

LEATHERMAN AND MANSFIELD GET THREAT NOTES

First Woman Solo Aviator Crosses Atlantic

MISS EARHART LANDS AIRSHIP ON IRISH SOIL

Flies Close to Water as Plane Is Overheated
All of Trip
SURPRISES FARMER
Given Ovation When She Greets Throng in Londonderry

'Hope It's Not Habit' Says Husband of Amelia Earhart

Putnam, After Six Minute Telephone Call, Explains What Happened to Force Wife to Land in Ireland Instead of Continuing to Paris

NEW YORK, May 21.—(P)—In six thrill-filled minutes George Palmer Putnam heard over a transatlantic telephone line from his flying wife, Amelia Earhart, this afternoon the story of her perilous solo flight across the Atlantic.

Weary from a sleepless vigil, he waited impatiently while operators worked to put the connection through. Then he vetoed a suggestion that the stenotypist record be made of the conversation and retired to a room by himself while they talked.

He was smiling broadly and looked relieved when he finished. "It was a burned out collector ring that caused the trouble," he said. "She flew with it for about ten hours. She said that since she'd rather drown than burn up, she flew right on top of the water most of the way."

"For four hours it was absolutely black and she flew blind," he went on. "It was rough as the devil. It wasn't an awfully good connection, but I think she said she flew high at first, but met ice, and had to drop for that reason."

"Tired?" She sounded pretty fresh. "No, I don't think she was very sleepy. It's too exciting and too hard work to fly blind with a sick engine to get sleepy."

"She said she enjoyed the meal. Let's see, a bottle of hot chicken soup, a cake of chocolate and two cans of tomato juice. She managed that by poking a hole in the cans with an ice-pick and using a straw."

Obviously proud and excited, he made an effort to talk calmly. "This makes her the first flier to have crossed the Atlantic twice, you know," he said.

Then he laughed. "As her husband," he added, "I guess it would be proper to remark I hope it doesn't become a habit."

Putnam had far from a passive part in the adventure, however. He was the manager throughout, and it was his word "Miss Earhart," as he called her, awaited before forming further plans.

He conferred with Maj. Edwin Aldrin, chief of the aviation division of an oil company, on plans for having a new collector ring rushed to the plane.

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HIGHWAY BOARD SHAKE-UP SEEN IN APPOINTMENT

A. A. Johns Expected to Succeed Addams as Chairman

COMPARET WILL GO MANN ALSO SLATED FOR AXE IF PROGRAM GOES THROUGH

PHOENIX, Ariz., May 21.—(AP)—A. A. "Tony" Johns was appointed today to membership on the Arizona highway commission, and before nightfall had posted his bond with the secretary of state. He succeeds the late S. R. Tregrove of Prescott.

Governor Hunt's announcement of the appointment of Johns, a prominent Prescott cattleman, was brief. "Mr. Johns," he read, "has been appointed to the highway commission, effective immediately, to serve until January 31, 1935."

Johns, when informed of his new duties, resigned as a member of the state sheep sanitary board.

The new member will take his seat Monday morning. Capitol records say that immediately afterward a movement will be started to unseat C. E. Addams as chairman of the commission and elect Johns to succeed him.

If the movement is successful, George W. Comparet will be discharged as secretary of the commission, and M. C. Hankins, one-time secretary, named to fill the vacancy. A. E. Mann, purchasing agent, also was expected to be relieved of his duties.

Political observers also reported an attempt would be made to change the make-up of the highway patrol.

Appointment of the Prescott man gives the highway commission a membership of four Democrats and one Republican—Monte Mansfield of Tucson. Tregrove was a Republican.

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California Girl Is Best Orator

Wins Contest as Start on Acting Career, Says Angelano

WASHINGTON, May 21.—(P)—Miss Lucille Goldsmith, 16-year-old Californian, won the ninth national oratorical contest to-night—and immediately tasted what may be in store for her if she realizes her great ambition "not to be a movie star, but to go on the stage."

The blonde high school senior from Los Angeles triumphed over five other contestants and became the second girl to win the honor of representing her country in an international declamation contest.

She spoke a solemn oration on the constitution, "Culmination of Centuries," and received a silver cup before an audience that made Constitution hall echo with applause. Then she was surrounded by such a clamoring mass of high school cadets, begging for autographs, she had to shout "Go 'way, go 'way!" to give the news photo men a chance.

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It became apparent, as the state's case drew to a close, that three outstanding features would determine the guilt or innocence of the defendant—the testimony of a 11-year-old girl; a pair of black oxfords and the defendant's own story, as he told it in the previous trial, that he aided in the kidnaping under threats of death from Donald Foreman, Fay Overlese and Fred Arnold the three men he holds responsible.

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HIGH SPEED PLANES ORDERED BY UNITED

SEATTLE, May 21.—(P)—P. G. Johnson, president of the United Airplanes, today announced placing of an order with the Boeing Airplane company for an undetermined number of twin-engined passenger-cargo monoplane.

He said the planes, cruising at a speed of 155 miles an hour, will be able to cut to 27 hours the service from the Pacific to the Atlantic coast. It is now 34 hours.

The monoplane, with retractable landing gear, will carry 10 passengers, two pilots and 500 pounds of mail and express.

DEFENSE WILL START ADKINS TRIAL MONDAY

State Rests, Completing Picture of Alleged Kidnaping

ARREST IS RETOLD Detectives and Deputies Repeat Story of Capture

By J. F. WEADOCK

As the long Saturday session of superior court drew to its close, the state's attorney, William G. Hall, who accuses Clifford Adkins 29-year old rancher as the kidnaper of Gordon Sawyer, Tucson banker, closed his case after presenting to the jury a long array of exhibits admitted in evidence. It is the second trial of Adkins on this charge.

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NINE ARE ARRESTED IN MESA RUM RAIDS

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Threatened



P. E. LEATHERMAN

RUMMER SOUGHT IN LINDY CASE

Gave Details of Crime Two Days Before Body Was Found

HOPEWELL, N. J., May 21.—(P)—The Lindbergh murder investigation turned tonight into a concerted hunt for a Jersey rum-runner, who, two days before the famous baby's body was found, told how the infant had been killed and where the battered little form had been hidden.

There is a possibility this unnamed character may hold the key to the secrets of what is already one of the world's strangest crime mysteries.

He has boasted, it was disclosed today, that he knows several of the hand who perpetrated the fiendish kidnaping and killing.

A new light was thrown on this "mysterious gangster," now sought throughout the east, John Hughes Curtis, "hoax negotiator," confederated in his jail cell at Flemington with an attorney, and "Jatsie," the ransom-payer, went dashing through New England on an unexplained mission.

The lawyer who visited Curtis was from the shipbuilder's home town of Norfolk, Va. After he left it was learned two local attorneys had been engaged.

They were expected to make early efforts to obtain the prisoner's release on the condition of the bills used in paying the \$50,000 ransom was reported to have turned up at a New York bank.

The two-day hunt for the man identified by state police only as "a gangster reported in Maryland and thought to be connected with the case" was given real significance by Arthur Mills, identification expert at the Maryland House of Correction.

At Baltimore, Mills refused to identify the fugitive, but said he is a character long identified with the liquor traffic in New Jersey.

Two days before the broken body of Charles Augustus Lindbergh, Jr., was found by chance in the woods five miles from his parents' estate, the rum-runner discussed the mystery with Mills.

He told the identification expert the child had been killed by blows on the head and hidden within five miles of where the kidnaping occurred.

He said, Mills repeated, that three or four persons had been involved in the crime and that he knew several of them.

He prefaced these disclosures with a complaint that police activities in the case were hampering his liquor business.

"If somebody doesn't do something about the case soon, I will," Mills quoted the man as saying.

"I didn't pay any attention to it at the time," Mills said, "but later when I read that the body had been found I communicated my information to Colonel H. Norman Schwarzkopf of the New Jersey state police."

"Two officers came here yesterday to investigate it."

Although the rum-runner's name has not been made public, those hunting him know his identity.

Mills said he first became acquainted with him when more than a score of men were arrested at Ocean City, Md., in December, 1929, while attempting to land a cargo of liquor on the beach.

CLEMENCEAU FAMILY PROTESTS STATUE

PARIS, May 21.—(P)—The family of the late Georges Clemenceau today declined an invitation of the Paris municipal council to attend a private unveiling of a monument to France's "Tiger," criticizing the ceremony, the statue and the site.

Members of the family described the statue, which shows the former premier in overcoat, muffer and heavy shoes in full stride, as "descriptive." They said his friends also would stay away from the unveiling.

DEMAND CASH FROM BANKER AND MERCHANT

Police and Deputies Keep Vigil to Catch Extortionists

TIME LIMIT PASSES Both Instructed to Put Money in Certain Spots Saturday

By GEORGE HALL

Tucson police and Pima county deputy sheriffs were laying in wait last night and early this morning for the writer of two threatening letters attempting to extort money from M. H. Mansfield, manager of the J. C. Penney company store, and P. E. Leatherman, cashier of the Consolidated National Bank.

The letters were only two of many which have been sent to persons in Tucson over a period of three or four years, all believed to have been written by the same person. Police and deputies have continually set traps for the person or persons who have written the letters. So far, however, the extortionists have failed to put in an appearance to collect the money demanded.

Both Leatherman and Mansfield received threatening letters about the middle of last week demanding that certain amounts of money be placed at definite places. The letters went on to say that if the request was not complied with the threatened persons would be dealt with accordingly.

The letter sent to Leatherman demanded that he deposit \$7500 at a designated spot south of A mountain on the Mission road at 11:30 o'clock. Police refused to leave where Mansfield was to leave his money other than that it was some place on the south side of Tucson between 8:30 and 9:30 o'clock.

Jesus Comacho and Bill Nickolson, plain clothes officers with the city police, were waiting for the writer of the letter to Mansfield to put in his appearance. Mansfield, it was understood, was playing the game with the officers