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POLICE NOW SEEK BARBER AS MURDERER OF DI ROSA

STATE POLICE START PROBE OF MOVIE THEATER BLAZE

Try To Find Out Reason For Panic

State police today started an investigation of Saturday night's fire at the Bijou Theater at 271 Fairfield avenue, in which twelve persons were burned or injured. It is reported that the probe will be most severe, and every effort made to learn the exact conditions existing in the theater at the time of the blaze.

Fire Chief Daniel E. Johnson has completed his investigation, and he gives the theatre officials a clear bill. The booth in which the explosion and fire occurred is said to have been built with the law in every respect. The door through which the flames emerged is thought to have been blown open by the force of the explosion. Had the audience not been thrown into a panic, no one would have been burned or injured, according to Chief Johnson.

Hurt in Stampede. The blaze occurred about 8 o'clock Saturday evening, following an explosion caused by a film being ignited by a spark. Five hundred people who were seated in the theatre at the time, fled for the exits and became panic stricken despite the efforts of several policemen and theatre attendants to calm them. Six were burned when they attempted to pass the machine booth, and six others were hurt in the rush.

The injured taken to St. Vincent's hospital were: Quentin Zalliano, 791 Myrtle avenue, burns on the face and hands; Frank Sarnaacki, 149 Shelton street, burns on the face and hands; Constance Sarnaacki, 235 High street, burns on the face and hands; Robert Campbell, 908 Hancock avenue and Napoleon Hamlin, 235 High street, burns on the face and hands.

WOMAN INHALES FLAMES. Mrs. Josephine Wallace, 911 State street, was taken to the Bridgeport hospital, suffering from inhalation of flames and injuries sustained by being trampled upon in the rush. Irving Dutchky, of 48 Sedgewick street, machine operator, was burned about the face and hands while attempting to extinguish the fire in the

ARMED MEN IN AUTOS KIDNAP NEW YORK GIRL. White Plains, N. Y.—Two automobiles full of armed men kidnaped by a woman, kidnapped Miss Anna King, a New York girl, from a Scarsdale hotel last midnight after a fight in which pistols and a shotgun were used.

During the struggle, another young woman, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Althorn, whose home was invaded, was grazed over the eye by a bullet. The invaders claimed that the King girl was the wife of one of the young men in the party. She was taken away after a cloak had been wrapped around her.

CONGRESS AT LAST PREPARES TO HELP WORLD WAR VETS

Washington—Congress is apparently about to do something at last to compensate the American doughboy for the sacrifices he made in the World War. After months of dilly-dallying and debate "adequate, ample and satisfactory" provisions, in the words of Sen. Penrose, will soon be made for hundreds of thousands of service men.

Can't Freeze Out Norwalk Robins!

South Norwalk.—Despite a drop of two degrees below freezing this morning, the fore-runners of spring, robins and cat-carpollers, were noticed. Robins made their appearance this morning and local weather sharps predict that yesterday's March-like weather will last until next month when balmy summer breezes will prevail.

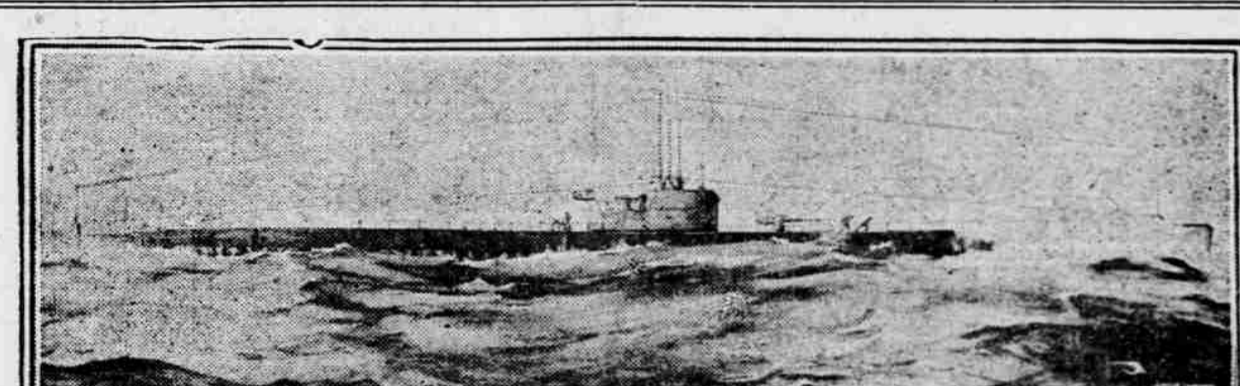
BANKS NOT AFFECTED BY DEPRESSION

The industrial depression has not affected the business of Bridgeport banks, which might be well considered reliable barometers of local trade. A canvass of the financial institutions today disclosed the fact that their business is close to normal and that the decrease in deposits or increase in withdrawals is in small proportionate volume.

The dimensions of the banking business of today is of course well below the standards of the last five years, but bank officials attach but little importance to the fact and claim conditions are the aftermath of the financial deflatory period accompanying and following the war when money and salaries were far out of proportion to normal needs, allowing a material surplus which in the majority of cases started a banking or rainy day fund that still exists.

TODAY'S PROFILE Today's profile and identification will be found on Page six.

Largest Submarine Under Construction



The United States navy has twelve submarines under construction which completely overshadow the famous German U-boat, Deutschland, in size and speed, besides possessing the latest marvels in mechanical equipment. Each of the submarines will cost \$5,000,000. They will be 300 feet long, have a beam of twenty-seven feet and the tonnage will be about 2000.

DeLANEY FLAYS PLAN TO KILL OFF STATE MANIACS

Proposals to create a bill which would allow the state to put hopeless maniacs out of their misery in some merciful manner, will find no supporter in Senator Alexander L. DeLaney. He is thoroughly opposed to any legislative action of this nature, and so expressed himself today.

SAYS MAN SHOULDN'T HAVE POWER.

"I do not believe," said Senator DeLaney, "that insane persons should be dispatched in this fashion. I do not think that the Lord ever intended to give such power to man. Then again we might fall back on the old saying: 'While there is life there is hope.' Medical science may yet find a way to help these unfortunate people. I doubt that the Governor would sign such a bill, even if it were presented to him."

U. S. REFUSED TO CANCEL BIG ENGLISH DEBT

London.—Formal representations were made to the United States government by Basil P. Blackett, controller of finance in the British treasury, for cancellation of the Allied war debt, including the huge sums owed by Allied nations to the United States, but the American government refused.

FREDERICK G. WESCHE GETS SECOND PRIZE

Frederick G. Wesche, 58 Washington Terrace, gets the second prize of \$2 for the best letter identifying Sherlock Holmes, in the "Who Is He?" contest. "Sherlock Holmes is a character unique in fiction," says this contestant. The three prizes of \$1 each are awarded to John Ryan, Capitol avenue, Bridgeport; Henry Dunne, 234 Grove street, Waterbury, and James Browne, Stratford.

VICTIM OF DUEL SAW OWN DEATH DAY BEFORE END

John DiRosa, of 32 Hamilton street, who was stabbed and killed by an unidentified man in a duel on the shores of Berkshire pond Friday afternoon, regarded a local barber as his rival in a love affair, and had threatened to get the man with a knife. He also predicted his own death to a friend Thursday afternoon, but intimated that he would commit suicide. The police are now looking for the barber.

COPS BEAT TWO MEN SEVERELY

Showing more evidence of having been stirred against the police were able to produce of their sinning. Tony Bucchi, of 144 Hallett street and Angelo DeRosa, of 4 Hallett street were arraigned before Judge Frederic Bartlett in city court today charged with breach of the peace.

DI ROSA'S FRIENDS IMMEDIATELY AFTER MURDER.

This information was brought out today during the course of a hearing held by Coroner John J. Phelan. A number of witnesses were examined, but none were able to give any clue as to the identity of the man who fought with DiRosa on the shore of the pond. Detective Sergeant Edward Wheeler, who interviewed several of DiRosa's friends immediately after the murder. Among these were George Amenza, who runs a coffee house in Pembroke street, John Garofalo, of 22 Beach street, Louis Campagna, a shoemaker of 422 Pembroke street, and George Mastro, who roomed with DiRosa at 23 Hamilton street.

DETROIT GIRL AWAITS RETURN OF DEAD AUTHOR'S SPIRIT.

Detroit, Mich.—"I will return to earth." Somewhere in Detroit a young woman, described as of apparent intelligence and refinement, is waiting for some manifestation of this promise made by Prof. Thomas Lynn Bradford, author, lecturer and student of the occult, who Saturday deliberately set out, according to friends on the "great adventure" so he might come back and prove to the world that the dead can communicate with the living.

8,000 DISLOYAL TEACHERS IN U. S. SPREAD RADICALISM

Washington.—There are 8,000 disloyal teachers in educational institutions in the United States who must be removed today in an ancillary administration of the estate of the late Jenny Rothchild, a resident of New York who had a summer residence here. The bulk of the estate is located in New York, although \$8,000 is represented in Bridgeport and Milford banks.

MAY PLACE AUSTRIA UNDER CONTROL OF ALLIED COMMISSION

Vienna.—Austria may become virtually an allied dependency if the proposals of the Interallied Mission which has been investigating Austria's internal conditions are approved by the Austrian and allied governments. The Mission published what purports to be the text of the proposals that will be considered by the Allied Powers at their next conference in London. The details were favorably received by the Austrian people who are losing hope in the ability of the Austrian government to resurrect prosperity within the country. The main conditions of the Interallied Mission are: Austria will be placed under complete supervision by an Interallied financial control commission, having representatives from Great Britain, the United States, France and Italy. In addition large financial concerns which are expected to furnish credits will have representation on the commission.

PROBATE COURT SEES ITS FIRST 'PHOTOED' WILL

The first photographic copy of a will and proceedings to grace the files of the Probate Court were filed today in an ancillary administration of the estate of the late Jenny Rothchild, a resident of New York who had a summer residence here.

SAW DEATH COMING

DiRosa's prediction of his own death was made to Corrado Guccione, (Continued on Page Six.)

HARDING MAY MEET JOHN D.

Ormond Beach, Fla.—John D. Rockefeller, Sr., today told newspapermen who greeted him that they had missed a treat by not attending his church with him yesterday and hearing the sermon. Rockefeller walked to church in company with three friends, making the trip across the long bridge between Ormond Beach and Ormond on foot and at a brisk pace. He smilingly declined to be interviewed explaining that this was due to no lack of kindly feeling toward the press but to long habit and custom. It is possible that Rockefeller and President-Elect Harding may meet on the Ormond golf course today as each is expected to play there.

HELD FOR SPEEDING.

Speeding to New Haven to the bedside of his sick father cost James Vinelli, of the Elm City 425 and costs in the local court today. He was charged with operating a vehicle in Bridgeport yesterday at 50 miles an hour.

WEATHER.

Conditions favor for this vicinity fair, followed by unsettled weather which will probably develop into light rain.