



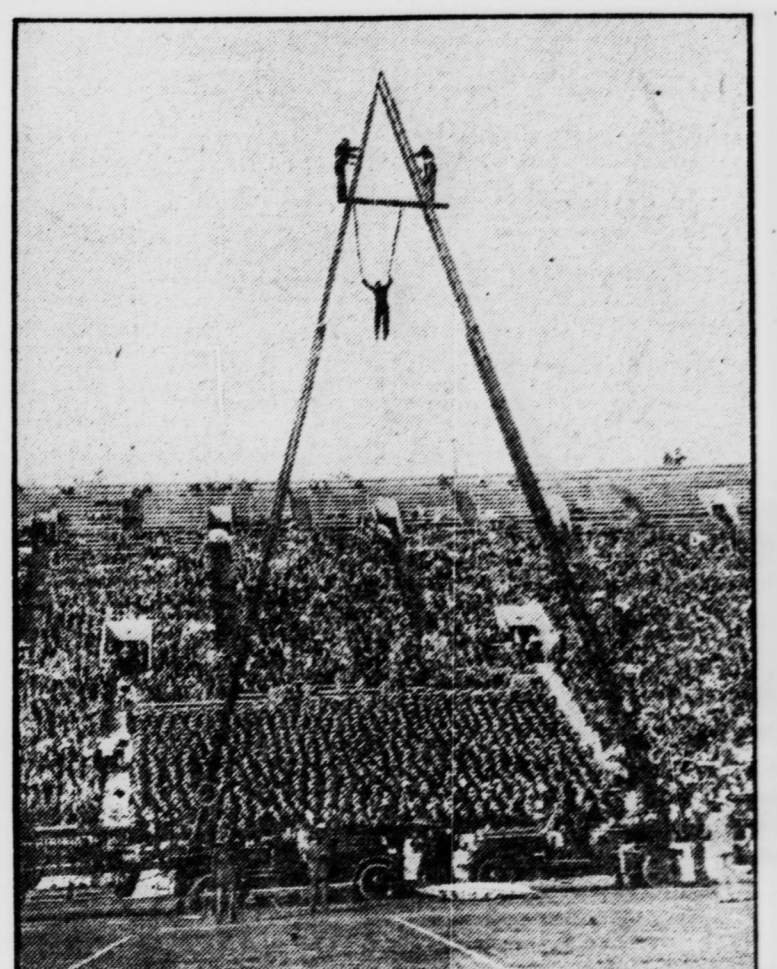
**A FIDDLER'S FAVORITE SPORT.** This is the way Mollie Dunham, Henry Ford's famous fiddling friend, enjoys himself when the ice is thick on North Pond, near his home at Norway. He is pulling a prize picker through his fishing hole in the ice.

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**WHEN WINTER FASTENS ITS GRIP ON SHIPPING AT HAMBURG.** A view of trawlers and other small craft frozen in for the winter at the German port. The extreme cold which already has prevailed over northern Europe has frozen the outlet to the North Sea so that shipping can be carried only with the assistance of ice-breakers. Hundreds of small craft, including the fishing fleet, have given up the battle against the ice sea until spring.

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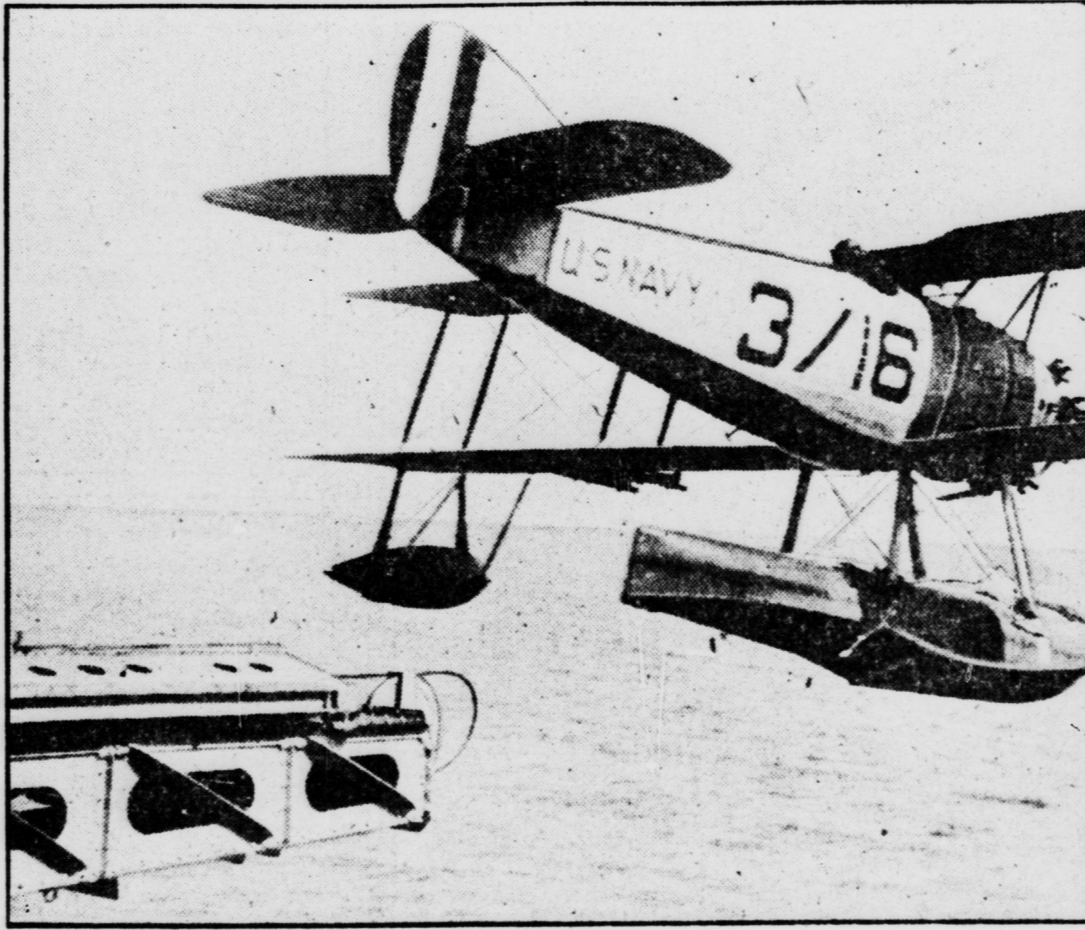
**JUST FOR THE FUN OF IT.** Firefighters of Los Angeles thrilling a big crowd in the city coliseum with death-defying stunts on their high ladders. Dropping like a plummet, this fireman fell 100 feet into a net held by his comrades below.

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**A LITTLE BIT OF EAST IN THE WEST.** A Japanese teacher and two of his small pupils in one of the numerous all-Japanese schools in the Slavic of Washington. The youngsters are taught English as well as Japanese in these schools.

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**JUST AS THE CATAPULT SPRINGS FOR THE TAKE-OFF.** An unusual action photo of a plane at the moment of being catapulted from the light cruiser Cincinnati, one of Uncle Sam's river patrol squadrons in China. The picture was made during recent maneuvers in the Yellow Sea off the coast of China.

Wide World Photos.



**Marie Gloria Hill, small Washington artist, who will dance the "Jarabe Tapatio," the Mexican national dance, at the Kentucky Society's costume ball tonight, at the Willard Hotel.**



**TESTING MIKE'S DISPOSITION.** This gentle, or very obedient, police dog belongs to a fireman in San Francisco. His stunt with two live white rats here, one of which he holds tenderly in his mouth, is only one of many Mike performs for the amusement of the firehouse.

Wide World Photos.

## DEATH FOR HILL IS STATE'S PLEA

**Illinois Youth Still Denies He Killed Mother as Case Appears on Docket Call.**

By the Associated Press.

OTTAWA, Ill., December 27.—The trial of Harry Hill for the slaying of his mother last August was on call in the La Salle County Circuit Court today.

Backed by a special \$20,000 prosecution fund voted by the county, State Attorney Russell Harrison said the extreme penalty—death in the electric chair—would be asked for the 22-year-old defendant.

**Persists in Denial.** Attorneys for Hill, son of a Streator, Ill., oculist, said they would seek dismissal of the indictment. Hill, during his four months in jail, persistently stated he knew nothing of how his mother died.

Trouble in picking a jury was anticipated, for the case is widely known. Mrs. Elizabeth Hill, woman in her forties, was shot to death and her body buried in a shallow grave in the basement of her Streator home.

It was found there August 22, last. Her son was arrested September 2 in Seattle, Wash.

**Father Aids His Son.** Supporting Hill in his fight against the murder charge is his father, Dr. H. C. Hill.

The State charges Hill shot his mother after a quarrel over checks he had drawn against her account without her knowledge. There also was the question of the mother's disapproval over her son's attentions to a Streator girl.

Under his mother's will, Hill was left the entire estate of \$50,000, payable to him at the age of 25.

**CHICAGO CRIME CUT IN HALF, HUGHES SAYS** Report to Mayor Claims Big Improvement in Eight Months of Control.

By the Associated Press.

CHICAGO, December 27.—Reduction of crime more than 50 per cent is shown in a report to Mayor Thompson by Chief of Police Hughes for the eighth month he has been in office.

Merchandise valued at \$18,828,000 has been recovered by the police, the chief reported. Murders and man slayings totaled 286 up to December 1, as compared with 369 last year. Of the 111 offenses committed since Hughes took office, 182 had been solved through the capture of those responsible.

The report showed 153,147 arrests during the year. The number of automobiles stolen was 4,497 and 4,600 were recovered, which included many stolen before he took office.

One of the proudest accomplishments, the chief said, was the recovery of an employment bureau for boys, which had 5,276 applications and placed 2,453 boys since its organization in September.

## Explosion of Motor In "Self-Energizing" Plane Hurts Creator

**SPRINGFIELD, Mo., December 27.**—While warming up the motor of a "self-energizing" airplane for its first attempted flight, J. E. Nordin of Monett, Mo., the inventor, was painfully injured when the motor exploded.

A large crowd viewed the accident Sunday at a field near Monett. Nordin suffered lacerations by flying fragments from the motor.

The motor does not fly the plane, according to Nordin, but is used to propel the machine across the field for the take-off. A motor cycle engine is used in the machine, which has standard controls. He said it would revolutionize aviation if it is successful.

**FIVE IN FAMILY OF SIX DIE FROM GAS IN HOME** Bodies Found in Bed by Relative Who Visits House After Christmas Party.

By the Associated Press.

PATERSON, N. J., December 27.—Five members of a family of six were found dead in their home here yesterday. They had been asphyxiated by gas after entertaining friends Sunday night at a Christmas celebration.

The victim was Peter Scarpelli, 52; his wife, Jennie, 50; daughters, Rose, 21; Eleanor, 11; and son Ralph, 10. Another son, Anthony, 24, who was admitted to practice as a lawyer last week, was the only member of the family to escape death. A leaky kitchen stove fixture was the cause of the tragedy.

A nephew, Joseph Scarpelli, who called at the house, discovered the bodies after he had broken down a door. Police found the home gaily decorated with Christmas greens and lights. Mrs. Scarpelli apparently had tried to reach a doorway she was clothed in her night dress and had fallen on the kitchen floor.

**TWO DEER AT ONE SHOT.** Hunter May Get Two Fines for Violating Game Laws.

Correspondence of The Star.

CHARLESTON, Pa., December 27.—William McMillen of Exeter, Pa., while hunting on the Potomac river here killed two deer with one bullet. A nice big buck was within range and he fired the bullet going through the buck's head, killing it instantly, and then hit a doe which was also hurrying by and after piling under a bright light.

The hunter reported himself to the game warden, who will decide if Mr. McMillen must pay two fines, one for killing two deer in one season and the other for killing a doe.

**Actress to Wed Film Star.** LAR ANGELIER, December 27.—The engagement of Helen Patterson stage actress, and Kenneth Harlan of the films was announced here last night by the latter.

## REPAIRING SMILES IS ART IN MOVIES

**Dentists for Film Stars Are Faced With Delicate Work.**

Correspondence of the Associated Press.

HOLLYWOOD, Calif.,—Repairing and replacing screen smiles is a highly remunerative occupation in Hollywood.

Anywhere else it might be described as plain dentistry, but the specialists who work on famous film mouths in this city are well aware they are not so much workers in teeth as guardians of celebrated smiles—some of them, without exaggeration, million-dollar smiles.

Players who have smiled their way to screen wealth and popularity are willing to pay well for professional skill.

The false teeth made for a film star's mouth are unlike ordinary "store teeth."

Patiently, tooth by tooth, some high-priced specialist in ceramics recreates a famous smile that a specialist in extraction has just pulled.

The mechanical details of filling a mouth with new teeth are left to undergraduates. He exerts his skill as a worker in porcelain to make the substitute teeth look exactly like those which were extracted, even imitating, in some cases, a slight tobacco stain.

According to one specialist in the original set is remedied if it is possible without making them look obviously "new" to the possessor's close friends.

As a result, the star whose fortune depends on her smile is not embarrassed by her artificial teeth. In fact, according to one specialist in Hollywood, she knows the secrets of many a famous Hollywood smile.

Dr. Frank W. Chandler—the smiles stars buy from their dentists usually are an improvement on the originals.

**17 KILLED IN WEEK.** North Carolina Death Toll Includes Four Burned to Death.

RALEIGH, N. C., December 27.—(AP)—Twenty-seven persons were killed in North Carolina during the seven-day period ending last night, the same number as were killed in the same week, despite the holiday rush the last seven days.

Automobiles accounted for only six of the dead, four persons were burned to death and three killed themselves.

**Heads Rebekah Lodge.** Special Dispatch to The Star.

CLARENDON, Va., December 27.—Mrs. Ethel Finney of Clarendon, Va., elected noble grand of Clarendon Rebekah Lodge at the semi-annual election meeting, held last night in Odd Fellows Hall here.

Mrs. Finney, 54, is a native of Clarendon, Va., and has been a member of the lodge for many years. She is a well-known social worker and has been active in many community organizations.

## Runaway Boy's Romantic Tale Found False; Police to Send Him Back Home

An expert runaway and a realistic romantic, according to police, his stories enhanced by a cherubic expression, blue eyes and light hair, told that his trail ended at the House of Detention last night and will be home with mother today.

Elmer Francis McVey, 12 years old, with a penchant for running away, police said, was picked up here last night after he had hiked from Olney, Md. He told a tale that won him sympathy and which depicted him as a poor orphan whose legacy had given out and who had been turned out of a house where he was boarding because he had no funds.

All this was believed until it developed that his mother, Mrs. Mildred Williams, had reported on December 24 that he had run away on the day before, and it was learned that he has run away twice before. While he is in another home, while his mother is employed, his board is paid there and he has never been mistreated or turned out into the cold world, police said.

**WINTER OPERA SEASON IS OPENED IN ITALY.** Prince Humbert Attends First Performance at Regio Theater in Turin.

By the Associated Press.

ROME, December 27.—The winter opera season today was under way throughout Italy.

The Naples and Turin opera houses reopened last night and La Scala at Milan has been open for some time.

At Naples, in the beautifully renovated San Carlo Theater, Spontini's "La Vestale" was given, with Edoardo Vito conducting. At the Regio Theater in Turin Wagner's "Gotterdammerung" with Gino Marinuzzi conducting, was given before a crowded house. Crown Prince Humbert was the most distinguished boxholder present.

The first performance at La Scala, Milan, of Wolf Ferrar's "Sly" was postponed, owing to the illness of the diva, Mme. Siodman. It is expected that she will be able to sing her role Thursday night.

**AL CAPONE LEAVES CHICAGO "INCOGNITO"** Gangster Says He Will Return to City After He Gets Needed Rest.

By the Associated Press.

CHICAGO, December 27.—His duties as Santa Claus to his family discharged, Al Capone said he intended to leave Chicago today for a month's vacation.

"I need a rest and I'm going to take it. I am not being run out of Chicago. When I am ready to come back, I will return," he asserted.

He did not name his destination, saying he was traveling incognito. Encouraged with Christmas presents, Capone declared the most peaceful of his 12-year-old son's hearing. The boy had been kept in an ear for some time, and the father was reported to have spent about \$20,000 in attempts to cure him.

**PRINCE ESCAPES IN CRASH.** LONDON, December 27.—(AP)—The Daily Mail said yesterday that Prince George, second son of the King, narrowly escaped serious injury while motorcycling to Sandringham, Friday evening to join the rest of the royal family for Christmas.

The paper says the prince's car skidded on a country road, struck a bank and overturned. The prince, the chauffeur and another occupant were shaken up, but uninjured.

## ENGLISHWOMAN WINS ART HONOR

**Long Years of Work Reward Her to Place in Royal Academy.**

Correspondence of the Associated Press.

LONDON.—Colors from the brushes of Mrs. Laura Knight painted a rainbow that has led, if not exactly to a pot of gold, at least to prized associate membership in the Royal Academy.

The Englishwoman achieved her distinction in the art world through long years of constant work. She was an orphan in straitened circumstances, but managed to finance her own education.

"I have made up my mind that I only did it then because it was cheap." The earliest pictures she submitted to the Royal Academy were rejected, and she says she now realizes they were "mere daubs" and has destroyed them.

Of recent years she has suffered no rejection. Knight has painted negro life in Maryland and other American States.

"I think there is a whole world to explore in the lives of negroes," she remarked. "I have become much interested in the beauty of negro life."

The theater is her chief recreation. She made a special study of ballet dancers, whom she has painted extensively. She has even received lessons in ballet dancing, to enable her to better understand the technique.

**Is Still Active.** Mrs. Knight is the fourth woman in the Royal Academy. Of the others, only Mrs. Annie L. Swynnerton, now 82 years old, is living.

Mrs. Swynnerton still takes an active interest in the world of art and has a country studio. She began painting as a child and studied for a career. Her marriage to Joseph W. Swynnerton, a sculptor, in 1883, was an inspiring partnership in art.

Mrs. Swynnerton is a member of the International Society of Sculptors, Painters and Gravers. The best known of her pictures are "The Sense of Touch" in the Liverpool gallery, and "St. Martin's Summer." She was represented in this year's academy showing by a landscape, "The Gulf of Spezia."

Angeline Kauffman and Mary Moser, the other woman members, were among the founders of the academy.

**Churchman's Brother Dies.** ROME, December 27.—(AP)—Ossorio Lombardi, 86, elder brother of Cardinal Gasparri, papal secretary of state, died yesterday.

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Neither was seen again, but when the boat was found burned it was believed they had escaped and would show up in town.

## Braves 58 Below Zero to Bring Yule Mail to Arctic Town

**CIRCLE, Alaska, December 27.**—A valiant battle against the most severe storm in interior Alaska in 20 years was successful when Mail Sled Driver Jewell arrived with the Christmas mail on time Sunday from Chitanaika.

Braving the weather of 58 below to bring holiday greetings to this Arctic outpost, Jewell arrived on schedule, but with his hands and face severely frozen and his team of dogs suffering from the cold.

In a note addressed to the woman's husband, McDaniel told how he returned to the apartment to find her apparent suicide and concluded: "I have made up my mind that if her love was so great for me that she did this rather than go back to you, then I, too, will go with her."

Another note asked that Mrs. Rowan's father, C. W. Burrows of Coshocton, Ohio, be notified.

**LOVE ENDS IN SUICIDE OF MAN AND WOMAN** Navy Pharmacist Takes Own Life When He Finds Dead Body of Sweetheart.

By the Associated Press.

NEW YORK, December 27.—A tragedy, in which a man committed suicide when he found the woman with whom he was in love had killed herself, was revealed in notes left in the gas-filled apartment where both died.

The bodies of Mrs. Grace Rowan, wife of a stock dealer in Tampa, Fla., and L. J. McDaniel, chief pharmacist on the United States destroyer Kane, were found Sunday night. The woman had been dead five days and the man two, autopsies disclosed.

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**38 FAMILIES HOMELESS.** Break in Louisiana Levee May Force Others Out.

NEW ORLEANS, La., December 27.—(AP)—Thirty-eight families have been forced to evacuate their homes as a result of a break in the reconstructed Atchafalaya River levee at Coccyville, La., and it was said that many others might be forced to move unless the break is quickly repaired.

T. J. McCarthy, a Red Cross reconstruction officer at the scene of the break, estimated that 130 families would be homeless by the time the crest of the flood is reached Thursday.

The homeless families are being cared for by the Red Cross. Principal damage was done to truck crops.

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## 14 OPPORTUNITIES STILL NEED \$1,971

**Six Cases Selected by Charities Fully Provided For. More Gifts Received.**

With a little less than \$2,000 still needed to complete the fund asked by the Associated Charities to provide the necessities of life during the next year for 61 helpless children and 18 older persons, it is hoped that contributions will be made in the next few days for the eight Christmas opportunities whose quotas are still incomplete. Six of the fourteen original opportunities have now been fully provided for, the fortunate ones being Nos. 1, 2, 4, 6, 7 and 8.

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**C. H. ZEHNDER DIES.** Pennsylvania Capitalist, 71, Was Official of Many Firms.

NEW YORK, December 27.—(AP)—Charles Henry Zehnder, 71 years old, Pennsylvania from manufacturing, coal operator and capitalist, died last night after an extended illness.

Zehnder was born in Northumbria, England. He was president of the Mount Hope Mineral Railroad Co., vice president of the Arkansas Valley Beet Sugar & Irrigated Land Co. and a director of the Bankable Trust Assurance Society of the United States, the Empire Trust Co., the Scranton Bolt & Nut Co., the Warren Foundry & Pipe Co. and the Republic Steel Co.

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