WEATHER—San Joaquin Valley: Partly cloudy and continued warm to-night and Thursday; gentle, variable winds. Modesto report on Page 12.

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Firebug Blamed For New Outbreak

Oil-soaked Rags Found Near Grass Fire In Knights Ferry District

LINKED WITH OTHERS

Critical Proportions Assumed By Blazes In Forests Of Coast States

Another fire, believed by Modesto authorities to have been started by the incendiary held responsible for recent blazes in Stanislaus, Tuolumne and Mariposa Counties, was discovered on valuable pasture land near Knights Ferry at 11:30 o'clock last night.

Clay Dorroh, state fire warden stationed at Oakdale, reported to Sheriff Graf Hogin to-day that the fire was discovered by three Oakdale youths, who saw the blaze while riding in their automobile on the highway between Knights Ferry and Jamestown.

Flames Checked

The young men, Alfred Williams, C. Roebuck and another whose identity was not learned, took off their shirts and beat out the fire before it had made great headway, Dorroh said.

Later a ball of partially burned kerosene and oil-soaked rags, wound with dry rags, was found at the scene of the blaze, according to Dorroh, who made an all-night investigation.

The fire occurred on the Crabtree property, leased by V. Ellinwood.

Last night's blaze was in the vicinity of nine others that have occurred since July 1, all of incendiary origin, Sheriff Hogin said. Hundreds of acres of grazing land, valued at several thousand dollars, were burned over in the fires.

Near Eugene, northern Stanislaus County, Modesto authorities and W. A. Kennedy, special investigator for the National Arson Board, found two sun-glasses mounted on wire stands with thirty-five burnt matches under each on ranches which had been burned over in fires started less than two weeks ago.

Fires In Forest

Following this discovery, fires broke out in a national forest in Mariposa County. Rangers said "firepots" were used by the incendiary to start the blazes. These consisted of candles placed in cans with oil-soaked rags. Several of these "firepots" were found.

Two fires declared to be started by an incendiary did damage in Tuolumne County last week estimated at between $50,000 and $75,000. Twelve thousand acres were burned over; dwellings, mining properties and barns were consumed.

The Tuolumne County fires started near Stent and Groveland.

Asks Co-Operation

Sheriff Hogin to-day repeated his request for public co-operation in the attempts to bring about the arrest of the suspected firebug.

He said:

"The actions of this pyromaniac have created a situation without parallel in this section of the state. Thus far the person who has started fires in Stanislaus County and other counties has clever enough to escape without leaving authorities the slightest clue on which to work.

"There is no telling where this person, apparently demented, will strike next. Not only is property in danger as long as this fire maniac is at large, but human lives as well.

"The public is asked to co-operate with us to the extent of notifying authorities immediately of the suspicious actions of strangers."

BLAZE CONTROLLED

YREKA, Cal., Aug. 14 (AP)—At dawn to-day rangers of Siskiyou County and fire-fighters of the Klamath Protective Association of Oregon said they had controlled a fire which burned from six to eight hundred acres of yellow pine and fir from Oregon into California near Beswick.

FOUR MAIN FIRES

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 14 (AP)—Four forest and brush fires in Northern and Central California to-day assumed critical proportions once more.

Three of the blazes had been burning since Monday, and the fourth began early Tuesday.

Sections of the Santa Barbara, Sequoia and Plumas Forests were

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BIG NEWS

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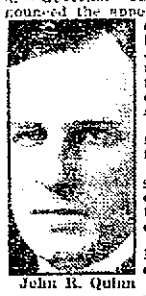
GOVERNOR NAMES NEW OFFICIALS, BOARD ON CRIME

Johnston Selected For Penology Department, Quinn For Military Bureau

FITTS AND WEBB TO AID CRIMINAL STUDY

Collins Of Long Beach Chosen Head Of Fourth New Branch Of Government

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Aug. 14. (AP)—Governor Young to-day announced the appointment of four directors of newly created state departments and the personnel of the new state crime commission.



John R. Quinn

The appointments were as follows:

James A. Johnston, San Francisco, director of the department of penology.

John R. Quinn, Los Angeles, director of the department of military and veterans affairs.

James F. Collins, Long Beach, director of professional and vocational standards.

E. Forrest Mitchell, director of department of investment.

The newly named crime commission will consist of the following members:

James A. Johnston, San Francisco; District Attorney Buron R. Fitts, Los Angeles; Attorney General U. S. Webb, San Francisco; Dean Justin Miller, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, and George W. A. Beasley, Berkeley.

Frank A. Benson was appointed chief of the newly created state division of narcotics enforcement, which will be under the department of penology.

Former Legion Chiefs

Two of the new directors are past state presidents of the American Legion. Collins, former president of the Long Beach Harbor Commission, was head of the state department of the legion in 1923 and 1924. He is a former newspaperman and an engineer. The other legionnaire is John R. Quinn, former national president of the organization and at present chairman of the state veterans' welfare board.

Quinn's appointment was recommended by Adjutant-General R. E.

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CHINESE WOUNDS 3; KILLS SELF

Oriental At Dunsmuir Runs Amuck With Gun; Two Americans Shot

DUNSMUIR, Cal., Aug. 14. (AP)—Wong Kee, a Chinese, ran amuck here to-day and after shooting and seriously wounding three men, killed himself.

Kee was standing on a corner about 3 o'clock this morning when Herald Packwood, a clerk, and James Kilgore, a brakeman, approached. The Chinese suddenly stepped up to the two, whipped out a revolver and began firing. Packwood dropped with a bullet through his neck and Kilgore was shot through the abdomen.

Leaving his victims lying on the pavement, Kee entered a nearby laundry where Wong, Lung, a friend, lay asleep. Placing the gun against Lung's side, Kee pulled the trigger. He then stepped outside and shot himself through the temple, dying instantly.

Authorities have no explanation for the tragedy. Packwood and Lung may die, and Kilgore is in a critical condition.

Plane Dives Into Lake; Pilot Lost

CLEVELAND, O., Aug. 14. (AP)—Search was being made to-day by air and sea for John Kasper, co-pilot of the Thompson Aeronautical Corporation Amphibian plane, "Miss Detroit" which fell in Lake Erie near Southeast Shoal late yesterday.

Kasper, alone of the four persons aboard the flying boat when it left Cleveland at 5 P. M. yesterday, was unaccounted for.

Cy Caldwell, pilot; C. A. Lupole, Wright Aeronautical Association engineer of Patterson, N. J., and Mrs. Robert Little of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, were rescued by passing steamers.

Stillwell, Shippers Confer At Fresno

FRESNO, Aug. 14.—Ed Stillwell, manager of the California Vineyardists Association Clearing House, returned in San Francisco this morning after conferring late yesterday with members of the clearing house of the Fresno district on shipping problems.

The shippers decided on meetings every Friday evening at 8 o'clock at the Hotel Fresno during the shipping season.

17 War Mothers Poisoned By Food

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 14.—(AP)—Seventeen persons were recovering to-day following hospital treatment for ptomaine poisoning, the result of partaking of a luncheon served under the auspices of the Los Angeles Chapter of American War Mothers. Physicians said none was dangerously ill. Health authorities were attempting to discover which of the food stuffs served had caused the attacks.

Convicted

COLUMBUS, O., Aug. 14.—(AP)—Dr. James H. Snook, former university professor, was found guilty of murder in the first degree without a recommendation of mercy for the killing of Thora Hix, university co-ed, by a jury in Franklin County court to-day after thirty-eight minutes deliberation.

A verdict of first-degree murder without mercy recommendation carries the death penalty.

DR. JAMES SNOOK

GIRL FIENDISHLY SLAIN; BODY IS FOUND IN SACK

Minneapolis Child Brutally Attacked By Moron; Rivals Hickman's Crime

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Aug. 14 (AP)—Dorothy Aune, a 12-year-old Minneapolis Junior High School girl, was found murdered in a street gutter here to-day under circumstances which vividly recalled the brutal murder two years ago of a Los Angeles child, for which Edward William Hickman paid with his life.

Tightly bound with wire and thrust into two gunnysacks, the body of the child was found by William Stoakes and W. C. Hoag, icemen.

One coarse sack was pulled over the head of the body and another over the feet and legs. Wire was wrapped about the sacks.

Immediately upon their gruesome discovery Stoakes and Hoag notified police and the body was removed to the morgue for examination.

Dorothy, the daughter of Andrew W. Aune, a carpenter, had been missing since 4 P. M. Tuesday, when she left home on an errand to a nearby grocery store.

It was assumed the child was kidnaped, as Hickman kidnaped little Marion Parker, a Los Angeles school girl, possibly assaulted, murdered and thrown into the street.

Until the coroner has made a report on his examination of the body the full nature of the fiendish murderer's actions will not be known.

Dorothy was described as an exceptionally brilliant child. She was an "A" pupil last year in Roosevelt Junior High School.

Intensive Manhunt

Police immediately began one of the most thorough manhunts in the history of Minneapolis for a "bald

(See FINDING, Page 2, Col. 4)

Bank Bandit Mate Of Woman Lawyer; Confesses Holdup

OAKLAND, Cal., Aug. 14. (AP)—Allen C. Herbert, under arrest in connection with the robbery of an Oakland bank, told police to-day that he is the husband of a prominent New York woman attorney.

Herbert admitted the robbery, which took place yesterday, according to the police statement.

He said that his wife was Rosalind Herbert, 708 East Fifth Street, Brooklyn, New York. The couple have two children, according to his statement. Herbert is a war veteran.

Herbert was arrested as the culmination of a wild chase by police in which his car was wrecked. Lorraine Cordon Booth, his girl companion who is now in the hospital as a result of the smash, was exonerated in his confession of complicity in the robbery.

FLAPPER FANNY SAYS

When relatives drop in too often there's a falling out.

TEXAS VILLAGES WIPED OUT BY FLOOD TORRENT

Virtually Every Building In Two Rio Grande Towns Swept Away

RESIDENTS HELPLESS AS HOMES ARE LOST

Mighty Wall Of Water Rushes Down Through Winding Valley

SANTA FE, N. M., Aug. 14.—(AP)—The levee at San Marcial, New Mexico, broke this morning, and as the flood waters of the Rio Grande raced through the gap all of the buildings in San Marcial with the exception of the Harvey Hotel and the Santa Fe depot were swept away.

This report was made by the state bureau of public health from Mrs. Fitch, vice-president of the Socorro Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Dr. George Luckett, state health director, and Miss Hodson, supervising nurse, left immediately for San Marcial.

ENORMOUS DESTRUCTION

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Aug. 14.—(AP)—A comprehensive account of the major floods which have roared through the fertile Rio Grande Valley to devastate several towns and hundreds of acres of crops was obtained to-day by the United Press and the Albuquerque State Tribune which sent an airplane over the stricken area.

It is a story of enormous destruction, of ruined homes and desperate workers.

The Rio Puerco and Salada Rivers, ordinarily dry, flinty creekbeds, were raging torrents, pouring their muddy waters into the already overflowing Rio Grande which staggers down through the winding valley.

The town of San Acacia was in ruins. Buildings either had collapsed or had been swept away by the pounding waters which rushed through the streets. Its citizens stood helpless and unprotected on a series of hills to the south.

Other Cities Inundated

San Antonio was almost as badly off. Water stood in great lakes in the streets. They gradually were getting larger, as the water seeped through the weakened levee, only breach between the town and complete destruction.

With all ranches in the vicinity isolated and with communication disrupted, there can be no accurate estimate of the damage.

BRONTE SEEKING ENDURANCE MARK

Pacific Flier, Companion Make Second Attempt For Air Record

LONG BEACH, Aug. 14 (AP)—Seeking to bring the non-refueling endurance flight record to the United States, Emory Bronte and Jack Reid took off in a cabin model monoplane at 6:04 A. M. to-day, seeking to better the mark of sixty-five hours and twenty-five minutes held by two German fliers.

The craft, powered by a 300-horsepower Whirlwind motor and carrying 850 gallons of gasoline, lifted its wheels from the municipal airport and headed south after a run of approximately 3000 feet. The load of 10,000 pounds made circling dangerous, so the fliers headed for San Diego, expecting to return when the fuel supply had been sufficiently consumed to decrease the poundage.

A previous attempt a few days ago ended shortly after the takeoff when the motor became overheated. Chief Pilot Bronte was a member of the Bronte-Smith combination which first flew from Oakland to Hawaii.

Guardsman Killed As Gun Misfires

CAMP TRUMBULL, NIANTIC, Conn., Aug. 14.—(AP)—One national guardsman was killed and two others seriously injured when an explosion occurred when the sunrise gun misfired.

Peter T. Alnskowich, 20, of Branford, private first class, died shortly after the accident.

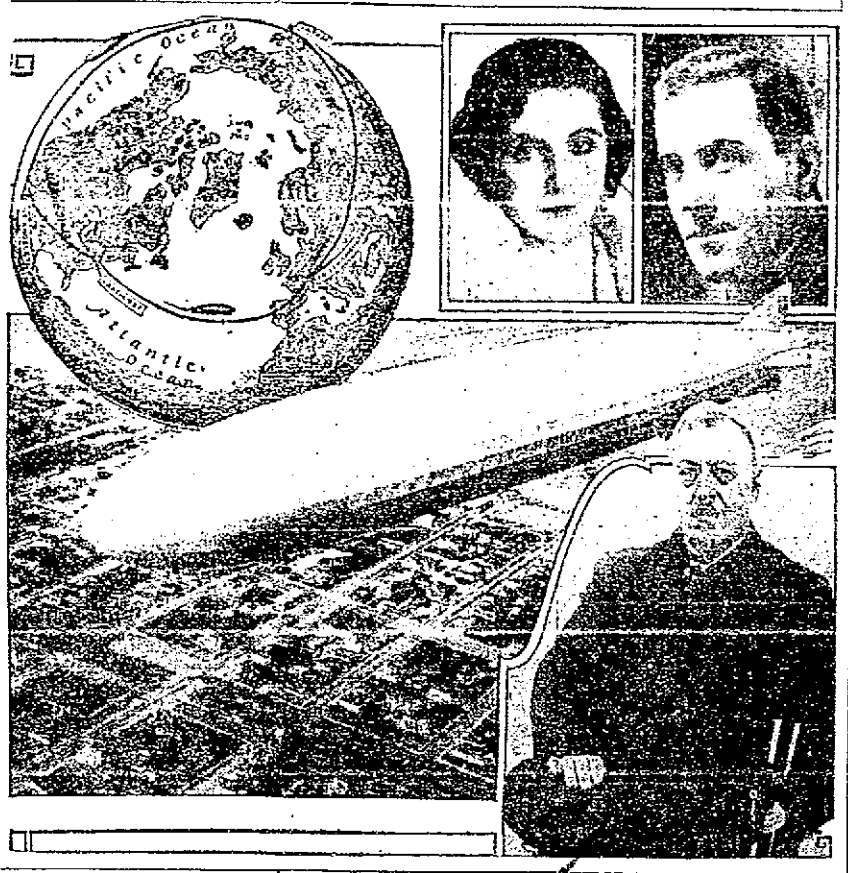
U. S. Missionary Freed By Bandits

MOQUAH, Wis., Aug. 14.—(AP)—The parents of Henry Wesche, Ashland, Wis., missionary reported captured by Chinese bandits, to-day received a message from the National Holiness Association of Chicago saying that he had been freed.

Wesche was captured near Tsinan-fu.

Ready For Flight Around The World

Trans-Atlantic flying having become too tame, Commander Hugo Eckener (below) will take his mighty dirigible, the Graf Zeppelin, on a trip around the world, leaving Friedrichshafen, Germany, at 10:30 P. M. (eastern standard time). The passengers number 22 and will include Lady Drummond Hay and Joachim Richard, both of whom have made previous crossings in the Graf. The proposed route is shown on the world map below.



Municipal Pool Plans Turned Down By Voters

Enslen Proposal Killed By Vote Of 637 To 288; But 118 Favored Locating Project In Beard Brook Park; 807 Opposed

VOTERS of Modesto yesterday rescinded an ordinance calling for the construction of a municipal swimming pool in Enslen Park and rejected a proposed ordinance for placing a city plunge in Beard Brook Park. As there was no alternative offered, the city pool plan is killed.

Less than an 18 per cent vote was cast. Of the city's approximate 5300 registration, 950 persons balloted.

Both Proposals Beaten

The vote on the proposed ordinance for the repeal of the measure adopted at the April 9 municipal election, which provided for construction of a plunge in Enslen Park, was:

Yes 637, No 288.

On the proposed ordinance calling for the appropriation of funds with which to build a municipal pool in Beard Brook Park, the vote was:

Yes 118, No 807.

The largest precinct vote cast was at Precinct No. 1, 133 Poplar Avenue, near Enslen Park.

At this polling place the vote was 191 against the Enslen Park site and 78 for it.

Forty-eight favored the Beard Park site and and 221 and were against it at this precinct.

Pool Opposed

At none of the city's eight precincts was the vote in favor of a pool at either site.

Persons including numbers of residents near Enslen Park started a movement for another election on the swimming poor proposition after the voters on April 9 had expressed themselves as favoring it.

The opponents circulated petitions and obtained signatures totaling more than 25 per cent of the total vote cast in April These petitions made mandatory the calling of another election by the city council.

At the April election, the vote was 1215 to 893 for construction of a municipal swimming pool. The site was designated on the ballot as Enslen Park. The total vote at that election was 2241.

Bandits Captured After $7400 Holdup

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Aug. 14.—(AP)—Within an hour after two bandits had held up A. H. McLean and Frank Wiemer, bank messengers, on a downtown street and robbed them of $7400, Sheriff Alfonso Newton, Jr., and two deputies had placed two men under arrest and recovered most of the money.

Here's Vote By Precincts On Pool Election

By precincts, the vote at yesterday's special election at which voters turned down both proposed ordinances affecting the construction of a municipal swimming pool in either Enslen or Beard Brook Park was as follows:

Precinct	Enslen Park Yes	Enslen Park No	Beard Brook Park Yes	Beard Brook Park No	Total
1	191	78	48	221	275
2	99	62	19	149	164
3	89	34	17	106	123
4	58	30	11	79	91
5	29	23	1	59	65
6	57	29	4	79	86
7	55	10	6	60	67
8	59	22	9	72	81
Totals	637	288	118	807	950

Indemnity Feature Of Bovine Law Will Get Test In Court

SACRAMENTO, Aug. 14 (AP)—The constitutionality of the bovine tuberculosis law section providing for state indemnity for condemned cattle slaughtered is to be tested in the courts, J. P. Iverson, chief of the division of animal industry, has declared. The law, passed by the last legislature, goes into effect to-morrow.

The state department of agriculture plans to test the new law, particularly its indemnity section, by filing a claim with State Controller Ray Riley for reimbursement of the owner of a slaughtered animal.

Girls' Body Is Found In Auto

CHICAGO, Aug. 14 (AP)—The body of a young woman, throat and abdomen slashed, was found to-day beneath an overturned auto a half mile South of West Chicago.

Slayer's Aide In Crime May Be Executioner

HAVANA, Aug. 14.—(AP)—Two partners in crime may meet early next year on the garrote platform in the Cuban federal penitentiary, one as executioner; the other to die for the murder of a 61-year-old woman, Emilia Munoz.

A ruling to-day by the supreme court said that Enrique Pineda, sentenced to life term as accomplice in the Munoz slaying and last year named official executioner, must twist the garrote handle in the execution of Zoila Rodriguez, admitted slayer of the old woman.

Rodriguez was arrested at Tampa, Florida, last year after a world-wide search lasting five years. He was returned to Cuba and tried last April.

To-Day's Major League Results

American League

	R.	H.	E.
Washington	11	15	3
Chicago	3	10	3

Batteries: Thomas and Tate; Walsh, McKain and Berg, Crouse.

New York			
Detroit			

Batteries: Pipgras, Zachary, Hoyt, Moore and Dickey; Graham, Prudhomme, Carroll and Shea.

Philadelphia	010 000 200 00
Cleveland	001 010 010 00

Batteries: Grove and Cochrane; W. Miller, Hudlin and L. Sewell.

Boston	000 100
St. Louis	000 000

Batteries: Gaston and Berry; Gray and Schang.

National League

	R.	H.	E.
Cincinnati	1	5	0
Philadelphia	2	6	1

Batteries: May and Sukeforth; Benge and Lerian.

Second game postponed.

Pittsburgh	1	3	1
Boston	0	5	0

Batteries: Petty and Hargreaves; Jones and Leggett.

St. Louis at New York postponed, wet grounds.

Chicago at Brooklyn postponed, rain.

MILWAUKEE, Aug. 14. (AP)—A fire which caused an estimated $500,000 damage to-day swept a group of factory structures and warehouses in Bay View, Milwaukee suburb, to-day.

Zep Hop To Tokyo Set For To-night

Eckener Fixes Time For Start Of Cruise Around The World

WEATHER IMPROVED

Dirigible To Fly Over Berlin Before Striking For Russia

FRIEDRICHSHAFEN, Germany, Aug. 14.—(AP)—Dr. Hugo Eckener announced formally to-night that the Graf Zeppelin would start on its trip to Tokyo at 4:30 A. M. tomorrow (10:30 P. M., Wednesday, E. S. T.). The Zeppelin, he said would fly north to Berlin and thence eastward past Danzig and Koenigsberg.

The engines tuned up, her fuel tanks filled and everything else readjusted, there was little to be done to the huge ship to-day prior to her departure. The officers of the Graf spent most of their time perfecting the system of weather reports and checking all the available information in connection with the meteorological conditions over Siberia.

According to latest information from Central Europe and portions of Siberia, the weather has improved considerably during the last twenty-four hours. Locally it was much warmer, which caused considerable annoyance to the officials of the line and to the officers of the ship.

Dr. Hugo Eckener, commander of the Graf, has been hoping that the weather would be cool when the time came for the journey to begin, because the gas loses its lifting power when warm and the Zeppelin, with a record load, might be unable to rise.

King Gustav There

For a while yesterday it was believed that a new passenger had been added to the list of those going to Tokyo—King Gustav of Sweden. A surprise visit of the king to Friedrichshafen momentarily threw the whole community into excitement and immediately the rumor began going the rounds that the royal visitor was to be among the passengers.

The rumors, however, were promptly denied. It developed that the king was merely summering in the neighborhood, at his wife's castle on Lake Constance.

303,000 TONS IS LATE ESTIMATE OF PEACH YIELD

Slight Increase Shown Over State Report of Last Month

SACRAMENTO, Aug. 14. (AP)—The federal-state crop reporting service estimated yesterday that the total yield of peaches of all varieties this season would amount to 303,000 tons, an increase of 4000 tons compared with the report a month ago. This may be compared with 618,000 tons produced in 1928, and 492,000 tons in 1927.

Clingstone peaches are forecast by the service at 162,000 tons as compared with 414,000 tons in 1928 of which 322,000 tons were canned and 22,000 shipped out of the state or consumed fresh in the state. About 70,000 tons were not utilized.

The total production of freestone peaches is forecast at 141,000 tons the same as reported on July 1, as compared with 204,000 tons in 1928. The elberta harvest is getting under way and, the bureau reported, growers state the percentage of split pits to be heavy in this variety. This condition is attributable to the frost.

Split pits in the tuscan and mid-Summer varieties are reported to have reduced the grade.

3 ARE KILLED IN GUN BATTLE

Two Alleged Bandits Among Victims Of Clash; Women Wounded

SANFORD, N. C., Aug. 14.—(AP)—Three men, two of them alleged bandits, were killed and a woman seriously injured in a gun battle at a filling station on the outskirts of Sanford early to-day.

The dead men are Ola Birdsong and his brother, Lee Birdsong, said to be from some town in Kentucky, and Gaither Edwards, who operated the filling station. Mrs. Edwards is in a hospital here seriously wounded.

Mrs. Beulah Montgomery, who, with her 18-months-old baby was in a car with the Birdsongs, is held by police pending investigation.

The Birdsongs and Mrs. Montgomery drove up to the filling station about 3:30 o'clock this morning, according to Mrs. Edwards. When the men demanded money, Edwards started shooting at them. They returned the fire and when the shooting stopped both of the alleged bandits were dead and Edwards was dying.

Mrs. Edwards was shot as she went to the aid of her husband.

Youths Jailed For Attack On Women

HUTCHINSON, Kas., Aug. 14 (AP)—Two youths, under arrest here in connection with a robbery and attack on two Concordia, Kas., women tourists, to-day were also ordered held for federal investigation concerning the slaying at Phoenix, Ariz., of Paul E. Reynolds, department of justice agent.

The youths, R. L. Bramblett, 18, Athens, Ga., and Russell Pegues, 20, Clarksville, Ark., were ordered detained in connection with the Reynolds slaying by department of justice officials at Kansas City.

Arrest of the prisoners yesterday occurred on a highway near here. A blood-stained pack carried by one of the young men aroused the suspicion of an officer.

MORE VIOLENCE IN CAR STRIKE

Street Railway Tracks At New Orleans Wrecked By Dynamite

NEW ORLEANS, La., Aug. 14.—(AP)—Dynamiting of street car tracks here to-day injected a new element of disorders into strike-torn New Orleans, and brought vigorous orders from Police Superintendent Theodore E. Ray to quell all further disturbances.

Windows of two street cars were shattered by explosions of bombs placed on the tracks of Napoleon Avenue and Laurel Street. While city and federal authorities rushed investigations, reports were received of gun fire upon a bus. No one was injured.

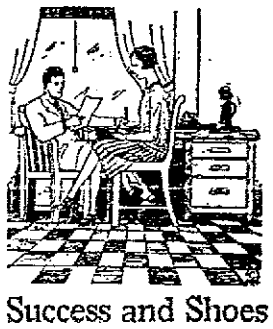
The fresh disorders climaxed a hectic twenty-four hours during which a mob stormed city hall in protest against refusal of the city commission council to remove restrictions from operations of jitney cars. Five persons were shot or clubbed in the subsequent rioting.

Meanwhile, federal, state and city authorities moved rapidly to alleviate a situation described in New Orleans front page newspaper editorials as "a grave crisis."

Girls Admit Plot To Burn Dormitory

ELDRIDGE, Cal., Aug. 14. (AP)—Rigid guard over both boy and girl inmates of the Sonoma State Home for the Feeble-minded was being maintained here to-day, following confession by three girls to setting the second dormitory fire in three days.

Ricardi Poisodo, 20, Los Angeles, said she was the ringleader in the second plot, according to Superintendent F. O. Butler. The other girls are Rose Serna, 16, and Juanita Rodriguez, 17, both of Oakland.



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