

MOTHER WHO SLEW BABY, SUICIDE

COOLIDGE WINS JAP EXCLUSION DELAY Hangs Self to Bars in County Jail

Conferees to Ask Time Extension

Postponement Will Give State Department Opportunity to Negotiate Treaty With Orientals.

Senate May Oppose

Washington, May 7.—President Coolidge by strenuous last-minute efforts today obtained from senate and house immigration bill conferees an agreement to recommend postponement of statutory Japanese exclusion until March 1, 1925.

Insistence by the president for the delay in operation of the exclusion section was the reason given by the conferees for their unusual action.

The provision, incorporated in the report of the conferees committee which will be submitted to the house and senate, recommends insertion in the bill after the section excluding all aliens ineligible to citizenship, of the following clause:

"This subdivision shall not take effect as to exclusion until March 1, 1925, before which time the president is requested to negotiate with the Japanese government in relation to the abrogation of the present agreement on this subject."

The president in his discussions with the conferees, chairman, house leaders and also Chairman Lodge of the senate foreign relations committee, was said to have represented strongly that the administration would be hampered in its efforts to reach a solution of the problem by diplomatic means if the time available for negotiations was restricted to July 1, 1924.

Notice that a point of order would be raised in the senate against the report was given by Senator Shortridge, republican, California, as soon as the decision was announced.

We Have With Us Today

Mortimer L. Schiff, banker, prominent worker and Jewish welfare and vice president of the Boy Scouts.

Although but 46 years of age, Mortimer L. Schiff is partner in one of the largest banking firms in New York, is director of Union Pacific railroad, United States Mortgage and Trust company, New York Foundation, United States Safe Deposit company, Western Union Telegraph company, American Railway Express company, Wells Fargo company and the Pacific Oil company.

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FARMER RELIEF BILL DEMANDED

Washington, May 7.—Declaring American agriculturalists lost \$22,000,000,000 in the last four years, Senator Gording, republican, of Idaho, today made a formal demand on the senate for the enactment of farm relief legislation before the summer adjournment.

Gording urged passage of either his own wheat price guarantee bill or the McNary stabilization bill.

He charged the present agricultural depression was due to "government profiteering" during the war and "official neglect" of the farmer since the war.

Mortimer Schiff Says:

Reducing rates may be just as hurtful to the shipper as to the investor in railroad securities. What the shipper wants and needs is service, and an assurance of service. That is more important than rate reduction.

Motor transportation has come to stay. It must henceforth be considered as part of the transportation machinery as a whole.

I favor consolidations to the extent that they are logical and make for economy.

Credit has been made too easy and expansion too greatly encouraged by both private and public agencies.

The acquisition by any agency, governmental or otherwise of any commodity at a fixed price without any control over the quantity produced, is vicious in principle and is bound to be disastrous.

Coolidge Leads \$200,000 in Arms Bought by Cuba to Quell Revolt

President's Margin Continues to Increase—McAdoo Gets 6 to 1 Preference Over Unpledged Group.

San Francisco, May 7.—Returns from 5,925 precincts out of the state's 6,974 in yesterday's primary give to Coolidge, 279,013; Johnson, 237,530; McAdoo, 99,107; no preference, 17,190.

San Francisco, May 7.—President Coolidge's lead over Senator Hiram Johnson for California's endorsement for the republican presidential nomination continued to increase on the returns late today, the gain being especially apparent as belated tabulations from Los Angeles county came in.

The figures from 5,823 of the state's 6,974 precincts gave: Johnson, 235,316; Coolidge, 272,309.

The same precincts gave a slate of delegates to the democratic national convention pledged to William G. McAdoo almost a six to one lead over the Coolidge group which opposed McAdoo. The figures, also from 5,823 precincts:

McAdoo, 97,499; "No preference" delegation, 16,831. The returns were representative of all but one of the state's 58 counties. The laggard, Modoc, has but 27 precincts.

DAM DEFENDER GETS GUARDIAN

Milwaukee, Wis., May 7.—John Dietz, "defender of Cameron dam," who battled lumber interests, sheriff's posse and courts to prevent the flooding of his little garden in the spring drive of logs each year, today is under a guardianship.

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Houdini Will "Show Up" Spaniard Who Claims Power to See Through Metal

"All a Trick," Says Wizard Who Attempts Wager to Disprove Super-Normal Powers of Maria Argamasilla—Successful in Tests So Far

New York, May 7.—"One minute past five." The case of a double-faced watch was opened and the hands stood at that figure.

Senior Joaquin Maria Argamasilla, 19-year-old son of the Marquis de Santa Clara of Madrid, had told the time through the watch cover. He was blindfolded and claimed to make the reading through gold.

It was part of a test of the boy's power, given today before a group of scientists and newspapermen—powers claimed but not explained by the young Spaniard.

Hard Work, Economy U. S. Needs

New York Banker Sees Hope for Future. With Farm Conditions and European Situation Improving.

Co-operation and mutual faith, responsible and wise leadership, are needed to get America into a prosperous condition again, according to Mortimer L. Schiff, New York banker, who addressed a group of bankers and business men at Hotel Fontenelle Wednesday evening.

"We must continue to observe the economic fundamentals," he said. "We need hard work, not loafing; economy instead of extravagance; saving, not waste; charity, instead of intolerance. We need more people who think in terms of what they owe the world and not what the world owes them."

"The most difficult fact confronting railroad management today is the impossibility of planning for the future on anything like a comprehensive scale, as under existing circumstances no one can foretell what future conditions of operation will be," he said.

Washington, May 7.—The Cuban government has purchased from the War department arms and ammunition valued at approximately \$200,000. It was officially announced today.

Two sales were made, each of \$100,000. The first was concluded shortly after the Cuban revolt broke out and the second within the last few days.

The request of the Cuban government for airplanes was turned down by Secretary Weeks because existing law governing the sale of war materials to Cuba does not cover aircraft.

Furthermore, there are no surplus airplanes to be sold at present except a small number that are badly in need of repairs.

If the revolt grows more serious it is considered probable that other sales of war materials will be made to the island government.

At the present time the Cuban army is in need of machine guns, small arms and ammunition. Advice reaching the Cuban embassy today indicated that the government was successfully holding the insurgents in control.

President Zayas, according to Cuban officials here, has the sympathy of the majority of the population.

The next move of the Cuban government, it was learned, will be to attempt to extradite Garcia Velez, leader of the Veterans and Patriots association, which is working for the overthrow of the Zayas administration.

Velez, who is in New York, will fight extradition on the ground that he is a political refugee. Other revolutionary leaders are also known to be in New York.

Carmen Lewis Improved.

Carmen Lewis, 17, Central High school student, who was injured Tuesday by a driverless automobile, was much improved Wednesday morning and has been removed to her home from the Paxton Memorial hospital.

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J.C. Wharton Drops Dead at His Home

Apparently in Good Health Throughout Day—Was Once Postmaster of Omaha.

John C. Wharton, 71, widely known attorney, one time postmaster of Omaha and for several years assistant postmaster, died suddenly tonight in his apartment, 617 North Thirty-seventh street.

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The report to the corner stated merely that Mr. Wharton had died of "heart failure."

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At various times he has held important positions in the First Presbyterian church of which he was a member. He is survived by a wife and two sons, Gerald and Glen. His first wife died about 25 years ago. Funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

"May and December" Romance Lifted From Grace in Suit Over Big Estate

By A. J. LORENZ, Universal Service Staff Correspondent. Chicago, May 7.—Practically, attorneys today lifted the "May and December" romance of the late Col. Samuel E. Bliss, eccentric millionaire, and his private secretary from his grave.

Mrs. Helen Weck Bliss, middle-aged widow of Colonel Bliss, and his former secretary, sat in the courtroom and heard herself pictured as the woman who had stolen the aged millionaire's affections from the paralyzed mate of his youth.

"At that, she was too untruthful and graceless to influence anybody but a demented old man, who drooled like a child, dropped off to sleep every half hour, and had to be watched continuously lest he set himself on fire," former Governor Deneen, attorney for the heirs-at-law bringing suit against the widow, declared.

When Colonel Bliss, steel magnate, sportsman of a generation ago, was 74 his secretary was 45.

He was childish, the attorney said, and in moments of playfulness rolled paper into snowballs with which he would bombard Miss Weck, his middle-aged secretary.

She would toss them back and thus a romance sprang up between them, in which Miss Weck installed a kitchenette in the office where she cooked his lunches—and here.

"Reviewing the lives of Colonel Bliss and his secretary," said Mr. Deneen, "we find at first only the ordinary relations between an employer and his secretary."

"Then along about 1907 evidences of unusual friendship began to show. There were playful 'snowball' fights. Colonel Bliss' love for his invalid wife began to cool and he became brutal and shameless before her."

"He would come home and call Miss Weck on the telephone and inquire about her health and how she got home. He would call her 'mamma' in front of his wife.

"Finally his wife died. She was buried on a Thursday and the following Sunday Colonel Bliss gave a dinner party at his home for Helen. He showed her over the house, from kitchen to closet. It was Helen who examined the clothing of the recently buried wife and gave the maids the articles she didn't want."

Miss Weck took complete charge of the house, the attorney said in his outline of the case. On Thanksgiving and Christmas she gave two parties which partook of the nature of family reunions and on New Year's eve the secretary and her employer were secretly married. Colonel Bliss transferred business interests to a relative and made a will leaving all his money to his new wife.

The Bliss estate is estimated at \$2,400,000.

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Will Be Succeeded by C. J. Farley—Number of Omaha Business Men Made Directors.

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He will be succeeded by C. J. Farley, formerly of Grand Rapids, Mich., who becomes president and general manager.

An addition to accepting the resignation of Mr. Burgess, the board elected a number of Omaha business men to membership on it.

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Their statement, in full, follows: "The personnel of the present board of directors assures M. E. Smith & Co., Inc., the support of the leading business interests of Omaha and vicinity, and the willingness of the gentlemen who have gone on the board to devote their time and personal attention to the oversight of the management of the company is the best possible assurance that this business will continue as one of the leading institutions of the city and will have the united and whole-hearted support of the strongest financial interests of the community."

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Thayer Store Robbed.

York, Neb., May 7.—Burglars entered the M. Horsfall general store at Thayer and took a large amount of wearing apparel, shoes and other goods. A truck evidently was loaded near the east door of the store. White powder was scattered about the 24 fingerprints.

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REPORTER FOOLS INSANITY BOARD

Des Moines, May 7.—The scales of justice were being tilted today to gain freedom for John Duncan, a Des Moines newspaper reporter, who was sent to the state insane hospital at Clarinda yesterday following his successful effort to test a theory that "Any bright criminal could prove himself insane and thus escape punishment for his crimes."

Duncan, who told a wild story about having millions on deposit in a local bank to help defray reparations claims against Germany, was so successful in his actions that the sanity commission ruled him a "dangerous lunatic."

It is considered likely that Duncan will be given his freedom some time today. This was not in accordance with his plans. Duncan hoped to stay a week or more but was recognized as he was being taken to the train en route to the hospital and a rival newspaper reported exposed the hoax.

Members of the sanity commission would not comment on the case today.

Mrs. Isabelle White, Poisoner of Infant Son, Escapes Murder Trial by Taking Her Own Life

Her Second Attempt

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Nebraska City, Neb., May 7.—Mrs. Isabelle White hung herself in the county jail here this afternoon. It was her second attempt at suicide.

The body was found hanging from the cell bars by Mrs. Tillie Fowler, matron.

Mrs. White had been under close surveillance since she was committed to jail, charged with first degree murder for the poisoning of her 2-year-old son, George, but was left alone for a short time this afternoon while the matron went to lunch. The woman had been dead only two minutes when found, according to physicians who were summoned.

Daughter Born Recently. Groe county was started a few days ago when it was reported that Mrs. White had given birth to a daughter in county jail. The child lived but a few hours.

A formal complaint, charging Mrs. White with first degree murder, was filed by County Attorney Moran March 5, following the finding of a coroner's jury that she had killed her 2-year-old son. The boy died shortly after he had been administered three bichloride of mercury tablets by his mother.

The woman herself attempted suicide at the time, through poison, and for some time her life was despaired of. She was slowly recovering, however, and physicians reported that recovery would be complete a few days before her suicide.

No Reason Given. No reason has ever been assigned for the tragedy, and police reported that they were unable to find any evidence of domestic unhappiness. The father and husband of the dead son and wife is Walter White, an employe of a local packing company.

Coolidge Gets Michigan Vote

Regulars Control G. O. P. State Convention—Denby Endorsed, Won't Accept.

Grand Rapids, Mich., May 7.—"Regular" republicans, under the unchallenged leadership of Governor Alex J. Groesbeck, dominated the state republican convention today and named the administration's slate of delegates-at-large to the republican national convention.

Herbert F. Baker, gubernatorial candidate and avowed opponent of the Groesbeck regime, who had threatened to challenge the governor's power, failed to rise to the promised fight.

Senator James Couzens was ignored in the draft of resolutions presented by the resolutions committee, as was the case in nearly all county conventions two weeks ago. Edwin Denby, former secretary of navy, was endorsed, but the committee also made public a telegram from Denby saying he would not be candidate for United States senator.

Summary of The Day In Washington

The senate took up the Jones proposal for a graduated corporation tax. The house shipping board committee examined T. L. Clear, treasurer of the fleet corporation.

The Fairfield bill was reported to the house to provide independence for the Philippines after 20 years. President Coolidge and republican leaders discussed plans to clear the congressional calendar for adjournment in June.

Edward B. McLean, Washington publisher, and J. W. Zevely, counsel for Harry F. Sinclair, were witnesses before the oil grand jury. Ambassador Warren, at Mexico City, was instructed to protest against interference by gunboats with American commerce at Frontera.

Protests were heard by the interstate commerce commission on proposals for the installation of automatic control system on railroads. Conferees on the immigration bill decided to report a provision to make Japanese exclusion effective March 1, 1925, with the understanding the gentlemen's agreement would be abrogated.

James Martin Miller, before the senate agriculture committee, defended the accuracy of his telegram quoting President Coolidge as saying he was "trying to deliver" Muscle Shoals to Henry Ford. The senate Daugherty committee received a batch of new testimony dealing with the activities of Howard M. Kingston and events leading to the indictment of Senator Wheeler, democrat, Montana, committee prosecutor.

The Weather

Table with 2 columns: Hours and Temperatures. Includes forecast for 24 hours ending 7 p. m., May 7.