

Frightened Kidnaper Gives Up Marcus Baby

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Lightner 'Pinch Hits' Way Into World Series 'Opener'

(Editor's note: Statesman sports editor Al Lightner is attending the World Series. He will send his comments on the games and other odds and ends daily to The Statesman.)

By AL LIGHTNER
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YANKEE STADIUM, New York City—(Special)—We came back here not only to see the World Series, but also to send home odds and ends for readers. Items that may not be included in either the radioed or TV'd accounts of the classic. The Yankees won 6-5 Wednesday.

Our first effort was almost a complete flop, and were it not for the equipment manager of the New York Football Giants, one Joe Pugni, we would have failed miserably on both counts. Tickets missing.

We supposedly had press reservations intact and waiting for us. They weren't, and when we asked for them the gentlemen in charge here looked upon us with awe. We just didn't look enough like an Indian to convince them we were from the West.

We were on the outside looking in just before game time when Pugni, who was in Salem with the Giants footballers for their training period, happened by. He had two tickets to Giants president Jack Mara's stadium box; so our troubles were over. Famous Names

We had a \$10 seat for free, and it was quite a seat. Immediately in front of us was Roy Rogers, whose rodeo show is playing here at Madison Square Garden. Toots Shor, the famous restaurateur here was right behind us and newlyweds Eddie Fisher and Debbie Reynolds were within spitting distance. Ford Frick, high Poo-Bah (high commissioner) of baseball, kept getting in the way, also.

Having just as much rubber in our neck as the next guy, it was hard to concentrate on the ball game, spectacular as it was. (Al Lightner's comments on the game appear on today's sports pages.)

Yankee Substitute Leads Way to 6-5 Win Over Dodgers

YANKEE STADIUM, New York (AP)—A New York Yankee substitute led his mates to a 6-5 victory over the Brooklyn Dodgers here Wednesday in the first game of the 1955 World Series. Joe Collins, utility first baseman, smashed two home runs, one in the fourth inning, the other in the sixth, to break the Dodgers' backs. Brooklyn's Duke Snider, and Carl Furillo also hit home runs.

Winning pitcher was Whitey Ford; losing hurler, Don Newcombe. Thursday, the Dodgers expect to start Billy Loes as pitcher. Manager Casey Stengel of the Yankees has announced that he will counter with Tommy Byrne. The weathermen forecast sunny weather for the second series game.

(Additional details and pictures on sports pages.)

Light Ballot Okehs Albany Sewer Bonds

ALBANY—This city's \$500,000 sewer bond issue passed at a Wednesday special election which drew only 455 voters. A total of 278 voted in favor of the measure and 177 were against, according to unofficial returns. The measure had been placed on the ballot as a means of improving sewer facilities and extending them into the fringe areas of Albany, including the newly annexed Lake Grove addition. An expanded program, now possible with passage of the measure, would probably include an industrial area to the south of the city.

State Forest Lands Opened

All state and private forests will be open to entry without permits today except for lands protected by the Klamath Forest Protective Association. In the Klamath district, there still are a few small fires. The state forestry department announced that at midnight Wednesday, it was opening these areas to entry without permits: Linn County, Eastern Lane County, and parts of Crook, Wheeler and Deschutes Counties. All forest areas of Clackamas and Marion Counties were cleared of entry closures Wednesday. The U. S. Forest Service still maintains closures in the High Cascades and the Silver Lake area in eastern Oregon.

COPTER MAKES POLE FLIGHT

LONDON (AP)—Moscow radio reported Wednesday that a new Soviet helicopter labeled the M14 has made a 5,000-mile test flight from Moscow to the north pole. The broadcast gave no details of the exploit.

Annual Kids Day Parade To Draw 600 Youngsters

More than 600 children are expected to compete for radios, cameras and theater tickets in Salem Saturday in the fifth annual Kids Day parade sponsored by the Salem Kiwanis Club. In recent years the parade has brought out 600 to 700 entries and the number is expected to be about the same this year. Dr. Hay Pinson, general chairman, said. Judging will start at 9:30 a. m. on the Capitol Mall. The parade is to start at 10:30. From the mall the route is west on Commercial street to High, south on High to Court, and east on Court to the Capitol steps, where prizes will be presented. A team of Kiwanians under the chairmanship of Dr. Henry E. Morris will do the judging. Prizes will be awarded in each of five divisions—boys' costumes, girls' costumes, boys' decorated bicycles, girls' decorated bicycles, and pets. First prize in each division is to be a radio; second prize, a brownie camera; and several theater tickets in each division for honorable mention. Four bands will provide music. They are the North Salem High School band, South Salem High School band, Leslie Junior High School band, and Parrish Junior High School band. The Rev. George H. Swift, pastor of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, will give an invocation before the parade. Bill Ross of radio station KSLM will be master of ceremonies. The parade is in observance of National Kids Day sponsored by Kiwanis clubs throughout the country. A preliminary event in Salem was a picture contest for elementary school students in which winners were announced Sunday.

San Francisco Family Happily Reunited



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STOCKTON, Calif.—The persistent investigation of Deputy Sheriff Osvaldo Vannucci helped bring about Mrs. Betty Benedicto's decision to return little Robert Marcus to his parents. (AP Wirephoto).

Dread Illness Claims Last Of 4 Brothers

OTTAWA, Ill. (AP)—Muscular dystrophy—the dread, mysterious affliction that in effect turns muscle to fat—has claimed the life of the last of the four Herlihy brothers. Robert, 21, died Tuesday night in Hyburn Memorial Hospital, Jemore Jr., 27, died March 22, Daniel, 20, died June 26, 1953. The first victim, Charron, 18, died Dec. 28, 1948. The parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Herlihy, now have only one living child, Patricia, 13, an eighth grade pupil in St. Patrick's parochial grade school who has escaped the affliction. In each case, the disease first struck when the boys were between 6 and 7 years old. The first sign was lack of muscular control. They fell easily at play. Next came the wheel chair and finally, bed.

OCE Enrollment Sets New Record

MONMOUTH—Enrollment figures at Oregon College of Education through Wednesday set a new record. Officials announced that 700 students had registered for the fall term. It was the highest enrollment figure in a regular session for 25 years and also was the highest since OCE became a degree-granting institution.

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Portland Police Seek Mother of Abandoned Tots

PORTLAND (AP)—A call for an ambulance started a police search Wednesday for a 19-year-old mother. A police officer answering a woman's telephoned request for an ambulance found only two small children. A pair of notes indicated the woman planned to take her own life. The police report said the notes apparently were written by the children's mother, Mrs. Shirley Bunnell. One note gave instructions for care of the children; the other told of her poor health and warned police not to try to find her. The children, both girls, were placed in a nursery. One is five months old, the other two years.

Young Driver, 15, Dies in Smashup

WARM SPRINGS (AP)—Patty Joy Duhij, 15, of Bend, died when her car she was driving left the road on a curve near Warm Springs Tuesday night, and two young companions were hurt. State police and Warm Springs Indian Agency officials attributed the accident to "too much speed."

Aeronautics Building Bids Top Estimate

Seven bids, all in excess of the \$25,000 authorized for the project, were opened Wednesday for a new State Board of Aeronautics building at McNary Field. Board Director Earl Snyder said the board would consider the bids and try either to pare the project down to the \$25,000 figure or ask the emergency board for the additional funds. Low bid, nearly \$3,000 above the ceiling set by the legislature, was offered by Mills Construction Co., Salem.

Clouds, Rain on Weather Menu

Cloudiness and at least a scattering of rain will continue to be the weather menu for the Salem area today and Friday, weathermen at McNary Field reported. Cloudiness on Wednesday produced a trace of rain and prediction for the next two days is scattered light showers. Temperatures will remain about the same, with an expected high of 65 today and a night-time minimum of 45.

Death Toll Feared 200 on Yucatan in Wake of Janet

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Hurricane Janet killed an estimated 200 persons on the Yucatan Peninsula and neared the Mexican coast between Veracruz and Tuxpan late Wednesday night with winds of 125 miles an hour. The New Orleans Weather Bureau said the deadly storm was moving west-northwestward about 10 miles an hour and possibly increasing its power. The center was expected to reach the eastern coast of Southern Mexico early Thursday. Dangerously high tides were expected from Vera Cruz to Tampico, about 250 miles up the coast. Rough seas were expected along the coast as far north as Port O'Connor, Tex. First reports from Chetumal, capital of Quintana Roo territory in Yucatan, indicated that the storm left only one building standing in the town of 20,000. The death estimate came from a spokesman for President Adolfo Ruiz Cortines of Mexico. The spokesman said the number of persons injured on the peninsula might run to several thousands. As he spoke the season's tenth and most deadly hurricane spun across the Gulf of Campeche for the Mexican coast between Vera Cruz and Tuxpan. Tuxpan is about 75 miles south of Tampico, where hurricane Hilda caused floods that drowned more than 300 persons nine days ago. At that time Tampico was struggling from under the debris of floods touched off by hurricane Gladys two weeks earlier.

Tearful Woman Collapses, Sent To Mental Ward

Housewife 'Just Had to Have Baby'; Inquisitive Deputy Spots Kidnaper

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—A childless housewife who "just had to have a baby" remorsefully surrendered Robert Marcus to a priest in Stockton early Wednesday, nine days after the newborn boy was kidnaped in San Francisco.

Recovery of the healthy baby, now 11 days old, ended a nation-wide hunt.

Dr. Sanford Marcus, 34, and his wife, Hanna, 29, sped in a police car the 82 miles to Stockton from San Francisco in 75 minutes for a joyful reunion with their son. Frightened by the earlier questioning of a sharp-eyed deputy sheriff, Mrs. Betty Jean Benedicto, 27, plump and blonde, decided to give up the baby she had so carefully tended while police and the FBI hunted him from California to New York.

Police were closing in on Mrs. Benedicto when she stepped to a telephone in Stockton, called the anxious Dr. Marcus, told him the infant was safe and that she was leaving it at St. Mary's Church in Stockton.

Father Alan McCoy of St. Mary's answered his doorbell at the rectory and found Mrs. Benedicto standing before him, the baby cradled in her arms.

The hour was 1:15 a.m. Mrs. Benedicto was crying. Phone Call Made

Father McCoy was expecting her, for Dr. Marcus had phoned him from San Francisco.

Baby Marcus slept through it all. He was taken to the emergency ward of Stockton's St. Joseph Hospital, where Dr. Marcus, helpless and haggard, and his fear-worn wife were reunited with him.

Dr. Marcus said it took "only a few seconds" to "become at least 99 per cent sure" that the child was his son, stolen from San Francisco's Mt. Zion Hospital Sept. 19.

Mrs. Benedicto, tearfully repentant, was brought to San Francisco where Dist. Atty. Thomas C. Lynch said he would ask the grand jury to indict her on a kidnaping charge.

Unconscious Taken first to women's prison, she later was transferred unconscious — but under guard — to the psychopathic ward at San Francisco Hospital after she collapsed during questioning.

Police quoted her as saying, "He was so sweet—so sweet. I had no right to him, I know, but I had to have him. I loved him. He was such a sweet little boy."

District Attorney Bradford Crittenden of Stockton said the plump woman sobbed constantly as she told of playing an elaborate game of deception upon her husband.

"I just had to have a baby, I had to have a baby!" he quoted her as saying.

Ex-Publisher She said she was married last October to Marcus Benedicto, 32, who had published a Filipino newspaper at Stockton until it closed last December. He is a Filipino; she, caucasian.

She said that because of a caesarean operation she had been told she never could have a baby. When she began to take on weight "my friends teased me and said they thought I was pregnant."

Mrs. Benedicto told her husband she was pregnant, went to Riverside in Southern California to her mother, dieted, then returned and told her husband the baby had been born but was ill and in a hospital.

Then, she said, she went to Mt. Zion Hospital, looked in the nursery window at the new-born babies and took baby Robert Marcus because his name was similar to her husband's.

Bought Toys, Clothes Back home, Benedicto welcomed the baby, thinking it was his own. He bought it toys and clothes. His wife cared for it while she listened to frantic radio and television pleas that it be returned.

Then Tuesday night she took the baby to a boxing match, where Deputy Sheriff Osvaldo J. Vannucci spotted her seated with another woman. She fitted broadcast descriptions.

"I went over to them," he related, "and the first thing she said to me was, 'I know what you want — you think I'm the woman who took the baby from the hospital.'"

Showa Certificate Mrs. Benedicto showed Vannucci a birth certificate from a hospital in Lynwood, near Los Angeles. Vannucci let her go. Still suspicious, he checked the Lynwood hospital, found no baby by the name of Benedicto had been born there. Then the hunt was on.

Frightened, Mrs. Benedicto telephoned Dr. Marcus, then took the baby to the church. Meanwhile, Vannucci talked to Benedicto, who said until then he thought the baby was his own.

"I'm sorry for that woman," Mrs. Marcus said. "She must be sick. I'm glad she took such excellent care of my boy and brought him back."

Stanley Heads State Engineers DENVER (AP)—Lewis A. Stanley, Oregon State Engineer, was elected president of the association of western state engineers Wednesday at the organization's 28th annual convention. Association members from 15 western states attended the conference here.

Remorseful



SAN FRANCISCO—Mrs. Betty Benedicto sheds tears of remorse while being questioned after she gave up little Robert Marcus, who had been kidnaped nine days earlier. (AP Wirephoto).



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Stock Market Gains Again

NEW YORK (AP)—A strengthening stock market Wednesday regained more of the ground lost in Monday's frantic retreat. Gains in key stocks ran from \$1 to \$5, closing a bit below their best for the day which ran to \$6.

Ahead from the start, prices were kicked even higher by a strong rally in early afternoon.

The ticker tape, which normally reports transactions within seconds, fell behind for more than an hour and at one point was 3 minutes late.

The quoted value of stocks listed on the New York Stock Exchange regained an estimated 2 1/2 billion dollars today. This added to yesterday's recovery of 3 1/2 billion dollars, made the two days' advances a total of 5 1/2 billion of the nearly 13 billion lost estimated for Monday.

(Additional market news on page 8, sec. 2.)

U. S. TROOPS LEAVE AUSTRIA

BRENNERO, Italy (AP)—American fighting men begin pulling out of Austria shortly after dawn Thursday.

The Weather

	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	44	48	trace
Portland	41	45	0.01
Baker	36	41	0.01
Medford	31	32	trace
North Bend	32	37	0.01
Roseburg	37	40	0.01
San Francisco	60	53	trace
Los Angeles	74	55	0.01
Chicago	70	53	0.01

Willamette River - 2.1 feet.
FORECAST (from U. S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Partly cloudy with scattered light showers today, tonight and Friday; little temperature change, with high today near 60, low tonight near 45. Temperature at 12:01 a.m. today was 48.

SALEM PRECIPITATION Since Start of Weather Year Sept. 1 This Year Last Year Normal 2.30 1.38 1.50

Dionne Quint Resumes Life In Convent

QUEBEC, (AP)—Marie Dionne, one of Canada's famed quintuplets who left a convent last year to return to her family, has gone back to the religious order. Marie, 21, returned to the Convent of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament here Sept. 12. She originally entered the order Nov. 3, 1933, and served six months as a postulant before being elevated to the rank of novice.

Poor health, loss of appetite and extreme homesickness were given as the reasons for her return home. She must remain a novice two years if she is to be received permanently into the order. One of her famed sisters, Emille, died Aug. 6, 1954.

ANIMAL CRACKERS

BY WARREN GOODRICH