

MURDER PLOT IS DISCOVERED AND SUSPECT HELD

Planned to Kill Wealthy S. F. Couple by Shooting or Poisoning.

HIRE TWO GUNMEN

San Francisco Millionaire Responsible for Supposed Plot According to Confession.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 26.—Richard Hotaling has requested through his counsel that he be permitted to go before the county grand jury on Monday night and answer charges that he conspired to murder his brother's wife, Mrs. Fred Hotaling.

The connection of Richard Hotaling to the other conspirators was indicated in a letter sent to Chief of Police O'Brien by Captain of Detectives Duncan Matheson, in which he said that Ralph P. King, one of the chiefs of the murder conspiracy "was associated with Richard Hotaling."

"During the latter part of October, 1924," said Ralph P. King was approached by Richard Hotaling about the murder and several persons were brought into the conspiracy and the sum of \$3500 was passed in the case."

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 26.—The revelations of an attempt to murder Mrs. Frederick Hotaling, wife of a wealthy San Franciscan and possibly her mother-in-law, Mrs. Lavina J. Hotaling, are to be presented to the grand jury for investigation when it meets next Monday night, it was announced today by the police.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 26.—A second conspirator in the supposed plot to murder Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hotaling, prominent and wealthy San Franciscans through shooting or poisoning was arrested today. The plot failed when Hotaling discovered poison in a quantity of milk and had it analyzed by the board of health.

The reasons for the plot have not come to light. The man arrested today is known only as "Lou," a suspected gunman, the police said. The first arrest was that of Ralph P. King, a former Honolulu policeman and supposed ringleader in the plot.

The police have made public an alleged statement by King, that he hired "Lou" and another gunman known as "Al" for a total of \$3,300 at the behest of a San Francisco millionaire to kill the Hotalings. King was tracked to Sacramento and taken into custody there after the milk poison attempt had been called to the attention of the police and a private detective agency.

King, according to the police, said he met the millionaire in Lake Port, Cal., and arranged the murder details there. The gunmen were to be retained and to acquaint themselves with the appearance and habits of the Hotalings so that they could perpetrate the murders quickly and quietly and make a clean escape.

"Lou" and "Al" were subsequently retained and agreed to kill the Hotalings. They hired (Continued on page 8.)

Funeral Services Held for the Late U. S. Senator McCormick and Body Taken to Chicago for Burial

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
CHICAGO, Feb. 26.—Arrangements for the funeral of Senator Medill McCormick were completed today while political leaders speculated on his successor. The obsequies will be conducted from the Fourth Presbyterian Church.

The widow, Mrs. Ruth McCormick, his brother Colonel Robert R. McCormick and friends and officials from Washington will accompany it here.

The Rev. H. T. DeBwell, acting director of the church, will officiate. The body will be entombed in Graceland Cemetery pending final burial at Bayes, Ill.

Charles G. Dawes, vice-president elect, in a tribute to the dead senator, said: "The recollection which comes to me most forcibly in his death is of those manifestations of Medill's sincere desire to be helpful to others."

"For years the work of Medill McCormick and his wife among the poor of the west side in times

GASOLINE FIRES.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 26.—An explosion of gasoline blew the roof off the annex to Ailyn's cleaning and dyeing works on the east side. Frank Cushing and William Kuehn, employees, severely burned in the blast were taken to a hospital. The annex is a one-story concrete building adjoining the main plant of the establishment and was especially constructed for the handling of high-speed powered cleaning gasoline.

The roof of the annex sailed in the air higher than the three story main building. Windows were smashed and the walls pushed out. Cushing was working in the basement. He rushed out and rolled on the ground to extinguish the fire in his clothing. He was burned about the body, hands and face. Kuehn was hanging out some clothes nearby, and was burned about the hands and face.

LEGISLATURE ENACTS BILLS FOR REVENUE

Adjourns After Passage of Measures Levying Tax on Cigarettes, Tobacco.

RECALL IS PREDICTED

Senator Ritner Says Governor Pierce Will Be Recalled Within 6 Months as Result of Bills.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
STATE HOUSE, Salem, Ore., Feb. 26.—Having enacted revenue measures calculated to produce enough money in the next biennium to meet appropriations without increasing the levy on property for state purposes, the legislature was to adjourn today.

Passage by the senate yesterday of a bill to tax cigarettes, smoking tobacco, snuff, cigarette papers and tubes, another bill imposing a gross earnings tax on utilities, and a measure requiring payment into the general fund of 10 percent of the earnings of self-supporting state commissioners, ended a fight in which Governor Walter M. Pierce had stood out for his legislation, as opposed to an increase in the levy on property. Cigars and chewing tobacco were exempted from the new tax by an amendment adopted before the cigarette tax bill passed.

While the tobacco tax bill was up for final passage Senator Roy W. Ritner, of Pendleton, predicted that the governor would become the target for a recall election within six months, because of the revenue program he forced the legislature to accept.

Senator Milton R. Klepper, of Portland, declared that referendum would be invoked against the tobacco tax. He said the referendum machinery is already "being oiled up."

Senator Jay H. Upton of Bend moved that a referendum clause (Continued on page 8.)

DEMOCRATS OF IND. ASSEMBLY ARE ARRESTED

Blanket Warrant Issued for Members Who Bolted Session Yesterday.

MACHINERY HALTED

Officer Ordered to Follow "Runaways"—Republicans Discuss Means to Bring Them Back.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
DAYTON, Ohio, Feb. 26.—The blanket warrant for the arrest of democratic senators of the Indiana general assembly, who bolted the legislature yesterday and came here, was served on all the members today.

Jerome Brown mandated to take the lawmakers back to the state house at Indianapolis, said the men flatly refused to acknowledge the instrument. They challenge his authority, he added.

Mr. Brown said he was awaiting advice from Indianapolis and was uncertain as to his next plans. He declared, however, where ever the "runaways" went, he, too, would go.

Minority leader Cravens offered to resign as a senator, but told Mr. Brown that the senators would not follow him back to Indiana.

The senators are expected to leave for Columbus at once.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Feb. 26.—Absence of 18 democratic members of the senate stopped the legislative machinery in the upper house of the Indiana general assembly today. The democrats in a minority, but in sufficient strength to break a quorum, fled yesterday in an attempt to block action on the Gerrymander bill and today sixteen were reported to be within the hospitable borders of Ohio, from which state extradition is possible.

Two of the minority senators were unable to leave Indiana because of illness. The republican senators met as usual at 10 a. m. today, but devoted their discussion to means which might be employed to return the fugitives.

Indictment under a state law providing \$1,000 fine for a legislator who absents himself, was suggested but admittedly was not a solution of the problem of getting the minority members back to their seats.

Thus far republicans have declined to talk of compromise on the Gerrymander bill which the democrats insist would give their opponents a strong advantage in electing a congressman from the second Indiana district, now classed as doubtful.

Only a prolonged absence of the democrats will seriously interfere with the legislative program, according to republican senators. A blanket appropriation bill is said to be the only measure of prime importance that has not yet passed the senate. Action on this could be completed within a short time.

There are many bills pending of varying degrees of importance but failure to take action upon them would not necessitate a special session, republican leaders said.

Senator Penrod, author of the "Gerrymander bill," to which the democratic senators objected, today characterized the action of the minority as "cowardly."

In 1911 Minority Leader Cravens, then a member of the house of representatives of which the democrats were in control, introduced a "Gerrymander bill," which took Lawrence county from the second congressional district and placed it in the third. "The republicans took their medicine then," Penrod said, "although the act deprived them of a republican congressman."

The Penrod bill now seeks to return Lawrence county, normally a republican to the second district. "Under no circumstances will I withdraw my bill," Senator Penrod said.

PROMOTER IS INJURED

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
SAN JOSE, Cal., Feb. 26.—Dick Donah, Los Angeles boxing promoter, who was injured in an auto accident Sunday, was still in a critical condition today. It was unknown whether he will recover, his attendants said.

DISMISS KEARNS SUIT

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
LOS ANGELES, Feb. 26.—Mrs. Mary Tenny's \$200,000 suit against Jack Kearns, manager for Jack Dempsey, seeking damages for an alleged attack on her by Kearns was dismissed today by a jury in superior court here. Mrs. Tenny originally asked for a criminal complaint against Kearns but this the district attorney refused and the civil suit followed.

LAWLESS COERCION CHARGED BY STOKES

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
CHICAGO, Feb. 26.—Attempt to show "lawless" coercion was renewed today by defense counsel in the trial of W. E. D. Stokes, elderly New York millionaire and others charged with conspiracy to defame Stokes' young wife, Mrs. Helen Elwood Stokes.

Defense counsel have accused Charles S. Wharton, former assistant state's attorney, with illegally receiving fees for services in connection with the Stokes divorce case. They based their charge on the expense account cited by W. C. Dannenberg, investigator for Mrs. Stokes, in his suit against Samuel Untermyer, her New York attorney to collect for alleged expenses and services.

Defense counsel have also tried to show intimidation of two state witnesses, both defendants. Today they sought to show intimidation of a third, not a defendant.

This witness was "Top" Firas, negro proprietor of a notion store who had testified that two of Stokes' agents had asked him to sign a false affidavit, that Mrs. Stokes was intimate with the negro proprietor of a cafe of racial by mixed patronage. Mr. Stokes attorney, J. J. Healy, silver-haired defense counsel cross-examined the witness in his friendliest manner.

Firas, who is five feet four inches tall and weighs 127 pounds, said he was held prisoner at a hotel by two white policemen for three months. During those three months, Firas said, he was obliged to pay for special help to carry on the business of his store.

In an attempt to impeach Firas testimony, Mr. Healy read conflicting passages from the stenographic transcription from "Top's" original statement at the state's attorneys office before he was held prisoner. "Top" admitted he would not swear, that he had not told the assistant state attorney he believed "Top" knew Stokes' agent thought "Top" knew

HAVE NARROW ESCAPE

SAN PEDRO, Cal., Feb. 26.—Ten sailors and two civilians narrowly escaped drowning today when the 65 foot Scandia Pacific capsize alongside the U. S. S. West Virginia in the outer harbor.

Returns to Work

George Trapnis, owner of the Shine Parlors, at the Terminal Hotel, who has been ill for past several days, is now much improved and resumed his work today at his shop.

WOMAN BRUTALLY BEATEN

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 25.—Mrs. R. E. Wanser was brutally attacked by a man who entered her room at her home just outside the city limits early this morning, deputy sheriffs reported after being called to the house. A suspect whose name was withheld was taken into custody.

Finger prints on the window were being examined to obtain a clue to the assailant. Mrs. Wanser's husband, who is a dining car steward was on his run, and another woman was sleeping in her room when the intruder entered the house.

WHEAT PRICES SOARS.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
WINNIPEG, Feb. 26.—Wheat touched \$2 a bushel today; the third time this year on the Winnipeg grain exchange.

Wheat went over \$2 a bushel on the exchange January 23, for the first time since the world war.

It ascended to \$2.22 7/8 in five days, but February 6 it went down to \$1.95. From that it went to \$2.04 in two days, but in two days more was at \$1.95 again.

All the foregoing prices were for the May delivery, which rose 1 1/8 cents soon after the market opened today. The market was lively, but trading was light with all offerings taken, July and October wheat gained proportionately.

"The red headed girl" identified in the affidavit as Mrs. Stokes. Mr. Healy then read the following questions and answers from the transcript of Firas early statement:

"Q. I know, and they knew the affidavit was a frame-up?"

"I know, but I'm not sure they knew."

"Firas said he did not remember making that answer to such a question."

Mr. Healy has declared that he will "cry coercion until the jury retires."

Yesterday Mr. Healy conducted a similar cross-examination of Frank C. "Little Frankie" Hurlbert. Previously Joe Bruner, former cabman was cross-examined to the same purpose Edward W. Altz, private detective testified Stokes had engaged him two years ago in connection with his divorce case. Stokes told him the witness testified that his wife had been an inmate of the notorious Everleigh club, and that he wanted evidence of it.

A letter from Stokes to Altz was introduced. It read: "Hal Billig sued me in order to get me out of Chicago. I understand he has an office in Chicago, he was formerly a student at Northwestern University and there is a rumor he was mixed up in a hearing that had serious results."

The letter, six page epistle, instructed Altz to obtain evidence of intimacy between Mrs. Stokes and Billig, who had sued Stokes after being named as a co-respondent in the Stokes divorce suit at a co-respondent.

ROSEBURG KIWANIS CLUB WILL SPONSOR SPELLING CONTEST FOR GRADE SCHOOLS; GIVE FINE PRIZE

The old-fashioned spellin' bee, so popular in the days of the horse and buggy, molasses candy and corn huskin', will be revived in Roseburg by the local Kiwanis club, according to an announcement made today by that organization.

A spelling contest committee, composed of Dr. R. R. Shoemaker, Dr. H. C. Church, Lloyd L. Crocker and Bert G. Bates, have presented the rules and regulations for the first annual Kiwanis Club spelling contest to be held at the high school auditorium on April 3rd, at 7:30 o'clock. On page 4 of today's issue of the News-Review will be found a large advertisement giving one of the lists of words to be used in the contest, the rules and regulations for the event and a list of the prizes to be awarded.

The principals of the three grade schools of the city are behind the Kiwanis spelling contest and the elimination contests to determine the best spellers in the competing grades, the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth, will be held next month. The students have already started training themselves in spelling and from all appearances the "bee" is going to be a real hot one.

The first prize for the champion speller of the Roseburg grade schools will be a \$50 gold watch, either a boys' or girls' model. The grand prize winner will also receive \$5 in gold. Three contestants from each of the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grades will be selected to compete in the final contest at the H. S. auditorium. The last speller of the three in each of the grades to go down under the bombardment of words will receive \$5 in gold.

Dr. Shoemaker and Lloyd Crocker are donating the gold watch and the list of Kiwanians giving the \$5 prize will be found on page 4.

The high school will undoubtedly be crammed to capacity on the night of the final contest. The judges for the contest will be announced later but they are to be three local Rotarians.

The list of words appearing today should be clipped for future use in spelling. The list is not only for the use of the school child but also for the ordinary layman who perhaps has good old fashioned words, lined on either side of the country school-room, his classmates with himself enjoyed the sport of "spelling down." Perhaps as daddy of his family he has sometimes hinted of the laurels he has won at such meets.

So now is the chance of every family to find just where each member stands as an orthographer. What is greater fun than to engage a club or social group with spelling? It is refreshing for a change, and certainly departs from the tiresome routine of cards and dancing or merely sewing and talk. It offers a suggestion for business men's clubs and even for church socials.

Perhaps those learned spellers of long ago will conquer everything in sight for the first few columns, but they are almost sure to fall on one like a leaden ball, which is ordinary enough for all. And it is only a suggestion that every member of the family have his turn to call the words, for it is very simple to look wise when one has the list before him, and the one who looks the wisest may not be infallible.

So the Roseburg Kiwanis club has decided to revive the old sport and urge the citizens of Roseburg to get behind the project and urge their boys and girls to enter the contest.

PRUNE AND PEAR MARKET WILL BE GOOD THIS YEAR

Earl Percy, Former County Fruit Inspector Predicts Better Prices.

PRUNES ARE MOVING

Bare Market Will Face New Crop for First Time in Many Years—Big Sizes Wanted.

Prune and pear growers are "sitting pretty" this year, according to Earl Percy, of Salem, who was in Roseburg today. Mr. Percy was formerly fruit inspector in Douglas county, but is now operating a buying and shipping concern in Salem. He has been connected with the fruit industry in Oregon for many years and is in close touch with the market situation.

After leaving Douglas county, where he served as fruit inspector for a number of years, he became manager of one of the largest prune orchards in the northwest. He later branched out in business for himself, and is now engaged in buying and shipping fresh fruits, his headquarters being in Salem. Associated with him in the business is Edward Hehn formerly employed with the Oregon Growers in this county.

Pears and prunes both have a much better outlook than in many years past, Mr. Percy says. This is particularly true in the case of pears. He states that prices of \$50 and \$55 are already being offered on this year's crop, and he expects the market to open around \$60 or \$65, and will probably go higher.

"Prunes," Mr. Percy says, "will face a bare market for the first time in several years. Packers and shippers tell me that they will have disposed of all of their reserves by June 1 and that by that time there will be practically no prunes left in the northwest. This is a condition that has not existed in several years, and consequently the outlook is very optimistic."

In view of the strengthening market the buyers have shifted their prices somewhat. Thirties have gone up in price, and the small sizes are also stronger, although there has been no change in fifteen. In some cases thirties have brought ten cents in the Salem district.

"At present buying is very slow. The demand, although steady, is limited, and consequently buyers are proceeding carefully and are not getting stocked up with a large quantity of fruit, which they would have to hold for some time before being able to move it. Growers also are watching the readjustment of prices and have not yet taken hold of the new prices, so that the present period is one of little activity."

"The prune situation, however, is healthy, and growers should be able to recoup their losses of the past three years, providing that they produce good sizes. There is no money in sixties or smaller. Growers in the Willamette Valley districts realize this and are strengthening their operations as pruning, early cultivation, and annual cropping. It takes sunshine, nitrogen and moisture to make a good crop of large prunes, and the time, money and energy spent in obtaining the last two, which are within the control of the grower, will come back many times over in the increased sizes of prunes, and the higher prices which are paid for such fruit."

Mr. Percy states that the whole fruit industry around Salem is optimistic in anticipation of a good year. Canners, packers and shippers are active, and growers expect a ready cash market this summer for their crops.

GLORIA SALARY LARGE

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
LOS ANGELES, Feb. 26.—Competition among motion picture producers for the services of Gloria Swanson screen star, has resulted in the signing of a new contract with Famous Players-Lasky, by which Miss Swanson will receive a weekly salary of \$17,500. The Los Angeles Examiner says today. The salary which the star will receive under the terms of her new contract is said to be the highest ever paid to a motion picture performer as a direct salary where no percentage is involved.

REWARD WORLD FLIERS

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—President Coolidge today signed the bill awarding distinguished service medals to the army world fliers, and advancing them on the army promotion files.

NEGRO IS LYNCHED.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
SHREVEPORT, La., Feb. 26.—Joe Airy, negro, alleged slayer of N. A. Yarborough, state highway officer, was lynched today near Benton, La., by a mob after being wounded by a deputy sheriff, according to a report reaching here from the sheriff of Bossier Parish. The negro whom brought to bay by the posse drew his revolver on the deputy sheriff and the officer fired, wounding him. The mob then took the wounded man and hanged him, the report said.

Airy is said to have shot and killed said Yarborough last night when accompanied by other officers, he went to arrest Airy at his home near Benton as a fugitive from the Caddo Parish farm, where he was serving time for bootlegging.

Airy took to the woods and was trailed by a hastily formed posse of officers and volunteers. He was found hiding in a swamp a few miles from the scene of the killing.

TRUCK AND BUS BATTLE ON IN LEGISLATURE

Governor Pierce Precipitates Row in Special Message to House.

SAYS TAX TOO HIGH

Governor Warns Solons Against Setting Such High Rate Lines in the State.

STATEHOUSE, Salem, Oregon, Feb. 26.—Closing hours of the 33rd legislature found the house embroiled in a row over trucks and bus line legislation that threatened to bring to naught the many weeks of work of the roads and highway committees.

The fight was precipitated when Governor Pierce in a message to the house on H. B. 412 warned against setting such high rates against bus and truck lines without giving them a certificate of public necessity and convenience to insure them of some protection against ruthless competition.

The bill sets a rate of three quarters of a mill per passenger seat and one mill per ton capacity of trucks multiplied by the number of miles traveled.

These rates were set by the senate roads and highways committee after the house had passed the bill with a rate of three eighths of a mill applied to both buses and trucks.

At a conference held last night between the committees of the two houses, Representatives Coffey, Graham and Pierce with Senator Ritner sought to prevail on other members of the committee to recall the bill from the governor and recommend reconsideration of the bill with the view of setting a lower rate. The majority members of the two committees (Continued on page 8.)

Borglum, Dismissed as Sculptor of Stone Mountain Confederate Memorial, Destroys Models; Is Sought

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
ATLANTA, Ga., Feb. 26.—Armed deputies today were guarding Stone Mt. and the property of the Stone Mountain Confederate Memorial Association after the developments of yesterday when Gutzon Borglum was dismissed from his post as sculptor of the models.

Deputy sheriffs armed with warrants charging Borglum and J. C. Tucker, superintendent of operations at the mountain with destruction of the designs and models for the memorial, early today were still seeking the two.

Officials of the association said a damage suit would be filed against Borglum for \$50,000 alleged damages by the destruction of the models.

Under the contract with Borglum, attorney for the association said, the models and the design for the work were the property of the organization, they however, it was said, could be completed by the sculptor selected to continue the work by reconstruction from photographs now in the archives of the association.

An injunction now bars the entrance of Borglum, Tucker or their agents to the premises.

The models were destroyed yesterday within a few hours after Borglum had been dismissed by the directors of the association. The work of destruction was carried out, it was charged, at the order of Borglum.

Borglum last night declared the action of the association in dismissing him was "a blow not particularly against me, but against the south. It was struck at me because I am a northern man."

He charged that he had been unfairly treated and asserted his record for the past nine years would show that a crime was committed.

Sam H. Venable, owner of the mountain and a member of the executive committee of the association attended yesterday's meeting but left before the vote for Borglum's dismissal was taken to accompany the sculptor and Tucker to the mountain to view the work.

NAVAL OFFICER HOUSED IN THE MAD HOUSE

Pretty Wife Starts Proceedings to Secure Release of Husband.

SAY MAN NOT CRAZY

Doctor Declares He Was Railroaded at Behest of Someone Who Has an Axe to Grind.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 26.—The United States district attorney here will represent the navy department next Monday when a writ of habeas corpus seeking the release of Lieutenant Frank E. Kennedy from the Napa hospital for the insane is argued before the superior court at Napa.

Lieutenant Kennedy was sent to the Napa hospital without a formal commitment—after he had been suspended by Lieutenant R. W. Christie, commander of the submarine S-17, who filed charges of unofficial like conduct against him at Manila, naval records show. Kennedy was not tried on the charges but sent to Napa from the Mare Island navy yard.

Four physicians who examined him assert that he is sane. Dr. James Brownlie of Vallejo says Kennedy "has been hooded by navy doctors at the behest of somebody who has an axe to grind."

Mrs. Autumn Margaret Kennedy, wife of Lieutenant Kennedy, started the proceedings for her husband's release. Mrs. Kennedy today declared the flight of her husband was due to the enmity of the "Annapolis combination."

"I was received well enough," Mrs. Kennedy said. "Although I earned my own living by playing the violin, I came from the concert stage and wasn't too awfully bad."

"What bothered me and finally came to be a deep hurt was the respectable incident with Lieutenant Christie, my husband's superior officer. He asked me to go for an auto ride with him in Hong Kong and all the world knows what that means."

Lieutenant Albert Pierce Burleigh, an intelligence officer who shot himself to death at Mare Island on February 15, was driven to suicide after he had tried to obtain a trial for his fellow officer who was sent to the insane hospital, according to Mrs. Kennedy.

"After hounding my husband as near to insanity as they could and failing to unseat the reason of a brave man, some navy officers have determined to sequester him in a mad house because they are part of an organized system which objects to anyone who has not come through Annapolis and because they are scared of what he could tell about Lieutenant Burleigh's suicide," Mrs. Kennedy said.

Lieutenant Burleigh was enroute from Far Eastern waters to visit his family on the Atlantic coast when he committed suicide. He was married.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—Court martial proceedings against Lieutenant Frank E. Kennedy, confined in the state hospital for insane (Continued on page 5.)