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KIDNAP SUSPECT SHAPES WEAPON FROM A SPOON



By PAUL MALLON. (Copyright, 1934, By Paul Mallon) WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 28.—The consummate nonchalance with which the skipper eased General Johnson overboard was a clean-cut job of a distasteful business as has yet been done in this administration.



The plankwalking act of the general was made to look like a pleasant parting, whereas everyone on the inside knows it is a d. Paul Mallon knows it is a d. Paul Mallon knows it is a d.

The president tried to avoid it for months. He had several good reasons. One was a sincere personal respect for and loyalty to the general, who did such a good, unselfish job in the early stages of NRA.

Even after the president made up his mind he tried to move indirectly by offering Johnson a secondary job in the NRA reorganization. That was done at Hyde Park three weeks ago.

Those who were close to Hyde Park said the president has rarely been so angry as when he read that speech. Both he and Johnson knew the public would believe the general was speaking for the administration.

It then became quite evident that the general was too hot a potato to handle much longer.

Both have been very busy explaining what are the "new duties" which Johnson wrote he would undertake for the president "when circumstances permit."

The hint related to a suggestion made by Mr. Roosevelt in a private conference with Johnson to the effect that he would like to have Johnson act as a sort of contact man between the business leaders and the administration.

The ultimate end of the NRA cannot be seen by anyone here now. The president is groping toward a compromise with the Richberg-Perkins viewpoint which will gain the confidence of industry. He wants to "practicalize" the codes.

One is that the NRA heretofore will have little or nothing to do with labor. That phase will be cared for by separate relations boards for the largest industries — longshoremen, steel, autos, textile, etc. Standing over this extensive board machinery will be the national labor relations board.

Another phase considered almost certain is his ultimate transfer of the fair trade and code enforcement to the federal trade commission.

Mr. Hitler's capable ambassador Hans Luther has been getting what is commonly known as the "around-lake" at the state department. He would not know the meaning of that term, but he knows what he is doing.

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Improvised Instrument Discovered in Toilet Bowl of Cell — Suicide or Attack Motive Is Unrevealed

DENVER, Sept. 28.—(AP)—Agents of the department of justice revealed today they are questioning a Denver man on suspicion he may know something about the Lindbergh kidnaping.

Postmarked Minneapolis and sent to Verner in Chicago, less than a month after the kidnaping of Charles A. Lindbergh, Jr., the postscript said: "Elin says hello and wants to know if you know who had the Lindbergh baby. Boy, I was surprised when I found out."

NEW YORK, Sept. 28.—(AP)—Sheriff John J. Hanley today disclosed that Bruno Richard Hauptmann had stolen a tablespoon in the jail, broken it into four sections, sharpened one and had hidden all four pieces in the jail.

Hanley said that the bowl part of the spoon had been sharpened to a razor edge by rubbing it against the steel frame of the cot in his cell in the county jail.

Three parts were found in the toilet bowl in his cell, and the fourth piece had been hidden in the drain of the wash basin in the cell. The sheriff said the pieces appeared to be too small to be used as a key, but he was inclined to believe the sharpened piece might have been used as a weapon if it had been further sharpened it into a knife.

"This morning at 7:45, fifteen minutes before breakfast," Hanley said, "as is the usual custom, Hauptmann and the other prisoners were given a bowl and a spoon."

"After breakfast, Hauptmann's spoon was missing. The jailer asked him for it and Hauptmann said he had lost it."

With her husband, J. W. Fruit, and Dr. and Mrs. John Evans, Mrs. Fruit went into the Steens mountains in southeastern Oregon on a hunting trip. While the men on the hunt were hunting on the first day of the open season, the women sighted the animal near the camp. Mrs. Fruit subsequently brought it down with a shot from a .22-caliber rifle.

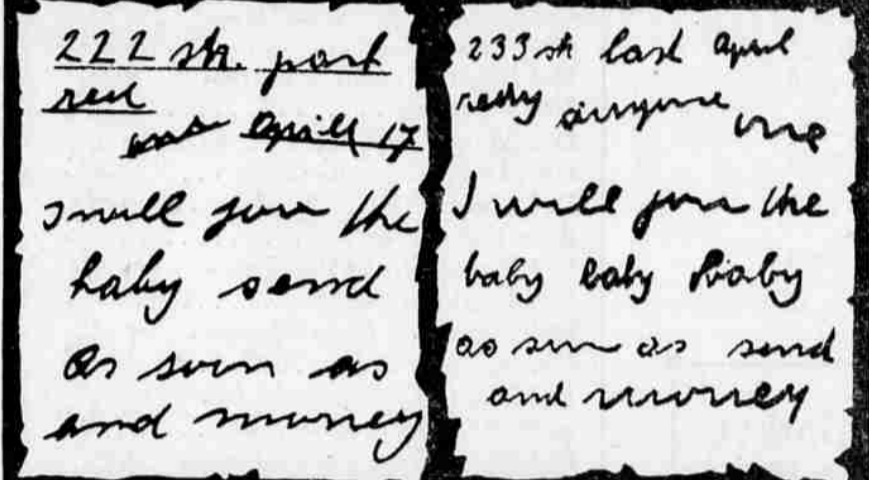
Brought into camp by the men, it was learned that although it had an excellent set of antlers, four prongs on one side and three on the other, it was organically unlike either the male or female of the species.

The deer weighed close to 200 pounds and was in excellent condition. Mrs. Fruit was told to be concerned as to whether she violated the game laws or not.

ROSEBURG, Ore., Sept. 28.—(AP)—Sale of the Umpqua mills and Timber company holdings in and near Reedport, western Douglas county, to Calvin Prentiss of Chicago, for the total sum of \$568,000, was conducted here today by W. H. Hedlund, deputy U. S. marshal. The real and personal property of the milling company was sold under a judgment secured by the Continental National Bank and Trust company of Chicago, holders of a portion of the company's \$750,000 bond issue. The purchaser, Prentiss, is one of the trustees and bond holders.

LOS ANGELES RETURNS TO SUMMER CLOTHING LOS ANGELES, Sept. 28.—(AP)—Light summer clothing returned to popularity here today as the weather bureau thermometer climbed to 91 degrees at noon. Yesterday's maximum temperature was 79 degrees.

HAUPTMANN'S SCRIPT COMPARED WITH KIDNAPER'S



Similar words in the actual handwriting (left) of Bruno Richard Hauptmann, charged with receiving the Lindbergh ransom money, and in the ransom notes (right) sent to Colonel Lindbergh, are shown as they appear under the microscope. Compare the 'bird' word in the top line (left), taken from Hauptmann's auto license, "paat," with the word "last" in the ransom note. Other words with the same letters likewise may be compared. (Associated Press Photo)

HAUPTMANN SAYS NEVER GLIMPSED LINDBERGH'S BABY

NEW YORK, Sept. 28.—(AP)—Bruno Richard Hauptmann asserted today, "I never saw the Lindbergh baby, dead or alive."

He broke silence for the second time to plead his own case before the public, answering a list of questions. The questions were framed by newspapermen covering the Bronx county jail, where he is confined.

His attorney, James M. Pawcett, took the list of questions in to his cell.

"Do you still claim that you are not guilty of extortion?" Hauptmann replied, "I am innocent of anything."

"Do you still feel confident of acquittal?" "Yes, I do," he replied.

"What are your thoughts about your wife and child?" "I love them dearly," said Hauptmann, "and I hope to return to them soon."

He was asked what word he wanted to send to his mother in Germany. "Tell her that I am innocent," said Hauptmann, "and that I love her."

"Did Fiech indicate by any hint that he was mixed up in the kidnaping?" "No."

"Did you spend the money with the knowledge that it was ransom money?" "No."



With the arrest of Bruno Richard Hauptmann, alien German carpenter, in the Lindbergh baby kidnaping case it was revealed that B. C. Farrer (above), handwriting expert in the treasury department more than two years ago had characterized the writer of the ransom notes as a methodical German carpenter. (Associated Press Photo)

BASEBALL

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 28.—(AP)—The Cardinals advanced into a tie with the New York Giants for the National league lead today by defeating the Cincinnati Reds 4 to 0 behind the six-hit pitching of Dizzy Dean.

Pear Markets

NEW YORK, Sept. 28.—(AP)—(U. S. D. A.)—Pear auction market, prices slightly stronger. Six cars arrived; 6 Oregon cars, 5 California, 2 Washington unloaded; 7 cars on track.

STERLING MINE WILL RESUME OPERATIONS

Litigation arising over the Sterling mine property has been adjusted, according to Attorney Forster J. Neff, counsel for the mine operators. Operations at the mine are expected to be resumed in two or three weeks.

EMPLOYMENT IN OREGON INDUSTRY SHOWS INCREASE

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 28.—(AP)—Studies of Oregon employment conditions just completed by the Federal Reserve bank of San Francisco indicate the state's industries increased employment 23 per cent from July to August.

The bank reported today 114 firms covered in the survey paid 28 per cent more in wages during August than in July.

"These increases," the report said, "were considerably larger than the usual July-August expansion. They reflected in part a recovery from the comparatively low level of employment in July at the time of strikes, and an extraordinarily sharp increase in operation at canneries."

August employment was found to average eight per cent higher than a year ago, with payrolls up six per cent.

NEW YORK, Sept. 27.—(AP)—The weekly trade survey of Dun & Bradstreet said today that there had been a slight interruption this week to the fall upturn in retail distribution, which "is interpreted as significant of an abrupt broadening during the weeks that lie immediately ahead."

In some of the retail branches, the review asserted, September has been the best month since March, with further expansion apparently assured during October.

"The rising level of retail distribution," it said during the last five weeks, "continued the review, 'was checked to some extent by the rainy weather and the predominance of summer temperatures in most parts of the country.'"

"Following the feeble revival of industrial operations last week, there are now more manifestations of strength, although these are to be noted chiefly in the consumption goods division."

"The durable goods group has yet to disclose the development hoped for fully awaited."

Mastery of Depression Near if Unified Effort Continues—Roosevelt

Primary Relief Lead Up to Communities Presidents Word to Leaders in Assembly at White House

WASHINGTON, Sept. 28.—(AP)—Confidence that a unified attack "for a little while longer" would master "old man depression" was expressed today by President Roosevelt in addressing the 1934 conference on the mobilization for human needs.

To the assembled leaders of the group at the White House, the president emphasized that it was up to local communities to carry the primary burden of relief. He called it the privilege rather than the duty of the individual American to bear a share in relief.

"It is that personal appeal, that personal service, which has carried us through these trying years," he said. "Little White Longer."

"A unity of effort for a little while longer will, I am confident, bring national success to our nationally unified efforts to bring old man depression to the point where we can finally master and destroy him."

Mr. Roosevelt said there had been some inefficiency in the emergency efforts to alleviate distress, but he looked forward to greater efficiency.

He told the conference, which is headed by Newton D. Baker of Ohio, that it was his duty to say to it: "First of all, that destination is reached, and, secondly, that no individual or no family shall be entitled to public assistance if that individual or that family is not deserving."

Workmen Listen. Amplifying apparatus had been set up in the White House to take the president's words to a crowd on the grounds. As his talk started, workmen on the new executive office building sat down to listen.

Baker, replying to the president, expressed the organization's appreciation for the co-operation of the chief executive and Mrs. Roosevelt, who is chairman of the national women's committee.

Years of famine have followed years of plenty, Baker said, "not because nature has withheld her bounty."

To discuss plans for the fall drive, scheduled for early November, the Community Chest board met yesterday with Eugene Thorndike, president in charge. A successful year was reported by the officers, and each organization represented gave a financial report of the past year, and presented its proposed budget for the coming year.

Larry Schade, Mr. Thorndike and J. C. Mann were named on the executive committee to act with the chairman of the drive, whenever he may be appointed.

Present at the Thursday meeting besides Mr. Thorndike, were Lillian Roberts, George Fry, Larry Schade, Mrs. John Willis, Mrs. R. E. Green, Mrs. John Phillips, Mrs. Leonard Carpenter, Captain G. R. Durham and Ruth Meusel, secretary.

MEDFORD WOMAN MAY HAVE TRIED SUICIDE, IS FEAR

Mrs. Owens, Missing Since Saturday, May Have Taken Knife, Says Husband — Threats Recalled

With the discovery that a large hunting knife was missing from his home, Oliver Owens, CCC worker residing at 837 Palm street, today expressed fears that his wife, missing since Saturday night, might have committed suicide. He recalled that about a month ago she had threatened to end her life, saying she would "go jump in the lake."

Telling him that she was going to the neighbors to see if she could sell a canary, Mrs. Owens left home about 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon and has not been seen since. The couple has five children who are under the father's care.

Knife Missing. The hunting knife, which Owens said was gone, had a seven-inch blade. On Monday he received a letter from her, posted at Central Point, in which she said: "I have tried to get along and can't. An am. leaving. Good luck and God bless you." In the letter she also stated she had "left for" (Continued from Page Five)

DIAPER DISPUTE LACKS EVIDENCE

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 28.—(AP)—Hollywood baby diapers were withdrawn from judicial attention today. Not enough mothers showed up to tell the court about them.

It was the suit of Ernest R. Woodward, proprietor of the Baby Laundry Service, seeking \$5,000 damages from Philip Kearney Jr., proprietor of a rival firm. Woodward charged that Kearney used a similar firm name and was garnering the laundry that Hollywood mothers thought they were sending to Woodward.

Only two mothers, out of a dozen subpoenaed, appeared, and when Woodward's attorney talked to them, he found they were not valuable witnesses for his client. So the attorney asked dismissal of his suit, the judge so ordered, and the two mothers walked out.

RAIN RELIEVES FISH AT HYATT

Sergeant Ed Walker, state police officer of the game division, returned to Medford from Hyatt lake, where he checked on the fish situation, a paramount topic in southern Oregon this week.

Sergeant Walker said the water had raised considerably since the last rain, and that no fish are dying at the lake. All are in good condition, he reported, and he expressed the belief that there will be no more loss this year from low water.

WILL ROGERS says: HEMPSTREAD, N. Y., Sept. 27.—Boy, it's great to get back into a country where something happens. Talk about Japan, Russia and Europe, why even a society reporter could cover their news. With us something is cracking every minute. Hugh Johnson's retirement? Why, that's like Hitler stepping out. Hugh has never put any men to death, but he has certainly soared some of our biggest industrialists off to death. He has cussed 'em all collectively and individually. You told many big guys the truth that has never been told them before. Good luck to you, Hugh. WILL ROGERS, P. S.: And best to Bobby. Will Rogers. © 1934, McClure & Co., Inc.

CHEST CAMPAIGN DUE TO OPEN IN EARLY NOVEMBER

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The Allied Welfare association held its first fall meeting today at the Medford hotel with 18 members present, representing various service clubs and organizations of the city.

Representatives of the clubs pledged enthusiastic support of the drive and volunteered to send workers to aid.

WOMEN GOLFERS KEEP INTERNATIONAL TROPHY CHEVY CHASE, Md., Sept. 28.—(AP)—The American Curl curl team today successfully defended the international trophy from a challenging group of women golfers from England. With two matches still to be completed, the Americans had already accumulated 3 1/2 points, enough to insure victory.

BABY PICTURE STAR RIFURES \$416,000 HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Sept. 28.—(AP)—Shirley Temple, tiny movie starlet, has been offered and has turned down, an offer of \$416,000 for her professional services for a period of two years, her father, George F. Temple, Los Angeles bank manager, said today.

ASTORIA, Ore., Sept. 28.—(AP)—A sentence of five years in state prison was passed on Charles A. McNaull of Aberdeen last yesterday after he had pleaded guilty to a charge of arson. He said he has a wife and two children in Aberdeen.