Americans Claim Innocence to Charges They Sold French Arms Secrets

and W. E. Bailey.

PARIS, Dec. 22. (A)—Mr. and Mrs. Robert Switz of East Orange, N. J., held in two separate prison cells, prepared today to face a French judge with the plea that they had been enmeshed innocently in a Prench police net cast to trap a mysterious band of dealers in international military secrets.

The defense of innocence was outlined at a night conference between the American couple and Charles Moise, their lawyer, while French investigators dug into an immense accumulation of docu-

Hunt Invisible Powers

The investigators, operatives of the Surete Centrale sought a clew to the invisible powers behind an organization they claim to be directed against the military power of

The secret service fears that the trails to the hidden sources of the alleged espionage have been cut by over-zealous police in a premature arrest of the mere tools of master minds. These trails, they said they believed, led to Finland and the frontier of Germany.

Secret service operatives said they thought it would require additional months of searching before they could reach the bottom of what appeared to be two distinct plots.

Commercial Spies

The suspicion that the band might have been a commercially organized espionage corporation buying ders, further confused the efforts made by the police to put their big bonuses this year. puzzle together.

who captured her.

access to French military secrets far announced for this year in through an infatuetion by Louis Wall Street is that of Redmond and Martin, 43, a translator in the min-

izations of female spies, Mme. Stahl each employe's yearly wage. is 48 years old with none of the characteristics of the traditional screen type. Nevertheless the police indicated that because of her Martin found his monotonous middle- or two weeks' pay will be tucked inclass of a professor of languages was to the stockings of their workers. invaded by adventure.

To Quiz Americans

The police gave out the impression that the cases of Mme. Stahl and Mr. and Mrs. Switz were sep-

ed on the evidence obtained.

he would examine the couple Satur- cent of the employes' annual salary. day in the presence of Switz's law- The firm was organized in the sumyer, as French law requires, on the mer of 1932. basis of a deposition made by chief of detectives Martz. M. Martz has its "regular" bonus rate after havdirected the military angles of the ing omitted bonus payments in 1931-

(Special to The Herald) George A. Earnshardt, McAllen de- the practice of paying bonyises-a veloper, on charges of embezzle- practice interruped by the market ment and conversion, came to a crash of 1929. The amount close here late Wednesday when Judge Bryce Ferguson in the 92nd Criminal District Ciurt ordered a jury to return a verdict of not

were returned several months ago upon complaints filed by Dr. W. A. Smith of St. Louis, Mo., after negotiations with Earnhardt. The bills alleged that the Mc-Allen men embezzled money sent him by the St. Louis physician

Judge Ferguson's order for an instructed verdict of not guilty was based on Dr. Smith's testimony that he had told Earnhardt over the telephone that he would accept property in lieu of the money he had sent the McAllen man, although Earnhardt had offered either to give him the money or its equivalent in property. Dr. Smith later declined to accept the proferred property for various reasons and filed the charges against Earnhardt

At the age of 86, Thomas W Brookbank, civil war veteran of Salt Lake City, spends some time daily at his typewriter pounding out books on history and religion

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SHE'S DOIN' HIM WRONG



America's celebrated flamin' Mae West does a bit of first-class ogling in her latest opus, Paramount's "I'm No Angel," which opens Saturday at the Rivoli Theatre. Look at that "sparkler" on the "sucker's" little finger. Think Mae'll get it? You bet your boots she will.

Yuletide Bonuses Finding Way Back To Many Workers

(By The Associated Press) secrets wherever obtainable and Claus, is letting the rest of the peddling them to the highest bld- country set the pace in Christmas

Slim profits in the brokerage and The black-haired, gypsy-featured banking business are cited as the Mrs. Hilary T. Mosure, 72, was Russian woman, Lidia Tchekaloff reason "the Street" is unable to re- taken to Farnia, Ontario, Canada, Stahl, one of the police prisoners, vive its gayer days when the pay- for interment following her death was called a super-spy by the men ment of bonuses was a year-end at her home on Pennsylvania Ave.,

They said she seemed to have had The largest Christmas bonus so Company, a stock exchange firm which will give employes bonuses equivalent to twenty per cent of

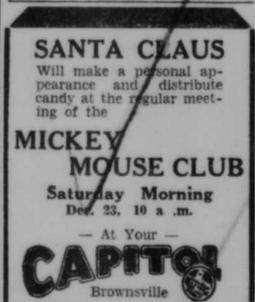
> Some houses of Wall Street indicated that the question of bonuses to clerical workers would be decided comorrow. A few firms already have announced that bonu sof one Firms in other parts of the United States are generally following the rule of depression years during which the Yuletime payment of extra compensation has, for the most part been abandoned. There are, however, some significant ex-

One Atlanta, Ga., investment first of the accused to be question- firm. Brooke Tindall and Co., has announced it will give employes The magistrate, M. Benon, said bonuses equivalent to 12 1-2 per

In Chicago the Tribune resumed

The Homestake Mining Co, with headquarters at Lead, S. D, is giving bonus checks of \$50 to each of its 2,200 employes. The Oklahoma Tie and Supply Co., is dividing a \$10,000 Christmas present among 150 employes in Oklahoma, Arkan-

D. D. Peden, president of the Peden Co., a Houston Tex., hardware concern, announced that net profits EDINBURG, Dec. 22 .- Trial of this year permitted resumption of



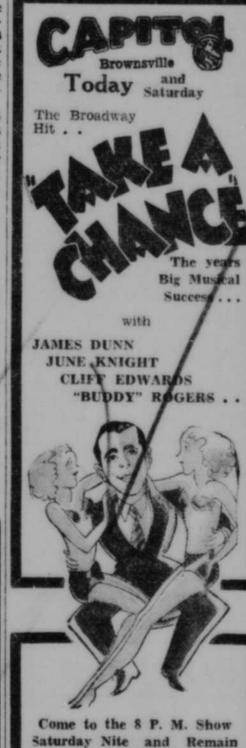
not made public. The Duncan Cof-Wall Street, once a lavish Santa fee Co., another Houston firm, also announced bonuses would be paid.

Mrs. Mosure Dies

(Special to The Herald) near here Monday. The body was train time. It is being accompanied to Canada by Mr. Mosure.

The couple moved to the Valley six years ago to escape the cold winters of Canada and celebrated their golden wedding anniversary April 21. Mrs. Mosure had been in ill health for two years.

Surviving are her husband and wo sons, one living at Pontiac, Mich., and the other in Canada.





as Our Guest for the

relief program was virtually at a standstill today as a result of the state's inability to dispose of its full \$2,750,000 bond issue, authorized for the purpose of succoring the needy. Funds were about depleted and the federal government had refused to advance any more

charged with sale of the securities. received bids for \$1,017,500 worth when proposals were considered receive presents this Christmas. yesterday. It was possibly addition- Dr. R. E. L. Mewshaw, who proposed the proposals were considered receive presents this Christmas. a! bids were in the maie.

Ma's Plea Fails

Banks, insurance companies and ndividuals offered to purchase the bonds, after a prior advertised sale failed to bring in a single offer. Offers were made to buy blocks of bonds varying from \$1,000 to \$250.-

After the bonds had failed to attract any takers a month ago, Gov. Miriam A. Ferguson undertook to interest bankers and others

the governor that it would not advance the state any more funds. The government had advanced \$3,-000,000 for relief in the state since October with an agreement that as soon as proceeds of the bond issue were available Texas would spend a similar amount. The government had promised to match each relief dollar expended by Texas.

Get No Others

Lawrence Westbrook, director of the Texas Relief Commission, which administers relief money, wired county administrators that no further direct federal relief would be available when present



- LAST DAY -



Saturday - Sunday

CARY GRANT

aturday Midnite Preview "MAMA LOVES Charlie Ruggies

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londay and Tuesday Midnite Preview Xmas Eve Dec. 24 MARION DAVIES BING CROSBY

'GOING HOLLYWOOD'

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funds and supplies are exhausted. He estimated all funds and supplies CHINA P Westbrook estimated that a final tabulation of the bids received after duplications on a maturity basis were eliminated, would show that offers had been received for not more than \$750,000 worth of the Presents Distributed SHANGHAI, Dec. 22. -(AP)- An At Kiwanis Luncheon (Special to The Herald) SAN BENITO, Dec. 22.-San Benito Kiwanians enjoyed one of the first Christmas parties of the year

ing a combined land and sea thrust against the rebel government which has established itself in Fukien Wednesday when Rev. L. A. Boone, province was given wide play today the NRA continues apace. Harlingen Methodist, made a talk in Chinese newspapers.
The reports stated that the naon Christmas and present were tionalist government's armies along

distributed. The gifts later were gathered up and will be given local children who otherwise might not receive presents this Christmas.

the western and northern borders of Finks and the Retail Merchant Ass'n. as secretary. They will meet first Tuesday in every month.

Furniture men organized with R.

E Mittanck as chairman and Mrs. sided, announced a ladies night program to be held in two weeks. Visitors included O. C. Dancy,

Brownsville Kiwanian; H. R. Jen-kins, James Black, Victor H. Mertz, North Fukien, land troops there and attack the rebels from the former president of the local club, rear.

Shek had abandoned for the time being his intensive campaign against the reds in Kiangsi province and had arrived by airplane at the Fukien border to lead his land

These reports and many others were considered a part of a Nanking propaganda campaign, while it was believed that in reality hos-tilities were as far away as ever and political bickering continued between the Nanking regime and

officially inspired report that the Trade Groups Busy Organizing to NRA

(Special to The Herald) SAN BENITO, Dec. 22.—Organization of local trade groups under week and elected M. J. Dodson chairman with Mrs. Ethel B.

fleet, consisting of a group of gun-boats, was ordered to steam to The feed and seed group has chosen Charles Herndon, chairman, with W. S. Brock secretary. Dry goods and drug groups will

Vets Sell Trees

(Special to The Herald) SAN BENITO, Dec. 22.—Annual sale of Christmas trees is being conducted by Sam Jackson Post of the American Legion here. The trees have been placed in the gas company offices.

their stores with Christmas trees as they have done in the past. Feminine residents of Seattle, Wash., wore sunbonnets to mark the eighty-second anniversary of the founding of the city.

The Retail Merchants Ass'n. has urged local merchants to decorate

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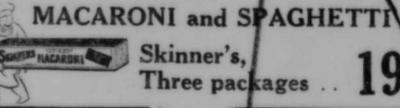
The Following Prices are Good in All Valley Jitney Jungle Stores and in Home Cash Grocery, Brownsville, Friday and Saturday, Dec. 22 and 23

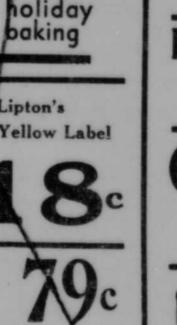




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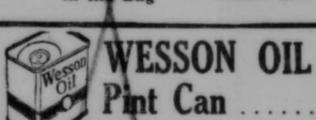




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Large Size

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Pound



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Four

Pound

26-oz. bottle 15c No. 2 Can 12c No. 21/2 Can 15c 1/2-lb. Cello. bag 9c 1-lb. Cello bag. . 17c BAKING POWDER, ROYAL, 6-oz. can 19c POTATOES, Brown Beauties, per lb. 2c RAISINS, Choice Seedless, 1-lb. pkg. 7c

MIRAQLE WHIP Pint jar ... 17c SALAD DRESSING Quart jar .. 29c ORANGES, Valley Navels, per dozen 15c RICE, Fancy Full Grain, per pound only 41/2c LETTUCE, Firm Crisp Heads, each only 6c CELERY, Fancy Jumbo Stalks, each only 10c CRANBERRIES, Fancy Cape Cod, per lb. 15c SWEET POTATOES, Yellow Yams, 3 lbs. for .. 10c MINCE MEAT, Nonesuch, 9-oz. pkg. 14c COCOA, Baker's Premium, 1/2-1b, can 10c COCOA, Baker's Plemium, 1-lb. can CRANBERRY SAUCE, Ocean Spray, 17-oz. can 17c PICKLES, Sweet or Sweet Mix, 26-oz. jar 21e SARDINES, King Oscar, quarters, 2 cans only 25c PHILADELPHIA CREAM CHEESE, 2 pkgs. only 15c GRAPE JELLY, Rosemary, 16-oz. jar only 19c CRACKERS, N B C. Excels, 2-lb. box 23c INDIA RELISH, Heinz, medium jar CAMPBELL'S VEGETABLE SOUP, Vegetable Beef or APPLES, Fancy Winesaps, per dozen 15c Tomato Soup. 3 cans for only 25c

Complete Stock Oysters, Turkeys, Hens and Fryers. Also Complete Stock of Beautiful Christmas Trees, Fire Works and Christmas Candies, and Nuts.

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HAMS, Sugar Cured Half or Whole, No. Bone or Fat, per pound 19c CHOICE BEEF CHUCK ROAST, per pound ... 12c CHOICE VEAL CHUCK ROAST, per lb. 10c RUMP, SHOULDER, ROUND or PRIME RIB ROAST, per pound 14c Fresh Dressed, Fat and Tender Turkeys Also Fresh Oysters

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