

Hunt \$250,000 Dope Ring Chiefs in Baltimore

REP. SUMNERS PUSHES STUDY ON D.C. BALLOT Pledges Early Quiz On District Bills

Announcing his "deep interest in the suffrage movement," Representative Hatton W. Sumners (D.), of Texas, chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, today promised early consideration of bills to give suffrage to the voteless District of Columbia.

The veteran Texas member said that he will present the suffrage question to his committee for consideration as soon as the committee is organized.

Two Measures

Two suffrage measures are already before the committee. The first is a resolution introduced by Representative Jennings Randolph (D.), West Virginia, slated to be chairman of the House District Committee, which would give the District both national representation and a republican form of government for the city itself.

The other, sponsored by Representative Mary T. Norton (D.), of New Jersey, former chairman of the committee on the District, provides only for national representation.

Lengthy Hearings

Lengthy hearings were held last session on all suffrage legislation by the Judiciary Committee, but the Congress adjourned before any action was taken.

Representative Randolph's resolution, introduced as soon as Congress convened on Tuesday, provides for a constitutional amendment that would give the District proportional representation in Congress, and would give the District autonomous control over its own affairs.

Man Seized at Basin To Face Mind Quiz

Captured by two policemen as he was climbing over the fence around the northern rim of the Tidal Basin, a 38-year-old man was placed in Gallinger Municipal Hospital today for mental observation.

Patrolmen H. W. Carmichael and A. D. Clark, motorcycle men attached to the traffic bureau, reported they saw Henry R. Gerhold, of the 3400 block of Quebec St. N. W., astride the barrier and rushed to grab him. The man refused to explain why he was climbing over, the officers declared.

Who Is 'King' In Poison Case?

CHICAGO, Jan. 7 (I.N.S.).—Police today sought to establish the identity of a 30-year-old man, who apparently played "king for a day" and then took enough poison to kill 20 persons.

The man was found dead in his room at one of Chicago's most expensive hotels. Sgt. John Mulhern said he had drank enough poison to kill a score of men. He had registered at the hotel as "Harry A. Preston of New Orleans" but police believed the name was fictitious.

Besides him was found a note, saying:

"King for a day, but the song is ended. . . .
"P. S. Some toxicology student might be interested in me."

The man, well dressed, had only \$2 in his pocket although he had paid a \$30 hotel bill.

Tom Mooney Gets Pardon Today After Bitter Fight of 22 Years

Gov. Olson Awaits
His Arrival in
Sacramento

Review of Tom Mooney
case and additional pictures
on Page 11.

SAN QUENTIN PRISON, Cal., Jan. 7 (I.N.S.).—Good-bye, boys! It's farewell forever to San Quentin!

With a broad smile and a warm handshake for everyone—convicts, guards and officials alike—56-year-old Tom Mooney, America's most celebrated prisoner, today donned a civilian suit and awaited a trip to Sacramento where he is to receive a pardon promised him by Culbert L. Olson, California's new governor.

In the prison hospital, where he has been employed for months as an orderly, convict-patients kept shouting at Mooney:

"It won't be long now till you're free!"

Cheerful Reply

The gray-haired Mooney—whose bitter 22-year-old fight for freedom has been a cause celebre of labor throughout the world—had a cheerful reply for each inmate.

"After all these years, it's only a matter of a few minutes now before vindication and exoneration are mine!"

At Sacramento, Governor Olson waited for Warden Court Smith to bring Mooney before him for a formal pardon hearing. The governor has declared he believes Mooney is innocent.

Governor Olson was determined to go ahead and grant executive clemency, in spite of a last-minute protest by 75-year-old Ben. F. Lamborn, a former county clerk of Alameda County, whose brother was killed in the 1916 San Francisco Preparedness Day bombing outrage, the crime that sent Mooney and Warren K. Billings to prison.

Declaring that he had spent \$10,000 investigating the parade bombing—which killed 10 persons and injured 40—and that he had ample evidence that Mooney and Billings were guilty, Lamborn threatened to make Olson's pardon for Mooney the "basis for an action."

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Blaze Across Way, So Firemen Walk

If every fire in the territory of No. 2 Engine Company were like the one that occurred there last night, the smoke-eaters wouldn't need those big, red, shiny engines. All they had to do was walk directly across the street from their station, in the 1700 block of Twelfth St. N. W., and squirt a few chemicals at a blaze in the rear of a home.

Today's Scratches

FAIR GROUNDS
FIRST RACE—Intest. Count
THIRD RACE—Intest. Count
FIFTH RACE—Intest. Count
SEVENTH RACE—Intest. Count

Weather, clear; track, fast.
TROPICAL PARK
FIRST RACE—Epitaph, Merry Caroline, Hi-Ginny.
SECOND RACE—Aunt Flor, Bartering Kate, Sun Madras.
THIRD RACE—Saranite, Harpen Belle, Crimea.
FOURTH RACE—Calumet Farm entry, Strouble-Collins entry, Modern Age.

FIFTH RACE—Harp Weaver, No Sir, Xavier.
SIXTH RACE—The Story, Quicker, Steel King.
SEVENTH RACE—Ballystratford, Headin Home, Kindred Spirit.

EIGHTH RACE—Bonosia, Grand Jester, Nevercease.
BEST BET—BALLYSTRATFORD.

LONG-SHOT DAILY DOUBLE—Maderis and Hustle Along.

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TOM MOONEY QUILTS SAN QUENTIN TODAY
Famous Prisoner Shown at Right With Warden Court Smith As He Left Prison on a Previous Occasion to Attend One of Many Hearings in His Long Fight for Freedom.—Acme Photo.

'SHOTGUN' THUG HUNT SPREADS YOUTH SEIZED AS MARAUDER

Washington and Arlington county police joined forces today in a hunt for the "shotgun bandit," who was foiled in his latest holdup attempt last night. The bandit was without his shotgun today. It was taken from him in a struggle with two drug-store clerks before he escaped.

Emory Johnson and William Allen, clerks in a drugstore in the block of North Pershing Drive, Arlington, were the heroes of the latest encounter with the youth, who has terrorized Washington and Virginia store owners for weeks.

Shortly before they closed the drugstore for the night at 11 p. m., a youth masked with a blue bandana handkerchief entered the establishment and leveled a sawed-off shotgun at Johnson and Allen. He ordered them to turn over the contents of the store's till, but instead, both clerks went over the counter after the bandit.

Allen tackled the masked youth while Johnson wrenched the weapon from his hand. Elmer Spittle ran from a rear room to join the fray, but the bandit managed to break away from the clerks and fled. The sawed-off gun was turned over to police, who will examine it for fingerprints.

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DIES INQUIRY SHIFT SEEN AS STIFLING MOVE Further Committee Probing Opposed

By WILLIAM S. NEAL

(I.N.S.) A movement to stifle the Dies House Un-American Activities Committee by shifting the whole question of Communist, Nazi and Fascist activities to the Department of Justice was launched among House members today.

The announcement by President Roosevelt that Attorney General Murphy will investigate alleged violations of criminal law cited by the Dies committee was seized upon by foes of the committee as an argument for their proposal.

First House Democratic leader to announce preference for a Department of Justice investigation was Representative Pat Bolland, party whip. Thus far both Speaker Bankhead and Representative Rayburn of Texas, majority leader, have declined to commit themselves on requested continuation of the Dies committee for two years.

\$150,000 Asked

While foes of the committee welcomed the Department of Justice investigation, Dies and Representative Starnes (D.) of Alabama, committee members, said that it strengthened the position of the committee in asking \$150,000 and authority to prolong its inquiry. The committee is adjourned, at least temporarily, as its funds are completely exhausted.

Whether the Department of Justice investigation will be limited to the evidence submitted by the Dies committee, or whether it will cover a broad field, may affect the result of the House fight.

"I have thought for sometime that the Department of Justice could do a more effective job of investigating un-American activities," said Democratic Whip Bolland. "I believe that it is the prerogative of the department. I think there would be a certain amount of duplication between a Justice department and a committee inquiry."

"Inquiry Sufficient"

"Then, too, the Dies committee has investigated enough to recommend legislation. If legislation is necessary to stop these un-American activities, it should be brought in."

Representative Dempsey (D.) of New Mexico, member of the Dies committee who frequently has criticized its methods, welcomed the Department of Justice inquiry. A thorough investigation

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Motorship Aground Off Philippine Isles

MANILA, P. I., Jan. 7 (I.N.S.). Carrying 12 passengers, including six women and one child, the Norwegian motorship Silver Crest, smashed aground today off Luzon Island. Helpless in heavy seas, members valiantly strove to land a life line. Rescuers were held back by mountainous waves. With the ship a total loss and in danger of splitting in two, grave concern was felt for the crew and passengers.

LOST

BOSTON (terrier; pup, female; black and white, tan; harness: "Peggy." LI. 5290. GOLD-FILLED costume bracelet, vic. 14th & L Sts. N. W.; NA. 9160; reward. \$100. M. 8722-M. MALE Scottie named "Skipper." Reward. \$100. AD. 4818. SCOTTIE—Black name "Bonnie"; male; reward. AD. 4818. WRIST WATCH, lady's gold Illinois, green ring box. Rev. Kennington 278.

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Goebbels Eased Out Via 6-Month Leave

By HOWARD BERRY

LONDON, Jan. 7 (I.N.S.).—The firm conviction of many European observers that Propaganda Minister Dr. Paul Joseph Goebbels is on his way out of the Nazi ruling triumvirate received new impetus today with a report he will shortly take a six months "leave of absence."

This new development in the strange and recent series of events revolving about the sharp-tongued orator who has long directed the propaganda of Nazism was reported from Berlin this morning by the London News Chronicle.

It followed by little more than a week a widely circulated story that Dr. Goebbels had been severely beaten by friends of Lida Baarova, Czechoslovak film beauty who has long been a leading figure in German filmdom.

This incident, which allegedly sent Goebbels to a hospital, coupled with other affairs in which the limping propaganda potentate was said to have been involved, reputedly aroused the wrath of Reichsfuehrer Adolf Hitler and decided the latter upon the advisability of removing Goebbels from his high post.

Such a move has long been advocated by Field Marshal Herman Wilhelm Goering, according to London reports. Goering and Goebbels frequently have been described as arch rivals for the favor of Hitler.

Goebbels long led the two-horse race, these reports said, but Goering recently has come into closer and closer contact with the Fuehrer, and the Baarova incident was said to have given him an unequalled opportunity to ease his rival out of the picture. According to the News Chronicle, Goebbels will leave the propaganda ministry shortly for the ostensible purpose of recuperating from an "operation" which was cited as the official reason for his long sojourn in a private Berlin hospital.



DR. GOEBBELS
Relieved of Duties

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POUND RISES; GOLD SLUMPS

LONDON, Jan. 7 (I.N.S.).—Still rising, thanks to replenishing of the British exchange equalization fund, the pound sterling opened today at \$4.677. This marks an advance of 1 1/2 cents over Friday's close.

The rise started yesterday after a dangerous slump, when gold bars worth \$1,750,000,000 at current market prices, were bought from the Bank of England in record transactions.

Under such influences as the Czechoslovakian crisis, the exchange fund's gold holdings dropped by about \$1,000,000,000, until it reached a low of \$500,000,000.

Later in the day, gold slumped 8 1/2 pence to 148 shillings nine pence. Trading was active. The dollar was maintained around its opening price.

British Planning Action on China

LONDON, Jan. 7 (I.N.S.).—Independent but parallel action with the United States to force Japan to change her attitude regarding the open door in China is being considered by Great Britain, it was learned today.

LOYALIST PUSH ROLLS ONWARD

HENDAYE, French-Spanish Frontier, Jan. 7 (I.N.S.).—Government Spain's surprise offensive on the Estremadura front, which apparently caught the insurgents napping and virtually brought General Franco's Catalan campaign to a standstill, rolled onward today.

Between Madrid and Cordoba, triumphant government forces have recaptured more than 100 square miles of territory, according to Barcelona advices. Several important villages now fly the government flag, and the troops of Gen. Jose Miaja are only four miles from Penarroya, the rich mining city around which fighting has centered for two and a half years.

Insurgent quarters remained silent regarding developments south-west of Madrid, but dispatches

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Treasury Condition

I.N.S.).—Treasury balance Jan. 5: \$3,053,571,020.75; Internal revenue, \$1,057,414.77; customs receipts, \$2,555,366.58; receipts, \$2,978,492,502; expenditures, \$4,686,827,472.

Vigilance of Deputy's Wife Fails Jail Break in Virginia

LURAY, Va., Jan. 7.—Captured just as he was about to bore clear through a brick wall in the county jail here, a 17-year-old desperado was prevented today from effecting the escape of himself and possible 12 other prisoners.

The attempted break was circumvented by the vigilance of Mrs. Ethel Sedwick, wife of Deputy Sheriff Rumsey Sedwick. Mrs. Sedwick, lying in bed, thought she heard noises in the nearby jail. At 4 a. m. she was certain something was wrong and awakened her husband. Sedwick dashed into the jail just in time to find Vance Rickard, a youth convicted of automobile

stealing, removing the last of enough bricks from his cell wall to permit him to gain freedom. Rickard, awaiting transfer to the House of Correction, had secreted a spoon from the jail's dining room and had used it to dig a mortar from between the bricks. Sedwick explained. Twelve other prisoners might have fled if he had been successful in completing his task.

Besides his sentence for auto robbery, Rickard may now face charges of attempting to break jail. Sedwick said. The youth has been placed in solitary confinement awaiting decision of authorities.

DRUG RUNNERS SEIZED AFTER RAID ON SHIP Trapped by Officer Posing as Gaffer

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BALTIMORE, Md., Jan. 7. Search for ringleaders of the dope-smuggling gang exposed after New York police seized \$250,000 worth of narcotics following a midnight gun battle, spread to the Baltimore waterfront today.

The Italian tramp steamer Ida, from which 123 pounds of narcotics were passed to Detective John Sweeney, who posed as a "gaffer" policeman, was due to dock here tomorrow.

Regular Port of Call

Baltimore is one of the Ida's regular ports of call and Federal agents are working on the theory that her crew members frequently smuggled narcotics ashore here.

Sweeney established contact with the dope ring last fall and in November was entrusted with a \$5,000 package of narcotics from the Italian freighter Excalibur. The detective carried out instructions of the smugglers so explicitly that he won their complete confidence and was able to set one of the most elaborate police traps sprung in recent years.

Crew Delivers Dope

Four members of the Ida's crew passed the bundles of narcotics to Sweeney and the trap was sprung. In Brooklyn, detectives closed in on three smugglers to whom Sweeney had been instructed to deliver the dope.

The trio were subdued after several shots were fired. They are being held under \$50,000 bail each. The four members of the Ida's crew are held in \$25,000 bail each. The Excalibur returned to Hoboken on another voyage yesterday and Federal agents were searching her hold today, believing more narcotics may be secreted below deck.

New Baby Saved After Mother Dies

NEW ALBANY, Ind., Jan. 7 (I.N.S.).—A seven-and-one-half pound baby boy, born through a Caesarian operation yesterday 15 minutes after the death of the mother, was reported doing well in St. Edward's Hospital today. The mother, Mrs. Vivian Whea, 28, died from a blood clot and physicians resorted to a Caesarian operation to save the child.

More About Mexico

Second of a series of articles by Fred Pasley, noted newspaperman, on conditions in Mexico today will be printed in Monday's Washington Times.

Pasley, just returned from an extensive tour of the country across the Rio Grande in which he investigated all aspect of Mexican life, returned to America before he wrote his series, to avoid censorship.

In his study, Pasley tells of revolution, of legalized terrorism, and confiscation of property. Don't miss Pasley's second article in Monday's Times.