

Laval Fails In Effort To Cheat Justice--Dies Before Rifle Squad

Weather
FORECAST: Clear to partly cloudy tonight and Tuesday. Little change in temperature.
Highest Yesterday 57
Lowest this Morning 44

MEDFORD MALL TRIBUNE

United Press—Full Wire

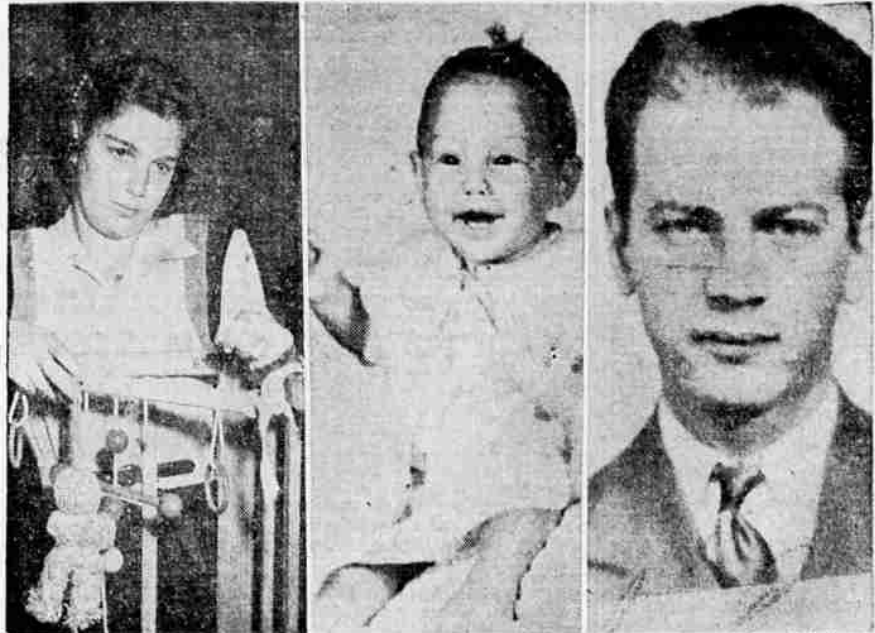
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Father Takes Baby—Leaves Note—Wife Worries



Mrs. Marion Emerson, 24, Oakland, Calif., mother, looks disconsolately at empty crib from which her 10-month-old daughter, Adrian (center), is missing since her husband, Abe Emerson (right), left home, taking the baby, leaving a note explaining that he is a failure, could not support his family as he would like. As the search continues, Mrs. Emerson frets because her architectural engineer husband knows nothing about special formula required by the baby.

Battle-Scarred Fleet Given Noisy Acclaim On Arrival In San Francisco From Pacific

San Francisco, Oct. 15—(U.P.)—Battle-scarred but victorious warships of the U. S. third fleet swept under the Golden Gate bridge today, giving San Francisco its first glimpse of the power that drove the Japanese navy from the Pacific and reduced far-flung Nipponese bases to rubble. Ten thousand persons jammed the sides of the longest single-spanned bridge as the USS South Dakota, flagship of Adm. William F. Halsey, led the naval unit into San Francisco bay at exactly noon. Their roaring cheers, however, were drowned out by the shrill noise of ship and shore sirens.

Fog Shrouds Scene
A heavy, low-lying fog, which shrouded the towers of the bridge prevented visibility beyond 1,000 feet and the South Dakota's fog-horn sounded before she could be sighted. The deep mist did not prevent sailors, who jammed the decks of the battleship, from seeing and whistling at the girls who waved from the top of the advance parties leaving Labaun in northwest Borneo. Melbourne had reported Saturday that the "vanguard" of a 10,000-man Australian occupation force already was en route to Japan from the southwest Pacific.

SPOKANE FACING BREAD SHORTAGE
Spokane, Wash., Oct. 15—(U.P.)—A strike of union employees of 10 Spokane bakeries today threatened a "breadless Tuesday" as 237 members of the Bakers' union walked out for a 15 per cent wage increase. Walter James, business agent for the local, said that the bakers had been negotiating for a month for the 15 per cent pay raise and that it had been refused by 10 of the 13 affiliated bakeries. One bakery in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, was also hit by the walkout. The strike vote was taken at a special meeting Saturday night and the walkout was effective at 12:01 a. m. today. Three Spokane bakeries, the Victory Baking Co., the Hilliard Bakery and the Desert Hotel, agreed to the wage increase and employees did not strike, James said.

Anti-Fog Invention May Also Eliminate Orchard Smudging

San Francisco, Oct. 15—(U.P.)—A former WPA worker who liked to putter around with chemicals in the basement of his home disclosed today he plans to start mass production of a \$200 invention which promises cheaply and effectively to dispel fog. The invention is a combination of a colloidal carbon and calcium chloride, or any similar water-absorbent, mixed in a burner which forces the chemicals to rise into the air. It dispels fog by changing the humidity and by causing the dew point of the atmosphere to absorb some fog and drop the excess like rain. Clellan Ross Pleasant, the soft-spoken inventor, indicated the invention might be used to air condition cities. He declined to make a flat prediction but said he was "highly enthusiastic" over the invention's possibilities. "Something could be worked out to control the weather of a city," he said. "We might study its uses as a means to disperse

MAC ASSAILED BY AUSSIE PAPER FOR 'PUZZLING ORDERS'

Restriction on Number of Correspondents and Occupation Force Draw Fire
San Francisco, Oct. 15—(U.P.)—The Melbourne Herald today bitterly assailed Gen. Douglas MacArthur for restricting the number of allied correspondents in Japan and for assertedly ordering the delay of the departure of the Royal Australian Air Force occupation forces of Japan.

Likes Own Publicity
In a biting editorial the Melbourne Herald assailed MacArthur's restrictions on the number of correspondents permitted in Japan and the Pacific war theater.

Roar Deafening
The roar of sirens was so deafening it stopped traffic in downtown San Francisco. The welcome was not only for Halsey, but also for his ships and men who roamed the Pacific at will and, in the closing months of the war, taunted the Japanese by broadcasting the names of cities at which they would strike and U. S. units participating in the attack.

SOCIALITE FOUND TORTURED, SLAIN
Pontiac, Mich., Oct. 15—(U.P.)—A fiendish killer who tortured his victim with icepick stabbings for hours before her death was suspected today in the slaying of Mrs. L. V. Thompson, an ultra-wealthy Detroit suburbante whose DeTouring is a fabulous neighborhood legend.

ARGENTINANS FREE PERON'S ENEMIES
Buenos Aires, Oct. 15—(U.P.)—Argentina's new ruling triumvirate freed today the last of the political prisoners jailed by ex-strong man Col. Juan Peron and moved to replace the old military government with a civilian-dominated cabinet.

KLAMATH COURT VOTED BY HOUSE
Washington, Oct. 15—(U.P.)—The house today passed and sent to the senate a bill to establish a term of federal district court at Klamath Falls, Ore.

Anti-Freeze Ceiling Upped 21 Cents Gal.
Washington, Oct. 15—(U.P.)—The office of price administration announced today that the retail ceiling price of glycerine-base anti-freeze is going up 21 cents a gallon or five cents a quart.

REALTY BOARD TALK AT ARMORY TONIGHT
Second of a series of lectures being sponsored by the Medford Realty board will be given tonight at the armory at 7:30 o'clock. Discussed will be the GI Bill of Rights and the new Oregon veterans' loan law. It is stated, and anyone interested in these subjects is invited to attend.

Even Stupid Japs Know War is Lost Declares Halsey

Aboard Third Fleet Flagship, USS South Dakota, Off San Francisco, Oct. 15—(U.P.)—Adm. William F. Halsey said today that "the man in the street in Japan is a stupid animal, but I can't believe he doesn't know he is defeated." Returning triumphantly to a mighty homecoming celebration with major units of his third fleet, "The Bull" soberly warned: "The atomic bomb was supposed to end all wars, but it is like all new weapons—they never do. The army and navy will remain as potent forces as ever before."

RED CROSS HAS INTERNEE WORD FOR RELATIVES
Information on repatriation of civilians just released from enemy prison camps in the Far East and of interest to relatives has been received by the home service department of the Jackson county Red Cross chapter.

LOS ANGELES LAWYER HEADS NEW VET GROUP
Chicago, Oct. 15—(U.P.)—Jack Hardy, a Los Angeles attorney and navy veteran of the Pacific war theater, today was national commander of the American Veterans of World War II.

JOURNALISM HEAD DIES
South Bend, Ind., Oct. 15—(U.P.)—Dr. John Michael Cooney, 78, head of the Notre Dame school of journalism, died unexpectedly today. He was found dead in bed by his widow, Margaret.

MacArthur Says Success In Art Of War Depends On Integration Of All Branches
Tokyo, Oct. 16—(Tuesday)—(U.P.)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur said today that "the great lesson for the future is that success in the art of war depends upon complete integration of the services."

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MASS PICKETING AT STUDIO GATES BRINGS CLASHES

Screen Actors Guild Recommends Not Passing Lines If Violence is Threatened
Hollywood, Oct. 15—(U.P.)—Minor skirmishes occurred today on mass picket lines at film studios as the powerful AFL Screen Actors Guild recommended to its 23,000 members that they need not pass the pickets if there is danger of violence.

Horror Pictures Shown at Trail
Lueneburg, Oct. 15—(U.P.)—Russian documentary films of horrors found at the Oswiecim concentration camp were shown in court today as evidence against 45 Nazi former guards and commanders.

Death Ends Wife's Search For Husband
Idaho Falls, Idaho, Oct. 15—(U.P.)—Shot through the heart by a gunman who carefully shrouded his victim with a mackinaw, then dropped the death weapon in his haste to make a getaway, the body of a 25-year-old woman identified as Mrs. Ernest Norris, address unknown, was found today in an isolated area of the Idaho Falls city park.

PATTON AT GAME
Wiesbaden, Oct. 15—(U.P.)—Gen. George S. Patton, commander of the 15th Army, appeared at football game in Frankfurt spiking rumors he had been injured in an automobile accident Saturday. Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, celebrating his 55th birthday, also attended the game.

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Pierre Laval, arch-traitor of France, who died before a firing squad today shortly after he had taken poison in an unsuccessful attempt to cheat justice.

Bizarre Suicide Try
At 12:50 p. m., a motor hearse passed through the prison gates and headed for Thials cemetery with a plain black coffin containing the body for the former butcher boy who sold out France to Adolf Hitler.

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TRAITOR GULPS WEAK POISON AS EXECUTION NEAR

Doctors Pump Out Stomach—Doomed Man Half-Carried To Death Stake

Paris, Oct. 15—(U.P.)—A French firing squad executed Pierre Laval today, pumping 11 bullets into his sagging body as he cried "vive la France" after he had tried to cheat justice by gulping a vial of poison. The arch-traitor, crying his innocence to the last, was shot in the courtyard of Fresnes prison at 12:32 p. m. (6:32 a. m., EST). In a final gesture of bravado he asked permission to give the "fire" command to his executioners, but the request was denied.

Poison Weak
But the poison he had carried with him in his wanderings from French justice was weak. He was revived and hustled to the Fresnes courtyard, lashed to a stake, and shot to death.

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