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HICKMAN CONFESSES ANOTHER MURDER

Today Big Bill Means It. Gold Nugget Turkey. Chicago's Plans. J. P. M. and U. S. Steel.

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CHICAGO, Ill.—"Big Bill" Thompson of this city says about patriotism in school books:

"As long as Bill Thompson is mayor of Chicago, they are not going to call George Washington a rebel. I object to Superintendent McAndrew's removing pictures of the 'Spirit of '76' from the school rooms, and I am going to kick McAndrew out of the schools."

"They are not going to teach the children that Hancock was a smuggler, that Patrick Henry was a drunken lawyer, that the Constitution of the United States was drawn up by a lot of drunken bums."

To King George, Washington was a rebel, of course, because he rebelled against the government then established in America. In the eyes of Americans he is one of the world's greatest men. It is dangerous to take liberties with a nation's heroes, as Byron pointed out in Don Juan.

"Cervantes smiled Spain's chivalry away; A single laugh demolished the right arm Of his country,—seldom since that day Has Spain had heroes."

Nobody will smile away the heroism of America's great ones while "Big Bill" Thompson lives and fights.

There is excitement at Red Lodge, Montana. Mrs. A. Pollard, opening the gizzard of her Christmas turkey, raised in that neighborhood, found small gold nuggets. Prospectors are seeking desperately the spot where the turkey picked up the nuggets. To the turkey those nuggets were simply rough stones swallowed to help grind corn. To "proud man" those nuggets are the beginnings and the end of earthly ambition, ninety-nine times out of a hundred. Wise turkey, foolish man.

Chicago, according to Frederick Rex, municipal librarian, now has a population of 3,741,910.

What is more important than population to a great city, Chicago has courage, power and foresight, to prepare for the 5,000,000 and 10,000,000 population that are coming.

This writer inspected today with Mr. James Simpson, chairman of Chicago's plan commission, the things that Chicago plans to do, and the amazing things that Chicago actually has done. Doing equals planning here, and both amaze anybody accustomed to the slow movement of Swiss glaciers or the slower progress of New York city, where they began "planning" a generation ago and haven't done anything yet.

Chicago's plans were inspected on paper in the offices of the commission, and then in actual work. Details not to be published in full until next month will astonish every city in this country and Europe.

A magnificent boulevard running around the congested center of the city, on land taken from the lake, will connect north and south Chicago. A boulevard 200 feet wide, running for miles over railroad tracks, with no cross streets, connecting Chicago's central

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GUATEMALA IS ENTERTAINING COL. LINDBERGH

Lone Eagle Completes Journey in Less Time Than He Had Expected.

CITIZENS ADOPT HIM

"Spirit of St. Louis" Found to Be in Perfect Condition for Continuation of Trip to Belize.

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

GUATEMALA CITY, Guatemala, Dec. 29.—The capital of the "land of the eagle" today entertained its adopted son, the lone eagle, who came here on a mission of good will. Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh completed the first and longest leg of his Central American flight over a hazardous mountainous country in less time than he had expected. The Spirit of St. Louis performed magnificently on the trip of about 675 miles from Mexico City, Lindbergh said. Seven hours and five minutes after he left Mexico City, he landed at Aurora field here at 1:40 p. m., central time.

Lindbergh had estimated that the flight might take nine hours and the "crowds" were still wondering their way toward the field when the plane appeared between the peaks of the extinct volcanoes Fuego and Agua, (fire and water). Guatemala accepted him as a friend and the city conferred upon him the title "adopted son of Guatemala City."

When Lindbergh arrived he received a felicitation from President Coolidge and others from the president of Salvador and the ministry of war of Salvador.

"Hello, Guatemala," Lindbergh said as he stepped from the plane. "Wonderful, what a joy!" he added.

Lindbergh expects to resume his Central American flight tomorrow morning. Several hours after his arrival, he returned to the flying field and inspected the Spirit of St. Louis. He found it to be in perfect condition for the continuation of his flight to Belize, British Honduras. He will land there if the weather field is in a suitable condition, otherwise he expects to continue on to San Salvador. Should he land at Belize, which is without a flying field, he intends to fly to San Salvador January 1, remaining there two days.

The airman was greeted first by Colonel Francisco Amado, speaking for the Guatemalan army, who thanked him for the honor accorded the country and city by a visit from "the greatest aviator of all times." Other government officials greeted him next and then Arthur Geisler, American minister. Geisler remembered the anxious mother who had seen her son leave Mexico City and was on her way back to Detroit. He sent her a telegram reading: "Your son has again achieved glory in making the first non-stop flight from Mexico City to Guatemala."

Holiday is Declared MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Dec. 29.—Congress today noted a national holiday for Colonel Lindbergh's arrival. He will be the guest of the nation. All the employees in the government departments will have free transportation by train to Managua, so they may join in the greeting to the airman.

Leaves Kelly Field SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Dec. 29.—Mrs. Evangeline Lindbergh took off from Kelly Field here shortly after 3:30 p. m., for Dallas. Weather conditions reported as ideal for the first hop of the 1,600 odd mile flight to Detroit, which she hopes to complete today.

Her giant all-metal plane left the field before the sun had risen, its riding lights outlining it against the black sky for several minutes after the hop-off. Dallas was the first scheduled stop, the party having abandoned a projected non-stop flight to Detroit overnight. If weather conditions are good the plane should reach Dallas about 9 o'clock, the airline distance being less than 300 miles.

Stops at Dallas DALLAS, Texas, Dec. 29.—Mrs. Evangeline Lindbergh stopped at Dallas for 25 minutes today on her return flight to Detroit from

SAYS HUBBY CRUEL

(Associated Press Leased Wire) OAKLAND, Calif., Dec. 29.—Alleging that she and her present husband had lived together unmarried for 16 years, only to disagree after their marriage at Jacksonville, Oregon, in 1925, Mrs. Anna T. Martin has filed suit for divorce from Fred A. Martin.

Mrs. Martin asked custody of two sons, born before the marriage, and \$60 a month alimony. She charged Martin with cruelty.

KIDNAPED GIRL FOUND; SEARCH FOR ABDUCTOR

Eleven-Year-Old Girl Says Ex-Convict Attempted to Assault Her.

FOUND IN HOME

Was Afraid to Tell Woman She Had Been Kidnaped for Fear She Would Be Harmed.

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

SAN BERNARDINO, Cal., Dec. 29.—With 11-year-old Evelyn Smith of Oakland, the victim of California's second sensational kidnaping within the last two weeks, safe in the hands of San Bernardino county officers here today, a search was under way throughout Southern California for her accused abductor, Ernest Arthur "Robert" McClelland, a prored convict.

The discovery of the small girl at the home of Mrs. Emma J. Spence at Redlands near here, last night, revealed that she had been there since Monday night throughout the time when the search for her and her kidnaper was most intense.

The girl's story told of an automobile trip south from Oakland beginning on the afternoon of Christmas day when McClelland obtained the consent of her parents for her to accompany him to Pasadena, where he said his "wealthy" mother would adopt her. The little girl said they did drive to Pasadena and she was certain that McClelland did not change the license plates on his automobile throughout the trip.

Evelyn told the Redlands police that McClelland had attempted to assault her.

Mrs. Spence told the officers that her first knowledge of the kidnaping came yesterday morning when she read of it in the newspapers. At that time both the girl and McClelland denied she had been kidnaped and stuck to his story that she was his small sister whom he was taking to visit his mother. Fear that her kidnaper would carry out threats made during the trip south kept her silent, Evelyn told the officers.

When confronted by newspaper accounts of the kidnaping yesterday morning McClelland flew into a storm of denials and left the Spence home in his car, declaring he would "straighten this thing out" and return at noon to "tell them all about it."

He did not return and at last Mrs. Spence called the Redlands police.

Mrs. Spence had corresponded with McClelland at the time he was serving a term in Folsom prison on a forgery charge. A prisoner whom she has met during religious work in the San Bernardino county jail and who later went to Folsom interested her in McClelland's case.

IMPROVEMENTS MADE AT GRAND GRILL The Grand Grill is preparing to reopen January 1 after being thoroughly remodeled and improved. Mr. Otto Nickels, who recently came from Klamath Falls and purchased the popular eating house, is making some important alterations. He has leased the rooms in the rear of the Grand Barber Shop and Western Union telegraph office which gives an entrance on Rose street. Changes are being made in the location of the kitchen. Booths are being added and additional table space provided, while the entire interior is being redecorated.

THE PANIC-STRICKEN FIEND



The best interpretive picture yet taken of Hickman, confessed slayer of Marian Parker. His mouth moves in a silly grin, while his eyes plainly show his inward panic. Hickman (left) with District Attorney Keyes of Los Angeles.

U. OF O. VARSITY TO BE SEEN IN GAME FRIDAY

University Basketball Players to Meet Local Team of All Stars.

EXPECT FAST GAME

Roseburg Team to Include Stars From Many Colleges and Universities of Country.

Basketball fans will have an opportunity to see the Oregon varsity in action tomorrow evening in what will probably be one of the best games to be seen in Roseburg this season. The U. of O. team is now on a barnstorming trip warming up for the heavy schedule arranged by the university this year. In a game with the Multnomah club at Portland Tuesday night the webfooters won a victory from the Wings M by a score of 58 to 39, playing in excellent form.

Against the Roseburg team the varsity players should find harder sledding, for the Roseburg Collegians, as the team is called, is made up of some outstanding basketball stars. The Roseburg team will probably start with Westergren, assistant varsity coach at Eugene, and Hod Turner, director of physical education in the city schools, at guard, "Chuck" Jost, all coast star at center, Ben Larsen, ex-Linfield star and Ray Bell, O. A. C. rook player, at forward. This should give one of the strongest aggregations ever seen in this city.

Westergren played three years with the University of Oregon varsity and was for two years selected for the multicolored all-coast quintette. He was the outstanding player last year with the university and this year is serving as assistant basketball coach. This will be the first opportunity Roseburg fans have had to see him in action on a local floor.

"Hod" Turner, who will work with Westergren at guard, is coach of athletics in the Senior high school, and is a former basketball star at Lombard college, and came to Oregon as assistant coach under Paul J. Schissler of O. A. C.

"Chuck" Jost is well known to Roseburg fans. He played with the University of Oregon for several years.

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Our Weather Man. HEY SKIN-NAY!!! DIDJA SEE THE SNOW? Wasn't much, but the Office Cat grabbed his sled and scrambled to the top of Main street hill and with a run and a jump managed to skid a couple of blocks. And boy—WASN'T IT cold last night? Prophet Pugh claims it'll be fair and colder Saturday and cloudy tonight. (Later: Seck Cully of the Chamber of Commerce claims the white stuff on the street last night was NOT snow but only a few inches that City Garbage Collector Draper dropped off'n the rear end of his wagon.)

NO TRACE FOUND YET OF MISSING TEXAS COUPLE. Officers Learn That Webb Reported to North Bend Doctor for Physical Examination.

CAR IN COOS BAY. The car driven by Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Webb, who have been missing since Nov. 28, was found this afternoon in Coos Bay, according to a message telephoned the News-Review late this afternoon by the Coos Bay Times. Both doors of the car were open, indicating that the man and his wife tried to escape, but it is believed both were drowned. The bay is being dragged for their bodies this afternoon. They had apparently been driven from Dr. Kelzer's hospital in North Bend and had taken the road toward Marshfield, but in the fog drove off the dock and into the deep water of the bay where both were probably drowned. It is believed that the bodies will be found late this evening.

Dennis Webb, who with his wife, Dale Webb, disappeared Nov. 28, and for whom extensive search (Continued on page 8.)

RUSS M'MULLEN IS SENTENCED TO TWO YEARS

False Inventory Given Fire Insurance Company Is Claim.

FURNITURE IS SEIZED

Articles for Which Claim of Loss Submitted Found by the Officers at Klamath Falls.

Russell McMullen, arrested yesterday evening by S. A. Malehorn and C. A. Warren, deputy state fire marshals, on a charge of attempting to defraud an insurance company by making a false report, was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary today.

Judge Hamilton in passing sentence denied the request for a parole, stating that he believed the crime to justify a prison term. The case developed from a fire which recently destroyed Mr. McMullen's residence on Templin street.

It is claimed that prior to the fire Mr. McMullen moved out a number of articles of furniture, and then included them in his proof of loss submitted to his insurance company.

The fire occurred on December 5, the home being completely destroyed. It was claimed by Mr. McMullen that the house was fire cleaned with an inflammable cleaner, which became ignited through some unknown cause. An investigation was made by the officers from the state fire marshal's office, assisting the local officers, who, at the request of the insurance company, inquired into the claim made for loss.

Mr. McMullen presented an itemized inventory claiming losses amounting to \$1775, original cost, with deductions for depreciation bringing the claim to \$1265.10. The officers upon making their investigation claim that they learned that Mr. McMullen had shipped furniture to Klamath Falls the day before the fire, and they found a fernery, tea wagon, rug, table, lamp, percolator urn, and small articles, which had been enumerated among the furniture destroyed in the fire. The articles were seized at Klamath Falls and were introduced in evidence. A smoking cabinet was stored in a neighbor's home in this city, it was stated, but was included in the proof of (Continued on page 8.)

SHOT DRUGGIST DOWN DURING ROBBERY AND NAMES ACCOMPLICE

Youth Believed to Have Committed Other Murders—Campaign of Sympathy Brings Forth Admission That He Killed Another—Aid Was Hunt K. C. Boy

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 29.—William E. Hickman, confessed slayer of Marian Parker, today had admitted another murder, the killing of Ivy Thoms, Rosehill druggist, in a holdup a year ago.

Welby Hunt, Alhambra youth implicated by Hickman in the robbery and shooting this morning confessed that he aided Hickman. In a statement at the county jail he told how he and Hickman planned the drug store robbery Christmas Eve, last year, shot the druggist and fled to San Francisco. Other robberies were committed there, he told the police.

Hunt, who told officers he would be 17 years old in February, said he could not remember how many holdups he had been involved in but recalled robberies in Fort Worth and Dallas, Texas, and in San Diego. He said he and Hickman were in San Francisco about two weeks and while there Hickman had stolen five automobiles.

Long List of Crimes Hickman and Hunt came to California together from Kansas City, Hunt said, and lived with Hunt's step-grandmother, Mrs. Carrie M. Driskell of Alhambra. Both later obtained employment in the bank where Perry M. Parker, father of Marian Parker, is an official.

Mrs. Driskell was held by officers for questioning after the arrest of Hunt. She denied a statement by Hickman that she was aware of the criminal activities of the boys.

Hunt confessed his part in the Rosehill robbery and slaying after he had been identified by the slain druggist's wife. She was in the store at the time of the shooting. After identifying Hunt, Mrs. Thoms was taken to see Hickman. She fainted after crying "That's him." The admission of Hunt that he and Hickman lived with the former's step-grand parents in Alhambra prompted police to start a new investigation of the death of Hunt's aged grandfather, A. R. Driskell, who fell to his death from the Colorado street bridge in Pasadena. A suicide note, believed at the time to have been written by the Alhambra merchant, was found on the bridge. Handwriting experts were to examine the letter to determine if the signature was that of the grandfather. Police also learned that the grandfather, shortly before his death, had drawn a large sum of money from the bank where Hunt and Hickman were employed. He virtually was penniless at the time of his death.

Arraign Hickman Today

While police detectives were attempting to check the statements of the two youths whose trail of admitted crime winds from Kansas City through California, arrangements were completed for the arraignment of Hickman at 2 o'clock this afternoon on the charge of murdering Marian Parker. He was to be brought before Justice Carlos Hardy under heavy guard into a court room from which spectators would be excluded.

Jerome Walsh, young Kansas City attorney, arrived here this morning to defend Hickman.

The body of Hunt's grandfather, who had been married twice, was found the night of May 25, this year, on the rocks of the arroyo beneath the high Colorado street bridge at the entrance to Pasadena. The letter, found on the bridge after his body was discovered, said:

"To my son, I can't get any more credit and I can't face my financial troubles any longer. Be a good boy. Give my love to mother."

The inquest into the cause of Driskell's death was held, the coroner's office reporting that it was plainly suicide.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 29.—Another murder was confessed late last night by William Edward Hickman, confessed kidnaper and slayer of Marian Parker, Los Angeles school girl. Hickman, under repeated questioning by jail officers, told of shooting down Ivy Thoms, a druggist of Rosehill, a suburb between here and Pasadena, during a holdup of the drug store on Christmas eve, 1926. Thoms died the day after Christmas.

Accomplice Is Arrested

Welby Hunt, an Alhambra, California, youth, who Hickman said was his companion in the holdup, was taken into custody and early this morning, according to the officers, made a confession corroborating that of Hickman. Hunt, however, while admitting his part in the holdup, denied that it was shots from his pistol which killed the druggist.

Mrs. Carrie M. Briskell, step-grandmother of Hunt, also was held for questioning. Although the boys made their home with her in Alhambra a few weeks after the shooting, she denied a statement by Hickman that she learned of their criminal activities.

Hunt, according to the officers, was present in the store at the time of the holdup. He confessed his part in the holdup. Afterward, she expressed a wish to see Hickman. Taken to his cell, (Continued on page 6.)