

LINDBERGH DOUBTS VALUE OF NORFOLK CLUE, TROOPER SAYS

Colonel Reported to Believe Information of "No Specific Significance"

SCHWARZKOPF SPURNS CHESAPEAKE BAY LEAD

No Evidence Kidnapers Fled By Water Route, Police Chief Declares

Hopewell, N. J., March 25 (AP)—Police at the Lindbergh home announced today that Col. Charles A. Lindbergh himself had come to the conclusion that information brought by three citizens of Norfolk, Va., had "no specific significance" in the investigation of the kidnaping of the Lindbergh baby.

Admits Men Saw Colonel In his night bulletin from the Lindbergh home, where he is in general charge of the police search for the kidnapers, Schwarzkopf modified this statement. He said that the Norfolk men had been to the Lindbergh house on Tuesday and that their information had been investigated and found to have "no specific significance."

It was generally supposed that this was simply Schwarzkopf's own conclusion, but today the police announced that he had been speaking for Col. Lindbergh, that Col. Lindbergh still believed the information from Virginia to have "no specific significance."

The Rev. Dobson-Peacock and two others citizens of Norfolk are not negotiating for the return of the baby so far as the police authorities at Hopewell know, Schwarzkopf said in his formal morning bulletin today, issued just after his statement that Col. Lindbergh and not himself was the source of the "no specific significance" conclusion.

Seeks Third Criminal They visited Col. Lindbergh and gave him information which on investigation was found to have no specific significance in this investigation.

"There is no positive evidence of any kidnaping that the kidnapers fled by way of the Delaware River or Chesapeake Bay.

The Coast Guard along Chesapeake Bay has made no report to these headquarters.

Although he made no mention of this in his formal bulletin Schwarzkopf told reporters that police were now looking for a third man beside Harry Fleischer and Able Wagner, whom he has referred to as "known kidnapers." He refused to disclose the identity of the third man sought.

In his bulletin Schwarzkopf denied that police had conducted any negotiations with underworld characters. He specifically mentioned Salvatore Spitalo and Irving Blitz, the "go-betweens" named by Col. Lindbergh, saying the police had never had any communication with these men "or other men of this type."

Gasoline Prices Raised One-Half Cent on Gallon

W. Rogers Applauds Yesteryear's Stars

To the Editor of The Sentinel: Beverly Hills, Cal., March 25.—John J. McGraw gave a little dinner the other night. These and many more were present.

Jim Jefferies, who was champion when you had to fight. Ted Sloan, whom kings have dropped their monocles applauding.

Barney Oldfield, the originator of giving Americans a thrill. Chief Meyers, who hit home runs when the ball wasn't rubber.

Mike Donlin, who, with his wife, Mabel Hite, received the biggest reception I ever heard of on a stage.

All passing over the horizon of popular clamor, but never forgetting by McGraw, yes, if all these men's combined applause and cheers had been recorded in sound and run nowadays it would make our present-day celebrities envious.

I'm raving, I guess I'm getting old. But I want you to know that in your dad's time there were men.

Yours, WILL ROGERS.

BUFFALO YOUTH KILLED IN FIGHT WITH OFFICERS

High School Boy, 18, Shot After He Opens Fire On Policeman; Found in Stolen Car

CLAIM NEGOTIATIONS ARE NEAR COMPLETION

Abductors' Emissary Tells Intermediaries Baby "Safe and Well"

Norfolk, Va., March 24 (AP)—Despite official announcement from the Lindbergh home in Hopewell, N. J., that Col. Charles A. Lindbergh did not consider information about his kidnaped baby furnished by three Virginians important, one of those informants said today early return of the baby was expected.

The three men who went from here to tell Col. Lindbergh of indications the baby was on a yacht in Chesapeake Bay and would be returned through them are the Rev. H. Dobson-Peacock, Rear Admiral Guy H. Burrage, retired, and John Hughes Curtis.

"We not only hope but expect the completion of negotiations within a few days," Dean Dobson-Peacock said today.

33 STATES VOTING 2 TO 1 FOR REPEAL

Three Million Returns Tabulated From Entire United States

Thirty-three states are voting more than 2 to 1 wet as over three million ballots from all forty-eight states are tabulated in The Literary Digest's nation wide prohibition poll, as announced in Saturday's issue of the magazine.

The thirty-three states represented in this wet group have a combined population of over 86,000,000 people, as enumerated in the latest census figures.

Eight of these states register a vote of more than 4 to 1 for repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment.

3,040,036 votes are tallied this week in the "straw" referendum of which 763,175, or 25.1 per cent, are dry and 2,276,861, or 74.9 per cent, are wet.

POPULATION OF SHANGHAI DROPS

Shanghai, March 25 (AP)—The Shanghai public safety bureau in statistics made public today estimated that the population of the city had decreased 820,000 since the outbreak of Sino-Japanese hostilities.

The normal population of Shanghai is nearly 2,000,000.

Meanwhile an epidemic of measles which swept into the city some six weeks ago, has shown no abatement. Surgeons have been busy with mastoid cases in the wake of measles and influenza.

Touring Students Warned to Behave or Face Kentucky Jail

Knoxville, Tenn., March 25 (AP)—A party of collegians bent on "sociological research" assembled here today for a trip to the South-eastern Kentucky mine fields where they were assured a welcome if well-behaved and jail if they "identify themselves with the 'Red' movement."

Indian Spiritualist Plans to Amalgamate All American Creeds

Meher Baba, Called 'The Messiah' by His Disciples, Coming to U.S. on Crusade of Universal Love

BY JAMES A. MILLS

Bombay, India, March 25 (AP)—Meher Baba, the Indian spiritual leader whose disciples call him "The Messiah" and "The God-Man" left here today for a new crusade in America.

He intends, he said to break down all religious barriers, destroy America's materialism and amalgamate all creeds into a common element of love.

Will found retreat in harmon.

For eight years Meher Baba has been observing a vow of silence, which he said he would break upon his arrival at Harmon, N. Y., where he plans to establish a spiritual retreat similar to Mahatma Gandhi's in India.

Giving his first interview to an Associated Press correspondent by means of a blackboard, Meher Baba who in the eyes of his followers has performed many miracles, said Gandhi had promised to come with him to the United States as soon as his political work has been finished a year hence.

Many Indians regard Meher Baba as Gandhi's duru, or spiritual adviser.

To Be God and Man Meher Baba is a parsee (priest) of the Zoroastrian faith, and says he is God and man. He explained that he attained a superconscious state in which he merged into God and returned again to the universe to carry out his mission of redeeming the world.

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Missing Woman Returns Home; Story Disputed

Beauty Parlor Operator Says She Was Kidnaped; Face Quiz By Sheriff

Central City, Neb., March 25 (AP)—Miss Laurel Morrison, 30-year-old Aurora beauty parlor operator, was back home with her parents here today, after being missing two days. She told authorities she had been kidnaped and held captive in Lincoln.

George Gohde, operator of a Lincoln cosmetology school, told police here, however, that Miss Morrison had been attending classes at the school and that he recognized her from pictures published in Lincoln newspapers.

Sheriff J. H. Mohr of Merrick County said he planned to question her later. He said he would turn over a \$1,000 ransom note, to postal authorities after he had photostatic copies of it made.

Roy I. Moran and George Ince, customs border patrolmen, were passing and joined in the fight. Discharged .25 caliber cartridges were found later near the spot where the boy fell.

Although Allen's home was in Buffalo, he had been attending school in Allegheny. Police said they had not yet learned of his activities immediately before the fatal gunfight.

Renewed Strife Looms in China Sniping and Skirmishing Between Japs and Chinese Disturb Peace Plans

Shanghai, March 25 (AP)—Sino-Japanese peace negotiations lagged perceptibly today, while armies of the two nations engaged in sniping and skirmishing a few miles outside Shanghai.

Each blamed the other for a clash between outposts near Kaling, and neither had an official explanation of sniping between troops in the vicinity of Chiao-chiangiao, incidents which added to the general uneasiness.

"I'll admit that I did not foresee the stiff competition they were to get from aviation. I knew it would come some time, but I didn't realize it would come so soon. But I did see trouble right ahead from trucks and automobiles.

Supports Garner "But the railroads were violently opposed to my idea. And so now—"

G. O. P. MAY PROBE SMITH'S CAMPAIGN

Washington, March 25 (AP)—Some Senate Republicans are weighing the possibility of seeking Senate inquiry into the charges of fraudulent financing of the 1928 Smith presidential campaign.

Senator Dickinson, (R., Ia.) the author of a resolution for investigation of 1928 presidential and senatorial campaign expenditures, said today he believed this inquiry, if authorized, would have authority to inquire into the allegations by Patrick F. Kenny regarding a bank note to finance Alfred E. Smith's campaign.

Attempt to Bomb Song The Chinese insisted there was no advance in negotiations. Japanese military authorities said they "hoped positive measures would not have to be taken" at Chiao-chiangiao, and announced the continued movement of troops of the 11th Division toward Tokyo.

Another disconcerting occurrence was an attempt on the life of T. V. Soong, finance minister of the Nanking government, the second in recent months.

A bomb exploded in the garden of his former home and a daughter of his gardener there was seriously injured. The planters of the bomb apparently were unaware that their quarry had departed.

Banker Declares Hoover Ordered Credit Program Organization of Corporation Last October Was By Demand of White House, Senate Told

Washington, March 25 (AP)—A statement that formation of the National Credit Corporation last October by bankers was not "voluntary" but was undertaken on the assurance of President Hoover that the Reconstruction Finance Corporation would be formed to take over its work was made before the Senate banking committee today by Percy H. Johnston, president of the Chemical Bank and Trust Company, New York.

The statement was made during hearings on the Glass banking revision bill when Senator Glass (D., Va.) recalled the contribution of leading banks to National Credit Corporation and the aid smaller banks used to the word "voluntary."

Johnston, who opposed the Glass bill, replied that he would not describe the action as voluntary.

"I was in that conference at Secretary Mellon's home," he added.

"President Hoover told us he had talked to leaders in Congress and that as soon as Congress met it would form the Reconstruction Corporation to take us out of this position."

"Then you didn't do it voluntarily?" asked Senator Glass.

"We were asked to do it on that basis as a quick stop gap and we did it," Johnston replied.

TAX DEBACLE HURTS GARNER AS CANDIDATE

Speaker Is Embarrassed By Defeat of Sales Levy; G. O. P. Bothered By Dry Issue

BY BYRON PRICE

Washington, Mar. 25 (AP)—While the political headlines busily record the steady growth of delegate support behind Herbert Hoover and Franklin D. Roosevelt, events elsewhere also are writing important history in both political parties.

For the Democrats, and particularly for the presidential aspirations of Speaker John N. Garner, the tax battle in the House has taken on political aspects of extraordinary significance. Among the Republicans, a major under-surface agitation centers about new demands from both sides with respect to prohibition.

Garner Embarrassed Garner's supporters have presented the record of his House leadership as outstanding proof of his availability for the presidency. Now his espousal of the sales tax has been accompanied by at least temporary loss of control, and by political reverberations far exceeding expectations.

What will be the ultimate effect on his chances among the voters? The speaker's friends assert he will not suffer greatly in the long run, although they plainly are concerned at the embarrassments that have clustered about him just at this stage of the campaign.

The making of a tax bill is a long process. It still is possible the Garner leadership may regain, by some sudden stroke, much of the prestige it unquestionably has lost during the past week.

Test in Nebraska Primary Georgia's sweeping endorsement of Roosevelt at Wednesday's primary is a barometer of disputed reliability in his coming test of strength with Garner, who was brought into the picture by those tative government. I'm afraid they don't.

He was a member of Congress when war was declared but there was nothing spectacular about his joining the army. He was in training.

Brewed Beer in His Office In a few minutes he was outside again, his hand held up, his fingers snapping impatiently for another taxicab.

"You think I am spectacular?" he questioned as he settled back in the taxi and started home. "Well, I am. You've got to be to call the attention of the people to the things you believe in. The average man has too much to do to bother with issues unless you dramatize them. Then he'll say: "Why, I'm for that or against it as the case may be."

There is no doubt that LaGuardia does spectacular things. He made home brew in his office once. He went out on the street another time to "waive immunity" for an attack on Martin J. Insull, power magnate. Those are only two of a long series of incidents that have attracted attention to him since he first came to Congress in 1917.

Long before that, as consul at Plume in 1904, he drew the attention of his superiors for his refusal to accede to the wish of a Hapsburg duchess.

Denies He Is Radical. "They say I'm radical," he shouted, pounding his knee until the startled taxi-driver cast an apprehensive eye backward.

LaGuardia smoothed his black hair and settled back again. "You get in the habit of making speeches," he grinned.

"Radical, I'm more conservative than some of the people who refuse to change, who will bring the whole structure down by their failure to see that changes are necessary. I believe in democracy, in representation."

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TORNADO DAMAGE UNDERESTIMATED

Property Loss Placed As High As Five Million Dollars

Birmingham, Ala., March 25 (AP)—The gravity of the South's tornado aftermath became more apparent today as field workers for relief forces discovered additional dead, injured and homeless.

C. H. MacFarland, American Red Cross field director for North Alabama, said the devastation brought about by storms in five Southern states early this week had been "vastly underestimated" and announced establishment of central relief headquarters here.

The net set - up, he explained, will handle relief and rehabilitation operations in thirteen Alabama counties, ten in Georgia and six in Tennessee, the states hardest hit. Maurice Reddy, assistant director of disaster relief for the Red Cross, has been called here from Washington to direct the work.

Known Dead 362 Today the total known dead stood at 362, divided between Alabama with 299, Georgia with 40, Tennessee with 18, South Carolina with 3 and Kentucky with 2.

Unofficial estimates placed the number of injured about 3,000 and the homeless at 8,500. Property damage estimates ranged from \$3,000,000 to \$5,000,000. Numbers of relief workers sent in reports that conditions had been found to be far worse than was realized at first.

Most of the dead have been removed from the wreckage and buried and the relief agencies now are concentrating on hospitalization of the injured, housing the homeless, supplying the wants of the needy and working out a rehabilitation program for the rural and urban centers which suffered most heavily.

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DEFEATS SALES TAX

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JAPANESE PLANES BUSY IN MANCHURIA

Changchun, Manchuria, March 25 (AP)—The correspondent of the Rengo News Agency reported today that Japanese airplanes which left Tungkuwa this morning bombed Tonking Cheng, 30 miles south of Hailin. Japanese troops were expected to enter Tonking Cheng tonight.

Crew of Six Saved When Vessel Sinks

Nahant, Mass., March 25 (AP)—The Boston steam trawler Albattross sank 14 miles off Boston Lightship last night after her crew of six had battled vainly to steam rising water from a leak.

The ship, returning from a two week trip, had 15,000 pounds of fish aboard and was making good headway through a choppy sea against a snow laden wind when the leak first became serious.

As the trawler began to settle down, the men took to two small dories.

Although handicapped by a rough sea they reached the lightship little more than five hours later. They were taken off early today by a pilot boat.

The Albattross, one of a fleet of boats built in 1913 at Charleston, S. C. for the French government for mine laying work, was never used during the war but was converted into a trawler shortly afterwards.

SENATE GROUP TO GET REPEAL BILLS

Washington, March 25 (AP)—Senator Blaine (R., Wis.) today announced hearings would be opened on April 14 by a Senate judiciary sub-committee on proposals for repeal of the 18th Amendment and modification of the Volstead Act.

There are half a score of measures pending proposing various prohibition changes. Lengthy hearings are in prospect but Blaine gave assurance that the committee would conclude in time to permit a Senate vote.

Despondent Over Shooting of His Wife, Man Drinks Poison

Jacksonville, Fla., March 25 (AP)—Despondent over the fatal shooting of his wife, Louise, in a New York hotel, recently Gerald Sturgis Greenleaf, of Santa Barbara, Calif., committed suicide in a fraternal lodge temple here today. He drank poison.

His body was found in a chair by a janitor. Beside it were several letters and telegrams addressed to friends and relatives with instructions that they be sent.

Among the papers was a clipping from the New York Times of March 4, saying Greenleaf's wife had been found shot to death in an apartment at the Hotel Greystone on the previous day. The newspaper said Greenleaf disappeared after writing three notes, asserting his wife had killed herself and that he was going to take his life by drowning.

One of the notes found beside Greenleaf's body said "after her death I wandered off to make peace with God for my wasted years and found myself here under a strange name, totally out of my mind in our honeymoon city."

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