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FATHER AND FIVE BURNED TO DEATH

DIPLOMATS OF EUROPE PLAN A BUSY WEEK-END

Rival Nations Push Efforts to Gain New Allies

London, April 22—(AP)—Europe's diplomats who have been working a week-end in London, Paris and Berlin, are pushing efforts to gain new allies, started another full week-end today.

Diplomatic activity continued in London every European capital despite a relaxation of tension while the speech of Chancellor Adolf Hitler at Germany's next Friday, announcing President Roosevelt, was expected.

London was the center of discussions with Britain reliably reported having accepted as a basis for negotiations a counter-proposal to Soviet Russia for a revival of the world war triple military alliance of Britain, France and Russia.

In Venice, Italy and Yugoslavia were engaged in consultations which informed sources said were aimed at lining up the potentially powerful little Balkan state with the Rome-Berlin axis.

Prime Minister Chamberlain explained on April 3 that his policy was cooperation with any country in resistance to aggression, after Germany had absorbed Czechoslovakia and Memel. He announced a French-British pledge of military assistance to Poland in event she resisted any threat to her independence.

Rumania, Greece Pledge. Similar pledges were announced to Rumania and Greece after Italy occupied Albania, and negotiations were opened with Russia and Turkey.

Establishment of a triple entente, such as Russia proposes, it was believed would include a guarantee to the Soviet against any Japanese attack.

Diplomats also were active in Rumania and Poland, since the agreement of these countries to accept some form of Russian military aid was necessary for the effective isolation of Russia in the French-British front.

Rumania was reported to have decided already that she would not stand in the way of Russia's cooperation.

Discussions continued in Turkey, amounting to cooperation of that nation controlling the passage between the Black sea and Mediterranean, was taken for granted in London.

In Venice, the Italian foreign minister, Count Ciano, began a conference with the Yugoslav foreign minister, Ciano-Markovic.

Count Ciano's conversations with Hungarian statesmen already had strengthened the ties of Hungary with the axis.

Kay Withdraws as Judge Candidate

Waukegan, April 22—(RN Special)—Attorney W. S. Kay of this city announced yesterday his withdrawal as a candidate for circuit judge of the 12th judicial district on the Democratic ticket.

Mr. Kay was nominated as a candidate at the Democratic district convention a week ago today at Joliet.



Cites 'Threats'

Mrs. Helen Taft Manning, daughter of the late President Taft and sister of Senator Robert Taft (R., Ohio), is shown in Washington at a senate foreign relations committee hearing on neutrality law. Mrs. Manning, dean of Bryn Mawr college, accused the administration of making "bullying threats" which imperiled world peace.

Refuses To Give Records to Successor

A dispute between Everett Madison, newly elected road commissioner of Pembroke township, and Frank Munion, his predecessor, was settled yesterday before Justice Fred R. Smith.

In a civil suit, Madison charged that Munion failed to deliver to him the records of the highway commissioner's office in spite of the fact he had made three demands for them.

Munion said that "for personal reasons" he didn't want to turn the records over to Madison but that he would turn them over to the town clerk.

Judge Smith ordered, however, that Munion is to deliver the books to Madison within 24 hours or that the penalty provided by law of \$75 for each refusal to deliver will be assessed.

Clear Weather Once Again in Most of Nation

Chicago, April 22—(P)—There was a note of spring cheer from the weather bureau today.

The meteorologists chuckled with satisfaction when they announced that almost the entire country once again enjoyed clear weather.

Only in the eastern Great Lakes region and some northeastern states was there rain, except for a few scattered showers in the far west, said Forecaster C. A. Donnel.

Furthermore, the lowest temperature in the nation was 26, at Wausau, Wis., and Houghton, Mich., at the other extreme Yuma, Ariz., had 102 as the highest in the past 24 hours and Needles, Calif., and Phoenix, Ariz., had 98.

Chicago and the midwest experienced a rise of at least 10 degrees. Temperatures were 10 to 15 degrees above normal in Rocky mountain states, but still below normal from the Mississippi valley eastward.

Churches to Stress Civic Week Tomorrow

With tomorrow designated as "Civic Sunday" throughout greater Kankakee, several pastors have selected the spirit of civic week as the theme for their respective sermons.

LINDY STARTS ON ASSIGNMENT FOR UNCLE SAM

First Flight Takes Him to the Wright Field at Dayton

Dayton, O., April 22—(AP)—Col. Charles A. Lindbergh, recently placed on active duty with the army, flying his own plane, landed at Wright field here today from Washington for a conference with air corps engineers.

Col. Lindbergh will remain here during the week-end as the guest of Brig. Gen. George H. Brett, chief of the material division. The visit is for the purpose of inspecting the research and engineering laboratories of the air corps.

New Assignment
Washington, April 22—(UP)—Col. Charles A. Lindbergh, flying a new army pursuit plane, left Washington today to begin field work on his assignment to aid development of the greatest aerial fighting force in America's history.

Lindbergh was recalled to active army duty to study American aviation research facilities and make recommendations for improving them. This was deemed vital in connection with the extensive program to build the army air corps up to 6,000 first line fighting planes to match the aerial power of other major nations.

It was considered possible that Lindbergh may have gone first to the army's aerial laboratory at Wright field, Dayton, O., to Langley field, Va., where the national advisory committee for aeronautics has a research station.

The famous flyer's tour is expected to include all important aviation centers.

Research Activities
The department said "Colonel Lindbergh has had a unique opportunity to observe the progress of aeronautical development both in this country and abroad and it was this fact that prompted the war department to take advantage of his knowledge in making a study of the research activities of the United States which are available to the army air corps."

There are in the United States at the present time some 25 to 30 separate organizations and activities engaged in aeronautical research. Of this number, only one, the army experimental station at Wright field, Dayton, O., is directly under the control of the army air corps. Due to the close cooperation and coordination existing among these activities, the discoveries or any improvements made along aeronautical lines became immediately available to army engineers.

To Visit Colleges
Colonel Lindbergh will probably visit all of these activities, including not only the experimental station at Wright field, the national advisory committee for aeronautics, the national bureau of standards of the department of commerce, and other purely experimental and research establishments, but also the plants of the various aeronautical experimental departments of those manufacturers in the United States which maintain such research establishments, several colleges which carry on aeronautical research along specialized lines.

Lindbergh, it was learned, has brought to this country information confirming reports that Germany is leading the United States in developing fast-striking military planes.

Iroquois County Youth, 15, Missing

Waukegan, April 22—(RN Special)—Sheriff Guy Redman broadcast a report today over state police radio of the disappearance of Lloyd Martin, 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Martin of Ridgeway.

The youth was said to have told other young people at an entertainment in Thawville high school last night that he intended to run away. He is believed headed toward Chicago.

Herscher High Has Open House Tuesday

Open house will be observed next Tuesday evening at the Herscher high school. It was announced today by Harry L. Ryan, principal. Doors will open at 6:30 o'clock for visitation and the program will begin at 8 o'clock. The public is invited.

Three Other Children In The Hospital

Ottumwa, Iowa, April 22—(AP)—A 41-year-old father and five of his children died today in a fire which roared through their six-room home. Three other children are in a hospital, two of them near death, while the mother and two others escaped.

The dead: Charles Helmick, the father, 41, and Leota, 12-year-old twins Donald, 6, Helen, 7, Darrell, 4.

In the hospital are Joe, 10, Charles Jr., 11, and Max, who was one month old yesterday.

Mrs. Helmick, 37, and sons William, 20, and Wayne, 17, escaped with slight injuries.

Started in Kitchen
Firemen said they believed Helmick died of suffocation in the kitchen of the home, while the children were burned to death in upstairs rooms.

The fire started in the kitchen about 6 a. m., they said, and burned out the interior of the house.

Fire chief Bernard Meany said he believed the blaze started when kerosene was poured into the kitchen stove.

Hospital attendants reported the condition of Joe and Max as "extremely critical" and said they probably would not survive.

Charles, Jr., is expected to recover. The father worked as a trucker for an Ottumwa iron foundry.

Over 2,000 at High School Open House

Approximately 2,000 people were attracted to the activities of the annual open house program, last night at Kankakee high school.

Activities were in progress in practically every room of the school building, but the programs in the auditorium and the gymnasium attracted the greatest attention.

The band, directed by George Piesol, gave a 40-minute concert which included numerous specialties.

The girls' physical education classes, under the direction of Miss Ann Nichols, gave a program of an hour and a half, including demonstrations of various games and contests, tumbling, pyramid building and the like.

At the same time the boys' swimming teams, directed by C. B. Harrison, were giving swimming demonstrations in the pool.

Exhibits showing the type of work done during the year had been prepared in the various classrooms.

125 Pheasants and 10,000 Fish Freed by Sportsmen Here

Shipments of game and fish, received by the Kankakee Sportsmen's club from the state department of conservation were released this week in various parts of the county.

ST. ANNE MUSIC FESTIVAL BEST IN ITS HISTORY

Over 700 Musicians from 10 Schools Participate

(Pictures on Page 8)
More than 700 young musicians, representing 10 high schools in this vicinity, participated in the fifth annual Kankakee valley high school festival yesterday afternoon and evening at St. Anne.

Robert W. Cummins, director of music of the St. Anne high school, said the event was a great success "from the standpoint of attendance, numbers participating, perfection of music and general effect."

A large and well trained chorus, drilled for three hours during the morning by Spencer Wesleyan, professor of voice at Illinois Wesleyan school of music, filled the bleachers in the auditorium to overflowing. In fact, about half of the 128 first sopranos could not be accommodated on the stage and sang with the group in front of the stage.

The girls' chorus selections were especially well received by the capacity audience.

Praises Efforts
Mr. Green spoke favorably of the quality of work being done by chorus directors of high schools in this vicinity and said that this cooperative effort has done much to improve the standards of music performance and expressed the hope that the festival will continue to grow.

The evening program, opened with selections by the massed school orchestras under the direction of Russell Harvey of De LaSalle high school of Chicago.

While not as spectacular as the massed band which ended the program, the orchestra made a fine impression. The massed bands, including nearly 300 pieces, occupied the gymnasium floor, presented marches, an impressive overture and two other selections. The band was especially effective in the arrangement of the popular hit "Star Dust."

Details of handling the vast assemblage were taken care of by a staff of St. Anne faculty members headed by Principal J. B. Johnson. Mr. Cummins was in general charge of arrangements.

Conference Officials
The music festival is sponsored by the Kankakee Valley conference of which W. R. Ruby of Grant Park is president. M. S. Monson, principal of Chebanse high school and secretary of the conference, was chairman of the committee which drew up the plans.

Participating schools and the number of students each sent to the festival are: Bonfield 25, Bradley 54, Chebanse 50, Grant Park 34, Herscher 98, Manteno 72, Momence 169, Reddick 74, Peotone 82 and St. Anne 73.

Two French Bombers in Crash; 9 Die

Paris, April 22—(P)—Nine persons were burned to death today when two French bombers crashed in mid-air over the military airport at Tours, bringing to three the number of serious accidents to French aviation within 24 hours.

The entire crew of five of the plane crashed during night maneuvers over the Beaulieu airport 45 miles north of Paris.

An undetermined number of persons also were reported burned to death when a French tri-motored plane caught fire in the air over northern Morocco yesterday.

Two multi-seater bombers collided over Saint Symphorien airbase near Tours as they were preparing to land. They burst into flames and crashed, burning to death the nine members of the two crews.

Jeffers-McBroom Car Display 3 Days

A special showing of Cadillac and LaSalle automobiles began today at the Jeffers & McBroom garage, 820-830 Main street, and will continue Sunday and Monday.

The exhibit will include models similar to those designed by the General Motors art and color section and displayed during the winter at the Cadillac-LaSalle salons in Miami Beach and Palm Beach.



Firemen and Dr. John Koreywo (center) attempt to revive Thomas Makla, 67, one of three inmates who died when a fire swept through underground cells of the 66-year-old county jail in Worcester, Mass. Deputy Fire Chief Fred S. Taylor said he believed "careless use of matches by prisoners" was to blame.

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Momence Farmer Admits Cruelty to His Stepchild

Elwyn Bradley, 43, farmer of near Momence, yesterday pleaded guilty to a charge of cruelty to a child.

The complaint was filed by Mrs. Pearl McCorkle, county probation officer, who made an investigation after receiving anonymous letters referring to the farmer's treatment of his six-year old stepson George.

Bradley pleaded that the child frequently merited punishment and that he has a skin that bruises easily.

The farmer was placed under probation for six months and the court ordered that the child will be brought into court once a month for complete examination, also that Mrs. McCorkle will make an investigation once a week.

Wife Alleges She Had to Pay Board to Her In-Laws

The circuit court today was asked to end a marriage that was contracted only a little more than two months ago.

The suit for divorce is by Mrs. Georgia Smith Larkins vs. Paul Elmer Larkins, both of Kankakee. The couple was married in Kentland, Ind. last Feb. 10 and lived together until April 7.

The complaint, filed by Attorney Samuel H. Shapiro, charges cruelty. It also alleges that the husband failed to support his wife, that they lived with his parents and that she was required to pay board and room to them.

Sheldon Couple Wedded 50 Years

Sheldon, April 22—(RN Special)—Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Mabbitt of Sheldon are observing their golden wedding anniversary Sunday. "Open house will be held during the day at their home northeast of town."

They were married at Flora, Ind. on April 20, 1889 and have lived in this community since 1903. At present they live on the Ruth Killip farm three miles northeast of town.

Both are 73 and are in good health. They are the parents of four sons and a daughter—John and Joe at home, Max of Sheldon, Carl of Bloomington and Mrs. William Winger of Goodland.

Extinguish Night Fire in Residence

Fire of undetermined origin damaged a spare bedroom in the upstairs apartment of the Verne Laughton residence, 776 South Main street, at 8:37 o'clock Friday evening.

PEACE APPEAL REJECTION IS HITLER'S PLAN

Discusses Question with Nations of Central Europe

By GEORGE KIDD
Berlin, April 22—(UP)—Germany has "discussed the question broached in President Roosevelt's peace message" with the nations mentioned by the president in his appeal to Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini for an anti-aggression pledge, it was made known today.

Information was made available to the foreign press that Germany had sounded out the 31 nations concerned. It was admitted that communications had been received from some of the nations but it was denied that the semi-official source had knowledge of the contents of the replies.

It had been reported abroad that Germany had questioned a number of powers as to whether: (1) they feared aggression by Germany and (2) they had advance knowledge of the president's appeal or, by implication, had asked him to aid them.

Adolf Hitler was understood to be intending to mention the replies in a speech which he is to make to the reichstag next Friday, replying to the president.

Lithuania, Hungary and Yugoslavia were reported abroad to have replied "no" to both questions. Holland was reported to have said that it did not think it was menaced but could not be sure that its present sense of security would endure. It was announced at Bern, that the Swiss federal council had replied that it placed confidence in Switzerland's neutrality, defended by its own military power and expressly recognized by Germany and other neighbors. Helmsdorf announced that Finland, like Lithuania, Hungary and Yugoslavia, had given negative answers to the inquiry.

Questioned All Nations
The information made available here indicated that Hitler had questioned every nation mentioned by the president.

The president asked Hitler and Mussolini to give a 10 year pledge, and if possible a 25 year one, that they would not attack any of the following nations:

Finland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, The Netherlands, Belgium, Great Britain and Ireland, France, Portugal, Spain, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Poland, Hungary, Rumania, Yugoslavia, Russia, Bulgaria, Greece, Turkey, Iraq, the Arabian states, Syria, Palestine, Egypt and Iran.

Thus the peace pledge would have covered Europe and the near east. Mussolini rejected the president's appeal in a speech at the Campidoglio world fair grounds at Rome; Hitler was to make his own reply next Friday.

The source which disclosed the German inquiry held that the action (Continued on Page Three)

Reckless Driver Sent to Vandalia

George Frerichs, 49, of Kankakee yesterday was sentenced to two months on the state penal farm at Vandalia and was taken there today by Deputy Sheriffs Albert Young and Earl Goudreau.

This sentence was fixed yesterday by County Judge C. D. Henry after Frerichs pleaded guilty to reckless driving and leaving the scene of an accident.

Mother Had Been Dead Four Days Says Child

Los Angeles, April 22—(UP)—Police found a six year old child sitting in a chair staring at the bed in which her mother lay dead. "Mommy is dead," she said. "She's been dead for four days."

"Then why didn't you call someone?" "Mommy was dead. I couldn't leave mommy."

The child was exhausted from hunger, from not having slept for days, and from fever. She had measles.

She identified herself as Marie, 6. Her mother was Mrs. Rose Anderson, 38, and apparently she had died of a natural cause, the nature of which an autopsy will establish today.

Some women looking for a house to rent had called at the Anderson house for directions. There was no response to their knocks and they glanced in a window. They saw a child holding her head in her hands staring at "a woman in bed." They told neighbors and the neighbors called police.

At a hospital, Marie was fed and treated and fell into a deep sleep. The police, though, had to use forceful means to take her away from her mother's body. The hospital said her condition was good.

Under the mother's mattress, police found a roll of currency wrapped around silver. It totaled \$440.55. She had been separated from her husband who lives in Long Beach, Cal. Police were trying to locate him.

The tragedy was discovered yesterday afternoon.

