LOS ANGELES, May 16 .- This is written to let some millions of readers know what kidnapers look like, what they say, how they act. The writer spent four and one-half hours this morning with the three Los Angeles kidnapers that have been caught, much to the credit of all concerned, including the kidnapers' own stupidity, have confessed have been tried and sentenced to prison for life, the trial lasting only fourteen minutes. They will be on their way to San Quentin prison this evening, unless the federal government delays matters with a second trial for using the mails to defraud. The sheriff hopes the federal trial will be rushed through this afternoon, if it is held, that he may get the men started for San Quentin tonight. Holding kidnapers is uncertain work, with the public mood as

On the ground floor of the Hall of Justice skyscraper, downtown in oldest Los Angeles, in Sheriff Eugene W. Biscailus' office, you meet those chiefly concerned in the capture of the kidnapers, including Captain William J. Bright, head of the homicide squad. Every department, local police, sheriff's office, United States district attorney, have worked together well to bring about capture, conviction and sentence within a week after the

Captain Bright, however, a big man in plain clothes, with keen eye and powerful underjaw, "knocked over" the case. 'A case is "knocked over" when the guilty are caught and the thing is settled.

This is how the "knocking over"

Jimmy Kirk, the "brains" of the kidnaping plot, was arrested on suspicion of robbery, no thought of his being a kidnaper. Captain and did not neglect a small card which he proudly shows you. On that card you see written "Gettle," name of the man kidnaped.

'It is a forgery of Gettle's writing. exactly the same as was used on a bogus check for \$250 some time ago. And the card is the business card of N. W. Zimmer, real estate agent, 2611 Foothill boulevard. He, quite innocently, rented to the kidnapers the small house used by them as their "hideout" at 4256 Rosemont avenue, ten miles from Mr. Gettle's house, rent \$22 a month, to conceal Gettle, the victim.

You ask Captain Bright how it is possible that the kidnaper, esprise, should let the card remain

says Captain Bright,

Sheriff Biscailus and Captain Bright, both born in downtown Los Angeles on opposite sides of the gas house, a mile and a half from the prison, know their work, and would like you to know that there has never been a kidnaping in their part of the world without the kidnapers being caught.

The actors in the kidnaping plot, and their careers, are outlined by the sheriff as follows: First, Jimmy Kirk, "the brains,"

38 years old. He was a pipe welder on Signal Hill, until prohibition came offering better earnings at bootlegging. He first took up bootlegging as a sideline, combined with welding, then to bootlegging only. He made his headquarters in a five-story warehouse, one of the biggest bootleg distilleries in California, turning out thousands of gallons a day, worth at retail a million dollars a week. Jimmy Kirk, by himself, was not nuite as big as that, however. He really worked for others.

Kidnaper No. 2 is Larry Kerrigan, whose record, according to the police, includes small scale bootlegging.

No conviction of felony for any of the kidnapers is on record. None of the three is foreign born, except Jimmy Kirk, who came from British Columbia when he

was two weeks old. This kidnaping is not the work of "undesirable foreigners." Kidnaper No. 3, "booked" as

Roy Tate, was the "finger man," the one chosen to point out the victim. He did cement work on the pool on Mr. Gettle's estate. and his job was to "point the finger" at the right man when kidnaping time came.

His real name, he assures you later, is not Tate, but Williams, and the police believe him.

Now you may see the three kidnapers under sentence of life imprisonment (qualified), summoned to the visitors' room in the prison high up in the city skyscraper called "the hall of justice."

It would not be easy for any mob to get at them there. The sheriff has summoned them, and introduces them as they sit side by side.

Kirk, "the brains," sits on the left; Kerrigan next, Williams, the "finger man" next. All are dressed in overalls of blue denim made in the prison. Kirk's, too long, are turned up ten inches at the bottom. Reading, left to right as you face them, they are "the brains," Kirk, and Kerrigan with light blue eyes, and last, Williams, "finger man," a beaming, highly cheerful and childish person, with brown

Kirk, hair very thin on top, and blond, a man above average intel-Hgence, talks frankly, showing to the 34 vessels for which con- have been sent to the territory ad- other European powers, Internanone of the "toughness" that the struction plans already are in effect. joining the Saar for frontier ma- tional News Service learned today. (Continued on Page 4, Column 2.) (Continued on Page 12, Column 5.) neuvers, it was officially explained. (Continued on Page 12

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# ARRESTS NEAR IN ROBLES MANHUNT

Stearn Rages as Jail Death Watch Starts

Slayer Refuses to Be Conforted by Wife After First Degree Verdict.

Completely unnerved by the deision of a county court jury, which carries with it mandatory sentence to death in the electric chair for murder, Harold M. Stearn, found guilty of slaying his brother-in-law. Clarence Storms, raged all night in his cell at the county jail, refusing to be comforted by his jailers or his wife, who called to see him during the early evening.

The verdict was rendered at 9:50 clock Wednesday night and Stearn took the decision calmly enough while in the courtroom.

But once back in jail, he gave way to his emotions and jailors handled him only with difficulty. As is customary, plans were made to move Stearn to a cell removed from other prisoners and a "death watch" placed over him constantly. Stearn refused to go to the new cell and after being placed in it, screamed and shouted for hours. Foreman Harold M. Hughes, of the jury that listened for almost a month to conflicting stories of the spectacular killing, recorded the result of the desperate gamble with

We find the defendant guilty der in the first degree!" ard, worn by the strain of he long trial, Stearn slumped de-ectedly in his chair and listened while Judge Don A. Colony an-nounced that sentence will be imosed at 10 o'clock Tuesday mornng-a sentence that can be, under the law, nothing but death in the electric chair at Sing Sing. Aroused by Deputy Sheriffs Frank Schmidt and William Behan to return to the jail across Cedar st., he shuffled out of the courtroom brokenly, with only a half-hearted attempt to maintain the pose of indifference to fate that had marked his de-

meanor during the trial. "Well." he remarked to the guards, "I got half my wish, any-

His "wish," oft-repeated during the 11 months of waiting for a decision, was that the jury would either condemn him to death or set him free. A verdict of guilty or one of acquittal-that was the gamble. He wanted no half-way decision, (Continued on Page 2, Column 2.)

# Thayer's Position

WATERTOWN, May 17 (INS) .-Mrs. Rhoda Fox Graves, for eight years a member of the state Assembly, today announced that she will be a candidate this fall for the post held by Senator Warren T. Thayer of Chataugay, now being tried by the Senate for misconduct in connection with utilities legislation. Mrs. Graves will seek the Refourth district. She opposed Thayer shouted: in the last senatorial election and was defeated by a slight margin.

# BREWER DIES

LOS ANGELES, May 17 (INS) .-Samuel I. Bernheim, 33, multi-millionaire brewer, died suddenly today following a heart attack.

mented by 54 New Ships;

Army to Get Planes.

By KINGSBURY SMITH,

International News Service Staff

Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, May 17 (INS) .-

swiftly forward with plans to

The navy department pushed

plans for the immediate construc-

strengthen its defense forces.

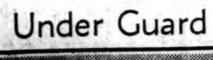
American Navy to Be Aug- French Massing

With diplomatic dispatches report- ceed to the borders of the Saar ter-

ing unrest in many sections of the ritory, military authorities admit-

world this government today moved | ted today, but they denied that re-

responsible.





HAROLD M. STEARN Risking his life in a trial for murder rather than accept a 20year prison sentence for manslaughter, Harold M. Stearn, Chicago contractor, who killed Clarence Storms, roadhouse proprietor, here, last summer, has lost the gamble. A county court jury found him guilty of murder in the first degree.

# Hurley Hurls congress May Be Pushed Broadside At Accuser

WASHINGTON, May 17 (INS) .-Former Secretary of War Patrick J. Hurley and Maj. A. V. Dalrymple, special assistant to the attorney general, hurled angry words at each secretary of State Phillips today. other before the Senate civil service subcommittee today.

Hurley accused Dalrymple of Republicans met at Hurle 's home body authorized such action. in a plot to keep Republicans in

Watson and George Moses, John S. the two republics. Hurley, former director of the jus- A resolution is now pending in Birney's assistant.

"I demand a trial in public concerning these false charges so that the truth may be known." Hurley thundered.

maintain that if Major Dalrymple is merely quoting what he has heard, he is inccapable of holding public office," Hurley added. "His words are the mouthings of an irresponsible official. He should not advertise an infamous falsehood."

Hurley said that none of the men named had ever been in his home and added that he had never met John S. Hurley nor Reichgur, Then publican nomination in the Thirty- Dalrymple jumped to his feet and

"I am ready to meet any libel charges at any time. I did not say that those things were true. I merely told the committee what: I had been informed by reliable authority. I ask this committee that we may get at the truth,"

U.S. and France Start Big Navy Building

PARIS, May 17 (INS).-French

troops have been ordered to pro-

ports of a projected Nazi coup were

tion of 20 new warships in addition Twentieth Army corps from Nancy, give her sea-power parity with

# FOR PEACE

Ready to Clamp Down Arms Embargo If United States Will Join.

LONDON. May 17 (INS).-Great Britain moved today to end or minimize the terrors of the war between Bolivia and Paraguay in the Chaco. It was officially announced the

British charges d'affaires in both La Paz, Bolivia, and Asuncion, Paraguay, had been instructed to inform Bolivian and Paraguayan governments that Great Britain was seriously disturbed by the ruthless fighting in the Chaco. The British Government has re-

vived the question of an arms embargo in diplomatic exchanges with the United States, France and Italy. It was officially stated all nations are willing to join in an embargo but inability of the United States Government to impose an embargo without authorization of Congress was preventing unified

It was reported here that the League of Nations council might approach the United States with a view to speeding up embargo leg-

# For Embargo Authority

WASHINGTON, May 17 (INS). America'se willingness to co-operate in an international movement designed to end the war that is raging between the two little South American republics of Paraguay and Bolivia was announced by Under-

However, it was explained, the government's power to co-operate is limited by Congress, and that the making false statements about him United States could not agree to and threatened to sue him for crim- join in the imposition of an internainal libel. He referred to Dal- tional arms embargo against the rymple's allegation that prominent belligerents unless the legislative

It was intimated the administrafederal jobs and get rid of Demo- tion probably would bring pressure to bear to rush some legislation em-Dalrymple said he had been in- powering the President to co-operformed that among those present ate with other powers in stopping were former Senators James E. the flow of arms and munitions to

tice department's dry unit; Edward Congress to authorize the President E. Birney, former personnel officer to join with other nations in imof that unit, and D. H. Reichgur, posing arms embargoes against warring nations. Although 'certain aspects of this resolution do not while in New York. meet with approval of the state department, it was considered possible passage of this resolution might be rushed to deal with this specific

# Backs Moderate Use Of Alcohol, Tobacco PHILADELPHIA, May 17 (INS) .-

Moderate use of alcohol and tobacco neither causes nor appreci-Leonard G. Rowntree, director of entries on the accounts. the Philadelphia Institute for Medical Research, declared today.

an artificial condition of hyperten- stock of his own bank. sion or high blood pressure was

sion Despite Inability to

Pay War Debts.

By ARNO DOSCH FLEUROT,

International News Service Staff

Correspondent.

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PARIS, May 17 (INS) .- France, in

default and claiming inability to

pay her debts to the United States,

The French soldiers, the Sixth is planning to embark upon a

Army corps from Metz, and the naval building program that would

# GLAD REUNION IS KIDNAPING SEQUEL



After being confined in a corrugated iron cage for 19 days, June Robles is home with her mother, Mrs. Fernando Robles, and her father, once again in Tucson, Ariz. She was unharmed and well. The tip came in a letter from Chicago telling where she was hidden. Picture from International News Photograph Service.

lionaire oil man, and held him for

Brought here during the night

from Los Angeles, James Kirk,

Larry Kerrigan and Roy Williams

The three had confessed to the

kidnaping of Gettle, pleaded guilty,

and received life sentences all

within the space of 24 hours as

the state of California moved

speedily to deal the "snatch racket"

Kirk is well known in Richmond,

near here, and many of his former

friends were at the station when he

arrived. Some of them greeted

Asked about the June Robles kid-

naping case, Kirk merely smiled

"We are in no position to judge

wryly and refused to comment.

any one," Kerrigan commented.

him with "Hello, Jimmy."

cially receiving new inmates.

a telling blow.

Prison Doors Close on

3 Gettle Kidnapers

SAN QUENTIN PRISON, Calif., decided to snatch Gettle because

May 17 (INS).—Prison doors closed they figured he was "an easy

with definite finality today on the mark." He said that Kirk, in 1931,

trio of kidnapers who a week ago forged Gettle's name to a \$250

"snatched" William F. Gettle, mil- check, but that Gettle did not

Blayney Matthews, Los Angeles a plane for the journey, taking off

25 Per Cent. Silver Reserve

Plan O. K.'d by Roosevelt

WASHINGTON, Mar 17 (INS) .- per cent. gold and 25 per cent. sil-

President Roosevelt brought the ver. The bill will "authorize and

deputy attorney, said the kidnapers from Hendon airdrome.

NEW YORK, May 17 (INS) .-Neither Peggy Hopkins Joyce nor Constance Talmadge should ever have been embarrassed for cash

Their balances at the Harriman National Bank on April 25, 1932, were \$85,340 and \$96,488.47, respec- arrived soon after prison officials tively, a bookkeeper testified today began the routine business of offiat the trial of the bank's former president. Joseph W. Harriman, charged with falsification of entries in the bank's accounts.

In fact their balances were so consistently large that on the April 25th date someone( and the federal government charges it was Harriman) thought it safe to borrow ably affects high blood pressure, Dr. huge sums from each one by false

The money was used, the government charges, to bolster a market Experiments with dogs, in which pool Harriman was running in the The pool collapsed, Harriman re-

produced, have opened up a wide signed and the bank was unable to field which may ultimately lead to open after the "holiday" last year. the discovery of the causes of nat- So Miss Joyce and Miss Talmadge to summon my informants so ural hypertension, Dr. Rowntree had to write their checks on their accounts in other banks.

# Rail Conductors Vote for Pension Programs as Defense Against Aggression

TORONTO, May 17.-A resolution urging every United States railway employe be given a pension at 65 was passed unanimously by France to Embark on Expanthe convention of the Order of Rail- goal of a bi-metallic currency base carry this policy into effect. way Conductors of America. City 35c Taxi Co. Call 3-3133-

Naborhood Stations .- Adv. In I oday's Journal Comics ..... Page 28 Edwin C. Hill' ..... 23 "Chickie's Daughter" ..... 20 Dr. Copeland ..... 10 O. O. McIntyre..... 10

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today with approval of proposals to establish silver as 25 per cent. of United States money reserves. Hill within the next few days in the shape of a special message

to Congress. Elsie Robinson ...... 20 Fashions ...... 20 Mark Hellinger ..... 11 ment of Congress. Women's ...... 16-17

from the path of speedy adjourn- call for authority to purchase about

Nation a step nearer his announced ury to purchase sufficient silver to The major permissive feature of the bill will authorize the President to nationalize the white metal when

direct" the secretary of the treas-

Within a few minutes after Los

Angeles deputy sheriffs removed

Larry Kerrigan was Convict No.

Jimmy Kirk was Convict No.

Ray Williams was Convict No.

Shortly after the trio of kid-

LONDON, May 17 (INS) .- Prime

London today to spend his Whit-

sun vacation at his home at Lossie-

mouth, Scotland. He will return to

the capital May 28. MacDonald used

MAC DONALD FLIES TO

tight leg irons and handcuffs-

The President's approval of this and if he sees fit, taking over dostep, given Senate silver leaders, mestic free stocks at 50 cents an will go forward formally to Capitol ounce. Under tentative plans, the legisla-

tion will authorize issuance of silver certificates against the white Executive sanction of the move metal purchased, providing what inwas counted a major victory by flationist blocs on Capitol Hill champions of the white metal, and termed a wise and limited expanremoved a real filibuster threat sion of the currency. Present plans 1,800,000,000 ounces of silver, with The legislation will embrace man- issuance of silver certificates datory establishment of metallic against this amount to come as the monetary reserve consisting of 75 metal is acquired,

# OF PLOT TO

Predictions Say Two Will Be In Custody; Woman Sought As Tracks Give Clue.

(Pictures of Robles girl's graveprison on page 2.)

TUCSON, Ariz., May 17 (INS) .-A suspect in the kidnaping of little June Robles has been held for 24 hours on the third floor of the county jail, it was learned today. Because of widespread threats of lynching, officers proceeded 'cautiously. The suspect has not been able

to establish an alibi for his movements during the 19 days of June's absence from home. Two men were picked up this

morning for questioning. One was soon released, but the other, a. well dressed man, was held for urther investigation. TUCSON, Ariz., May 17 (INS) -Two suspects, one the re-

puted "brains" of the June Robles kidnaping, are expected to be arrested for questioning before nightfall, Undersheriff Colby S. (Jake) Farrar announced today. Farrar said that the activities of

the two suspects, both of whom he said were Tucson citizens, had been checked closely, and that the clus was "the best yet".

The officer said he had learned that the two suspects were familiar with the activities of the Robles family.

A woman who wore shoes with peculiarly shaped heels today also became a focal point in the dramatic and widespread hunt. Authorities in charge of the case

admitted finding numerous footprints-footprints of a woman-at the site of the grave in which June was buried alive. Footprints of similar peculiar design also were found at the nearby site believed to have been used by the abductors as

The little 6 - year - old victim, however, maintained that she did not hear a woman's voice during the entire time she was held captive.

SHOWN PHOTOS. Throughout the day, June, rapidly recovering from her harrowing experiences, was shown pictures of suspects in the case.

Confronting one suspect, whose name was not revealed, she was asked by her father, Fernando

"Is this the man who took you away and put you in the bex in "Ne, of course not," June re-

plied. "The man who took me looks like the man in the pictures you and the policeman showed One suspect grilled for severa

hours during the night was released when a theater manager proved at

napers were taken on a train handcuffed and under heavy guard for Re-enactment of the actual kid (Continued on Page 12, Column 2.) naping added little to the tota (Continued on Page 12, Column 1.

## HOME IN SCOTLAND Britain Rejects Forty-Hour Weel Minister J. Ramsay MacDonald left

tional labor conference, which meets at Geneva in June, is as sured in advance of the Britis Government's refusal to support

40-hour week proposal. The decision was given today i a White Paper containing 12 page

TONIGHT Front Page Dramas MAGIC WATER

ALBERT VAN DEKKER Broadway Star

Dramatization of a recently discovered romance of Ponce de Leon in his quest for the fountain of youth. Based on a Story in

American Weekly Distributed Every Sunday With THE Syracuse American

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