

G. M. HESS MYSTERIOUSLY SLAIN

Roseburg Movie Promoter Killed

NEW GOVERNOR

AWAKENED AT HOME, SHOT BY AN UNKNOWN



West Roseburg Scene of Murder; Victim Janitor at P. O. Building.

Receives Bullet in Chest as He Turns on Light; No Horn on Light For the Deed.

George M. Hess, aged 56 years, janitor at the federal building in this city for the past ten years, was shot and killed in a mysterious manner last night by an unknown slayer. Official investigation this morning resulted in the discovery of the weapon with which Mr. Hess was killed while he was fleeing from the murderer, who first fired a shot through the bedroom window. Officers have been entirely unable to learn any motive or obtain any clue to aid them in establishing the identity of the murderer.

Mr. and Mrs. Hess were awakened this morning about 1 o'clock by the crashing of glass when a shot was fired through the window of the bedroom. They attempted to flee from the house, but Hess was met as he ran from the building and was shot down on the sidewalk in the rear of the house.

Mrs. Hess, hysterical and bordering on collapse, was able to give only an incoherent account of the killing.

Arrived Home Late Her husband, she stated, arrived home about 11 o'clock, that being the usual time for his return after completing his work at the federal building. Their home is located on the left hand side of the Melrose road just west of the Unquaga Flat tract, and just across the pavement and slightly west of the 583-district license property in West Roseburg.

Shot Through Window "We were awakened," Mrs. Hess said, "by the crashing of the glass in our bedroom window and we both jumped out of bed. Somebody outside in a gruff voice said, 'Turn on your lights in there.' Mr. Hess didn't turn on the lights, right away, and the man said, 'Turn on those lights or I'll put a bullet through you. You know where the light is.'"

"Mr. Hess turned on the light and we ran out into the kitchen. I said, let's run to Carpenter's (Mr. Carpenter is manager of the Unquaga Flat tract greenhouses). We started out of the house, and the man was standing just at the back of the house. I ran past him and then he shot. Mr. Hess, I heard my husband groan and fall, but I ran on."

Mrs. Hess ran to the Carpenter (Continued on page 8)

TWO FACE ILLEGAL SURGERY CHARGE

PARADISE, Cal., May 4.—An attempt was to be held here today into the death of Dolphene Walsh, 22, dancer, who died in a hospital yesterday following an alleged illegal operation.

Dr. R. S. Lantieri, former county coroner, and P. S. Traister, were held under \$15,000 bonds each in connection with the case. Miss Walsh had refused to discuss the operation.

SALEM CHILDREN ON BIKE RUN OVER BY AN AUTO

SALEM, Ore., May 4.—Leland Byer, 6, and Patsy Byer, 3, his sister, were killed in an unidentified automobile when the youngsters were run over in the residential section by an automobile driven by T. C. Smith of Oakland, Calif. According to eye witnesses the boy and girl were riding the same bicycle and suddenly swerved in front of Smith, who was unable to check his car in time to avoid the crash.

SENATE BODY'S VERDICT FAVORS TREASURY HEAD

Steiner's Report Holding Mellon Qualified for Place in Cabinet Adopted, 8-5.

Watson Informs President Hoover Closes Vote Is Expected Monday on Debenture Plan.

WASHINGTON, May 4.—Eight members of the seventeen on the senate judiciary committee voted today that Andrew W. Mellon as a stockholder was not disqualified from serving as secretary of the treasury and two minority reports were sent along to the senate.

The vote for the report of Senator Steiner, republican, Oregon, giving Mr. Mellon clear title to his office was 8 to 5. Four democrats not voting are being polled.

The committee by a similar vote refused to call Mr. Mellon for an open investigation of his relation with the companies in which he is a stockholder.

The report of Chairman Norris declaring that Mr. Mellon as a stockholder violated a statute forbidding the secretary of the treasury to be interested in carrying on trade or commerce was defeated by a vote of 10 to 3.

Senators Borah, republican, Idaho, and King, democrat, Utah, however, concurred in a third report declaring that while Mr. Mellon, as a stockholder did not violate the law, that any participation, directly or indirectly in business by the secretary of the treasury would constitute a violation of the statute.

Senate Vote to Be Close WASHINGTON, May 4.—President Hoover was informed today by Senator Watson of Indiana, the republican leader, that a very close vote was expected on the export debenture plan which the president proposed.

STUDENT DIES IN DROP OVER CLIFF

FRESNO, Calif., May 3.—Harry B. Hoare, 19, University of Southern California student and former Fresno state college student, was killed while fishing in Kings river canyon today when he accidentally fell over a 100-foot cliff.

Young Hoare, son of Dr. and Mrs. H. J. Hoare, of Glendale, left Berkeley Thursday with a party of Rowley and San Jose youths on a fishing expedition into Kings river canyon, near General Grant national park.

Being separated from his companions as they fished along the river, Hoare made his way upstream alone and in some way slipped and plunged down a cliff to the rocks and into the stream.

First intimation of the tragedy came when his cap came floating down the river past his companions. It was followed shortly by his body.

PATTERSON LAUDS LAST LEGISLATURE

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., May 4.—Governor L. L. Patterson and Dean J. R. Jewell of Oregon State college were the principal speakers last night at the annual banquet of the Klamath Falls chamber of commerce.

Governor Patterson reviewed the work of the last state legislature and said that body was the most efficient group of lawmakers assembled in Salem in many years.

"I have no apologies to make for the money expended," he declared, "and I am sure the legislature has none. I am not one to throttle Oregon and I am not afraid to see the state go into debt that advances work and progress might be injured. I want to see the whole state go forward as you have here in Klamath."

Dean Jewell urged the city to "dress up its front windows" that its face-value appearance "might do justice to its actual worth."

HEROIC WOMAN SLAYS MOUSE; MEETING SAVED

SIoux CITY, Iowa, May 4.—Lest it should never be known, it must be announced—Mrs. Lulu C. Walrod of Fort Dodge, Ia., is something of a heroine, in the eyes of her sister delegates attending the national convention of the B. P. O. E.

Final business of the convention was being transacted. "The delegates will now," the chairwoman was saying, when most of the 500 women present mounted their chairs. It was not a standing vote, however. A mouse had scurried across the auditorium floor.

Mrs. Walrod retained her courage, she cornered the mouse, stepped on it, picked the rodent up and carried it outside. Amid cheers and hand-clapping she returned to the auditorium and the convention resumed.

ONE-DAY CARNIVAL TO BE STAGED HERE SATURDAY, JUNE 8

Preliminary plans for a strawberry carnival to be held during the first week in June are being made by the Unquaga Chiefs, who have sponsored the celebration each year. No effort will be made this year to put on any elaborate celebration, only one day being devoted to special festivities.

The chiefs have secured the Hillbrand United Shows, one of the leading carnival attractions of the coast, for the week of June 3 to 8, inclusive. This company will bring several rides, tent attractions and the usual carnival features. The committee will permit only concessions where a prize is required to perform almost impossible feats to secure the offered prizes.

Saturday, June 8, will be made a festival day, and all of the events, aside from the carnival attractions, will be held on that day. The annual baby parade, always the outstanding feature will be held, there will be band concerts, sports and various entertainments offered, closing with a ball in the evening.

Due to the backward season and general conditions offering a handicap to a celebration on the usual scale, it was decided by the chiefs not to attempt a big event this year, but to confine the efforts to a more modest entertainment although an effort will be made to crowd ample amusement into the one day.

BERLIN COUNTS 27 DEAD FROM 3 DAYS' RIOTS

One Victim British Press Correspondent Who Got Into Siege Sector; 150 Injured.

Disorderly Communists Led by Four Russian Soviet Chiefs, Assertion of German Paper.

BERLIN, May 4.—The number of dead in the communist May day disorders of the past three days reached 27 today with the deaths of six wounded persons in various hospitals.

Among the dead was an English newspaperman, Charles Egan Mackay, representing the Walfara Daily News of New Zealand. He died on Hermandstrasse shot him dead before dawn today when he refused to go back indoors in defiance of their orders permitting no one outside.

Mackay spoke no German and his friends assumed he did not understand the commands which were shouted at him three times before the shots which killed him were fired. The police pointed out that they had forbidden newspapermen to enter the disturbed area after 9 p. m.

Russias Hand Seen Berlin police were investigating today charges of a borough newspaper, the Russian communist leader, aided by three members of the Soviet army general staff, had led the German communists in rioting of the past three days.

The charges made by the borough newspaper, the Neue Zeit of Charlottenburg, were that the Soviet communist organizer Maneliski arrived in Berlin fourteen days ago accompanied by three widely known Tscheka organizers and three members of the red army general staff.

The paper said the delegation immediately began work on detailed plans for uprisings.

Another victim of the journalistic profession was Paul Wejnarr of the Vossische Zeitung, who was (Continued on page 7)

THREE CHILDREN PERISH IN FLAMES

NEW CASTLE, Pa., May 4.—Three children were burned to death and their mother was burned possibly fatally today in a fire which resulted from an explosion of a gasoline stove.

The dead, children of Mr. and Mrs. W. Stevens, were Virginia, 5; Dorothy, 14, and William, 13. At a hospital it was said Mrs. Stevens had little chance to recover. A four year old daughter, Eleanor, was injured but not seriously.

Widowed Mate of Another Woman Who Posed As Man Declared "He" Sent Love Letters To Her Friend

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., May 4.—It was the appeal of the written words of Peter Stratford, who disclosed "he" was a woman shortly before "his" death in Oakland, Cal., Thursday, which drew two women of the film colony here to "him," they revealed today.

Miss Alma Thompson, employed at a film studio, denied she was personally acquainted with the woman who had masqueraded as a man for many years, but said she had known "him," through Mrs. Beth Rowland, his "wife."

The letters she had sent "him" were written through sympathy because of the lingering illness which brought death, she said. "I was working at Unity school in Kansas City, in the health department," Mrs. Rowland, actress and screen writer, explained, "when I found a letter asking prayer for a man by the name of Peter Stratford who lived at Hillside, N. J.

Mrs. Rowland said she previously had been married and wrote that she "never again would enter into a physical marriage." She continued, "I suppose that was where he could justify himself. The very thought of marrying him was utterly abhorrent to me but because of his pitiful condition and the rules of the institution, and I re-

1,000 SAID SLAIN BY EARTHQUAKES

ASKABAD, Russian Turkistan, May 4.—Earthquakes which yesterday shook the vast stretches west of Samarkand, were believed today to have taken a heavy toll of life and property. Unconfirmed reports said 1,000 persons perished in three Persian towns alone, while 11 were killed and 40 injured hereabouts as four successive tremors brought down houses and buildings in many villages. One person was killed in this city and 26 injured. Ninety houses were demolished.

FLOOD RAVAGES MOHAWK VALLEY; DAMAGE \$100,000

Two Steel Bridges Washed Away—High Water in Euphrates Region Fatal to 50.

COLEBROOK, N. H., May 4.—The Mohawk river valley stretching from the Connecticut river eastward toward Dixville Notch presented a scene of flood wrought havoc today. Houses and bridges were swept away and highways last night from Balsam dam, 13 mile above here. The dam burst from pressure due to heavy rain.

Estimates of property damage ranged as high as \$100,000. Ample warnings reached the half dozen or more families comprising the hamlet of Kidderville, nine miles east of this place.

The river rose 20 feet in a few minutes. A 40-foot steel bridge was swept down the stream while the trestle of the Maine Central railroad, which spans the Mohawk close to its confluence with the Connecticut river, just below here, was carried into the larger stream.

The dam which gave way hemmed in two small artificial lakes at the Balsams, a summer hotel near Dixville Notch. Euphrates Takes 50 Lives BEIRUT, Syria, May 4.—At least 50 persons perished at Deirzozor in extensive floods caused by overflowing of the Euphrates river. About 200 houses were destroyed. Animals perished by the hundreds in the affected region. Airplanes today were assisting in the rescue work.

Tornado's Toll 38 ATLANTA, Ga., May 4.—The death list from the tornadoes that struck seven southern states Wednesday and Thursday stood today at 38, with the greatest toll in Virginia, where 21 persons lost their lives.

In addition to the dead, more than 100 persons were injured, many of them seriously, and an enormous crop and property toll was taken.

The greatest loss of life was at Rye Cove, Va., where 12 children and one teacher were killed in the collapse of a schoolhouse. Ten other persons were killed in widely scattered sections of the state.

Six fatalities were reported in Maryland, Arkansas had five dead, Tennessee two, and Kentucky, Alabama and Florida one each. Relief work was being carried on in all of the stricken sections under the direction of the Red Cross. Injured persons were being inoculated against disease, and clothing and shelter provided for the homeless.

Including 47 persons killed in Georgia in last week's series of storms, the south's death toll from tornadoes in two weeks stood at 84.

WIFE SLAYS MATE WHO PREFERS OCEAN

OAKLAND, Calif., May 4.—Willard Martin, 48, retired mariner, given his choice between his wife and the call of the sea, chose the sea. Two hours later he was in a hospital fighting for his life. The woman he spurned was in jail. She shot him in the chest as Willard worked in the projection room of a motion picture theatre where he was employed as an operator. Mrs. Martin was subdued when Boyd Martin, also in the projection room, turned a fire hose on her as she held a smoking revolver.

W. H. COPE HIT BY AUTO ON OAK STREET BRIDGE

Car Driven by Fred Brown Strikes Man as He Walks Onto the Approach; Dies in Hospital.

Came to Roseburg About One Year Ago for the Purpose of Building Picture Studio.

Wm. H. Cope, president of Copeonia, Incorporated, a concern organized here about a year ago for the purpose of promoting a motion picture studio to be used by Los Angeles film companies while on location work in Oregon, died about 7 o'clock last night from injuries sustained when he was struck by an automobile driven by Fred Brown, Willard Battery Station employee. The accident occurred about 4:30 o'clock at the east approach of the Oak street bridge. The injured man was removed to Mercy hospital, where death occurred within a short time.

According to Mr. Brown, driver of the auto, and the one eye witness, Mrs. Geo. Stephens, Mr. Cope was standing at the intersection of Flint and Oak streets, near the center of the street, apparently intending to cross Oak street to the sidewalk on the north side of the bridge.

Brown was driving east on the bridge, and his speed was reported to be about 20 miles an hour. Cope, it was stated, stopped, almost beside the stop sign in the center of Flint street, and Brown thinking that Cope was waiting for the car to pass, did not apply his brakes.

Mr. Cope evidently miscalculated the distance and speed of the car, and, after starting across Oak street in front of the machine. It was too late for Brown to avoid hitting him, and Cope was knocked down and the car passed over his body. The auto stopped about 100 feet from the spot of the impact.

The injured man was taken to the hospital, and Dr. B. R. Shoemaker was called to attend him. It was found that both of his legs had been broken above the knee and one of his legs broken below the knee. His head was badly cut, and he was bruised over his entire body. His death resulted from shock alone for two and a half hours after he was placed in the hospital. He was conscious for about an hour after the accident.

Been in Roseburg About Year Mr. Cope came to Roseburg from Portland about a year ago and was engaged in the promotion of the (Continued on page 3.)

EX-ROSEBURG LADY DIES IN 76TH YEAR

INDEPENDENCE, Ore., May 4.—Mrs. Helen Augusta Martin, formerly of Roseburg, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Rose Hill Friday, following a stroke. She had been visiting with her daughter for the last few weeks. Mrs. Martin was born in New York February 15, 1853, coming to Oregon from Kansas in 1896. Remains will be forwarded to Roseburg for interment Monday.

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FIGHT OVER FENCE COSTS THREE LIVES

ROY, N. M., May 4.—A gun and knife fight, which resulted from an argument over location of a piece of fence on sheep pasture, today had cost the lives of three men and two others were wounded. The dead: Pat Ledoux, 41, who leaves a widow and seven children. David Ledoux, Jr., 19, and Phillip Spurlock, 35, who is survived by a widow and five children. F. Coldiron, father-in-law of Spurlock, and another of the Ledoux boys were wounded.

BY FRANK JENKINS HALF a hundred persons were killed and upwards of 200 injured by tornadoes that have swept eleven states in the Middle West and the South this week.

This is a good time to recall the slogan coined for Oregon the other day by the Medford News: "The land where there is a maximum security of life."

When to maximum security is added maximum comfort, it becomes evident that Oregon is a mighty good place to live.

A SPRING blizzard lashes Missouri and Illinois, leaving in its wake from three to six inches of snow. It is feared that killing frosts may follow on the trail of the snow, doing millions of dollars of damage to the Middle Western fruit belt.

California, already, has suffered heavy frost losses. Oregon, to date, has escaped damage and has excellent prospects of a bumper fruit crop. If frost does further damage in the Middle West, it stands to reason that Oregon growers should receive a good price.

Somebody, it appears, is always profiting by the misfortunes of somebody else. It isn't right, but it often happens.

DOWN in Multnomah county they are talking recalls and referendums. The procedure seems to be something like this:

Go around to some professional petition peddler and make a deal with him to go out and chase down enough names to get the desired measure on the ballot. Then file it and vote on it just as if it represented a real and sincere desire on the part of the sovereign people.

It looks to this writer very much as if our methods of getting direct legislation started might profit greatly from a complete overhaul.

To tell if the kitchen sink is at the proper height, according to the conclusions reached in a survey just completed at the University of Nebraska, the housewife should stand before it and place her palms on the bottom. If she can do this without stooping, the sink is properly adjusted.

Then, it might be added, if she can go through with the drudgery of washing dishes in her properly adjusted sink and like it, she is a very unusual person.

Drudgery is something that all of us abhor. And drudgery, unfortunately, is something that all of us have to endure to a greater or less degree. We have to take the bad along with the good in this life.

AT this season of the year, in the "good old days," we were apt to be dosed pretty liberally with nut and molasses. Or perhaps it was mince pie. The idea was to alleviate the "spring fever."

"Spring fever," modern science tells us, isn't wholly a myth, but we are advised to prevent it instead of trying to cure it. Prevention methods should go back to the beginning of winter.

Take plenty of exercise in the fresh air. Eat a balanced diet, consisting principally of milk, vegetables and fruit, with an abundance of water. Follow this regimen throughout the winter, and you will be pretty likely to escape "spring fever" in the spring.

That is to say, "spring fever," like so many of our other ills, is chiefly the result of wrong living.

SPEAKING of prevention, Dr. Frederick D. Stricker, Oregon state health officer, tells us that more than 50 per cent of the entire population beyond the age of childhood suffers from foot trouble. And, he adds, most of these people could have had better feet if they had worn better shoes.

What is a better shoe? He answers that question thus: "The correct shoe to wear is one made as follows: Straight inner edge of sole; narrow shank; broad toe and broad heel, with heel coming well forward, especially on the inner edge of the shoe."

But shucks! Who cares for considerations such as those if the shoe looks trim and is somewhat similar to those being worn by the best people?

In the case of our political institutions, we have traveled far along the road that leads to complete freedom. But when it comes to the conventions, we are still abject slaves.