

WALTER CASTOR'S ALLIES FACE ARREST

Four Big S. F. Bakeries Merge to End 'Bread War.'

Big Four Chiefs Ask Harding for Conference

SHIELDERS OF MURDERER MAY BE PUNISHED

Police and District Attorney to Prosecute Case to End

FAMILY TALES ARE TOLD

George Hasketh, Brother of Annie Downs, Taken Into Custody

Every person who shielded Walter Castor while the police were seeking him as the slayer of Mrs. Anna Wilkens will be investigated and possibly arrested as an accessory, Chief of Police O'Brien said yesterday.

This decision was reached after O'Brien had checked over the trail of the fugitive around San Francisco and which ended in the triple tragedy Thursday when he was trapped in his mother's house at 1425 Kansas street.

George Hasketh, brother of Annie Downs Castor, the sister-in-law slain by Walter Castor for betraying him to the police, was taken into custody. He lives at 2A Carlton Court, where Walter Castor and Annie Downs Castor spent the last night of their lives. Robert Castor, the woman's husband, was released on warning to report daily to Detective Captain Matheson.

Had Heard Castor Family Talk Crime

Hasketh told the police he had heard Castor family talks, which bore out the statements by Arthur Castor.

While the police were following these lines, the family of the slain detective, Timothy J. Bailly, were arranging for his funeral. Surgeons were exerting all their skill to save the life and sight of Detective Ernest E. Gable, also shot by the trapped fugitive.

The bullet fired by Castor struck Gable at the corner of the eye, but did not penetrate the brain. By a modern miracle of surgery, the eye was taken out, the bullet was removed from the cavity and then the eye was replaced and the doctors believe Gable will be able to live and to see.

Wilkens' Trial Will Be Rushed

The tragedy has resulted in a promise from the prosecutor's office that Wilkens' trial will be rushed. The only three persons named in Arthur Castor's accusation were himself, Wilkens and Walter Castor. With Walter Castor dead by his own hand and Arthur Castor under promise of immunity, no further reason for delay appears to exist. Wilkens, asserting his innocence, says he wants immediate action.

The double murder and suicide by Walter Castor has done little toward clearing up the mystery of Mrs. Wilkens' death so far as it affects her husband. Castor's desperate deed has crystallized the suspicion that she was killed by Walter Castor, but goes no further. Statements of members of the Castor family, including that of the mother, Mrs. Minnie Castor, will be brought into the case. Mrs. Castor still is in a state of complete collapse as a result of the gun fight in her home.

Hasketh's statement, although of doubtful value, will help in this case, the police believe.

Intimates Robert Knows Much More

Hasketh also intimated that Robert Castor, husband of the murdered woman, knew more than he has told of the Wilkens affair. "Several weeks after Mrs. Wilkens had been shot," Hasketh told Detective Michael Desmond, "I went over to see my sister, Mrs. Anna Downs Castor. She and Robert had been quarreling, and my sister showed me bruises on her arm. She said she couldn't live with Robert any longer. Then Robert accused her of relations with Walter Castor. My sister then cried out: "He hasn't told you about meeting Wilkens at the foot of Pacific street and getting \$150 from him." (Continued on Page 4, Column 7)

Society Dancer Sues for Divorce From Gay Lombard



Mrs. Gay Lombard, formerly Mrs. Ivy Frances Crane, popular dancer, actress and hostess manager of the Cliff House, who is seeking freedom from Gay Lombard, local clubman.

Drowning Couple Saved by Aviator

SEASIDE, Or., Aug. 4.—Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Smith of the Page apartments, San Francisco, were rescued from drowning in the surf here today through timely intervention of an aviator, supplemented by the efforts of life guards.

The Smiths were bathing in the ocean, when the backwash caught Mrs. Smith and swept her toward deep water. Smith rushed to his wife's aid, and in a few moments both were floundering beyond the line of breakers. The screams of the couple attracted a commercial aviator, who took off from the beach and sailed out over the struggling pair. There he released several life preservers. One of these was grasped by Smith, who placed it in his wife's grasp, at the same time keeping himself afloat by treading water. Life Guards Harold Terwilliger and Jack Pabachenko meanwhile had been summoned. The two plunged into the water and made their way rapidly to the Smiths, who were hauled in almost completely exhausted. But for the life preserver dropped from the airplane which they caught, Smith said afterward, both would have drowned before the life guards got to them.

Gay Party Given By Husband Cited

When her husband, Gay Lombard, entertained the entire chorus of a well-known cafe in their apartment during her absence, Mrs. Ivy Frances Lombard, local society dancer, actress and former hostess of the Cliff House and the Hotel St. Francis, thereby suffered great humiliation, she charges in a suit for divorce filed here in the Superior Court yesterday.

SECOND MARRIAGE UNHAPPY
Mrs. Lombard, who was married to Lombard just one month after she obtained her final decree of divorce from Douglas Crane, with whom she formerly starred in local dancing engagements, was also unhappy in her second matrimonial venture, she recites in the complaint. She enumerates several incidents which disturbed the matrimonial calm, chief among which:

Coolidge Leaves for San Francisco Visit

BOSTON, August 4.—Vice-President Coolidge, with Mrs. Coolidge and their sons, left today for San Francisco, where the Vice-President will address the American Bar Association on August 10. Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Stearns of Boston accompanied them.

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NEW FIRM WILL HAVE CAPITAL OF \$2,000,000

75,000 Loaves to Be Daily Output of Combined Baking Concern

PRICE ADVANCE SEEN

Consolidation in 30 Days Aimed to End "Ruinous Competition"

Four of the largest bakeries in San Francisco, representing more than \$2,000,000 in capital investment and at present producing a total daily output of more than 75,000 loaves of bread, have decided to combine into one business organization.

The bakeries concerned are: California Baking Company, A. B. C. Bakery, Golden State Baking Company, Holsum Baking Company.

The promoters of the combination consider it necessary to relieve conditions resulting from a competitive "bread war," which within a year has reduced the wholesale price of bread from 8 1/2 to 7 cents a pound.

Merger Planned in Thirty Days

The new combined company will be incorporated and operative within thirty days. It will be called the California Baking Company.

These facts, which have been the basis of conflicting reports for some time, were verified yesterday by R. J. Workman, president and general manager of the California Baking Company.

Workman was reluctant to make announcement of the combine public before it should be an accomplished fact, expressing fears that bread consumers would be inclined to think of the move only in terms of increased retail bread prices.

He admitted the possibility of an advance of 1 cent.

"This combination represents a legitimate attempt to stabilize the baking business, with a fair operating profit to the bakers," he said.

Price Cutting Seen as Ruinous

"On October 1, last, the wholesale price was 8 1/2 cents a pound. On October 3 it was reduced to 8 cents, and on October 10 to 7 cents. Under present conditions, particularly as opposed to conditions before the war, such competitive price cutting is ruinous to profits.

"Before the war good flour could be bought for \$4 to \$5 a barrel. It now costs from \$8 to \$9 a barrel. Bakers formerly received \$18 to \$21 a week, helpers \$14 to \$16, packers \$12 to \$15 and drivers \$21. Today bakers receive \$40 to \$50 a week, helpers \$31, packers \$34 and \$35, drivers \$42 to \$45.

"Before the war the bakery was running twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, with one holiday a year, Labor day. Now the bakery starts work at 6 a. m. and finishes at 10 p. m., and no man works more than eight hours.

"These are a few of the reasons why the combine decided upon, with its advantage of combined capital, is now necessary to rectify conditions brought about by a competitive bread price war.

"Working conditions in our bakeries are of the best, and we want to keep them up, though they are costly. And bread prices in San Francisco are lower than elsewhere throughout the country, and will be kept at reasonable figures."

Blind Tobacconist Is Favored by Prince

(Special Cable to The Chronicle)
LONDON, Aug. 4.—The Prince of Wales has ordered 5000 monogrammed gold cigarettes from a Cirencester tobacconist, blinded in the war, during a polo tournament.

Mathilde Arrives In Paris and Tells World by Radio to Leave Her A-lone

Harold F. McCormick Greets Daughter at Station; Both Decline to Talk "Business"

By RAYMOND FENDRICK

(Special Cable to The Chronicle)
PARIS, Aug. 4.—Miss Mathilde McCormick stepped timidly down the gangplank of the liner Majestic this morning, looked vainly about for a single familiar face, and then pushed through the jam of correspondents with the Stotesbury family of Philadelphia to board a train.

Neither Max Oser, her elderly Swiss fiance, nor her father, Harold F. McCormick, came to welcome her or accompany her to Paris, but Mathilde wore a ring with the Oser family crest which her fiance had given her in Switzerland last year. She was dressed in a girlish tulle-trimmed suit and small brown turban hat.

JOINS FATHER

Her father awaited Mathilde at the St. Lazare station in Paris, where an affectionate greeting ensued. During a several minutes' wait McCormick chatted with newspaper men.

"I cannot discuss this at all," he said, smiling, when asked the date of Mathilde's marriage to Oser. Asked about his reported coming marriage to Mme. Ganna Walska, whose decree allows her to marry after Aug. 15, he gave the same answer smilingly.

Mathilde immediately accompanied her father to the Hotel Princesse, which tonight is besieged by several score newspaper men.

MATHILDE BOTHERED

Cyrus McCormick, who remained on the Majestic going to Southampton, went to the ship's purser and complained of the presence of reporters aboard who even then presented themselves to Mathilde. On Thursday, Mathilde broadcasted by wireless, according to the Le Matin, the following message:

"Mathilde McCormick wants the whole world to forget her and her business. America must stop bothering about me. I want to live like other people. Others have the right to do as they please and why should not I have the same right?" (Copyright, 1922, by The Chicago Tribune Co.)

Women Pursue This Adonis in Doves, According to Wife

Admirers Order Their Chauffeurs to Follow Him, Divorce Complaint

CHICAGO, Aug. 4.—A Grand Rapids, Mich., Beau Brummel, who is so alluring he outshines the sheik of fiction, was described in a divorce bill filed here today by Mrs. Emily Stewart Jones of Chicago against Donjamin C. Jones, Grand Rapids manufacturer.

Women, the divorce bill says, flock about him, eagerly listening to every intonation of his voice when he appears in society; they send him love notes, flowers and candy and beg to hold his hand. When he appears on the street, Mrs. Jones avers, strange women whom he has never met stop their automobiles to watch him pass and frequently order their chauffeurs to follow him for a ride.

The Grand Rapids manufacturer, his wife says, enjoys the flattery of the fair sex and boasts of his conquests.

Northcliffe Dying, London Friends Say

(Special Cable to The Chronicle)
LONDON, Aug. 4.—Lord Northcliffe is in a critical condition and the end may come at any time, according to rumors everywhere. The publisher is reported to be weakening rapidly, is delirious, not taking nourishment and is suffering greatly. Business associates do not hesitate to say he is dying.

HARDING PLANS DRASTIC STEP TO MINE COAL

Aims to Force Production to Prevent Famine Coming Winter

TROOPS TO BE USED

Will Call Upon Miners to Work for Federal Government

(Special by Leased Wire to The Chronicle)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 4.—Drastic action by the Government to force the production of coal and avert, if possible, the increasing menace of a coal famine this winter will be taken by President Harding next week, unless in the meantime there are promising intimations that a settlement of the coal strike can be effected through an agreement between the mine workers and the operators.

At present there are no such intimations. The President, however, is willing to wait until after the conference between the representatives of the mine workers and a few of the operators at Cleveland on Monday. If this produces no results which promise the resumption of coal mining upon an extensive scale, the President has decided, the time will have come for the intervention of the Government, in the interest of the general public.

Plans to Take Over Larger Mines

The President's plan, as understood by some of his advisers, will be to take over a number of larger mines, place United States troops in possession of them and call upon miners, regardless of whether they are union or nonunion men, to go to work for the Government, with full assurance of adequate protection.

That this course will be pursued is now regarded as a certainty. It is no secret among the President's close friends and advisers that he has no hope that the Cleveland conference will advance the Nation any closer to an adequate fuel supply than it is at present.

Prospects of Suffering Grows

In the meantime, every day lost only increases the prospect of suffering and tremendous industrial losses in the months to come. As the head of the Government, the President, it is understood, believes that any action that may be necessary to lessen the dangers and to compel a resumption of mining will be justified by the service rendered the public.

The information received by the Government of the number of operators who will attend the Cleveland conference on Monday affords no basis for hope that conditions can be materially bettered by that meeting. A total production of not more than 50,000,000 tons of coal, it is asserted, will be represented on the operators' side, too little to be an important factor in the solution of the Nation's fuel problem.

Strive to Close Nonunion Mines

In the meantime the officers of the general mine workers' organizations are striving to close the mines in the non-union districts and their success would add greatly to the difficulty and threatening character of the situation.

These circumstances have all forced the President to the conclusion. (Continued on Page 2, Column 3)

Dead Man Declared Congress Nominee

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Aug. 4.—Although dead, Lenuel P. Padgett of Columbia, will be declared the Democratic nominee for Congress from the Seventh district in Tennessee, when the official canvass of returns are made August 23, according to the Nelson Fisher, chairman of the State Democratic executive committee.

W. C. Salmon, who opposed Padgett, has made no statement for publication, but his friends say they will urge his selection as the Democratic nominee.

Was 'Proud Duke,' But Son Is Poor



Seventh Duke of Northumberland, picturesque character whose wealth was proverbial, but whose son has been hit by poverty.

British Nobleman In Poverty's Grip

(Special Cable to The Chronicle)
LONDON, Aug. 4.—The Duke of Northumberland, head of one of the most ancient of the noble families of England and owner of castles and vast estates, is the latest of the great peers to feel the pinch of poverty and be forced to rent out his family possessions.

The duke's father was a picturesque character in London. He sometimes was called the "Proud Duke," because of the high posts he held as treasurer of the royal household and at the last coronation, and his wealth was proverbial. Northumberland avenue, named for this family, will be recalled by London visitors as the "broad street" leading from Trafalgar square, at a sharp angle with The Strand.

FINE PROPERTIES SOLD

The duke has sold many of his northern properties, including city holdings of residences and hotels, rented his fine mansion on the Thames to an art dealer and now is going to let out the shooting privileges on his Alnwick Castle estate. He is closing the great castle, reserving only a few rooms for use when there, and part of the estate will be cut up into building lots.

HISTORIC FAMILY

The present duke succeeded to his title in 1916. He is the eighth of the line. The dukedom was created in 1786, but for more than 400 years the house has been one of the greatest in England. It reaches back to the Lords Percy, who after several generations, were created Earls of Northumberland. The first earl and his son "Hotspur," dethroned Richard II and brought in the House of Lancaster, with Henry IV. They tried to supplant him with the Earl of March. Hotspur and his father were killed in battle.

LINE OF WARRIORS

Succeeding earls were killed in battle or riots, and one was executed for treason. His son was beheaded for avowing the Pope's supremacy over Elizabeth. The earldom became extinct and the Percy barony descended through the female line. Eventually the barony was raised by degrees to a dukedom. The male ancestors of the present line were Smithsons, a branch of the Smiths, "the largest family in the world."

LEADERS URGE PRESIDENT TO HOLD PARLEY

Declare That Early Meeting in Washington Is Imperative Necessity

EQUIPMENT IS MENACE

Telegraph Representatives at Capital Traveling Public Is in Peril

CLEVELAND, O., Aug. 4.—Legislative representatives of three of the four railroad brotherhoods in Washington tonight requested by telegraph that President Harding and the chief executives of the brotherhoods for the purpose of presenting to the President their views in connection with the present strike of railroad shop crafts.

A telegram was sent direct to President Harding tonight by the three local chief executives of the brotherhood, asking for a conference.

Give Question Day's Consideration

The matter has been under consideration since yesterday by Warren S. Stone, president of the Brotherhood of Engineers; W. G. Lee, president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, and D. E. Robertson, president of the Brotherhood of Firemen and Enginemen, but because of failure to get a reply for joint action from L. E. Sheppard, president of the Order of Railway Conductors, and the other members of the "Big Four," it was decided tonight to ask for the conference, through the legislative representatives of the engineers, trainmen and firemen.

Sheppard was telegraphed tonight that because of the serious situation hourly developing it was decided to seek the conference immediately.

"If you decide to take similar action you can wire your legislative representative direct," the telegram said.

Text of Telegram Sent to Washington

The telegram addressed to the three legislative representatives was addressed to H. B. Wills of the engineers, Arthur J. Lovell of the firemen, and W. N. Doak of the trainmen as follows:

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