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CONFESSIONS IN KIDNAP-MURDER REPORTED

Former Convicts Held by G-Men in Kidnap-Murder



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Joseph Saccoda, one of the four former convicts held by G-men in kidnap-murder.



Arthur Fried, one of the four former convicts held by G-men in kidnap-murder.



Benjamin Farber, one of the four former convicts held by G-men in kidnap-murder.

The four former convicts pictured above who Chief G-Man J. Edgar Hoover claims were involved in three hitherto unrevealed kidnappings and one murder in New York, have been turned over to New York authorities by federal men. Left to right are William Jacknis, Joseph Saccoda, John Virga, and Demetrius Gula. Killed and cremated while the kidnap gang was demanding \$200,000 ransom was Arthur Fried, missing since last Dec. 14, Hoover said. Kidnaped and released on payment of ransom, were Benjamin Farber and Norman Miller. The four also are accused of three robberies.

14 KILLED IN MAJOR BRITAIN AIR DISASTER

Airliner Crashes in Take-off From English Channel Island

ST. HELIER, Island of Jersey, Nov. 4 (AP)—Fourteen persons, nine men, four women and a child, were killed today in one of Britain's worst airplane disasters when a passenger airliner crashed just after taking off for Southampton. The dead included a man working in a field where the plane fell. The ship was on a regular run between Jersey, in the English channel, and Southampton. Narrowly missing a hotel, the plane burst into flame and exploded upon landing.

Demo Chieftain



Eugene B. Germany of Dallas, new chairman of the state democratic executive committee, whose election to party leadership was influenced by W. Lee O'Daniel. He succeeds Myron G. Blalock. Germany is an enthusiastic booster of John Nance Garner for president. He is an oil producer and a leader in civic affairs.

FOUR ALLEGED RING MEMBERS ARE CHARGED

Human Jawbone Unearthed in Hunt for Clues to Fried Case

NEW YORK, Nov. 4 (AP)—The district attorney's office today announced that murder charges would be pressed against four alleged members of a "kidnap syndicate" accused of slaying Arthur Fried, White Plains businessman, and kidnaping two Brooklyn residents who were released after ransom payments. Assistant District Attorney Joseph Rosenblum, after an all-night questioning, announced that the four prisoners had confessed. Officials also announced that part of a human jawbone was found by police digging in the basement of the Ukrainian hall, where one of the kidnappers said Fried's body was cremated. The discovery started police investigating the possibility that the gang had an additional victim. Miss Agnes Bearman has returned from a visit with Mrs. Joe Hughes in Dallas.

Roosevelt to Discuss New Deal Legislation In Broadcast This Evening, He Discloses

Rogers Memorial Is Dedicated

CLAREMORE, Okla., Nov. 4 (AP)—Homefolk who knew Will Rogers when he was a kid cowpoke and celebrities who knew him as a national figure, joined in a common tribute here today at the dedication of Oklahoma's memorial to her most famous son on the 59th anniversary of his birth. From Hyde Park to the west coast the nation took part. President Roosevelt was scheduled to broadcast at 2 p. m., central standard time. Jesse Jones and Gov. E. W. Marland were the principal speakers here.

CLAIM 30,000 COMMUNISTS

That Number in Ohio Probers Told

WASHINGTON, Nov. 4 (AP)—Edgar Herzog of Elyria, Ohio, told the house committee investigating un-American activities today that the communist party claimed over 30,000 card-bearing members in Ohio. He said he had been a member of the party since 1932 and that this claim had been made to him by John Williamson, Cleveland, party state secretary. Herzog said that Dorothy Cannon of Toledo conducted a worker's school in that city where public school teachers were instructed in methods of teaching communism to their pupils.

Noncommittal on Revision of Wagner Labor Law

HYDE PARK, Nov. 4 (AP)—President Roosevelt disclosed today he would discuss in a broadcast campaign speech tonight all New Deal legislation enacted in the past five years. Asked if he was ready to discuss possible revision of the Wagner act in the light of the Labor Relations board's expressed opposition, he said that every law needs improvement. He said that while the federal administration couldn't be held responsible for the coercion of WPA workers by local politicians, it was making every effort to keep coercion to a minimum.

Rails Withdraw Wage Cut Demands

CHICAGO, Nov. 4 (AP)—J. J. Pelley, president Association of American Railroads, announced today that the major roads of the nation would withdraw notice of fifteen per cent wage cut for nearly a million workers.

New Chairman Takes Over for State Demos

AUSTIN, Nov. 3.—With the energy and enthusiasm which has characterized his crowded career as a businessman and civic leader, Eugene B. Germany of Dallas this week had plunged into active leadership of the Texas democratic party.

German Ship Ripped Open by Explosion

OAKLAND, Calif., Nov. 4 (AP)—A mystery explosion, which injured at least four crew members, ripped open the German steamship Vancouver Thursday and caused her beaching in the Oakland estuary, where authorities sought the cause of the blast. Police and District Attorney Earl Warren boarded the vessel late today to aid Captain W. Moessinger in investigation the blast which tore a hole in the hull in No. 4 hold.

ON a Storm-Swept Night . . .



Flashing through the cold icy night had come the first word of the disaster, of a naval plane lost in maneuvers, crashed in cruel waters. Ships had rushed to the spot, but they had found only floating wreckage, only part of the crew, clinging to each other in the darkness. And back on shore waited the women who loved these men. That story, and the story of these women, is told in a thrilling new serial of the navy.

Large Number at East Ward P-TA Meet

A large group attended the East Ward Parent-Teacher association meeting, held as the regular business session, at the school building Thursday afternoon. An interesting program was presented, carrying out the Armistice day theme.

Water Bills Must Be Paid Before 16th

Warning was issued by the city water department today that in order to meet requirements set out in the federal court's approval of an agreement between the city and its bondholders, all current water bills must be paid promptly and all delinquent bills satisfactorily taken care of.

Japanese May Denounce Treaty

TOKYO, Nov. 4 (AP)—Japan's foreign office spokesman today disclosed that Japan considers obsolete the nine-power treaty, of which the United States is a signatory, guaranteeing the territorial integrity of China, and intimidated Japan may denounce it.

Jobseekers Worst Handicap Says Allred

AUSTIN, Nov. 4 (AP)—Gov. Allred regards as the "biggest handicap to government" that public officials have to spend so much time trying to appease job seekers. He said today he might have a recommendation to reduce the evil in a final message to the legislature in January.

Sally Convicted in Assault Charges

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 4 (AP)—Sally Rand, fan and bubble dancer, was convicted on two counts of assault and battery by a municipal court jury Thursday in connection with an attack upon a candid camera photographer and his young woman companion.

George Piously Hopes for New European Era

LONDON, Nov. 4 (AP)—King George terminated the present session of parliament today with a prayerful hope that "a new era may have been opened for Europe" and warm praise for President Roosevelt's "timely action" to avert war during the crisis.

Brazos Valley Chairman Here Last Tuesday

L. Mims of Houston, chairman of the board of the Brazos Valley district, was in Cisco Tuesday of this week in conference with F. E. Harrell, member of the board and of the committee for the purchase of land for the Possum Kingdom dam now being built in Palo Pinto county as one of the largest projects of the Brazos Valley Conservation and Improvement district.

Double Cornea Operation Performed

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 4 (AP)—A surgeon Thursday performed a double transplantation operation on a three-year-old boy and a 25-year-old youth in which he used the corneas from the eyes of a Utah murderer who faced a firing squad earlier this week.

"Alcatraz Murder Trial" Under Way

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 4 (AP)—After three days of quibbling over selection of a jury, the "Alcatraz murder trial" finally started Thursday with attorneys arguing over original maps of the death scene.

Lindy May Return to United States

NEW YORK, Nov. 3 (AP)—Col. Charles A. Lindbergh was described by close friends as considering a termination of his voluntary European exile.

LEASES OFFERED

AUSTIN, Nov. 4 (AP)—Fifty-one tracts of university-owned land in west Texas, some of them adjacent to oil production, will be offered for leasing on the auction block here today. The tracts approximating 160 acres each, are located in Crane, Ector, Andrews and Ward counties.

Wounded Wouldbe Hijacker Found

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Nov. 4 (AP)—Thomas Arthur Naylor, 19, who was seriously wounded in an attempt to hold up the Lupton Port of Entry station yesterday, was found today on the highway near Santa Rosa, a hundred miles to the east, and brought to a hospital here.

LUNACY CHARGE

GOLDTHWAITE, Nov. 4 (AP)—Lunacy charges were filed late yesterday against Amos Sheppard, 44-year-old war veteran and farmer, after the critical wounding of his 17-year-old daughter, Jessie Mae, in their rural Big Valley community home today.

Weather

East Texas—Fair and colder at the mouth of the Rio Grande tonight. Saturday fair and warmer. West Texas—Fair tonight and warmer; warmer in the north west tonight in the southeast today.

Auto Crash Fatal to One; Another Hurt

Longview, Nov. 4 (AP)—Billy McGowan, 25, of Marshall was killed and Clarence Campbell also of Marshall, was seriously injured last night when their automobile smashed into a culvert near here.



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Through the Editor's Spectacles
By GEORGE

More than \$12,000 has been paid to farmers storing peanuts in the government warehouse here, it was estimated today. This sum represents a considerable addition to the purchasing power of the agricultural section here. It is, however, but a small part of the returns of the peanut crop which has come to be a major source of farm income in this section, replacing cotton which 25 years ago was king. Ideal weather conditions have favored the farmers in the harvesting of peanuts. The dry weather, broken only within the last few hours by rain, has made it possible for them to save both the peanuts and the hay this year.

The coming of the county agent and his co-workers and the development of soil building practices generally have insured a future for peanut cultivation in this section. The peanut is a soil depleting crop and the period of its cultivation here has seen a rapid decline in the quality of the land on which it was produced. This was due to the fact that no effort was made to maintain the oil fertility by methods of farming which would constantly restore the elements taken out. With the development of sound agricultural practices Eastland county soil is being gradually rebuilt and land once eroded way, robbed of its productive elements and exhausted of any profitable use is being returned to profitable cultivation. Peanuts rise to be a profitable Eastland county crop.

More and more as we learn economic lessons from the depression and its aftermath, we are being pointed to the fact that our real recovery must come from the soil. That holds true for this county as surely as for any other region. We have come through generations of experience with the new rich land of great geographical frontiers to be careless of our soils and to expect too much of them. Our farmers have farmed them without regard to the future, taking out resources without any thought of restocking the land with the elements which it was being robbed. Consequently we have looked with disdain on any land that was not strong and rich in elements, and unwilling to put any effort into rebuilding it.

Many wise agriculturalists, however, have taken such exhausted and weak land and have worked marvels with it, building a soil back to richness and productivity. Farmers of European countries long ago learned the necessity of caring for their soil. We of this country, our last great spaces of unsettled land uninhabited, must learn this lesson, too.

Baird Election Contest Postponed

BAIRD, Nov. 4.—Hearing on the application for an injunction and stay of the Citizens Committee City of Baird suit, scheduled Friday morning, was postponed 42d district court here Thursday. The suit contests the result of the recent municipal power bond election.

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"Well, I don't know what it is," said Feeley. "You're a millionaire and I'm not even close." Macy laughed. "I referred to our interest in—crime." Tait dived into the breach and requested that everyone be seated. "Here come Anne and Myrna . . . pardon me." He went forward to meet the two girls. His breath caught a little, seeing Myrna. As though anticipating his purpose tonight, she wore the same gown she had worn the night that Danne was killed. She looked even lovelier than she had then, and Tait tried to believe that in her eyes was something especially for him.

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Macy spoke up. "I am glad to be here, Mr. Tait. But I don't believe I quite understood your reference to me." "Why . . . I meant that you are interested in the psychological and physical effects of swing music on the human mind, I don't." Tait added with a laugh, "happen to agree with your theories. I thought perhaps some actual contact with swing music dancers and a swing band might revise your opinion."

"But I have been in the Golden Bowl before," Macy said. "Tait raised his eyebrows quizzically. "So? I didn't know that."

Rogers asked Myrna to dance. She glanced at Tait and he warned her with his eyes that it would be best for his purpose to be pleasant to the man she knew hated her. When Rogers and Myrna left the table Tait excused himself and sought "Torchy" on the band stage. "Has Weeks shown up?" "Torchy" grinned. "He's in the ante-room—with a bandage on his neck. You didn't have somebody try to discourage his appearance, did you?"

"You'd be surprised. Listen, 'Torchy'—when I signal from the table, let him play the song. When it's finished I'm going to make an announcement." The band leader nodded his un-

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Nelda laughed. "You remind me of Harris. It fascinates him, too. Sometimes he puts a touch of it on his lapels because, he says, it reminds him of me. But I don't believe him. I think he wants to wear it and is ashamed to admit it." Tait stumbled awkwardly in his stride. "I'm sorry, Nelda, I'm afraid I'm not a wonderful dancer." Then he added casually, "Tell me, Nelda, did you ever live at the Claremont? I would swear I've seen you there." Nelda shook her blond head. "The Claremont? I don't believe I know the place." She was lying, Tait knew. But why? He danced by the band, nodded to "Torchy." The band swung to a stop, the lights went up, and a silver spot bathed the leader. "Tonight," he said, "we have a special treat for you. A new member of our band—George Weeks—is going to play . . . 'The Cat's Meow'."

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"I was about to do that very thing," Tait said, holding out his hands. As they drifted off, he added, "The band is going to play your song tonight."

Nelda's cool fingers touched the back of his neck. "That's sweet of you," she murmured.

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Macy spoke up. "I am glad to be here, Mr. Tait. But I don't believe I quite understood your reference to me."

"Why . . . I meant that you are interested in the psychological and physical effects of swing music on the human mind. I don't," Tait added with a laugh, "happen to agree with your theories. I thought perhaps some actual contact with swing music dancers and a swing band might revise your opinion."

When he reached the table, Nelda Starr looked at him indolently. "Why don't you ask me to dance?"

"I was about to do that very thing," Tait said, holding out his hands. As they drifted off, he added, "The band is going to play your song tonight."

Nelda's cool fingers touched the back of his neck. "That's sweet of you," she murmured.

They danced a moment in silence and Tait, acting to his utmost, whispered, "That perfume is fascinating."

Nelda laughed. "You remind me of Harris. It fascinates him, too. Sometimes he puts a touch of it on his lapels because, he says, it reminds him of me. But I don't believe him. I think he wants to wear it and is ashamed to admit it."

Tait stumbled awkwardly in his stride. "I'm sorry, Nelda. I'm afraid I'm not a wonderful dancer." Then he added casually, "Tell me, Nelda, did you ever live at the Claremont? I would swear I've seen you there."

Nelda shook her blond head. "The Claremont? I don't believe I know the place."

She was lying, Tait knew. But why?

He danced by the band, nodded to "Torchy." The band swung to a stop, the lights went up, and a silver spot bathed the leader. "Tonight," he said, "we have a special treat for you. A new member of our band—George Weeks—is going to play . . . 'The Cat's Meow'."

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