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with some cloudiness tonight and Friday, warmer tonight. Gentle variable winds.
Local: max. 69; min. 50; rain 0; river 3.5 feet; part clear; west wind

SMOOK ADMITS MURDER OF GIRL

MAN HUNT FOR ESCAPED TEXAS PRISONERS ON

Three Guards at Prison Farm Kidnaped and Barracks Unlocked

Five Recaptured Early, Balance Scatter Along Brazos River Bottoms

Brazoria, Tex. (AP)—Twenty-nine of the 43 convicts who kidnaped three guards and escaped from the Clemons prison farm here Thursday were still at large this afternoon.

Five were captured shortly after the break, two of them being shot, seven were taken near Retrieve farm, east of here, and two were taken into custody near Sweeney.

Brazoria, Tex. (AP)—Five of the 43 convicts who kidnaped three guards and escaped at the Clemons state prison farm, early Thursday, had been recaptured at noon.

Two of them were shot by a cattle man who had been aroused by a negro whose car had been confiscated by the convicts. They were not badly hurt and were returned to the prison farm.

Posses with bloodhounds were ranging through the Brazos bottom lands Thursday afternoon, on the trail of the fugitives.

Brazoria, Tex. (AP)—Forty four convicts kidnaped three guards at the Clemons state prison farm near here early Thursday and escaped.

A few hours later three of them had been recaptured, two of them after they had been shot by a cattleman living in this vicinity of the farm. The others are believed to be at large.

FIRE THREATENS OIL TANKS NEAR STATE SCHOOL

The screech of fire truck sirens and clouds of black smoke rolling skyward drew a crowd of several hundred people to the oil storage plant of the Williams Oil & Bureau company in North Salem, just south and west of the state school for the deaf at 1:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon.

As near as the firemen could determine the blaze started from a flame under a boiler used to heat the oil in pumping it from the tank cars into the storage tanks, or from the tanks into the tank trucks. The attendant, firemen reported, had just lit the fire under the boiler and went out to turn the flow of oil on. When he returned to the pump house it was a mass of flames.

The damage was confined to the pump house.

The plant is operated by the Capital City Transfer Co.

HELD IN SLAVERY ON PLANTATION

Athens, Ga. (AP)—W. D. Arnold, owner of a peanut plantation, was held under \$10,000 bond on peonage charges here Thursday, after Claude King, 28, father of four children, had told officers an amazing story of being held several years on Arnold's plantation, virtually as a slave.

King declared that on one occasion, he ran away from the plantation and tried to arrange for the escape of his family. He was caught by two negroes in Arnold's employ, according to his story, brought back to the plantation and beaten with a strap for punishment.

King and three of the plantation negroes are held as material witnesses, said Vanover, one of the negroes, said he was flogged by a white man while Arnold held a gun upon him.

GENERAL PETAIN ELECTED TO ACADEMY

Paris. (AP)—Marshall Henri Philippe Petain, commander-in-chief of the French armies in 1917, was elected Thursday to the French academy by unanimous vote.

His election among the immortals fills the gap in military representation in the academy caused by the death of Marshall Foch. Marshal Petain will occupy the chair of Marshal Foch.

Good Evening!

DON UPJOHN OFFERS Sigs for Supper

We notice they have spinal meningitis in jail in Portland. Now if he can only be kept there.

When the call went out for every visitor to take something to the luncheon at the Scotch picnic our old friend John Marr decided to take his brother, according to advice we have from Damon, the food peddler.

The Rev. Stover spoke to the local Lions recently on "The Human Atmosphere." It seems that the old halloo question will not down.

We understand a rush has started on local hardware stores for 300 foot tape lines, so a man will know how far to move his car under the new downtown parking ordinance.

Under the new plan business is already stagnated, as now a man must rush out every hour, and drive his car around the block before going back and completing his purchase while under the old system he could move it a couple of feet. All this takes time and energy and is exasperating to the clerks.

Us and Roy Burton almost had a smashup this morning, starting our cars around the block together and both trying to make for the same parking hole a block away.

Mayor Tom Lively would have made a hole in one out at the golf course yesterday if he hadn't made it in two.

Only 5200 bales of hops left in the state, boys. Better hurry up and buy your bale now if you want to get on another batch before hop picking time.

Leave it to us to be always boosting our home industries.

Now that Mrs. Hoover has served tea to the wife of a colored congressman no doubt the south will swing back solid for the democrats at next election.

Perhaps Charlie McNary will refuse to cut his Commercial street wild out crop to keep the market stabilized.

BOULDER DAM ORDER EXPECTED

Washington (AP)—Information at the White House Thursday indicated President Hoover Friday would issue the necessary order to place the Swing-Johnson Boulder Canyon dam act in full effect.

Under terms of the act a six months' period was provided to permit negotiations with a view of Colorado river basin states forming a seven-state compact.

This time will expire Friday. No agreement has been reached and the law now provides that the states may proceed with a view of establishing a six-state compact.

Arizona has been the dissenting state. Recent conferences in Washington failed to work out a plan acceptable to it.

400 CANDIDATES FOR FARM BOARD

Washington (AP)—More than 400 names have been submitted to President Hoover for the eight places on the federal farm board. Some members of congress have suggested as many as four names each, while large numbers have been received from farm organizations and individuals.

The president is giving consideration to all and he has arranged to take Secretary Hyde to Virginia for a week end fishing trip to discuss the situation.

Heflin, Jr., Denies Use of Drugs Caused Crash; Was Drinking

Washington (UP)—James Thomas Heflin, Jr., son of the democratic senator from Alabama, denied to the United Press Thursday he had used narcotics as charged by Washington police. Heflin, waiting in the bondsman's office to be called next door to police court to face the charge, said:

"I drank about a pint of grain alcohol mixed with two parts of ginger ale at a party with some boys and girls in an apartment Wednesday and that's all that was wrong with me when I ran into a

RECESS TAKEN BOTH HOUSES OF CONGRESS

Only Senate Finance Committee Handling Tariff on Guard

Vigorous Debate on Prohibition and Debenture Closes Special Session

Washington (AP)—The Senate finance committee stood guard in the heat of a Washington summer at the deserted capitol Thursday to toll over the mass of figures involved in the pending tariff measure while the other members of congress enjoy a vacation.

For two months the committee with hear witnesses and work over the voluminous tariff measure passed by the house and then the senate will return—August 19—to begin consideration of this last recommendation of President Hoover, remaining to be acted upon at the special session.

The recess was taken last night after a day of vigorous debate in the senate revolving principally about prohibition and a few hours of discussion in the house over the administration proposal to postpone the maturity date of the \$400,000 French war supplies debt. The latter was approved by both chambers before adjournment.

The senate prohibition debate hinged on the resolution of Senator Jones, republican, Washington, proposing appointment of a joint congressional committee, as requested.

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YOUTHS FOUND DEAD IN AUTO; KILLED BY GAS

Klamath Falls, Ore. (AP)—Milford McMillan, 21, and James Parkinson, 21, were found dead Thursday in the back seat of their sedan. Physicians who examined the bodies said the youths were victims of carbon monoxide gas. The engine of the car was running when the pair was found.

The weather was unseasonably cold last night and the two men apparently decided to close the windows of the car and leave the motor running to obtain warmth. The poisonous fumes from the engine overcame them as they slept.

McMillan operated a trucking business in the Bly region and was prominently identified with the logging industry. The couple had come to Klamath Falls to attend a carnival. About 2 a.m. they drove up to Bunnell's auto camp ground and stopped. It is thought they intended to have a short sleep before starting out on the long drive to Bly.

PAY \$4000 FOR SHOTS ON SUSPICION

Noblesville, Ind. (AP)—Firing at three men they thought were rum runners, cost Charles Gooding, former sheriff, and his deputies \$4,000.

The money was paid as damages to the three men wounded by the officers. Harry Butterworth received \$2,000 and Herbert Newlin and Wendall Hesong \$1,000 each. Hesong now is serving a prison term for writing threatening letters to wealthy persons here.

Suits against the former officers were filed by the three men and settlement made out of court.

SINCLAIR LOSES \$200,000 DAMAGES

Denver, Colo. (AP)—Upton Sinclair, widely known socialist novelist, has lost the first case ever brought in a United States court where the subject of a biography based on a suit against a newspaper on a review of the book.

Sinclair sued the Rocky Mountain News of this city for \$200,000, claiming that its review of a book by Floyd Bell entitled "Upton Sinclair, a study in social protest," had injured him to that extent.

Mrs. Gann Wins Place at Head of Esme's Table

Washington (AP)—Mrs. Edward Everett Gann, the official vice-presidential hostess, whose social rank was displaced several weeks ago, Thursday night will be honored guest of the dean of the diplomatic corps.

She will be seated on the right of her host, Sir Esme Howard, the British ambassador. She will outrank diplomats, cabinet members and senators. Sir Esme has invited about 40 guests, in honor of Vice-President Curtis, Mrs. Gann and Mr. Gann, to the last entertainment at the embassy this summer.

A social secretary at the embassy said that the ambassador has not yet made known any decision as to where Mr. Gann shall be placed. Vice President Curtis will have the place of honor beside the hostess, Lady Isabella.

WEALTHIEST OF EX-BACHELORS DIES AT RESORT

Yonkers, N. Y. (AP)—Alexander Smith Cochran, chief owner of the Alexander Smith and Sons Carpet company, in Yonkers, died at 2 o'clock Thursday morning at Saranac lake, where he went last Friday to regain his health.

Mr. Cochran, once regarded as the richest bachelor in America, was a philanthropist and his benefactions were many. He was a yachting enthusiast and fifteen years ago built the Yachtie, a contender for the honors of racing. Sir Thomas Lipton's Shamrock. He was the husband of Ganna Walska, whom he divorced.

Mr. Cochran was about 53 years old. He had a residence in New York city, a winter home in California, and in 1916 purchased a million dollar estate in Colorado. In former years he spent much time in Europe, mostly in Paris.

Wide publicity came to Mr. Cochran through his short-lived romance with Ganna Walska, plish prima donna, who later became the wife of Harold P. McCormick of Chicago. Mr. Cochran and the singer were married secretly in Paris in 1920. The wedding was a great surprise on both sides of the Atlantic for Mr. Cochran, the former, "most eligible bachelor" had become known as a "confirmed bachelor."

In less than a year there were rumors that the romance had been shattered, with stories of prospective divorce suits by both. The proceedings finally were instituted by Mr. Cochran and he was granted a decree by the Paris courts in June, 1922. The grounds upon which the divorce was granted were not made known definitely, nor was the financial settlement made by Mr. Cochran to the singer.

RUM RUNNERS VESSEL SOUGHT

Windsor, Ont. (AP)—United States customs officials Thursday were seeking a gang of rum runners from east side Detroit whom they accuse of attacking a customs patrol boat No. 4104, off the downtown waterfront of Detroit Wednesday morning. Several shots struck the crew of the patrol boat but none of its crew was hit.

Running fight ensued as the customs men returned the fire and started in pursuit. The rum-runners, keeping up their fire, escaped into Canadian waters when the patrol boat abandoned the chase at the international line.

The rum boat was described as a mahogany-colored craft with a wide white stripe above the water line.

"This particular boat is the most dangerous on the river," Walter S. Petty, acting collector of customs at Detroit, said. "Once we have captured it a lot of our troubles will be over. We have enough men and our boats are fast enough to do that."

CONTRACTS LET FOR 162 PLANES

Washington (AP)—Contracts for 162 new airplanes for the army air corps, involving an expenditure of approximately \$5,000,000, were awarded Thursday by the war department.

Nineteen of the planes, of new pursuit type, were ordered from the Boeing Airplane company of Seattle, Wash.

Of the remaining 72 planes, 42 will be Curtiss observation planes and 28 will be Curtiss attack planes. Two others, bi-motored three-seat monoplanes of the observation type, will be manufactured by the Fokker company of Hatbrouck Heights, N. J. The remaining plane will be a two-seater pursuit type manufactured by the Berliner-Joyce Aircraft corporation of Baltimore.

SEVEREST HEAT WAVE IN YEARS SIZZLES LAND

From Coast to Coast, Except Northwest, Hottest June Weather

Fatal Electrical Storms Fail to Bring Relief—Many Prostrations

New York (AP)—From coast to coast, virtually the entire country Thursday continued in the grip of the severest June heat wave in years.

In the east, disastrous electrical storms that caused many deaths brought a drop of 20 degrees in temperature at some points but the mercury again began a steady climb.

On the Pacific coast, from San Francisco south, and in the middle west, the highest temperatures for June in years were experienced.

In New York the temperature rose to 92 degrees, the highest in the weather bureau's annals for the date, and but slight relief was afforded in the late afternoon by a brief thunder shower.

The electrical storm was especially severe in Pennsylvania, where lightning bolts killed four persons, put power lines out of commission and damaged barns and trees. Temperatures in the storm area dropped ten to twenty degrees but after a few hours started to rise again. At Reading the temperature dropped from 97 degrees to 85 but in the next two hours climbed again to 79.

The temperature at Newark, N. J., rose to 94 degrees. In upper (Concluded on page 11, column 7)

CHOLERA BREAKS OUT IN FLOOD STRICKEN INDIA

Sylhet, Assam, British India (AP)—Acute distress revealed today through the Sylhet and Cachar districts where flood waters were rising two feet daily and communication with the tea gardens was cut off.

The suddenness of the floods created a panic among the villagers living along the riversides, they being forced to abandon their crops and property and flee to the hills. The Dhalasia valley was flooded and at Bhanugach the trolley line was broken and a number of deaths were reported.

To add to the terrors of the flood cholera has broken out over an area of 5,500 square miles populated by 1,750,000 people. Thousands were starving in Karimanagar where an area of 1,068 square miles was affected and cholera was at its worst.

The resources of Sylhet were almost exhausted with its women making house to house collections and even servants contributing. The relief committee operating from ten centers needed as a minimum ten lakhs rupee (about \$3,000). Sir Lauris Hammond, governor of Assam, wired his personal contribution.

POCKET VETO KILLS 179 BILLS

Sacramento, Cal. (AP)—At the stroke of midnight Wednesday night Governor C. C. Young dropped his pen with the termination of the bill-signing period, after affixing his signature to 18 more bills, bringing the total for Wednesday to 40 and the number for the entire legislative session to 891.

When the time limit for acting upon the measure had passed Governor Young still had before him 179 bills which died by pocket veto. Among these were 53 senate bills and 126 which originated in the assembly. A total of 1106 bills were sent to the governor by the legislature, this number being one less than those submitted at the previous session. Governor Young signed 896 bills at the former bill-signing period, or seven more than were ratified this year.

LONE GRADUATE GETS CLASS HONORS

Lancaster, Mass. (AP)—The Lancaster high school class of 1929, consisting of John Samuel Gilmore, is to be graduated Thursday night in the town hall. Indications are for a capacity audience.

The occasion of John Samuel being the lone star of his class is due to the fact that all his former classmates are graduating from other high schools principally in Leominster and Clinton.

After an ovation by an orchestra, and invocation by a local pastor, John Samuel will read the class history. The Lancaster girls' glee club will then sing, after which Gilmore will read an essay on chemistry. Later he will present the class gift which will be accepted by the chairman of the school committee and then will be presented with his diploma.

The exercises will conclude with a reception by the full class membership, John Samuel Gilmore himself.

BISHOP CLEANED Gambling In Stocks IN BUCKET SHOP

New York (AP)—New York newspapers Thursday printed lengthy accounts of dealings in stocks by Bishop James Cannon, Jr., of the Methodist Episcopal church, south, leader of the anti-Smith forces in the democratic party and chairman of the Anti-Saloon league legislative committee at Washington.

The transactions were with the now bankrupt brokerage firm of Kable and Co., the officers of which are under indictment for using the mails to defraud. The firm's books indicate that between August 14, 1927, and April 30, 1928, Bishop Cannon with an investment of \$2,500 bought and sold stocks at prices running into five and six figures.

Had he closed his account before the firm's books were seized he would have made \$6,100.

So far he has made nothing and is out his \$2,500. The ledger shows purchase of \$158,254.92 and sales of \$66,000 in one month alone.

The World, which prints a facsimile of the ledger sheet carrying (Concluded on page 11, column 7)

IDAHO BANDITS GET STIFF TERMS FOR KIDNAPING

Lewiston, Idaho (AP)—Three men who pleaded guilty to abducting Lieutenant Governor W. E. Kinnear were sentenced to terms ranging from 10 to 15 years, and the fourth member of the gang, the "baby" was sentenced to serve one to 25 years.

District Judge Miles Johnson arranged the sentences so that the five members of the band, who confessed their part in the robbery and abduction of Kinnear and two other men, would not have a chance to "get together" again for a long time.

The sentences imposed follows: Albert Reynolds, 20, Metairie Falls, Wash., 12 1/2 to 25 years. Frank Lane, 21, Red Mound, Wis., 11 1/2 to 25 years. Englof Snyeland, 21, Toins, N. D., 10 to 25 years.

Robert Livingston, 18, Alabama, one to 25 years.

The fifth prisoner, George Norman, 37, Seattle, who was said by members of the band to have been their leader, although not involved directly in the kidnaping, was sentenced to serve one to two years as an accessory after the fact.

PIGEON HERO OF WAR DIES

Washington (AP)—Official information has been received by the war department from Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, telling of the death there of "President Wilson," one of the army's carrier pigeon heroes.

The report was of a formal character and was carefully filed in the archives with the bird's record in France, which shows that the pigeon was bred in France of unknown pedigree and was considered of great vitality and speed.

He saw his first service with the tank corps in 1918 and was later used in the Meuse-Argonne offensive. During intensive action November 5, 1918, he was liberated at Grand Pre with an important message. Twenty-five minutes later he arrived at his destination, twenty-five miles distant with one leg shattered, his breast pierced by a bullet, but the message still intact on a ligament of the torn leg.

The bird will be stuffed and mounted for display at Fort Monmouth.

MAY MEAVOX TO WED

Los Angeles, (AP)—Wedding bells will ring next Wednesday for May McAvoy, screen actress. She will be married to Maurice G. Cleary, investment broker, at the church of the Good Shepherd in Hollywood, the Rev. Michael P. Mullins, "movie chaplain," officiating.

Youth, Unaware That Brother Had Drowned Finds Body in River

Independence—The body of Patrick Henry Flyh, four years and six months, accidentally drowned in the slough north of here, was also accidentally recovered by a brother, Henry Flyh, 15, who discovered the remains while swimming and in ignorance of the little fellow's death.

The family, which is a large one, was engaged in the hopyards and working in two parties. Each thought the dead boy was with the other and his absence was not noted until evening. Unaware of the drowning, Henry Flyh went swimming in the slough and felt something, he first believed to be a sack or an animal, with his feet. Reaching into the water he brought up the body of his brother.

The Flyh family came to Independence from Lincoln county about three years ago and established themselves on the Elder farm north of Independence. Besides the parents there are surviving five brothers and one sister, Frank 17; Harry, 15; Rosa Belle, 13; James 11; Michael, 10 and Foster, two.

Funeral services will be held from the Keeney chapel Friday morning at 10 o'clock with interment in the I. O. O. F. cemetery.

CONFESSION OF KILLING MADE BY PROFESSOR

Accused College Prof Makes Damaging Admissions to Officers

Admits Killed Girl Because She Kept Begging for Cocaine

Columbus, Ohio (AP)—The Columbus Dispatch, in its final edition Thursday, says Dr. James H. Snook, deposed state university professor, has confessed to the murder of Theora Hix, co-ed in the college of medicine, whose body was found on the New York Central rifle range here last Friday.

The Columbus Citizen, in its final edition, says it is reliably understood that officials have in their possession a complete confession from Dr. Snook.

Columbus, Ohio (AP)—A corps of investigators continued hammering at Dr. James H. Snook Thursday, fessor, real clues to the killing of Theora Hix, co-ed in the college in the hope of gathering from the deposed Ohio State university promedical.

The din of questions began late yesterday. There was a brief respite for breakfast Thursday. Then the barrage was resumed with the be-spectacled Snook weakened and distraught and responding incoherently.

Miss Hix's mutilated body was found on the New York Central rifle range here last Friday. The following day, Dr. Snook, who admitted he occupied a northside "love nest" with her, was arrested.

Snook, according to investigators, has admitted he was with the girl Thursday night, the night she was killed; that he gave her a key to their room which later was found in his possession, and that on Friday he burned some of the girl's (Concluded on page 10, column 6)

TOM MIX LOSES CASH AND BONDS VALET IS HELD

Portsmouth, N. H. (AP)—Cal Frydendahl, valet of Tom Mix, motion picture actor, was arrested Thursday, after Mix had reported to the police that a bag containing cash and securities valued at \$75,000 had been stolen from a private car in which he is traveling with the Seils Photo circus.

The circus gave performances here Wednesday and Mix told the police that on returning to the car after the night show he discovered that the bag, which was hidden in a secret compartment under his berth was missing.

Frydendahl was arrested after an investigation and was held on suspicion. No trace of the missing bag or its contents was discovered. Mix told the police that the bag contained \$7,100 in cash and \$25,000 worth of Liberty bonds, \$35,000 in credit slips, \$4,000 in bankers checks and several thousand dollars worth of other securities. The motion picture actor said that a jewel case containing diamonds valued at \$65,000 was overlooked by the thieves.