

The Weather
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KIDNAPERS OF HART ARE LYNCHED

Discovery of Youths Body Spurs Action

SAN JOSE, Calif., Nov. 27.—(AP)—Sheriff William J. Emig, knocked unconscious with a blow with a pipe while vainly trying to fulfill his oath of office and protect Thomas H. Thurmond and John M. Holmes from lynchers at the county jail last night, was in a serious condition today at San Jose hospital.

CHICAGO, Nov. 27.—(AP)—Frank Walsh, Cook county coroner, said today that a lynching or two in Chicago such as those of the Brooke Hart kidnapers at San Jose, Cal., "wouldn't hurt a thing."

SAN JOSE, Calif., Nov. 27.—(AP)—Mrs. Alexander Hart, mother of Brooke Hart, the finding of whose body yesterday led to the lynching of his confessed kidnapers, Thomas H. Thurmond and John M. Holmes, was reported in a serious condition today. Mrs. Hart has been ill, and relatives said they feared her mind would snap as a result of the developments of the past 24 hours.

SAN JOSE, Calif., Nov. 27.—(AP)—While a whooping, jeering crowd of 6000 persons looked on approvingly, Thomas H. Thurmond and John M. Holmes, confessed kidnapers of Brooke Hart, were lynched here last night by a mob of 100 men, who had smashed their way into the county jail after a two-hour battle to seize the pair.

Thurmond, first to confess, was unconscious when dragged to St. James park, 100 yards away from the jail, partially stripped and hanged to a tree.

Holmes' Makes Fight.
Holmes, powerful and adamant, fought for his life in vain against his swarm of executioners. Twice he wrenched his hands free and lifted the noose from his head, but the third time it was put there to stay. Still kicking he was yanked into the air.

In the glare of torches and flashlights the bodies dangled for half an hour or so—a Macabre picture for the thousands who had assembled swiftly after the news of the lynching movement had spread through the city. Then the lifeless forms were cut down. The mob was satisfied and there was no further attempt to interfere with officers.

The lynching, occurring only a few hours after the torn body of young Hart, son of a wealthy San Jose merchant, had been taken from San Francisco bay, climaxed a spectacular battle between officers barricaded in the jail and the determined mob.

Crowd Gathers Early.
The muttering of the mob began gathering about the jail about 9 p. m. The jail, an antiquated brick building to the right of the court house, had been prepared against the possibility of a lynch movement, but was unable to withstand the improved battering rams of the attackers. Automobiles, parked across the alley and about the jail building, did little to impede the advances of the beseigers. Two shots, fired from the crowd as a signal, started the first attack. A barrage of rocks, gathered from across the alley, where a new post office building is under construction, clattered against the jail walls. Officers within the jail let loose with three tear gas bombs. Blinded and weeping, the attackers fell back.

By this time some 3000 persons had gathered to watch. The 35 officers in the jail building sent out a call for more tear gas.

Pipe Battering Ram.
The blinding tear gas from the first three bombs was still hanging like a thin veil about the buildings when the second attack began. Several of the attackers took from the postoffice building a piece of steel pipe eight inches in diameter and about 20 feet long, and used it as a battering ram, smashing the jail door.

Officers turned loose another barrage of tear gas, momentarily stopping the assault. After hitting a few moments for the gas to lift, the mob stormed ahead once more, playing a fire hose on the building as they advanced. A second group seized another pipe and joined the attackers. The steel doors of the jail gave way and the mob poured, encouraged by cheering thousands outside.

Sheriff William J. Emig, whose quick action had resulted in the arrest of Thurmond while the latter was making a ransom demand by telephone to the Hart home a week after the young victim had been put to death, was knocked senseless. Other officers were manhandled and brushed aside.

GOVERNOR LAUDS SAN JOSE CROWD; OFFERS PARDONS

SACRAMENTO, Calif., Nov. 27.—(AP)—Governor Rolph's attitude toward kidnapers was expressed further today in his statement, that he would like to parole to San Jose citizens who lynched John M. Holmes and Thomas H. Thurmond last night, all San Quentin and Folsom prison inmates convicted of kidnaping.

While the governor said such a move could not be done legally his statement expressed his attitude toward kidnapers.

"I am checking San Quentin and Folsom prisons to find out what kidnapers they have," he said. "I am thinking of paroling them to those fine patriotic citizens of San Jose who know how to handle such a situation."

"It would clean this kidnaping out of California. Their method is the best way to get rid of kidnapers, and I think San Jose citizens are good parole officers."

"My check on Folsom prison shows two prisoners serving terms for kidnaping and extortion. Both are from Los Angeles. They are Joseph P. Baillie and Earl H. Vandorn. I have not heard from San Quentin yet."

The governor said previously that he approved the lynching of Thurmond and Holmes and that if any persons were arrested for the hanging he would pardon them.

"That was a fine lesson to the whole nation," Governor Rolph said. "There will be less kidnaping in the country now. They made a good job of it."

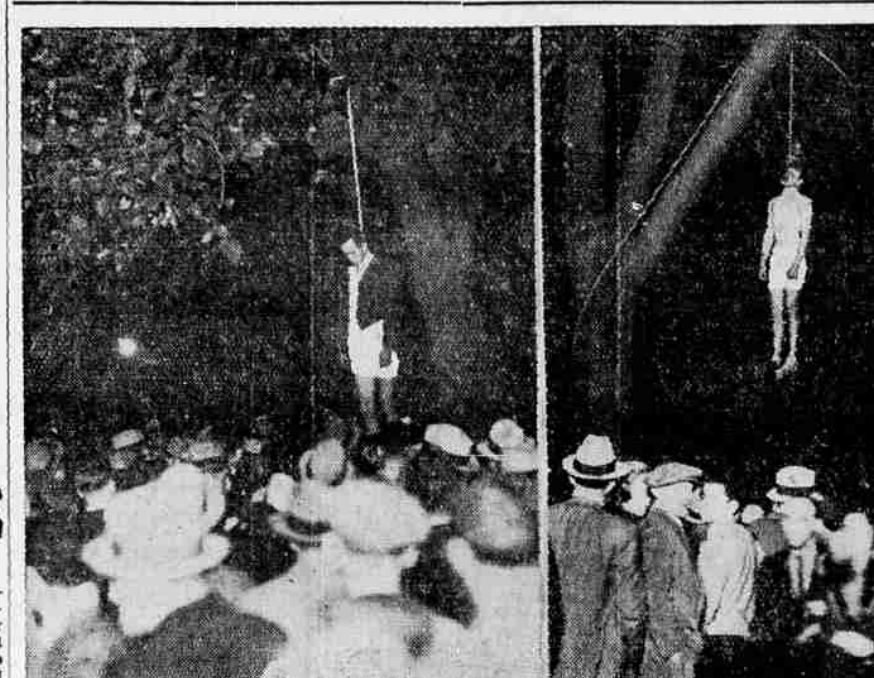
"If anyone is arrested for the good job I'll pardon them all. I hope this lesson will serve in every state in the union."

The governor postponed his trip to Boise, Idaho, to attend a conference, not for the purpose of being on hand to call out troops but to prevent it.

"If I had gone away someone would have called out the troops on me," the governor said, "and I promised in Los Angeles I would not do that. Why should I call out troops to protect those two fellows?"

The people make the laws, don't they?" he asked. "Well, if the people have confidence that troops will not be called out to mow them down when they seek to protect themselves against kidnapers there is liable to be

Ropes for San Jose Kidnapers



Upper: Seized in the county jail and dragged 100 yards away to St. James park, John M. Holmes and Thomas H. Thurmond were lynched by a mob in San Jose, Cal. The hangings occurred after the body of Brooke Hart, their kidnaped victim, had been found in lower San Francisco bay. The mob broke into the jail after a tear gas bombardment failed to halt it. Holmes at right and Thurmond left. (Associated Press photo.)

Below: The body of Brooke Hart, 22-year-old son of Alex J. Hart, wealthy San Jose, Cal., merchant, was recovered from lower San Francisco bay by two duck hunters. Officials are shown examining the body after it had been brought ashore. Young Hart's confessed kidnapers, and slayers, John M. Holmes and Thomas H. Thurmond, admitted they killed the youth about an hour after kidnaping him.



Thomas H. Thurmond.



John Holmes.

EDUCATION QUIZ GROUP CHOSEN

ALBANY, Ore., Nov. 27.—(AP)—Willard L. Marks, vice-president of the state board of higher education, today appointed the three-man committee which will investigate the action of Dean Wayne L. Morse of the university law school in demanding the resignation of Chancellor W. J. Kerr.

The committee will consist of George B. McLeod, Portland, chairman; Herman Oliver of John Day, and C. A. Brand of Roseburg.

At the board of education meeting in Portland last week the board authorized the vice-president to appoint such a committee from the board membership.

U. S. JUDGE BOURQUIN WILL RESIGN MARCH 9
BUTTE, Mont., Nov. 27.—(AP)—United States District Judge George M. Bourquin announced here this afternoon that he will resign his judgeship effective March 9. He gave no reason for the action, but said he is making the announcement at this time to give ample time to name his successor.

LINDBERGH'S ARRIVE AT CAPE VERDE ISLANDS
DAKAR, Senegal, Nov. 27.—(AP)—Colonel and Mrs. Charles A. Lindbergh arrived at Porto Praia, Cape Verde Islands, at 1 p. m. G. M. T. (10 a. m. E. S. T.) today on their flight from Villa Cisneros, on the northwest coast of Africa. The distance was about 800 miles.

PROTEST FORD AGENCY GAINING U. S. AWARD

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27.—(AP)—A protest against the award to a local Ford Motor company agency of a government contract for Ford trucks has been filed with the department of agriculture by Hugh S. Johnson, the NRA administrator.

Johnson contended the dealer, Northwest Motor company of Bellevue, Md., had quoted a figure below the list price and therefore was in violation of the NRA retail code for automobile dealers.

BAKER MAN SUICIDES ON GRAVE OF WIFE

BAKER, Nov. 27.—(AP)—George Baker of Baker killed himself with a bullet fired into his head from a large caliber pistol some time Sunday night over the grave of his wife, Frances, who died in 1933.

The body was found this morning. Mr. Heiber, who was born in Iowa, July 11, 1859, had been dependent for several months because of poor health. His suicide was not unexpected by relatives. He is survived by two daughters and two sons.

GOLD PRICE HELD AT LAST LEVEL

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27.—(AP)—An unchanged government gold price today gave fresh indications of President Roosevelt's determination to maintain his monetary policy despite widespread criticism and defense of commodity price plans.

The RFC offered to pay \$33.76 an ounce for gold within two hours after Acting Secretary Morgenthau returned from a week-end conference with President Roosevelt at Warm Springs, Georgia. This figure maintained the level set before Morgenthau went south and quoted during his absence.

The fact that the price moved neither up nor down was interpreted in some quarters as reflecting a desire to steady financial markets prior to treasury funding operations in December exceeding \$700,000,000.

DETROIT GANGSTERS FOUND SLAIN IN CAR

DETROIT, Nov. 27.—(AP)—Police searched the Detroit area and surrounding counties today for the men who early Sunday shot to death Abe Axler and Eddie Fischer, members of the once-powerful Purple gang.

The bodies of the two victims were found slumped in the rear seat of an automobile on a lonely road near the north side suburb of Bloomfield hills by an Oakland county constable approximately 30 minutes after the slaying. The men apparently had been slain by two other men with whom they were riding.

SMITH FLAYED BY PRIEST FOR BLOW AT F. R.'S POLICY

DETROIT, Nov. 27.—(AP)—Asserting that President Roosevelt stands for sound money and will not be stopped by "bankers and their puppets," the Rev. Father Charles E. Coughlin in a speech Sunday attacked Alfred W. Smith for his editorial in the New Outlook in which he called for a return to the gold standard.

Without immediately referring to Mr. Smith by name, Father Coughlin asserted in his opening remarks that "a Catholic gentleman of high social standing . . . has loaned his illustrious name to a cause that is inconceivable."

"We find no fault with Mr. Smith for defending the principles in which he believes," Father Coughlin said. "We do find fault with him for not ascertaining the facts before the unkindest cut of all was delivered."

Father Coughlin's speech was broadcast over an independent network of radio stations.

"But we presume that the Smith slogan of sound money wishes to identify itself with that unsound 'monetarism'?" Father Coughlin asked. "Must we presume that the attack on the president's effort to restore sound money in its proper ratio—its scientific ratio, is to use another classical expression 'more bologny'—just a pretext to disparage him in the minds of the people as the bankers continue to re-echo the battle cry of the Chicago stadium 'stop Roosevelt'?"

Father Coughlin said that the Smith statements were "but a part of the organized attack on our leader who is trying to redeem us from the money changers."

"This famous letter, which will go down in national political history as an obituary notice, could have been handed to Mr. Roosevelt during the

By Paul Mallon
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Balance
WASHINGTON, Nov. 27.—The foolproof monthly business balance sheet shows we are getting back on an even keel.

Industrial employment is just what it should be in comparison with industrial production. Wages are lagging about 15 per cent behind. Car loadings are 10 per cent off balance.

But if economists know anything, we had no chance to get anywhere with production around 100 and pay rolls at 40. Production could not continue unless it was balanced with purchasing power.

Now we have purchasing power almost up to the point where it can absorb production.

It means the vicious cycle of deflation—the snowball going down hill—is stopped. Now if we can push it up hill it will automatically gather snow until it gets back to a normal size.

TRIBUNE SCORES AGAIN

The Mail Tribune scores again with pictures! Through the efficient service of the Associated Press, the Mail Tribune is able to give its readers not only a complete story of the lynching in San Jose last night of Thomas H. Thurmond and John Holmes, kidnapers and slayers of Brooke Hart, but also pictures taken in the course of the mob's action. The pictures were rushed to Medford by an mail and special delivery and are reproduced on this page only a few hours after the events took place in San Jose.

OVER 5000 GAIN JOBS IN STATE AS CWA FUNCTIONING

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 27.—(AP)—More than 5000 men throughout Oregon, unemployed for many months, beamed happily today as they received from Uncle Sam notice that assigned them to jobs in the civil works program, and the new job of being on a payroll.

About 1800 men went to work in Multnomah county, and nearly 3500 otherwise assigned to many types of work throughout the rest of the state.

By the end of the week at least 10,000 men and women, previously unemployed and depending upon the county relief agencies for sustenance for themselves and their families, will be earning from 50 cents to \$1.20 an hour under terms of the stupendous civil works program.

Telegrams from county seats in Oregon today to Portland headquarters showed that 41 men were at work in Baker county under the CWA banner; 83 in Benton, 236 in Clatsop, 26 in Columbia, 48 in Deschutes, 48 in Douglas, 17 in Gilliam, 83 in Harney, 21 in Hood River, 125 in Jackson, 81 in Malheur, 31 in Sherman, 74 in Tillamook, 184 in Clatsop, and 135 in Washington.

News Behind the News

We are in a position to go places. Snowballs
It is true that the balanced level is around 70 per cent of normal (1923-25 average). It is also true that production has slipped from an index of 100 to 74 in the past five months.

Certain things like pay rolls have shown too little improvement. Others like department store sales have remained unchanged.

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PORTLAND GROUP SEEKS EXPANSION JOBLESS RELIEF

Group Invades Legislature for Hearing On Demands — Solons Disposing of Minor Matters at Opening

SALEM, Nov. 27.—(AP)—Working alone, rather than jointly with the senate group, the house committee on labor and industry will shape for consideration of the house with a view to having a report ready before adjournment for the Thanksgiving holiday on Wednesday.

The proposal to issue certificates of indebtedness up to \$3,500,000 for unemployment relief out of liquor sale revenue was reported out favorably by the house unemployment committee today and will be up for final consideration tomorrow.

Relief Hearing Sited
In the meantime a public hearing will be held late today in the house chambers to hear the presentation of the large group which came here today from Portland to seek unemployment relief in a larger form than proposed by the legislature. It was first reported 700 people would "march onto the capitol for relief," but Speaker East Smith was informed 3500 because of the civil works program effective today only about 300 persons were available to appear.

The first of the administration bills were introduced into the house today, thus creating a new commission to construct transportation lines to the Bonneville dam project, sell the power and lease \$20,000,000 in bonds, and another to provide a temporary commission be appointed to set until the permanent group is named.

Liquor Bill Nears
The committee on alcoholic control, still working 94th house 2022 number one, the Knox plan for state liquor supervision, expected to either report out a compromise bill tomorrow or bring the measure before the house and let the legislature assemble in committee of the whole to consider each section. It was expected the house would spend most of the entire week on this bill.

The gross utilities tax bill has not yet been introduced but was expected to come in later today or tomorrow. With these measures before the two houses, the 90 members expected to be kept busy the entire week with the exception of one day's recess for Thanksgiving.

KRESEL SENTENCED IN BANK FUND LOSS

NEW YORK, Nov. 27.—(AP)—Lester S. Kresel, attorney convicted 30 days ago on a charge of abetting in the misapplication of funds on an affidavit of the defense bank of United States, was sentenced to 2 1/2 to 3 1/2 years in Sing Sing prison today.

WILL ROGERS SAYS

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Nov. 25.—Big headlines in today's papers say that the big bankers, to show Roosevelt his financial shenanigans don't suit them, are unloading government bonds and securities by the bushel. He won't play their way so they are going to sell their ball and bat and get out.

I can't just recall, but as well as I remember, wasn't they the fellows that the government was helping so much not so long ago?

They ought to pray every night, "God bless mama and papa, and all my family, and interest, and Roosevelt."

Yours, WILL.
P. S.—I want to apologize to the president for putting interest ahead of him, but interest has been helping them out longer than he has.

Will Rogers
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