

Ex-Convict Seized in Heiress Slaying

CALIFORNIA FORECAST
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HITLER RAIDER LOOSE NEAR PANAMA CANAL

IN THE NEWS

WHEN Ivan the Terrible died he had messed things up in Russia to such an extent that they remained messed for many years.

Ivan had killed his eldest son for having a mind of his own.

So there succeeded to throne the younger son, Theodore, who had no mind of his own and who, even his father said, was "more fit to be a bell ringer in a convent than a Czar."

In point of fact, Theodore was too much of a weakling even to make a good bell ringer.

When Theodore died—which was the only definite thing he ever did—Michael Romanov was elected Czar.

Michael was an immediate relative of Anastasia Zakharina-Koshkina, Romanov, young noble lady whom Ivan IV had selected, as we remember, from among many beautiful virgins to be his first wife.

Thus began the reign of the Romanovs.

BUT Michael was a weakling as well as Theodore.

And for a long century Russia was ruled by such a succession of weaklings, and the Church was involved in such a series of schismatic discussions and divisions, that "the people began at last to believe that the end of the world was approaching."

The savior of Russia from this demoralizing condition was Peter the First, later deviously known as "The Great."

Peter's father was the Czar Alexis Romanov.

Alexis was a weakling, and had many weakling children by his first wife, most of whom died.

Then his wife died.

Whereupon Alexis determined to take and did take for his second wife Natalia Naryshkina, a woman of the people, full of health and vigor.

She became the mother of Peter, and as men inherit their character from their mothers, this "woman" of obscure family must be held

SUSPECT HELD IN KILLING OF L. A. HEIRESS

Ernest G. Booth, 43, former convict author of mystery thrillers and recently a Hollywood scenarist, was booked on suspicion of murder last night in investigation of the bludgeon slaying Saturday of Mrs. Florence Stricker, 42-year-old heiress.

Well-groomed, graying, and nonchalantly protesting his innocence, Booth was arrested after a day-long "stakeout" at his home at 1663 North Van Ness avenue by Detective Lieutenants Pat Murphy, B. G. Anderson and Eddie Romero.

Booth's wife, Mrs. Valverde Booth, was booked on suspicion of burglary at Lincoln Heights jail.

STAINS ON SHOES

Major developments in the mystery murder case included:

1. Police declared they found in Booth's home a pair of shoes bearing stains that may be blood, according to Police Chemist Ray Pinker. They also found two .32-caliber pistols, both fully loaded.
2. Assertion by police that Booth, a friend of Mrs. Stricker and her husband, Dr. George H. Stricker, druggist, physician, failed to keep a dinner engagement with them Saturday night, when Dr. Stricker discovered his wife's body in a closet of their home at 2183 Moreno avenue.
3. Further assertion by police that Booth was "financially embarrassed" and that they could not check a period of three hours Saturday morning which he said he had spent in reading at the beach a manuscript on which he had been working with Dr. Stricker.
4. Officers, meanwhile, were seeking another mystery suspect, a lawyer reported to have been harrowing residents of the swank Silver Lake district near the Stricker home since last June.
5. To be questioned today were some 20 friends, acquaintances and former neighbors of the Strickers.

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Lindbergh Attack on Jews Protested

NEW YORK, Sept. 14.—(Special to the Los Angeles Examiner)—Americans in all walks of life and of all religious beliefs raised their voices in protest today over the effort to inject the racial issue into the campaign to keep this country out of war.

Catholics, Protestants and Jews alike joined in reproving Charles A. Lindbergh for his Des Moines speech of Thursday night in which he charged that "the three most important groups which have been pressing this country toward war are the British, the Jewish and the Roosevelt Administration."

Scores of persons were interviewed and all felt the reflection on the Jewish people was worthy and that the attempt to stir up race hatreds was un-American.

Particularly unfortunate at this time were Mr. Lindbergh's remarks considered because of the tense international situation.

The comments of those interviewed follow:

STATEMENT FROM FORMER GOVERNOR ALFRED E. SMITH: "I greatly regret that Colonel Lindbergh has seen fit to inject anti-Semitism into his campaign against our foreign policy. It strikes at the very basis of our national unity and, if spread, would certainly be followed by most un-American elements in our population. We have always been able to live in peace and cooperation with all Americans, including Jews, and all other races and religious groups and I am among the many who will fight any movement to make this country believe otherwise."



ALFRED E. SMITH

Free Speech Abused, Says Dewey

Abuse of the right of freedom of speech in this country was charged to Charles A. Lindbergh by District Attorney Thomas E. Dewey today when he declared that the injection of religious or racial matters in discussion of domestic or foreign policy was a challenge to freedom.

The New York County prosecutor's comment on Lindbergh, which was made before 2500 Orange County Republicans holding a picnic in historic half-mile track at Goshen, N. Y., was released here by Lemoyne Jones, Mr. Dewey's secretary.

"Charles A. Lindbergh, in a national broadcast, injected religious and racial prejudice into a discussion of our foreign policy," said Mr. Dewey, "that, I declare, is an inexcusable abuse of the right of freedom of speech which 130,000,000 Americans, regardless of their views, will wholly reject.

"When the religion or race of any individual or group is made a part of the discussion of domestic or foreign policy, that is a challenge to our freedom."

Mr. Dewey emphasized that in a period such as this, our institutions and freedoms are challenged both from within and without. He said that it was particularly important that we remember that in our private conversations,

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MANY SHIPS MISSING ON PACIFIC LANES

BALBOA Canal Zone, Sept. 14.—(TNS)—The Panama American tonight published a sensational story claiming that an Axis raider was hovering off the Pacific end of the Panama Canal, sinking without trace vessels en route to and from the canal.

The article was carried under the headline: "Raider Sinks Canal Zone Shipping."

British and Dutch Ships Overdue

WASHINGTON, Sept. 14.—The Navy Department tonight announced that it has received information to indicate that there may be an Axis raider, believed to be German vessel, operating in Pacific shipping lanes leading to the Panama Canal, and possibly in the vicinity of the Galapagos Islands.

The Navy was without positive confirmation and lacked details. Reports from Panama City from sources there that the Navy were that several British and Dutch ships headed for the Pacific Canal port were overdue there, but these reports lacked any official confirmation here.

The Navy's reports followed similar advices received Thursday by New York shipping circles which reported that a raider had sunk the Dutch motorship Kota Nopan and threatened other vessels in the Pacific some 1000 miles west of the Panama Canal.

HUNT POSSIBLE

Whether the Navy's information had led to the assignment of warships to hunt down the raider, in pursuance of the policy announced by President Roosevelt in his radio address Thursday night, was not disclosed in line with the Navy's secrecy on its operations and ship movements. It could be assumed, however, that reports would be thoroughly investigated.

The 722-ton Kota Nopan, with a crew of 48 and accommodations for 12 passengers, was said in New York to have been en route to the United States by way of the canal with a cargo of rubber, tin and palm oil from Batavia.

Reds Claim 20,000 Foe Slain at Odessa

Finn Chief Bans Separate Peace

HELSINKI, Sept. 14.—(AP)—Finland has declared this nation is Germany's ally "only by accident and will not continue the war any longer than Finnish interests demand."

In a broadcast to the nation Yrjo Tanner, minister of trade and communications and leader of the dominant Social Democratic Party denied, however, that Finland would make a separate peace with Soviet Russia.

"The Finns are no party to a great war," said Tanner. "It is for us an entirely defense war, a defensive war with the aid of which we desire to secure our frontiers and a lasting peace. Whatever is needed to secure this must be done, but there our task also ends."

Tanner branded all rumors about peace negotiations with Russia as absolutely unfounded and described such rumors as an attempt, to "sow dissension among us" and thus ease the military situation of the U. S. S. R., both on the St. Petersburg (Leningrad) front and the Murmansk railway sector.

"The Finns not only have not the slightest confidence in the Kremlin rulers, who have broken all previous agreements, but since the Soviets will lose the war with Germany a peace concluded with her would mean nothing," he asserted.

"So far as Finland is concerned the war has gone off unexpectedly well," he declared what he called foreign propaganda to misrepresent Finland's internal situation.

"In two months" he went on, "victorious Finnish armies have recaptured more than the Soviet Union was able to take in more than three months of war, plus the ensuing dictated peace."

The Finns never wanted warlike adventures, he said, and even now they hope fervently for peace but since "barbarous and expansionist Russia is a neighbor our frontiers are still insecure and it is probably essential that we should render areas beyond it safe in a military sense."

"Before that there is no possibility of concluding peace with anybody," he added.

Insisting that Finland remains the same democratic, liberty-loving nation engaged in defending her independence, Tanner further deplored "that the great democracies of the west show no understanding whatsoever."

Launching a 2,000,000,000-marka domestic bond loan—the greatest in Finnish history, Premier Kukka Rangell told the nation that not only a fighting army but also a hard working people, he asserted.

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Rains Hinder Nazi Drives on Moscow, Leningrad

Wholesale slaughter of 20,000 Rumanian troops by Soviet defenders of Odessa and recapture of three towns by a part of the Red army in the Leningrad sector were highlights of Russia's claims yesterday, while Nazi sources countered they were closing in to tighten the noose around besieged Leningrad, but admitted the defenders were resisting tenaciously.

Annihilation of the vast number of Rumanians was claimed when renewed fighting was said to have flared up on the approach to the port of Odessa.

Thrown in to fill big gaps ab ready form in their ranks in a month of hostilities, the Rumanian reinforcements were reported to have been moved down mercilessly during the last 10 days, while other "thousands" had fallen prisoner.

PLANES LOST

In the opposite extreme of the 2000-mile battle front, where rains and some snow are falling steadily, troops under Marshal Klemet Vorooshilov struck back to regain three strategic villages on the approaches to Leningrad.

This was done despite Germany's Luftwaffe hurling "every available plane" into the gigantic assault on the approaches to the vital northern city, declared the "gruward" for Nazi planes, tanks and men.

In each successive lunge at the defense of Leningrad, the Luftwaffe was said to be losing scores of machines and their crews. One Red air force squadron alone claimed to have knocked out 35 Nazi planes over the tumultuous sector.

With the weather also hindering the all-out offensive of the Luftwaffe were described as "falling by the Nazi army's hands" from the sky.

Efforts by the Red air force to challenge the all-out offensive of the Luftwaffe were described as "falling by the Nazi army's hands" from the sky.

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Russian 'Living Bombs' Sink 12 Nazi Transports

STOCKHOLM, Sept. 14.—(INS)—A second successive German attempt to land a huge force at the Soviet Baltic naval base of Kronstadt has been repulsed, the Russian radio said tonight, stating that the effort cost the Nazis 12,000 men and valuable equipment loaded aboard transports that were rammed and sunk by Red "suicide flyers."

This sea-borne assault on Kronstadt, which lies on a fortified island 39 miles west of Leningrad, was staged during Saturday night, according to the Russian radio announcer who said 12 fully-laden German ships were sent to the bottom of the Gulf of Finland by Russian "living bombs."

The "living bombs," the announcer explained, consisted of old planes jammed with high explosives and manned by pilots who volunteered to plunge to their deaths.

The pilots, it was added in this strange account given over the Soviet wireless, merely dived down to crash squarely upon the decks or sides of the German transports, causing tremendous explosions in which the Russian flyers perished along with their prey.

Twelve such volunteer pilots, the radio said gave their lives to sink 12 of the Nazi transports.

Lew Jenkins Hurt in Cycle Crash

LITTLE FERRY, N. J., Sept. 15 (Monday)—(INS)—Lew Jenkins, lightweight boxing champion, was seriously injured here early today when the motorcycle he was driving at a high speed smashed into a traffic station.

BULLETINS

MOSCOW, Sept. 15.—(INS)—Baselan emigrants' committee in Shanghai, was assassinated today.

BERLIN, Sept. 15.—(INS)—A British transport vessel of 10,000 or 12,000 tons was sunk by German bombers off the east coast of England during the night, according to an official German announcement today.

SHANGHAI, Sept. 15.—(INS) Apparently for political reasons, N. A. Ivanov, head of the White

King Won't Dance Until Nation Free

LONDON, Sept. 14.—(AP)—Youngful King Petar of Yugoslavia has given up dancing until his country has been freed.

He disclosed his decision when asked to join hundreds of young British and Allied officers and their escorts at a wedding dance of an officers' Sunday club.