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# AMERICANS IN SPY RING CONFESS

## Roosevelt Moves to Bring Peace in Auto and Rail Labor Disputes



**News Behind The News**  
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Playtime

WASHINGTON, March 19.—It looks as if President Roosevelt has stopped playing cat and mouse with congress—but appearances are deceiving.

The benign expression on the cat's face indicates he has other things in mind than letting the mice run wild.

True, he has permitted them to frolic and make faces at him without raising a paw seriously against them. He has let them even tweak his nose on the St. Lawrence treaty, bonus, vets and pay cuts. Soon he will go off quietly to sun himself down south.

But the mice are not going to run away with the capitol, so be not disturbed.

It's a game.

**Purpose**

The mice are up for re-election this year and the cat is not.

If they were kept under strict subjection they would become spiritless. The illusion of a dictatorship would be too real.

It is much better to let them run and play politically, as long as they do not get serious. Thus far they have not. Their bonus is forfeited. The St. Lawrence treaty which they ruined will be revised and resubmitted, probably in better form. Their silver grinning cannot have any long portent effect on the administration's silver policy. They will be held within reasonable limits on the vets and wage cuts.

But the big point is that each one of these things will make votes for them back home.

The president can afford to sacrifice some temporary prestige. He has lots of it.

**Silver**

This unexpected consideration for the mice is so strange they are not sure it is real, or how long it will last.

Last Saturday, Speaker Rainey had the scare of his life. He had given the papers a statement that Treasury Secretary Morgenthau's opposition to the silver proposals was ill-conceived. Furthermore, he promised to let the house vote soon on the silver bill opposed by Mr. Morgenthau.

Shortly after the publication of the speaker's promise, he was sitting with some of his cronies when word came that the White House wanted him on the telephone. Looking worried, he went to the telephone.

A few minutes later he came back with a mousey grin spread all over his face, and whispered:

"He didn't say a word about silver."

**Politics**

Mr. Morgenthau has been more worried about the silver business than anyone else.

He is too honest to be much of a politician, and that metal has strong political backing. The speculators, who cleaned up on gold, have been expecting a similar cleanup for themselves on silver. Inner Wall Street circles say that so much of the metal is being held in New York that storage places for it are at a premium.

Mr. Morgenthau's blunt assertion that some of the silver agitators are "not entirely disinterested" and that silver action is not necessary now brought a political hornet's nest tumbling down on his bald head. So much pressure was exerted that he called in newsmen and explained he had not meant to say the house silver bloc members had invested in silver stocks.

The root of the matter is that the administration has been fooled once or twice by silver politicians and is giving warning that it will not be fooled again.

**Ambition**

Mr. Morgenthau is going to make a name for himself in the treasury job. The politicians thought when he was appointed he would merely be an errand boy for the White House.

As it is, he has taken his job seriously and shaken the department from top to bottom, weeding out old influences which ran the department for both parties, no matter who was president.

In doing so he has stepped on a lot of toes, both liberal and conservative.

**Securities Act**

Liberals spread the word around that Mr. Morgenthau held up the proposed revision of the securities act. He probably did. But word comes from senate administration sources now that the trouble has been ironed out.

An amendment to the securities act will be passed, changing the culpability clause in a way to help promote private capital investments.

It will be offered in the senate as a rider to one of the general bills.

**Notes**

Mrs. Roosevelt did not want those four newspaper women to go along with her to Porto Rico, but they insisted.

The Hoover boys have taken the stream of the offices in the National

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### SWITZ AND WIFE REVEAL ACTIVITY TO FRENCH JUDGE

International Gang Center in New York Sent Them to France Is Admission — Names of Others Given

By STUART MORONEY  
Associated Press Foreign Staff.

PARIS, March 20.—(AP)—Magistrate Andre Benon declared today Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gordon Switz of East Orange, N. J., had disclosed that an international spy gang operated in New York and sent them as agents to France.

Benon said that Switz, a former salesman, had uncovered the gang's operation and the part he and his wife played in it.

He said they came here on a pay of 5000 francs—about \$335—a month.

**Confession Aids Pair**

The examining magistrate who has quizzed the American couple since their arrest last December indicated the Americans would benefit from their revelation by referring to article 10 of the new French espionage law, which lightens the punishment in cases where "voluntary" information is given.

The judge said 10 inspectors had been working on the case since June. He said their inquiry has already, or will in the future, reach the entire world and touch virtually all countries.

Benon said he is now waiting for documents supposed to arrive from Finland which he believes will reveal that the organization for which the Switzes are alleged to have been working, apparently was founded in 1920.

The examining magistrate said Switz told him the names of all the members he knew in the organization, and the duties of each.

Benon, who has conducted the investigation throughout, said the big break in his probe came through seven arrests today following the Switz disclosures.

By Stuart Moroney  
(Associated Press Foreign Staff)

PARIS, March 20.—(AP)—Spying against the United States, France and Great Britain was charged by police today in a widespread plot they said finally had been revealed through the testimony of two American prisoners.

Investigators said Germany and Soviet Russia had been the beneficiaries of what authorities described as a vast international espionage syndicate.

**U. S. Police Help**

Police of the United States and England have been cooperating in the investigation of the spy ring, it was explained, and it is largely through their efforts that the tangled skein of the mystery of the so-called plot finally is commencing to be unraveled.

Police voiced their charge as developments came thick and fast following a seven-hour questioning of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gordon Switz, the Americans, in a secret session before Judge Andre Benon, investigating magistrate, which did not end until shortly before last midnight.

Early today, five persons including two women, were arrested in what police described as a direct outgrowth of their questioning of the Switzes held in the alleged plots since December 20.

**Confession Claimed**

Court officials said the pair made "a full confession of whatever part they played."

A third woman police had expected to arrest today escaped, it was announced, before the early morning raids which brought those held in connection with the investigation of the spy ring.

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### PEAR MARKETS

NEW YORK, March 20.—(AP)—(U. S. D. A.)—Pear auction market: Eight cars arrived; 2 Oregon cars, 1 California; 1 New York unloaded; 6 cars on track.

Oregon D'Anjou: 125 boxes extra fancy 3.75-3.95, average \$3.80; 1315 boxes fancy \$3.28-3.55, average \$3.56.

Washington D'Anjou: 520 boxes extra fancy, \$3.10-3.65; average \$3.49.

### FRENCH AIRWOMAN IN EMERGENCY LANDING

TOKYO, March 20.—(AP)—A Renko (Japanese) News Agency dispatch from Seoul, Korea, today said Marjoe Hiltz, French aviatrice, made an emergency landing 48 miles east of Seoul.

Mme. Hiltz, who took off this morning for Seoul on the first lap of a return Tokyo-to-Paris flight by way of China and India, was believed to have escaped injury in the landing.

### International Gangsters



Robert Gordon Switz, aviation salesman from East Orange, N. J., and his wife Marjorie, held in France since their arrest before Christmas on charges of being members of a ring of spies. Such things as fountain pens which pump up specimens of war chemicals, cameras masquerading as wrist watches and secrets copied on necktie linings were found, the police claim, in some of the espionage cases. The American pair have confessed their part in the ring, according to French officials.

### GRAIN EXCHANGES FAIR COMPETITION CODE IN EFFECT

WASHINGTON, March 20.—(AP)—Secretary Wallace today signed the code of fair competition for the grain exchanges.

It provides a code authority of seven members for enforcement duties, establishes uniform trade practices which include wage minimum margin requirements, fixes the fluctuation range per bushel in grain prices and provides for establishment of a business conduct committee for each exchange.

The code also provides that reports, regulations, and rules provided by the grain futures act shall not be dispensed with.

Exchanges and members of clearing houses will be required to make reports at the request of the secretary of agriculture on their operations as they concern consumers, competitors, employees, and others.

This is required to determine to what extent the declared policy of the agricultural adjustment act is being accomplished under the code.

The document provides that it shall not be so applied as to permit monopolies or discrimination against small enterprises.

### QUEEN'S MOTHER DIES IN HOLLAND

THE HAGUE, March 20.—(AP)—Dowager Queen Emma, beloved for her charities and honored alike by Holland's rich and poor, died this morning of bronchitis. She was 75 years old.

The queen mother, widow of King William III and mother of Queen Wilhelmina, had suffered from bronchitis for some time, but became gravely ill only a few days ago.

From the first she was attended almost constantly by her daughter, Queen Wilhelmina and granddaughter, Princess Juliana, heir to the throne.

As the 20-year-old Princess of Waldeck and Piedmont came to Holland in 1879 to share the throne with King William III as his second wife. After the king's death in 1890 she became regent and served in that capacity until her daughter became of age and ascended the throne.

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### BYRD HOPES TO RESCUE AIRMEN FORCED DOWN

LITTLE AMERICA, Antarctica, (via Mackay Radio) March 20.—(AP)—A rescue airplane bearing Admiral Richard E. Byrd, today reached Pilot William C. Bowlin and wireless operator, Clay Bailey, grounded since Sunday when their airplane was forced down 15 miles southeast of camp.

Less Operator Clay Bailey, were forced down during a storm Sunday night while returning from a depot where they had deposited supplies 100 miles from their main base.

Rear Admiral Byrd had ready to fly a plane to their relief and a ground party was prepared to rush to the group, but high winds and drifting snow made a start impossible.

"When the plane left Little America," said Admiral Byrd, "it carried full emergency equipment, including a tent, cooking stove, sleeping bags, and thirty days' rations per man.

"Both men were amply equipped with fur clothing, so I see no reason for concern. We shall start looking for them as soon as the weather gives us a chance."

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### INSULL PLANNING AMERICAN RETURN WHEN FUSS DIES

Destination of Former Chicagoan Remains Mystery — Lawyers in Close Touch With Ship by Wireless

By John Lloyd  
Associated Press Foreign Staff.

ATHENS, March 20.—(AP)—Saruel Insull plans to return to the United States after the excitement of his case dies down and live in America peacefully the rest of his life, one of the aged fugitive's Greek attorneys told the Associated Press today.

The lawyer, Mr. Xeros, declared he was in communication both with Insull's ship on the Mediterranean and his London solicitors who are handling the former Chicagoan's affairs.

Although Insull's destination remained more of a mystery than ever to the public, the attorney said Mrs. Insull and her husband's lawyers were maintaining close touch with Insull by special code.

**Fugitive Happy**

"Insull seems happy now in calm weather," the lawyer said.

"Wherever he is going now, he will make his permanent home if the United States continues to persecute him."

"Mrs. Insull will go to Paris Saturday and thereafter will leave for London within a few days," Xeros added.

Insull may visit as many as 20 countries before he finds a haven, said Xeros.

"Mrs. Insull never expressed feelings against the United States," he continued. "They would go there now but are afraid for their lives and afraid he will not get justice."

**Fears Lynching**

"Insull is afraid he may be made a fool of, or even lynched by crowds."

"I believe the question is a political one and that later Insull will be received gloriously in the United States."

The lawyer compared the case to a "Balkan political quarrel."

Although there were reports that the 74-year-old runaway from American justice had turned his course westward early today, there were strong indications he was still heading "somewhere east of Suez."

### DILLINGER COHORT TRIAL LOOKS LIKE WAR TIME SCENE

LIMA, O., March 20.—(AP)—An extra machine gun in the courthouse served as another challenge to the roaming John Dillinger today as attorneys for Russell Clark, one of his alleged lieutenants, mapped an alibi trial.

Brigadier General Harold M. Bush of the Ohio National Guard had the additional machine gun installed. Guardsmen also have been supplied with gas masks.

Clark made his first trial appearance in court yesterday as the third member of the Dillinger gang to be tried on a charge of slaying Sheriff Jess, Sarber in liberating their leader October 12.

General Bush made it plain that his renewed precautions were based on a belief that the conviction of the murder charge, and their condemnation to the electric chair, heighten the threat of an attack from Dillinger.

### INCOME TAX TOTAL REACHES \$375,000

SALEM, March 20.—(AP)—Income taxes amounting to \$375,000 have been paid into the tax department by about 11,000 taxpayers. Earl Fisher, member of the commission, reported today. He estimated about 30,000 taxable returns remain to be filed on 1933 incomes, estimated to bring in more than \$1,000,000.

The commission announced the state law imposes a minimum penalty of five per cent, in addition to \$1 and interest of one per cent a month for failure to file by April 1, even though no intention is found on the part of the taxpayer to evade payment. More severe penalties are provided for evasion.

### ESTRANGED HUSBAND SLAYS WIFE AND TOT

SALEM, N. J., March 20.—(AP)—George Beister, 26-year-old automobile mechanic, killed his wife and 3-year-old daughter today, police said, and then committed suicide.

The shooting occurred in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alpheus Wright, parents of Mrs. Beister, who was 17.

Relatives said the young couple had been separated.

### GEN. WHITE'S FAMILY SAILING FOR ORIENT

PORTLAND, March 20.—(AP)—The wife and two daughters of Major-General George A. White of Salem sailed from Portland today on the States liner, General Pershing, for Japan, China and the Philippines.

Mrs. White and her daughters, Mrs. George Emigh of Burns and Mrs. Margaret White of Salem, will remain with the General Pershing to Manila, and return as far as Japan, staying three weeks there and returning home on the liner General Sherman, reaching Portland June 7.

### EIGHT NEGROES LOSE LIVES IN HOME FIRE

LAFAYETTE, N. C., March 20.—Arthur McCrae, negro, and seven young negro girls burned to death when fire destroyed their home near Raeford last night.

PENDLETON, March 20.—(AP)—Carl Engdahl, prominent Umatilla county wheat rancher, announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination as state representative from Umatilla, at a Republican rally here last night. About 100 persons attended the meeting.

### HOOVER CABINET ACCUSED OF AID AIR MAIL FRAUD

Democratic Leader Robinson Makes Blunt Charge in Senate—Mellon Linked in Shouted Accusation

WASHINGTON, March 20.—(AP)—A blunt charge that members of the Hoover cabinet gave their service to an unlawful and fraudulent air mail combination was made in the senate today by Senator Robinson, Democratic leader.

Robinson took the floor to offer evidence to support a previous assertion that the Pittsburgh Aviation Industries, Inc., was a "strong political factor in Pennsylvania" and that the "Mellons were prominent in its affairs."

"The record shows," he shouted, "that masterful forces were organized in Pittsburgh and members of the cabinet gave their services to a combination that was unlawful, to a collusion that was fraudulent."

**Claims 'Deal' Made**

The Democratic leader contended the evidence he presented showed "a deal had been worked out with Postmaster General Brown" whereby the territory was to be "parceled out."

"I might have said the company had a strong political influence in Washington as well as Harrisburg," he added.

Senator Feas (R., Ohio), said Robinson had presented "the best defense that the postoffice department can send up here" of its cancellation of the airmail contracts.

Robinson replied that "the post office department has not communicated with me."

**Mellons Minor Holders**

Turning to Robinson's statements regarding the Mellons, Feas said of 26,000 shares issued by the Pittsburgh company, 2,400 were owned by the Mellons.

"If in such a group of men such as were here represented a Mellon owning five per cent of the stock would be regarded as a controlling influence, then I don't know what a controlling influence is," Feas added.

"When the Mellon family desire to control anything," he said, "it does not stop at five per cent."

"It is pitiable," he said, "to what lengths some public men will go to denounce those who disagree with them on matters of public policy."

### KIDDLE DECIDES AGAINST RUNNING

LA GRANDE, Ore., March 20.—(AP)—Fred E. Kiddle, president of the state senate, announced today that he has decided not to be a candidate for any public office this year in order that he may devote his entire time to private business interests.

Kiddle's announcement was regarded as the most important development in politics in this section of the state this year, and is expected to be followed soon by a rush of candidates seeking the Republican nomination to succeed him as state senator from Union, Umatilla and Morrow counties.

### TOURNEY OPENING SKED ANNOUNCED

SALEM, March 20.—(AP)—Preparations for the annual state high school basketball tournament starting here Wednesday afternoon were virtually complete today.

Wednesday's schedule of games is as follows:

1:00 p.m.—Mitchell vs. Coquille.  
2:00 p.m.—Ashland vs. Columbia Prep.  
3:00 p.m.—The Dalles vs. Jefferson  
4:00 p.m.—Astoria vs. Dallas.  
5:00 p.m.—Eugene vs. LaGrande.  
7:00 p.m.—Klamath Falls vs. Silverton.  
9:30 p.m.—Salem vs. Pendleton.  
9:30 p.m.—McMinnville vs. Franklin.

### WASHINGTON RUM LOW IS UPHELD

OLYMPIA, Wash., March 20.—(AP)—The state's new liquor control act passed its first court test with flying colors today.

Judge John M. Wilson of the Thurston county superior court, ruling on a suit attacking the validity of the measure from many angles, held the "law withstands all of the constitutional assaults made against it."

The suit attacking the liquor law was brought by groups of druggists and hotel operators. They sought an order permanently enjoining the Washington control board from carrying out the provisions of the act.

### LAKES TO GULF ROUTE OPEN TO BOATS FRIDAY

CHICAGO, March 20.—(AP)—The Lakes to Gulf waterway, connecting Chicago and New Orleans, will be opened to navigation Friday.

The northern stretch of the waterway, between Peoria and Chicago will be opened that day. The southern link from New Orleans to Peoria has been open since March 1.

**Cunard to Handle White Star**

MONTREAL.—(UP) Business of the White Star line in Canada and the United States will be handled by the Cunard Steamship company after July 1, it is announced here. The White Star line offices will be closed.

PENDLETON, March 20.—(AP)—A coroner's jury last night decided that Dr. Victor Beuder, Pilot Rock physician, came to his death from a fall from a cliff a mile northeast of Pendleton, onto the Pendleton-Walla Walla highway. He was killed in the fall last Sunday.

STILLWATER, Okla., March 20.—(AP)—A. A. Exendine today was appointed head football coach at Oklahoma A. & M. college to succeed Lynn Waldorf, who goes to Manhattan in place of "Bo" McMillan at Kansas State.

### June Bride Made A Widow By Hit And Run Driver

SALEM, Ore., March 20.—(AP)—E. Oreta Schofield, a June bride of last year's Salem high school graduating class, is a widow today, her husband, L. Vernon Stohl, 24, former Salem youth, having succumbed in a Hayward, Cal., hospital Sunday afternoon from injuries received when he was the victim of a hit-and-run motorist in Oakland, Cal., Saturday night.

Mrs. Stohl is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Schofield of Salem. Stohl was graduated from the Vancouver, Wash., high school about three years ago.

### L. O. CASTER FILES AS DEM CANDIDATE FOR COMMISSIONER

L. O. Caster, a farmer of the East Phoenix precinct, residing on Medford Road No. 4, late yesterday filed his candidacy for county commissioner on the Democratic ticket. Caster has lived in this county for 40 years and engaged in farming all of that time. He is well-known in the Phoenix section and this city. He enters the campaign sloganless.

Caster's filing is the second for the county commissionership. Commissioner R. E. Nealon, incumbent having filed a month ago on the Republican ticket.

Caster states that he filed "at the request of friends in both parties who have urged me to run."

It is expected that the filings will be taken up between now and April 3, particularly in the Democratic ranks. J. Frank Wortman of Phoenix is listed as a possible candidate for either commissioner or county judge. Wortman is said by friends to be "thinking it over." H. D. (Johnny) Reed of Gold Hill has filed for the county judgeship on the Democratic ticket.

Jackson county Democrats have announced they will put a full county ticket in the field, for "efficiency, economy and upholding the policies of President Roosevelt." They are looking for a Democrat to run for state senator. Senator George W. Dunn of Ashland and victor Bursell of Ashland have filed for this post on the Republican ticket. C. W. (Wig) Ashpole of this city, pioneer stockman, has been mentioned. Mr. Ashpole is reported as having no legislative ambitions, and being adverse to running.

Democrats continue to file for precinct committeemen, the latest being J. E. (Jack) Moran and Clarence Pankey of this city. J. H. Fuller of Ashland and Joe B. Wetterer of Jacksonville.

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The resolution said it had been "carefully reported" that there had been speculation in the white metal and that "certain people" were hoarding it.

### WILL ROGERS SAYS:

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Mar. 19.—This ain't right, wish they would get them all kinder calmed down over it. Everybody is so heated up over it till they can't see the other fellow's side, or any other side but theirs.

No use talking about what the government shouldn't have done, it's done done. No use saying "the government can't do this and they can't do that." Say, you would be surprised at the things the government can do.

The army may not be the one to carry the mails. I don't think so, but I am not going to go to blows with anybody over it. After all it's the government's mail and the government's army. They can do what they want to with it. This thing is not going to be settled according to any one man's wishes, so they just as well cool off and start compromising now.

Will Rogers

### ASKS SPOKESMEN TO WHITE HOUSE FOR CONFERENCE

WASHINGTON, March 20.—(AP)—The government today filed suit against the Weirton Steel company, charging it with "violating the national recovery act and the code of fair competition for the iron and steel industry."

### POSTPONEMENT OF AUTO STRIKE IS REQUESTED — RAILROAD EXECUTIVES AND LABOR WARNED REACH AGREEMENT

WASHINGTON, March 20.—(AP)—President Roosevelt stepped into the automobile and railroad labor disputes today and in two quick moves acted for settlements.

He invited the spokesmen of the automobile employers and employees to talk things over at the White House and asked a postponement of the strike scheduled for tomorrow.

In addition, he warned the railroad labor executives and employees to reach a quick understanding on wages in the public interest, proposing again a six months' extension of the existing wage agreement.

**30 Per Cent Raise Asked.**

Earlier, the railway employees had demanded a 30 per cent increase in their present wages effective July 1. The managers had proposed a five per cent additional slash.

The White House awaited a reply from the automobile labor leaders. The employers, meeting in New York, adjourned their conference to come here.

Mr. Roosevelt laid aside the drastic club of the licensing power of the

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