

TRUMAN L.T.-P.C. Wed. Dec. 12 - '51.

There was a conference at the White House today, and here's the identity of one who attended - participating in a long interview with President Truman. J. Edgar Hoover, head of the F.B.I.

The conference was held under a cover of secrecy. J. Edgar Hoover went along with Attorney General McGrath, and they entered the White House by a basement door - to avoid notice by the newsmen, the White House correspondents. Later, Presidential secretary Joseph Short confirmed the meeting, but wouldn't say anything about subjects under discussion. The quick speculation is -- the Chief of the F B I may be given the job of cleaning corruption out of the government. After all the recent scandals of crookery in income tax, the President has ordered a -- housecleaning. And J. Edgar Hoover might be the one to do it -- he having the confidence of both Democrats and Republicans.

## INCOME TAX

New contradictions - in the investigation of that now famous Teitelbaum story. During the past week, witnesses under oath have contradicted each other so frequently and flagrantly - that there has been repeated mention of possible prosecution for perjury.

Today's witness was Bert Naster, one of the two men accused by Chicago lawyer Teitelbaum of trying to shake him down for half a million dollars, under threat of income tax prosecution. The other was Frank Nathan, who has testified previously; and today Naster promptly contradicted evidence given by Nathan. This concerned a statement made by Nathan - that Naster told him he had advised Teitelbaum to take his income tax trouble to Attorney Paul Dillon of St. Louis, and hire Dillon for a fee of more than

a hundred thousand dollars. Today, Naster denied that he ever told Nathan any such thing.

He likewise, contradicted a statement made by the ousted Assistant Attorney General, <sup>Lamar</sup> Caudle - who testified he told Naster he would not meet the mystery witness in the case, Gruenwald. Naster says that Caudle did ~~not~~ agree to meet Gruenwald.

Today Naster denied the blackmail ~~is~~ charge, and <sup>it</sup> ~~she~~ rose to <sup>heights of</sup> melodrama, when he was asked -- when did he first hear of Teitelbaum? He replied that he was afraid to answer.

"Do you mean you are in physical fear?" demanded the committee counsel.

"Yes Sir," said Naster. We can't imagine what this could mean - afraid to say where he first heard of Teitelbaum. Beguiling - because, at one time, Chicago lawyer Teitelbaum was attorney for Scarface Al Capone. Always a name to heighten dramatic values.

## FOLLOW INCOME TAX

The latest tonight-- a disclosure that Lamar Caudle was named assistant Attorney-General, in spite of charges of irregularities against him. These were in connection with cases of price violation at Charlotte, North Carolina. Caudle was then U.S. Attorney for the Western District of North Carolina, and was promoted to the Washington post by Attorney-General Tom C. Clarke, now a justice in the Supreme Court. The appointment was made without waiting for Caudle to reply to the North Carolina allegations. A;; this- judging from a statement made by Attorney-General Mac Drath tonight.

## ARRESTS

In Alabama, the F B I has arrested a bank President, a woman cashier, and a prominent lumberman, in connection with a bank shortage of eight hundred thousand dollars. Which is likely to be another subject for a congressional investigation.

The charge is that President J. Moody Drinkard and cashier Mrs. Myrtle McCrory of the Bank at Thomasville-- made false entries in the bank books. And that W P <sup>Stutts</sup> ~~Stutts~~, owner of the Stutts Lumber industries, misappropriated bank funds.

They say Stutts had an overdraft of seven hundred and eighty thousand dollars, which he covered in part out of a four hundred and fifty thousand dollar loan from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. The loan came to the attention of Congressional investigators, because of an interest taken in it - by Congressman Frank Boykin of Indiana. Boykin has been

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mentioned frequently in previous talk of scandal  
in the R.F.C. The F B I was put on the job, and  
arrests were made today.

FOLLOW ARRESTS

Tonight Congressman Boykin admits that he recommended RFC loan to Lumberman Stutts. But says the transaction was, in his words -- "As clean as a hound's tooth."

## KOREA

In Korea, the U N truce team has offered more concessions to the Reds. These concern questions of inspection teams, ~~xxx~~ islands now occupied by U N forces, and the right to repair war damage to existing Red air fields. The Communist negotiators replied that they welcome the concessions, and would consider them. But they continue to reject various conditions put forward by the U N representatives - particularly in connection with prisoners-of-war. They still insist on an exchange of all prisoners on both sides, refusing a "man for man" exchange.

~~On the warfront - nothing. Not even air  
action today - the weather being bad.~~



SUBSTITUTE KOREA

The Latest -- U.N. troops have begun an attack on the Western Front. What is called -- "A limited objective" offensive. This is the first aggressive action by the U.N. Army since the agreement for cease-fire negotiations was signed fourteen days ago.

## EGYPT

The United States intervened today in the British-Egyptian crisis. The U S. Ambassador at Cairo called at the Egyptian Foreign Office, and urged against any break of diplomatic relations with London. The Cairo Cabinet has been debating the question, and Egyptian newspapers have been saying the decision was - to break relations.

But shortly after the Ambassador's intervention, the Egyptian government announced that the whole question had been postponed. They'll take it up later, possibly Sunday. So one exceedingly delicate point of the crisis is averted, temporarily at least.

## WIRELESS

A radio message was flashed around the world, to all the continents today - an appropriate way of celebrating the Golden Anniversary of wireless, just fifty years ago, this December Twelfth. The age of wireless, radio, television, began.

Today's commemoration was staged by the "American Radio relay League." That is, the "ham" operators. The message was put on the air at Newington, Connecticut, and went to "hams" all over the globe. A salutation - to Marconi.

The story is a classic of science - telling how a young student in the ancient city of Bologna, became convinced that a worldwide system of communication could be based on electro-magnetic waves. These had been discovered by the German scientist Herz, in laboratory research - and young Marconi went on to devise a way of turning them into signals.

But, more than anything else, he had to meet what seemed - a fatal objection. Those electromagnetic, or Herzian waves, travelled in a straight line, like light. So they would not signal beyond the horizon. They would be limited - like light, or like the short waves of television right now. But, Marconi had an intuition - that the signals would go beyond the horizon. To prove which - was the goal of his dream. The culminating experiment - a signal by wireless across the Atlantic.

Just half a century ago that scene of renown was enacted - in a shack at Saint Johns, Newfoundland, Marconi waiting at the primitive set he had invented. Across the ocean, in England, Cornwall, a colleague sat at a transmitter - to send the message. Would Marconi get it?

It was at the hour of noon, December Twelfth, Nineteen Hundred and One - when Marconi's receiver broke into a buzzing sound, repeated three times. That was the pre-arranged signal.

Later, an explanation was worked out - why it was that the wireless wave travelled in a straight line, like light. Yet Marconi was right. Science found that <sup>his</sup> ~~the straight line~~ waves of wireless bounced off an electrified zone above the stratosphere, and the wireless telegraphy signals were -- a reflection.

All of which was celebrated today by the radio hams of the world - hailing the Golden Anniversary of wireless. ~~Let's give our own salutation - by remembering the experiment in the Newfoundland shack fifty years ago today.~~

## NORTHPOLE

I suppose this next bit of news should be considered a mile-stone in the history of exploration -- setting up an actual pole at the North Pole. But, I wonder what Admiral Peary would have said about it. The discoverer of the Pole was a rather grim character. Dead serious, and not inclined to fool around in exploration. But, anyway, he would have to admire -- the technical proficiency of the exploit. Probably Dr. Cook would approve.

No, it doesn't sound a bit like Admiral Peary and Matt Henson, with their dogsleds and Peary's frozen feet - in Nineteen Nine. The old Admiral might scowl - at the frivolity. But he might be impressed by the fact \*I'm sure Matt Henson is -- that forty-two years after their memorable exploit, a trip to the North Pole by air is now so much of a commonplace that it becomes just another Santa Claus Christmas

stunt, that might have been thought up by Harold Fortune the keeper of the reindeer at ~~in~~ a place called North Pole in the Adirondacks!

For some time, up in Alaska, a move has been on to drop a Pole from a plane, so it would stand - a real, visible North Pole. Though why, it's hard to imagine. It wouldn't stay there long, the polar icefield drifting as it does. But today a transport plane of the Alaskan Airlines did it. The top of the world was covered by a thick layer of clouds, but the plane was above the overcast - and the navigator made his calculation by the stars. When

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the celestial reckoning showed they were just over the North Pole - out went the actual pole, with one sharp end, all arranged in such fashion that it would stick upright in the ice. So tonight we presume there's an actual pole at the North Pole.

It's a gaudy affair, painted with spiraling stripes of Red and White, like a stick of Christmas candy. And, along with it, went thousands of children's letters, addressed -- "santa Claus, North Pole." The whole thing was promoted by a lady of the Alaskan Arctic who is called -- "North Pole Nellie". Moreover, just before the plane took off, each member of the crew was given a kiss by a television actress.



## ROMANCE

The marriage of the California "Cinderella" bride and her Swiss millionaire husband - has been resumed. <sup>say</sup> This, according to friends of the couple at Torrance, California. (They say the two left last night for a second honeymoon - driving off by automobile.)

(The story has been much publicized.) The bridegroom -- a twenty-eight year old Swiss industrialist, Roland Devigier. The bride - sixteen year old Martha Morris. He met her at a soda ~~fund~~ fountain in California, and they were married in Arizona - with a ceremony later at Notre Dame in Paris.

They came back to this country, and something went wrong. The bride left her husband in Los Angeles, went to San Francisco, and filed suit for separate maintenance - asking Ten thousand ~~thousand~~ dollars a month for alimony. The girl had large ideas - to say

the least.

But father, Charles Morris, went to San Francisco and took Martha home. Saying - the suit for ten thousand a month would be dropped.

The abandoned bridegroom said: "I've given my word to Martha and to God that I will stand by her for better or for worse." And added -- that the girl's family had treated him like their own son.

So now, according to friends - the couple are on a second honeymoon.

## LIONS

Rockford, Illinois, has got rid of Mrs. Gladys Gillem and her lions. Today she departed, with her five kings of beasts. And Rockford says - good riddance.

Not that they have anything against Mrs. <sup>Gladys</sup> Gillem, <sup>she</sup> a lady of unusual accomplishment, <sup>who</sup> ~~she~~ used to be a wrestler. ~~Says she was~~, at one time -- Women's welterweight wrestling champion of the south. For several years she toured the country with Mildred Hayward today. ~~and~~ ~~she~~ ~~was~~ ~~the~~ ~~only~~ ~~woman~~ ~~heavyweight~~ ~~wrestler~~. Appearing -- in the feminine version of the grunt and grapple game. Then Mrs. Gillem changed over, and became a lion trainer. Rockford, Illinois, wishes - that she had remained a wrestler.

Mrs. Gillem and her animal act played a three-day appearance at the Palace Theatre in Rockford - and audiences were thrilled by the former

woman wrestler and her performing lions. But, when the engagement was over, trouble began - about moving the animals out of the theatre. Mrs. Killen <sup>- Gillem I mean -</sup> refused to pay the cost, and there was an argument with the theatre manager. They couldn't agree, so the lions remained right there. - ~~in their cages back-stage in the theatre.~~ And did they roar. During motion picture shows, the place reverberated. "They roared like a very devil," said theater Manager Ed Haynard today. ~~And added.~~ "It made the movie goers a bit edgy." ~~Well, I don't wonder.~~

The picture playing was a murder mystery-thriller, with no end of sinister suspense and terror. Today Mrs. Gillem admitted: "Every time there was a dramatic moment, those lions began to roar." The audience tense, with nerves tingling, gripped by the fright of a murder scene on the screen. And suddenly -- the terrifying roar of the lions. Enough

to drive people out of their wits.

Today, there was a compromise, and the animal act left Rockford. Mrs. Gillen was a bit wistful. She and her lions had run into a lot of trouble, and she remarked: "It's situations like this that make me wonder if I should have left the wrestling game." She longs for those headlocks, <sup>the holds</sup> ~~and the holds~~ half-Nelsons, ~~and the holds~~ Especially the half-Nelsons, Nelson.