

SUBSTITUTE KIDNAPPING

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A late news bulletin brings to an end the frantic kidnap search at Chelsea, Massachusetts. The Carlin baby has been found -- found dead in the home of the parents, in the basement. While the hunt for the missing child was increasing in intensity, Chelsea police officers searched the Carlin home -- and there they found the body of the six months' old baby in the drawer of a china closet in the basement. Against the china closet a bureau had been pushed, wedged against it.

Tonight the police are questioning the parents, and the twenty-three year old mother is quoted as saying -- that the child had been dead for four days, when she reported that some kidnaper had stolen him from a

*She admits it was all a hoax. She had found him dead when she came home late from a party. It was then she concocted the kidnapping story.*

The father is a sailor who hurried home on furlough after the kidnapping. He is said never to have seen the child -- only pictures.

~~The explanation in this strange story, this gruesome ~~has~~ hoax, has not yet been made clear -- the conclusion of an affair marked by widespread~~

~~excitement throughout.~~

Archbishop Cushing of Boston <sup>had</sup> offered his help to recover the missing child. A woman contributed her jewels.

One curious turn <sup>had</sup> developed today -- ~~was~~ with an arrest. It concerned a ransom demand by telephone, a woman's voice requiring three thousand dollars for the return of the child. ~~Later, another telephone~~ telephone call, and the demand was reduced to five hundred dollars, and the father was told to go to Springfield, Massachusetts -- where, at an appointed place, the child would be returned to him. The father kept the rendezvous -- but nobody appeared.

Today the police at Springfield went to a residence in the town, and there took into custody a fourteen year old girl <sup>who</sup> ~~she~~ promptly confessed that she had made telephone demands for ransom -- but she knew nothing about the missing child.

~~What led the police to this fourteen year old girl?~~ They <sup>had</sup> suspected her because twice in the past she

had made ransom demands of men in Springfield, while their wives were in the hospital with new born babies. Some curious turn of juvenile delinquency.

And now this <sup>2</sup>~~is~~ latest, ~~and most astounding turn~~

the child found in the basement of the parents' home. *the mother admitted her blame, and*  
~~After all the kidnap excitement and emotion~~  
*her perpetration of the hoax.*

## CONGRESS

The Administration has run into two setbacks in Congress. The House of Representatives gave the White House a turn-down today on the subject of the full employment bill. Previously, the Senate had adopted a measure a good deal weaker than the reconversion ideas propounded by President Truman. And now the House has passed a bill still weaker than the Senate version.

Also -- President Truman sustains a disappointment in his belief that Congress would pass a bill for fact-finding labor legislation by Christmas. The President wants Congressional authority for the fact-finding boards to dig into reasons for strikes -- like the General Motors walkout. He said he hoped that such a bill should be passed promptly. But today the Senate Labor Committee postponed hearings on fact-finding until after the Holidays. The Chairman of the Committee said: "It would be impossible to include hearings on the bill and get it to Congress before Christmas."

Another bit of legislative action today was a vote in the Senate on a proposal to raise Congressional

salaries -- boost the pay of the Legislators. The Senate voted -- no, turning down the pay raise by forty-five to Twenty-seven.

## PEARL HARBOR

The resignation of the legal staff of the Pearl Harbor Committee is a culmination of a disagreement all along. The legal staff, headed by William D. Mitchell, has not approved of the line of questioning adopted by Republican Members of the Committee.

In the statement of resignation today, the Republican Members are not specifically mentioned, but it is made clear that the legal staff thought the investigation should be limited to the reason why the Jap attack was successful, while the Republican Committee members insisted on going into broader aspects of the course of events that led to the war with Japan.

~~Time~~ The Legal Staff declares that too much time has been taken, the inquiry dragging out too long. They say they can't spare that much time -- and so are stepping out.

At the same time, Chairman Senator Barkley intimates that he may withdraw from the Pearl Harbor Committee. He said today that he has his duties as Majority Leader in the ~~Executive~~ Senate to consider, as well as the task of investigating Pearl Harbor.

## JAPAN

The investigation of war criminals in Japan brings an American demand for evidence concerning melodramatic incidents that occurred before the war. The Tokyo Government has been given five days to produce documents relating to episodes -- that occurred in Nineteen Thirty-Two and 'Forty.

In Nineteen Thirty-Two occurred what is called -- "The young officers' revolt." I remember telling about it in the news that year -- how fanatical young Nationalists staged a sort of insurrection, with terrorism and assassination. A moderate government was in power in Japan then -- too moderate for the Militarists. The young officer fanatics murdered Admiral Viscount Saito, Lord Keeper of the Privy Seal; also, ~~the~~ the finance minister, ~~of the Military Inspector General.~~

~~The ferocious outbreak was put down, and fifteen rebel leaders were executed -- others committing hari-kari. However, the moderate cabinet of Premier Okada resigned after the young Officers' revolt and the new Prime Minister was Hirota, whose arrest as a suspected war~~

criminal has been ordered by General MacArthur.

That's one episode to be investigated -- to find out what really happened. The other is an assassination attempt in Nineteen Forty, when rabid Nationalists tried to assassinate Foreign Minister Arita -- because he was opposed to the Japanese alliance with Nazi Germany.

The investigations are accompanied by news of more arrests -- five former Japanese prison camp commanders and guards being taken into custody at Tokyo today. ~~They are~~ Accused of torturing and murdering American ~~and~~ prisoners of war. ~~and will~~ <sup>They to</sup> be the defendants in the first war-crime-trial to be held in Japan.



## INDIANAPOLIS

At the Court Martial of the Captain of the lost cruiser Indianapolis the Navy today completed its case. The final testimony against Charles McVay, charged with negligence in the sinking of the Indianapolis, was the introduction of records to show the ship had been warned. A message had been sent that enemy submarines had been spotted in waters the ship was traversing. That warning had been given the day before the Indianapolis was torpedoed by a Jap submarine. This bears out the contention that the Indianapolis should have been zigzagging, anti-submarine tactics, instead of steaming on a straight course -- as the cruiser was doing when sunk. <sup>TP</sup> But the Jap sub-commander said zig zagging would have made no difference.

## WAR CRIMINALS

The greatest crime of all times was disclosed today in figures -- a monster horror story revealed in the cold language of statistics. At the Nuremberg trial ~~today~~, an American prosecutor <sup>today</sup> brought forward the record of the Nazi extermination of the Jews, a record derived from written evidence left by the Nazis themselves.

A total of six million lives were taken. That figure is based on a statement made by the Jewish Section of the Gestapo. Four million Jews were killed in extermination camps, two million at other places.

Of the total, three million were Polish Jews. This figure is based on a notebook compiled by one of the defendants in the Nuremberg trial, Hans Frank, who was Nazi Governor of Poland. In September of Nineteen Forty-One, Frank recorded that there were three million Jews in Poland. In January of Nineteen Forty-four, he noted in his diary that only one hundred thousand were left.

Frank made a record of a decision that one

million, two hundred thousand were to perish by hunger. In Nineteen Forty-Two he issued orders to prevent the Jews in Poland from buying meat, wheat, milk or eggs -- a death sentence of starvation.

The American Prosecutor today produced evidence that at one time the Nazi Government planned to send several million Jews to Madagascar, the French Colony off the Coast of Africa. Madagascar evidently was to be a part of the Nazi Empire. But they abandoned their plan of deportation, and went in <sup>for</sup> an orgy of murder instead.

While this evidence of horror was being given, the news was issued that a batch of the worst Nazi criminals had been hanged -- The British carrying out the sentence of death against eleven perpetrators of horror at the Belsen atrocity camp. Chief of these, ~~was~~ Josef Kramer called the "Beast of Belsen." He was hanged simultaneously with the camp doctor, whose specialty it had been to pick out victims for the gas chambers. And, three women, <sup>one of them</sup> ~~were executed~~ <sup>one</sup> Irma Grese, the blond assistant to the Beast of Belsen.

## AVIATION

The Army Air Force is acquiring what is called -- ~~The~~ office of Research and Development. This will be a department for technical progress. Its purpose will be to keep American Air Power at the forefront of scientific advancement, and see that we have an up-to-the-minute air force with everything of the latest.

The head of the Office of Research and Development is General Curtis Lemay -- an <sup>1</sup>a number one selection along the line of modern ideas in aviation. During the recent war, General Lemay had charge of something new and startling -- the B-29's. The pulverizing campaign of the giant superfortresses against Japan.

All of this is a thing most urgently called for, and I ~~can't~~ can't illustrate any better than by going back to something told me by General Jimmy Doolittle, Commander of the devastating Eighth Air Force against the Nazis. ~~He~~ He was recalling the days after World War Number One when he was a young army

flyer. He served in the Mexican Border Patrol -- and that was one harum-scarum bunch.

"I don't think," said Jimmy Doolittle, "There has ever been, before or since, such a high proportion of crashes in any outfit. Planes cracked up all the time,

*flyer on the Mexican border.*

~~more or less~~ everywhere. If a pilot doing some fool

things wrecked his plane, he wasn't reprimanded," *said* He was

*Jimmy.*

~~more likely to get a pat on the back.~~ "The Commanding

officers ~~rather~~ wanted the equipment ~~to be~~ smashed up.

We had a mess of obsolete old D.H.'s, and needed new

~~planes.~~ The sooner we were rid of the ancient crates,

*2A* the sooner we would get ~~some~~ thing new. *So," added Doolittle,*

*if a pilot* decided to risk his neck in some crazy stunt, nobody cared if he cracked up his plane."

That madcap fantasy of old and obsolete junk is an eloquent background for the news of the establishment of an Army Air Force Office of Research and Development, the purpose of which is to keep American Air Power equipped with the latest -- the most modern possible at all time *s.* *And* →

→ This is accompanied by a disclosure of a spectacular development during the latter part of the war in Europe. We are ~~xxx~~ told what was done about one type of target that was immune from bombing -- German submarine pens.

Allied Air Power tried long and hard to knock out the bases of the Nazi U-Boats, which were raising such havoc on the ocean. The U-Boats were kept in pens protected by forty feet of concrete. Bombs were showered down, but the most powerful blockbusters failed to shatter the massive concrete roofs of ~~the nests of~~ <sup>those</sup> submarine ~~nests~~.

The only way to get at them with a bomb would have been to toss a charge of high explosive sideways -- into the opening. But how could a plane hurl a bomb that way? It couldn't be done. -- ~~But~~, something else was done. Planes loaded with high explosive were sent gliding into the submarine pens, <sup>where</sup> ~~xxx~~ they crashed with devastating blasts.

<sup>those</sup> ~~those~~ <sup>that went crashing in</sup> planes ~~were~~ were worn-out flying fortresses,

loaded with eleven tons of high explosive, ~~They were~~  
*flown*  
~~taken into the air~~ by a pilot and a co-pilot, who  
bailed out over England -- came down by parachute. *And*  
From then on the Fortresses <sup>*simply became*</sup> ~~are~~ enormous bombs,  
controlled by radio. *By radio, from,*

*λ* Mother ships flew along with them, and guided  
them by wireless. The radio control could be operated  
over a distance of twenty miles -- the usual distance  
was five miles. Staying that far away, the mother  
planes directed the flying fortresses for gliding  
flights into the submarine pens at Heligoland, where  
they crashed and blew up the powerfully protected  
lair of the prowlers.

PATTON

The word from General Patton's bedside is -- excellent. Today the doctors at Heidelberg issued their most optimistic bulletin since the most brilliant of American Armored Force Commanders incurred <sup>that</sup> a broken neck in an automobile crash. The prediction is that it will be possible to fly the General back to the United States <sup>in</sup> from four to six weeks.

Today's medical bulletin states: "Patton is out of danger at the moment." And to this it adds: "But the General is not out of danger of partial paralysis for the rest of his life." He still cannot move his arms and legs, though he has been able to attain some movement at the shoulders.



## BADMAN

A spirit of irony hovered over a hospital bed at Little Rock, Arkansas, as a drama of human life came to a mocking end. A man died, after a street accident -- he had been run over by a poultry truck, a wagonload of chickens. He was Matt Kimes, the Oklahoma Desperado whom the police had been seeking far and wide as public-enemy-number-one of these post-war months.

Matt Kimes was the last of the Oklahoma badmen who terrorized the Middlewest and Southwest some years ago. He began in Nineteen Twenty-four as a burglar, after which he turned to bank robbery and established a notorious record of larceny and gunfire. Time and again he made lurid headlines with pistol blazing robberies and escapes from Prison.

During a bank ~~nk~~ hold-up at Sallisaw, Oklahoma, he killed a deputy sheriff in a pistol duel. He was caught, convicted, and sentenced to life imprisonment -- then escaped. **I**n Nineteen Twenty-Seven his gang tried a double job, the robbery of two banks at Beggs,

Oklahoma. This resulted in a wild and woolly gun battle down the streets of the town, the bandits shooting it out with the police and the Chief of Police was killed.

Again Matt Kimes was captured, convicted, and sent to prison for life. This time he served long years, and became a model convict. His conduct was so good that he was given permission to leave the prison so that he could collect signatures on a petition for clemency. He was given a prison furlough -- and then failed to return.

At Morton, Texas, a bank robbery occurred recently, the crooks getting away with the loot. And x who should turn up as one of the bandits -- but Matt Kimes, the old Oklahoma badman. He had made use of his furlough from prison to go bank robbing again -- figuring in another desperate episode of crime and escape.

A great manhunt was staged over a wide area of Texas and Oklahoma, a search for the veteran robber who now was ranked as -- public enemy number one.

While the manhunt was on ~~ix~~ in full cry,