



Truman on Vacation—President Truman waves goodbye as the presidential yacht Williamsburg sails from Washington, D. C., taking the President to Florida for a three-week vacation. (Acme Telephoto)

Caesarian Birth Safer Now For Mother Than for Child

Pittsburgh, March 15 (AP)—A panel of top-flight baby doctors reports birth by Caesarian section—surgical delivery of a baby—has become safer for a mother than for her child.

At a meeting of some 700 physicians, members of the American College of Surgeons, Dr. Franklin L. Payne, professor of obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Pennsylvania, declared Caesarian deliveries are now ten times safer for mothers than they were 30 years ago.

Since 1920, Dr. Payne reported, the death rate for mothers following Caesarian deliveries has dropped from one in ten to one in 100. The decline in infant mortalities following such operations, he said, has not been as great. The infant death rate, he said, is now about six in 100.

Another member of the panel discussed which yesterday marked the opening session of a two-day meeting was Dr. Charles J. Barone, Pittsburgh surgeon.

Dr. Barone said recent medical advances have turned the tables on age-old tradition which held Caesarian deliveries were always more dangerous for the mother than for her unborn infant.

Caesarian deliveries have been known to medicine since the time of the Roman Empire 2,000 years ago. They are named for Caesar, not because he was born that way, but for a law issued during the reign which ruled such births were legal.

Rex law, as it was called, gave permission for surgical deliveries even though it might cost the life of the mother. The hope was that the infant saved by surgery might be a boy and thus might some day grow up to be a Roman soldier.

Dr. Payne credited improved medical techniques and their wider use in recent years with making surgical deliveries safer for mothers. He noted such medical milestones as blood transfusions and new medicines.

He added this word of caution, however:

"Even though the risk to the mother has been reduced, it is no justification for doing a Caesarian section at the present time unless such an operation is an absolute medical necessity.

"Remember, a mother's chance of surviving a normal vaginal delivery is still far greater than 99 percent."

The doctors are not sure when the human race passed the milestone and Caesarian deliveries became safer for mothers than babies. Probably it happened within the past ten years.

Dr. Barone said men of medicine have long been aware that the post-Caesarian death rate for mothers is dropping. He said the figure probably fell below that for infants "sometime after 1940, when the sulfa drugs and penicillin came into wide use."

Who Will Win? Rabbit or Owl?

Chicago, March 15 (AP)—A friendly rabbit which has been hanging around Mrs. Jane Heinze's house for food, appears in danger of an attack by a great horned owl.

Mrs. Heinze said the big owl has been making its home in a pine tree for the last 10 days and has been casting menacing glances at the rabbit.

Dr. A. L. Rand, curator of birds at the Chicago natural history museum, was pessimistic about the chances for the rabbit. "There is every possibility the owl will get the rabbit," said Dr. Rand.

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Control Held by Korean Head

Seoul, Korea, March 15 (AP)—President Syngman Rhee of the (South) Korea republic today won his fight to keep control of his own cabinet.

A proposed constitutional amendment to make the cabinet responsible to the national assembly failed to muster the necessary two-thirds vote of assemblymen present.

Of the 179 assemblymen on hand, 79 voted for the change, 33 against it, and 66 cast blank ballots. One ballot was invalid.

Before the vote Rhee proposed to the assembly that the republic's second national election be postponed from May 10 to June. He suggested the delay to allow the assembly to act on the budget and other important pending legislation.

Impeachment of Judge Sought

Columbia, S.C., March 15 (AP)—The South Carolina house of representatives voted today to put up \$10,000 to finance the proposed impeachment of U.S. District Judge J. Waties Waring of Charleston.

The bill calling for the appropriation was introduced last week by Rep. John D. Long of Union.

Waring's 1947-48 orders opened state democratic primary voting and party membership to negroes. Since then, he and Mrs. Waring have been outspoken in behalf of negro rights. Mrs. Waring has said she does not object to mutually agreeable interracial marriages.

Long's bill says the resolution is based "on the grounds that he (Waring) and his northern-born wife have advocated a negro revolution against white supremacy . . ."

New Rates Given Telephone Users

Sheridan—The public utilities commission has approved the rate increase requested by the Northwest Telephone company for Sheridan, Willamina, Grande Ronde exchanges and the central Oregon exchanges operating from the Redmond office. The new rates will be effective April 1.

New rates for the exchanges are: Sheridan business rates, private line \$5.25, party line \$4.25, rural line \$3.75; Sheridan residence rates, private \$4, party line \$2.75, rural party line \$2.75;



John Payne and Gail Russell head the starring cast of Paramount's "Captain China," an action-packed sea drama now playing at the Elsinore theater.

Lebanon Features Official Opening

Lebanon—Plans are complete for the city's spring opening Friday night.

Highlighting the program this year will be street entertainment furnished by the Lebanon concert band and an interesting assortment of local talent. Master of ceremonies will be KWIL's Fred Henshaw.

Climax of the street show will be a pie-eating contest, when 12 contestants from local grade schools will test their consuming speeds on a dozen juicy berry pies.

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Boy Eats First Meal in Three Years

Chicago, March 15 (AP)—An eight-year-old Canadian boy ate his first meal in three years yesterday.

The menu was soup, milk and gelatine, topped off with ice cream.

It was the first time any food had gone down the throat of Philbert Dube of Riviere Du Loup, Quebec, since he swallowed some lye when he was five.

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