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COUNTY TAXES SLASHED TEN PER CENT AUTO THIEF GETS AWAY IN PISTOL FIGHT

BULLETS FLY IN HOT CHASE THROUGH CITY

**Deputy Sheriff Boone
Fires 12 Shots In
Vain Effort To
Halt Car.**

**Fugitive Returns Fire at
Pursuing Auto, Driven
by Dietsch; Escapes
Bandon Police.**

A pistol battle between local officers and an automobile thief furnished a great deal of excitement here last night, the thief making his escape after firing three shots at the officers who had previously emptied their guns in an effort to halt the fugitive and the high-powered car that he had stolen a short time before in Eugene. The automobile was later captured at Bandon, following another gun fight there, according to word received here, but the man escaped.

City Officer George Dietsch and Deputy Sheriff W. J. Boone, who were detailed to watch for the stolen car, about 6:30 o'clock last night endeavored to stop the machine, which, however, dashed by them without heeding their warnings and started a zig-zag chase through the main streets of town, with each car trying to crowd the other into the curb. After reaching the residential district the officers opened fire on the fleeing car, but the bullets were not effective and the thief succeeded in distancing his pursuers. One of his three shots fired back at the police car struck a fender.

Word was telephoned to Myrtle Point and Coquille, but the driver of the stolen car succeeded in getting by the officers at both places, but in endeavoring to escape at Bandon was forced onto a side street, where he left his car and ran into the brush, local officers were informed. A rifle and two pistols were found in the car.

Made Fast Time
The Strohbecker car was stolen about 5:29 o'clock in Eugene and local officers were notified about (Continued on page 6)

EX - CHICAGOAN HAS TO DODGE BULLETS HERE

"Chicago was never like this," said Jim "Shorty" Miller, popular tonsorialist at the Barnes Barber shop this morning. "Those damned bullets were bouncing all around me when the cops were pumping lead at that car thief last night," he continued.

"Shorty" was on his way home, walking near the J. W. Perkins home on Stephens street, when he heard the local police car, with siren screaming wildly, round the corner of Cass and Stephens street.

"I stopped and looked around and the shooting started," said "Shorty". "The third shot was fired just as they neared me. I heard the bullet whiz, hit something, ricochet and go kerplunk into some wood. I ducked behind the wall at Perkins' home and watched them roll by."

Mr. Miller said that the police car was only about fifty feet behind the car ahead and that both of the machines were moving slowly.

"I have lived in Chi," said "Shorty," "but I had to come west to duck."

Coming Year Will Bring Added Wealth And Prosperity To City And County, Oregon Editor Says

Commending J. A. Harding, president of the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce, for the statement recently published in the News-Review forecasting prosperity for the year 1929, E. G. Harlan, editor of Oregon's Business, draws a bright picture for the coming year and gives some facts of much interest to the people of Douglas county. Many new settlers with sufficient funds to establish themselves on a successful basis are coming to the state during the spring and summer, he says. This directly challenges the Chambers of Commerce of the state and should stimulate them to exploit their sections in such a manner that they will draw the interest of these new prospects.

In a letter to Mr. Harding, the editor writes:

January 10, 1929.

Mr. J. A. Harding,
Roseburg, Oregon.

My dear Mr. Harding:

Just a word of commendation for the fine front page article which the News-Review gave your statement about the prosperity forecast and review of 1928 which you issued on January 8.

We have found increased interest in your section and today we sent two parties over to the United States National bank to get first-hand information on the sheep industry in your county. Mr. Cully has been in to see us several times and is glad to talk to all parties we send to him about the opportunities in Douglas county and Roseburg.

The state chamber recently increased its advertising program in certain middle and southern states and we are being flooded with inquiries. One day this week we received 85 letters asking about different parts of Oregon. Substantial farmers amply financed are coming to Oregon this winter and spring in greater numbers and we are trusting that every local chamber of commerce will be well organized to assist these new folks get the information they need and when located help them become established and successful. We are glad to note your streaming membership in your chamber and affiliation which will help in the promotion of the work of the chamber.

We feel that your statement is conservative and 1929 will bring added wealth, population and prosperity to your city and county. The state chamber desires to work with you on this end.

Yours very truly,
E. G. HARLAN,
Editor "Oregon Business"

SEATTLE HOTEL FIRE ENDANGERS FIFTY ROOMERS

**Clerk's Timely Alarm and
Prompt Work of Firemen
and Police Prevent
Any Casualties.**

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
SEATTLE, Jan. 11.—Ten persons were rescued by firemen from flames which ate their way through the Sebec hotel in Seattle's downtown section late last night and endangered the lives of its 50 roomers. Although the ten persons who had been trapped were carried out unconscious, none was seriously injured and no lives were lost.

The fire chief estimated the loss to the hotel, an adjacent hostelry, two stores and a laundry, at \$75,000. The safety of the roomers in the hotel was credited to a timely warning by D. W. Parrado, night clerk, who spread the alarm through the building when he saw smoke curling up through the floor.

Brawl Cop Chased
An explosion appeared of a gasoline tank in the rear of a laundry, shot flames across First avenue and spread the blaze through the hotel before firemen arrived. Twenty-four fire companies brought the blaze under control in half an hour and extinguished it shortly after midnight.

Mr. Nellie Ashton, who was kept from jumping from her third story room by the cries of onlookers, was rescued by Patrolman W. M. Palmer, who dashed into the hotel ahead of firemen and seized the woman as she collapsed. Cheers greeted him as he reached the sidewalk where crowds were already hampering firemen and kept a cordon of police busy.

An unidentified man who was carried semi-delirious from the building cried: "Get the other man, get the other man." However, there was no other man, and attendants at the city hospital where he was taken ascribed his condition to shock and they said he would be all right after a good sleep.

Plea Saves anaries
J. B. Wood, who thrilled crowds by leaping from a fourth story window to an extension ladder, was not satisfied when brought to safety. He tearfully pleaded with firemen until they returned and carried his eight canaries out of the flaming building.

The origin of the fire was not determined. The chief of police took personal charge of officers in forcing back the crowds which filled First avenue and in establishing firelines.

2 COPS WOUNDED, GUNMAN SLAIN IN TOLEDO BATTLE

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
TOLEDO, Ohio, Jan. 11.—An unidentified man was killed and two policemen were wounded in a gun fight early today which started after Mike Hendon complained to police that he had been forcefully ejected from his home by two men, one of them "a Detroit man armed with two guns."

The officers accompanied Hendon to his home. As they approached the house, one of the men tried to escape and an exchange of bullets followed. The man, identified only as "Mike," died from five bullet wounds. Chas. Dolly, one of the policemen, received a bullet below his heart which may prove fatal and the other officer, Ben Rabe, was wounded in the hand.

OFFICERS SEARCH FOR DRUGS, MAKE BIG BOOZE HAUL

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—Customs agents hunting smuggled narcotics among freight on trans-Atlantic liners along the Hudson, last night discovered 3,540 gallons of whiskey mull on the French liner pier where it had been unloaded from the Ile De France.

The agents declared the malt was equivalent to 92,000 quarts of hootch Scotch and that as a result of the discovery the French liner faces a penalty of \$70,500. Officials of the company were directed to appear at the customs house today.

The malt, which was not on the ship's manifest, was in 118 pine lined packing cases. The agents in their search for narcotics ripped open more than 800 cases of general merchandise on piers and ships.

HARMONY DOCTOR IN DISCORD WITH LAW

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
PENIDLETON, Jan. 11.—Dr. O. Kingdom of Umatilla, a self-styled "harmony doctor," was in jail here today, held under \$250 bond, pending trial on a charge of practicing without a license. The charge was preferred by the state board of medical examiners.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 11.—Dr. O. Kingdom, who terms himself a "harmony physician," and who is under arrest in Pendleton charged with practicing without a license, formerly practiced in two Portland buildings.

At one time his name was listed as Kingdom, and later as Khindom.

Ex-Resident Visits
Moss Tison, formerly of this city, was here yesterday from Cottage Grove, where he is now located. Mr. Tison is employed by the California-Oregon Power company.

FEAST USHERS IN ACTIVITIES FOR NEW YEAR

**Chamber Commerce Holds
Meeting and Banquet at
Methodist Church.**

NEEDS ARE OUTLINED

**Directors Are Chosen to
Make Up Executive
Board for Ensuing
Year.**

The annual banquet and meeting of the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce at the M. E. church last night was a very enjoyable affair, and will add very effectively in getting the Chamber of Commerce work for 1929 off to a good start. The banquet room was crowded to the limit by the large audience made up of members and friends of the organization and their wives.

While the delicious meal was being served by the ladies of the church, the Kiwanis orchestra played a group of selections. President J. A. Harding gave a very interesting report on the activities for the past twelve months, particularly stressing the hospitality work showing the benefits that have resulted from the conventions and conferences that brought many thousands of people to the city during the year. He also stressed the activities of the Chamber of Commerce in aid to the farmers in establishing cooperative marketing agencies, pointing to the outstanding achievements. He concluded his report with a word of thanks to the members and officers who have supported his work during his term as president.

Attorney Guy Gordon then made a short talk on the importance of the Chamber of Commerce to the community. He likened the Chamber of Commerce to the second in a fighter's corner. "It is the duty of the second to help the fighter plan and carry on his attack, to keep the fighter in condition to continue, to patch up injuries and keep the batter on his feet and aggressive."

Poultry's Importance
George Burt, one of the Chamber of Commerce directors and one of the county's leading poultrymen, then talked on the importance of the poultry industry, showing the development that has been made in the past few years. Receipts from the sale of eggs alone during the past year amounted to more than \$200,000, Mr. Burt said. He is of the opinion that there are now enough producing hens in the county to secure a packing house for Roseburg. If a careful survey could be made and additional signers secured, the establishing (Continued on page 4)

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
LONDON, Jan. 11.—Severe winter weather is being accompanied by gripple and influenza in Scotland, Germany and the Balkans.

One out of every fifteen inhabitants of Berlin was estimated today to be suffering from gripple. Hospitals and private clinics were being taxed to the utmost and their staffs had been depleted through illness.

Between ten and fifteen per cent of the city's police force, railway workers, and street car and motor bus employees were on the sick list. Five to ten per cent of the staffs of the larger department stores (Continued on page 3)

ARMY AIRPLANE CRASH KILLS SEVEN SOLDIERS

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
MIDDLETOWN, Pa., Jan. 11.—A tri-motored Fokker plane of the same model as the famous "Question Mark" crashed with a loss of seven lives on a vacant lot near the airport here today. The only other occupant of the plane was severely injured.

The machine, an army transport, was piloted by Lieut. Robert Angel, of Bolling Field, who had both arms broken and received severe head injuries, dying an hour later.

All the passengers were soldiers stationed at Bolling Field. Captain Frederick S. Christ, commandant at the army airport here, said that the cause of the wreck might never be known because the machine was so completely smashed. It was apparent that the pilot tried to make a forced landing. The plane came down between rows of trees and close to houses.

The sergeants and privates who were making the training flight were considered among the best mechanics in the air corps.

The dead, besides Angel, are Sergeants LaHutta, Cronan and McCarthy and Privates Mike B. Kelly, Birch and Jones. Sergeant Conroy will probably recover from his severe injuries.

Al Smith Will Answer Demand For New Chief

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—The New York Times today said it was hinted in democratic circles that Alfred E. Smith would declare himself the actual as well as the titular head of the democratic party in a nation-wide radio speech next Wednesday evening.

No intimation came from Mr. Smith or party leaders what he would discuss. It was made clear on his behalf that he would not reveal the subject of his address in advance of its delivery.

The recent suggestion of Representative Box, of Texas, democratic whip, that the Smith policies be discarded by the party was said to have caused friends of the former governor to expect a reply from him. The sentiment in the south for the displacement of John J. Raskob as national chairman also was regarded as a possible factor in inducing Mr. Smith to state his views to the people.

The former governor will speak over WEAF and a chain of 37 associated stations of the national broadcasting company. His speech will begin at 8:30 p. m., eastern standard time.

Arrangements for the speech were made, the democratic national committee said, in response to thousands of requests.

SEVERE WINTER ABROAD BRINGS GRIPPE AND FLU

**One Out of Every Fifteen
in Berlin Hit; Glasgow
Thousands Stricken.**

MISERY IN BALKANS
Middlewest of America in
Blizzard's Grip; Zero
Wave Sweeps Down
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EX-WIFE ASKED TO BE KILLED, MURDERER SAYS

**Amazing Confession Made
by World War Veteran
to Frisco Police.**

READY FOR PENALTY

**Woman Insisted She Could
Not Live Without Him,
Suicide Disliked,
Man Declares.**

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 11.—As the outcome of what he said was a death pact in which he was to kill his former wife, and surrender for execution by the state, Garland Williams, 25, World war veteran who saw service in Siberia, today faced a charge of murdering Mrs. Lorraine Ambrose last Saturday. Her body was found Sunday.

When arrested in a hotel yesterday, Williams held out his wrists smilingly for the handcuffs, and police said he confessed killing the woman, assuring them that he would have given himself up as soon as he had wound up his affairs.

"You fellows got me before I was quite ready," a detective quoted him as saying. "It doesn't matter though, because I am ready to die. She's waiting for me, and there won't be anybody to come between us over there."

Police said Williams' words were the preface to one of the most amazing confessions they had ever heard, in which the prisoner vowed he killed his former wife because she was unable to live without him, but himself elected to be hanged because he objected to suicide. Williams said he had separated from his wife because of trouble caused by a "friend" who told tales about him.

Death Twice Asked
"She left me, and I did not follow her or molest her," police said the confession stated. "Last Thursday she came to my room and wanted to talk things over. She could not live without me, she said. She wanted me to kill her and then commit suicide, but I told her I couldn't do that. We talked all day, and finally she went away."

"Saturday she called me on the telephone and asked me to come to her. When I arrived, she had her suitcase packed. We took (Continued on page 6)

SPECIAL SESSION, HAWLEY SAYS AFTER CHAT WITH HOOVER

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—Representative Hawley of Oregon, chairman of the ways and means committee, after a lengthy conference with President-elect Hoover Thursday, predicted a special session about the middle of April to attend to both farm legislation and tariff revision. Hawley stated the two problems together linking that the "tariff is the greatest relief the farm has or ever will have."

The Oregon representative was of the opinion that by April 20, the sub-committees would have sufficiently elaborated the findings of the full committee on tariff revision to allow consideration by congress to begin.

"In my judgment," he said, "we should have an extra session and have it early, to get through by the Fourth of July so that the farmers could have the advantages of tariff adjustment this crop season. From the standpoint of business also, that would be better, for the sooner we let the country know what the tariff is to be, the sooner they can adjust manufacturing and prices correspondingly."

Color Secret Of Screen Films Taken To Grave

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
LOS ANGELES, Jan. 11.—George Scott, exhibitor and camera expert, found dead in a gas-filled room last night, today was believed to have carried to his grave the secret of the Handsechel process of coloring motion pictures.

The homicide police bureau was called to work on the case, when the report showed that blood had oozed from Scott's mouth, a circumstance considered unusual in asphyxiation cases, on the theory that the man might have been murdered.

Scott was a brother-in-law of Max Handsechel, late inventor of the motion picture coloring process and was said, after the death of Handsechel, to be the only person living who knew the secret of its formula. Police said that Mrs. Handsechel was in a sanatorium, and had turned over to Scott, her brother, a power of attorney.

Scott was last seen alive on Sunday. Last night a telephone operator at the apartment house where Scott lived mentioned to a tenant that she had not seen him for several days. They entered and found the apartment filled with gas and Scott dead. Police said he had been dead for several days. Scott left no note. The last entry in his diary revealed that he was in falling health.

Scott was to have figured prominently in a lawsuit growing out of alleged infringements of patent on the motion picture color process next month.

TAILOR TELLS OF KEYES' TALK WITH INDICTEE IN SHOP

**Overheard Bennett Declare
to Prosecutor That No
More Money Would
Be Paid Over.**

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
LOS ANGELES, Jan. 11.—Today the jury had heard part of the story told by the "little tan diary" of Milton Pike, journeyman tailor and "redoubter," which the state claims contains data recounting the whole alleged bribery-conspiracy plot between A. A. Keyes, former district attorney, and five other defendants.

After heated objection by defense counsel, Pike, the state's star witness was permitted to use the diary to "refresh his memory" in relating what took place between Keyes and others in Bennett's tailor shop. Pike said he made the notes surreptitiously while watching Keyes, Jack Bennett, and the "pay off" men in a mirror and listening to them talk on the other side of a partition, while he was employed by Gettoff.

State Scores Heavily
Referring to his memoranda in the little book, Pike testified that Bennett, alias Jacob Berman, told Keyes, then district attorney, and Ben Gettoff, that he wasn't going to pay any more money until he knew "where he stood" in the Julian case trial in which Bennett was one of the outstanding figures.

Deputy District Attorney Julian Richardson, who assisted Keyes in preparing the Julian case, testified that the defense attorneys "talked about ten days" in arguing the Julian case before the jury.

"How long did Mr. Keyes argue to the Julian jury?" the witness was asked.

"About one hour and a half," replied Richardson.

Richardson also testified that three months before the trial opened he took a trip with Keyes and Harold Davis, then Keyes' chief deputy district attorney and later one of Keyes' chief accusers. He said Davis asked him if he had "considered dismissal of any of the defendants" and that Keyes then said that he "was interested in El Rosenberg," one of the Julian case's defendants, and "would like to do something for him."

TAXICAB THUGS GET \$76,000 IN GEMS

CHICAGO, Jan. 11.—Two bandits robbed six occupants of a taxicab of \$76,375 in jewels and furs early today, then ordered their victims out of the cab and escaped.

Dr. Frank E. Pierce and Mrs. Pierce, Mr. and Mrs. Luther S. Hammond, residents of Chicago's Gold Coast, and Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Murphy, Detroit, were the victims.

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"A provision that right, not might, shall be our guide in the future," Senator Randall of Louisiana.

"It puts us in the position of using hymn books for our first line of defense," Senator McLean of Connecticut.

O. & C. MONEY BE APPLIED TO GENERAL CUT

**Request of Tax League
for Policy Change Is
Granted by County
Court.**

BASE NOT AFFECTED

**Will Apply \$60,000 Toward
Payment of Amount
Due This Year
to State.**

A reduction of 1.8 mills or slightly more than 10 per cent in the general county and state tax was authorized today by the county court, the reduction being made possible by the application of estimated O. and C. receipts from the government to tax reduction, instead of to the bond redemption fund. The court is applying approximately \$60,000 to tax reduction and \$20,000 to the bond redemption fund, affording, with other available funds, enough money in the bond fund to care for the needs this year. The money is appropriated to be applied toward payment of the state tax, so that the county tax base is not disturbed, eliminating danger of disturbing the tax base sufficiently to cause future difficulty in the event of the discontinuance of the O. and C. payments.

The tax cut reduces the millage levy for general county and state purposes from 17.3 mills to 15.5 mills, a reduction of 1.8 mills or slightly more than 10 per cent. In total figures the reduction is from \$600,107.53 to \$540,156.29, this latter amount being the sum that will be levied for 1929 to be collected this year.

Policy Is Changed
The county court, at the time the first O. and C. money was received, in accordance with the desires of the taxpayers and the county's own feelings, adopted a plan of using the money to entirely pay off the bonded indebtedness of the county, thus guaranteeing a permanent tax reduction.

The tax reduction thus gained was equivalent to the amount necessary to meet the annual bond retirement or substantially 50 per cent of the state and county tax. The court followed this policy consistently which has heretofore (Continued on page 6)

SENATORIAL GEMS IN EPIGRAM FROM ANTI-WAR TREATY

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—The long drawn out debate on the Kellogg treaty to outlaw war in filling the congressional record with epigrams, along with the serious arguments on the merits of the pact.

Here are a few terse sayings, culled at random during the last few days from speeches of various members on the subject:

"Akin to the commandment 'thou shalt not kill,'" Senator Warner of New York.

"A plaus pronunciation of pure piffle," Senator Haines of Wisconsin.

"Perfect," Senator Shortridge of California.

"A stab in the air," Senator Bruce of Maryland.

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