



SMASHED OPEN after being hauled from Laverne Redfield home in Reno, this shattered safe, which held \$1,500,000 in currency and securities, was found in abandoned mine shaft by Policemen Jim Franklin (left), Mike Salinsen and Bill Backer. (International)

On The Side

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Had we never loved so kindly
Had we never loved so blindly,
Never met—or never parted—
We had never been broken-hearted.

—Burns.

Are you by any chance an expectant father? Wouldn't you like to know whether it will be a boy or a girl? It would, at least, cut down the argument about what name to give the newcomer by 50 per cent. There is said to have been perfected a new sex prediction test that is 100 per cent accurate. This test enables a sex prediction to be made two weeks after the mother-to-be is pronounced expectant. Some years ago, on the East Side of Manhattan, there was a man who offered to predict the sex of an expected child for a fee of \$5. If his prediction was not correct he said he would return the money. Which he always did. But, of course, the old boy couldn't help being right about 50 per cent of the time. So he did extremely well financially until the police caught up with him.

Queries from clients. Q. How old was Al Jolson at the time of his death? An actor of my acquaintance says 70 years is the right answer. A. It was legally proven Al was 65 years old when he died. Q. Just who was "Coal Oil Johnny," who they say was the greatest spender in the history of Broadway? A. Man, you mention was one John W. Steele, of Mercer county, Pennsylvania, who inherited from an aunt a fortune of about half a million dollars which came from some oil properties. "Coal Oil Johnny" went through this fortune very rapidly. However, I don't think he can be rated the greatest Broadway spender. John "Betcha Million" Gates and "Death Valley Scotty" topped him in that respect. And don't forget "Diamond Jim" Brady.

Those Selections: Once more I call for the organization of an association abolishing the selection of all-time teams. The many curious selections of this type are bringing about an increase of high blood pressure among intelligent sports fans. As for example, that recent selection of an "all-time New York American League Team," based on the votes of no less than forty-eight present day sportswriters. Jack Chesbro didn't make this team. Yet in one season Jack pitched fifty-four games for the New York American League team and won forty-one of them! To leave Jack Chesbro off any all-time New

York Yankee team is like selecting a list of great Americans and omitting Abraham Lincoln.

Food Again.

Shelly Winters, the slightly dynamic cinema performer, recently returned from abroad, expresses the view Americans eat too rapidly. "In Italy," says Miss Winters, "they take three hours for lunch." This brings to mind Christopher Morley and some of his pals once had had a "Three Hours for Lunch Club" in downtown Manhattan. I don't go for spending much time at lunch. That is my lightest meal of the day. The meals I linger over are breakfast and dinner. When I had regular hours of employment I used to get up early so I could take plenty of time for breakfast. I also like about two hours for dinner.

Among The Married.

When both husband and wife go out to work I agree the husband should help with the housework. However, I do not believe the man of the house should be imposed upon in that respect. I am reliably informed that in many career-couple domiciles the husband does about 70 per cent of the work. Many husbands of career girl wives do the cooking. Some even do the washing. Others scrub the kitchen floor and the bathrooms. They assume these tasks because their wives fall back on the old "weaker sex" angle and also make subtle appeals to the gallantry and chivalry of their husbands. I believe this situation should have the careful consideration of the Husbands Protective association.

Washington Welfare Costs Decline Again

Olympia—(U.P.)—State Social Security Director Roderic Olzendam Saturday reported another decline in the number of persons on the welfare rolls and the cost of paying them grants. A total of \$6,274,000 in state aid went to 134,730 persons during February, Olzendam said. That's a decline of nearly \$69,000 and more than 1,200 persons from the January level of public assistance.

STUCK EITHER WAY

Pendleton, Ind.—(U.P.)—State police ordered a truck driver, Omer Gnau, into a weighing station in the belief his truck was overloaded with sand. Gnau stopped and dumped part of the sand. Police then arrested him on a charge of hauling a leaky load.

Portland Police Investigating Suspected Photography Frauds

Portland—(U.P.)—City and federal officers Saturday investigated a suspected fraud by sidewalk photography firm here. Cameras of two street photog-

rappers in downtown Portland were found to be empty Friday after the two men had snapped their shutters at a number of shoppers. The filmless cameras led the Portland Better Business Bureau to suspect that the sidewalk picture-taking business may be a hoax.

Police said the suspected fraud could run into several thousand dollars which unsuspecting camera subjects have doled out. Better Business Bureau Manager Lyle L. Janz said numerous complaints have been received by the bureau from people insisting they didn't get any pictures for the money they mailed to the firm in the Morgan building. Others said the pictures they received in the mails were unrecognizable.

Ellensburg Men Attack Ceilings

Ellensburg—(U.P.)—The Ellensburg Chamber of Commerce has joined with the Ellensburg Farm Leaders council in adopting a resolution attacking the government ceiling on farm wages.

Farm leader Stewart Bledsoe outlined the situation at a meeting of the chamber Friday. He said the government has asked the farmer to increase production, but to do this more labor is needed.

"The only way you can get more labor is to pay higher wages than competing industries," Bledsoe said. "However, the farmers are held to only a 15 per cent increase in farm wages."

The farm leader said local farmers must attract workers with top wages and the 15 per cent increase is not enough. The chamber and farm group plan to mail copies of their resolution to the Washington state congressional delegation.

60 Planes Join Hunt In Mountainous Area

Seattle—(U.P.)—Search for a light plane piloted by Walla Walla Architect Stanley G. Page, 42, was resumed Saturday with more than 60 civilian and Civil Air Patrol planes joining the hunt.

New leads were reported by Fourth Air Rescue squadron officials at McChord Air Force base. Officials said reports from the vicinity of Mt. St. Helens and Mt. Rainier have spurred the CAP to send planes into the area for a more extensive search. The area was searched yesterday by Air Force planes.

Other search areas are in the vicinity of Yakima and Mt. Adams.

Page vanished on a flight from Seattle to his home Wednesday. He was on the last leg of a trip from Vancouver, B. C.

Young LA Woman Dies After Brutal Beating

Los Angeles—(U.P.)—A young red-haired woman was brutally beaten and raped and left to die Friday night in a downtown parking lot.

Homicide officers said there was still a spark of life remaining when she was discovered, but she died as she was being rushed to a receiving hospital.

Detective Robert A. Lohman said she was between 25 and 30 years old but was otherwise unidentified. No purse was found.

A preliminary investigation of the body disclosed that she apparently had been beaten to death by her assailant's fists.

Thorny Problem Puzzles Salem Police Officers

Salem—(U.P.)—Salem police had a thorny problem to puzzle out Saturday. They were on the scent of a thief who stole four rose bushes from the garden of Mrs. A. J. Evans.

As spring opened and the gardening urge became powerful for certain individuals or characters, thieves also uprooted and made off with a dozen dahlia bulbs from the yard of George Smith here.

Sonja Henie Forced To Close Ice Revue

New York—(U.P.)—Sonja Henie told her fans here Saturday that "I'll be back."

Miss Henie was forced to cancel a two-week ice show engagement at the Kingsbridge armory Friday when she failed to raise \$1,000,000 bond as insurance against accidents. She said she would return with her revue at some later date.

Jerry Giesler, her attorney, explained that the "unusually high" bond was undoubtedly the result of the opening night accident in Baltimore, Md., March 7, when a section of the stands collapsed and injured almost 300 persons.

Miss Henie said suits filed against her and the seating contractor in the accident amount to \$5,670,000.

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