

CANEMAH MAN CHARGED WITH WIFE MURDER

Corpse Found in Ruins of Burned Home

Alvin McCurdy, Employee of Paper Co., Placed Under Arrest.

CRIME IS INDICATED

Autopsy Reveals 4 Wounds on Woman's Head, Made Apparently With Blunt Weapon.

OREGON CITY, Ore., July 8.—That Mrs. Ethel McCurdy, of Canemah, was murdered and the house in which she lived with her husband was set fire and burned to the ground to hide the crime was the belief of Clackamas county officials following an autopsy after the finding of the body today.

The woman's husband, Alvin McCurdy, a fireman employed by the Hawley Paper company, was arrested this afternoon by Sheriff Maas, who said a charge of murder would be filed against him. He was suffering from several cuts and burns.

The autopsy showed four deep wounds on Mrs. McCurdy's head, any one of which could have caused her death, said Coroner O. A. Pace. The wounds had apparently been inflicted with a blunt instrument, one on each side of the head, one on top and another at the base of the skull.

Body Found in Ruins

Mrs. McCurdy's body was found in the smoldering ruins of the McCurdy home which was completely destroyed by a fire of undetermined origin early this morning. The body was found under the bed.

Neighbors aroused by the fire report they saw Alvin McCurdy, the husband, outside the house dressed only in trousers, shoes and undershirt. His hands and clothing were burned, it was stated, and he was attempting to re-enter the burning building when first seen.

When asked if his wife had gotten out of the house, he replied that he thought she had, neighbors reported. A number of articles of furniture were taken from the burning building by neighbors before the flames made entrance impossible.

The McCurdy home was a five-room bungalow and was almost new. It was considered one of the most attractive homes in Canemah.

The McCurdys have one son, Floyd, 19 years old. He was not living with his parents at the time of the fire, but resided nearby.

OREGON CITY, Ore., July 8.—Mrs. Ethel McCurdy, 45, wife of Alvin McCurdy, was found dead, burned almost beyond recognition under the bed of her bungalow home which burned today at Canemah.

The cause of the fire was undetermined. The husband was badly burned and also was suffering from cuts.

Coroner O. A. Pace called Sheriff Maas and District Attorney Stipp into consultation following a preliminary investigation. An autopsy was ordered.

J. R. Sheffield, Ambassador To Mexico, Resigns

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
RAPID CITY, S. D., July 8.—James R. Sheffield today gave his resignation as ambassador to Mexico to President Coolidge.

The resignation is to take effect at the will of the president, who has not indicated his intention.



JAMES R. SHEFFIELD

Mr. Sheffield, however, has indefinite plans for returning to his post and upon leaving here expects to go to Europe for six weeks.

The retirement of the Mexican ambassador comes at an admittedly critical time in the relations between this country and Mexico. The southern republic has recently instituted in "extreme" form the application of its oil law. It is understood here, and there is some concern over this development in the administration.

Giving no reason for his retirement, Mr. Sheffield likewise declined to comment on Mexican relations. It was said at the executive office here, however, that his resignation had been agreed upon a year ago when the ambassador returned to his post against his wishes, but upon the request of the president.

ALEXANDER NAMED BY PATTERSON TO SUCCEED LEVENS

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
SALEM, Ore., July 8.—The removal of William S. Levens, attorney, from the position of prohibition commissioner and the appointment of George Alexander of Hillsboro, as his successor, was announced today at the office of Governor Patterson. The change is effective July 15.

The change is admittedly political, a Democratic appointee of former Governor Pierce simply being asked to step out and give way to a Republican successor. Levens was appointed early in 1925 after an investigation of the prohibition department by a special appointed committee of the legislature. He is credited with having combed out the snarls in the department and has conducted the office in cooperation with the sheriffs and judges.

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BAN JOHNSON QUILTS OFFICE

CEASE ATTACKS ON JEWS, FORD ORDERS EDITOR

Motor Manufacturer Now Convinced Wrong Done to "Fellow Men."

REGRET IS EXPRESSED

Hebrew Race Is Lauded for High Qualities; Hearst Makes Futile Offer for Magazine.

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

NEW YORK, July 8.—Through Arthur Brisbane a statement was made public today quoting Henry Ford as saying he had ordered his Dearborn Independent "to discontinue permanently all articles hostile to the Jewish people." The statement expresses "great regret" over any injury the articles may have caused.

Mr. Brisbane's article, which was copyrighted by the New York American, and sent by that paper to other newspapers, is based on a signed statement, says Mr. Brisbane, the original of which is in possession of Louis Marshall, lawyer. Mr. Marshall, at Saratoga Lake, said the original was in his office safe and a photo-static reproduction would be available to anyone desiring it.

The announcement was made at Mr. Ford's request, said Mr. Brisbane, who quotes Mr. Ford as saying: "This statement is made on my own initiative and wholly in the interest of right and justice and in accordance with what I regard as my solemn duty as a man and as a citizen."

Some of the articles already reprinted in pamphlet form under the title of "The International Jew," will be withdrawn from circulation, says Mr. Brisbane, who quotes Mr. Ford as saying that the Dearborn Independent in the future will be conducted under such auspices that articles reflecting upon the Jews will never again appear in its columns.

Cameron Is Surprised

William J. Cameron, editor of the Dearborn Independent and a witness in the \$1,000,000 libel suit brought by Aaron Sapiro, Chicago attorney, against the motor manufacturer, at Detroit, expressed surprise at the statement. "It is all news to me," Mr. Cameron said, "and I cannot believe it is true. He added he did not believe the statement was a preliminary move toward settlement of Sapiro's suit, based on articles appearing in the Dearborn Independent.

Mr. Brisbane asserts that on behalf of William Randolph Hearst, publisher of the American, he offered Mr. Ford \$1,000,000 for the Dearborn Independent.

"No, I won't sell it," he quotes Mr. Ford as replying, "but I'm going to make it a house organ and I am going to stop absolutely everything that could possibly cause complaint or hurt the feelings of anybody."

Own Negligence Admitted

Mr. Ford's statement follows: "In the multitude of my activities it has been impossible for me to devote personal attention to their management or to keep informed as to their contents. It has therefore inevitably followed that the conduct and the policies of these publications had to be delegated to men whom I placed in charge of them and upon whom I relied implicitly.

"To my regret I have learned that Jews generally, and particularly those of this country, not only resent these publications as promoting anti-Semitism, but regard me as their enemy. Trusted friends with whom I have conferred recently have assured me that in their opinion the character of the charges and insinuations made against the Jews, both individually and collectively, contained in many of the articles which have been circulated periodically in the Dearborn Independent and have been reprinted in the pamphlets mentioned, justifies the righteous indignation entertained by Jews everywhere toward me because of the mental anguish occasioned by the unprovoked reflections made upon them.

"Mortified Over Journal

"This had led me to direct my personal attention to this subject, in order to ascertain the exact nature of the situation.

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Paternalism Of U. S. Hit by Gov. Ritchie

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

FRENCH LICK, Ind., July 8.—The United States is passing from a government of law to a government of men, and a power that often approaches tyranny has been vested in the federal government, Governor Albert C. Ritchie of Maryland declared in an address here today before the annual meeting of the Indiana State Bar association.

"The government is no longer the creator and protector of our individual rights but is rapidly becoming the dictator of them," the speaker asserted. "Today local self government furnishes the only efficient, effective, workable basis on which the diversified and changing problems in our diversified and changing land can be practically settled. The American government has become the most regulatory in the western world, outside of Russia and Italy, Governor Ritchie asserted. He declared inspectors and spies and official regulators follow the American from the day he takes his first nourishment.

"Here he is told what he may eat, what he may smoke and every where what he may drink. What he may read or write or see on the stage is prescribed too, and not content with this, his government advises him how to hang his curtains in his home, what meat to cook for his Christmas dinner and not two months ago the Department of Agriculture distributed throughout the country a treatise on the 'growing contempt for law' kissing."

Governor Ritchie asserted that entitled: 'A Pocket Essay on the Government of the United States' is attributable in a large measure to 'this unholly zeal for more law.'

CONTRACT ON LOON LAKE ROAD JOB HELD UP

County Court Making In- vestigation Before Mak- ing Award.

MANY BIDS RECEIVED

Portland Firm to Build New Bridge Over Umpqua at Elkton—Roof to Be Built.

The county court is still investigating the bids submitted yesterday on the Loon Lake road, and Elkton bridge. The contracts have not yet been let, but will probably be acted upon before the end of the present term.

Bids on the Loon Lake road job ranged all the way from \$87,813.33 to \$104,581.90 there being eleven proposals submitted.

The low bid was submitted by the Inland Construction company, of Reedsport, but as this company is now involved in litigation concerning work done in the Reedsport district the court is making a thorough investigation before allowing the contract. The second low bid on the job was made by Hildebrandt and Catching, of Roseburg, the offer being \$72,763.60.

The various bids received were as follows: Parker, Schram and Company, Portland, \$84,218.40; Hildebrandt and Catching, Roseburg, \$72,763.60; E. L. Crooks and Company, Portland, \$104,581.90; Baker and Schramm, Portland, \$83,925.90; Earl McNut, Eugene, \$99,476.30; Inland Construction Company, Reedsport, \$87,813.33; Iver J. Rosten and D. E. Norstrom, Portland, \$75,489.26; Anderson and Kernan, Reedsport, \$97,178.06; Rhodes and Dillard, Grants Pass, \$76,927.20; Swartley Bros., Portland, \$91,717.00; Wm. Von Der Hellen and Pearson, of Medford, \$79,593.25.

The Loon Lake road is one of the most important development projects of the western part of the county. For many years the Loon Lake district, one of the most prosperous agricultural sections of the county, has been practically isolated for the greater part of the year. The only outlet was over a mountain road by way of Scottsburg, this road being passable only a few months of the year. Recently a new route was laid out by Mill Creek, Mill Creek is a tributary of the Umpqua River, entering the main stream about half way between Scottsburg and Reedsport. By following up this stream a water grade is obtained.

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WIFE OF GOVERNOR HARTLEY HURT IN AUTO COLLISION

SEATTLE, July 8.—A. W. Grotesold, said to be a prominent producer, man from Chicago, was held in jail on an open charge here today following a collision between his automobile and one occupied by Governor Roland H. Hartley, his wife and daughter and several guests last night.

Sheriffs deputies reported Grotesold had been driving on the wrong side of the road. He contended, however, that his car had been towed across the road after the accident by a highway patrol car.

Governor Hartley ordered Grotesold taken to jail here, and said he would appear to press charges. Deputies said a man and two women in Grotesold's car had disappeared by the time the deputies arrived.

Grotesold, who is a member of a Chicago produce firm, had been buying fresh fruits and vegetables.

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
SEATTLE, Wash., July 8.—Mrs. (Continued on page 3.)

John D. Rockefeller Arrives At 88th Milestone Of Notable Life

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
NEW YORK, July 8.—John D. Rockefeller, reputed the ruler of the destinies of the Standard Oil Companies and a central figure in one of Wall Street's greatest struggles of the last twelve months, was 88 years old today.

In ordinary life he is the man who has been the richest man in the world, decided to observe his birthday on his estate at Pocantico Hills, N. Y., and follow his usual daily program with only slight deviation.

Work and golf in the morning, a drive in his automobile thru the Westchester Hills in the afternoon, followed by an early dinner with his family and a few friends, was the announced course for the day. Omission of a brass band and other features that once formed part of the celebration was explained as merely due to desire to spare the magnate unnecessary fatigue.

Born in an age when whale oil was the world's illuminant, Mr. Rockefeller has lived to see bath tubs, telegraph, telephones, electric light, motor cars, radio and airplanes become integral parts of American life.

When kerosene, the original source of the Rockefeller fortune, ceased to be used as a common illuminant, Mr. Rockefeller's income continued to increase even more rapidly, thru the increased sale of gasoline.

Twenty five years ago he "retired" from business. Yet last Oc-



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CITY ELECTION ON BOND ISSUE IS IN PROGRESS TODAY

● Voting at the special city election, called to decide upon the issuance of bonds in the sum of \$37,000 for the construction of a new bridge over Deer Creek, was quite brisk today. It is believed that there will be a fairly representative vote secured.

The issue has been quite widely discussed in the city and consequently there is much interest being shown. Differing from the usual state election the polls will close at 6 p. m. tonight, instead of 5 p. m., as is generally the case. Property ownership is not a necessary qualification for voting, any registered voter being privileged to vote at this election. While, of course, the trend of the election is not known, observers say that sentiment, freely expressed by voters appears to be favorable, and it is generally believed by those in touch with the progress of the election that the bonds will be approved.

FRENCH AVIATOR TO BRING LEVINE BACK TO AMERICA

CROYDON, AIR FIELD, London, July 8.—Charles A. Levine will be ready to hop off from Le Bourget Field, Paris, within a fortnight on his second trans-Atlantic flight, with Maurice Drouhin as pilot, he said today upon his arrival in the monoplane Columbia from Paris.

Levine denied that there was a serious dispute between himself and Clarence Chamberlin, his pilot on the New York to Germany flight, as reported, but admitted that they were practically on a business basis.

Chamberlin, who piloted the Columbia from Paris today with Drouhin and Levine as passengers, was greeted here by his mother, and there was an affecting scene as they embraced. He will remain in London until next Tuesday.

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Richards Answers Questions for Readers of The News-Review

Since the first announcement was made that Richards, the famous magician, would answer questions through the columns of the News-Review letters have been pouring in from various sections and Richards is going to be kept busy every minute of his spare time, that he is not at the theatre preparing answers, the first installment of which appears below. They run the gamut of human emotions, from birth to death, from love to divorce.

Richards is appearing at the Antler theatre tonight, Saturday and Sunday, and a matinee on Saturday and Sunday, and he brings to Roseburg the greatest attraction of this nature that has been seen here for years.

Everyone in this vicinity is invited to take advantage of this offer to have questions answered, either to the News-Review or at the Antler theatre, as Richards is acknowledged America's foremost magician and mentalist and has a very massive production. It is the largest of the kind ever brought here, carrying nearly two carloads of scenery and effects and an excellent company and orchestra. The entire production lasts over two hours and is in three parts and nineteen big elaborate scenes, if you have not already sent a ques-

RESIGNATION TENDERED TO CLUB OWNERS

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

NEW YORK, July 8.—Ban Johnson tendered his resignation as president of the American league today, effective on or before November 1, 1927. It was accepted with regret by the club owners in special session.

The text of Johnson's resignation:

"After 34 years as your president, I hereby tender my resignation to become effective on or before November 1, 1927, or earlier, should I so decide, the compensation to end upon my retirement."

Johnson's contract as league president had eight years to run at a salary of \$40,000 a year. He was the founder of the American league, with several associates and founder of the Western league, parent of the present American league.

No action was taken in naming a president to succeed Johnson and none will be taken, it was said, at this time.

Ill Health Stated Reason

Continued ill health was conceded to be the chief factor in the approaching retirement of the league executive, although he said today shortly before announcing his resignation that he felt better than at any time in recent years and felt able to carry on.

It is the general understanding that Johnson's active connection with the league will be terminated before November 1, possibly within the next few weeks as soon as the league's affairs are in shape for a successor to take hold.

Johnson had told newspaper men before the meeting that he would consider retiring but would not resign. However after the session, Johnson refused to comment to newspaper men at all and immediately went into conference with Frank J. Navin, president of the Detroit club.

"Magnates 'Regret'"

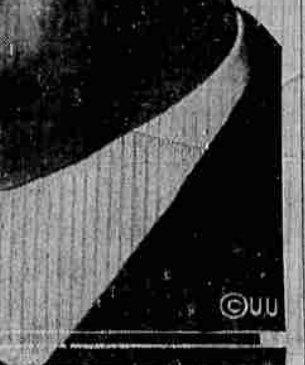
The club presidents issued this statement:

"The members of the American league greatly regret that after 34 years of distinguished service to this league and the game of baseball, Byron B. Johnson finds it

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President and Founder American Baseball League Asserts Health Poor

\$40,000 Annual Salary to Terminate in Advance of Time Specified in His Contract.



Byron Bancroft (Ban) Johnson

Co-founder of the American Baseball league resigns the presidency of that organization after prolonged dissension, marked by repeated threats of club owners to oust him. The club owners expressed their "regret" for the necessity of his "retirement."

Kilauea Still Vomiting Flaming Lava Natives Endeavor To Appease Spirit

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
HILO, Island of Hawaii, July 8.—The eight-mile wide Halemau-mau pit of Kilauea, the largest active volcano in the world, early today contained lake of molten lava a hundred acres in extent into which three erupting cones played their flow of fiery liquid rock.

Despite the fact that Pele, the Hawaiian volcano goddess, is pledged, according to native mythology, never to send a lava flow across Hilo, native residents of the town and its vicinity continued to cast their offerings to her. From their places of observation under the tree ferns back from the barren edge of the pit they advanced to hurl food and oleo berries into the molten flow.

Late last night the eruption was continuing without sign of abatement. Three "spatter cones" had been built up, two of which were most pronounced. The lava lake covered the entire floor of the crater and had submerged one of the fountains of fire from which the molten rock poured all day yesterday. The northernmost of the fiery fountains gave forth its cascade of lava with a continuous roar.

Throughout the day terrific hot blasts carrying sulphur fumes drove spectators from the edge of the pit and dust clouds drifted toward the lava desert.

The coincidence of the absence of Dr. Thomas A. Jaggar, volcanologist who has devoted most of his life to studying Kilauea's moods, when the eruption began just before dawn yesterday, was a topic of common comment.

Dr. Jaggar, who is now in Alaska, where he went last April, was in New York in 1924 at the time of the eruption of that year, and at the last previous outbreak he was in the Orient.

Last year Dr. Jaggar had planned a trip from the islands when the Hoopulua flow started from Maunaloa, companion volcano to Kilauea.

The native Hawaiians declare that Pele, the goddess, likes Dr. Jaggar and uses this means of keeping him at his observation house above the Halemau-mau pit.