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## SPEED BANKS PARDON PLOT QUIZ

### High Court Delays Blamed for Siskiyou Lynching by Prosecutor



#### News Behind The News

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 3.—The way congress has played deaf to President Roosevelt's continuous demands for abolishing tax-exempt securities is beginning to cause talk. The president dusted off his trumpets again the other day when he sounded a charge against the thirty-first multi-millionaires, who drew 37 per cent of their income from tax-exempt securities three years ago. He has been blowing that same bugle call off and on for a year, and nothing ever happens. The troops do not move.

Ordinarily, the White House only has to whisper to get action out of congress, but on this one issue even the loudest trumpet it emits fails to stir up anything more than a long, suspicious silence. It is such a peculiar situation that you might reasonably suspect the desire of the new dealers in this respect are not as avid as they sound.

The fact is most congressmen have the same impression. The real reason why congress never does anything about the tax-exempt securities is that it is generally understood on the inside that the new dealers are largely trying to sweeten the government bond market. By always threatening to abolish existing exempt securities in the future, they are making the government bonds sweeter.

Furthermore, if you dig deeply into the upper crust of the fiscal strata here, you will find that not all the financial authorities of the new deal are convinced that a constitutional amendment would be a good thing. Heavy undercover discussion cropped out at a congressional meeting at the White House when that subject was mentioned lately. For one thing, the effect on future treasury financing is questionable. Many small federal government tax state bond issues, it can run the state themselves.

Also, the multi-millionaires issue is at least partly ballyhoo, because the rich bondholders pay a considerable tax in reduced interest rates on such bonds.

Consequently, you may expect this subject to remain in the single-talk stage for a long, long time.

The so-called progressive group has some of the largest-lunged looters on the tax-exempt trumpets. They have been demanding for years that something be done. The other day they had an opportunity to carry out their idea. A proposal was made to permit taxation of bonds of the Tennessee Valley Authority. Their next against it was the loudest.

No one has noticed it yet, but Mr. Roosevelt has sworn off these private little exchanges he indulged in with friendly newsmen in the front line at his press conferences. The reason is that, a few weeks ago, some of the correspondents began printing this pernicious. The president apparently was astounded to find in his morning paper one day a highly seasoned account of his observations about the relative merits of bondheads (rich) and scoundrels (politicians). That ended that.

The secret of the lobby committee investigation was hardly a secret. The investigators were out for publicity only. They wanted to advertise the aims of the utilities in a hurry. No time could be wasted on a legitimate inquiry for the purposes of legislation. They had to smear the power boys (while Senator Wheeler held up the utility bill) in order to change congressional votes and public opinion for Mr. Roosevelt's inaccurately named "debt securities" provision.

They got away with unusually high-handed tactics because no congressman dared to protest. The independent activities of the worst of the current public utility sinners were too much for most of the utilities themselves to defend.

The house is ruled by a private tri-umvirate. Speaker Joe Byrne, Rules Chairman O'Connor and Whip Pat Boland. Not included in the group

#### KELLAHER FACES CHARGE AS AIDE FOR \$50,000 FEE

Marion Circuit Judge Given 'Reasonable Time' To Call Grand Jury, Ere District Attorney Files Information—Alleged Connivance Revealed.

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 3.—(AP)—If a grand jury hearing in the case assertedly involving Dan Kellaher, former state parole officer, and L. A. Banks, convicted Medford slayer, is not called within a "reasonable time," District Attorney Trindle of Marion county today said he would file an information against Kellaher to obtain an immediate investigation. It was indicated a "reasonable time" meant some time next week. Kellaher was accused by Assistant Attorney General Ralph Moody yesterday with having entered into a contract with Banks, now serving a life term at the penitentiary at Salem, whereby the ex-parole officer was to receive \$50,000 if he succeeded in having the former Medford editor and orchardist freed from prison.

Delay Reasons Given  
In answer to District Attorney Trindle's request for an immediate grand jury hearing, Circuit Judge McMahon said that he hesitated to call in the jury, mostly farmers, until after the harvest season; that he wants to make a judicial inspection of the contract. Kellaher is asserted to have signed with Banks, and that he (the judge) is scheduled to make a trip to eastern Oregon next week.

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Banks was convicted of the shooting of George Prescott, Medford constable, who was slain in July, 1933, when he sought to serve a warrant on Banks involving burglary charges arising from the disappearance of a large following of Jackson county's turbulent freedmen.

Plan Pardon Purchase  
The document which Moody contended was a legal contract between Banks and Kellaher, in addition to providing that the latter would receive \$50,000 if the former Medford man was given his freedom, also was asserted to contain a clause granting Kellaher an unnamed amount even if an attempt to win a pardon proved unsuccessful.

Moody indicated today he was ready to go before a grand jury at any time. State Parole Officer Duffy was revealed today as having been responsible for the appearance of the document at yesterday's hearing. Duffy said that Banks had grown tired of his agreement with Kellaher, saying that Kellaher "was not big enough to handle the job," and that he turned over the document when Duffy advised him to "come clean."

Moody contends that Kellaher violated his oath of office by assertingly entering into an agreement to aid in freeing a person serving time.

#### CALIFORNIA AUTO WRECKS KILL 12

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 3.—(AP)—Traffic accidents were blamed for 12 deaths in northern California today, five of them in a head-on collision between two heavy trucks near Alturas.

Two men were killed and three seriously injured in an automobile upset seven miles north of Tule in Amador county; a two-year-old Fresno boy was crushed to death when a backing car ran over him at Antioch and a man and a woman were fatally injured in separate accidents at Oakland.

#### Chicago Boy Killed Stealing Milk For 7 Hungry Children

CHICAGO, Aug. 3.—(AP)—Sixteen-year-old Edward Schulte was shot and killed today when police said he and a companion crept into a doorway to steal an 11-cent quart of milk for hungry brothers and sisters. Joseph Kirner, 46, said he fired when he heard Schulte whispering to Arthur Wozniak, 18. Arthur's father, Joseph, told Police Sergeant Luner Sand the family's milk supply was cut off last week. There are seven children in the two families.

#### NEW TAX ACT DUE TO PASS MONDAY, ROOSEVELT WARNS

Business Renews Attack On Revamped Bill As "Disorganizing"—Fish Assails Measure.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3.—(AP)—The \$270,000,000 tax bill was pushed to the point of passage by the house today despite warnings that President Roosevelt does not like its present form. A formal roll call vote was delayed until Monday. But even the Republicans, who had filibustered it at the start and later gave up attempts to amend it, agreed that ballot would pile up a huge majority for the bill. Treadway (R. Mass.) had a motion pending to return the bill to committee but that, too, was slated for defeat.

In brief, the measure would boost the taxes on individual incomes over \$50,000; replace the present flat graduated income tax with a graduated levy; subject inheritances and gifts to new levies on top of those already imposed on estates and gifts; enact new taxes of 8 to 20 per cent on excess corporation profits.

Business renewed its attack on the revamped bill today, through Harper Sibley, president of the United States chamber of commerce. He said it "would increase the forces of disorganization." Writing in the chamber's "Washington Review," Sibley promised there would be no relaxation of efforts to defeat the bill, which "demonstrates the hazards which all business enterprises, regardless of size, will run so long as public finances are not brought into an ordered condition."

The president had proposed new taxes to bring a "wider distribution of wealth." In many respects, the bill followed his broad recommendations. In reaching the voting stage, the bill sailed through a storm of amendments. Only one was adopted. That concerned the deduction of corporation's charitable gifts.

It likewise was assailed by Republicans—Representative Fish of New York was one of their spokesmen—as "disorganizing, socialism and demagoguery."

#### 5 MEN DIE WHEN TRUCKS COLLIDE ON ALTURAS ROAD

ALTURAS, Calif., Aug. 3.—(AP)—In a head-on collision between two trucks five miles west of here Friday night, five workmen were killed and five others narrowly escaped death. The dead: Jack Asher, 40, Alturas; Clarence Chance, 39, Alturas; Harold Alfred 53, Alturas; Wesley Polander, 30, Lake City; Roscoe Conklin, 21, Cedarville. The men were riding aboard a contractor's truck enroute to Alturas from a road construction job at Canyon, west of here, when their machine collided with an eastbound supplies truck. Loose boards on the latter pierced the entire length of the truck bearing the workmen, decapitating Asher and causing almost instant death to the others.

Don Gray, driver, and three others on the construction truck were unhurt, as was Lester Vernon, driver and sole occupant of the other vehicle. The truck was being equipped with machinery and is expected to begin its operations the last of this month.

#### THOUSANDS PERISH IN FLOODS



At least 10,000 died in one day and untold property damage was done when the Yangtze river went on a flood rampage around Hankow, China. Here is one view of the flooded streets with tubs being used for transportation. (Associated Press Photo)

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Aug. 3.—(AP)—A series of cloudbursts and severe thunder storms left a destructive trail tonight over wide areas of the state.

#### NON-STOP HOP OF SOVIET AVIATORS OVER POLE FAILS

MOSCOW, Aug. 3.—(AP)—Oil trouble over the icy Barents sea thwarted tonight the ambitious attempt of three Russians to fly non-stop from Moscow to San Francisco, across the North Pole. Disappointed, the fliers turned about over the southern part of the sea and landed at Leningrad at 10:30 p. m. (1:30 p. m. P. S. T.). A defective oil line spoiled their dream of setting a new world's non-stop record in a 6,000-mile hop to the Golden Gate from Moscow.

A radio message, after eight hours of silence, said a line from the disintegrating tank began throwing off excessive quantities of oil and the crew was unable to discover the cause. They had made the first part of their flight—an 875 mile stretch from Moscow to the Barents sea—at an average speed of 108 miles an hour, considerably better than had been expected.

Taking off from Moscow at 6:03 this morning, (8:03 p. m. Friday, Pacific Standard time), the plane had reported its progress regularly until 2:25 this afternoon, when it embarked upon the flight over the sea, the most hazardous part of the journey.

Before turning back on their trial the fliers asked permission of Soviet officials here, which was immediately granted. A commission was appointed to go to Leningrad and inspect the plane when it landed in an effort to determine the cause of the trouble. A spokesman at the American embassy issued a statement saying "The American embassy learned with deep regret of the failure of Levantsevsky's trip, and hopes that this will not lead to abandonment of the project of a flight to San Francisco."

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#### CRIMINAL INSANE ESCAPE ASYLUM

FULTON, Mo., Aug. 3.—(AP)—Six criminally insane prisoners confined in Missouri state hospital No. 1 escaped tonight after overpowering two attendants. They fled on foot and were believed to have headed south or southeast from the hospital which is not far from the state penitentiary at Jefferson City from which place the six had been transferred. State highway patrolmen, sheriff's deputies and hospital employees headed by Superintendent Ralph Hawks were in pursuit.

#### FORMER MEDFORD YOUTH FIGURED LYNCHING 'JOKE'

Warned Of Coming Violence By Phone, Luke Lange Slept—No Adverse Comment In Siskiyou.

(By Dick Applegate)  
While a mob raided the Siskiyou County jail and kidnapped and hanged Clyde L. Johnson, admitted slayer of the Dunsmuir Chief of Police, F. R. Daw, Luke Lange, Medford boy and special deputy sheriff in the California city, peacefully slept in the Yreka firehall two blocks away, even though he had just been warned of the impending violence by telephone. Said Lange to a Mail Tribune reporter yesterday: "It was a case of Wolf! Wolf! They'd been kidding me about being a deputy sheriff all week, and someone was always calling me and telling me they were lynching Johnson at the jail. I got so used to it that I thought they were just kidding again when they called me on the phone Friday night."

Another Medford citizen, Miss Ida Wilson, who is employed in the same Broadway cafe where Fleming Martin, the young man held at a point of a gun while the raiders spirited Johnson from the cell house, went past the jail a few minutes after the jail was broken into. She was on her way home, passing close to the battered door, but saw nothing amiss, and heard no strange noises. She said yesterday that the first thing she knew of the lynching was when the excited crowds were telling about it yesterday.

Firemen Unperturbed  
Although Lange went back to sleep after hearing the alarm, he is certainly not being censored in Yreka. Another alarm, apparently sent to the firemen at the fire hall by the jail sheriff you turned out to be a change, also failed to get any serious response, the call of "lynch" having been repeated so many times during the week that all of the some fifty citizens queried replied that they would have lent no credence to the call themselves.

A few were grinning at Lange yesterday, and playfully saying—"Sweet deputy sheriff you turned out to be" with huge grins, and putting him on the back. The little town is dusting its hands now, figuratively, and thinking that the job was a bad one well done. No adverse comment could be heard about the lynching, and all agreed, some profusely, that Johnson got "what was coming to him."

All in Yreka, including the city police, are agreed the lynching came as a result of the as-yet-unpunished slaying of Steve Kent, state highway patrol officer, and Les Quigley, city police officer, in Yreka on the night of March 14, 1933. Those two officers were shot down in arresting a man named Hall.

Hall is still in Folsom prison in California, under a sentence to hang, but still unburnt after more than two years. One Yreka man stated yesterday—"The only regret that Yreka citizens have about the lynching is that those Dunsmuir fellows didn't let us in on it. We show the police they can't kill our police officers and get away with it. A chorus of 'Yee's' showed how near he was to the general sentiment.

Curious at Morgue  
All yesterday morning the people of Yreka, and from the surrounding country, fied through the Kuntz undertaking parlors to look at the body of Johnson. Dressed in a white shirt of fine quality, and an expensive pair of dark, pleated and fashionable trousers and nothing else, the body still lay with bound feet, and angry red welts around the wrists showed where the hands had been bound. Another red welt ran around the neck, and men, women and children gazed with wild curiosity.

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#### TURK KILLS SELF, LACKS HEIRESS

NEW YORK, Aug. 3.—(AP)—Prince Abdul Kerim Effendi, 30-year-old descendant of the former ruling family of the Ottoman Empire, committed suicide by shooting himself in a Manhattan hotel today after sending a letter to the police commissioner saying that he had failed in his efforts to win an American heiress as his bride.

#### Mob Fury Victim



Clyde L. Johnson

#### SOLON SEES NEED ANTI-LYNCH LAW IN YREKA AFFAIR

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3.—(AP)—The report of a lynching near Yreka, Calif., brought from Senator Costigan (D. Colo.) today a statement that the "lynching evil is not being controlled by states and demands national legislation."

Senator Costigan is author of an anti-lynching measure which would impose a definite federal responsibility for law enforcement on local peace officers. A determined filibuster prevented action on the bill earlier in the session and it still remains on the senate calendar.

"The recent epidemic of lynchings, which has included victims south and north, again demonstrates that the lynching evil is national, not local," Costigan said today.

"All reasonable men and women are shocked beyond measure by the danger of mob law. The lawless hands lift assert mob power over life and death, without an opportunity to the accused to be heard under fair conditions in his own defense, can easily be persuaded to place the lighted torch and commit other unspeakable crimes against the home of any citizen."

#### JVILLE TWIN LOST, FATHER REPORTS

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 3.—(AP)—Ernest George Boyd of Jacksonville today asked police to aid in locating one of his twin sons, Leroy George Boyd, 14, who disappeared Tuesday from a boarding house here. He was described as having blue eyes and brown hair and was wearing a blue shirt, brown cap, brown short corduroys and high-top boots.

No one in Jacksonville could identify Boyd or his two sons last night, although it was learned there are several Boyd families living in that district.

#### FAIR AND WARMER FOR COMING WEEK

Oregon: Fair Sunday and Monday but cloudy or foggy near the coast; warmer with lower humidity in the interior on Monday; moderate west and northwest wind off the coast.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 3.—(AP)—Outlook for far western states August 5 to 10:  
Fair except local thunderstorms southeast California and eastern Nevada, and unsettled with light rains Washington, northern Idaho and western Oregon early in week. Temperatures moderate at beginning of week, becoming above normal over interior middle of week; considerable fog on California coast.

#### BABE SUFFOCATES IN CRIB BEDDING

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 3.—(AP)—Marlin Dellert, five-months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dellert of Portland, was smothered to death by bedding in his crib today during the brief absence of his mother.

#### HALL CASE CITED AS UNREST CAUSE, APATHY ASSAILED

Police Slayer, In Folsom, Saved By Legal Loopholes Stirs People—No Clue To Mob Members.

YREKA, Calif., Aug. 3.—(AP)—The supreme court of the United States was criticized by District Attorney James Davis tonight in a statement concerning the lynching here of Clyde L. Johnson for the alleged slaying of Chief of Police F. R. Daw of Dunsmuir. Davis declared that "uncontrollable unrest among the citizens," which he said led to the lynching early today, was caused by "apathy of the supreme court of the United States" and other federal courts in another recent police slaying case.

The district attorney issued his statement only a few hours after the 24-year old Johnson was dragged bare-footed from his cell in the county jail and hanged to a pine tree three miles from this mountain town.

The other case referred to by Davis was that of George Hall, now under sentence of death in Folsom prison for the slaying here two years ago of State Highway Patrolman Steve Kent and Lester Quigley, Yreka's garage man.

Hall appealed from the conviction to the state supreme court and, when this was denied, started habeas corpus proceedings in the federal courts. His execution was delayed by the petition, which Davis said is now before the country's highest tribunal for action.

"As district attorney of this county," Davis' statement said, "I want to say here and now that the apathy of the supreme court of the United States and the federal courts through which the George Hall case is being proceeded by slow manipulation, has created in the citizens of this county a distrust of the legal machinery represented by the upper courts of this country."

"This case, and this case alone," the statement added, "has created an uncontrollable unrest among the citizens of this county and, I believe, justly so."

Davis reiterated a previous declaration, however, that he would make every effort to prosecute members of the mob. "But so far," he said, "we have been unable to establish the identity of anyone who participated in the lynching."

Undersheriff W. J. Nelson, who said none of the masked lynchers had been identified, declared his office would attempt this task and furnish all evidence possible to the grand jury.

Authorities turned attention to Dunsmuir. 49 miles south of here, in their search for the lynchers as A. L. Wain, American Civil Liberties union official in Los Angeles, demanded "immediate and aggressive action" from State Attorney General U. S. Webb.

In San Francisco, however, Webb said he would not enter the case unless "constituted authorities" fall in performance of their duties.

Owen Kessell, state criminal investigator.

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**WILL ROGERS SAYS:**  
BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Aug. 2.—Here is rather an amazing statement. It didn't get much publicity in the press, but it was in there. It was made by the president (who has access to the records and must know). "Fifty-eight of the richest people in the United States paid no federal tax on 37 per cent of their incomes."  
This soaking the rich has got two sides to it. Roosevelt gets him a pack of humorous "brain trusters" to help him devise ways and means of trying to get at this extra 37 per cent, and the rich get them some lawyers that are just as smart as Roosevelt's tribe and their job is to cook up an antidote. So up to now most of the soaking has been done in the papers and not at the cash register.

*Will Rogers*  
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