

HOUSE NEARS VOTE ON ABOLISHING LAME DUCK SESSIONS

BILL TO PASS, ITS FRIENDS DECLARE

Longworth to Back Measure If Amended So as to Meet Some Present Objections

Congressional progressives, who have fought for years to pass the Norris resolution to abolish "lame duck" sessions of Congress, scented victory as the House approached a vote today.

The proposed constitutional amendment was to be called up by the House Rules Committee. It already has passed the Senate.

Amendments Are Likely
Representative Gifford (R.) of Massachusetts, chairman of the committee handling the bill, declared the measure would pass with amendments.

As presented to the House, the Norris resolution has many additions, including a definite succession for the Presidency in the event of death of both the President and Vice President.

Representative Snell (R.) of New York planned to offer an amendment to the resolution providing for a definite ending of Congress every second year, as the chief change from the Norris resolution.

If this is accepted, Speaker Longworth, Snell and some other Administration leaders will support it.

Inaugural Date Changed
The resolution proposes that presidents shall be inaugurated on January 24 instead of March 4. Congress would convene on January 4 each year, instead of the first Monday in December. Administration leaders insist the second session arbitrarily end on May 4.

Under the present system, although a member of Congress is elected in November, he may not actually participate in Congress until a year from the next December—a 13-month interval. Under the new plan, a member elected in November would take office in January.

Backers of the Norris resolution point to the present session as a "horrible example" of the existing system. More than a dozen Senators and 87 Representatives are serving who were not re-elected last fall.

DEATH OF GIRL BRINGS PROBE

An investigation into the death of Miss Mildred E. Koontz, 22, of 1740 Euclid St. N. W., found dead by her mother Saturday night after having lain in a stupor since early Friday morning, will be started today by a coroner's jury at the District Morgue.

It was first believed the young woman died from natural causes, but investigation revealed she was victim of an overdose of a powerful drug.

The coroner refused to issue any certificate of death in the case until chemists had reported on the contents of the stomach. Reports of a quarrel between the girl and a man the day before her death were made.

Southern Engineer Assaulted, Robbed

WARRENTON, Va., Feb. 24.—Fauquier county authorities and railroad detectives today were searching for three men who assaulted Thomas Bruce, 65, Southern railway engineer, and robbed him of \$76 yesterday.

Mr. Bruce was inspecting his engine in the railroad yards when attacked by the thugs. One of them hit him on the head with a blunt instrument, rendering him unconscious.

Grand Duke of Oldenburg Is Dead

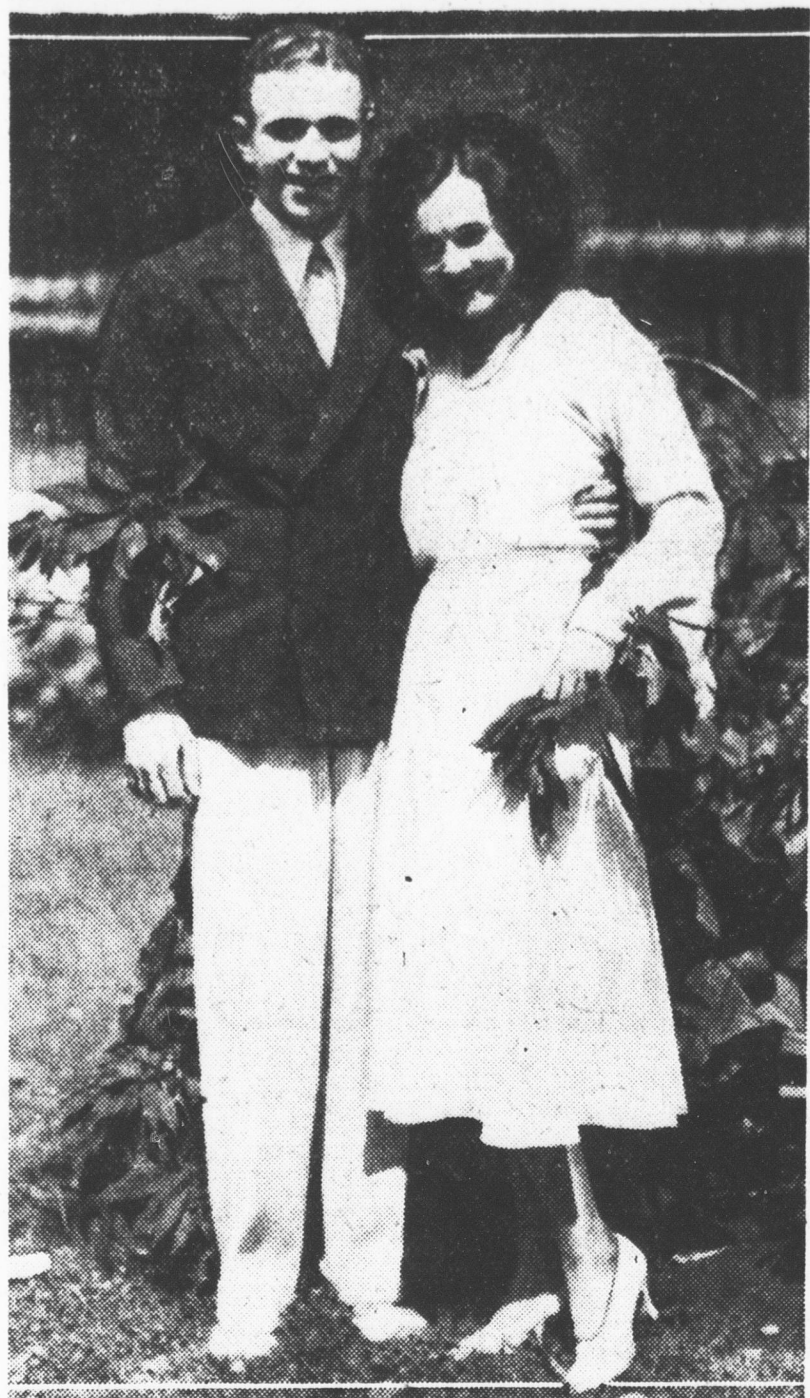
BERLIN, Feb. 24 (I.N.S.).—Friedrich August, grand duke of Oldenburg, died during the night. He was the last reigning grand duke.

Prohibition Ruining Finnish Youth, Women Aver

HELSINGFORS, Finland, Feb. 24 (I.N.S.).—Numerous prominent women of various political parties today signed a petition urging an end to prohibition in Finland.

The petition, in blaming the prohibition law for alleged adverse effects on the youth of the land, declared that the mothers of Finland are deeply concerned "over ever-increasing intemperance, which ruins men, women and children, morally and physically."

Newlyweds Located



—Photo by International

MR. AND MRS. EDWARD DOWLING
EFFORTS OF Edward Dowling and his bride, the former Betty Compton, musical comedy star, to avoid photographers met with failure in Havana where they are spending their honeymoon. The couple were married secretly in New York and booked passage to Havana as "Mr. and Mrs. Edwards." Dowling is a scenario writer.

Germany Denies Shipping Reds Gas

HELSINGFORS, Finland, Feb. 24 (I.N.S.).—The German legation has denied rumors that a German ship which recently grounded in the Gulf of Finland carried a cargo of war gas machinery destined for Russia.

Communist Parade In Paris Forbidden

PARIS, Feb. 24 (I.N.S.).—Premier Pierre Laval has forbidden communist parades scheduled for tomorrow in observance of Red Russia's anniversary celebration. Demonstrations in public will be halted by police.

CONGRESS WILL SUSTAIN VETO ON SHOALS

Bonus Measure Certain to Pass Over Opposition of Hoover; Navy to Lose Consideration

President Hoover faced a 50-50 decision in the latest revival of the veto sweepstakes today with Congress ready to sustain a veto of the new Muscle Shoals bill, but determined to enact the soldiers' bonus loan bill over his opposition. Maneuvering of Administration leaders, when the Senate accepted the Muscle Shoals compromise, plainly indicated they expected a veto of the bill.

It was said they forced a record vote, after a brief attack on the bill, solely to prepare the way for a veto.

Certain of Both Houses

The President undoubtedly will win when he rejects the compromise, which temporarily settled a 10-year legislative battle over the Government's \$100,000,000 power project on the Tennessee River.

His advisers have told him the House will sustain a veto, while the Senate vote on the compromise likewise indicated that body would stand by the President.

Bonus Sure to Pass

It will be quite a different story on the bonus loan bill. That measure passed the House, 363 to 39, and the Senate by 72 to 12. Both branches will roll up a tremendous majority for the bill, even over a veto, and even Administration leaders concede its enactment over the President's disapproval.

When these issues are settled—at least for the present session—the legislative program of Congress will be about completed. Many minor bills will be enacted, but few measures of national importance will get a hearing in the closing days.

Navy Bill To Die

Two important bills—one, authorizing new naval construction to bring the Navy up to the standards set by the London treaty, and a proposed embargo on oil products with a limitation of crude oil imports—undoubtedly will die by the wayside.

Either bill may pass the Senate, but there appeared little hope in the House.

DE PRIEST TO SPEAK

Representative Oscar De Priest will speak tonight at the first annual banquet of Social Lodge of colored Masons of the District at the Bamboo Inn.

Sailors on an Errand of Mercy



OFF FOR FIRST AID
THE SERIOUS BUSINESS of "maneuvers" was temporarily halted when a sailor aboard the cruiser Cincinnati was taken ill. A radio summons brought a naval tug 60 miles from Guantanamo. The transfer of the sailor was effected off Cape Maysi.

ENVOYS PRAISE YOUTH REVUE

Diplomats representing four foreign governments last night acclaimed the "Youth Revue" presented by underprivileged children at the District of Columbia Chapter of the Red Cross under the auspices of Mrs. H. B. Lansburgh and her sister, Miss Marie Lorbeerbaum.

Edgar Prochnik, Austrian minister, and representatives from the Italian, Persian and Czechoslovakian legations attended the show in addition to persons prominent in service and social circles here.

More than 100 children, including the 50-piece Elks Boys' Band and the Washington Boys' Club Orchestra, participated in the program. Boy Scouts, under the direction of Col. E. L. Matrice, acted as ushers.

Harry Daugherty's Mother, 94, Dead

WASHINGTON, C. H., Ohio, Feb. 24 (I.N.S.).—Mrs. Jane Daugherty, 94-year-old mother of Harry M. Daugherty, former Attorney General of the United States, and of Mal Daugherty, who is on trial in common pleas court here in connection with the closing of the Ohio State Bank, died here today from pneumonia.

The death of the aged woman occurred after a relapse yesterday which resulted in an unexpected adjournment of her son's trial on charges of mishandling funds of his banking institution.

500 Va. Masons Hear Talk by Sen. Fess

ALEXANDRIA, Feb. 24.—More than 500 Masons last night heard Senator Simeon P. Fess of Ohio pay tribute to George Washington and defend the cost of the Mt. Vernon Boulevard.

Fess, in outlining the program of 1932, stated President Hoover would speak over a world-wide radio hookup officially to open the bicentennial celebration.

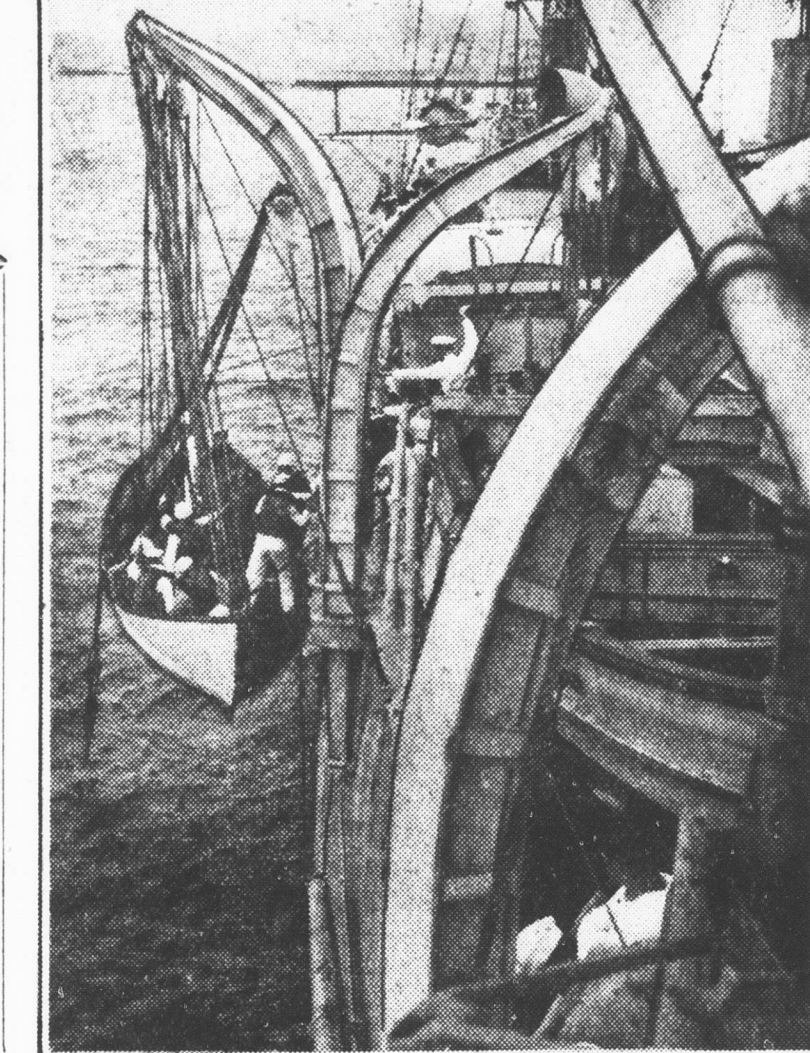
Virginian Is Fined For Toting Pistol

ALEXANDRIA, Feb. 24.—Robert Bishop, of Charlottesville, was fined \$100 and costs in police court this morning for carrying concealed weapons. An automatic revolver was found on his person when he was arrested Sunday afternoon.

Slur of Dry Attorney On Virginia County Stirs Citizens

DANVILLE, Va., Feb. 24 (I.N.S.).—Eleven leading citizens of Franklin county today sent a telegram to Fred C. Dezenford, an attorney for the Prohibition Bureau in Washington, asking that he apologize for a statement he is alleged to have made to the effect that 99 out of 100 persons in the county had some connection with the making of illicit liquor.

Among the signers of the telegram were Mayor N. B. Hutchenson, of Rocky Mount; Judge Peter Dillard, of the Franklin county court, and R. A. Prillaman, a banker.



LOWERING BOAT CONTAINING ILL SAILOR

MARCO'S WIDOW DEFIES GANG

CLEVELAND, Feb. 24 (I.N.S.).—Determined to remain at the home of her parents-in-law, Mrs. Yvonne Richman Marco, divorced wife of Harry Richman, stage and screen actor, and the widow of the slain Frank Marco, today declared she would fight any attempts to extradite her to New York.

Defying the New York gangs which put her racketeer husband "on the spot," Mrs. Marco attended the funeral services for her mate here yesterday and was arrested by Cleveland police at the request of New York officials. New York police asked that she be held as a fugitive from justice on a charge of grand larceny and informed Cleveland authorities they would seek extradition papers. The New York officials also want to question her in connection with the death of Marco, whose stabbed and bullet-riddled body was found in New York a week ago. She boarded a train in New York when she learned that her husband had fallen victim to gangland vengeance.

Marvin, Havenner To Aid Fete Plans

Dr. Cloyd Heck Marvin, president of George Washington University and chairman of the District Bicentennial Committee, and Dr. George C. Havenner, president of the Federation of Citizens' Association, will be the principal speakers tonight at a banquet to be held by the North-East Bicentennial Committee at Sherwood Hall, Twenty-second and Jackson Streets Northeast.

The suburban committee, composed of the presidents and three delegates of several civic organizations, has been organized to arrange and supervise community activities in the celebration of the bicentennial.

SEAPLANE BASE BEGUN

MIAMI, Fla., Feb. 24.—What will be the largest seaplane base in the world has been started here by the Pan-American Airways.

Colored Democrats To Hold Parley Here

Negro Democratic leaders of the nation are to meet here this week to make preparation for the 1932 campaign.

Robert Nelson, of Washington, was the director of the national Democratic campaign among negroes for Gov. Al Smith in 1928. Other local leaders are Armond Scott, Phil Cuney, both attorneys, and Thomas H. R. Clarke.

From New York, Ferdinand Q. Morton, colored civil service commissioner, and a Tammany leader, is expected to attend.

Arrested



—Photo by International

YVONNE MARCO
WANTED IN New York to aid in solving the murder mystery of her husband, Frank Marco, Yvonne Richman Marco was taken into custody at her husband's funeral in Cleveland. She is the divorced wife of Harry Richman, Broadway entertainer. Mrs. Marco said that she will oppose any attempt to bring her to New York.

MOSLEY PLANS MORE RADICAL LEADERSHIP

"Millionaire Socialist" Would Remodel Government; Considers Britain Antiquated

LONDON, Feb. 24 (I.N.S.).—A small group of insurgent laborites, irked by the conservative policy of the major party, were prepared today to sponsor a more radical political organization under the leadership of Sir Oswald Mosley, popularly known as the "Millionaire Socialist."

The new group, commonly called the "Mosleyites," have intimated that they would secede for some time. At present they include Sir Oswald, son-in-law of the late Lord Curzon, and Lady Cynthia Mosley; Oliver Baldwin, son of former Premier Stanley Baldwin; E. John St. Joe Strachey and W. J. Brown.

To Remain Independent

According to information, the secessionists planned to issue a full declaration of their party policy today or tomorrow. They will probably continue in existence as an independent parliamentary group.

While Sir Oswald has repeatedly demanded that Premier MacDonald and the Labor party institute a movement for a "drastic revision of the parliamentary governmental machine" it is understood here that specific points of the Mosley manifesto will include demand for a tariff to control imports within the empire, an economic partnership with the dominions and colonies, and a comprehensive scheme of national planning.

Relieved of Details

Under the Mosley proposal, Parliament would be relieved of the huge pile of detail work to allow better consideration for broad fundamental questions. A cabinet of five or six ministers would be set up to formulate and execute the general policy of the government.

Last December Sir Oswald created a sensation when he circulated a manifesto tantamount to a challenge of the British system of government, which he holds antiquated and in need of drastic overhauling.

Characterizing the situation as a "national emergency," he suggested that governmental affairs be placed in the hands of five directors, thus discarding the cabinet in favor of indirect dictatorship.

Reiterates His Demands

He reiterated these demands in a speech at Portsmouth last night, strongly intimating that the final split with the Labor party was a matter of hours. Sir Oswald is 34 years old, and has been a member of Parliament since 1922.

Lady Cynthia, affiliated with the Labor party, has been a member of Parliament since 1929. Oliver Baldwin, son of the Conservative party leader, was elected to Parliament as Labor member in 1929. He rendered distinguished service during the World War with the British forces in France and the Near East.

E. St. Joe Strachey is a prominent editor's son and W. J. Brown was a clerk in the civil service. Both were elected to Parliament in 1929.

Policeman Shot In Theater Holdup

NEW YORK, Feb. 24 (I.N.S.).—A bandit was killed and a policeman was probably fatally shot in Brooklyn today when three officers thwarted a Brooklyn theater robbery.

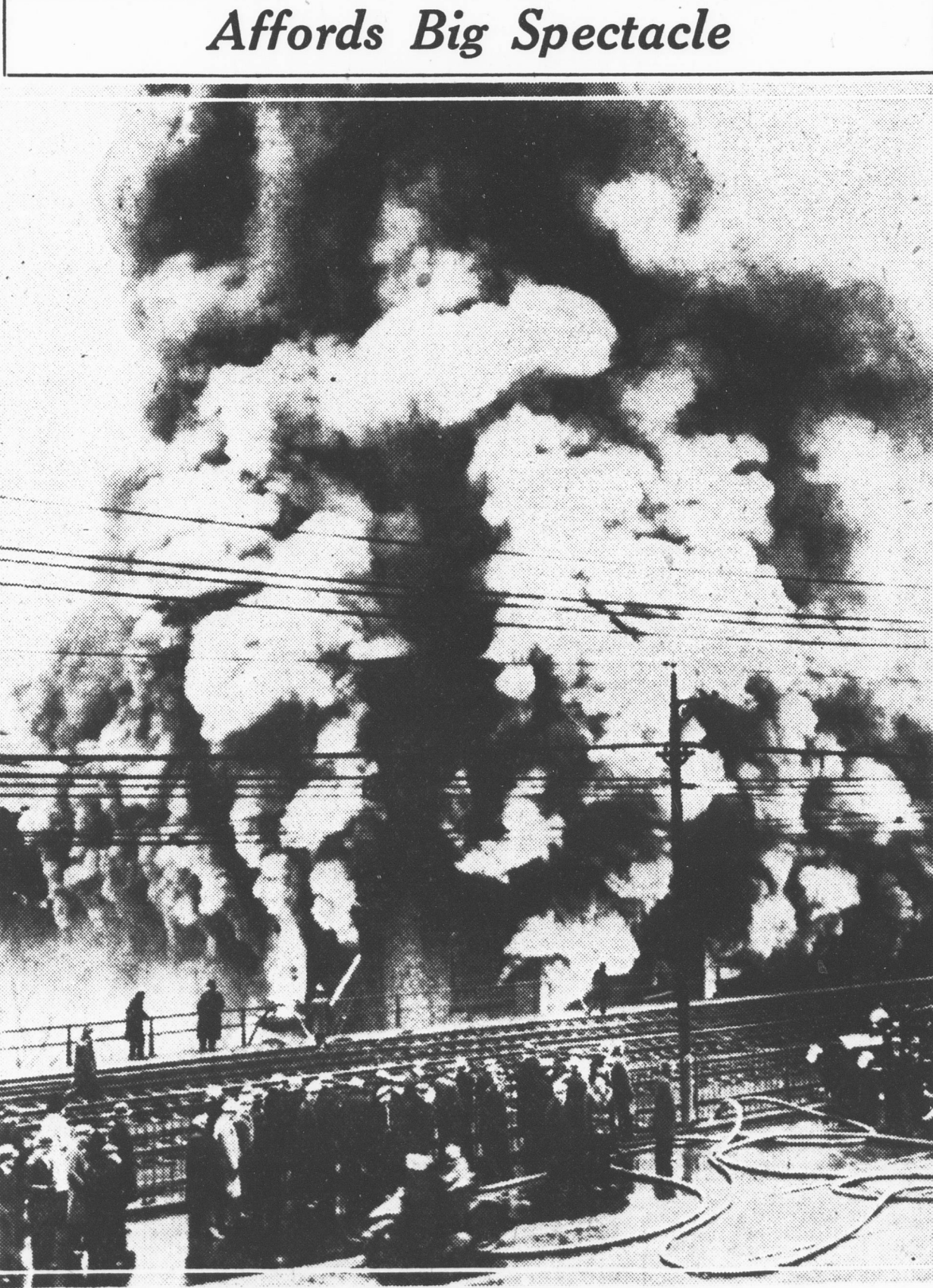
The robbers first kidnapped Harry Millstein and were attempting to force him to give the combination of the theater safe when the officers, summoned by Mrs. Millstein, arrived.

Flagship of British Fleet Visits Panama

PANAMA CITY, Feb. 24 (I.N.S.).—For the first time in 25 years this region today played host to a British man-of-war. The visitor, H. M. S. Nelson, flagship of the British Atlantic fleet, is considered the latest type in sea fighting craft.

Boy, 13, Shot, Killed, When Surprised And Trapped

MUSKOGON, Mich., Feb. 24 (I.N.S.).—A 13-year-old "boy-burglar" who carried a toy pistol and who allegedly stole an apple and a deck of playing cards, is dead today. The boy was shot and fatally wounded when he was surprised in a home here. He threatened to shoot when he was cornered by Nels Stetekee, the owner of a sign company, who fired a shotgun charge at the lad when the threat was made. The boy was identified as Roland Ashcraft, of Muskogon.



FIREMEN FIGHTING FLAMES

THE GREAT BILLOWS of smoke and fingers of flame shown here reduced this building to smoldering ruins. Fanned by a stiff breeze, the flames rapidly ate through the paint-soaked storage building of this Pittsburgh oil company and defied the efforts of firemen, two of whom were injured.