



'Mad Bomber' Search Ends

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Tornado Kills Eight Persons

GANS, Okla. — Eight persons were killed today by an out-of-season tornado that smashed this tiny farm community near the Arkansas border before dawn. Two families were hardest hit, one counting four dead and the other three dead. At least a dozen other persons were injured. Two other twisters struck in eastern Oklahoma, destroying some property but there were no casualties. The National Guard, Highway Patrol and county officers rushed to Gans, which has a population of about 600. Six houses were demolished including those of the victims who

were still sleeping when the twister swooped down through heavy-laden clouds. A tornado forecast had been issued for the area by the U. S. Weather Bureau as a cold front from the northwest swept into Oklahoma. Yesterday record highs in the 70s for this time of year were reported. **TWO OTHERS** The two other twisters were at Warner and Okotoma. The dead, all from Gans or the immediate area. Joe Johnson, 60, C. J. Johnson, 14, his son, Mickey Johnson, 15, another son, Jimmy Meeks, 34, Ted Jenkins, 47, Norma Jenkins, 47, his wife, Bonnie Jenkins, 14,

their daughter, Darrel Jenkins, 7, their son. Among the dozen persons brought to hospitals at Ft. Smith, Ark., about 15 miles away, were Mrs. Leora Meek, wife of the dead man, Lena Mae Meek, 8, and Loretta Meek, 2, believed to be their children. The tornado hit as cloud bursts soaked the eastern area of the state with as much as 3/4 inches of rain falling in a short time. Mrs. E. F. Shore, who lives three miles west here, said the storm awakened her about 6 a.m. as it passed near her home. **WEST DAMAGE** Most of the damage to homes were on the west side of Gans, she said. "We saw three homes there completely demolished, and they found one youngster six blocks away from his home," Mrs. Shore reported. She was apparently the only person whose telephone service was not knocked out in Gans or "the surrounding area. Electricity also was disrupted. Ambulances took the dead and injured to Salisbury and Fort Smith hospitals. Roads into the town were blocked to keep unauthorised persons from the stricken area. Mrs. Shore reported congestion due to automobiles and persons flocking to view the damage before road blocks were set up.

'Honest Girl . . .'

Ex-Official Tells Of Montesi Morals

VENICE, Italy — Saverio Polito, a former Rome police chief now a defendant in Italy's hottest postwar scandal trial, testified today "Wilma Montesi was an honest girl" and a virgin. A grey, chubby 76-year-old man considered one of the nation's toughest cops, Polito wept as he addressed a three-judge court on Wilma's seaside death almost four years ago. "I swear on my honor I have never meddled in this case," Polito declared in a trembling voice. He admitted having met Montesi several times. Montega and Polito are among the top defendants in 15 persons accused of direct involvement in giving false testimony in Wilma's case. Another is Giampiero Piccioni, 36, jazz pianist son of a former Italian foreign minister. Piccioni denied today the charge that he contributed to Wilma's death "by abandoning her, believing her already dead, at the edge of the sea." He testified he had never met her and said he could not have been involved in her death because he was vacationing 140 miles away. He said Italian movie actress Alida Valli and others crashed to a concrete runway of Idelfeld. The plane was demolished and Adler was dead. **DENIES REPORT** He denied trying to hush up the findings of a preliminary inquiry and said "We have never found anything to make us think the death of Wilma Montesi was to be considered a crime." Polito said he did not personally conduct the preliminary inquiry into the death of the black-haired, 22-year-old party girl found on the sands of Ostia Beach in April 1953, but merely signed the reports of his investigators. They classed it as accidental drowning, but accusations subse-

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'Lost Lover' Kills Self in Plane Crash

NEW YORK — Defeated in love, a young airline mechanic's helper penned a suicide letter declaring "I am really nuts." Eight hours later he crashed to his death Saturday night in a \$100,000 airplane. "They'll never be able to stop me once I get on the runway," wrote 30-year-old Allan Adler of Brooklyn. **PLANS DETAILED** The two-page semilitarized letter outlined in detail Adler's suicide plans. It was written Saturday morning but never mailed. His intended receiver, Adler's cousin in the Air Force. A Civil Aeronautics Board official, investigating the crash at Idlewild Airport, found it yesterday in Adler's locker in the hangar of Pan American World Airways. Adler's employer for 14 months. Adler told his friend, 17-year-old Daniel O'Leary of Brooklyn, who is stationed at the Lackland Air Force Base, Tex. "If I were you I wouldn't feel too bad about my dying because I don't & anyway you wouldn't want to go with a crazy guy — and I am really nuts. . . . Right now my hand is shaking like a leaf and I ain't scared because I always wanted to 'check off' with a girl friend named Lynn but planned to see her just once more because you see I might when I go to work I won't be coming back home any-

more — you know what I mean by that. . . . I've think this thing out real carefully and logically. . . . That night, Adler stole out before the hangar where he worked and jumped into a twin-engine DC3 owned by his employer and received clearance from the tower and took off. The plane climbed to an altitude of 200 feet before crashing to a concrete runway of Idlewild. The plane was demolished and Adler was dead. **DIDN'T KNOW GIRL** Before young Adler's letter was found, his parents said they thought their son's childhood desire to be an airline pilot prompted the unauthorized flight. They were surprised, they said, that he took his life because of the girl named Lynn, a person they never knew. Two of Adler's former girl friends attended his funeral yesterday but neither was named Lynn. At Lackland AFB, O'Leary said Adler broke off the engagement. She was not immediately available for comment. O'Leary said that he had had a premonition that Adler was planning to carry out his threat to kill himself but made it only to dis-

MD Accused Of Causing Drug Addiction

EASTBOURNE, England — A London doctor today accused Dr. John Boddin Adams of turning a rich widow into a dope addict. Testifying for the prosecution at a preliminary hearing, Dr. Michael Ashley examined a list of narcotics which Dr. Adams prescribed for Mrs. Edith Morrell and said: "I'm unable to think of any possible alternative to the conclusion that such medication of either morphine or heroin — or more certainly still when both are taken together — would produce a serious degree of addiction to both these drugs."

ADAMS CHARGED Dr. Adams, 57-year-old bachelor is charged with drugging 81-year-old Mrs. Morrell to death in 1950. The prosecution also alleged that he killed two other patients to reap profit from their wills. The examining magistrates will decide this week whether to commit Dr. Adams to stand trial before a judge and jury. Dr. Adams' counsel demanded that the court impound a notebook belonging to the Scotland Yard detective, Herbert (The Duke) Hannam. The detective arrested the doctor late last year after sitting through the wills of some 300 persons, mostly wealthy women, who died at this genteel English seaside resort. Lawyer Edward Clarke said if the court did not keep Hannam's book of secret notes on the Adams' case it might "mysteriously disappear." "Four prescriptions and one check have already been lost in this case," said the lawyer. "We are reluctant to release this document to an authority which has already lost five relevant documents." Justice David Honeyssett reserved judgment.

Our Weather

Partly cloudy and warm and rather windy this afternoon, tonight and Wednesday with scattered showers and thunderstorms. **Low** this morning . . . 48 **Low** tomorrow morning . . . 56 **High** yesterday . . . 68 **High** tomorrow . . . 65 **Sunrise** today 7:28 a.m.; **sunset** today, 5:41 p.m.

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The Smiling Bomber: George Metesky



Bomber's Sisters, Anna (L) and Mae, Are Told Brother Is Under Arrest

'BEST FELLOW YOU EVER SAW' — 'He Wouldn't Do Anything Like That,' Sisters Insist

WATERBURY, Conn. — George Metesky is a sick man, his two older sisters said today, but they insisted he isn't the "mad bomber" of New York. "Oh, no," said his sister May. "He wouldn't think of doing anything like that." "He's one of the best fellows you ever saw," said his sister Anna. But they said illness got him down and they said he once told them: "My name might as well be on a tombstone." The devoted sisters told how they cared for George after he became ill. They said he suffers from pulmonary tuberculosis, which George claims he contracted after he became gassed while working for the Consolidated Edison Co. in New York City in 1941. It all began, they said, in the

depression in 1931 when George couldn't get a job in Waterbury. He got a job at a Waterbury tool manufacturing firm but had to quit that, too, the sisters said. He went to a sanitarium in Meriden and later to Waterbury Hospital, they said, and finally he was told he'd have to go to Tucson, Ariz., which had a climate that would be more comfortable for him. The sisters said they and his parents paid the bills for three years he spent in Tucson. The money ran out, his parents died and George came back to Waterbury. The sisters said it was then he went to Consolidated Edison to ask for help. But they said the firm would only "string him along." George got a lawyer and instituted a legal suit. For some reason, the sisters said, the suit never got to court. For 23 years, the sisters said, George depended on them for support. They noted, however, that recently they thought "something has been preying on his mind."

'Raw Deal' Given Reason For Crimes

WATERBURY, Conn. — A clean-cut looking man in a blue suit told calmly today of 25 years of suffering and of a tattered boiling up inside him. Then he confessed he is New York's "mad bomber." George Metesky is his name. He's 53, stocky and gray-haired. He said he made a vow a long time ago to go on planting bombs in New York until he either got caught or died. Charged with being a fugitive, Metesky waited extradition in a special City Court session. New York police said he would be held here, under \$100,000 bond, until warrants arrived from New York this afternoon. The judge asked if he understood the proceedings; he replied smartly: "Yes, sir." He was asked if he was willing to waive extradition—that is, agree to be transported to New York to face prosecution—and he answered with a thin smile: "I am, sir."

"This is the man," said New York deputy police commissioner Walter Arm. "We know him by his admissions. Secondly, we know him by a check of his handwriting." **RAW DEAL** Arm said Metesky signed a written statement, saying he never met the man who, because he felt he got a raw deal from the company he used to work for, planted at least 32 bombs in public places in New York City since 1941. Several of the bombs exploded. The toll: 15 persons injured, 10 critically. Arm quoted him as saying he never meant to kill anyone. The commissioner added that Metesky said he planted bombs in New York "whenever he felt like it." In his gold-rimmed eyeglasses, Metesky could well have passed for a school teacher as he went over each bombing one by one with police in Waterbury's police headquarters in all-night questioning. He was awakened from his bed shortly after midnight and taken in. Arm said Metesky held a years-long grudge against the Consolidated Edison Co. of New York. **CONTRACTED TB** Metesky said he contracted pulmonary tuberculosis after he was gassed while working at the firm's Hell Gate plant in New York in 1931, according to Arm. He claimed the company refused to take care of him and that was the reason he planted the homemade bombs, Arm said. Among the first bombs to explode were some on Consolidated Edison property. The bombings date back to 1940, police said. Metesky was placed on company compensation roles in 1941. Police now said letters accompanying the bombings were letters complaining the "mad bomber" never was compensated for crippling injuries sustained on the job. They were signed "F. P."

Police Used Full Cast On 'Bomber'

NEW YORK — New York police staged what was probably their greatest manhunt of all time in trying to snare the "mad bomber." To the last man, the 23,000-member force has been dedicated for weeks to the job—a task which at times seemed one of agonizing futility. It finally got so hopeless that the police department reversed a long-standing rule in the case and took a step seldom employed. It appealed for public help. And this, high officials said today, was the move that cracked the case. The department released to newspapers and other news agencies practically every scrap of information obtained in more than 16 years of futile investigation. The publicity aroused tremendous public interest and a newspaper, the New York Journal-American, published a series of front-page appeals to the banker to come forward. Presently the newspaper began to receive letters from the bomber, containing fresh details of his grievance against New York's Consolidated Edison Co. **ALL NEEDED** They also provided the information needed to nail the man. Although early letters and cards written by the bomber had made references to Consolidated Edison, police had combed the utility's files without gaining a single clue. With the letters to the Journal-American, they went back to the task with renewed vigor. Yesterday as officers concentrated on files of employees who had been injured, they came across one which had never before been examined. This proved so promising that four detectives were sent to Connecticut to check up on the man. A few hours later, 33-year-old George Metesky was arrested. Police said he admitted the bombings. Seldom in the history of New York has a case proved such a torment to police. For years officers didn't dare to give out any more information than necessary. For one thing, they feared they might tell too much and spoil their chance of catching the bomber. For another, the bomber appeared to thrive on publicity. Every line one of his bombs made headlines in the papers it seemed to inspire him to fresh deeds. It was a continuing fear of po-

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Half-Pound Egg Called The Biggest

Farmer R. C. Bradford of Davidson walked into the Mecklenburg farm agent's office today with the biggest chicken egg anybody around had ever heard of. It measured nine and one-fourth inches in circumference and weighed exactly half a pound. Farm Agent George Hobson gaped and called in poultry agent John Crawford for a consultation. Then they issued their verdict. "It's the biggest egg we've ever seen." Mr. Bradford said the monster egg was a product of a "Sex Link" chicken, a cross between a Rhode Island Red and a Barred Rock. It's weight is the equivalent of four "large" commercial eggs. "A huge egg made Mr. Bradford mighty proud but he doesn't know which of his 800 hens to single out for the honors. Select Foremost Milk Products at your favorite store.—Adv.

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Evening Prayer

Heavenly Father, this day we bring all our problems to Thee. Help us to have complete trust in the leadings of the Holy Spirit. Use us in Thy service, to Thy name's honor and glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.