

Babe's Mother Confesses She Took Its Life

Lie Detector Quiz Ends Mystery of Slaying of Infant

Woman Says She Decided to "Get Rid" of Babe After Quarrel

FREMONT, O., June 17.—(AP)—Prosecutor A. L. Hyzer announced tonight Mrs. Velma Baker Fink had confessed orally she killed her 10-week-old baby, Haldon, "Buster," whose body was found in a creek near her Clyde, O., home several days ago.

The prosecutor said Sheriff H. L. Myers, a deputy, Mrs. Oran Baker, mother of Mrs. Fink, Edwin Baker, a brother, and Howard G. Robinson were present at the time the confession was made. It followed, he said, a lengthy lie detector examination, ordered only a few hours after the infant was buried in a Clyde cemetery.

Hyzer quoted Mrs. Fink—divorced from her husband only 10 days ago—as relating she had decided to "get rid" of the child after quarreling with her mother over its care.

Last Tuesday night, the prosecutor continued, she took the child from a carriage in her mother's home, placed it in the automobile of a brother, and drove to a bridge crossing a creek four miles west of Clyde.

Baby Thrown Into Water

Upon arriving there, Hyzer quoted her as saying, she lifted the baby from the car and threw it into the water. The body was found 12 hours later.

Near collapse and sobbing hysterically, Mrs. Fink was taken to the Sandusky county jail, a few minutes after Hyzer made the announcement.

"I just can't believe it," Hyzer quoted Mrs. Baker as saying. "The prosecutor announced he would bring a first degree murder charge against Mrs. Fink Monday morning. Under Ohio law conviction on this charge automatically sends a prisoner to the electric chair unless the jury recommends mercy."

Doctor Called For Woman

After her statement a physician was called for her at the request of Mrs. Baker.

The young woman was wearing a dark dress and a rose-colored sweater. Murmurs of shock could be heard in the crowd which had gathered around the jail.

Some of the townsfolk of this northern Ohio village of 3,100 had attended the baby's funeral services this afternoon at the Bakers' home and then followed the tiny casket to a cemetery at the foot of the street.

The divorced mother and father sat in the parlor of the Baker home and heard a pastor declare God would avenge the child.

"He who rewards the good and punishes the wicked, he will be the avenger of little Haldon Fink," said the Rev. Frank A. Jordan in his funeral sermon.

The mother broke into sobs as the rites progressed in the very room from which the child was taken to its death.

Time Bomb Hurts 39 in Jew Cafe

LONDON, June 18.—(Sunday)—(AP)—Reuters. British news agency, reported from Prague today that explosion of a time bomb in a Jewish cafe there early this morning had injured 39 persons, seven gravely.

The agency said most of the victims were Jews.

Reuters said a Czech ambulance, unable to cope immediately with all the victims requiring emergency treatment, applied to the German hospital which cared for many of the injured.

The bomb was said to have exploded in the center of the cafe, leaving a deep hole in an inside wall and smashing tables, chairs and furnishings.

Reuters said some reports attributed the blast to Czech fascists.

Dust Bowl 'Horn of Plenty' As Great Wheat Crop Seen

BOISE CITY, Okla., June 17.—(AP)—The "dust bowl" is paying off its faithful with a wheat crop which will be the richest in many years since prewar days.

From all portions of this once desert-like region in the converging corners of Oklahoma, Texas, Kansas, Colorado and New Mexico came reports today of comparatively generous harvests.

Cimarron county, on the western tip of the Oklahoma panhandle, expects 14,000 bushels, the most in eight seasons.

County Agent W. E. Baker estimated 103,000 acres would be harvested, averaging eight bushels. He predicted the total would surpass anything since 1931, when 300,000 acres yielded 6,000,000 bushels.

The first Cimarron farmer to deliver a load of new wheat, Carl G. Eiling of Boise City, declared the estimate was modest. Eiling reported he was averaging better than 14 bushels.

Mother Confesses Under Grilling That She Killed 10-Weeks Babe



Mrs. Velma Baker Fink, mother of 10-weeks old Haldon Fink, confessed yesterday after a lie detector grilling that she threw her baby son in a creek near Clyde, O., after a quarrel with her mother over care of the baby. Mrs. Fink, divorced only a few weeks, is shown above with the family dog, Rags, whose failure to bark at the time the child was taken from the home led relatives to believe the dog knew the abductor.

Large Vote Seen For School Polls

Division Is Well Defined Between Two Groups of Candidates

Salem citizens will troop to the annual school election polls in unprecedented numbers Monday to select two candidates from the two sets of nominees on the ballot, it appeared yesterday.

Less "single shooting" than in recent school elections is anticipated because the two well-defined divisions of the ballot on local school matters have produced two candidates each and no others are in the race.

Contesting with W. F. Neptune and E. A. Bradfield, incumbents for the two positions on the board are Roy Harland and Donald A. Young. Neptune has been in office three years and Bradfield six.

Harland as a written candidate gave Director Percy A. Cupper a close race last June.

Campaign material distributed by the Bradfield-Neptune supporters labels the two men as directors who have carried on a "constructive program of economy, efficiency and better schools."

"Young and progressive men" are needed on the Salem school board, the Harland-Young campaigners have proclaimed.

For the first time in at least 10 years more than one polling place will be available to accommodate school voters. Those residing south of State street will vote at the WCTU hall, Commercial and Ferry streets, while those living north of State street will vote at the school administration building, 434 North High street, as usual.

The polls will be open at both places only between the hours of 2 p. m. and 7 p. m.

All persons are qualified to vote who are citizens of Oregon, residents of the district for at least 30 days, and 21 years of age. They need not be taxpayers or registered voters.

Fire Destroys Ballpark, Home of Durham, NC, 9

DURHAM, N.C., June 17.—(AP)—Fire late tonight destroyed the Durham athletic park, home of the Durham Piedmont league baseball team, and the adjoining Big Bull warehouse. The loss was estimated at between \$125,000 and \$150,000.

The flames were discovered little more than an hour after a baseball game between the Durham Bulls and Portsmouth.

Postal Conclaver Injures Foot as Bed Drops Apart

A sideline casualty of the postmen's convention here yesterday was A. A. Hoeffer, drummer in the Seattle drum and bugle corps.

While using a bed in a local hotel room for a card table last night, Hoeffer sustained a badly gashed foot when the bed collapsed. The angle-iron bed railing broke through his shoe.

A call to the first aid station brought the aid car, together with three aid men and a pair of city officers. Hoeffer had plenty of attention.

Treatment for a scalded foot, received when a tea kettle was tipped from a stove, was given Mrs. Ina Jean Brown, 689 North Capitol street, later.

Series of Mishaps Ends With Leg Being Broken

ROSEBURG, June 17.—(AP)—An odd series of mishaps cost Vincent Frecherm, Melrose dairyman, a broken leg here today.

His wet shoe sole slipped from the controls of his tractor and his right foot was jammed into the lever. Out of control, the tractor crashed into a log. The impact twisted Frecherm in such a way that his right leg was broken below the knee.

Senate Ready To Speed Job On Relief Bill

Economy Bloc Designing Strategy to Prevent Increases

Bill Hope to Hit Floor of Senate Late in This Week

WASHINGTON, June 17.—(AP)—Senate leaders arranged today to speed action on the relief bill while economy bloc strategists decided to concentrate their efforts on preventing any increase in the \$1,785,000,000 measure.

Passed by the house early today after a 14-hour session, the bill will be considered by a senate appropriations subcommittee next Tuesday.

Chairman Adams (D, Colo.) said he hoped to send the bill to the senate floor toward the end of the week, and Majority Leader Barkley (D, Ky.) promised it would be given right-of-way.

Barkley said speed was essential because the existing WPA appropriation runs out on June 30. In addition, Harrington has said that the new allotment should be approved before that date in order to avoid administrative confusion.

Effort Is Due To Add More

Adams, a leader of the economy bloc, said an effort undoubtedly would be made to add to the measure \$500,000,000 for public works projects. The house earmarked for WPA \$125,000,000 of the \$1,477,000,000. President Roosevelt requested for work relief.

Senator Mead (D, NY) and others, however, have contended that the WPA appropriation should not be reduced and that an additional \$500,000,000 should be allocated for public works.

Although saying he would oppose such an appropriation, Adams told reporters that "the senate is awfully fond of projects, and has always been more in favor of public works than the house."

He said that in general the allotments approved by the house "appear to be well-figured and fair."

"Neither the spenders or the savers ran away with the legislation," he asserted, adding that a \$100,000,000 allotment for the national youth administration was "a good compromise." Mr. Roosevelt had requested \$123,000,000 and the house appropriations committee had recommended \$81,000,000.

Along with the prospective battle over the PWA appropriation, some controversy was expected over the restrictions the house voted on WPA spending.

Seaman Overboard On King's Steamer

ABOARD THE EMPRESS OF BRITAIN, June 17.—(AP)—A seaman was lost overboard today from the Empress of Britain which is carrying King George and Queen Elizabeth home from their North American visit.

While fixing covers on a lifeboat, Samuel Matts, 23, a Newfoundland, lost his footing and fell 80 feet into the water. The liner stopped and made an unsuccessful search.

Society Matron Tells Details Of Party Given Congressmen

Mrs. John E. Schurman (left), New York society matron, shown as she left federal court in New York, testified of a weekend she and her husband spent in Washington, D.C., at a party hosted by William F. Buckley, Jr., at which much wine was consumed and congenial present. At right is Capt. John Stuart Hyde, one of Buckley's four co-defendants in the alleged \$1,000,000 mail fraud manipulation of Philippine railway bonds.

Hosts-in-Chief To State Lions



OSCAR D. OLSON

Lions' Convention Opens Here Today

Program Opens With Huge Pie Feed Tonight at Blind School

Lions, the civic club and not the jungle kind, will invade Salem today for the 15th annual convention of the Oregon district of the international service organization.

The convention program will open with serving of a 14-foot "world's largest" cherry pie to delegates and the general public at the state blind school grounds at 4:30 o'clock tonight and close Tuesday afternoon with a 1 o'clock steak dinner for convention guests at Silver Falls state park. In case of rain the big pie, baked in Salem and containing 1400 pounds of cherries, will be cut and served at the armory.

An entertainment, "Down by the Barn," will be presented for delegates and their wives at the armory at 8 o'clock tonight.

The remainder of the convention program, arranged by a local committee headed by Oscar D. "Frosty" Olson working with Alfred P. Ramseyer, president of the Salem club, will be as follows:

Monday—7:30 a. m., breakfast and entertainment at Salem Indian school, Chemawa; 9:30, business session open at Elks temple; 12:30 p. m., model Salem products luncheon, with Dr. Bruce

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Ellis Praises Oregon Postal Employees Body

Representative of Post Office Department Banquet Speaker

Sprague Praises Postal Department Efficient Services

Four hundred members of two postal workers' organizations and their auxiliaries attended the banquet Saturday night at the Marion hotel which climaxed the first day's program of the joint convention. Principal speaker was Frank H. Ellis, representing the first assistant postmaster general.

Mr. Ellis complimented the Oregon association of the National Association of Letter Carriers and the Oregon Federation of Post-office Clerks and their auxiliaries upon their activity in Oregon, and declared that these organizations and their national leaders were of great benefit to the postoffice department because they enabled its officials to keep in closer touch and better understanding with the postal workers in the field. He added that employees who belonged to these organizations were more efficient.

He admonished the group to keep it in mind that the supervisors and higher officers of the department were all drawn from their own ranks, and that from Postmaster General James A. Farley, whose greetings he brought to the assembly, on down through the department, the desire for the workers' welfare was only equalled by the desire for efficient service to the public.

Efficiency

Governor Charles A. Sprague, in an address of welcome, praised the efficiency of the postoffice department and said he was striving to instill similar standards of service into the state departments.

Postmaster Henry W. Crawford of Salem greeted the visitors and invited them to inspect the Salem postoffice at 8 o'clock this morning.

Other speakers included John H. Mitchell, national first vice-president of the clerks' organization; Mrs. Mitchell who is national first vice-president of the auxiliary; William J. Gorman of Brooklyn, NY, national vice-president of the carriers; Margaret Spody of the National Auxiliary of Salem people were made conspicuous of the convention's presence here, when a parade was held Saturday afternoon, with the delegates of the four organizations in the line of march as well as the letter carriers' band of Portland, the postal workers' drum corps of Seattle and the Cherry City boys' band of Salem.

Weary Searchers Hunt Lost Babes

ELK MOUNTAIN, Wyo., June 17.—(AP)—A weary searching crew augmented by 200 regular army soldiers pushed through wooded, mountainous country today in the third day of a wide-spread hunt for Charles and Harold, four and six years old, who vanished from their parents' fishing camp.

The 200 searchers were joined today by soldiers sent by Brig. Gen. E. D. Peek from Fort Francis E. Warren after war department authorization was requested by Gov. Nels E. Smith.

Fresh volunteers also came from Rawlins and an oil-camp near Kyle, Wyo.

Searchers expressed the opinion that the boys, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nelson of McFadden, Wyo., probably perished in the mountain wilderness.

Big Game in Land Found Increasing

PORTLAND, June 17.—(AP)—More than five big game animals, on the average, roam every square mile of territory in the nation's national forests, the forest service reported today.

In other words, the winter survey disclosed, there are 1,842,000 big game animals in the forests, compared with 1,740,000 reported for 1938.

The 1939 big game population more than triples that of 1934, when only 683,000 animals were found in the forests.

Japan Asks Britain To Quit Giving Aid To Chinese General

North China Army Commander States End of Pro-Chiang Attitude Is Blockade Price

TOKYO, June 17.—(AP)—The commander of Japan's north China army was quoted in Tientsin dispatches tonight as declaring that Britain's unconditional abandonment of her support of General Chiang Kai-Shek's Chinese government was Japan's price for settlement of the Tientsin crisis.

According to Domei, Japanese news agency, the commander told Japanese correspondents he had repelled efforts of British authorities to interview him since the blockade began. These efforts had been made both directly and through third powers, he said, "but I rejected them all because I could see no possible value in them."

Danzig Question May Rear Again

Hitler's Paper Says It Is Due to Become Live Issue

BERLIN, June 18.—(Sunday)—(AP)—In an editorial entitled "Danzig Comes to Life" Adolf Hitler's newspaper Voelkischer Beobachter intimated today that the Danzig question may become a live issue soon.

The newspaper vigorously emphasized the same thought as that expressed last night at Danzig by Propaganda Minister Paul Joseph Goebbels in an section of an impromptu speech.

Goebbels recalled that in a reichstag address April 28, Hitler said: "Danzig is German," and then observed pointedly that "it is not the habit of Hitler to utter empty words."

Voelkischer Beobachter said: "But today a messenger of the fuhrer, Dr. Goebbels, repeated word for word the declaration of the fuhrer. Today Danzig shows that now and forever it does not stand alone, and that it will obtain justice—come what may. That is the historic significance of June 17."

There was no indication that any American action was imminent, either could back down a matter in Tientsin, heard yesterday in official quarters, subsided.

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Shanghai Trouble With Japan Looms

Soldiers Attempt Taking Over Police Station From British

SHANGHAI, June 17.—(AP)—British troops threw a barbed wire barricade around a closed police station within their defense sector tonight and established a military guard over the property after a Japanese attempt to occupy it precipitated a tense incident.

The station is within Chinese territory but adjoining a roadway over which international settlement authorities exercise authority. The British ousted a detachment of Chinese members of the Japanese-dominated Tatato police last month from the station and named shut its doors.

Japanese soldiers, with a squad of Chinese police, suddenly appeared today to take possession. The Chinese decamped when British dashed to the scene but the Japanese stayed for a sharp exchange of words before withdrawing.

Tension subsided, at least temporarily, but a Japanese military spokesman declared "the minute the British withdraw we will return. They will have to keep a guard there for a long time."

Meanwhile, after weeks comparatively free of terrorist activity, lawless bands figured in three outbreaks of disorder.

A gang of terrorists hurled two bombs into the office of a British-owned Chinese-language newspaper today.

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Snow Falls at Crater

MEDFORD, June 17.—(AP)—Eight inches of snow, a three-day fall, they were only 500,000 tons, whereas in 1937 they rose to 8,901,202 tons and in 1938 were 1,301,901.

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Quota Plan may Shut Down On Shipment of Scrap Iron

WASHINGTON, June 17.—(AP)—Government officials, an informed source said today, have worked out a proposed quota system for exports of scrap iron and steel which would drastically restrict Japan's purchases here of metals vitally necessary in manufacturing munitions.

The system, which may be recommended to congress shortly, would have the effect of cutting Japan's purchases of the metals to perhaps one-third of their present volume while not mentioning Japan, or, ostensibly, being aimed at any particular nation.

The plea goes like this: The total shipment of American scrap iron and steel to all purchasers has been computed over several periods embracing a number of years (10 is the figure most frequently mentioned) and the yearly average taken. New Japan's huge purchases of

"This is no mere local issue," he continued. "It will never be settled until Britain drops her pro-Chiang policy."

(The commander's name was withheld in the dispatches, but General Yen Sugiyan, ex-minister of war, was named commander in north China last December and no replacement has been announced.)

Tokyo Approves
General's Stand
The Tokyo cabinet yesterday approved the stand of the north China commander on the blockade of the British and French concessions in Tientsin, in effect vesting with him full powers to handle the crisis.

The commander said delivery of the four Chinese held by the British would not be enough now to settle the dispute. Rejection of a Japanese demand for surrender of the four, charged with killing a local official, brought on the blockade.

"The crux of the question is whether Britain is ready to make unqualified revision of her China policy," the commander said.

Domei quoted the commander as saying Britain would need cessation of the United States to make any economic repairs against Japan effective but such cooperation was "extremely doubtful."

In Tokyo, the British ambassador, Sir Robert L. Craigie, called on the American chargé d'affaires, Eugene H. Dorman, to discuss the Tientsin situation but the talk was described as merely an exchange of information.

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Miner Is Crushed In "Bootleg" Hole

SHEENSOAH, Pa., June 17.—(AP)—The crushed body of Joseph Majewski was found tonight in the bottom of a "bootleg" coal hole by fellow miners after they dug through rock and debris for 12 hours to reach him.

Majewski was the 26th miner to die in an anniversary in the crude workings managed by free-lancers in the lower anthracite belt of Pennsylvania.

The 45-year-old miner was entombed this morning while driving a new heading 35 feet underground.

William Shimkus, working 80 feet away, escaped without injury. Majewski's muffled voice came faintly through the debris a moment after the sudden slide, Shimkus said, but then was heard no more.

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