether Doyle married Movita before his departure was a point he declined to clear up. They obtained a license last week in nearby Ventura county, but there was no record of its use.

## Midnight Deadline For Ball Machines

Sheriff A. C. Burk yesterday announced he would carry out fully orders from District Attorney Lyle J. Page for the confiscation of any pinball machines or pinchcocks found in the county after midnight tonight. Page based his order on an attorney general's opinion defining provisions of the two anti-gambling acts passed by the people last month.

"I will have a man out Thursday morning to cover the entire county," Burk declared. "Owners of any boards or machines found will be arrested. That goes for 'digger' machines, too."

## Relief Recipients In Lane Restless

EUGENE, Ore., Dec. 20.—(AP)—Charles Paddock, chairman of a workers alliance committee, said today members, armed with a list of relief cases "demanding immediate attention," would demonstrate at the Lane county relief offices tomorrow.

Paddock declared the committee would move into the offices and "hold the fort" until the cases were cared for.

Relief committee officials said they anticipated no disorder, but had notified city, state and county authorities. The officers declared no form of disorder would be tolerated.

## Dragged to Death

KLAMATH FALLS, Dec. 20.—(AP)—John B. Stockings, 36, truck driver, was instantly killed yesterday when a chain hooked his clothing and dragged him under a load of logs at a lumber mill near Bly.

## Sheridan Sun Is Sold

SHERIDAN, Dec. 20.—(AP)—Adele Lake, former reporter for the Portland Oregonian, and Paul Lauder announced the sale of the Sheridan Sun, a weekly newspaper, today to Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Brown of Stanwood, Wash. The transfer will occur January 1.

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