

Watch Purses - Engel's Out

CHICAGO (AP)—Hide your bankbooks, Indies. Sigmund "Sam" Engel is loose again. Engel is the 73-year-old wooer of well-to-do widows who frequently eloped with their fortunes but not with them. He estimated his take has run into millions.

Wednesday Federal Judge Elwyn R. Shaw removed the last barrier between Engel and freedom when he temporarily reduced a \$10,000 bond to \$100 cash. He had been held in jail, unable to make bond, since

summer when he was nabbed in a woman-baited police trap. After his release, his first thought was of love. He placed a long distance call—collect—to Mrs. Pauline Langton of New York. He says she is his real wife—"the Cleopatra to his Marc Anthony." She has said she married Engel last June 14.

When there was no answer, Engel, sent this telegram. "My dear wife, I called you at 1 p. m. You was (sic) not home. Stay home. Marc."

Surgeons Find Test to Tell Of Blood Clots

New Chemical Possibly Can Head Off Danger

By Frank Carey
AP Science Writer

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—A team of Tulane University surgeons Thursday suggested the possibility of heading off potentially-fatal blood clots by means of a "relatively simple" laboratory test.

They said the test offered promise of predicting, with a great deal of certainty, which patients there is some hope that the administration of a chemical that is naturally present in blood may help prevent the formation of clots.

Clots Dangerous
(Clots are dangerous for two reasons. If they get big enough, they can provide a blocking dam in a blood vessel, thus impeding the flow of blood, the body's river of life. And sometimes a big clot breaks loose in the blood stream. If it reaches a vital area, like the lung, it can cause death.)

The Tulane surgeons also said that there's been an increase in the number of cases of, and deaths from, blood clots of the veins in recent years.

Doctors Alton Ochsner, Michael E. DeBakey and Paul T. DeCamp made the report to the 13th Congress of the International Society of Surgery.

They gave this background to explain their suggestion concerning a laboratory test that might detect the likelihood of clot formation:

They said studies had suggested that clotting in blood vessels may be due to a disbalance between blood substances that tend to make blood coagulate and those that tend to keep it fluid.

Chemical Test
The surgeons further related their studies had indicated that apparently a chemical called "alpha tocopherol phosphate"—a normal constituent of blood—is at least one of the factors responsible for preventing clot formation.

"This chemical, they said, could be given by mouth to patients believed likely to have a clot.

Army Engineers Defend Columbia Dam System

ASTORIA (AP)—Army Engineers who construct the Columbia River dams are attempting to assure the fishing industry the region can have both salmon and hydro-power development.

Earlier, spokesmen for the fish industries and fish commissions of Washington and Oregon warned that more dams will doom the Columbia salmon runs. They added that the 10-year \$20 million program aimed at rehabilitating the Lower Columbia tributaries for spawning grounds was behind schedule and also inadequate.

Dizzy Spending Speeds Nation Into Red Year

WASHINGTON (AP)—The 15th week of the new fiscal year ends Thursday with government spending at a dizzy rate which assures a whopping deficit.

Government has cost the taxpayers more than \$12 billion in the past 15 weeks. The treasury is about \$2 billion in the red for the fiscal year so far, despite the labor of taxpayers who are paying a greater sum into the treasury in this fiscal year than in the corresponding period a year ago.

The startling and significant fact emerging from the treasury's daily statement of its operations is not the big deficit figure, however. The block buster is the fact that expenditures so far in this fiscal year already are about \$2,500,000,000 greater than for the corresponding period in 1948.

Spawners Bag Poachers Before They Get Bag

PORT ORD, Cal. (AP)—Poachers are having a rough time doing any hunting on this sprawling military reservation.

The range patrol with their rough riding jeeps have added light planes to their squad. The pilots spot the hunters almost as soon as they enter the reservation and radio their location to the ground squad. Arrest usually follows in minutes.

Col. William Whipple, Walls Walla district engineer, said the engineers expect to spend \$14 million on fishways at McNary Dam. Referring to dams projected for the Snake, Whipple said large sums would not be spent for fish protection if "we didn't believe we could maintain those runs." This was in response to the fishermen's claim that the runs could not be saved in the Snake if the dams are built.

S. J. Hutchinson, assistant regional director of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, said delay in congressional appropriations had slowed the Lower Columbia project. He said only \$2,170,000 has been approved by the Budget Bureau. He admitted the work is behind schedule.

Spotters Bag Poachers Before They Get Bag

The subject was thrashed out before a Columbia Basin inter-agency committee hearing on the fisheries topic.

U. S. Power Commissioner Lester S. Wing, San Francisco, said the government "probably can authorize" the controversial Cowlitz and Deschutes Rivers dams. Wing said the commission has not yet ruled on whether the federal agency has jurisdiction.

The Cowlitz Dam, sought by the city of Tacoma, was refused by the last Washington Legislature. The Deschutes Dam is a private hydro-power proposal. The fishermen are opposed to both, claiming the dams would block Lower Columbia spawning tributaries.

Washington State Fisheries Director Alvin Anderson suggested the government go ahead with existing dams but postpone work on those not already underway.

Police Question Known Gambler

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Police Thursday questioned a well-known Las Vegas gambler about the mysterious disappearance of Showgirl Jean Spangler and Socialite Mimi Boomhower.

Thomas E. (Vegas Tom) Evans, 49-year-old club operator, was arrested on a Hollywood street corner Wednesday night on suspicion of robbery. Police Capt. Jack Donahoe said he would be questioned about both women.

Shirley Temple Asks Divorce

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—Shirley Temple's marriage is on the rocks, her attorney announced Thursday. The 21-year-old actress and John Agar have separated, Attorney George Stahlman said, and he is drawing up divorce papers. He said the grounds have not been determined.

A close friend, however, said she probably will charge mental cruelty.

"There is no career trouble," the friend said.

The blonde one-time child star, who in recent years has made a comeback as an adult, married Agar, also an actor, Sept. 19, 1945. Their daughter, Linda, was born Jan. 30, 1948.

Foresters Get Fire Report

SEATTLE (AP)—Close to 800 delegates from all over the country are discussing forest and lumbering problems here at the convention of the Society of American Foresters.

They divided into eight division sessions for discussion of various phases of the industry.

The program is highlighted by a forest products meeting. Subjects covered in discussions ranged over re-logging, utilization of low grade Douglas fir and progress of production of pulp, chemical and board products.

Arthur W. Prialux, public relations representative of the West Coast Lumbermen's Assn., Portland, hailed the Keep Oregon Green and Keep Washington Green programs as outstanding forward strides in fire prevention.

He cited the 1949 man-made fire record as proof of program gains.

"Even in the face of one of the worst potential fire years in three decades," he said, "the number of man-caused blazes (in Oregon) is still only half what it was during the 1930's."

He said the record was made in the face of increased logging, expanded slash areas and quadrupled forest travel.

Cross Cow with Buffalo To Get 'Brahmolo'

BELLE FOURCHE, S. D. (AP)—Ranchers Pete Rosander, Marion Wilson and Hank Thompson believe they have started a new strain of cattle which will be as hardy as the buffalo and as tasty as choice beef.

It's a "brahmolo," a cross between a brahma cow and a buffalo bull.

It looks like a regular calf except for fur instead of hair, and its grunt and lope are bison-like. The big question is whether the "brahmolos" will reproduce.

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But Curly "Knows" What The Score Is

Was over at Doc Sherman's drug store listening to the World Series on the radio. Curly Lawson wanders in and says: "How about a chocolate malted, Doc?"

"Sorry, Curly," says Doc, "can't make you a malted for a while yet." "What's the idea?" Curly asks. "Well," says Doc, "most of the folks want to hear the game and the mixer makes too much noise." Curly thinks a moment and says, "Okay with me, Doc—I'll take a chocolate soda!"

This shows how tolerant folks can be. Doc showed his respect for

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