

### AIRPORT TUBES URGED TO SPEED NATION'S MAIL

New York, (AP)—Two New York congressmen have planned to overcome the drag on the speed of air mail between the time it reaches the airport and arrives at the city post office.

They are Congressman Stephen A. Hudd and Congressman Emanuel Celler of Brooklyn. Representative Hudd has introduced a bill into congress authorizing the post office department to install and operate underground pneumatic mail tubes between Floyd Bennett Field and the Brooklyn General Post Office. Congressman Celler's bill provides for tubes between Grand Central airport and the main post office at Pennsylvania Station, Manhattan.

They will push these bills at the next session of congress, confident that if they go through, the mail tubes will prove self-liquidating projects as far as the government is concerned.

It is pointed out that it takes air mail longer to travel between the main post office in Boston and New York and the airports at which mail is received for these cities than it takes a fast plane to run from New York to Boston.

Air mail arriving at a Newark airport in the early afternoon cannot be delivered by carrier in New York City until the next morning, since the last carrier leaves the post office on his mail delivery routes at 2:15 p. m. The use of pneumatic tubes, proponents of these bills point out, would enable air mail to reach the post office in a few minutes after its arrival at an airport and catch a late delivery the same day.

### VETERANS UNITE TO FIGHT FOR BENEFITS

Washington, Sept. 21 (AP)—Unification of five major veterans' organizations behind a drive to repeal the national economy act and its cuts in former soldier benefits will be sought at a conference of national commanders here October 16. G. K. Brobeck, legislative representative of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, announced the call today on behalf of James E. Van Zandt, commander-in-chief of the organization.

Van Zandt, in a communication to leaders of the American Legion, Disabled Veterans of the World War, United Spanish War Veterans and Grand Army of the Republic, said:

"Harmonious agreement on a set of principles to be adopted by this conference will serve as a warning to anti-veteran forces and political autocrats that the veterans of this nation are again marching side by side—as in days of yore—determined for victory in behalf of a cause for which they are willing to fight with every ounce of energy at their command."

### SEVEN ARRESTED FOR O'CONNELL KIDNAPING

New York, Sept. 21 (AP)—Seven suspects in the kidnaping of Lieut. John J. O'Connell of Albany, member of a powerful political family, were captured today in three separate raids.

The raids were conducted almost simultaneously by New York detectives and department of justice agents in Mount Kisco, Bronx, and Manhattan.

Young O'Connell was kidnaped in Albany, seat of his family's political domain, on July 7. He was freed 23 days later after his uncle had paid \$40,000 ransom.

Manny Strew, intermediary in the ransom, is under arrest and, at Troy N. Y., today was denied freedom on bail pending trial.

Police sought to keep secret details of the raid and the names of the prisoners, indicating they considered the arrests of great importance in solution of the kidnaping.

**CAKES ARE OLD**  
Huntington, Vt. (AP)—Just as one might collect stamps or antiques, Fred Higley boasts a collection of ancient edibles—a maple sugar cake made in 1873, another in 1919, a piece of jelly cake made in 1872, and a cookie that was taken from the oven back in 1880.

### NEW COMMITTEE CONTROLS OIL INDUSTRY



Members of the new committee appointed by the President under the oil code to govern the petroleum industry were photographed as they met with Secretary Ickes, administrator, in Washington. Left to right, seated: C. F. Roesser, Fort Worth; M. L. Benedum, Pittsburgh; Secretary Ickes, James A. Moffett, New York and E. B. Reeser, Tulsa. Standing: W. T. Holliday, Cleveland; Howard Bennette, Tulsa; R. T. Zook, Bradford, Pa.; C. E. Arnett, New York; H. M. Dawes, Chicago; Wirt Franklin, Ardmore, Okla.; Amos L. Beaty, New York; Donald Richberg, NRA general counsel, and Axtel Byles, New York. (Associated Press Photo)

### TIME NEARING FOR INFLATION

Washington, Sept. 21 (AP)—An assertion President Roosevelt gradually was bringing about inflation of the currency, but that "he would not even dare to admit it" was made today by Senator Thomas, democrat of Oklahoma, a leader in the inflation movement to increase farm commodity prices.

"It is my opinion," Thomas told newspapermen, "that President Roosevelt does not want to make a statement on inflation because if he even hinted it commodity prices would jump too fast and too high before the money is distributed among the people."

"When all these codes are aimed up under the NRA and millions of people are returned to work, then the president will be free to openly concede inflation. That time is now approaching rapidly. The cotton and other farmers now harvesting their crops want inflation immediately so they can obtain benefits from it."

Thomas said that "Mr. Roosevelt by a mere statement could increase prices of all commodities within a few minutes but I think he is trying to bring it about gradually in order to avert anything drastic."

### Gray Squirrels Fall Victims of Disease

Santa Cruz, Calif. (AP)—Hordes of gray squirrels, said to be the last of their species in this state, slowly are dying of starvation amid rich feeding grounds. Fish and Game Commissioner Forrest J. McDermott blames a mysterious malady which

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### NAVY BUILDING WORRIES BRITAIN

London, Sept. 21 (AP)—The British government told United States Ambassador-at-large Norman H. Davis on his recent visit here that the American naval building program might make a bad impression on other countries on the eve of the disarmament conference.

This authoritative explanation was advanced today for reports from Washington that Britain had requested the United States to defer its construction schedule.

It is understood Mr. Davis was informed that Britain was not herself worried about American construction but feared others might be.

This was qualified by a statement that there might be apprehension in England if a naval race developed between Japan and America, in which case Britain might be forced to enter the competition.

A special full dress cabinet meeting was called today to discuss important contentions put forward by the French in connection with the projected disarmament convention. Disputable problems regarding security, the supervision of armaments and control, are understood to have been raised in the Anglo-French conversations in Paris this week, and it is the task of the British government to try to reconcile the divergences of opinion.

**ROAST PIG CAUSES SCANDAL**  
In Cotabato, in the Philippines, recently, the chief of police arrested, without apparent cause, two men who had just completed the roasting of a pig, and took the pris-

oners and porker to the police station. A few minutes later the entire police force held a banquet with roast pig on the menu. A few days later the two men filed a complaint against the chief. Now the municipal president has cited the justice of the peace for issuing the complaint.

### NEW JERSEY STOCK EXCHANGE FORMED

New York, Sept. 21 (AP)—Organization of a New Jersey stock exchange comprised entirely of members of the New York stock exchange has been definitely decided upon, it was announced today on the basis of 942 adherents to the plan.

An executive committee has been appointed to enter a contract for location of the exchange, arrangements have been made to obtain 700 telephone circuits between New York City and the new location, and the president, treasurer and governing committee of the New

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York stock exchange have been invited to fill similar offices in the new exchange.

Beltuote, Mass. (AP)—Then year old Sidney Babbitt caught, but did not harm, a sea gull while fishing. The gull dived and caught the clam bait as Sidney yanked his line from the water. Bystanders helped the boy disentangle the line and free the gull.

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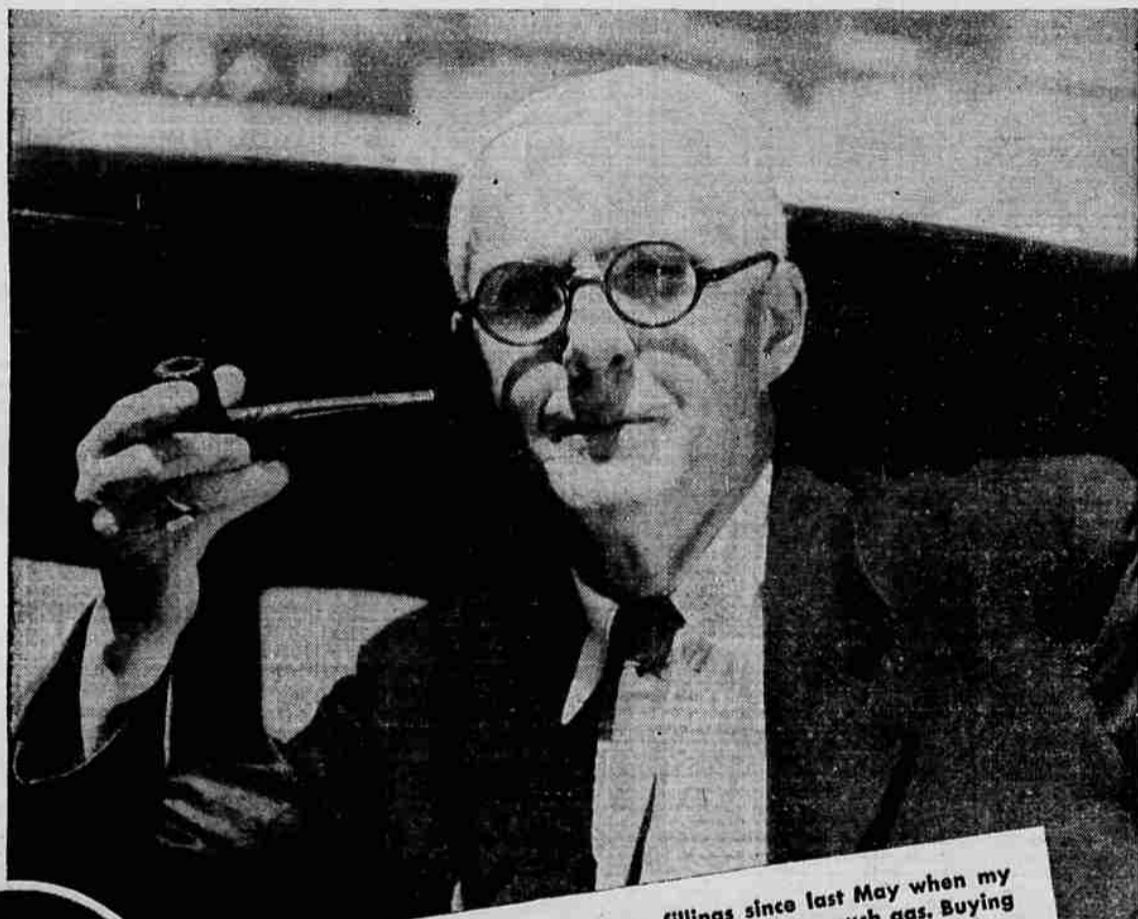
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