

'MAKE IT FAST' SAYS GANGSTER UPON GALLOWS

Birger, Smiling, Dies By Noose—His First Wife, Portland Woman, Last Visitor—Shakes Hands With Friends On Death March.

BENTON, Ill., April 19.—(AP)—Charles Birger, notorious southern Illinois gang leader, was hanged at 9:52 a. m. today for the murder of Mayor Joe Adams of West City. Birger was pronounced dead four minutes later. Nearly 500 spectators were crowded into the stockade.

Mrs. E. Aarons, first wife of Birger, was one of the last to visit him in his cell last night. She came from Portland, Ore., with her husband several days ago. Arrangements were made yesterday for caring for the body at an undertaking establishment here. Nathan Birger, the former gang leader's nephew, had a hearse on hand to convey the body to St. Louis, where it was to be taken to the home of Mrs. Ray Shamsky, Birger's sister, and held until the funeral Saturday.

Erect and unflinching, almost deathly, Birger walked to his death. He was accompanied by Rabbi J. R. Mazur of East St. Louis, and several deputy sheriffs. He moved at an easy pace, stopping to shake hands with several persons on the way through the stockade to the gallows, a distance of 100 feet.

The condemned man mounted the steps unassisted. Smiling, he pointed a finger at some man in the crowd and waved his hand. Phil Hanna, volunteer hangman who has participated in 22 previous executions, stepped up to him while the rabbi read a prayer. They shook hands and conversed for a few seconds.

Birger nodded and closed his eyes an instant. Quickly the black cap was slipped over his head. Hanna stepped up and adjusted the noose. He stepped back and the trap was sprung.

Birger died without confessing his guilt other than to admit he was an accessory after the fact in the murder. On the way to the gallows Birger had stopped to thank the wife of Jailer Lovan for the kindness to him. As he mounted the scaffold he said loudly: "Beautiful world."

Smiling up a friend in the crowd he called out: "Well, goodbye, Doc." Turning to the crowd, Birger said: "I have not a thing in the world against anybody. I forgive everybody. I was able to do that through this wonderful Jewish rabbi," and he pointed to Rabbi Mazur.

With a quick gesture Birger turned to the hangman and deputies: "Let's go," he exclaimed. As they were adjusting the cap, he said: "Make it fast." Those were his last words.

The gang leader, it was declared, had tried twice to commit suicide in his cell in the Franklin county jail. He tried to hang himself with a strip of blanket yesterday morning. The guards found him in a semi-conscious condition and revived him. Last Sunday he admitted taking poison in another effort at suicide, but the attempt resulted only in a case of indigestion.

"I almost cheated the gallows," he said. "I'll find a way to beat it yet."

FROSH CHOSEN "AGGIE" PRINCESS



Students at Oklahoma A. and M. college, Stillwater, Okla., have elected Miss Nell Martin "Aggie" princess at the institution. She is a member of the freshman class.

D. A. R. BLACKLIST JURIST ASKED OF NOTABLES HIT BY RESOLUTIONS

WASHINGTON, April 19.—(AP)—A resolution giving the various chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution the right to invite whatever speakers they choose without restriction from the national organization has been filed with the committee on resolutions of the society's biennial convention. This announcement was made today by Mrs. Stomer Roy, a delegate from Fort Scott, Kansas. The resolution is the result of a protest from some of the daughters at the alleged issuance of a "black list" which was said to have specified a number of prominent individuals as under ban as speakers before chapter organizations.

Domestic Troubles At Rialto Today

"Domestic Troubles" is a tangled tale of twin brothers, played by the inimitable little jockanapes of the screen, Clyde Cook. He is Horace, the nifty brother and again James, the docile. Each has a wife. Horace is married to Carrie, a strong-minded feminist. James is married to Grace, a butterfly, who has a young chick on the side. Horace goes for a joy ride with Lola, while Carrie is away on a lecture tour. His entertainment ends for both of them in the lock-up. He telephones James to go and impersonate himself with Carrie. In James' absence Horace is freed and goes to Grace. So the merry mix-up continues. Louise Fazenda has never been quite so funny, and the complications which Graham Baker has written into the story and Enright brought into life are ludicrous in the extreme. In short, it's a farce you oughtn't to miss.

MISSOURIAN WINS DERBY FOR DAY

JOPLIN, Mo., April 19.—(AP)—Reaching his home state early this afternoon, another favorite son in the cross-country marathon stepped into the limelight when John Gober of Moberly, Mo., was first to traverse the tri-state control from Miami, Okla., in 5:35:51. Gober's elapsed time of 4:45:48; 01 for the 1,361.6 miles from Los Angeles puts him in 41st place among the seventy-odd runners. Andrew Payne bolted up his lead in the race by finishing in a dead heat with Phillip Granville and Thomas Ellis, both of Hamilton, Ont. Payne leads the race with the elapsed time of 2:44:18. Granville's elapsed time is 2:29:37; 30, and Ellis' 4:54:51; 02.

MEDFORD CONCERN GIVEN CONTRACT

SACRAMENTO, Cal., April 19.—(AP)—The state highway commission yesterday opened a bid for the grading and surfacing of 7.3 miles between Klamath river and Wilson creek, Del Norte county and construction of four timber bridges from Vander Helten, Pearson and Louisa, Medford, Ore. for \$260,257. The engineers' estimate was \$278,281.

SINCLAIR CLOSES DEFENSE WITHOUT FALL DEPOSITION

WASHINGTON, April 19.—(AP)—Both the defense and the government rested their cases today in the trial of Harry F. Sinclair, accused with Albert B. Fall, of having conspired against the government in the leasing of Teapot Dome. The defense rested without introducing the 100,000 word deposition made by Fall recently in El Paso, and which was to have been used by the oil man. Neither did it put Sinclair on the stand. The government requested the court's permission to comment on the failure of Sinclair's lawyers to place the bulky document in the record and Justice Bailey reserved his decision until 9:30 o'clock tomorrow morning. Meanwhile he asked each side to limit its argument to three hours, starting tomorrow, in order that the jury might be charged Saturday and the case put in its hands by noon of that day.

BIRTHS

A seven and one-half pound girl was born April 18 at the Purucker Maternity home to Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Marshall.

IRISH ACE GOES BACK

(Continued from Page One) bin and his two shipmates on their long flight. The weather was pretty bad, he said, and there were some stretches of risky flying through fog. Most of all he and Captain Koehl and Baron von Huenefeld are interested in the things their flight did to increase the store of knowledge about ocean flying. "We feel that we've learned some interesting stuff," the major said, "but I can't tell you about it until we have discussed it further."

KARASICK HURT IN AUTO CRASH

EUGENE, Ore., April 19.—(AP)—Tex Sakfeld, boxing manager and wrestling referee of Portland, was injured about the body, and Al Karasick, Russian light-heavyweight wrestler, were slightly hurt in an automobile accident three miles north of Myrtle Creek at 8:30 o'clock this morning, according to word received here. Karasick, according to George Godfrey, Southern Pacific station agent at Myrtle Creek, became drowsy at the wheel of the automobile, and the car turned over on the highway. Sakfeld was asleep in the back seat, and sustained a long cut on his back and a dislocated shoulder. Karasick went on to Medford, where he made up work missed.

MOJAVE RACE

It may be, he predicted, that the flight of the Bremen will help to solve the tragedies that befell the pioneers who perished on the way westward over the North Atlantic. Major Fitzmaurice will visit this village and Murray Bay until after the Bremen is repaired. Later he hopes to see Montreal, Quebec and Ottawa. His reception here, he said, made him want to see more of "the most hospitable country he ever visited."

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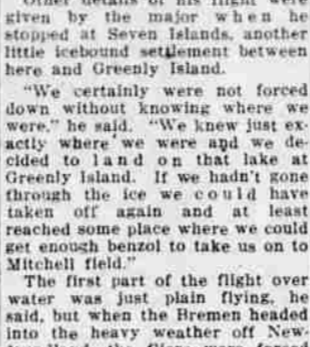
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STATE POLITICS TANGLED

(Continued from Page One.) The statutes impose no time limit for the exercise of this method of filling vacancies in party primary election tickets and thus it is argued that the republicans of the second district may through their central committee designate a candidate at the May primary and get this name officially upon the ballot before they have been printed or later through the use of stickers. Should Sinnott allow his name to go on the primary election ballot and secure the nomination before withdrawing the problem of the republicans would be simplified. The congressional committee could subsequent to the primary election and the withdrawal without question designate a nominee to fill the vacancy in the general election. The only opportunity for the democrats to get into the contest to elect a successor to Sinnott, either prior to or after the primary, lies in writing the name of a candidate at the primary or by resorting to the assembly method of designating a candidate for the general election.

MT. ANGELO—Fred Schwab Co. builds large new storage warehouse.

Oregon City contemplates \$25,000 civic center building.

Advertisement for Owen-Oregon lumber, featuring a tree logo and text: 'When You Want GOOD LUMBER SPECIFY OWEN-OREGON Trade Marked Stock MADE IN MEDFORD'.

Large advertisement for Saturday Medford's Greatest 1 DOLLAR DAYS at Medford's Greatest Men's Store. Lists various clothing items and prices: Semi-Dress Pants \$1.00, Sweater Coats \$1.00, Leather Work Gloves 2 pair for \$1.00, Union Suits \$1.00, Dress Shirts \$1.00, Blue Bib Overalls \$1.00, Engineer and Fireman Socks 5 pairs for \$1.00, Lumbermen's Mitts \$1, Neckwear \$1.00, Golf Socks \$1.00, Turkish Towels 3 for \$1.00.

Advertisement for S.S.S. skin cream: 'You cannot be attractive without a clear skin'. Includes text: 'EVERYBODY wants to be attractive. It is a great and just ambition. But no one can be attractive without a clear skin—you know that.' and 'S.S.S. is extracted from the fresh roots of medicinal plants and herbs, and gives to Nature what she needs in building you up so that your system throws off the cause.' Includes an image of a woman's face.