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CONFESSED OF KILL- ING MAKING AT THE STATE HOSPITAL

Describes How Painters Were Slain Following Drinking Spree—One Victim Said to Have Grabbed Shotgun— Revolver Then Used.

EM. Or., March 9.—Calsen Bebe, who arrived at the hospital here a few days ago, is the man who confessed to the killing of John Painter, today in a confession made to Dr. John C. Evans, a physician at the institution, that he killed both Painter and William and buried them in a shallow grave some distance from the Painter home.

When Bebe was tried for the murder of the elder Painter he was charged and alleged that the painter killed his son and committed suicide. For fear Bebe would be implicated in the murder of the painter, the district attorney, after hearing the testimony of the painter, acquitted Bebe on the charge of insanity.

Bebe is also under indictment for first-degree murder in connection with the killing of William Painter. Whether he will be tried on this charge had not been determined by District Attorney Lewellen of Linn county.

Physicians at the state hospital said today that Bebe is of low mentality, but they would not say that he is insane. One mental expert at the institution remarked: "Bebe is not insane, and should not have been sent to this hospital." John Painter's shoes were found on Bebe after the murder, and the prosecuting officers contended at the trial that robbery was the motive for the killing.

Bebe said he had been employed by Painter and the day before the murder he had purchased some flour and sugar and clover seed. He returned, Bebe said, and he and the painter drank heavily of beer. The following morning Bebe said the drinking bout was resumed and he and the elder Painter had a fight. Bebe said he had a severe blow on the head, and he started to go to the house. It was then that the elder Painter shot him with a shotgun which stood in the room. Bebe said he then shot Painter three times, and he fell dead in his tracks.

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MADALYNNE TELLS STORY OF LOVE

(By Associated Press.)
LOS ANGELES, March 10.—Madalynne Obenchain, pale and somewhat nervous, underwent a cross examination today in the trial for the murder of J. Belton Kennedy. It was a case of love at first sight, her answers indicated. She first met Kennedy at her mother's home in 1917 when he showed the property to a relative. They met several times soon thereafter and the second or third time he mentioned love, she testified. He said he cared for her but was under obligations to another girl. In 1918 he asked her to marry him and she consented. The engagement continued five months. Ralph Obenchain, a former school chum, arrived in Los Angeles in December and she broke the engagement with Kennedy because of Kennedy's home conditions, though she loved Kennedy when she married Obenchain.

MINE WORKERS FAVOR A STRIKE

(By United Press.)
INDIANAPOLIS, March 10.—Ballots coming into headquarters show that the members of the United Mine Workers are overwhelmingly favoring a strike on April 1st. Unless the government steps in or the operators agree to negotiate a new wage scale, the strike will come, the mine leaders said.

SOLDIERS BONUS BILL MARCH 20

(By United Press.)
WASHINGTON, March 10.—The soldiers' bonus bill comes up for action on March 20th. A lukewarm attitude towards it is now reported on in both houses.

MILLION DOLLARS SPENT FOR SEED

WASHINGTON, March 10.—The house today passed a bill appropriating a million dollars for furnishing seed to the distressed farmers in the northwest wheat belt. The senate recently passed a bill providing five million dollars and both bills will now go to a conference for compromise.

BAPTISTS TO RAISE FUNDS

CHICAGO, March 9.—The executive committee of the Northern Baptist convention met here today to complete plans for a campaign to raise \$15,000,000 within the next two months to defray expenses of the annual meeting to be held in June and to carry on the work of the organization on a larger scale.

Medford Wins From Ashland

Roseburg basketball fans who are rooting for Roseburg to win the southern Oregon championship in the game to be played on Medford Saturday night with the Ashland high school, were quite elated today to learn that the Ashland team was defeated by Medford in a game at Medford last night. The game was very close, Medford winning by only one point, but Roseburg has easily defeated Medford upon two separate occasions and this would indicate that the Roseburg team has the edge on Ashland. Medford and Ashland play again tonight at Ashland. The game between the Roseburg and Ashland team has attracted a great ticket sale, according to a report from Medford today. All reserved seats have been sold and standing room only is left. There is sufficient standing room, however, to accommodate a large number of people.

GUNMAN REPORTED TAKEN

ST. LOUIS, March 9.—A man believed by police to be Tom O'Connor, notorious gunman of Chicago, who escaped from the death cell of the Cook county jail last December, was arrested here tonight after a fierce battle with a police team, during which both were so badly beaten that they were taken to a hospital. The police were checking the descriptions sent by the Chicago police at the time of O'Connor's escape.

PRUNES ARE SHIPPED

EUGENE, March 10.—The last car load of prunes on hand at the plant of the Eugene Fruit Growers' association was shipped out during the past week and the prune pool will soon be closed, according to J. O. Holt, manager. Prunes sold well this year, but the price was not as high as that of the past three or four years.

The association now has on its books tentative orders for 26,000 cases of canned goods for this year's deliveries, and the manager, and the prospects for a record year seem bright. Many telegrams have been received by Mr. Holt during the past day or so regarding prices of this year's goods, but he is not yet getting them, desiring to wait a short time to see what other coast concerns are going to do.

CALIFORNIA GETS FEW EARTH TREMORS

LOS ANGELES, March 10.—(United Press)—A slight earthquake shock was felt in the Los Angeles business section at 3 o'clock this morning. No damage was reported. The tower clocks were all stopped. Slight shocks were also felt in Pasadena and other southern California towns.

MORE EARTHQUAKES FOR CALIFORNIA

LOS ANGELES, March 10.—(By United Press.)—Earthquake shocks were recorded on seismographs at a score of eastern universities early this morning. They centered in southern California, particularly around San Luis Obispo, where the Union Oil company pipe line was broken in four places, and the telephone system was deranged. Considerable oil was lost when the pipes broke. Reports said that work throughout the oil fields was temporarily suspended. Bakersfield, Hanford, Porterville, Visalia and other cities felt the quake, which lasted six minutes. Little property damage was reported. The shock covered territory two hundred miles long and one hundred and fifty miles wide. Three shocks were reported in many places.

KLAN THREATENS EVERETT OFFICIALS

(By United Press.)
EVERETT, March 10.—Five robes of the Ku Klux Klan, last night entered a church and delivered to Rev. F. W. Swift, evangelist, a letter and a roll of currency, then departed. The letter warned Everett city officials to "clean up the town or retire from office," and expressed sympathy with all Protestant church work. City officials here are admittedly nervous today.

KLAN THREATENS EDITOR.

BAKERSFIELD, Cal., March 9.—A threatening letter received by the editor of a Tatt newspaper was the latest development of supposed Ku Klux Klan activities in this county today. The letter was signed "K. K. K." and addressed to A. M. Keene, editor of the Midway Driller at Tatt. It read as follows: "Mr. A. M. Keene, Editor of the Midway Driller. "Let this be a warning to you and to all those connected with your office and your correspondents, which means those who send out reports from the fields. "We don't want any more such reports as have been sent out and insist that you take unto yourself that silence in golden. "If you do not heed this warning we will be compelled to deal with you as we have with others. (Signed) "K. K. K."

DRUGGISTS MAY STOCK UP

WASHINGTON, March 9.—Wholesale druggists may now stock up with a year's supply of "portable liquor," according to a new treasury regulation issued tonight by the Internal Revenue Commissioner Blair.

Under the new regulation, a wholesale druggist may procure an amount of liquor equal to ten per cent of the value of his drug business sales during the past year. Instead of for only a three-month period as formerly, but additional amounts of liquor may be obtained during the 12 months only with the approval of the commissioner.

FRIEND WAS NATURE FAKER.

SPokane, Wash., March 9.—"If you can get a frog hold on a coyote, it will not attack you," a friend informed A. E. Ahlberg, 22, Newman Lake, Wash., rancher. When he found a particularly fine specimen in a trap yesterday he decided to test his friend's advice and take the animal alive. "I grabbed the animal by the neck," he told the attendants at the Spokane emergency hospital today. "The next thing I knew, he continued, "the coyote had me by the upper lip, biting clean through." Ahlberg freed himself with difficulty. The head of the coyote has been sent to Seattle for analysis for rabies.

CONFESSES KILLING FORMER PUGILIST

(By United Press.)
SEATTLE, March 10.—Claiming he had shot in self-defense after being continually threatened with death, Frank Leslie, aged 29, a strikebreaker, boilermaker employed at the Harbor Island Petroleum works, gave himself up to the police today. He confessed he had killed Johnny O'Leary, former pugilist, the shooting occurring this morning. Leslie declared that O'Leary and a companion had attempted to beat him with an iron pipe. Leslie phoned the police to come to his home and get him, and surrendered peacefully. O'Leary's body was discovered sitting upright in bushes along the road, forty feet from where the shooting occurred. Two unidentified men were seen dragging O'Leary's body. They ran when the police approached. Leslie in his confession said that the two men who attacked him were union boilermakers. He did not mention the name of O'Leary's companion.

FORMER FIGHTER SHOT AND KILLED

SEATTLE, March 10.—Johnny O'Leary, former Canadian champion lightweight boxer, was shot and instantly killed today by E. Frank Leslie, a ship worker, who surrendered. Leslie told the police that O'Leary and another man attacked him, O'Leary with a piece of pipe and the other with rocks.

AMERICAN STEAMER IS ASHORE IN FOG

(By Associated Press.)
HAMBURG, March 10.—The American steamer West Munham is ashore off Heligoland in a fog. The ship is carrying corn for Russian relief and it may be a total loss.

PREMIER DENIES RESIGNATION RUMOR

(By United Press.)
LONDON, March 10.—Lloyd George's official residence at 10 Downing street today issued a denial that the premier had resigned. The highest authority in the government today declared that the report printed in the Saturday Review, an ultra-conservative weekly, which supports Sir George Younger, that Lloyd George had already resigned, "was without foundation."

SMALL MAJORITY IS THE FORECAST

(By United Press.)
WASHINGTON, March 10.—Ratification of the four power Pacific pact by an extremely small margin will be the result if the final vote is taken by the senate soon, a careful canvass today showed. The situation is delicately balanced and little is required to upset the calculation. According to the stand today, the senate treaty forces can reckon on thirty votes against passage with only thirty-one votes necessary to defeat it.

Merten Arranges For New Office

H. Merten, local automobile distributor, has arranged to make his headquarters in the office building now occupied by the J. V. Casey Land company. Mr. Merten, who has had one of the finest auto displays and offices in the Parrot building adjoining Churchill's Hardware store, has been forced to move his automobiles from the building as the back entrance is being closed up by the addition being made to the Ford Garage building. He is still maintaining his office in the Parrot building but will move in the near future and occupy the building across the street jointly with the real estate company. Arrangements are being made by Mr. Merten for quarters in which to display his line of automobiles but he states that he has nothing to announce in this regard at the present time.

MAIL GUARDS COST MONEY

WASHINGTON, March 9.—The cost to the government of guarding the mails with marines has been \$250,000, Major General LeJune, commanding the marine corps, told the house naval committee today. Under existing conditions General LeJune said there was practically no possibility of the withdrawal of the marine force from Santo Domingo during the next year.

MOVE STARTED TODAY TO AVERT THE JUNKING OF THE GAS WARFARE SERVICE

War Secretary Considers Ways and Means to Keep Chemical Department In Peace Use—Methods Outlined Are Meeting With Approval.

By HARRY L. ROGERS,
(International News Service Staff
Correspondent.)
WASHINGTON, March 10.—The fight to prevent the scrapping of the chemical warfare service in the United States army, endangered by the restrictions placed upon the use of poison gas by the arms conference, is under way today.

A report just laid before Secretary of War Weeks embodies recommendations from not only the chemical warfare service of the army, but also from the treasury department, the department of the interior, the department of agriculture and the department of commerce, by reason of which it is hoped that sufficiently extensive commercial and industrial uses can be made of the products of the chemical warfare establishment to warrant their being retained.

A letter just sent by Brigadier General A. A. Fries, chief of the chemical warfare service, U. S. A., with the full cognizance of the secretary of war, to various departments of the government has developed the fact that there are numerous peace-time uses to which the output of the service can be put without violation of existing commitments and with the result that the United States will remain in a state of preparedness in case any nation should in the future decide to use poison gas against Americans.

Conclusion of Experts.
After an investigation of the facilities afforded by the main chemical warfare establishment at Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland, experts of the various government departments came to the following conclusions:

The treasury department expert decided that the chemical warfare service would be of value in continuing to furnish hydrocyanic acid gas for the fumigation of ships.

Experiments conducted under the auspices of the public health service apparently proved the efficiency of phosgene gas in the extermination of plague-bearing rats.

Co-operation between the department of the interior and the chemical warfare service developed the fact that the gas mask used by the American doughboys in France furnishes the only adequate means now known for the protection of miners against the noxious gases frequently encountered in mines.

Changes Deadly Gas.
Work of the chemical warfare service has developed the discovery of "hypocrite," which, when placed in the canister of the gas mask changes the deadly carbon monoxide to harmless carbon dioxide. Another important discovery of the chemists of the so-called poison-gas service is that of "silica gel," which is regarded as a positive protection against the fumes of ammonia gas, often generated to an incapacitating degree in refrigerator plants of hotels, restaurants, ice plants, etc.

Through the research work of the chemical warfare service, it is further asserted, new methods have

Grand Jury Is In Session Today

The grand jury met today after a two weeks' recess. The grand jury met during the February term of court, but because of illness was forced to suspend its investigations. Several members of the jury were quite ill with influenza but all have now recovered and were back this morning answering the court's call. Investigations into a number of criminal cases will be made and it is rumored that the grand jury is expecting to make a very interesting final report. Witnesses were examined today relative to two burglary charges, witnesses being present from Glendale and Yonahls.

Radio Committee Makes a Report

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, March 10.—Allocation of twenty wave lengths among the various classes of wireless telephony senders and government control of the establishment of all commercial wireless transmitting stations was recommended by a committee of the government radio conference today. The recommendations do not provide for government control of the receiving stations. Amateur transmitting stations would be given the exclusive use of wave lengths of 150 to 200 meters and share with the technical and training schools wave lengths of from 200 to 275 meters.

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