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GIRLS' BODIES REVEAL CRIME OF DEGENERATE

Los Angeles Officers Seek Suspect After Gruesome Find Near the City.

MISSING SIX MONTHS

While Investigation Goes On, 7-Year-Old Child Insists Killing Story True.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) LOS ANGELES, Feb. 5.—The murder of two little girls revealed yesterday, months after their disappearance, and the murders which another little girl insists she has committed in the past two years, were occupying the attention of city and county authorities here today.

Search for May and Nina Martin, sisters, aged 12 and 8, who wandered away from home August 23 last with 65 cents taken from a baby sisters bank, ended yesterday when their bodies were found in a field scarcely a mile from the sunny front yard in which they last had played with their dolls.

The sisters lay huddled together in a shallow ditch under a covering of brush and weeds which apparently had concealed them from the view of hundreds of volunteer searchers who some months ago aided police and deputy sheriffs in a supposedly minute inspection of the vicinity. Though their bodies were draped, their torn clothing indicated a struggle proceeded death, and the findings of a county autopsy surgeon were to the effect that the girls had been attacked and slain, probably by strangulation.

Tangible clues to the identity of the slayer were lacking, but a dragnet was spread last night for a degenerate who last summer annoyed women and girls in that neighborhood. He is believed to be the same man who is sought for several recent attacks on small girls in other sections of the city. This suspect is known to have enticed his victims into a small coupe, and one of the most definite clues on which the police worked when the Martin girls first were reported missing was given to them by a neighbor who said she had seen the sisters leaving a school playground in a coupe.

While the grandmother of the girls, Mrs. Carrie Lovelace, was being taken to the spot where their bodies lay, to identify them by their clothing, another little girl, younger than either of the slain, faced Superior Judge Gates in another part of the city and reported a sensational story involving her in the alleged murder of two infants and an adult and attempts to murder several other persons.

She was seven years old Alsa Thompson, brought before the Judge for investigation as to her sanity as the result of her "confession" to police last Monday that she had fed red ground glass to her twin sisters in Dauphin, Manitoba, two years ago; poisoned a woman with anti-paste here last year, and had attempted in recent weeks to poison members of the family with which she boarded by putting sulphuric acid from a radio battery in their coffee.

Stands by Confession. Besides Judge Gates, representatives Judge Gates, represented by (Continued on page six)

World Enders Await Chariots of Heaven Tomorrow for Joy Ride to Gambol With Brides of the Lamb

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—Praying, fasting and singing hymns, thirteen Seventh Day Adventists of Long Island today are awaiting the end of the world, which they think is coming tomorrow.

They are led by Robert Reids, who calls himself the "Apostle of Doom." The party includes men, women and children and a family of four. Most of them have sold their worldly goods, even part of their clothing, and are spending the last few days subsisting on carrots and water.

Million a Day



Mrs. Scott Durand, real "dirt farmer," and rich Chicago society leader, is now "Wheat Queen," having made \$1,000,000 in one day in the unprecedented rise in the price of wheat in which she was a "bull." She and her husband own an immense farm at Lake Bluff, and a mansion in Chicago. She declared she believed the price of wheat would go even higher.

ESCAPING BOOZE RUNNERS CAUGHT IN NICK OF TIME

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 5.—Swift death in the one instance and speedy recapture in the other have come as a climax to two attempts by suspected rum smugglers and pirates to escape from the island in the San Francisco bay region within the last ten days. One climax came today when John O'Hagen, skipper, and John Mitchell and James Baldes, members of the crew of the suspected rum runner Giulia, old time pleasure craft of Spanish royalty, were found early today by guards at the immigration station at Angel Island, huddled in a cave on the island, wet and numb with cold, after they had broken out of the detention headquarters at the station last night.

The first escape attempt a week ago yesterday in the Federal Building here resulted in the killing of Ariel Eggers, suspected Canadian rum pirate, and a successful dash for freedom on the part of his brother and supposed fellow pirate, Milo Eggers. O'Hagen and his accomplices effected their escape with a pair of wire cutters making a hole in a thick screen in the rear of their quarters large enough to squirm through. When found they were nearly up to their waists in the ooze in one of the shoals on the west side of the island, a half mile from the point of escape.

They were completing a rough raft of lumber floats and ladders with a sand lumber ash can at each corner to give the crazy craft the necessary ballast.

Extemporaneous Contest Today.—An assembly will be held at the high school this afternoon at 2 o'clock, at which an extemporaneous contest will be held between the four classes. The judge will be Mrs. Bell, Dr. H. C. Church and J. E. McClintock. Representing the Seniors will be Paul Geddes, the Juniors, Carnegie Martin, the Sophomores, Myrtle Weatherford, and from the Freshman class, John Zimrick will speak.

Five children have died from diphtheria. The cause of the death yesterday of Mrs. R. C. McDowell, wife of a Nome newspaper man, was not ascertained. Six persons were reported by Dr. Curtis Welch of Nome, yesterday to have recovered and were awaiting release from quarantine.

A train scheduled to leave Seaward yesterday for Fairbanks, was held over to meet the consignment of serum. Train crews said they intended to cut the scheduled running time of 48 hours to 24 hours. This would enable Roy S. Darling, former navy flyer and agent of the department of justice at Fairbanks, and his mechanic, Ralph T. Maekle, to leave Nenana Saturday with 600,000 units of the serum. The train crew pointed out. The remaining 600,000 units of serum is to be sent to Nome by mail dog teams.

INVESTIGATORS HUNT FOR CLUES IN POISON CASE

Strychnine Discovered by Dean in Dispensary of Ohio University.

FIRST IN 30 YEARS

Motive Unknown for Giving Lethal Powder to Four Students, Causing Death to Two.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) COLUMBUS, Ohio, Feb. 5.—Columbus police today planned to question Ohio university students who last week worked in the pharmacy dispensary from which capsules, some of which contained poison, were used to fill prescriptions written by the University student health service and which caused the death of at least one student and serious illness of several others. With every supply of the poison on the campus accounted for, the task the investigators faced was a three-fold one: To discover who gave out the capsules containing the poison instead of ones containing the quinine, which closely resembles the poison; to find out, if possible, the motive, if any, underlying the act; and, to uncover the source of supply of the poison.

Belief that the poison was intentionally placed in the capsules was strengthened yesterday by the finding of definite traces of the drug in the stomach of David I. Pusken, Canton, Ohio, who died Sunday.

The only traces of the poison discovered were in a capsule in the possession of Timothy J. McCarthy, and evidence of the poison in contents in the stomach of George Thompson, McCarthy and Thompson are two of the three students taken most violently ill, and who have survived.

A new bottle of strychnine, the presence of which was unknown, was discovered late last night by Dean Clair A. Dye in a recheck of the dispensary stock. The bottle contained perhaps 75 grains of the poison.

Dr. Dye, unable to sleep because of the worry occasioned by the death of two students, one of whom is known to have died of strychnine poisoning, returned to the dispensary shortly after midnight and rechecked the entire stock. In a shelf out of sight in a corner he found the half filled bottle of strychnine.

How or when the poison got there, Dr. Dye does not know. He has been connected with the college of pharmacy for more than 30 years and he says that he has no recollection of ever having used any such bottle of strychnine before.

LARGE SUPPLY OF NEW SERUM BEING RELAYED TO NOME

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) ANCHORAGE, Alaska, Feb. 5.—Extensive preparations have been made to rush 1,100,000 units of diphtheria anti-toxin scheduled to arrive in Seaward today on the steamship Alameda from Seattle to Nome where six deaths have been reported since the start of a diphtheria epidemic.

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SPENDS 10c CARFARE TO PAY 1c INCOME TAX

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) LOS ANGELES, Feb. 5.—Marie O. Tulles, clerk in a cake shop here, spent 10 cents in carfare to go to the collector of internal revenue's office to pay her income tax—which amounts to roughly one cent. "Hang up your lantern, Diogenes," said the deputy collector who took the money. "Here is an honest taxpayer."

TOWN OF VALE FLOODED WHEN DAM GIVES WAY

Torrent 3 Feet Deep Sweeps Out Small Buildings and Railroad Bridge.

NO LIVES ARE LOST

Stores and Homes Carpeted With Silt—Cattle and Sheep Drowned in the Valley.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) VALE, Ore., Feb. 5.—Flood waters which were reported to have washed out the big irrigation dam on Bully Creek, 19 miles west of here, swept over Vale this morning at 6 o'clock with a roar and within an hour the entire town was under three feet of running water.

Boards, brush, small buildings and refuse were carried away through the streets and open spaces on the crest of the flood. Store buildings and other houses headed by silt laden waters to a depth of from a few inches to two feet.

Reports received here indicated that melting snow and rains on the valley filled the irrigation dam on Bully Creek to overflowing, and that the dam went out under the strain. The entire backed up water poured in a tremendous rush down the valley.

The railroad bridge on the Vale-Burns branch of the Oregon Short Line two miles west of Vale went out, and the approaches of the highway bridge which parallels it across Bully Creek, were washed away, but the main span was still standing this morning.

No report of fatalities had been received here this morning but the property damage will be large. A great many sheep and cattle were reported drowned in the valley west of Vale.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) ONTARIO, Ore., Feb. 5.—The town of Vale, county seat of Malheur county, Oregon, was flooded today, two bridges were washed out, buildings were lifted from their foundations, and other damage done as the result of the breaking of an irrigation dam on Bully Creek, according to reports telephoned here today from Vale.

Possible loss of life in the flooded district near Vale was indicated but not confirmed in first reports. The information from Vale came in a telephone call from W. Brown of the Malheur Enterprise, who said he was sitting on his desk completely surrounded by water. A stream a foot deep was running through the streets of Vale, he said. The Oregon Short Line bridge and a wagon bridge near Vale were reported washed out.

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Superiority Complex of Male Students Peeves Co-Eds; Colored Students Riot Over Spooning Ban

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) GREELEY, Col., Feb. 5.—The State teachers college co-eds are aroused today over the prospects of "dateless" evenings through the formation by most of the prominent males of the campus today of the misogynist fraternity. The objects of the association are a complete curtailment of "dateless" among its members, and every candidate for admission is required to swear that he believes "association with women is weakening; that women are merely used for play in clothing men; and that there is little under the cosmetics." The notice also is required to swear that he believes only in love of the platonic kind. Negro Students "Hough-House" the Campus; Five in Jail. NASHVILLE, Tenn., Feb. 5.—Five students of Fiske University, negro institution, were held in jail

STONE CONFIRMED

Washington, Feb. 5.—The senate late today confirmed the nomination of Attorney General Stone to be justice of the supreme court.

WORK FOR HEADSMAN HANOVER, Germany, Feb. 5.—The court of appeals has rejected the appeal of Hans Grans, accomplice of Friedrich Haarman, known as the "human vampire," convicted of the murder of 26 persons, mostly young men. Both men will be beheaded shortly.

BATCH OF BILLS PASSES HOUSE IN DAY'S GRIND

Protection Off Beaver in Douglas—Fisher's Stock Bill Signed.

TAX DATES CHANGED

Pierce Assured of Enough Votes to Sustain Veto—Soldiers Home to Get \$83,000.

STATE HOUSE, Salem, Ore.

Feb. 5.—In two hours of steady grinding this morning the house passed a long list of its own bills.

House bill 200 authorizing district irrigation boards of directors to enter into contract with the federal government for the construction of works delivery and distribution of waters, passed. The measure, if it becomes a law, will apply particularly to the Baker, Vale and Owyhee projects, according to Oakes. It will also make it possible for other districts in the future to take advantage of government co-operation.

Use of vegetable fats in the manufacture of condensed milk would be prohibited under house bill 261 which was passed.

Killing and trapping of beaver in counties east of the Cascade mountains and the most of those in Western Oregon would be prevented in house bill 337, passed. In certain sections of Douglas county killing would be permitted, also in Clatsop and Columbia counties. The exceptions are made in those sections where the animals destroy dikes.

Property owner or renters would be permitted to trap or kill the animals whenever they damage property.

The Cogul river will be closed to fishing if house bill 114 passed by the house becomes a law.

The senate passed senate bill 16 changing from April 5 to May 5 and from October 5 to November 5 the dates on which taxes are due.

Senate bill 24 passed by the senate would give the secretary of state authority to employ all the officers in the state traffic department instead of dividing that authority with the state highway department. The bill fixes the number of officers at not to exceed 25.

The governor today signed three bills including house bill 55, Fisher, relating to livestock running at large in Douglas county.

The house committee on roads and highways today reported adversely on house bill 125, which would prevent stock from running.

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STUDENT BODY TAKES ACTION ON SCHOOL SITE

Expresses Preference for Site for Proposed New School Building.

WILL DONATE \$1,360

Want Location That Will Admit of Greater Expansion in Future for Better Schools.

Evidence of the interest shown by the local Student Body association of the high school of this city is the fact that at a meeting held this morning resolutions were adopted to the effect that the treasury of this association will be emptied to the extent of \$1,360 to be used by the school board for the purpose of improving the West Roseburg site, known as the Bellows tract, should the voters at the election to be held next Saturday afternoon approve the west side school site. The association, composed of high school students, feel that the foregoing property will give the school district the privilege of building for the future, and with this view in mind are anxious to lend all assistance possible in a financial way to accomplish what they think is the best move in the direction for better school facilities for Roseburg.

Following are the resolutions adopted unanimously at their meeting this morning:

Whereas, We, the younger generation, are the ones most vitally affected in the selection of a school site, since; first, many of us will attend the school, and second, it will eventually devolve upon us to pay a large part of the cost, we, the student body association of the Roseburg high school, feel that it is appropriate at this time to express our opinion relative to the choice of a school site. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the student body association of the Roseburg high school be on record as strongly in favor of the Bellows tract for the school site not simply because it is better situated for athletic purposes but because the Bellows tract gives opportunities for future expansion, making the ultimate cost lower and also because it affords greater efficiency by the elimination of noise now almost constant from the adjacent railroad yards. And, therefore, be it further

Resolved, That in support of our stand, we, the student body association of the Roseburg high school, in the event of the selection of the Bellows tract for the school site, agree to turn over to the school board one thousand three hundred and sixty dollars, the sum of our original Laureate fund, to be used in the establishment of the school as the school board may see fit.

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CHINA'S FACTIONS MEET IN ATTEMPT AT UNIFICATION

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) PEKING, Feb. 5.—China's unification conference by which it was hoped that internal factional strife in the empire would end, today was headed toward the label of misunderstanding, before it had formally organized.

The basis of misunderstanding was revealed today when the adherents of Dr. Sun Yat-Sun, head of the government of South China, issued a manifesto in the name of the people's party, declining to participate in the conference because it had not taken Dr. Sun's plan for a people's conference as a basis for the re-organization of the Chinese government.

Dr. Sun, who has been criticized by ill here since he was operated upon about ten days ago, pronounced, according to his adherents, that the people's conference should be held after a preliminary meeting had been held by Chinese leaders gathered in Peking. This plan, the manifesto says, had received assurances of support throughout the country, whereas the same assurances have not expressed a like faith in the conference which was called by the provisional government and attempted an organization meeting on last Sunday. No meetings have been

No Wedding Bells



The expected wedding of Mrs. Jean Nash, "best dressed woman in Europe," to Mohammed Sabat Bey, of Calro, Egypt, was called off at the last moment in the Egyptian capital. Mrs. Nash, a New York City woman, had been married three times before and had declared she would never marry again. She has been in conference with her attorneys and may bring a suit against Mohammed, alleging he jilted her.

JAP STATESMAN SEES BENEFITS ARMS CONFERENCE

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) TOKIO, Feb. 5.—Presumably replying to the recent criticism heard at home and abroad concerning Japan's foreign policies and relations, Baron Shidehara, minister of foreign affairs, answered his opponents today on the third anniversary of the Washington arms conference.

"The Washington arms conference," Baron Shidehara said, "put an end to competition between nations in the building of capital ships. Had the building of these ships continued unchecked until now, a disagreeable international situation would have developed."

The conference also has removed the unfounded suspicions, at one time current, regarding the intentions of Japan in China and elsewhere and her sincerity has been made manifest to the most captious critic.

"In the Pacific, the clouds of unrest which had gathered at one time, have given way to an atmosphere of peace, friendship and mutual co-operation. The sinopower treaty relating to China, through force of circumstances, has failed of ratification, but basic principles have been actually accepted and followed by Japan and doubtless by other nations interested."

Baron Shidehara said the Washington conference will always hold a high place in the annals of the world; the new spirit was born there.

"We have only to go forward in the same sensible frame of mind to obtain still greater advantages in international relations," the baron concluded.

Mr. and Mrs. George Reynolds spent the day here today attending to business matters and visiting with friends. They reside at Cleveland and returned home this evening.

They had been no more rock falls or cave-ins. It was stated. The swelling apparently had lifted solid rock from the floor to the roof of the cavern. This action closed the passageway for a long distance and may have crushed Collins if it extended that far.

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CAVE VICTIM ENTOMBED BY RISING FLOOR

No Further Hope of Rescue by Natural Passage, Now Completely Sealed.

NEW PLAN DEvised

Machinery Is Being Hastily Assembled to Tunnel Down Distance of Fifty Feet.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) CAVE CITY, Ky., Feb. 5.—Floyd Collins has been completely entombed in his sand cave prison 150 feet underground by a rise in the floor of the cave, and all hope of escape through any natural passage has been abandoned.

Four trips into the cave have convinced a geologist, coal miners and military authorities in charge of the work that their only chance to reach Collins is by sinking a shaft from the top of the hill and endeavoring to tunnel to the imprisoned man.

Any attempt to mine into the cave probably would be fatal to Collins. It was agreed, but the plan was adopted as a last resort and Major W. H. Cherry, the governor's assent, has been dispatched in an automobile with instructions to get mine machinery wherever any could be found.

The slow rising of the floor within the cavern began shortly after midnight.

A rescue crew which entered at one a. m. found that the floor apparently had swelled from below at the innermost "squeeze" only a few feet from Collins.

Restraining to the surface, the miners who composed the detail made their report to Brigadier General H. H. Denhardt, in charge of the work, and Denhardt summoned W. D. Funkhouser, head of the geological department of the University of Kentucky, who arrived yesterday.

After a conference it was agreed that the miners should re-enter the cave for a second observation with a view of determining whether the movement of rock could be stopped. Meanwhile, those in charge of the work withheld knowledge of what had occurred.

An hour later the miners reappeared at the surface and hurried to General Denhardt and his conference in one of the tents near the entrance. The floor had continued to rise during the hour, they reported.

Passage Becomes Tomb. A third trip revealed that the slow rising had continued and when the miners emerged after their fourth underground visit they told General Denhardt that the passageway had been completely sealed.

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