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WEINBERG FREE OF SMUGGLING CHARGES HERE

German Scientist Dismissed As Jury Returns Quickly With Acquittal

TRIAL HELD INTEREST

Rare Cactus Plants Brought From Lower Mexico Were Termed Contraband

Concluding a four-day trial and a deliberation of but 20 minutes, a jury in federal court late Thursday afternoon returned a verdict of not guilty in the case of the government against Dr. Frank Weinberg, internationally known scientist, and his companion, A. D. Strange.

The pair had been placed on trial Monday, the result of indictments returned last fall by a grand jury. The indictments in each instance included two counts.

The defendants were alleged to have smuggled a large amount of rare cacti into the United States from Mexico on May 25, 1930. They were taken into custody at a point approximately eight miles east of Nogales and one-half mile north of the international line by government officers. The testimony of Dr. Weinberg, the principal figure during the entire trial, was that they and their two trucks, containing the alleged contraband, had been led across the boundary line, unbeknown to them, by a former member of the U. S. customs patrol.

Told of Shipments

The scientist, accredited with an extensive education and an impressive scientific record, had occupied the witness stand for almost two days, under the direct examination of Defense Attorney James D. Barry and the cross examination of C. V. Perrin, assistant U. S. district attorney, who handled the case for the government, in association with Assistant U. S. Attorney E. C. Thompson. His testimony in a large measure had to do with shipments of cacti alleged to have been made during the expedition which he had made early in the year down the peninsula of Lower California in search of cacti specimens and other forms of flora. At the behest, he testified, of various American and European universities and botanical gardens.

Assistant Appears

The closing day's session was highlighted by the appearance on the stand of Strange, the scientist's co-defendant, who admittedly was but an employee. The crux of his testimony apparently was in his statement: "I was hired to follow orders and not ask questions; I am that kind of a man." He also testified that he was suffering acutely from asthma and was not responsible for certain alleged statements.

Making the closing argument for the government, Assistant Perrin said in regard to Strange: "I am sorry for Mr. Strange. Obviously he is but a victim of circumstances and I would not believe that the jury would be amiss were it to acquit him."

The opening argument for the government was made by Assistant Thompson. Tears were brought to the eyes of Defendant Weinberg, and a solemn hush to the court room, by the impassioned plea for acquittal made on behalf of both defendants by Defense Attorney Barry.

Attesting to the unusual nature of the trial, Judge Albert M. Samal, in a preface to his instructions said: "I am sure that this trial has been as interesting to you jurors as it has been to me."

Because of the acknowledged prominence of Dr. Weinberg in the scientific world, the trial had held consistent interest. In all, 16 witnesses were called to the stand.

AID SENT EXPLORER LOST IN GREENLAND

REYKJAVIK, Iceland, April 30.—(P)—The patrol boat Odin with an airplane, fuel, food and equipment aboard ploughed forward through icy waters tonight on a mission to rescue Augustine Courtaud, young explorer marooned on the Greenland ice cap.

In the Odin's wake, Albin Ahrenberg, Swedish pilot, waited at Bergen, Norway, for a break in the fog to permit him to resume his flight here and then to Angmasalik. He planned to refuel at the latter place and join in the search for Courtaud, dropping food if he is successful.

The little patrol boat carried Pilot Steward Jonsson, a mechanic and a wireless operator.

The plane's flying range is seven hours—roughly 900 kilometers in distance—and it carries a wireless capable of transmitting and receiving in case it should have a forced landing. Forewarned that pontoons were inadvisable in Greenland, Dr. Alexander Johannesson, commanding the expedition, plans to set the plane on ice, attach skis and send it off from there on its errand of mercy.

LONG CANOE TRIP

IOWA CITY, Iowa, April 30.—(P)—With South America as their goal, Lloyd Carroll of Iowa City and William Hauber of Kenosha, Wis., today started down the Iowa river in a canoe heading for the Mississippi and the Gulf of Mexico. They hope to reach South America in six months.

Invalid Gets \$55 For Charity Drive

Uses Telephone, Boosts Fund for Salvation Army

There's more than one way to get money for the Salvation Army. Yesterday a woman who is an invalid confined to her home, but who can telephone as well as the best of them, called the Army drive headquarters in the chamber of commerce and made a proposition. F. H. Stillwell, in charge, never refuses an offer of help, so he obeyed the impulse and sent her a list of 21 workers who are known to have been canvassing, but who have not reported their collections. The woman took the contract of calling each of these on the telephone and asking them to report to headquarters today.

That was at noon. At 4 o'clock the woman called headquarters again to report she had not only contacted all of the 21 workers and got their promises to report, but had also got promises of \$55 in cash from other people.

"And so, the campaign may go over after all," said Stillwell. "We won't know until tomorrow, when the reports are in, whether we are really behind our schedule or not. If the drive succeeds, that invalid woman is going to have a large share of the credit."

L. A. TRAVELER REPORTS THEFT

Large Sum in Securities and Car Stolen, He Tells Flagstaff Sheriff

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz., April 30.—(P)—Pierce Hallack of Los Angeles walked into the office of Sheriff Art Vandever today and calmly announced he had been robbed of \$250,000 in negotiable securities and his \$15,000 automobile between Gallup, N. M., and Holbrook, Ariz., about 3 a. m. today. Hallack en route from Richmond, Va., to the coast, was reported missing two days ago by Louis Cronos, his business manager.

Hallack told Sheriff Vandever, the officer said, that two men, one of them about 60 years old, and the other "quite young," and a girl about 19 years old, held him up.

He said that after robbing him and tying him to a tree nearby, the bandits forced his chauffeur, at the point of a pistol to accompany them eastward.

The girl and one of the men, Hallack related, drove away in his car with the chauffeur and the second man followed in the bandits' machine which bore a California license plate.

Hallack said he believed the bandits knew he was coming along the highway and lay in wait for him. He said that just as his car reached a little rise near the scene of the holdup, the robbers' car was driven onto the highway from the roadside and left there blocking passage.

Hallack arrived in Flagstaff by bus. He said he worked for more than an hour to free himself from ropes the bandits bound him with, and that soon after he got them loose the regular passenger bus running between Gallup and Flagstaff came along.

After reporting the robbery, Hallack, who, the sheriff said, "did not seem to be bothered much about it," boarded a stage for Los Angeles.

HAWAIIAN STATEHOOD REQUEST IS VETOED

HONOLULU, April 30.—(P)—Governor Lawrence M. Judd vetoed today a measure of the territorial legislature directed toward obtaining statehood for Hawaii.

He returned to the legislature a joint resolution which would have requested congress to pass an enabling act authorizing the people of Hawaii to set up a state government.

"In many respects we are prepared for responsibilities of statehood," said the governor's veto message. "I believe, however, the time is not yet opportune, and it would be unwise to make the request at present."

WRITER ACCUSED

COLLENSVILLE, Ala., April 30.—(P)—Tom Ross, writer of magazine fiction, was placed in the Fort Payne jail late today on a charge of first degree murder in connection with the slaying early today of Dr. W. P. Hicks, widely known physician of north Alabama, who was shot to death at the Roan home.

Quake Damage Increases As Reports Come In; 500 Dead

MOSCOW, April 30.—(P)—Further earthquakes in the Soviet republic of Azerbaijan in Transcaucasia today caused fear that the total number of deaths in the widespread disturbances, which started Monday, may amount to more than the 500 already unofficially estimated.

More than 2,000 persons were injured in the original quake Monday which wrought severe damage in the southern Transcaucasia sections of the Soviet Union and was felt most severely in Armenia. Today's renewal of shocks occurred in the Zanguezur district of Azerbaijan.

Great suffering is reported in

ARIZONA JOINS FIGHT ON RATE PLANS OF ROAD

Fourteen States Prepare To Battle for Reduction As Set by Commission

INJUNCTION IS SOUGHT

Railroads Seeking to Delay Installation of Lower Tariff on Grains

KANSAS CITY, April 30.—(AP)—J. W. Scott, rate expert of the Kansas public service commission, announced today plans of 14 interested states, including Arizona, to combat the attempt of 15 western railroads to nullify an interstate commerce grain freight rate reduction by means of federal injunction.

Indicating state commissions would lead the fight to block the railroad's move, Scott named a law committee consisting of Charles Steiger, general counsel for the Kansas public service commission; Hugh La Master, assistant attorney-general for Nebraska and Paul Walker, commissioner of the Oklahoma corporation commission.

The action of the railroads in filing the injunction in a federal court in Chicago was not unexpected, rate authorities in the fourteen states benefiting by the reduction said, and they were prepared to meet the issue.

The other states affected by the schedule of rates ordered effective June 1, and thus parties to the forthcoming litigation are: Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, Idaho, Colorado, Illinois, Louisiana, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Nebraska, North Dakota and Oklahoma.

The states together with private shipping interests have opposed the several postponements of the schedule. Recently the states filed with the commission a reply to the carriers' petition for postponement, which declared "what grain farmers need is help now, not reductions in years to come, after the present depression has passed, and after many of them have been ruined, and their farms have passed into other hands."

The new rates were ordered October 1930 at the end of an investigation begun in 1925. The first postponement was to January 1, 1931, then to April 1 and later to June 1.

OPIUM SUPPORTING NEW CHINESE WAR

CANTON, April 30.—(P)—This capital of Kwangtung province, from which the victorious march was begun in 1926 which resulted in the Nationalist government being set up in Nanking the following April, was stirred today by rumors of impending rebellion in Kwangtung and the neighboring Kwangsi province.

Chinese officials denied that revolt was brewing, but the foreign colony on Shameen island in the Pear river increased the guards on the bridges connecting it with the native city and restricted movements of Chinese to and from the settlement.

Reports were widely circulated that insurgents, bolstered with funds obtained from opium revenues, were plotting to gain control of the provincial governments.

Taking with him numerous officials, Gen. Chen Ming-Shu, Nationalist governor of Kwangtung, departed for Hongkong, Britain's colony 90 miles away.

In his stead ruled Gen. Chen Chitang, military governor of Canton. He was reported planning to throw large numbers of troops to the support of the incipient rebellion.

BIBBENS STRANGLER SUSPECT ARRESTED

SAN DIEGO, April 30.—(P)—H. C. Yardley, 34, arrested late yesterday in Uniontown, Pa., as a suspect in the strangling of Mrs. W. D. Bibbens, this morning was formally charged with the slaying and a murder warrant issued by the district attorney's office. A police officer will leave for Pennsylvania to return Yardley to San Diego as soon as the necessary extradition papers can be prepared.

SIAMESE KING AT OBJECT OF TOUR

BALTIMORE, April 30.—(P)—A voyage around half the globe brought King Prajadhipok of Siam tonight to the threshold of the real purpose of his visit to the United States—the saving of his eyesight.

Seeking the advice of an eye specialist, the king came here as a patient to consult Dr. William Holland Wilmer, head of the Wilmer Eye Institute.

After an hour's examination, the specialist told the king an operation for cataract was "absolutely necessary" to save the sight of his left eye.

A similar affliction of the right eye was found by Dr. Wilmer to be in approximately the same stage as it was in 1924, when he examined the king—then a prince—in Washington.

The left eye had not responded to the treatment prescribed.

COMMUNISTIC CAT AGREES AS OTHER CARES FOR FAMILY

The communistic plan of letting some one else worry about your family is spreading. In one instance, at least, it has invaded the cat tribe in Lima county.

Mrs. Bozo, a pearl gray Angora, is its advocate among the feminine feminists.

Snooks, a black Angora, who lives in harmony with her gray neighbor, recently became the mother of four kittens. Kittens and mother were doing well. Two days ago Mrs. Bozo also became a mother, the family numbering six.

FRANCE MAKING READY TO NAME 12TH PRESIDENT

Doumer, Painleve, Briand Are Seen as Leaders in Candidate Lists

BRIAND IS FAVORED

Former Premier Silent About Personal Wishes, However; May Hold Portfolio

PARIS, April 30.—(AP)—France is preparing to elect her twelfth president May 13 at Versailles.

Candidates have narrowed down to a half dozen. Two or three are considered so strong that several ballots are predicted before an absolute majority can be obtained in the general assembly, which is the chamber of deputies and the senate sitting in joint session.

Paul Doumer, president of the senate, who was candidate for the presidency back in 1906 when he obtained 371 votes. Deputy Paul Painleve, former minister, and Aristide Briand, minister of foreign affairs, are given the best chances of victory unless a "dark horse" is run in to break a deadlock.

Briand probably would be considered the pre-election "victor" if he cared to say the word. So far he has done nothing to dispel belief that he does not want to give up his present work toward peace and his proposed European union, to become president.

Deputy Painleve, noted scholar, finds himself for the second time within reach of the presidency. He was the choice of the left in 1924 and was President Doumergue's principal opponent.

Another candidate not to be counted out is Fernand Bouisson, a Socialist and presiding officer of the chamber of deputies. If unity of the left can be found this year, Bouisson might be the victor.

Former Premier Raymond Poincare, who has convalesced from his illness, is supporting Senator Albert Lebrun, who comes from his section of France.

BUREAU CHIEF WILL ATTEND WHEAT MEET

WASHINGTON, April 30.—(P)—This government's decision to take part in the international wheat conference at London in May is represented unofficially as more a gesture of good-will and eagerness to establish economic facts than as evidence of faith in world control of exports.

The delegate is Nils Olsen, chief of the bureau of agricultural economics.

American experience in the export market is taken as indicative that supply and demand are a law above all others in the ebb and flow of international trade. For instance, in the 1924-25 season this country exported 255,000,000 bushels of wheat and flour. The next season saw exports drop to 32,000,000 bushels. Those figures represent records, the high and low, in current export history.

In each instance supply was the impelling equation. In 1924 Canada experienced an almost total crop failure and left the United States virtually the entire foreign market for North American grain. The next season gave Canada a good crop. Supplies in the United States were low and an abnormal share of the 1925 crop went into domestic channels.

The next season, however, saw American exports leap up to 205,000,000 bushels—more than twice the immediately preceding amount.

Since 1927-28 season, when exports totaled 191,000,000 bushels of wheat and flour, consecutively smaller amounts have been finding their way to foreign markets. From July 1, 1929, to June 30, 1930, exports reached only 140,000,000 bushels.

LITTLE ENTENTE TO MEET AT BUCHAREST

PARIS, April 30.—(P)—Aristide Briand, sponsor of the plan for a European federation, has obtained the government's consent to open negotiations with all other industrial countries in Europe with a view to facilitating the marketing of European wheat as the best means of advancing that federation.

The "little entente" meets at Bucharest next Monday. Conferees will occupy themselves with the problem of moving wheat from the agricultural countries of the east into the markets of the industrial countries of the west.

That meeting will be the first of several. There is to be a conference at Geneva May 15 regarding organization of the proposed European union, and there will be a grain conference at London three days later.

Briand has been informed the little entente plans to draw up a common economic policy under which industrial states would remove duties on manufactured articles imported by agricultural states.

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It was yesterday that the communistic tendencies of Mrs. Bozo became apparent. Her family had been moved into quarters near that of the earlier arrivals while she was being fed. Snooks heard their cries and, her own kittens being quiet, stepped over to look into the matter, then took charge of the family. Such was the situation when Mrs. Bozo returned. A fight loomed, fur was about to fly! But it didn't.

Mrs. Bozo refused to be annoyed, but, in a grateful fashion, looked over the situation, curled up and let it go at that.

"She's a communist," muttered the owner, "this Soviet plan is sure spreading rapidly."

POST PROTESTS CONGRESS PLAN

Legislation Regarding Vietnam Should Be Given Him For Inspection

An official protest from a western American Legion post against government officials in the United States capital passing any legislation affecting the ex-service man without first consulting him was filed Thursday night when the Morgan McDermott post in Tucson passed a resolution to that effect.

The resolution had been pending for some time, and it was believed far in advance that such a protest would be voiced. The post went on record against "the enactment of any veterans' legislation by the national congress without that body first receiving through the appropriate committees the expression of the opinions of the representatives of congressionally recognized veterans' organizations."

The meeting at which the resolution was passed also was featured by a hand concert by the Tucson high school band under the direction of W. A. Sewell and a talk on a tenet of the American Legion constitution, "To Safeguard and Transmit to Posterity the Principles of Justice, Freedom and Democracy." Sam Fowler, local lawyer, made the talk.

The legionnaires in adopting the resolution pointed out that despite assertions to the contrary "payment of bonus loans and government insurance does not effect the government budget in the slightest. Not a cent is required above the moneys already appropriated by past congresses. Rather than cost the government extra money, the government insurance is paying \$8,000,000 a year dividends.

The meeting entertainment, aside from those numbers already mentioned, was furnished by the Misses Calles with a Spanish dance; Mrs. Jack Ryan and Mrs. Jack Whaley with a duet and Roy Lucas with solos.

BETHLEHEM STEEL REDUCES DIVIDEND

NEW YORK, April 30.—(P)—Its income reduced to 6 cents a common share in the first quarter, Bethlehem Steel corporation today cut the quarterly dividend on the common stock by one-third to \$1 a share.

The action taken by the directors today was generally expected in Wall Street, and marked the first dividend cut by the steel industry since the depression period of 1921. At the time the dividend was cut from \$10 to \$5 a share, and from 1924 to November 15, 1929, no payments were made, while a \$200,000,000 rebuilding program was carried out. Since that time quarterly payments of \$1.50 have been made regularly.

President Eugene G. Grace said he saw nothing to indicate an important pickup in steel demand and expected conditions to remain about stationary during May.

BLOWN TO DEATH

RICHMOND, Calif., April 30.—(P)—Dwight Hutchinson, wealthy contractor of Alamo, Contra Costa county, was blown to death near here today when 10 sticks of dynamite exploded in his automobile. He was transporting the explosive to a construction project. The car dived over a 400-foot embankment and burst into flames.

MERGER ANNOUNCED

NEW YORK, April 30.—(P)—Plans contemplating the acquisition by Tri-Continental corporation, an investment trust of a substantial stock interest in Selected Industries, Inc., another trust, were announced here today.

OIL REPRESENTATIVE KILLS SELF IN JUMP

LOS ANGELES, April 30.—(P)—Robert Pollock Craigie, 36, former Cairo, Egypt, representative of a large American oil company, ended his life today by leaping from the 19th floor of the city hall.

The body was identified by H. H. Nordstrom, a friend of the suicide, and Miss Helen Seagrott, Craigie's fiancée, after notes left by Craigie asking that Nordstrom and Miss Seagrott be notified were found in the room where Craigie made his death leap.

Craigie, Miss Seagrott told police, had left her two hours before he leaped to his death. Nordstrom said Craigie had recently made unprofitable stock market ventures, losing virtually all of his money. The dead man had been a resident of Scotland, where his relatives now reside, Nordstrom said. He had been in the United States a year and a half.

RESIGNATION ASKED

NASHVILLE, Tenn., April 30.—(P)—"Communications," asking resignation of Bishop James Cannon, Jr., will be laid before the College of Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, which meets here tomorrow. Bishop J. M. Moore, Atlanta, secretary of the college, said tonight.

LION SLASHES SCHOOL CHILD AS CROWD OF CHILDREN WATCH; TRAINER SOUGHT

CINCINNATI, April 30.—(P)—Vivian Leischner, six, who was slashed about the head and back today by a lioness which was being exhibited at the Whittier school here, was reported by attaches at Good Samaritan hospital tonight to be doing well. Her condition was not regarded as critical, they said.

The lioness, believed to have been tame, unexpectedly became vicious while leashed to plumbings fixtures in the school hall with two bears, and reached out its paw and struck down the little girl. She suffered numerous scalp wounds and scratches on her body but her face escaped.

Patrolman Howard McMiller, who was called, said he found children screaming and the lion standing over the prostrate girl and the trainer crouched in a corner holding the bears.

The officer said the lion jumped at him but he knocked it away with his mace, grabbed the child, and took her to a hospital. By the time other police arrived the animals had been taken from the building.

Instructors told police the animals belonged to a man who had given his name as William Harwood and who claimed to own a private zoo at Palo Alto, Calif. Harwood by permission of the board of education, had exhibited the lion and bears at fifty other Greater Cincinnati schools recently where they appeared docile.

Detectives were assigned to hunt for Harwood and his charges after board of health veterinarians said they wanted to examine the lion for rabies. Police said the woman trainer and the animals disappeared after the accident.

WOMEN ADVOCATE U. S. ENTRY INTO WORLD COURT COUNCILS

Federation's Resolution Places It on Record Favoring Broader Scope for Anti-Communist Activity on Part of Government; More Funds Asked

PHOENIX, Ariz., April 30.—(P)—Entrance of the United States into the World Court was urged in a resolution adopted today by delegates to the 14th biennial council of the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

Only one vote was cast against the resolution, which was submitted by the committee on International Relations.

A second resolution, sponsored by Mrs. John F. Sippell, of Baltimore, federation president, placing the federation on record against communistic activities in America, was adopted with two ballots being cast in the negative.

The measure offered by Mrs. Sippell declared there "is an insidious plan to overthrow the government, including attacks on the church, the courts and the government generally" and urged that congress make larger appropriations for the department of justice "that it (the department) may keep in touch with communistic activities, and the elevation of social conditions so that our soil shall not become fertile for the growth of the insidious seed of propaganda."

Other amendments adopted included a recommendation for continued cooperation with the Indian bureau and state and county health and educational authorities in their work with the Indians, and with the women's overseas service.

"In seeking the causes of wars," Dr. H. A. Hubbard, professor of history of the University of Arizona, told delegates, "too much emphasis has been placed entirely upon emotional aspects of the conflict, rather than on the economic causes of the differences.

"All wars come as a result of the eternal struggle for the means of subsistence. The masses respond, however, when they are appealed to through their emotions.

"The solution for the future rests in the careful distinction between the fundamental economic problems and emotional accompaniments."

Mrs. H. C. McCahan of Kirksville, Mo., took up the subject of American literature, telling her fellow club workers literature of this country has fluctuated in favor and kind during the past decades.

"The commonplace has been exalted," she said, "base deeds exploited and a ruthless exposition of the social order has been portrayed in barbarian extravagance through the printed page. Yet admitting all this, there has been expansion in writing with a gain in creative power and energy that is significant and distinctive.

Mrs. J. Enos Ray of Hyattsville, Md., chairman of the committee on safety in her annual report, recommended a home safety week and active safety campaigns through the nation. She said a record of accidents on the streets and highways recently compiled for an 18 months period show figures greater than those for the 18 months period during which the United States was involved in the World war.

J. W. Strode, secretary to Governor George W. P. Hunt, explained methods used by Arizona in meeting the unemployment problem.

DEPORTEES FROM MEXICO NOT AMERICANS, CONSUL DECLARES

LAREDO, Tex., April 30.—(P)—Reports from El Paso that the Mexican government had decided to deport 7000 Americans today were termed "greatly exaggerated" by Alejandro V. Martinez, Mexican consul in Laredo. He said the order did not single out Americans, but was under the general classification of "foreigners."

"Most of those affected are Europeans and Orientals," he said, "whom my government considers undesirable. I venture to say that less than 5 per cent of the number will be Americans. Americans always have been considered highly desirable residents in Mexico, as they are law-abiding and constructive and are helping us build our country."

PEACE PREVAILS IN CAPITALS AS MAY DAY DAWNS

Continental Cities Expect Little Confusion During Annual Celebration

MADRID MAKES READY

For First Time in Eight Years Spanish Capital Will See Fiesta

LONDON, April 30.—(AP)—Once a source of anxiety to authorities in a score of European capitals, May Day seems likely to be observed quietly tomorrow throughout the continent.

In London a procession of radicals will form on the embankment and march under red flags. Speakers will indulge in customary outbursts of oratory. No trouble is expected.

Neither Paris nor Berlin can regard the anniversary with quite the same equanimity. Sufficient police will be on hand to quell any disorders.