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KIDNAPERS FILE \$75,000 DEMAND



By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 11.—Agony was written all over President Roosevelt's face when he consented verbally last Tuesday to a compromise with the silverites.

"They know they were getting a good bargain because it obviously pained him so much. He looked like a man who had just been drained of the last drop of his blood in a trade. He was too weak to protest longer.

The general supposition here is that Mr. Roosevelt has been reading David Harum again. At least that great horse-trader of fiction unquestionably would sue the President for plagiarism if he could. Agony was Harum's trademark. He was always growling about someone getting the better of him, but no one ever did.

"Why, yes, why—yes."
"Well, make up your mind."
"All right."
"Now you follow the instructions, and everything, and you will be all right," the man told me.

As a matter of fact there were two horses in the trade.

One was the nationalization of silver. Nationalization is a big word, but its meaning is not commensurate with its size. The idea behind it is that Mr. Roosevelt will take silver of the hands of those speculators (investors is the more polite term) whose names were recently sent to the senate by Treasury Secretary Morgenthau. He will pay them 50 cents an ounce for their silver. The taking of silver is a great profit, not as much as they hoped for, but at least as much as they had reason to expect.

That will cost Mr. Roosevelt about \$100,000,000, which is small change as far as the currency problem goes. It is a cheap price to pay for keeping the silver agitators quiet for a few months.

The other horse is a ghost.

That is the one which involves a congressional decree that the currency basis should be changed sometime in the future to establish a 25 per cent silver backing for money and 75 per cent gold.

The "sometime" is what makes that coin look nebulous.

Mr. Roosevelt would be permitted to work toward the goal fixed by congressional decree in any manner he wishes.

Disinterested inquiry shows that, if he proceeded to carry it out in the normal way, it would be about 30 years before he accomplished the 25-75 ratio.

Our gold backing now is about five billions. Some people count it seven and three-quarters billions, but they include the stabilization fund and the general fund, which should not, strictly speaking, be counted as gold reserve for currency purposes.

Our silver bullion reserves May 7 were a puny one and one-half millions, not billions. The treasury also had a half billion silver dollars, most of which are used as backing for silver notes. By the most optimistic estimates you could not consider the existing silver backing in the treasury at more than one-third of a billion (roughly), because the silver dollars are only three-fourths silver.

On this basis, Mr. Roosevelt will have to acquire somewhere between one and one-half billions and two billions of silver at an average price of \$1 an ounce before he reaches the 25-75 ratio.

But there are only 50,000,000 ounces of silver produced in this country at the peak of production. So, if Mr. Roosevelt purchases only from domestic producers at the average of \$1 an ounce, it means only \$50,000,000 of purchases a year.

To get one and one-half billions of silver reserve that way would take him 30 years.

Even the most optimistic Democrat will concede that Mr. Roosevelt will not be President 30 years from now.

If Mr. Roosevelt were Senator
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TELEPHONE CALL SETS RANSOM IN GETTLE 'SNATCH'

Conversation Ended by Extortionist Before Directionist Understood for Return of Rich Pasadena

LOS ANGELES, May 11.—(AP)—Seventy-five thousand dollars as ransom for William F. Gettle, kidnaped Beverly Hills millionaire, had been demanded by the kidnapers, the district attorney's office here announced today.

Ernest E. Noon, attorney for Mrs. Gettle, informed District Attorney Burton Pitts that he had received a telephone call "from a party who informed him they had Gettle alive and wanted \$5,000 ransom."

"About 8:30 o'clock this morning," reported Noon, "I had a telephone call from some man."

"The conversation went something like this:

"Mr. Noon?"
"I said yes."
"Will you pay seventy-five grand?"
"Why, yes, why—yes."
"Well, make up your mind."
"All right."
"Now you follow the instructions, and everything, and you will be all right," the man told me.

Then, said Noon, there was some reference to an automobile, and the line was cut off.

"By reference to an automobile, I mean that the man began talking something about a car some place, but I couldn't quite get the drift of it when the line was cut off. We are now waiting for another call from this party."

Two and a half hours after this telephone call Noon suddenly left his office. Whether or not he had the ransom money with him was not revealed.

Noon returned to his office again shortly before noon, and announced there was no statement to make, but that he expected developments soon.

BUYING INCREASES AS SUN BRIGHTENS

NEW YORK, May 11.—(AP)—The volume of retail and wholesale buying rose this week with the temperature, said the Dun & Bradstreet weekly trade report today.

The agency reported that along with the "sudden spurt" in retail distribution, the rate of industrial operations reached new high ground for the year in several divisions.

"The sudden revival of activity," it continued, "following the languishing pace of April, has brought fresh evidence that the weather has been the major retardative factor to progress during the last few weeks."

"The accelerated pace at which merchandise now is passing into consumers' hands has removed the fears of a few weeks ago that inventory losses would be suffered."

LUMBER ORDERS SHOW INCREASE

SEATTLE, Wash., May 11.—(AP)—The unfilled order file at 386 mills in Oregon and Washington reporting to the West Coast Lumbermen's association stood at 402,528,555 feet the week ending May 4, an increase of 14,000,000 feet over the previous week, the association reported today.

A production of 95,254,840 feet was listed by 694 down and operating mills, about 1,400,000 feet under the previous week. Production still continues at slightly more than 50 per cent above the weekly average at this time last year.

SILVER MEASURE NEAR AGREEMENT

WASHINGTON, May 11.—(AP)—President Roosevelt said today that his position is unchanged against mandatory silver legislation.

He is awaiting a report from the senate on negotiations between Secretary Morgenthau and the silver advocates.

WASHINGTON, May 11.—(AP)—The senate silver bloc and Secretary Morgenthau virtually agreed today on the language of a silver bill, but it will be presented to President Roosevelt early next week before final terms are written.

SALEM, May 11.—(AP)—Governor J. J. Meier today appointed Percy R. Smith justice of the peace of the Prineville district, Crook county, to succeed E. O. Hyde, deceased.

Egan Aids in Victory



H. Chandler Egan (left), great veteran and perfect stylist of Medford, Ore., and W. Lawson Little Jr. of Cheyenne, Wyo., who shared the success of the American Walker cup golf team which won three out of four of the Scotch foursome matches at St. Andrews, Scotland, today. Egan and his teammate, Max Marston, defeated their British opponents three and two, while Little, teamed with Johnny Goodman, won their match, eight and six. Singles matches will be played Saturday. (Associated Press photo.)

MAHONEY FLEAYED BY M'ALEXANDER IN CAUSTIC TALK

PORTLAND, May 11.—(AP)—Turning from consideration of his own candidacy and of his own opponents within his own party, General Ulysses Grants McAlexander, candidate for Republican nomination as governor, paused last night to lambast Willis E. Mahoney, mayor of Klamath Falls and candidate for Democratic nomination as Oregon's governor.

McAlexander is opposed for the nomination by General Charles H. Martin, classmate of McAlexander at West Point. McAlexander declared he was speaking not as a candidate but as a citizen.

"Does he maintain a home in Oregon?" McAlexander asked, speaking of Mahoney. "Does his wife even live in Oregon? Has he any interest in Oregon, its people and their welfare and prosperity? Has he anything in Oregon that he can't put in a carpet-bag and depart from Oregon as he came a few months back?"

McAlexander questioned Mahoney's military record, remarking that "clearly, he was of service age at the beginning of the war," questioned his right to political office in Oregon, and charged that "if his announced principles were carried into effect, he will not only beggar the rich but would make paupers of every other citizen."

McAlexander said he did not make the speech in interest of General Martin, Mahoney's opponent. "If he and I (Martin) are nominated in this primary election," he said, "I shall have plenty to say in the fall election, but in such a campaign there will be no occasion to question the integrity, character or uprightiness of Mr. Mahoney's opponent."

THE CUTTING MILLS ALSO UNDER CODE

SEATTLE, May 11.—(AP)—Some owners of small lumber operations, including so-called tie mills, have an erroneous impression, the West Coast Lumbermen's association said today, that the minimum wage and maximum hour provisions of the lumber code do not cover railway cross-tie cutting.

The association said all lumber-making operations in western Oregon and Washington Douglas fir regions must pay at least the 42 1/2 cent per hour minimum wage and must not work employes on production more than 40 hours in a calendar week.

Salem Burglar Confesses Guilt

SALEM, May 11.—(AP)—Robert Hall, former resident of San Francisco, who was arrested early Thursday in connection with the attempted robbery of a warehouse here, in which Albert Pullman was fatally wounded by an officer, was indicted late yesterday by the Marion county grand jury, charged with burglary not in a dwelling.

Hall confessed his complicity in the case, officers said, after he had been taken to the mortuary to view Pullman's remains.

INSULL SECURES LIBERTY ON BOND QUARTER MILLION

All Technicalities Are Cleared After Long Negotiation—Next Federal Court Step Scheduled for Tuesday

CHICAGO, May 11.—(AP)—Giving bonds totaling a quarter million dollars, Samuel Insull was released from the county jail today to await his trial by government and state.

His attorney encountered hours of delay in arranging bail, but at length every technicality was cleared up and Insull was free to go at will.

Tuesday he must return to federal court to hear the legality of his arrest determined, and Wednesday, for the first time since their flight two years ago took them on divergent paths, he will meet his brother Martin, a decade his junior, in criminal court.

The elder Insull will be arraigned before Judge James F. Pardy on charges of embezzlement; Martin Insull will have his plea in abatement against the indictment argued in the same court.

J'VILLE GRANGE MEETS TONIGHT

There will be a meeting of the Jacksonville Grange this evening at 8:00. Several important business matters, which demand immediate attention are to be discussed and the members urged to be present.

A Mother's Day program, including vocal selections by Mrs. Ann Wendt, will be presented by the lecturer, refreshments are to be served by the committee in charge following the business session.

Home Economics club held its regular meeting Wednesday afternoon at the Grange Hall. Plans for future activities were discussed and decided upon, and preparations made for the concert of the Grange chorus, given Wednesday evening.

ARGENTINA RUINS WHEAT PACT PLAN

LONDON, May 11.—(AP)—The world wheat conference broke down tonight when Argentina refused to accept the proposed minimum price scheme.

Shortly after the conference had adjourned until June 27, it was learned that some important countries, including Great Britain, had not given approval to the plan.

Delegates had been hopeful, however, of ultimate success.

But today, Argentina's refusal to accept the proposition, wrecked the conference.

FIRST PRISONER RUINS NEW MILTON BASTILE

MILTON, Ore., May 10.—(UP)—Herman Hurst, first person to be incarcerated in Milton's brand, "spankin'" new jail, tore out most of the plumbing, flooded and generally wrecked the bastille.

He was being held to await arrival of state police. He denied he had been drinking.

GRANTS PASS CITIZEN KIDNAPED BY CRATERS

Taking a leaf from the kidnapers' book, the Medford Crater club last night "snatched" a prominent Grants Pass business man and brought him back to this city with them, following a banquet at the Redwoods hotel where the local boosters were guests.

Within a few minutes, J. Verne Shantz, official Diamond Jubilee photographer, appeared on the scene and "mugged" Winetrouth through the bars, despite the almost hysterical objections of the Grants Pass man.

Winetrouth was finally released and escorted to the home of a Crater man where he returned this morning to the Grants City, roving vengeance on any Crater that showed up in Grants Pass for the next ten days.

The Craters' junket to the sister city on the north was by way of advertising the forthcoming jubilee and an enthusiastic gathering of Cave Men promised General Chairman E. C. "Jerry" Jerome full co-operation.

Mr. Jerome, "Big Eruption" Johnny Rein and Herb Grey were presented with paperweights, replicas of a cave man in skin costume.

DUST BLIZZARDS ADD DISCOMFORT IN DROUGHT AREA

Mid-West Crop Prospects Grow Darker Hourly—Light Showers Little Value—Dust Chokes Chicago

Dust Blankets East.

NEW YORK, May 11.—(AP)—An enormous dust cloud laid a gritty yellow pall over almost the entire northeastern part of the United States today.

Sitting eastward through the higher atmosphere to beset New York's skyscrapers in sickly yellow haze, the vast dust blanket stretched nearly 1500 miles westward to the banks of the Mississippi, southward to the national capital and north to parts of the Canadian border.

Chicago, May 11.—(AP)—Apprehension over middle America's crop prospects grew hourly today.

Parched prairies and plains, long baked by a hot sun and swept by swirling, choking "black blizzards" of dust, swelled the alarm of agrarian and city dweller alike.

The only note of hope was the forecast of local showers tonight in Nebraska and North and South Dakota, and in Iowa tomorrow.

Elsewhere no relief was in sight.

"The weather," said the official forecaster, "will be fair almost generally Friday in the north central state, but unsettled conditions are likely in parts of the Great Plains area, with some prospects of local showers in that section by Friday night or Saturday."

Showers Little Value.

Light showers have fallen in the Chicago area—the first in 28 days—and in Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Texas, but they were regarded as of little value. The Chicago Board of Trade took cognizance of the situation and the prices of all future deliveries of wheat skyrocketed five cents yesterday.

Whipped by strong winds, the dust clouds from the vast plains of western Canada swept across the border with undying intensity yesterday, befogging the entire area from Montana on the west, Texas on the south and the Ohio valley on the east.

So thick were the floating sheets of real estate that airplane service between Chicago and St. Paul was interrupted. Pilots reported that the dust particles invaded the upper air—as high as 10,000 feet, and were sweeping eastward at the rate of 80 to 100 miles an hour.

Unprecedented Dust.

Experts said the "black blizzards" were without precedent in intensity and the area involved within the past 20 years.

Chicago's skyscrapers, which ordinarily loom before the eye at great distances, were virtually blotted from sight. How many thousands of tons of dust were involved could not be estimated. Air conditioning experts calculated 308,000 particles of dust to the cubic foot at the corner of Clark and Washington streets, in the heart of Chicago's Loop.

One estimate was that some 12,000,000 pounds of dust had been swept into Chicago—four pounds for every man, woman and child in the city.

Many persons suffering from sinus and eye infections were sent hurrying to specialists for relief.

Her Los Health Caused.

Blinded by dust, a woman was killed in a motor vehicle accident near Dupres, S. D., another woman died at Sykestown, N. D. She was pinned beneath a chicken coop, blown over by the high wind.

Meanwhile, crop experts agreed that the wheat crop had been impaired, and reports said that other crops had also suffered.

So serious was the water shortage in some localities that municipal embargoes were established on drinking water.

Nor was the central west alone in its aridity. Farmers near Cumberland, Md., prayed yesterday for rain in the afternoon they got it.

GLORIA SWANSON TO SEEK DIVORCE SOON

CHICAGO, May 11.—(AP)—Gloria Swanson, screen actress, announced today she would file for divorce against Michael Farmer, her fourth husband, in a Los Angeles court within a week or ten days.

Her Los Angeles attorneys, said Miss Swanson, was arranging the papers now. The charge would be incompatibility, she said.

HILLSBORO, Ore., May 11.—(AP)—David Davies, 75, was killed on the Tualatin highway shortly after midnight when his car was struck by an automobile driven by Howard Wells, 25, of Hillsboro.

Held for Ransom



WILLIAM F. GETTLE, millionaire oil man and stock broker, abducted from his palatial Beverly Hills, Cal., home at an early hour Thursday by gunmen who sealed the walls with a staphle during the course of a party.

BEER 'FISH BOWLS' BANNED BY BOARD STARTING MONDAY

PORTLAND, May 11.—(AP)—The huge beer schooners, popularly known as "fish bowls," soon will be a relic of the past.

On Monday the large goblets will be stored and in their places will come glasses of more moderate girth and height. The state liquor control commission has so ordained.

Hereafter five cents will buy only a seven-ounce glass of beer in Oregon. For a dime you will get no more than a 12-ounce container.

Every brewer and distributor, it was said today, has signed an agreement to outlaw the large beer glass, and they will refuse to sell beer to dispensers who refuse to comply.

The liquor control commission took the step "to eliminate unfair trade practices," and to put pressure on dispensers who fail to adhere to regulations. Competition has become so keen among dispensers, it was pointed out, that conditions have reflected much criticism on the industry.

George Paulsen, executive secretary of the Oregon Brewers' association, said "while this regulation may tend to reduce distributors' sales somewhat, it will serve to correct a condition that he believes is not best either for public welfare or for dispensers themselves."

CENTRAL PT. BANK DIVIDEND ORDERED

Payment of dividend number 3 in the liquidation of the State bank of Central Point was ordered yesterday by Circuit Judge H. D. Norton, upon petition of the state superintendent of banks.

A 15 per cent dividend amounting to \$4,655.44, was ordered on commercial accounts. A 10 per cent dividend, amounting to \$3,137.30, was ordered on savings departments accounts.

The last dividend brings the total dividends for the commercial department to 50 per cent, and for the savings department to 55 per cent.

The previous dividends amounted to 35 per cent in the commercial section and 45 per cent for savings.

Close to 300 depositors will receive dividend checks, ranging from \$854 to 80 cents—the latter sum going to the Women's Missionary Society of Central Point. Attorney Harry Skyrman of this city will get 52 cents, and the Thursday club of Willow Springs 75 cents.

The payments include the period ending April 25.

Medford Couple To Wed In Reno

RENO, Nev., May 11.—(AP)—Marriage licenses issued here today included Oscar H. Brennan, 52, and Charlotte Trimble, 48, both of Medford, Oregon.

Brennan is listed in the city directory as a machinist for the California Oregon Power company. Miss Trimble's name does not appear in the book.

HANKOW, China, May 11.—(AP)—The Rev. Howard Smith of Washington, Pa., missionary of the Christian and Missionary Alliance at Ping Shui in Northwest Szechuan Province, has been kidnapped by "Rogues," crimson-clad Chinese irregulars, it was learned here today.

YANKEE GOLFERS WIN 3 OUT OF 4 INITIAL MATCHES

Egan and Marston Defeat Scott and McKinley, 3 and 2—Ouimet and Dunlap Only Losers U. S. Team

Singles Drawn.

ST. ANDREWS, Scotland, May 11.—(AP)—Drawings for the Walker Cup singles golf matches tomorrow follows (First name American player, second British):

John Goodman versus the Hon. Michael Scott.
Lawson Little versus Cyril Tolley.
George T. Dunlap versus Jack McLean.
Francis Ouimet versus Leonard Crawley.
John Fischer versus Eric Fielden.
Max Marston versus T. A. Torrance.
Jack Westlund versus Eric McRuvie.
Gus Moreland versus Sam McKinley.

H. Chandler Egan, 50-year-old American, was the United States' spare, and Harry Bentley and Roger Wethered were Britain's reserves.

ST. ANDREWS, Scotland, May 11.—(AP)—American golfers' first venture in the 1934 campaign in international competition was crowned with success today as the United States Walker Cup foursomes won three out of four matches from their British rivals. Eight singles matches will be played tomorrow.

Johnny Goodman, bold young U. S. open champion, and his stocky, square-shouldered partner, W. Lawson Little, made a runaway of their match with the crack British team, Roger Wethered and Cyril Tolley, winning 8 and 6.

The other American victories were scored by 50-year-old H. Chandler Egan and Max Marston, who defeated the Hon. Michael Scott, British captain, and Sam McKinley, 3 and 2, and Gus Moreland and Jack Westlund, who conquered Harry Bentley and Eric Fielden, 6 and 3.

Francis Ouimet, captain of the American side, and George T. Dunlap, Jr., American amateur titleholder, were the only Americans to dip their colors. Waging a losing battle all the way, Ouimet and Dunlap fought gamely and doggedly but were vanquished by Eric McRuvie and Jack McLean, 4 and 2.

TRACK MEET FOR GRADES SATURDAY

Medford grade schools, Washington, Lincoln, Jackson and Roosevelt, will tomorrow participate in a track meet at Van Scoyoc field, which is to be under the supervision of Ray Henderson of the Medford Junior high school.

Competition is expected to be keen, as a silver cup is to be awarded the school with the highest points. Lincoln has won the trophy twice, and will try to get it tomorrow, for permanent possession.

Local business men will act as judges for the meet. No admission will be charged, and all persons interested in the events, are invited.

WILL ROGERS SAYS:

SAN FRANCISCO, May 10.—In California's primary race for governor there is the largest entry to different parties that ever went to the post. Democrats, Progressives, Socialists, Prohibition, Liberty Tories and Republicans. These last two are revivals of old-time parties that have been out of existence for years.

On our darkest days there is a ray of hope somewhere in the papers. "A gigolo committed suicide." It may be the starting of a fad.

Twenty-five scheming, dissembling, American mothers pulled every political rope possible to get their daughters to see the king this week in London, and he asked to have a look at Sophie Tucker.

Will Rogers

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