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CIVIC GROUPS MEET TODAY ON HIGHER FARE

22 Organizations to Take Up Ideas for Further City Economies

BROOKLYN REALTY MEN SPONSORING SESSION

No Radical Action Planned Till Mayor Returns—Tax Strike Threatens

A meeting of twenty-two leading civic groups and real estate organizations was called for today by the Brooklyn Real Estate Board to discuss suggestions for further city economies...

The meeting was called for 3 P. M. by Arthur W. Gleason, executive secretary of the Brooklyn Real Estate Board...

The two groups, it was understood, pledged themselves to take no radical action for more drastic retrenchment policy until Mayor Walker's return...

The New York Real Estate Board urged that all city activities be placed upon a self-sustaining basis; it did not, however, refer specifically to subways...

After the conference with Controller Berry and the conference with Charles F. Kerrigan, assistant to the Mayor...

Both the New York and Brooklyn organizations gave out statements after the conferences, saying that Controller Berry had asked them to exert their influence to restrain the taxpayers...

A third organization—the West Side Taxpayers' Association—came out definitely for the abandonment of the present pay-as-you-go policy...

ZACK MILLER FACES COURT IN SHOOTING

NEWKIRK, Okla., March 25 (AP)—Colonel Zack Miller, last of the founders of the famed Miller Brothers 101 Ranch, was arraigned in county court today on a charge of "assault with a dangerous weapon" and his preliminary hearing set for April 15.

TRUCK AND SUGAR STOLEN

A motor truck loaded with two hundred 100-pound bags of sugar was stolen from in front of the plant of the American Sugar Refining Company at Kent Avenue, between South Third and South Fourth Streets, Brooklyn, today.

THE WEATHER

Table with weather forecast: Partly cloudy today; probably showers tomorrow. TEMPERATURE AT EACH HOUR.

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Gandhi Adviser Off for U. S. On Crusade to Unite Creeds

Mehar Baba, "Messiah," to Break Eight-Year Silence on Arrival—Writes That Mahatma Will Follow in Year

BOMBAY, India, March 25 (AP)—Mehar Baba, the Indian spiritual leader whose disciples call him "The Messiah" and "The God-Man," left here today for a new crusade in America.

He intends, he said, to break down all religious barriers, destroy America's materialism and amalgamate all creeds into a common element of love.

For eight years Mehar Baba has been observing a vow of silence, which he said he would break upon his arrival at Harmon, N. Y., where he plans to establish a spiritual retreat similar to Mahatma Gandhi's in India.

Many Indians regard Mehar Baba as Gandhi's guru, or spiritual adviser. Mehar Baba is a priest of the Zoroastrian faith and says he is God and man. He explained that he attained

a superconscious state in which he merged into God and returned again to the universe to carry out his mission of redeeming the world.

Discussing on his blackboard the miracles which he allegedly has performed, Mehar Baba wrote: "A person who becomes one with truth can accomplish anything. It is weakness, however, to perform a miracle only to show others one's spiritual powers. Christ, who made the blind see and the deaf hear and raised the dead to life, did nothing to save himself from suffering the agony of the world."

Mehar Baba said he expected to convert thousands of Americans from sin and by faith to heal the sick and help the halt.

"The only miracle for the perfect man to perform is to make others perfect, too," he said. "I want to make Americans realize the infinite state which I myself enjoy."

The priest said he first realized his mission on earth many years ago by coming in contact with Baba Jan, the

VESSEL, \$250,000 IN RUM CAPTURED

Stamford Police Seize 46 Men as Noise Betrays Unloading at Dock

ALLEGED MADDEN AID HELD

Stamford, Conn., police early today swooped down on the seagoing steam lighter William H. Moody of Rockport, Me., seized the vessel and alleged whiskey and champagne valued at \$250,000 and took forty-six prisoners, including Louis Pope, who, police say, is a big-time bootlegger of Westchester County, said reported Lieutenant of "owney" Madden, New York racketeer.

Big trucks allegedly loaded with liquor were also seized. About two truckloads of the contraband remained, according to police, in the hold of the boat encased under granite blocks, the big's ostensible cargo.

The seizure was made without a shot being fired. As twelve motorcycle policemen dismounted from their machines and surrounded the place where the liquor was being unloaded, somebody in the crowd called: "Let 'em have it." This command was countermanded, however, by another voice which curiously ordered: "No, don't do that."

The second command was obeyed. Immediately afterward, however, police reported that they heard spilling sounds, indicating that the gang of rum-runners had jettisoned their arms and the water near the boat will be dredged today in an effort to recover the weapons as evidence.

Tug Seized at Pier The lighter was seized at the pier of the Stamford Masons Supply Company, in the East branch of Stamford harbor. As the motorcycle men drove up they spotted a sedan speeding away and, noting the license number, flashed a

NEW CLASH OCCURS ON SHANGHAI FRONT

Armies Blame Each Other for Outbreak—Attempt Made to Kill T. V. Soong

PEACE NEGOTIATORS WEARY

SHANGHAI, March 25 (AP)—Chino-Japanese peace negotiations lagged perceptibly today, while armies of the two nations engaged in sniping and skirring a few miles outside Shanghai.

Each blamed the other for a clash between outposts near Kating, and neither had an official explanation of sniping between troops in the vicinity of Chiawangssing, incidents which added to the general uneasiness.

The Chinese seized the twelve and one-half mile long island of the Japanese when they occupied Chiawangssing recently, and they have shown no disposition to retire across Goodow Creek as the Japanese demanded Wednesday.

The delegates—Chinese, Japanese and neutrals alike—emerged from a three hour session of negotiations with weariness written on their faces, although the official communique noted, as usual, "some progress was made."

The Chinese insisted there was no advance in negotiations. The Japanese cautiously reiterated that three points were discussed, i. e., the retaining of Chinese troops of their present positions, withdrawal of Japanese forces, and selection of a joint board to supervise the withdrawal.

Japanese military authorities said they "hoped positive measures would not have to be taken" at Chiawangssing, and announced the continued movement of troops of the Eleventh Division toward Tokio.

Another disconcerting occurrence was an attempt on the life of T. V. Soong,

LINDBERGH PARLEY MAKING PROGRESS, VIRGINIA DEAN SAYS

Clergyman Tells Post Negotiations for Baby's Return Take Definite Form

TAKES ISSUE WITH POLICE WHO HAD DISPUTED STORY

Schwarzkopf Evasive, but Denies Visit of 3 to Hopewell Has 'Specific Significance'

The Rev. H. Dobson-Peacock, dean of Christ Episcopal Church, Norfolk, Va., who, with Rear Admiral Guy H. Burgess, and John Hughes Curtis, Norfolk shipbuilder, has been reported negotiating for the return of the kidnaped Lindbergh baby, this afternoon told the Evening Post the negotiations had taken definite form.

He declined details, and both Mr. Curtis and Admiral Burgess rested on a previously prepared statement to the effect that their activities in behalf of Colonel and Mrs. Charles A. Lindbergh were confidential.

Dr. Dobson-Peacock, however, joined issue with Colonel H. Norman Schwarzkopf, commanding the New Jersey State Police, announcing that he was quoting Colonel Lindbergh, termed the information given by the three Norfolk residents "of no specific significance in the investigation."

"I believe we have just as much standing as the New Jersey police," said the Dean in a telephone interview, "and just as much right to have our statements believed."

"Very Optimistic" He declined to discuss a report that he had seen the baby, reported captive on a boat in Chesapeake Bay, within twenty miles of Norfolk.

"We are very optimistic," he said, "and we hope that the negotiations will move rapidly."

The report that the baby is prisoner on some inland waterway has been persistent since the kidnaping. Some confirmation of the present version was seen this afternoon when Police Commissioner Charles D. Gailher of Baltimore issued orders that all strange craft moving in and out of Baltimore Harbor be watched carefully for signs of the kidnapers.

Curtis First Approached Through secrecy was maintained at Hopewell and at the Sourland Mountain home of Colonel Lindbergh, it was learned from other sources that the initiative had been taken at Norfolk by Mr. Curtis, who was reported to have been approached earlier in the week by a former rum-runner. This man in said to have asked Mr. Curtis to obtain co-operation of two other Norfolk citizens in approaching Colonel Lindbergh with a specific proposal.

Mr. Curtis, it is said, called Dean Dobson-Peacock, who made the acquaintance of the Lindberghs during his Mexico City pastorate at the time of the Ambassadorship of Dwight W. Morrow, and Admiral Burgess, who was Colonel Lindbergh's host aboard the Memphis during the memorable return from the Paris flight.

It was Dean Dobson-Peacock who first spoke to newspapermen last night.

Good Faith Seen "We have been in contact with these people and we believe they are acting in good faith," said the minister. "They want to deliver the baby and are willing to wait for their compensation until after it has been delivered. They want the Colonel to be perfectly satisfied as to the identification. The re-

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PRINCETON TO GET \$225,000 ESTATE

Will of Maine Man Leaves Sum to University at Death of 3 Beneficiaries

PORTLAND, Me., March 25 (AP)—Princeton University is to receive the \$225,000 estate left by Charles E. Stevens of Cape Elizabeth on the death of a son, Berns E. Stevens of Oakland, Cal., and two other beneficiaries, according to the will filed here today.

The estate is left in trust with the bulk of the income to be paid to the son. At the death of the three beneficiaries the principal goes to Princeton. A portion of the income is then to be used for maintenance of Campbell Hall and the remainder applied to scholastic aid of dependents of the class of 1877.

BAIL OF LEVINE ORDERED FORFEITED

Ball of \$10,000 which Charles A. Levine, 3rd Transatlantic Airline passenger, furnished February 20 following his arrest in Harbor Sanitarium, 667 Madison Avenue, on charges of grand larceny in putting up stolen stock as collateral for a loan, was ordered forfeited today by Magistrate August Dwyer in Tombs Court.

Execution of the forfeiture, however, was delayed until April 8 after the court was shown a physician's affidavit setting forth that Levine is suffering from a broken leg and will be unable to appear.

REPEAL HEARINGS BY SENATE GROUP TO START APRIL 14

Committee Will Conclude Dry Modification Data in Time for Record Vote

BLAINE, NORRIS PROMISE REPORT TO WHOLE SENATE

Prohibitionists Hold Adverse Vote Sure—Bingham to Press 4 P. C. Beer Bill

WASHINGTON, March 25 (AP)—Senator Blaine (Republican, Wisconsin) today announced hearings would be opened on April 14 by a Senate Judiciary subcommittee on proposals for repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment and modification of the Volstead act.

There are half a score of measures pending proposing various prohibition changes. Lengthy hearings are in prospect, but Senator Blaine gave assurance that the committee would conclude in time to permit a Senate vote.

Chairman Norris of the Judiciary Committee also gave consent to request of the anti-prohibitionists for a report on the legislation to the Senate. The report doubtless will be adverse, the prohibitionists claiming full command in the Senate.

Senator Blaine said the hearings will be deferred to April 14 because some of those desiring to testify wish two weeks' notice.

Senator Bingham (Republican, Connecticut) will seek action next week by the manufacturers committee on his bill to authorize 4 per cent beer.

Chairman Norris of the Judiciary Committee, staunch dry, said he was willing to have one of the resolutions reported from his group, with an adverse report if it need be, in order to permit a roll call.

Senator Tydings (Democrat, Maryland) indicated he would drop his plan to force a vote on compelling the committee to return the various proposals to the Senate. This decision hinged on a desire of other anti-prohibitionists to have the vote unprejudiced by external considerations, to constitute a clear record of the membership's stand on prohibition itself.

The Senate is overwhelmingly dry and Senator Tydings' motion was expected to meet a defeat which would prevent the direct vote wanted.

Meanwhile, the House Judiciary Committee set Wednesday, April 6, for open hearings on the Wickersham Commission recommendations for removing restrictions on the medical profession prescribing medicinal whiskey.

This decision was reached at the closed session of the committee which recently rejected the State-control liquor amendment by a 14 to 9 vote.

A number of bills relating to the restrictions placed on the medical profession are pending before the committee.

SENATE G. O. P. EYES SMITH '28 FINANCES

Republicans Consider Inquiry Into P. F. Kenny Charges of Fraudulent Loan

WASHINGTON, March 25 (AP)—Some Senate Republicans are weighing the possibility of seeking a Senate inquiry into the charges of fraudulent financing of the 1928 Smith Presidential campaign.

Senator Dickinson, (R., Iowa), the author of a resolution for investigation of 1928 residential Senatorial campaign expenditures, said today he believed this inquiry, if authorized, would have authority to go into the allegations by Patrick F. Kenny regarding a bank note to finance Alfred E. Smith's campaign. "I have no personal interest in this matter," said Mr. Dickinson, "but I do believe if my resolution were adopted we could go into the Kenny charges."

NOONAN HELD HERE FOR EXTRADITION

John J. Noonan, brother of Sally O'Reilly, motion picture actress, convicted burglar and fence, and a fugitive from justice since his escape from a California prison camp on April 28 of last year, today was arraigned in Tombs court before Magistrate August Dwyer and remanded to the Tombs to await extradition papers.

Noonan, who is twenty-eight years old and gives his address as 3813 Church Avenue, Brooklyn, was arrested here following receipt of a telegram from Sheriff William Drisager of Los Angeles. Noon was formerly arrested in New York in September, 1929, sent to Los Angeles, convicted of burglary and receiving stolen goods, and sentenced to five years in the penitentiary on December 5 of that year.

FRENCH LINER AGROUND

Wireless Reports Providence Stranded in Greek Archipelago

LONDON, March 25 (AP)—Lloyd's Agency reported today that the wireless station at Beata, Corfu, had picked up distress signals from the 12,000-ton liner Providence. The message was received from the vessel in the Greek Archipelago.

HOUSE READY TO VOTE ON 2.75 BEER TAX BILL; CULLEN CITES YIELD

JOHNSTON DENIES BANKS ASKED POOL

Urged by Hoover on Pledge Finance Board Would Succed It, He Tells Senators

OPPOSES GLASS BILL

WASHINGTON, March 25 (AP)—A statement that formation of the National Credit Corporation last October by bankers was not "voluntary," but was undertaken on the assurance of President Hoover that the Reconstruction Finance Corporation would be formed to take over its work was made before the Senate Banking Committee today by Percy H. Johnston, president of the Chemical Bank and Trust Company of New York.

The statement was made during hearings on the Glass banking revision bill, when Senator Glass recalled the contribution of leading banks to the National Credit Corporation fund to aid smaller banks and used the word "voluntary."

Mr. Johnston, who opposed the Glass bill, replied that he would not describe the action as voluntary.

Attended Conference "I was in that conference at Secretary Mellon's home," he added. "President Hoover told us he had talked to leaders in Congress and that as soon as Congress met it would form the Reconstruction Corporation to take us out of this position."

"Then you didn't do it voluntarily?" asked Senator Glass.

"We were asked to do it on that basis as a quick stopgap, and we did it," Mr. Johnston replied.

Opposes Glass Bill The Glass banking revision bill was opposed by Mr. Johnston, with the admission that "perhaps at this time would be looking to an end of deflation."

"It is too much to hope," he said, "that good banking can be brought about by legislation. . . . More laws will not effect a cure."

He contended the bill would "bring about a large deflation."

Mr. Johnston asserted the penalization of fifteen-day borrowings from Look for This Sign on Page Two

VETERANS RALLY TO SAVE FRAZER

A. E. F. Men to Ask Moore to Stay Execution Pending Appeal to N. J. Board of Pardons

Veterans of the Fourth Division, A. E. F., who served in France with William M. Frazer of Rahway, N. J., sentenced to be executed in Trenton next week for the murder of Phoebe L. Stader on February 18, 1931, are rallying today to save their comrade from the electric chair.

They will apply to Governor A. Harry Moore for a stay pending, an appeal to the Board of Pardons. In view of Frazer's war record, the veterans say, he could not have been guilty of murder, but killed when intoxicated. They also assert they have found evidence of insanity in the family.

TWO COATS CLUES IN JERSEY SLAYING

Two discarded overcoats and a gray fedora hat served as clues today to the identity of the two men who last night killed John D. Casey of Somerville, N. J., in a shooting in front of a restaurant in Raritan, N. J.

Casey, a widower, who lived with his mother and daughter, was slain as he was about to enter the restaurant to meet his brother, a railroad brakeman. The brother pursued one of the gunmen, but was felled with a blow from a revolver butt. Police said they were certain of the identity of the two killers.

Fannie Hurst, Mary Pickford Read Between Lines of City Jail "Blues"

Find "Musician" Seeking Dress Suit Is Not Welfare Island Graduate, but Only an Avid Newspaper Reader

Frank Brown may claim to be a musician, but he can't play on the sympathies of Fannie Hurst or Mary Pickford.

He tried, though, and today Deputy Corrections Commissioner Joseph F. Fishman made public the details.

Miss Hurst, as a novelist, accepted the invitation of Corrections Commissioner Patterson to drop over to Welfare Island March 6 and give the boys a chat as part of the commissioner's uplift program.

A few days later Mr. Brown rang her doorbell.



Promotion Waits INQUIRY CALLS MAN WHO JAILED CAPONE

Senators Summon Johnson, Mentioned in Loesch Letter on Wilkerson

MOVE GOES UNEXPLAINED

WASHINGTON, March 25 (AP)—The Senate Judiciary sub-Committee considering the nomination to the Circuit Court of Judge James H. Wilkerson of Chicago decided today to call District Attorney George E. Q. Johnson in a further investigation of the appointment.

Chairman Borah said the committee had decided to notify Mr. Johnson in connection with some matters mentioned yesterday in the letter received from Frank J. Loesch, president of the Chicago Crime Commission, who Johnson prosecuted Al Capone, who was sentenced by Judge Wilkerson to eleven years in the penitentiary for tax evasion.

Mr. Borah would not reveal why Mr. Johnson was being called or what part of the Loesch letter the committee wanted to question him about.

Mr. Loesch said that organized gangdom in Chicago was seeking to release Capone through control of public officials, and urged confirmation of Judge Wilkerson to aid law enforcement.

He said rejection of the nomination would be claimed by the criminal organizations of Chicago as a victory.

Representative Blanton followed Cullen in the debate, arguing that the amendment was just a gesture. McCormack of Massachusetts told the House that this proposition offered the means for Congress to start the wheels of industry going again and to balance the budget as painlessly as a dentist advances tooth extraction.

See Jobs for 1,000,000 William H. Hull of Illinois estimated that passage of the amendment would put 1,000,000 men to work for one year. He argued that the beer was sold anyway and that it might as well be sold regularly, that it might better be good.

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STIMSON ILLNESS HALTS DAVIS TRIP

Arms Delegate Who Was to See Secretary Today Will Go to Capital Monday

WASHINGTON, March 25 (AP)—Illness of Secretary Stimson has delayed until Monday a conference with Norman H. Davis, a member of the American delegation to the Disarmament Conference. The Secretary of State has been ill this week with a severe cold and his physician has ordered him to stay at home for several days.

Mr. Davis had expected to come to Washington today from New York, but postponed the trip when advised that Secretary Stimson would prefer Monday.

In Tomorrow's SECTION

Mayor Walker at Hot Springs... Briand funeral in Paris... President from Hindenburg poses for latest photo... Easter parade of other days... Prince Lennart and bride... Prince of Wales in movie studio... Vice-President Curtis with movie stars... Dramatic incidents of Shanghai fighting... The new Irish Cabinet... Ruby Vail's \$100,000 home... Chair boys of St. Patrick's practice basketball... United States basketballers off Hawaiian Islands... Paris fashion... Spring-time scenes in England and Switzerland.

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