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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY
Efforts to be permanently useful must be uniformly joyous—a bit all sunshine; graceful from very gladness; beautiful because bright.—Carlyle

G. O. P. REARMS OUT INSURGENTS

Wife of Slain Bandit Mum to Queries

Police Now Believe That Mrs. Henderson Is Not Mate of Man Shot in Early Morning Gun Battle.

May Be "Bandit Queen"

Police Friday afternoon battered in vain at the wall of indifference which Mrs. Arthur P. Henderson built around herself after she had screamed, "My God, that's my husband," as she looked at the face of the man slain by police in a gun battle Friday morning.

Her stony indifference to all emotion after that first shriek has convinced police that Henderson was not her husband.

It has also set them working on the theory that she may have been the "queen" of the bandit gang to which Henderson belonged.

The man whom she identified as Arthur Henderson was shot and killed shortly after 2 Friday morning when he and two other men opened fire on Motorcycle Officers H. McDermott and Eli Burke after they had been surprised while attempting to force an entrance to the Piggy Wiggly store at 3222 Farnam street.

The officers, hidden across the street, had challenged the trio. The men, without warning, opened fire. In the first volley Burke had a portion of his left ear shot away.

Henderson's two companions are believed to have been wounded by the fusillade of shots which followed them as they sped east on Farnam street and made their escape.

The bandits had stolen a truck from a wholesale grocery company to use in the robbery. The truck was found abandoned a short distance from the store.

"I Don't Know."
All attempts to extract from her some information which might lead to the arrest of Henderson's confederate met with cold silence or replies of "I don't know."

Questions regarding her husband were answered or disregarded as casually as though she were speaking of a stranger.

In the incomplete story which she has given police, however, detectives have found many discrepancies which convince them that she is shielding someone, possibly her real husband.

Identifies Body.
When she first appeared at the Healey and Healey mortuary Friday afternoon and identified the body as that of Henderson, the woman told police that her husband and she had come to Omaha from Kansas City last Monday, and had taken a room at Forty-fifth and Frederick streets.

About 6 p. m., Thursday, she said, two men whom she had never seen before drove to their house in a Ford touring car and asked to see Henderson. He talked to them for a few minutes, she said, and went away with them.

Chief Fledge Card.
Detectives Janda and DeNabue searched the house at Forty-fifth and Frederick streets where the dead bandit was found.

TROTZKY LEAVES POLITICS BUREAU
Stockholm, Nov. 28.—Leon Trozky, soviet commissar for war and armaments, has been forced to resign from the political bureau, by the rising tide of feeling against him, according to the Central News report received here from Moscow.

The report has not been confirmed. Trozky has been the center of a controversy. Formerly the close associate of the beloved Lenin, he has been criticized as the arch enemy of the late leader's policies since the publication of his book dealing with the soviet revolution.

We Have With Us Today
Father William Ferretti Robison, Clergyman and Educator, St. Louis, Mo.
Rev. William F. Robison, a member of the Society of Jesus since 1887, preached the Thanksgiving sermon at St. Cecilia cathedral Thursday morning. Father Robison also preached the sermons during the novena in honor of St. Cecilia, which was concluded recently.

He was a teacher of classics and literature at St. Ignatius college, Chicago, and at the University of Detroit, and also has taught ethics, natural law and fundamental theology.

In 1912 and 1913, he visited and studied at the foremost European universities. He is the author of "Christ's Masterpiece," "His Only Son," "The Bedrock of Belief," and "The Undying Tragedy."

Father Robison is known widely as a public orator and lecturer. He made a great impression when he spoke at the Omaha Chamber of Commerce during the world war. At present he is connected with St. Louis university.

Beauty Slips on Soap, Asks \$5,000

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U.S. True Bills Returned for 67

Liquor and Narcotic Indictments Predominate; Mail Fraud Cases.

Sixty-seven men and women, most of them charged with violation of the prohibition and narcotic laws, were indicted by the federal grand jury that returned its report late Wednesday.

The defendants indicted for possession of still, liquor or sale are Ted Burras (six counts), George Homan, John Bruno, Sam Cataldo, Charles Drexel, Anton Zlata, Frank Strong, Earl Rose, Henry Love, Jessie Baker, Ernest Richhill, Cordele Grehair, Stroud Nicholas, Glenn Miller, Fred Jensen, "Dirty" Means, Wallace Earle, Frank DeLong, Frances Clernt, Charles, Josie and Sebastian Cocco, Dan Brady, Homer Cansley, Joe Lascario, Fred Schwartz, Thelma Raffa, Sam Rovetta, Lemford Dibbald, Joe Scull, Sam Poley, Philip Mino, John Mazella, John Swanson, Charles Lapiro, Paul Genco, Joe Edla, Cornelius Colbert, Frank C. Anderson, William Terrill, Josie Transi, Fred A. Parr, Sam Mirmos, Pete Zorova, Rada Nerlich, Otis C. Grady, Alfio and Marie Genna.

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Eldardo Russo was indicted for attempting to extort \$5,000 from V. P. Chiodo, Omaha apartment owner; George Jacob for the alleged theft of \$12 from a letter; Albert M. Duster, former postmaster of Duncan, Neb., charged with embezzlement of \$1,632 in postal funds; Stephen Demmon and Al Cotton for using mails to defraud; Clarence Christopher for alleged theft of a letter containing \$46; Harry Bottelsson, also charged with theft of a letter; Edmund M. Thompson and Manuel Dorrance, violation of Mann act; R. A. Woodman, former soldier, for alleged forging of government claims, and E. V. Nolan for transporting stolen motorcycle from California to Omaha.

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DRILLERS HIT GAS AFTER 30 MONTHS

Pittsburgh, Pa., Nov. 28.—After drilling for 30 months, engineers in charge of a test well at Longbridge near Latrobe, Pa., yesterday struck gas at a depth of 7,428 feet, the deepest well in the world. The gas is flowing at the rate of 60,000 cubic feet a day. The engineers brought in a producer in the Oriskany sand at 6,322 feet in the same region several years ago. At that time the Oriskany sand was the deepest ever reached by a drill.

Work on the 7,428-foot well was started in 1922. At 7,000 feet the drill struck an exceptionally hard sand. Later the gas came in with such a rush that the drill cable broke, dropping the drill to the bottom. An effort is being made to fish out the tools.

The total cost of sinking the well was estimated at \$250,000.

\$20,000 OBTAINED IN BANK ROBBERY

Cleveland, Nov. 28.—Twenty thousand dollars was secured by five men who held up the Cleveland Trust company branch in Lakewood. The robbers escaped.

Two of the three employees in the bank, one of them a young woman were forced into a rear room by the robbers who broke into the front door. They forced the manager of the bank, Almon R. Andress, to open the safe.

Former Banker Arrested.
Mobile, Ala., Nov. 28.—Charged in three government indictments with prohibition law violations, Alfred L. Staples, former banker and former president of the Alabama Bankers association, was arrested. He gave bond.

Dry Agent Dismissed.
Washington, Nov. 28.—A. H. Hart, Pittsburgh prohibition agent, has been dismissed for "refusing to work without a warrant," Commissioner Haynes announced.

Girl Slain at Bedford, State Says

Will Attempt to Prove That Lillian McKenney Met Death Eight Miles From Where Body Found.

Evidence Shakes Hough

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Bedford, Ia., Nov. 28.—Carl Hough, on trial for his life in district court here, today for the first time since the opening of his trial showed signs of despair.

As the state gradually built up its case and introduced testimony by which it hoped to prove that the prisoner had not been poisoned by whiskey just before the death of Lillian McKenney, last August, Hough's face grew red, he twisted and turned in his chair and began to show signs of nervousness.

For the first three days of the trial Hough had been noticeable for his air of nonchalance. He sat, bored, while the attorneys for the state and for the defense wrangled over the jury, and fought over the testimony which was offered. His eyes more often sought the ceiling of the little court room than the faces or figures of the witnesses or the jurymen.

Breaks Under Testimony.
But today all that changed. The weight of the testimony which the state has offered seemed at last to break through that air of utter calm and take with it his nerve.

Through the seemingly aloof individual, who cared little how the trial went, eventually Hough was changed to a normal individual, whose life is at stake.

Hough's mother, who has been in the court room daily since Wednesday, left shortly after noon today to go home in Oakland, Ia. As she left the court room she passed by her son. She did not speak, nor did she smile. She just reached out, took Hough by the arm and gave it a gentle squeeze, and then she went out.

His father remained in the court room. The parents are estimated to have refused to sit together throughout the trial.

Throughout the day the state continued to build up and present its case. Witness after witness, was called to testify as to Carl Hough's whereabouts on the night of August 11.

Gargamem Testifies.
Edgar Mitchell, Bedford gargamem, was called to the witness stand soon after noon. He told of Hough's having come to his garage in search of gasoline. The man had no money, and Mitchell refused to extend credit. Hough offered to trade an automobile jack for the gasoline but Mitchell refused.

The gargamem was unable to say whether or not Lillian McKenney was with Hough at that time or not. The side curtains on the automobile were down and he could not see into the car.

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Affection of Girl For Slain Banker "Passion of Purity," She Explains

Los Angeles, Cal., Nov. 28.—"Pure passion—if you know what I mean—that was the love we had."

Mary F. Watkins, pretty California "business girl," folded her hands in her lap and thus described today her six-year love affair with William Peo, murdered banker.

"Yes, pure passion," she said. "That's a paradox, I know, but it's what I mean. I don't intend to pretend our love was anything but passionate, but it was pure."

"We loved each other frankly, but it was a romantic love. My religion would not permit me to have married him even though he had been divorced."

"Of course, I might have been married in the six years I loved Will, but other men were not interesting—they were cold and crude in contrast to Will."

"Will and I loved intensely and sincerely as man and woman. And now—if it has ended in this sad, futile way it is because there were barriers of conscience and responsibility that proved too much for us both."

Senator Curtis of Kansas Elected G. O. P. Leader

Named to Fill Post Made Vacant by Death of Cabot Lodge; Watson Withdraws Claim.

Washington, Nov. 28.—Charles Curtis, senior senator from Kansas, was selected today as successor to the late Henry Cabot Lodge of Massachusetts as the republican leader in the senate.

Senator James E. Watson of Indiana was elected vice chairman and party "whip," a post which has been held by Senator Curtis since the republicans gained control of congress in 1918.

Thirty-two of the 51 republicans of the senate attended the conference. Two of the new senators were there. They were William M. Butler, Massachusetts, appointed by Governor Cox to fill the seat made vacant by the death of Senator Lodge, and Jesse H. Metcalf of Whole Island, elected to fill the unexpired term of the late Senator Colt.

The election of Senator Curtis to the leadership and of Senator Watson as whip were both by unanimous vote. When the conference convened Senator Warren of Wyoming, a senior member present, took the chair and announced he was not a candidate for the leadership. The election of Senator Curtis followed.

Upon his selection as leader, Senator Curtis resigned as a member of the committee on committees. Senator Smoot of Utah was named in his place and Senator Reed of Pennsylvania was appointed on that committee to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Senator Brandegee of Connecticut. Senator Watson was named chairman of the committee.

Senator Curtis requested the committee to meet in the immediate future to fill various vacancies on the standing committees.

The new republican leader, in accepting the post, told his colleagues that it was his intention to have periodic meetings of the senate steering committee and party conferences for the discussion of legislation.

The new republican leader first came to the senate in 1907, having been elected to fill out the unexpired term of J. R. Burton. He failed of re-nomination in 1912, but was again elected in 1914 and re-elected in 1920. His term will expire March 4, 1927.

JACK DEMPSEY'S HOTEL IS ROBBED

Los Angeles, Nov. 28.—Three masked men early today held up the Hotel Barbara, owned by Jack Dempsey, heavy-weight champion, taking \$1,629 in cash and jewelry valued at several thousand dollars that were deposited with the clerk for safe keeping through the masked gang.

Three employees were taken to the hotel while the masked bandits rifled the safe and escaped with the jewels and holiday regalia.

Chicago, Nov. 28.—Mine host Jack Dempsey, better known as Champy Jack, expressed amazement today when he learned that rough, masked men had held up and robbed the Hotel Barbara, owned by Dempsey, in Los Angeles early today.

"Stough," quoth the champion pugilist, but warily insisted on corroborative evidence, adding, "How did they get in the safe?"

His informant came through with this: "If you're kiddin' me, I'll sock you."

Dempsey leaves for the Pacific coast tonight.

Estate of Mrs. Morgan Goes to Her Daughter

Monroe, N. Y., Nov. 28.—The major portion of the estate of Mrs. Frances F. Morgan, widow of J. P. Morgan, who died November 15 at Highland Falls, will go to her three daughters, Mrs. Louisa Pierpont Satterlee, Mrs. Juliet Pierpont Hamilton and Miss Anna Tracy Morgan, under the provisions of her will, filed for probate.

Sarrail Gets New Post.

Paris, Nov. 28.—General Sarrail, former commander-in-chief of allied operations in the Balkans, has been appointed French high commissioner in Syria, to succeed Gen. Maxime Weyand, who has been recalled to become head of the center military high schools.

Burl Kirk Again Requests Parole From State Pen

Man Who Shot and Killed Omaha Officer Has Served Six Years; Mathews Again Applies.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Lincoln, Nov. 28.—Burl C. Kirk, convicted in 1918 on a charge of murder in the second degree as a result of the death of Detective Frank Rooney, and sentenced to serve 20 years in the penitentiary, has once again made application for parole.

Kirk was sentenced after a sensational trial in district court of Douglas county.

In 1920, but 18 months after Kirk had entered the prison, Governor McKelvie was called from Lincoln on business. The lieutenant governor was also away and the president pro tempore of the senate became acting governor. This was B. K. Bushee, recently fined for a violation of the state bank guarantee law.

Bushee listened to the appeal of Kirk and granted him a parole. Mr. Antles, then secretary of the public welfare department, happened to go to the penitentiary just as Kirk was motoring away in company with a woman.

Antles set up a cry and an investigation was begun. As a result Kirk was ordered returned to the prison. He was found in Des Moines, Ia.

Kirk, prison officials say, has been a model prisoner during his stay at the penitentiary. He has served six years and three months of his sentence, and, with time off for good behavior, has but 13 years and nine months left to serve.

The pardon board is to meet December 9 to consider the petitions of the prisoners.

BOARD ANSWERS KONECKY WRIT

The county commissioners have filed an answer in district court to the writ of peremptory mandamus obtained against them by Deputy Sheriff Isaac Konecky.

The commissioners state that Konecky has the right to institute his case in any court with jurisdiction to determine whether the county is indebted to him for his salary.

They declare that he should have exercised this right before he took the extraordinary remedy of securing a writ of mandamus.

Judge Goss, who signed Konecky's writ, stated Friday that he would grant the county commissioners a hearing until after the next session and the county is compelled to pay the deputy sheriff his salary.

Konecky's name was reported to be on the pay sheets passed by the commissioners Friday morning.

SALE OF SURPLUS WAR STUFF HELD

Washington, Nov. 27.—Sale of surplus material valued at \$128,000,000 by the War department during the 1924 fiscal year, at a return of about 36 per cent on the cost price, was disclosed today in the annual report of Assistant Secretary Dwight Davis. As about half the articles sold were used material or broken up ammunition, he explained, the return against cost price was lower than in previous years.

Transfers and withdrawals brought the total of surplus dispositions during the year up to more than \$187,000,000, and the total since the war up to \$1,166,000,000.

The year's results brought the remaining war surplus stocks so low that Davis said he hoped to be able to recommend within another six months, transfer of the sales work on these stores to the regular supply branches of the army, which now handle salvaged material. He placed the value of the remaining surplus stocks at \$68,000,000, of which \$27,000,000 is in land and improvements.

German Actors Worried by Proposed Wage Scheme

Berlin, Nov. 28.—There is consternation among German actors and opera stars because of an agreement of the theatrical managers to classify 99 of the most prominent stars in four categories, with maximum salaries ranging from \$250 to \$2,000 monthly, and all other actors and actresses under \$250 monthly.

Slayer Electrocutted.

Raleigh, N. C., Nov. 28.—Vance Morgan, negro, was electrocuted at the state prison here, self confessed killer of Butler Pendergrass, of whose murder he was convicted last July.

New Soviet Agent.

Moscow, Nov. 28.—M. Mdivani, who served as a delegate to the Genoa conference, has been appointed soviet trade representative in France.

Hobbs Held as Badger Game Head

London Law Clerk Charged With Being Brains of Plot to Blackmail Young Indian Rajah.

Pretty Paramour Freed

By Universal Service. London, Nov. 28.—William Cooper Hobbs, the law clerk of Appleton & Co., and who furnished the "legal brains" in the plan to blackmail Sir Hari Singh, rajah of Jammu and Kashmir, out of \$750,000, was arrested tonight.

The arrest of Hobbs came following the exoneration in the law courts of Charles Ernest Robinson, using the powerful Midland bank for \$625,000 of the \$750,000 blackmail money extorted from an Indian prince, because so technically involved this evening that Lord Darling dismissed the jury and announced that he would decide the verdict himself.

The jurors, two women and 10 men, already had found that a conspiracy existed to mulct the Indian potentate after he was trapped in a Paris hotel room with Robinson's beautiful wife, Mrs. Maude Robinson, but it exonerated husband and wife of any connection with the conspiracy.

With that done, the jury was locked up again, ordered to determine whether or not the bank was liable for \$825,000, Robinson charging that it had paid that out negligently after it had been deposited with the Midland institution by "Mr. A." as the prince is called to hide his identity.

The jury's finding was construed by many as tantamount to exoneration of the bank of the negligence charge. The jurors said that William Cooper Hobbs, had not intended transferring to Robinson his rights in the \$750,000 blackmail proceeds when Hobbs deposited it. They decided that in paying out the money, the bank merely obeyed the mandate under which it received the cleared check.

Hobbs, they ruled, exercised the same authority in withdrawing the money that he had in depositing it.

In a nutshell, the jurors were unable to decide whether or not the right to the money ever had been transferred to Robinson.

Guests Held Up at Heyworth Apartment

Mrs. Helen P. Heyworth. New York.—Mrs. Helen Patterson Heyworth, divorced wife of Otto Young Heyworth, Chicago millionaire, who started Paris last spring when she attempted to marry "Dapper Dan" Collins, international crook, after he was arrested.

Mrs. Heyworth is the latest victim of the Broadway jewel robbers, who are held responsible for the murders of "Dot" King and Louise Lawson as well as the Edith Bobe holdup.

Her apartment was invaded late the night of October 19 by an armed trio, who cowed and robbed the small group of guests.

Near Hotbed of Smallpox Found

Health Officers Discover Three Cases in One Family; Four Others Recovered.

A hotbed of smallpox was discovered Wednesday when health officers visited the home of W. W. Brooks, 2517 South Thirty-first street, after finding that a girl of the family, Blossom, 13, was still attending Windsor school while suffering from the disease.

The officers found that two other children in the family, both pupils at Windsor school, were recovering from smallpox at their home, and that the four other children had had the disease within the last month.

Dr. A. S. Pinto, who investigated the case personally, believes that this family was probably responsible for the two other cases of smallpox at the school within the last week, which caused him to order the vaccination of all pupils Wednesday.

The discovery of Blossom Brooks' illness was made while Dr. Pinto and his assistants were vaccinating the pupils. Dr. Pinto recognized the disease and immediately ordered the girl home.

When he went to her home later, Mrs. Brooks told him that the six other children, four of them students at Windsor school, had had the disease in a mild form within a month. They had not called a physician, she said, and did not recognize the disease.

TEXAS DRILLERS BRING IN WELL

Fort Worth, Tex., Nov. 28.—The Boyd Oil company's No. 1 Roy Simmons, a wildcat, one-quarter of a mile south of the town of Wortham, adjoining the town site, in Freestone county, went "over the top" yesterday when drilling began after the bit was pulled out and gauged for one hour at the rate of 12,000 barrels of oil daily, advices received here say. Oil is from the Woodbine sand, from which the Powell and Mexia fields got their production.

This is the sixth big gusher field in five years in which is known as the Balcones Fault district, and from the first wells, it would seem that the latest will eclipse all others.

ARRESTS NEAR IN BANKER SLAYING

San Bernardino, Cal., Nov. 28.—Arrests were expected today in the mysterious murder of William R. Fee, wealthy Alhambra, Cal., banker, whose body was found in a lonely canyon in the mountain wilds near here.

"New evidence has been uncovered and we expect to make one or two arrests in the case today," Sheriff William Shay said.

At the same time, Miss Mary F. Watkins was brought before the district attorney for additional questioning. Miss Watkins, pretty secretary of the San Gabriel Water Co., has admitted her love for the slain banker, whose body was discovered not more than 60 yards from a cabin owned by the water secretary.

Miss Watkins declared she was convinced Fee was murdered and his body "planted" near her cabin in a frame-up to throw suspicion upon her acquaintance with the banker.