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SUSPECT ADMITS 'MAD BUTCHER' MURDER

WPA Walkouts Threaten 200,000 With Idleness

RAMBLING REPORTER

By Remote Control—
Billy Donohue left for Mexico City well heeled with both pesos and dollars. At least that was the impression of Mr. and Mrs. J. W Donohue, parents and outfitters of the expedition.

The Donohues waited patiently for a telegram telling them he had arrived safely. They finally telegraphed Mexico City. This was Billy's reply.

"Train held over day. Everything fine. Happy. Trip fine. Wire me $25."

Use Smoke Signals—
Fred Ferguson, his throat muffled in a bulky kerchief, walked stiffly in and out among the 300 persons at B. W. hotel banquet. He gestured feebly and smiled wanly in giving directions.

"What's the matter with you, Fred?" a puzzled guest inquired after watching his strange conduct for several minutes. Fred pointed to his throat and whispered weakly:

"Tonsils out."

Cheap at Any Price—
Everett, Frank, and Elisa Nice have gone into the zoo business since leaving El Centro for Brawley. They would have a far more elaborate and varied assortment of animals, however, if it were not for the parental interference of Mr and Mrs. Charles Nice and the desertion of a fat bull snake.

Cats, dogs, a desert turtle, pigeons, bantam chickens are all very well for the ordinary zoo but the Nice zoo had to have something nice The bull snake added the desired fillip until he hid out, hid so successfully that Mrs. Nice can't stroll in the yard after dark for fear she may step on him.

The Nice infants cast around for something to double for the snake. Mrs. Nice heard a loud argument in the backyard one day and went to investigate.

She arrived just as money was about to change hands. The zoo owners were stopped on the brink of buying a highly scented baby skunk for a quarter.

Revised Power Charges Upheld

WASHINGTON, July 7. (UP)—S. B. Robinson, assistant city attorney of Los Angeles, Calif., today supported before the house irrigation committee a bill by Rep. James G. Scrugham, D., Nev., revising charges in connection with the Boulder dam irrigation-power project.

Robinson said that under the Scrugham bill the rights of states and municipalities to power allocations formerly made would not be disturbed and that the Boulder project was "as financially sound as anything can be."

"Sufficient contracts have been signed and made binding obligations to repay the government the cost of the dam in 50 years, with probably a profit of several millions if existing rates are not disturbed," Robinson said.

Navy Secretary Claude Swanson Dies After Lingering Illness, Creating 3rd Cabinet Vacancy for Roosevelt

Assistant Secretary, Missouri Governor Named as Possible Successor to Elder Stateman; President Voices Grief

WASHINGTON, July 7. (UP) — Secretary of Navy Claude A. Swanson, elder statesman of the Democratic party, died at 8:06 a.m. today in a Blue Ridge mountain camp on the Rapidan river in his native Virginia.

He was 77 years old. His death was announced from the White House where Mr. Roosevelt had been informed a few minutes earlier that death had created a third vacancy in his cabinet. The president's statement expressed profound sorrow at the passing of his friend and adviser.

"It is with profound sorrow," he said, "that I have learned of the death today at the Rapidan Camp, Va., of the greatly loved Claude A Swanson."

Swanson had been ill for years. He collapsed just before a White House dinner in January, 1937, and long had appeared in public only with the assistance of an attendant. Yesterday morning Swanson suffered a stroke as he lay in bed at the fishing lodge which had been converted largely to his use. Twenty-five hours later he was dead. Mrs Swanson was with him when he died.

News of his death hit the navy department like a broadside from enemy batteries. Although he had been ill through much of his service, Swanson maintained his department in such good standing on Capitol Hill that congress frequently was moved to vote funds

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Prowler Held For Investigation

P. A. Hayes, 40, of Brawley, was held in the county jail Friday for investigation following his capture by El Centro police in an El Centro cleaning establishment on Imperial avenue.

Police answered a phone call reporting a prowler had broken into the Burton Cleaners building Thursday night, and found Hayes hiding behind a clothes rack in the rear of the establishment.

Horse Winner in Row With Auto

The horse came out best in a collision with an automobile west of El Centro Thursday night.

Burley Burson, 23, was treated for a cut on his hand after his car was wrecked in a collision with the horse. The animal suffered a cut on the shoulder, Highway Patrolmen Tillman Daley and Paul Brown said.

Burson said the horse dashed out of a driveway into the path of his car and he was unable to avoid striking it.

Fugitive Caught For Ariz. Officers

Imperial Valley's law enforcement machine functioned swiftly Thursday afternoon in the capture of a Negro fugitive five hours after Phoenix telephoned he was believed to be headed toward California.

Robert Scott, 30, was arrested on Broadway in El Centro by Patrolman T. J. Harris. He was booked and returned to Phoenix to face a charge of grand larceny.

The log at the Imperial county sheriff's office showed that seven departments assisted in the earch which was carried on in El Centro, Niland, Indio, Mexicali and Jacumba.

Relatives Seek Mrs. B. M. Single

Relatives are anxious to find Mrs. B. M. Single, nee Jessie Powell, who lived near El Centro 25 years ago.

Her brother, William H. Powell of Schuylkill Haven, Penn., wrote county welfare officials that he wished to find his sister so he could give her a share in an estate left to them. She has not written to him for 25 years, he said. At that time she lived at route 2, box 64, El Centro.

Relief Protest Grows

Can't Do Anything, Harrington Tells Labor Leaders

WASHINGTON, July 7. (UP)—Strikes protesting reduction of wage rates under the 1940 work relief bill threatened today to stop work on WPA construction projects employing an estimated 200,000 men.

Thousands were idle as a result of organized labor opposition to a provision of the $1,755,600,000 relief bill substituting a security pay scale for the prevailing wage formerly paid skilled workers. More workers were scheduled to strike today.

Under the security wage system, which became effective Wednesday, skilled laborers are required to work approximately 130 hours a month for the same pay they formerly received for as little as 50 hours.

Union leaders, fearing that abandonment of the prevailing wage would cause private employers to reduce their pay scales, called protest walkouts in New York, Chicago, Cincinnati, Milwaukee, Minneapolis and in smaller communities. Some of the walkouts were spontaneous protests of WPA workers themselves.

WPA Administrator F. C. Harrington informed a delegation of protesting American Federation of Labor officials that he is powerless

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First Out on the Way to Hawaii



In a picture of scenic as well as news interest, the 67-foot yawl Chubasco is snapped in a heavy fog as she led a field of 24 small yachts under San Francisco's Golden Gate bridge, starting the annual trans-Pacific race to Honolulu.

'Never Before Such Hatred in Japan For British' Says Army Spokesman as Mob Storms English Embassy in Tokyo

'No Further Reason to Suppress Anti-British Demonstrations' Declares Official Angered By Dickering For Russian Alliance

TOKYO, July 7. (UP)—Police reinforcements were sent to guard the British embassy against demonstrators today as an army spokesman asserted that "never before during Anglo-Japanese relations has Japan borne such hatred for Britons." The call for police reinforcements was made when hundreds of Japanese, observing the second anniversary of the war in China, demonstrated before the embassy building.

Police acted promptly. Reinforcements were dispatched and the demonstrators were dispersed. Extra police were ordered to remain on guard and othes were posted to prevent the approach of parades from the nearby Yasukuni Shrine, crowded with worshippers on the anniversary.

At the war office, the army spokesman in his statement said that the government saw no reason

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Japanese Bombs Damage British Navy Gunboat, Fall Near American Area

CHUNGKING, China, July 7 (UP)—The British gunboat Falcon was damaged today as Japanese bombs fell around the vessel during three air raids on the temporary Chinese capital here.

One bomb fell 50 feet from the home of Willys Peck, counsellor of the United States embassy.

Bombs hit within a radius of 50 feet of the Falcon, knocking off doors and breaking port windows. Waves caused by the bombs washed gasoline cans off the decks.

British sailors on the Falcon manned the guns but did not fire No one was injured.

The British embassy planned a vigorous protest against the bombing near the Falcon.

Foreign naval authorities expressed the opinion that there was a "strong possibility" that the Japanese intentionally bombed near the Falcon, hoping to test the British attitude. Bombs fell near the British naval canteen on the south bank of the river.

State to Abolish Border Station

The automobile checking station at Yuma was scheduled to be abolished by the California department of motor vehicles along with all similar stations in the state, reliable sources revealed Friday. The plant quanantine checking station will not be effected.

Economy was given as the reason for the removal of the station. Six men are now on the checking crew at Yuma while the total for the state is estimated at 50. Some of the number may be transfered to other work in the department.

Women Receive Heavy Sentences

Two El Centro women, one a Negro, drew heavy sentences on peace disturbance charges in police court Friday morning.

Ruby Pittman, who entered a plea of not guilty, was sentenced to 45 days in the county jail, and Helen Augustus, a Negro, was fined $50 and received a 90 day jail sentence which was suspended on good behaviour.

Mattie Henderson pleaded not guilted to a vagrancy charge and was ordered to appear for trial on next Thursday.

James Livingston, Frank Nelson, Clarence Hall and Henry Fulcher pleaded not guilty to vagrancy charges. Trial was set for Thursday afternoon.

Baseball Results

NATIONAL

New York	000 001 001—2	9	0
Brooklyn	120 000 00x—3	7	1

Melton and Danning; Wyatt and Todd.

Philadelphia	210 000 000—3	7	2
Boston	201 004 00x—7	13	0

Beck, Butcher and Davis, Coble; Posedel and Lopez.

Chicago	000 003 001 01—5	14	0
Pittsburgh	003 000 100 00—4	14	2

Lee and Hartnett; Tobin, Bauers and Mueller.

Only scheduled games.

AMERICAN

Boston	100 110 010—4	8	0
New York	010 101 000—3	10	0

Wade, Dickman and Peacock; Ruffing and Dickey.

Cleveland	000 021 400—7	12	1
Chicago	010 002 000—3	7	1

Feller and Hemsley; Marcum, Brown, Dobernic and Tresh.

Detroit	000 011 20		
St. Louis	000 002 05		

Trout, Thomas and York; Kramer, Kimberlin, Lawson and Glenn.

POLE FIRM ON DANZIG STAND

WARSAW, Poland, July 7. (UP)—Poland's position towards the Danzig problem is that the free state must remain outside the borders of the Reich, a foreign office spokesman declared tonight in the most precise definition to date of Poland's stand.

Kingsbury Run Death Clue Leads Toward Solution

Bricklayer Confesses Torso Murder of Woman Formerly Listed as Victim of Mad Fiend, Quizzed on Other Crimes

CLEVELAND, July 7. (UP)—Sheriff Martin L. O'Donnell announced late today that Frank Dolzil, 52-year-old Bohemian bricklayer, questioned for two days as a suspect in Cleveland's 13 torso murders, had confessed to killing Mrs. Florence Sawdey Polillo, victim number 4, and cutting up her body.

The sheriff said that Dolzil admitted killing Mrs. Polillo after quarreling with her in her room on Cleveland's East Side the day before her body was found in a nearby alley in January, 1936.

The bricklayer was under arrest as a suspect in the "Mad Butcher of Kingsbury Run" murders of 13 decapitation victims. Sheriff O'Donnell said the confession would be followed by inquiry into knowledge held by the suspect in the other cases.

He said the suspect placed the time of his fight with the woman at 2 a.m. on the day before Mrs. Polillo's carved torso was found in an alley not far from where lived the man now held.

The sheriff's announcement came after he had announced he would use a lie-detector tomorrow in questioning the bricklayer and after he had said the suspect had admitted knowing a second decapitation victim.

When Sheriff O'Donnell threatened to use a lie detector on him the prisoner screamed: "You can shoot me if you want to. If you don't I'll kill myself."

He gave contradictory explanations for blood stains found in houses he had occupied, for the three bloody knives found in his present home and his known associations with at least two of the victims of the series of murders that have been going on for five years.

On Sept. 5, 1934, parts of a butchered body were picked up in Kingsbury Run, a section of the city where subsequently parts of 12 more bodies were found at almost regular intervals.

The prisoner is "gorilla like" in appearance. He weighs 150 pounds, is five feet, six inches tall and of European extraction. He admitted having worked three months in a slaughter house. He lives in the shabby Kingsbury district.

The arrest caused excitement throughout the city which for five years had undergone frequent reminders that a "mad butcher" was at large. The prevailing theory hac been the fiend was a demented surgeon, since some of the bodies hac

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Rivalry Develops Over Pampered LSU Man Between Jails

Indicted College Head Given De Luxe Cell At Baton Rouge

BATON ROUGE, La., July 7. (UP)—New rivalry developed today over custody of Dr. James Monroe Smith, in jail here on a $100,000 embezzlement charge, when District Attorney Charles A. Byrne of New Orleans announced that he was charging the former president of Louisiana State university with several inducements to stay. He got the largest cell, one with a bathtub, and was supplied with an electric fan and magazines, and fed three times a day although other idle prisoners get only two meals. Yesterday when Dr. Smith complained that the setting sun got in his eyes and made him hot, he was moved to a cell with a better exposure.

In the first explanation of his market venture, Dr. Smith said he

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Sailor Killed as Shell Explodes

SAN FRANCISCO, July 7.(UP)—Rollie J. Belcher of Gardendale, Ala., a gunner's mate, was killed and Frank Ballard, a seaman, was injured seriously aboard the U.S. Louisville here when a shell left over from Independence Day salutes exploded while Belcher was de-capping it, it was disclosed today.

Ballard suffered burns and a ruptured ear drum. He was under treatment at Mare Island hospital.

News Man Tells of Burgunder Crime

PHOENIX, July 7. (UP)—The state's last witness in the murder trial of Robert Burgunder testified today the college youth admitted to him killing Jack Peterson and Ellis Koury and said he was alone at the time.

Harvey L. Mott, news editor of the Arizona Republic at Phoenix, related details of the college youth's purported confession made in a Globe, Ariz., restaurant.

'Bloody Sunday' Convict Hero, Given Job to Rebuild Self, Nabs Payroll Cash

AUBURN, Calif., July 7. (UP)—Richard Harrison, convict hero of the "bloody Sunday" attempted break at Folsom prison in 1937, and at least $1800 today were believed missing from the ranch where Harrison had obtained a job to "rebuild himself into a good citizen."

H. B. Whitten, owner of the 1500 acre peach ranch at Wheatland where Harrison was employed as manager, told District Attorney Lowell Sparks that Harrison had left Sunday after paying employes with fictitios checks instead of $1800 in cash Whitten had given him. The checks issued Saturday were returned yesterday by the Wheatland bank.

The district attorney said he would file a complaint immediately if Whitten returns the fictitious checks to his office.

Harrison was serving a sentence on a fictitious check charge, his third offense, when the attempted Folsom break in which Warden Clarence Larkin was killed occured on Sept. 19, 1937. He ran from the office of the yard captain and gave the alarm when five armed convicts entered. He was a principal prosecution witness in the trial that ended in death sentences for the five.

C. W. Brockman in La Jolla Clinic

C. W. Brockman of the Calexico district is in a clinic at La Jolla for a physical examination ordered after a recent illness.

He was taken to the coast Tuesday and was said to be greatly improved on Friday. He and Mrs. Brockman are expected to leave La Jolla next week for the Brockman cabin at Live Oak Springs for the remainder of the summer.

Senators Threaten Filibuster to Kill New Deal Effort to Lift Ban On Arms Shipments During Wartime

WASHINGTON, July 7. (UP)—A bloc of 34 senators announced today that they will talk to death any proposal to remove from the neutrality laws the present authorization for embargoes against shipments of arms to belligerents. Headed by a veteran isolationist, Sen. Hiram Johnson, R., Calif., the bloc met today to plan strategy. It pledged unalterable opposition "to the repeal or modification of the present neutrality law prohibiting the sale or exportation of arms, munitions or implements of war to nations engaged in war."

If leaders of the bloc can maintain their lines intact in the face of determined opposition from the administration, they almost certainly would be able to block attempts of President Roosevelt's followers to remove a modfified arms embargo clause from the house-approved neutrality bill.

Both Mr. Roosevelt and Secretary of State Cordell Hull have declared their opposition to the embargo clause.

The group apparently threw its opposition against even the modified house version of the embargo in denouncing any "modification" of the existing strict embargo.

Admiral Byrd Will Stake Out U. S. Claims to Antarctic Territories

WASHINGTON, July 7. (UP)—President Roosevelt today directed Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd to proceed in early October to the Antarctic on an expedition to substantiate claims to American territory within the sphere of influence of the Monroe Doctrine.

Byrd and a group of government experts spent a half hour with the chief executive studying charts and other data relative to the expedition. Byrd said he hoped to leave the United States between Oct. 1 and 15.

He said he would take three ships, the veteran "Bear of Oakland," which he has used on previous occasions in Antarctic explorations; the big coast guard cutter "Northland," and the "North Star," a ship belonging to the department of interior and now in Alaska.

Byrd said it was his intention to establish three bases with 22 men in each base.

Cardenas Arrives At Tijuana

TIJUANA, July 7. (UP)—President Lazaro Cardenas and his official party arrived here early today from Mexicali, inland capital of the northern sector of Baja California.

The party, traveling by automobile, left Mexicali at dawn and paused briefly at Tecate, 40 miles east of here to inspect a vegetable oil project.

Civic leaders met the party on outskirts of the city and escorted Cardenas through town. An official reception was planned at the Caliente bull ring later today.

Negro Cult Leader Speaking Hebrew With Southern Accent Demands Free Trip to Abyssinia, Goes to Jail

LOS ANGELES, July 7. (UP)—The Rev. Hefie Tashara, secretary of the Grand Council of the Mystery 10 in Israel's Name, from the Temple of Honor, Faith and Justice, was in jail today accused of trying to hornswoggle the government into deporting him "back to Abyssinia."

Jailed with the self-styled Negro prophet were his three hand-maidens, Keturah Zion, Rubonia Zion, and Hamela Tashara. All four, who speak Hebrew with a southern accent, were indicted by a federal grand jury on charges of attempt to defraud the United States government.

Immigration inspectors told an extraordinary story. They said the Rev. Tashara marched into the office last month with the three Negresses, announced that all were alien Abyssinians, and demanded to be "deported back to Berber, Anglo-Egyptian Sudan, where we came from."

The Rev. Tashara, the inspectors said, claimed to have sneaked across the border from Canada, and said the three women rowed across the St. Lawrence river after stowing away in a steamship from Egypt.

Subsequent investigation, said the immigration officials, showed that the Negroes learned the Hebrew tongue in a Negro Hebrew church at Jamaica, Long Island, and that the Rev. Tashara wanted a trip to Abyssinia for the prestige it would give him in a Negro cult he formed here.

The immigration men charged that the Rev. Tashara is plain Bill Jackson, 31, and his handmaidens are Ola Bell Oliphant, 19, Elizabeth Johnson, 30, and Sylvia Ricks, 25, all of Savannah, Georgia.