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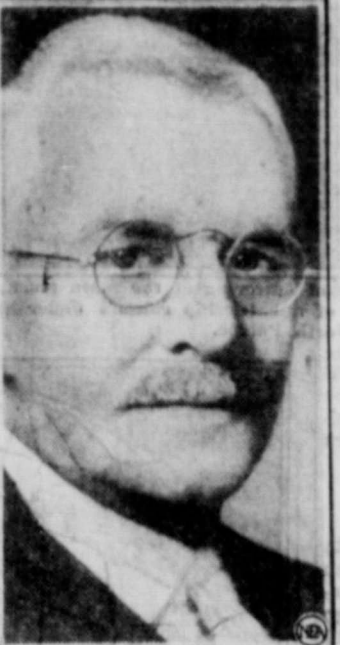
## PIERSON CONFESSES SLAYING PARENTS

Public enemy, facing chair, threatens to haunt his foes. There's no need for worry, however, on our side we have the spirit of the law.

### MOTHER INCREASE IN REVIVAL ATTENDANCE SEEN

There was again an increased attendance at the services last night at the revival meeting at the Methodist church in which Rev. A. Langston of Fort Worth is speaking.

### Circus Man Ill



Improvement in the condition of John G. Robinson III, above, member of the famous circus family, revived hope for his recovery at his Miami, Fla., home, after three operations failed to check a grave throat malady.

### SNOW, RAIN END DROUTH IN MIDWEST

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 25.—Snow and rain refreshed generous portions of the west and midwest today, promising to end dust and drouth.

### Get New Chance in Far-Off Alaska



New hope has come to this Arcadia, Mich., family, a chance to escape from relief rolls and start life over as pioneers in far-off Alaska.

### Membership Drive For Country Club Started Thursday

The membership committee of the Ranger Country club met in the office of the Chamber of Commerce Thursday morning and began work on the drive to secure auxiliary memberships.

### Nazi Foe's Return Asked by Swiss



Seizure of Berthold Jacobs (above), anti-Nazi editor, by Germany under irregular circumstances while he was a resident in Switzerland has made him the newest storm center of European affairs.

### SHERIFF SAYS BOY TELLS OF THE MURDERS

Takes Officers To The Spot Where He Hid Purses and Watches Wednesday Night.

AUSTIN, April 25.—Insanity was offered today as an explanation of the slaying by Howard Pierson, 20, of his father, Associate Justice William Pierson, and his mother last night.

### Soft Ball Teams Organize But One Team Drops Out

A meeting of soft ball managers held at the Chamber of Commerce offices Wednesday afternoon, seven teams were entered in the league, with one team dropping out Thursday morning.

### HARRISON BILL IS APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

WASHINGTON, April 25.—The senate finance committee approved the Harrison compromise soldier bonus bill today after writing into the measure a provision authorizing President Roosevelt to pay the veterans adjusted service certificates in money of the \$4,000,000,000 work relief fund.

### Friends Advocate Judge Hickman For The Supreme Court

Upon receipt of word in Ranger and Eastland of the death of Associate Justice William Pierson of the Texas Supreme Court, many discussed the possibility of Governor Alfred appointing Chief Justice J. E. Hickman of the Eleventh Court of Civil Appeals of Eastland, to the position.

### HOFFMAN CASE FILING AND COMMISSION CANVASS MARK LATEST EVENTS IN ELECTION

Municipal and legal action today marked the latest events in Eastland's city election.

### Country Club Has Membership Meet

A meeting of members of the Ranger Country Club, which was held in the office of the chamber of Commerce Wednesday night, with Sam Gamble, president, it was voted to postpone the annual invitation tournament until early summer.

### TWO ESCAPED CONVICTS ARE RECAPTURED

HOUSTON, April 25.—Flight of two convicts who, with two others, fled from Central State Prison farm near Sugarland, was halted today by the prison manager, with the aid of city detectives.

### Government Will Continue to Buy Stocks of Silver

WASHINGTON, April 25.—The government will continue to buy silver until the price reaches \$1.29 an ounce, or until silver stocks reach a third of the value of gold stocks, Henry Morgenthau Jr. indicated today.

### Rev. Langston Is Lion Club Speaker

Dr. Harry A. Logsdon had charge of the Lions club program Thursday at noon and presented Rev. A. Langston, who delivered a very inspirational and interesting address to the club.

### Pope Urges Serene Peace In Letter

VATICAN CITY, ROME, April 25.—Pope Pius XI, in a letter today, urged world prayer for "serene peace."

### Eastland, Rising Star Boys Win In School's Meeting

Two county schools were represented by students who won places in the regional 2 interscholastic league meet held at Abilene Saturday. It was announced Thursday.

### Elect Daughter of Dr. Estes Editor Of College Paper

Anna Lou Estes, daughter of Dr. C. W. Estes of Eastland, was elected editor of The Lass-O-C. L. A college paper, Tuesday, for the coming year, according to word received Thursday.

### Trash Hauling to Be Resumed Friday

Wade Swift, chairman of the cleanup committee of the cleanup campaign, announced today that he had secured four trucks for four days each, with which to complete trash hauling.

### Roosevelt Will Talk to Nation On Sunday Morning

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THE Ranger Times has great tickets for Mr. and Mrs. C. D. HARTNETT to see An Aerial Epic Over Africa in "BABOONA" Friday at the Arcadia Theatre

### Kidnap Victim to Plead For Abductor

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., April 25.—Whether Walter McGee, kidnaper, dies May 10 as he is scheduled to, appeared today to depend on Miss Mary McElroy, the young woman he kidnaped and held for ransom two years ago.

### Property Given Mrs. Comer at Divorce

Community property was given Mrs. Virgie Comer, who recently was granted a divorce from Oscar Comer in 88th district court.

### Germany to Issue New Defense Law

BERLIN, April 25.—Publication of the new defense law providing for compulsory army service may be Germany's first challenging reply to the League of Nations' denunciation of its treaty violation.

### Trades Day Group Will Meet Friday

The trades day committee of the Chamber of Commerce, composed of F. A. Nelson, chairman, J. C. Smith, E. R. Gentry, C. D. Hartnett, E. H. Mills and D. Joseph, is to meet in the office of the Chamber of Commerce Friday morning at 10 a. m., it was announced today.

### Father Coughlin Holds Mass Meeting

DETROIT, Mich., April 25.—Father Coughlin emerged on the political stage today with a nebulous but apparently solidifying army of supporters behind him.

### Joseph M. Weaver Area Member For Crippled Group

One of the area board members of the Texas Society for Children, Inc., is Joseph M. Weaver of Eastland, according to information received Thursday.

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A Dash of Ice Water For That War Fever

Congress evidently is in the mood to do something pretty drastic about the profits which are made in war-time.

The House of Representatives seems to be going down the line for the McSwain bill, far milder than the one presented to the Senate by Senator Nye. But it has added to it a provision for 100 per cent taxes on excess profits, and it seems likely that in the end we shall get a compromise between Senate and House bills—a compromise bill far stronger than would have seemed possible a year ago.

And whatever may be said about the military value, or otherwise, of such a bill, there is one way in which it ought to be exceedingly useful. When the war fever begins to sweep the land, a law of this kind ought to act very much like a sponge dipped in ice water and applied to a fevered forehead.

A member of the Senate Munitions Committee expressed it thus:

"Our bill is drastic because war is a drastic thing. The tax collector who comes for one man's money is not nearly so solemn and forbidding a visitor as the draft officer who knocks upon another man's door for his young son.

"It is our intent clearly and honestly to let every person in the country know that he will be expected to bear a large share of the burden of any war."

We talk a great deal about the horrors of war, but we don't really mean all of it. We never can forget that when war comes business will boom.

Wages will be higher, profits will be higher, everybody will be busy, and those of us who don't have to do any fighting will, really, be better off than in peacetime.

And because that is true, it is very easy for war fever to sweep us off our feet.

Arranging things in this new way ought to help us to keep cool in a time of crisis. If we knew in advance that profits, salaries, and wages would be subject to very strict limitations, and that income and other taxes would immediately shoot to dizzy heights, so that all of us would feel the war burden in a direct and unmistakable way, it is likely that we shouldn't agree to go to war at all—unless the reason for doing so was clear and overwhelming.

And that, in turn, would be a boon immeasurable. To find a way to check the war-madness—that is what people everywhere have been seeking ever since 1918. Wouldn't a bill of this kind come close to doing it?

FRECKLES and HIS FRIENDS—By Blosser



BASEBALL

TEXAS LEAGUE

Table with columns: Club, W, L, Pct. Rows include Oklahoma City, Tulsa, Galveston, Fort Worth, Beaumont, San Antonio, Dallas.

Yesterday's Results

Houston 6, Fort Worth 4 (10 innings). Galveston 4, Dallas 3. Oklahoma City 11, San Antonio 1. Tulsa 5, Beaumont 2.

Today's Schedule

Fort Worth at Beaumont. Dallas at San Antonio. Oklahoma City at Galveston. Tulsa at Houston.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Table with columns: Club, W, L, Pct. Rows include Boston, Cleveland, Chicago, Washington, New York, St. Louis, Detroit, Philadelphia.

Yesterday's Results

Washington 3, Philadelphia 2. Cleveland 3, St. Louis 2. Chicago 10, Detroit 4. New York at Boston, rain.

Today's Schedule

St. Louis at Cleveland. Detroit at Chicago. Washington at Philadelphia. New York at Boston.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Table with columns: Club, W, L, Pct. Rows include Brooklyn, New York, St. Louis, Cincinnati, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Boston.

Yesterday's Results

New York 3, Boston 1. Brooklyn 4, Philadelphia 1. Pittsburgh 5, Cincinnati 2. Chicago 7, St. Louis 6.

Today's Schedule

Boston at New York. Philadelphia at Brooklyn. Pittsburgh at Cincinnati. Chicago at St. Louis.

MARKETS

Table with columns: Stock Name, Price. Includes Int Cement, Johns Manville, Kroger G & B, etc.

GREATEST ARMADA SINCE 1918 WILL SWING INTO ACTION IN MANEUVERS OF U. S. FLEET

Intricate Naval Problems to Be Worked Out in Vast Triangle of Hawaii, California and Alaska.

BY ERSKINE JOHNSON, NEA Service Writer

SAN PEDRO, Calif.—The greatest fleet since the World War is today assembled in the North Pacific for the maneuvers in the North Pacific between May 3 and June 10. Awaiting the call of "anchors aweigh" are 177 surface ships, four carriers of 477 planes, and nearly 55,000 officers and men.

That's greater than the renowned Spanish Armada of 1588 by 46 ships and 28,000 men.

The maneuvers, aimed at working out "Problem XVI," will spread over 5,000,000 square miles of seaway in the California-Hawaii-Alaska triangle.

They will be confined rigorously to the American side of the Pacific, at no time coming closer than 2000 miles to Japan, nor within several hundred miles of waters which are to be covered later in the summer by maneuvers of the Japanese fleet.

During the American maneuvers, the Asiatic fleet will pay the usual courtesy calls at the Japanese ports of Yokohama and Kobe.

"Problem XVI" is believed to hinge somewhat on showing the increasing value of the air arm and the manner in which it has brought Alaska within hours of California instead of days.

Denies Japan "Menace" — "We want to get acquainted



with Alaskan waters," was Secretary Swanson's answer to a question on the purpose of the maneuvers.

He has repeatedly denied that there is any reason for apprehension in such far-flung Pacific maneuvers, plans for which were drawn more than a year ago, before Japan had denounced the Washington treaty.

With immobile marines on guard in the white corridors of his flagship, the battleship Pennsylvania, Admiral Joseph M. Reeves has been holding highly secret conferences with his aides on the working out of "Problem XVI."

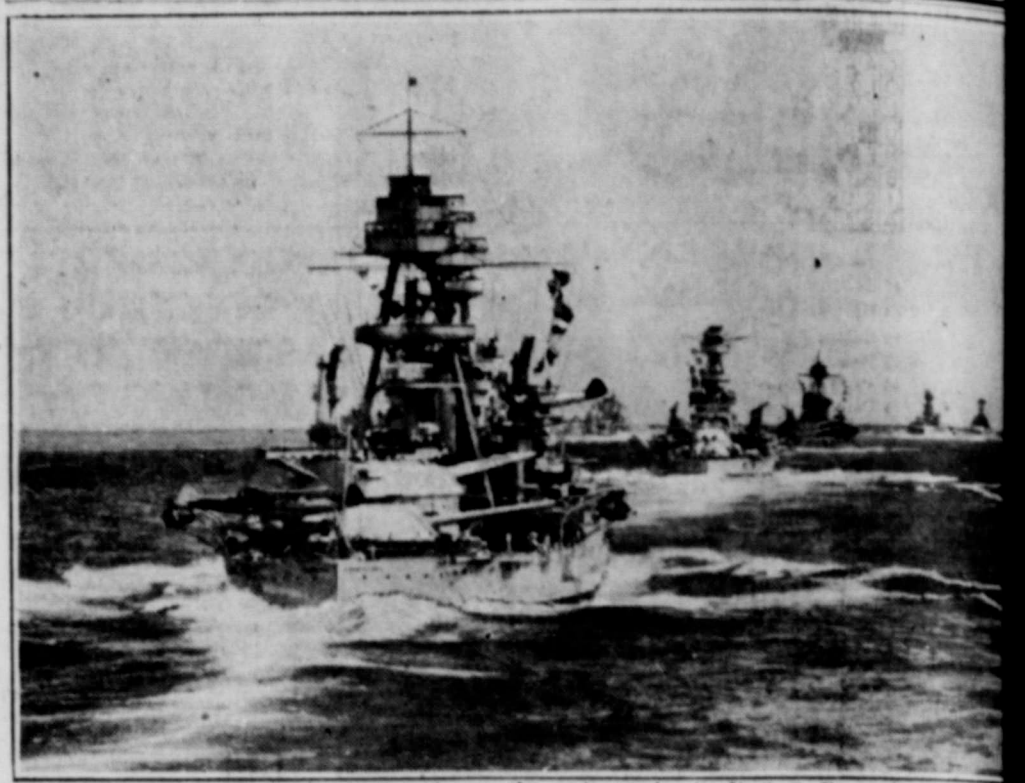
Sixty-two-year-old Admiral Reeves is one of the busiest men in the world as the zero hour for the war games draws near. This famous sailor, towering 6 feet 3, and 42 years ago a star football tackle at Annapolis, is spending 16 hours a day making lightning decisions on highly technical questions of naval tactics, strategy, ships, guns, planes, and men.

Genius in Command

Tall, distinguished in appearance, and as erect as a cadet on parade, Admiral Reeves is a suave, polished gentleman who, it is said, knows his job like no other man who has preceded him.

He has been an engineer, a gunnery expert, a strategist, and is an outstanding authority on naval aviation. His whole being is devoted to the navy.

Upon the broad shoulders of Admiral Reeves, or rather in his brilliant mind, rests success of the maneuvers. He must see that the fleet's absolute maximum offensive power is delivered against the theoretical "enemy" at exactly the right moment.



With Admiral Reeves' pennant fluttering at the main truck, the U. S. S. Pennsylvania, shown in the foreground in this photo of a battleship column under way, will be the center-point of summer's maneuvers in the North Pacific.

The entire force, from great battleships to swift planes, will be bent to his will through an inviolable but constantly alert network of communications.

Preliminaries on April 29

The maneuvers will begin with a sortie from the San Pedro-San Diego area on April 29. Most combatant units of the force will go to San Francisco, whence they will sail for the Hawaiian Islands. Others will go direct from this area to Hawaii.

Subsequent operations will be conducted from the naval base at Pearl Harbor, where 20-odd auxiliary ships of the fleet train will include establishment of a temporary advanced base at Midway Island, 1200 miles northwest of Hawaii.

Participating in the maneuvers will be 14 battleships, 14 heavy cruisers, 32 submarines, four aircraft carriers, nine light cruisers, 56 destroyers, nine mine layers and 39 auxiliaries.

The submarine flotilla will include six giant world-range cruisers with their tenders Bushnell and Holland. The games will end with the armada's return to San Diego on June 10.

Millions Spent

The visit of the fleet to the Hawaiian Islands, in the war games, follows announcements of



The "San Francisco-Hawaii-Alaska triangle," scene of the large scale naval maneuvers of the U. S. fleet this summer. Over vast 5,000,000-square-mile seaway, new vessels and tactics will be tested in the greatest naval concentration since the World War. The main body will sail from San Francisco to Hawaii, and operate from the Pearl Harbor base in fleet problems between Hawaii and Alaska, returning after more than a month to south California.

large improvements to the defenses there. These developments include the programmed expenditure of \$15,000,000 on the navy yard and submarine base at Pearl Harbor, and construction of permanent airports, under naval jurisdiction, on Midway and other Pacific islands for the new commercial trans-Pacific airline.

With the new aircraft carrier Ranger in use for the first time, the naval aviation units will be given their most extensive test.

A thousand aviators with the fleet, and 85 giant radius seaplanes under Admiral Alfred W. Johnson will be given a chance to show what can do at long distances, along with the 350-odd shorter planes.

Other new naval types getting their first maneuver—the world-cruising submarine heavy scout cruisers, a type of destroyer, and the Ranger.

"OUT OUR WAY" — By Williams



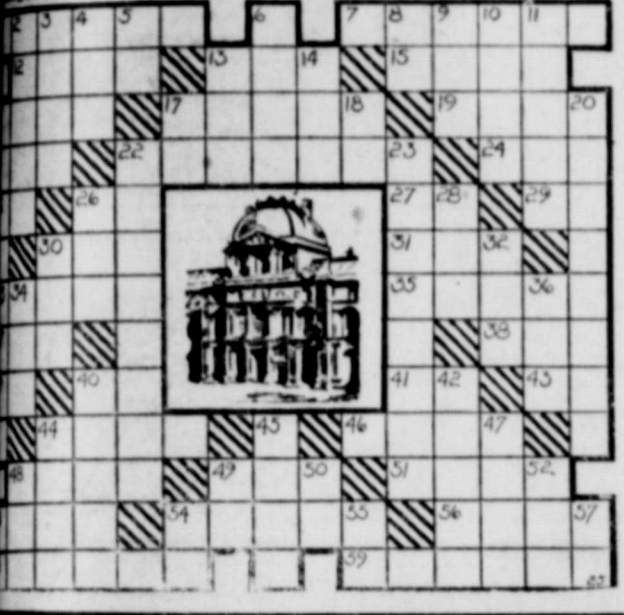
Advertisement for Lucky Strike cigarettes. Features a large circular graphic with the text 'Try me I'll never let you down' and a Lucky Strike cigarette. Below the graphic is the text 'I'm your best friend I am your Lucky Strike'.

Palace of Art

Answer to Previous Puzzle

ROYANOVSKY... ALEX... MORALLY... DUNCES... COMET... DRISM... SERRATE... ALONE... ADOOR

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The DARK BLOND

By CARLETON KENDRAKE

BEGIN HERE TODAY Millicent Graves, secretary to George Drimgold, finds her employer in his office dead. Jarvis Happ, a stranger, offers to help her. He sends her to a beauty shop where she is transformed into a brunet, then takes her home, introducing her as his secretary. She meets Happ's son, Norman; his stepson, Robert Caise; Mrs. Happ; Dick Gentry, Happ's partner, and Vera Duchene, Mrs. Happ's maid. In Happ's home Millicent sees the mysterious woman in black...

Now Go On With the Story CHAPTER XXXVII Millicent turned away from the telephone and faced the door, feeling sick with dread. No one could possibly know of that room in the hotel unless it was someone who had followed her, had been playing with her as a cat plays with a mouse. The pounding on the door was repeated, this time more insistently. Millicent made up her mind that, come what might, she was not going to open that door. The door was locked, and whoever wanted to get in would have to break it down. She stood perfectly still, listening, waiting. Once more the knuckles pounded on the door, and a man's voice said, "Please let me in."

the apartment house. Then I remembered that I didn't have a key that would open the outer door. We'd had to ring the bell, you remember, in order to get through that outer door. So I was looking around for some likely looking bell to ring when I felt a touch on my shoulder and whirled around. Who do you suppose was there? "Who?" she asked. "Sergeant Mahoney," he told her. She gave a quick exclamation of dismay. "Then he knows about the place?" "I don't know. I don't think so. His car was there at the curb. He told me he was driving past and saw me, so he parked his car and ran across to talk to me." "What did he say? What was he wanted? Was it about me?" "Yes. He wanted to know when I'd seen you last. He was very anxious to get in touch with you." "He would be." "Don't misjudge him," Norman Happ answered slowly. "I think he understands a great deal more than he lets on. I told him that I know you weren't running away, and he laughed and said that he knew it too, because you weren't that type; that you'd surrendered once to blind panic but that you were what he called a 'regular fellow, and that you would stay and see the thing through. But he told me he wanted to talk with me and said that he would like to have a few minutes of my time at once." "You know, he's pretty shrewd and I didn't dare to appear to be in too much of a hurry because otherwise he would have smelled a rat. Apparently he hadn't noticed that I was about to ring one of the apartment bells and he intimated it might be well for me to get into his car and drive out to the house with him." "Did you do it?" she asked. "Yes," he told her. "I had to." "What about your father?" she inquired, her voice showing her anxiety. "That was what Sergeant Mahoney wanted to see me about—that kidnaping. He says it doesn't look to him like a professional job." "Has any ransom been demanded?" "Yes. Vera Duchene answered the telephone a couple of hours ago. A man's voice said, 'The ransom on Jarvis Happ will be \$100,000 and hung up before Vera could say a word.' "Did he say where the money was to be paid, or how?" "No. That's the funny part of it; he didn't. He gave her just that message and nothing more." "But won't Sergeant Mahoney tap the lines? Don't they do that in kidnaping cases?" "Yes. He's going to do that or has done it already, but he's satisfied father's in grave danger." "How about raising the ransom?" she asked. "A cinch," he told her. "Just between you and me, Cynthia has already got the \$100,000, but Sergeant Mahoney thinks there's more to it than just a question of \$100,000." "How could there be? What does he mean?" "I don't know. It's one of those things that Sergeant Mahoney handles in his own way. He isn't telling us all that he knows... but we've got to do something about getting your troubles cleaned up. What brought you here?" "I waited for you. You didn't come. I looked in the closet and found the suitcase containing the books that had been stolen from my room. They are still in the original suitcase. I took them out and brought them here. I wanted an opportunity to work on them before I said anything to anyone. I think they'll show that Dick Gentry is short in his accounts—badly short." "Gentry's a crook," Norman said, "and he's mixed up in this thing so deep he'll never convince me he isn't a double-crossing, four-flushing traitor." "Well," she said, "we can soon find out if I can get an hour or two to go over these books." "We have to get that liquor man to get a look at Phyllis Faulconer. We'd better do that," Norman said. "I'm not going to leave this room," she told him, "until I've gone over these books." "And I'm not going to leave this room. I'm going to stay here and protect you," he assured her. She hesitated a moment, then said, "Promise me you won't interfere?" "You mean by being impulsive?" "Yes," she said. He nodded his head. "At any rate, I can try," he asserted. "I feel like a cad for the way I burst in on you and took you in my arms. But when I felt your lips clinging so close to mine I just couldn't..." A hungry light gleamed once more in his eyes. Millicent found her eyes held by his. She couldn't look away—nor did she want to. Almost involuntarily she found herself swaying toward him and then was clasped in his arms, his lips seeking hers and her lips clinging in an embrace which seemed to drain her soul into some vast well of harmony where it mingled with his. "Norman," she whispered, and heard his voice pouring into her ears. "My sweetheart, my own, my dearest one." (To Be Continued)

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