

4 Die in Flames in Year's 1st Air Crash

Convict Killed In Escape Try From Alcatraz

Leader of Barker-Karpis Gang Dies in Prison After Failure

Four Make Break in Fog After Sawing Through Bars of Cells

(By the Associated Press)
SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 13.—(AP)—Arthur (Doc) Barker, 40, once one of gangland's terrorist leaders and kidnapers, joined four other convicts in an amazing attempt to break away from "escape proof" Alcatraz today and lost his life.

Shot in the head and through the legs by guards as he made ready for a desperate swim into fog-shrouded San Francisco bay, Barker died at 5:45 p. m. tonight in the prison hospital.

Barker, who was shot as he allegedly ignored a guard's order to halt, had joined fellow felons in sawing his way out of a steel cell block in the island federal penitentiary in which he was serving a life term for the Edward G. Bremer kidnaping.

Ship Out in Fog After Bars Sawn
In one of the thickest fogs the rock prison island had experienced since it became the terror of federal convicts in 1934, the five prisoners slipped quietly through the bars they had severed and out into the darkness.

At 4 a. m., a guard noticed the empty cells and saw the severed bars in a moment the entire 12-acre island was aglow with light. But even powerful searchlights did not penetrate far into the fog, which Warden James A. Johnston described as "like a mass of wool."

Guards along the island's rim finally sighted the trespassers fleeing toward waters of San Francisco bay.

Dale Staphill, 27, Oklahoma kidnaper, was shot through both legs.

The other three fugitives surrendered. They were William McCain, 36, a kidnaper; Henri Young, 28, bank robber, and William Martin, 25, negro, a post-office robber.

One Convict Gets To Water's Edge
Martin was bruised and cut as he slid down the rocky northwest side of the island toward the water. Warden Johnston said the convict was collecting pieces of driftwood and tying them together, when ordered to surrender.

Federal Prison Director James V. Bennett left Washington late in the day for San Francisco to take personal charge of the investigation of the escape attempt.

How the convicts got the saws remained a mystery. Johnston said the prisoners were permitted to have no direct contact with anyone from the outside. Whether they filched the instruments from the prison machine shop was "a matter of speculation," the warden said. The saws were not found.

To get out of the cells, each prisoner had to saw through several steel bars, each about three-quarters of an inch in diameter.

"It must have taken them a long time," Johnston said.

The warden declared there would be a rigid checkup on an attempt to solve the mystery of the saws.

Friday 13th Birthdays Run in This Family
PORTLAND, Jan. 13.—(AP)—Friday the 13th should hold no terrors as a natal day for the young man born to Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert E. Eickenberger, Portland, today.

His maternal grandmother and his paternal grandfather were both born on Friday the 13th.

Aldrich States He'll Retire From Road Commission Soon

E. B. Aldrich, Pendleton newspaper publisher, announced while attending a highway commission meeting here Friday that he contemplated retirement from his position within the year. Aldrich would not state when he would resign but indicated that it might be at an early date due to private business demands which were calling for his attention.

Aldrich, who represents the commission from the second congressional district, took office March 23, 1937. His term expires March 31, 1940.

Governor Charles A. Sprague made plain that he was not seeking Aldrich's retirement and would not move to disturb Aldrich unless the latter voluntarily retired.

House Passe on Slashed Relief Fund

Hitler Advises Italy to Avoid War This Year

Nazi Head Conveys View to Mussolini Through Von Mackenson

Chamberlain Pays Visit to Pope to Talk Over Peace Problems

ROME, Jan. 13.—(AP)—Prime Minister Chamberlain's diplomatic "draw" with Premier Mussolini was thrust into the background momentarily today by reliable reports Adolf Hitler advised Il Duce to avoid war during 1939 in seeking to achieve Italy's "natural aspirations" for colonies.

The visiting British prime minister meanwhile paid a cordial visit to the vatican, canvassing hopes for peace and the thorny refugee problem with Pope Pius XI.

Hitler's views were said by persons close to Germany to have been conveyed to his axis partner, Mussolini, through the German ambassador to Rome, Hans-George Viktor von Mackensen.

With Count Ciano
Von Mackensen conferred today with Foreign Minister Count Galeazzo Ciano for the second time since Chamberlain arrived Wednesday. It was Ciano who used the phrase "natural aspirations" in a chamber of deputies address Nov. 20, touching off fascist clamor against France for colonial concessions.

Many who have been watching the development of fascist Mussolini on France expressed belief Mussolini wanted to keep out of war. Some Italians have said their differences with France could be settled without it.

An Italian communique said the conversations between Chamberlain and Il Duce reaffirmed their intention "to develop relations existing between the two countries in the spirit of friendship" of the British-Italian accord signed last Easter.

States Allies Will Pursue Peace
It added that both nations intended to pursue a policy directed "toward the effective maintenance of peace."

The British delegation was understood to have approved the Italian announcement which asserted that "major questions of the moment and relations between the two empires" were examined in the conversations which were "marked by the greatest cordiality" and which "led to frank and full exchange of ideas."

British indicated Mussolini told Chamberlain he desired peace without making any commitments to that effect, however. He was understood to have made the remark as a generality without referring directly to France.

Il Duce's insistence on "peace with justice" was interpreted to mean he expected France to meet fascist demands for wider sway in the Mediterranean in some ultimate negotiations.

Scarlett O'Hara Search Is Ended

Masked Pair Beat Baker Locksmith

BAKER, Jan. 13.—(AP)—Mr. and Mrs. Emil Weber were bound, beaten and robbed last night by two masked men, they reported to police.

Weber, a locksmith, said the couple was bound with strands of copper wire while the men ransacked the house and took between \$35 and \$50. The aged couple also was beaten with brass knuckles. Weber worked himself free and rode his bicycle several miles for aid.

Last Roundup Set For Horse Heaven

MADRAS, Jan. 13.—(AP)—The Jefferson county court moved today to rid its vast rangelands, stretching from the Deschutes to the John Day rivers, of unclaimed wild horses.

Eldon and Numa McCain were given the court's permission to clear the ranges of the large numbers of cayuses and bang-tails. The court said the big roundup would comply with Oregon regulations for disposition of abandoned horses. Range riders will be bonded.

Frederick Is Secretary Of Joint Union Board

PORTLAND, Jan. 13.—(AP)—C. T. Frederick, Portland Cooks' union secretary, was chosen secretary of the joint executive board of six local unions of hotel and restaurant workers and bartenders today. He succeeds Gertrude Sweet, recently made vice-president of the Culinary Workers' International alliance.

CHAMBERLAIN WELCOMED TO CONFERENCE



Premier Benito Mussolini was among those to welcome Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain of Great Britain to Rome when the latter arrived for conferences on the future of Europe. Left to right: Count G. Ciano, Chamberlain, Mussolini, and Count Dino Grandi. The party ended after a 75-minute conversation. This picture was radiocast from London to New York.

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Senate Group Okehs Frankfurter For Job on Supreme Court Bench

HOLLYWOOD, Jan. 13.—(AP)—Selznick International studio announced tonight that Vivien Leigh, Auburn-haired English actress, has been signed for the part of Scarlett O'Hara in the film version of Margaret Mitchell's best seller, "Gone With the Wind."

Leslie Howard, blond stage and screen star, has been signed for the role of Ashley Wilkes, the studio announced, and Olivia De Havilland "undoubtedly" will take the part of Melanie.

Selection of Clark Gable for the role of Rhett Butler, leading male character, was announced some time ago.

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Dog Teams Hurry To Rescue Fliers

ATLIN, B. C., Jan. 13.—(AP)—A rescue party left Tulsequah, 60 miles south of here, today with two dog teams to rescue Pilot Les Cook and four passengers who made a forced landing on the frozen Inklin river Monday.

A rescue plane flown by Pilot Len Cope of Marine Airways, Juneau, Alaska, has since taken two of the plane's six passengers to Tulsequah, but owing to the soft field there was unable to take off again.

Awaiting rescue with Cook now are Dick Landry, dominion government telegraph lineman of Nahlin, B. C., and Gred Graham, Fred Uane, and Nick Myatic, all of Atlin.

Murphy Is Given 2nd Endorsement

Senate Body Acts Again After Cabinet Member Speaks for Hour

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—(AP)—Frank Murphy, former governor of Michigan, received today for the second time the unanimous endorsement of a senate sub-committee considering his nomination as attorney general.

The committee acted after listening to the newest cabinet member discuss for an hour, at his own request, his handling of sit-down strikes in Michigan during 1937.

Previously the group had voted to recommend his confirmation without the formality of a hearing. Murphy, however, had heard that some members wished to question him about his actions during the sit-downs, and he requested an opportunity to make a statement.

"I believe that I did my duty," he told the committee.

"I have never condoned the sit-down strike or countenanced disobedience of a court order. From the very beginning of the labor trouble in Michigan, I warned the union representatives that the sit-down strike was illegal, and further, that it would alienate public opinion."

Coalition Vote Rebels Against Spending Plans

\$725,000,000 Fund Less by \$150,000,000 Than FDR Sought

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—(AP)—The house, rebelling against President Roosevelt's spending policies, passed tonight a \$725,000,000 emergency relief appropriation—\$150,000,000 less than recommended by the chief executive.

Speaker Bankhead announced that the vote was 397 to 16.

Republicans, their ranks augmented by the November election, voted with conservative democrats in an effective coalition to slash the fund before final vote was reached. The vote on the slash was 226 to 137.

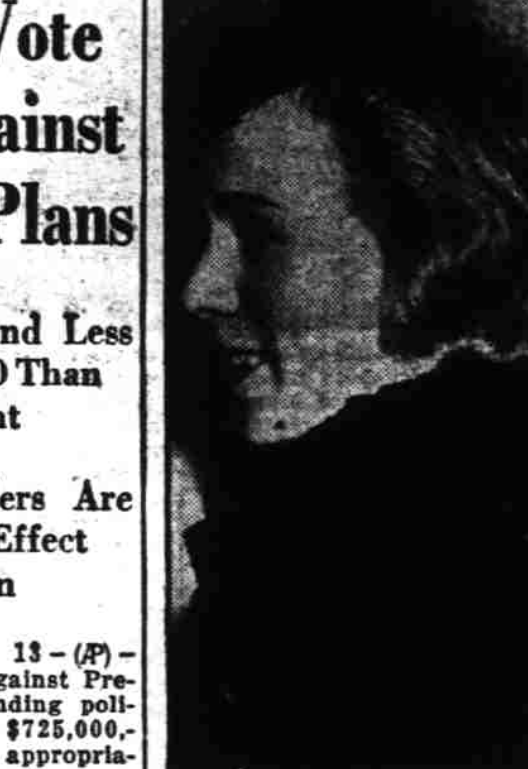
Pay Variation Section Added
The chamber inserted restrictions aimed at the elimination of politics from relief and contrary to the wishes of the administration, it adopted an amendment to provide that pay rates for similar work should not vary by more than 25 per cent throughout the country. Southern democrats were solidly behind the amendment.

The day's developments brought partial fulfillment of predictions made by political observers since the elections of last fall, that the session would see the emergence of a coalition of conservatives of both parties sufficiently numerous to balk the president on many points of his program.

Roll Call Vote Is Prevented
The issue of appropriating \$725,000,000 instead of \$875,000,000 was presented under parliamentary circumstances which prevented a roll call vote on the size of the appropriation.

The bill as it passed the house contains a provision preventing the administration from going through with an executive order blanketing WPA administrative employees into the civil service. The provision prohibits use of WPA funds to pay employees so blanketed.

Wife of Russian Is Spy Suspect



Miss Nathasha Gorin (above), 32, was arrested by federal agents in Los Angeles and held by the government for asserted theft of naval intelligence papers. Her husband, Mikhail Gorin, was arrested earlier in connection with the same case. Mrs. Gorin is shown in the county jail at a time when she visited her husband. (AP Telemat.)

Spanish Loyalists Leaving Ebro Area

Barcelona Bare of Males as all Men Hurry to Repel Insurgents

BARCELONA, Jan. 13.—(AP)—The Spanish government announced tonight evacuation of the Ebro river area to a line at Hospitalet on the Mediterranean to prevent advancing insurgents from isolating troops and civilians.

Hospitalet is 24 miles north of Tortosa (whose fall was announced by insurgents this morning) and more than half way between Tortosa and the important port of Tarragona, which is 50 miles southwest of Barcelona.

It was announced a few hours after informed sources said the government had launched a new counteroffensive in the Brunete area west of Madrid in an effort to counteract the insurgent's eastward sweep in northeastern Spain.

A communique admitted the forward movement of the insurgent line north of Montblanch. Further north, heavy insurgent attacks were said to have been repulsed.

Five insurgent warships were reported attacked by government planes. They were said to have moved off toward the insurgent base at Mallorca, apparently after suffering some damage.

Barcelona was quickly becoming a city of women tonight as every available man made ready to leave for the front.

Offices, stores, factories and even government buildings were more deserted than ever as men and boys raced to complete the last formalities of enlisting.

Sprague Approves Session Cost Bill

Governor Charles A. Sprague Friday signed house bill No. 1, appropriating \$50,000 to help defray the costs of the current legislative session.

The 1937 legislative session, which lasted nearly 60 days, cost in excess of \$100,000. Other appropriation bills for payment of expenses of the current legislative session probably will be required later.

Bridges Due to Attend CIO Council Launching

PORTLAND, Jan. 13.—(AP)—Approximately 250 delegates representing Oregon Congress for Industrial Organization unions will meet tomorrow to organize a state CIO council.

Harry Bridges, coast CIO director, was expected to attend.

Late Sports

MILWAUKIE, Jan. 13.—(Special)—Salem's Vikings scored a 19 to 25 victory over the Maroons here tonight, remain at the head of the No-Name loop.

Plane Plunges In Snow Banks After Flaming

Ship Bursts Into Flames After Normal Takeoff From Miles City

Salvage Crew at Scene; Air Investigator on Way to Spot

MILES CITY, Mont., Jan. 13.—(AP)—A Northwest Airlines passenger plane carried four persons to death in flames on snow-covered creek bottoms near Miles City tonight.

The four as listed aboard by the airlines office in St. Paul, Minn., were:

Mr. Clara Morris, wife of a Northern Pacific railway conductor at Mandan, N.D.
Richard S. Zahniser, about 12, of Bismarck, N.D.
Pilot C. B. (Cash) Chamberlain of Minneapolis.

The Paul-to-Seattle bound plane crashed about two miles west of Miles City, in eastern Montana. After takeoff bursts into flame.

After an apparently normal takeoff, it burst into flames and fell into the Miles City creek bottom. H. Bliven, manager of the Miles City airport, said. He reported he witnessed the crash.

First reports conflicted on the number of occupants. One report said five persons were on the ship, but the Northwest Airlines dispatcher's office at Spokane, Wash., said H. V. Hewitt, a company employe from Parkview, Wash., left the plane at Miles City before its westbound takeoff.

The plane, flying trip No. 1, was due at Paul at 7:35 p. m. (Mountain standard time) but arrived late. It was held here for a considerable time because of snow and adverse weather conditions.

At 11:30 o'clock tonight, Lou Grill, managing editor of the Miles City Star, said salvagers crewed by Coroner Ralph H. Gray had surmounted icy roads and had weather conditions and reached the scene.

No Effort Made To Get Bodies
No effort had been made to recover the bodies or the plane's cargo of mail and express.

Clinton M. Hester of Washington, D.C., administrator of the civil aeronautics authority, left Missoula, Mont., for the crash scene on an eastbound Northwest airplane.

He said he could make no statement before viewing the wreckage.

An investigation, he said, would be conducted by the air safety board of the civil aeronautics authority.

Manager Bliven said the plane made a normal takeoff at 9:14 o'clock, westbound.

"I watched its course for a distance and when I turned my head for a moment then looked again I saw a flash of fire which flared up about a mile directly west of the airport.

"I went to the scene and found the plane had dropped into a coulee in the Sunday creek bottoms about a mile away from where the crash occurred. It was demolished and the occupants must have been killed instantly."

The Friday the thirteenth crash, first airliner wreck of 1939, was almost concluded for the pilots when they met death.

The dispatcher at Spokane, W. D. Markey, said Pilot Chamberlain and Co-pilot Norby were to have ended their stretch of flight at Billings, around 100 miles airline from the crash spot.

While hundreds of persons were restrained at the airport from going to the twisted wreckage, searchers dragged three charred bodies from the ruins. They reported one body not yet recovered.

All were horribly burned. The Sunday creek bottoms are coulee-gashed and are called "badlands" because of their malign terrain. They are a scant half-mile from the airport.

The air mishap occurred just a year and four days after 10 persons were killed in the crash of a Northwest airliner in the Bridger mountains, northwest of Bozeman, in south central Montana.

During a lengthy duel with white-haired Senator Johnson (R-Calif.) over politics and relief, Hopkins said he favored barring all federal employes from political activity and placing relief administrators under "real civil service."

"I don't like the idea of petty politics in relief," Hopkins said emphatically at one point. "There is nobody in the United States that the politicians dislike more than me."

Hopkins Confirmation Waits On Publication of Hearings

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—(AP)—Harry L. Hopkins joined his critics today in suggesting ways of keeping politics out of relief, only to have his confirmation as a cabinet member delayed until next week at the earliest.

Members of the senate commerce committee concluded their grilling of the lanky former relief administrator and then decided to have the record of three days hearings printed before taking a formal vote on his appointment as secretary of commerce.

Friends and critics agreed that there are enough favorable votes, both in the committee and in the