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FIND PLOTS TO MURDER U.S. OFFICIALS

Plans for May Day Demonstrations by Members of Communists Parties Discovered by Justice Department Agents.

WORK IN CONNECTION WITH EUROPEAN REDS

Attempt to Incite Strikers in Basic American Industries—Propaganda Refers to 'Inhuman Treatment' of Soviets.

Washington, April 29.—Plots against the lives of more than a score of federal and state officials have been discovered by the department of justice as a part of radical May day demonstrations, Attorney General Palmer announced.

The assassinations and assaults, Mr. Palmer said, were included in the May day program organized by the communist labor party and other radical elements and were in addition to strikes and other disturbances intended by the radicals as an effort in behalf of peace with soviet Russia.

State officials marked as "victims" have been notified by the department, the attorney general added.

The department has information, according to the attorney general, that the instigators of the May day demonstration have been working "in direct connection and unison" with leaders of disturbances set for Europe.

As in Europe, attempts are being made to incite strikes in all basic American industries, Mr. Palmer said, although he did not believe they would be successful.

"I am not going to prophesy what will happen," Mr. Palmer said. "I am just making public some of the things our agents have discovered. But if a will to upset our nation's whole scheme of living counts for anything, the radicals may cause some trouble."

Threaten to Cause Trouble.

Mr. Palmer said that while he could not disclose the nature of the communist labor party's plan in connection with further strikes, leaders of that organization had concentrated on several important industries and that the demonstrations planned threatened to cause trouble in the way of walkouts.

All of the propaganda advocating May day disturbances referred to "inhuman treatment" of the soviet government of Russia by the United States and the allied powers, Mr. Palmer continued. In foreign sections of industrial centers, appeals for "peace with Russia" have been employed as the main method in stirring up dissatisfaction with this government, Mr. Palmer said. Strikes and disorder, he said, simply are meant to emphasize to the American officials the threats of the radicals that relations must be resumed with Russia.

Much Propaganda Distributed.

Tons of inflammatory literature have been circulated in the last month by express and freight and secretly distributed by local leaders, according to information obtained by department agents. The communist labor group also has sent numerous "personal emissaries" into cities where the field was deemed ripe, Mr. Palmer reported. These men have been under constant surveillance by federal agents and it was through their activities that the government was first able to establish definitely the aims of the group for May day disturbances. Men and women have been used particularly in the textile manufacturing districts.

Appeal for Strikes.

In these areas reports show radical leaders were appealing to the workers to strike in behalf of soviet Russia and as a protest against the high cost of living.

Some of the literature showed that many radical leaders felt that raids conducted against the communist and communist labor elements last winter had "broken our formation." The agitators, however, continued to spread reports among the workers that the arrest of certain of their members was a certain proof of the American government's hatred for the proletariat."

Federal agents are taking every precaution to check violence, Mr. Palmer said, adding that he believed they would be able to meet any situation. He did not disclose what course of action was being considered, but declared the government, being forwarned was forearmed.

Proposed School Reforms Include Play Houses

Washington, April 29.—The Association for the Advancement of Progressive Education has come out as the schoolboy's friend. Despite its highbrow name, the association has declared that "an educational system that takes all the joy out of life is pernicious." As most boys agree with the A. A. P. E., popular demand is expected to line up solidly behind the reforms proposed which includes play."

Pastor Who Died in Poorly Furnished Room Wealthy

Phoenix, Ariz., April 29.—Rev. John H. McClahan, 65 years old, of Philadelphia, who died here last Monday night in a poorly furnished room in a congested district, was worth approximately $100,000, according to officials who made an investigation of his personal effects.

LATE PRIMARIES WARNING TO DEMOS BRYAN DECLARES

Urges Senators to Lose No Time In Voting for Peace Treaty.

Pittsburgh, April 29.—William J. Bryan, in a statement issued here tonight, declared that the recent primaries were a warning that democratic senators should lose no time in voting for ratification of the peace treaty.

"Delay in ratification may deluge the world in blood and flood our country wth woe," said Mr. Bryan. "The recent primaries should be a warning. In Georgia less than one-third of the democrats stood for the treaty without reservations. Two-thirds were divided about equally between ratifications with reservations and total rejection of the treaty. In Nebraska Senator Hitchcock's vote would have not been worth counting had he been compelled to rely on those who endorsed his attitude on the treaty.

"My fight was made on a platform declaring for ratification with reservations already agreed upon by a large majority of the senate. Senator Johnson's vote is largely a protest against the treaty and against the blundering of the senators who talk for the treaty but quarrel over reservations.

"A campaign in favor of ratification without reservations would result in overwhelming defeat, but what is infinitely worse, it would prevent the consideration of pressing problems and leave the world to chaos. Our counsel and advice today may contribute more to world peace than an army of 1,000,000 men would a year from now.

"If our party refuses to aid ratification now it must share, even if it does not fully assume, responsibility for what follows."

Bankers Deny Report Of Shutting Off All Real Estate Loans

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire.

Chicago, April 29.—Some apprehension was caused by a report that Chicago banks had shut off real estate and building loans, which, if true, would tend to bring all building projects in the city to a standstill within a few weeks.

The report was denied by bankers, although they said they were restricting such loans because of the tightness of money, and because there are many good investments offered at 7 per cent, whereas a building loan pays less—from 5 to 6 per cent—to the investor.

C. E. Estes of the Merchants' Loan & Trust company said: "We are restricting our building and real estate loans, but we are not stopping them, and, as far as I know, there is no concerted action towards curtailment."

Mark Levy, real estate man, said: "Most banks, as well as mortgage loan houses, have a great amount of unsold mortgage bonds on hand. The banks have been shutting down on collateral loans to mortgage loan houses at the request of the Chicago Federal Reserve bank, because Chicago banks now owe it approximately $400,000,000, or about double the normal amount."

Large Saving is Made In Final Estimates On Appropriation Bills

Washington, April 29.—The last of the 13 annual appropriation bills—the sundry civil measure, carrying approximately a half billion dollars—was reported to the house by the appropriations committee.

Representative Mondell, the republican leader, in a statement said the total savings under final estimates on all appropriation bills amounted to $1,399,085,112, while the total cut from the original and supplemental estimates was $1,528,994,402.

The total amount carried by the sundry civil bill is $428,216,945, or $608,169,186 less than the original estimate. The committee thus cut more from the original estimate than it authorized.

Approximately two-thirds of the total appropriations are for the treatment or rehabilitation of former service men.

Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., And Rachael Littleton Wed

New York, April 29.—The eyes of New York society were focussed today on the wedding in St. Thomas church of Miss Rachael Littleton, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Littleton of Chattanooga, Tenn., to Cornelius Vanderbilt, jr.

Five thousand invitations were issued to friends and relatives, including several hundred former doughboys who served with young Vanderbilt in France with the 27th division. A wedding cake, said to be the largest in the world, was provided for the guests. Gifts valued at nearly a million dollars have been received.

Policemen Are Wounded In Attack on Rush Barracks

Dublin, April 29. — The Rush police barracks, 10 miles from Dublin, were attacked by an armed band Friday. This is the first incident of the kind so near the capital.

The sergeant in charge of the barracks received fatal injuries and other policemen were wounded, while the roof of the barracks was blown off.

Export Gold to Ceylon.

New York, April 29.—Gold coin approximating $1,500,000 was taken from the subtreasury Friday for export to Ceylon. The shipment is said to result from exchange conditions which favor that market at the present time

MISSIONARY PRIESTS GET HOLY CROSS

Solemn Ceremony of Presenting Individual Crucifixes Held In St. Cecilia Cathedral by Archbishop

TO BE HELD IN CITY IN AMERICA

Mission Into Interior China Given Blessing Similar to Those Conferred on Early Roman Crusaders.

Fourteen missionary priests of the Chinese Mission society were recipients of individual crucifixes from Archbishop Jeremiah J. Harty of Omaha at solemn ceremonies held at 10 a. m. yesterday in St. Cecilia cathedral.

The blessing and conferring of the crosses was symbolical of the "mission of the Christian religion" into interior China.

The ceremonies were the first of such to be held in the United States and were similar to the solemn celebration given early Christians by the holy father at Rome preparatory to crusades to the holy land.

Eminent Clergy Present.

Rt. Rev. Edmund Heelan, bishop of Sioux City diocese; Rev. John Blowick, superior general of the Chinese Mission society, and Rev. E. J. Galvin, director of the missions in China, were principal attendants to Archbishop Harty at the celebration of pontificial high mass.

The following missionaries received the crosses: Rev. John Blowick, Rev. E. J. Galvin, Rev. Joseph Crossan, Rev. Matthew Dolan, Rev. Cornelius Tierney, Rev. E. J. O'Doherty, Rev. Richard Ranaghan, Rev. John P. O'Brien, Rev. Alphonsus Ferguson, Rev. M. J. McHugh, Rev. A. McGuinness, Rev. Thomas Quinlan, Rev. Timothy Leonard and Rev. W. O. O'Flynn.

Two other priests, Rev. O. N. McPolin and Rev. Michael Mee, will arrived in Omaha yesterday to join the delegation of missionaries departing today on their continued journey to the Orient.

Worshippers Fill Auditorium.

The cathedral auditorium was filled to capacity with worshippers. The St. Cecilia's boy choiristers sang. All the clergy of the city and neighboring towns were present during the services.

During the procession of the prelates and missionaries from the vestibule of the cathedral to the high

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Five Persons Killed, 12 Injured In Train Wreck In Minnesota

Sanborn, Minn., April 29.—Five persons were killed and 12 injured when two passenger trains on the Chicago & Northwestern railroad met in a head-on collision near here early today.

The accident is said to have been caused by misinterpretation of orders, whereby the trains were supposed to pass at Sanborn instead of Lamberton.

Four cars were wrecked and both engines.

The dead:

ED CLARK, conductor of train No. 516, Winona.

L. S. FULLER, engineer of 516, Winona.

E. C. LARSON, fireman of 516, Winona.

A. FELTZ, car repairer, Tracy, Minn.

E. W. AGUSTINE, Pioneer, O.

25 Seconds Sentence Imposed by Landis For Mail Tampering

Chicago, April 29.—Twenty-five seconds, one of the shortest sentences on record in federal courts, was imposed on Jesse Nash, colored, charged with tampering with the mails, by Judge K. M. Landis today.

As Nash walked to the court room door in custody of a deputy marshal the judge called "time's up" and the prisoner was released.

Nash admitted obtaining possession of letters written by his wife to another man. He exhibited the letters in court, and after reading them Judge Landis fixed the penalty.

Criticise Bisbee Sheriff At Deportation Hearing

Tombstone, Ariz., April 29.—Capt. Harry C. Wheeler, former sheriff of Cochise county, misled the people of Bisbee when he announced in a newspaper the day of the deportations that he would arrest a number of persons on vagrancy charges and give them a hearing, Assistant County Attorney Roark today declared in addressing the jury trying Harry E. Wootton on the charge of kidnaping.

Director of U. S. Bureau Of Mines Resigns Post

Washington, April 29.—Van H. Manning, director of the bureau of mines, has resigned, effective June 30, to become director of research of the newly organized American Petroleum institute, composed of the leading petroleum producers of the country.

Holy Rites for Mission Priests Held in Sanctuary of Saint Cecilia Cathedral

In the upper picture is Archbishop J. J. Harty seated in the bishop's chair wearing the tall biretta; at the left Bishop Edmund Heelan and Catholic prelates at the beginning of the special ceremonies in the sanctuary of St. Cecilias cathedral.

The lower picture shows the 14 missionaries for whom the departure ceremonies were held. Reading from left to right in the front row: Rev. Joseph Crossan, Rev. Matthew Dolan, Rev. Cornelius Tierney, Rev. E. J. Doherty, Rev. John Blowick, Rev. Richard Ranaghan, Rev. John P. O'Brien. Left to right in the rear row: Rev. Alphonsus Ferguson, Rev. E. J. Galvin, Rev. M. J. McHugh, Rev. A. McGuinness, Rev. Thomas Quinlan, Rev. Timothy Leonard and Rev. W. O. O'Flynn.

JAPS CARRY ON TERROR REIGN IN ALL SIBERIA

Partial List of April Incidents Shows Veritable Rule of Mailed Fist Accompanied by Oppressions.

By FRAIZER HUNT.

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Harbin, April 29.—Here are a few of the April incidents of the Japan reign of terror in Siberia and north Mancuria:

April 4—Demand acceptance of five unreasonable demands from inoffensive zemstvo government at Vladivostok.

April 5—Captured Vladivostok and Nikolsk after creating a fake situation justifying the move. The allied representatives report the affair was pure Japanese aggression.

Attack Railroad Workers.

April 6—Two Russian railroad workmen with proper passes assaulted by Japanese soldiers on bridge at Harbin; one thrown from bridge and the other badly injured by unwarranted attack.

April 6.—Two Russian railway men in hospital at Imanpo station Manchuria, talking against the Mikado to the injured Japanese soldiers promptly taken out and shot.

April 8.—Eight Russian railway men arrested at Khailar station, Manchuria, by Japanese soldiers and locked in a prison car to be transported to an unknown fate.

April 10.—Three Russian railway men arrested by Japanese in Manchuria station.

The last four incidents must be considered in the light that the Japanese troops had no business in the Manchurian railroad, which locally was efficiently guarded by Chinese under the inter-allied agreement.

List Is Long One.

April 11.—Japanese troops attempting to take Russian railway men to Semenoff, where they would be executed were attacked by workmen. They opened fire on Chinese troops and Czechs, killing a number.

There is only a part of the list of the Japanese actions.

It is difficult to describe with what Prussian efficiency and Japanese cunning and stubbornness they have gone about the business of terrorism and aggression forcing a situation which would warrant them in driving deeper with their military into the north China territory they have staked out for their own.

This Chinese city of Harbin rings with their bugles. This morning I saw Japanese soldiers and workmen making a munition dump out of Harbin's playground in the heart of the city. And this is China.

Consecrate New Bishop

Lawrence, Mass., April 29.—Rev. Arthur Wheelock Moulton, for 19 years rector of Grace Episcopal church, was consecrated bishop of the missionary jurisdiction of Utah today.

Late Returns Give Wood Lead of 1,150 in New Jersey Primary

Newark, N. J., April 29.—Returns in the New Jersey preferential presidential primary with but 17 districts missing tonight gave: Major General Leonard Wood a majority of 1,150 votes over Senator Hiram W. Johnson. The vote was: Wood, 52,455; Johnson, 51,305.

Columbus, O., April 29.—Although Senator Warren G. Harding, Ohio's "favorite son," received presidential preference endorsement at the hands of the state's republican voters Tuesday, his campaign manager, Harry M. Daugherty, apparently has been defeated for delegate-at-large to the party's national convention at Chicago.

On the face of unofficial returns from all but 103 of the 5,882 precincts in the state the senator was leading Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood by 15,186 votes. The vote stood: Harding, 125,003; Wood, 109,817.

Three Harding delegates-at-large apparently are elected. The vote in all but 572 of the 5,788 precincts of the state showed:

Galvin (Harding), 114,097; Willis (Harding), 115,413; Herrick (Harding), 125,596; Turner, (Wood), 101,942.

Government Control Of Oil Importation Proposed In France

Paris, April 29.—Importations of oil would be subjected to government control and oil would be sold in France at prices fixed by the cabinet under the terms of a section of the tax bill being considered in the Chamber of Deputies. The limited monopoly in oil now held by the government would be extended until the first of next year.

Discussion of the proposal has brought out the grave danger during the war of facing a shortage of fuel and lubricating oils and that Premier Clemenceau had to appeal directly to President Wilson on two occasions.

There was sharp criticisms of the Standard Oil company in connection with profits during the war.

London Now Boasts Champion Cocktail Mixer

London, April 29.—The champion cocktail mixer is now in London. He is Clifford Harrison, better known as "Pop." His repertoire consists of 200 varieties.

"Europe," says Pop, "will learn that cocktails aren't an abomination just as soon as the proper kind of mixers are placed behind the bar."

The Weather

Forecast.

Probably rain and colder Friday.

Hourly Temperatures.

5 a. m.	51	1 p. m.	61
6 a. m.	48	2 p. m.	61
7 p. m.	48	3 p. m.	65
8 a. m.	49	4 p. m.	66
9 a. m.	49	5 p. m.	67
10 a. m.	50	6 p. m.	66
11 a. m.	55	7 p. m.	64
12 noon	60	8 p. m.	61

SONORA TROOPS CAPTURE 11 MEN OF FEDERAL ARMY

First Clash Between Rebel And Carranza Forces Comes In Mountains Near Chihuahua—Two Killed.

Agua Prieta, Sonora, April 29.—Carranza troops and revolutionists had their first clash in the mountains dividing the states of Chihuahua and Sonora today. It was announced at miliary headquarters here that advance detachments of the two forces clashed near Pulpito Pass.

The Sonora troops captured 11 Carranzistas, it was stated. One man on each side was reported killed.

Pulpito Pass is the opening through the mountains which it was expected Carranza troops, being concentrated on the Chihuahua side, would use in their efforts to enter and subdue Sonora. The pass is about 110 miles southeast of here.

Troops Join Revolution.

General Calles reiterated his statement that approximately 4,000 troops at Chihuahua City, Parral and Jiminez had joined the revolution.

Denial was made of the report from the Mexican consul at El Paso that the troops under Gen. Miguel Samaniego had defeated the rebels in a fight at Nacozari.

Samaniego was said to be living near the Sonora-Chihuahua boundary, but was without troops under his command, it was said.

Predict Rebels Will Win.

Washington, April 29.—Additional accessions to the revolutionary movement in Mexico were reported in advices reaching Washington. Coincident with receipt of these dispatches, S. G. Hopkins, Washington attorney and former counsel for Carranza, testifying before the senate Mexican investigating committee, predicted success for the Sonora revolutionists.

Agents of the Sonora revolutionists here said they had been advised that Gen. Calos Green, governor of Tabasco, a state on the gulf coast, had decided definitely to join forces with the Sonora revolutionists.

Commanders of the cruisers Salem and Sacramento reported the arrival of their vessels at Mazatlan, and Tampico, respectively, where they were ordered to protect American life and property, but made no report on conditions in the two ports.

Mr. Hopkins said the present sectional movement was the direct outgrowth of the "failure of the Carranza government to function in any way."

Gaby Deslys Leaves $50,000 And $300 Pension to Pilcer

London, April 29.—A bequest of $50,000 and a monthly pension of $300 are left to "My Dear Comrade, Harry Pilcer," by Gaby Deslys in her will, disposing of $350,000 worth of English property. The document was filed for probate here today

D'ANNUNZIO PLANS TO DROP MESSAGE FROM AIRPLANES

Gives Out Text of Note to Be Showered On Premiers.

Fiume, April 29.—Gabriel D'Annunzio's foreign office gave to The Associated Press the text of a message to be dropped from airplanes at the next council of premiers. D'Annunzio planned to shower the San Remo conference, but did not start soon enough.

The message reads:

"The league of Fiume, a coalition of peoples oppressed and wronged by Anglo-Saxon hegemony, by the pseudo league of nations and by the peace conference, has been constituted.

"Gabriele D'Annunzio, defender of Italy's eastward march, is its chief. He has already the adherence of Ireland, Egypt, India, Persia, Afghanistan, the whole of Islam and the oppressed peoples of the imperialistic Belgrade government, including the Croats, Montenegrins, Albanians, Bulgarians and Macedonians. These will find at Fiume the support they lack to organize a fight against their despots. The league will combat the government of Hungary, filled by crimes, which is the shame of Europe and of Turkey, coveted by rapacious merchants. In contrast to the psuedo league of nations it will cause the rights of nationalities to prevail.

"The peoples enslaved by the British empire and by the United States must be delivered. The Germans made subject by hateful governments' thirsty for revenge must be restored to their country. The monstrous edifice built by the international bank over the bodies of 10,000,000 dead must be destroyed."

Colonel Hess Now in Rhineland on Secret Mission for Baker

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Coblenz, April 29.—Col. Ralph Hess has arrived in the Rhineland from Washington on a secret mission for Secretary of War Baker. He refused to disclose the nature of his visit, but it is said he will be in Coblenz five or six weeks, then will tour the interior of Germany.

Colonel Hess served during the war in the quartermasters' corps in Europe, for 22 months. Demobilized in October he returned to his post as professor of political economics in the University of Wisconsin. He was recalled to service by Secretary Baker and made a reserve officer for this mission.

There is a suspicion in the occupied area Colonel Hess is looking over the situation for a suggestion to the War department on a future course of action. He says the question of withdrawal of troops is not talked of and is entirely up to the president, who so far has said nothing. He believes America should sit on the fence on this matter. He believes Germany is entirely too pleased with the position of America and says he suspects who is profiting thereby.

9,000 Legion Posts In U. S. to Make Drive of One Week for Members

Indianapolis, April 29—Nine thousand posts of the American Legion in every state and territorial possession of the United States will unite in a drive for new members, to be held May 17-22, it was announced at national headquarters of the legion here today.

Latest returns from posts show that 1,500,000 ex-service men and women now belong to the legion. National officials believe that the membership campaign will bring in at least 1,000,000 new members bringing the total to 2,500,000, or more than a majority of all who served.

The legion is now less than 15 months old. It has been estimated that more than 3,000 persons have joined the organization every day since its inception.

Aged Farmer Buried in Diamond-Shaped Coffin

Springfield, O., April 29.—In an old-fashioned diamond-shaped coffin of plain wood, with oblique sides and boards an inch thick, and devoid of fancy carved wood, or unnecessary trimmings, the body of Benjamin A. Frantz, aged farmer, was buried.

This is the first burial of its kind in this part of the country for 25 years.

Complying with the request of the deceased man, a local casket company temporarily halted the entire machinery of its plant in order to make the casket. It was manufacture out of solid walnut and was very plain, but neat.

In further compliance with the wishes of the aged farmer, no automobiles were used in the funeral procession. Neither was a hearse used. The coffin, with its lifeless tenant, was hauled to the church in a two-horse covered wagon.

New Zealand Tribesmen Welcome Prince of Wales

Roturua, New Zealand, April 29.—The picturesque celebration arranged by the Maori tribesmen, enemies of the British in the Maori war, in honor of the prince of Wales on the shores of Roturua lake today furnished one of the striking features of the prince's tour. A thousand native warriors, clad only in loin clothes and armed with spears, performed fierce war dances, while a thousand graceful Maori maidens in brilliant costumes did their langorous dances to the accompaniment of soft native music.

U. S. SEIZES SUGAR HELD IN STORAGE

Stocks of Omaha Grocers, Totaling 168,000 Pounds, Are Confiscated in Raids Thursday by Federal Agents.

MERCHANTS DENY HOARDING CHARGES

Protest Innocence of Intention To Violate Lever Act and Declare They Tried to Protect Their Patrons.

The federal government late yesterday afternoon made the first definite move against alleged hoarding of sugar in Omaha when deputies of the marshall's office, accompanied by agents of the local department of justice, suddenly swept down upon storage houses and seized a veritable treasure of the commodity, comprising 168,000 pounds and valued at $33,200.

The wholesale confiscation of the sugar, owned entirely by various retail dealers in the city, followed quickly upon a secret and hurried investigation of the Department of Justice as the result of disclosures indicating large quantities of sugar were being held in storage by various retailers for supposed speculative purposes.

Hoarding Complaints Drawn.

Complaints against the dealers were drawn by Frank A. Petersen, assistant United States district attorney, following a consultation over the long distance telephone with United States District Attorney Allen at Lincoln, and it was indicated yesterday that prosecutions under the Lever wartime act prohibiting hoarding of commodities for speculative purposes, would accompany the seizures.

Firms charged with hoarding the sugar in storage unlawfully and the amount seized from each follows:

Milder Grocery Co., South Side, 86,000 pounds.

Central Market, Harney street, 25,100 pounds.

R. Kulakofsky, 2404 Ames avenue, 9,500 pounds.

J. Rosen, 2789 Davenport street, 10,000 pounds.

Weinstein & Greenburg, 208 North Sixteenth street, 10,000 pounds.

Samuel Riseman, 2308 Cuming street, 7,000 pounds.

J. Rosenblatt, 219 North Thirteenth street, 2,000 pounds.

J. Rosenthall, Eighteenth and Chicago streets, 3,500 pounds.

I. Nathan, Seventeenth and Chicago streets, 15,000 pounds.

May Put It On Market.

Government officials yesterday indicated that the sugar seized through the sudden action, at the discretion of the court might be thrown on the market to relieve the present widespread shortage.

No wholesale dealers were involved in the action of the govern-

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Pilot of Mail Plane Forced to Land Near Fort Des Moines, Ia.

Des Moines, Ia., April 29.—(Special Telegram)—Pilot C. Ray Benedict carrying mail by airplane from Omaha to Chicago, was forced to land on a field south of Fort Des Moines about noon today because of engine trouble. A mechanic is on his way here from Omaha to repair the machine and it is expected Benedict can resume his trip early Friday. The machine left Omaha about 9 a. m.

William DeWald and C. A. Benedict, of the government aerial mail service, hopped off yesterday in two DeHaviland airplanes laden with mail for Chicago and other eastern points. The trip was to familiarize the pilots with the route and it is anticipated that regular aerial mail service wil be established May 1, two planes leaving here every day for the east. Mail for the afternoon service must be in the postoffice not later than 11 a. m.

Palmer Defends Price Of 18 Cents on Sugar

Washington, April 29.—Acceptance of "fair prices" by the Department of Justice was defended today by Attorney General Palmer before the house judiciary committee which is investigating his agreement with Louisiana sugar growers that 17 and 18 cents would not be considered an unfair maximum price for their product.

Mr. Palmer declared that the acceptance of the "fair" prices was "not fixing a price, but the exercising of the lawful discretion in announcing what the government would regard as a violation of the law."

Departing Resident Gives Banquet for Sing Sing Men

Ossining, N. Y., April 29.—Seventeen men who are serving life sentences in Sing Sing prison were guests last night at a dinner in the residence of Warden Lewis Lawes given by William Perry, who was released today after serving 15 years of a life term. Perry's sentence was recently commuted by Governor Smith after the prisoner's politeness while serving in the warden's home had attracted attention.

The prisoner guests were permitted to cross the road to the residence unguarded.