



Complications

CANNES, France (AP)—An attending physician said today that film producer Jack L. Warner has developed "serious pulmonary complications" after the automobile accident in which he suffered severe head and chest injuries.

Long Distance

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP)—A lightning-swift Boreas interceptor missile was launched against a simulated enemy aircraft.

Balloon Falls

CROSBY, Minn. (AP)—A mammoth balloon failed today in an attempt to reach the edge of space and floated to earth 75 miles southeast of its launching site. The unmanned balloon reached an altitude of about 60,000 feet with its cargo of a monkey and several other animals, then ruptured.

Nehru On Alert

NEW DELHI (AP)—Prime Minister Nehru indicated today he would crack down on India's only Communist government, in Kerala State, if the Reds show signs of overwhelming their Democratic opponents.

Miller Wins

WASHINGTON (AP)—The U.S. Court of Appeals today struck down the contempt of Congress conviction of playwright Arthur Miller, 42, husband of actress Marilyn Monroe.

New Musical

LONDON (AP)—Dmitri Shostakovich, the Soviet Union's greatest living composer, of serious music, written a musical comedy, Moscow radio said today his first effort at light music is called "Moscow Chereviki"—artists and writers.

Brighter Side

L. A. Cats
Laws Unto Themselves

(FROM AP REPORTS)
Laws of man do not apply to cats, at least in Los Angeles. Neither do the laws of man apply to cats, at least in Los Angeles. Cats, the city attorney said, are not subject to the leash law, may not be trapped, and are accused of trespassing and may fight at will.

Bit Of Exercise

It may be they wanted a bit of exercise. At any rate, Alvin Karpis of Belleville, N. J., told police that for the second time in five days some muscular fellows apparently had carried his small, light car from his driveway to his neighbor's.

Postage Due

A letter received at the Kansas City post office bore an old six-cent air mail stamp and this notation on the envelope: "There's a penny inside to pay the extra postage." Sure enough, clerks could feel the coin through the envelope, but they sent the letter toward its destination stamped "Postage due."

Our Weather

Partly cloudy today, tonight and Friday with widely scattered thundershowers Friday. Low this morning—72. Low tomorrow morning—71. High today—81. High tomorrow—80. Sunrise today 5:37 a.m. Sunset today 7:20 p.m.

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Train Hits 8 Autos

No one was hurt when a derailed freight train bounced along a street in North Philadelphia early today and smashed eight parked cars against poles or against each other. Six of the badly wrecked automobiles are pictured here.

Indiana Shooting

Divorcee Enters Not Guilty Plea

INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—Connie Nicholas was taken in a paddy wagon from General Hospital today to plead innocent to a charge of murdering her straying, married lover a week ago.

Judge Virgil Norris bound her over to the Marion County Grand Jury on a newly filed murder affidavit in the 15-minute hearing in Municipal Court as spectators crowded in behind. A policeman and a nurse helped the 32-year-old rejected divorcee to court today to plead innocent to a charge of murdering her straying, married lover a week ago.

Her right arm was in a sling, her right eye was bandaged, and there was a stab on the right side of her upper lip. She had told police she suffered the injuries in a violent argument with drug executive Forrest T. St. after he emerged from his new girl friend's apartment.

Near the end of the brief hearing, her left hand clenched the courtroom rail, and a nurse brought a chair so she could sit down. When a reporter asked her how she felt, she replied, "See my doctor."

The told you of the brief hearing, she snapped her lawyer, Frank A. Symmes, and she said no more.

Mrs. Nicholas was brought downtown from the hospital with two other patients—another woman with her arm in a sling, and a man. She wore a white blouse and a black skirt. Red-lacquered toenails showed through the open toes of her sandals.

Symmes said she was glad that police released unnamed letters found in her apartment, indicating she had planned suicide as long as four weeks before the shooting. She lay in a coma 60 hours last week after swallowing 75 sleeping capsules.

The lawyer said Mrs. Nicholas believes the letters strengthen her case. "I think 90 per cent of the people are for her," he added. Symmes waived a formal hearing.

—SPINSTER FOLLOWED HIM—

Chase Ends In British Court

LONDON (AP)—David Shadow, who is 30 and married, went to court yesterday to protect himself from the amorous attentions of 31-year-old spinster Joan Croft. He followed him from town to town on her motor scooter and trailed him in bars and hotels. She drove round and round his home until after midnight. She turned up at his office. She hit him on the head with her crash helmet. Salesman Shadow accused the tall, slim Miss Croft of assault and causing a breach of peace.

Burning, Arson Try Connected

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP)—Human torch Frank Kierdorf died today shortly after Michigan Attorney General Paul L. Adams said the Teamsters Union official became a human torch while trying to set fire to a cleaning shop at nearby Flint.

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP)—Michigan Attorney General Paul L. Adams said today he is convinced Teamsters business agent Frank Kierdorf became a human torch while trying to set fire to a cleaning shop at nearby Flint.

Adams and other investigators told newsmen that Kierdorf's story that he was abducted and set afire Sunday night by two assailants he didn't know was falling apart.

The attorney general said a witness whose identity was not disclosed told him he viewed agonized and heard anguished cries from inside the fiery building. The witness reportedly was being held in protective custody at a secret location.

Adams told his second news conference today he believes the witness' story is true.

KIERDORF IN COMA

Kierdorf lapsed into a coma today at the Pontiac Hospital into which he staggered, charred from head to toe, Sunday night. The 56-year-old teamsters official, burned over 85 per cent of his body, was not expected to live.

Doctors said he has developed kidney and chest complications which prevent him from offsetting some of the poisons in his system.

Adams linked the burning with an explosion and fire Sunday night at the Latreille Cleaners at Flint. The fire was reported at 11 p.m. Kierdorf staggered into the hospital at Pontiac, 30 miles away, at 1 a.m. Monday.

Adams said he would not discuss possible motives.

Adams entered the investigation yesterday at the request of Gov. G. Mennen Williams.

NIGHT QUESTIONING

Adams, who questioned witnesses throughout the night, said, "We are left with the following theories. That this was an organized attempt as part of Kierdorf's union activity, or he did it on his own."

The witnesses included operators of several dry cleaning establishments that were dynamited.

George W. Latreille, owner of the burned cleaners, told newsmen he had been contacted several years ago by union men about the possibility of organizing his workers, but nothing came of it.

Latreille said his employees are not organized and that he has not had any trouble. He did not identify which union had sought to organize his employees.

Kierdorf refused to answer police questions for nearly 15 hours after he staggered into the hospital. Finally, his uncle, Herman Kierdorf, 68, helped police work out two false laboratory analyses of the remnants of Kierdorf's clothing showing nothing but water had soaked them.

Die, Many Buried In Tanker Collision



Poppa Grace Ledford, James And Peggy Watch Program On Borrowed TV Set

Months After Crash, Family Still Awaiting Settlement

By JULIAN SCHIEER

News Staff Writer

Two Charlotte families whose personal belongings were wiped out when an Air Force jet crashed into their rented home March 29 are still awaiting Uncle Sam's payment of claims. And it appears they'll have to wait until next year before they collect a penny.

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Newport Flames Battled

NEWPORT, R. I. (AP)—Two tankers—one loaded with 22,000 barrels of gasoline—collided and burst into flames in a dense fog today at the mouth of Newport harbor. A huge Navy firefighting force battled the wild flames hours later.

Six fire-blackened bodies were taken to a funeral home. Twenty-nine crewmen were rescued out of a total of 33 on both vessels. Navy and Coast Guard craft, aided by helicopters, searched the waters for additional survivors.

The dead included Capt. Monteville Eden, skipper of the Gulfoll. There were 39 aboard the Gulfoll and 14 on the S. E. Graham.

The SS Gulfoll, 10,347 tons, was outbound empty from Providence for Port Arthur, Texas, when she struck the port bow of the 250-foot motor tanker S. E. Graham, inbound from Newark, N. J., with nearly 22,000 barrels of gasoline.

Both ships caught fire and were beached while Navy tugs battled dense fog. Hundred lined the shore but saw only heavy black smoke rising from the blazing tankers.

The Gulfoll had a crew of 39 and the S. E. Graham, 12.

PASSED LIGHTSHIP

Frank Powell, 42, who was at the wheel of the S. E. Graham, told newsmen: "We had passed the lightship and were heading into Newport Harbor. Capt. Karl Anderson was on the bridge beside me. It was very foggy and we were running at slow speed. We were about 10 minutes from the lightship when we suddenly saw a tanker on our radar ahead of us."

"The captain sounded the general alarm, and ordered the engines stopped. The tanker, the Gulfoll, hit us on the port bow, just aft of the forecastle. It opened a hole in the hull. There was no explosion. The ship just caught fire and burst into flames."

I ran to get a lifeboat over as the crew came on deck, but the side was so thick we could not see the boat when we launched it. So we all jumped into the water."

He and others were picked up by the Coast Guard cutter Laurel that was near the scene.

The S. E. Graham was pushed around about 1,000 yards from Rose Island Gulfoll was grounded off Fort Adams.

VISIBILITY BETTER

Visibility improved as the morning wore.

Helicopters joined the search for the missing men. Additional cutters were sent to lend a hand.

Lt. Cmdr. Richard Ashman, duty officer at the Newport naval base, said survivors were fire blackened.

One rescuer climbed an anchor chain to board the Gulfoll, then a heavily burned crewman to a rescue ship. "Other Gulfoll survivors," Ashman said, "jumped into the water and swam ashore where they were met by firemen and police. A steady stream of fire-blackened survivors was brought to the Fort Adams dock."

A marine boat has been appointed to investigate the crash.

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Evening Prayer

O Lord, Thou knowest that we have not kept our hearts free from resentment, ill will, rancor, and hatred. With contrite hearts we ask forgiveness. Help us to love not only those who love us, but also those who hate us. We pray in our Redeemer's name. Amen.

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