

By FRANK JENKINS
AN ex-justice down in Texas kills his girl paramour, and the circumstances are such that there can be little doubt of his guilt.
SO HE PLEADS INSANITY AS A DEFENSE.

THAT is to say, he reasons thus, in all probability: "I killed her all right; and they'll prove it on me. I can't even claim that I took a life in order to defend honor. I'm in a pretty tight box. About the only possible way out is an insanity plea."

THIS raises another question: "Why do murderers, particularly in those cases where proof of guilt is extremely strong, so often resort to the plea of insanity as a defense?"

Well, they have noticed that in a very large number of instances it is a successful defense. They have come to feel that they can rely upon the public to say, in effect: "Of course he did the killing. The evidence doesn't leave any doubt as to that. But he says he was insane when he did it, and if he was insane he didn't know what he was doing, and if he didn't know what he was doing he shouldn't really be held accountable. So the thing to do is to acquit him."

IN OTHER words, we say: "Here is a dangerous homicidal maniac. By his own admission, he is unaccountable to himself and is likely to be seized at any moment by a killing frenzy. But it wouldn't be right to put him out of the way, because he didn't know what he was doing at the time; so we'll have to acquit him of the charge of murder, thus making it possible for him to be turned loose among us to do it all over again."

THAT doesn't sound like good social reasoning. It isn't good social reasoning. It is reasoning that is clouded badly by mawkish sentiment.

We think much straighter and more to the point when we are able to keep our minds uncluttered by sentimentality.

SUPPOSE a dog bites a man and it is alleged that the dog is MAD. Do we say: "Why, the poor thing; it didn't know what it was doing. So it shouldn't be put out of the way."

Of course we don't. We say: "The dog is mad. It is apt to bite ANYBODY at ANY TIME. It must be put out of the way at once, so that society may be protected."

WHEN we are wiser - when we say, swayed by sentiment, that the allegedly insane human killer should be forgiven, so that possibly he may go insane and kill again; or when we say that the mad dog that has bitten a man should be put out of the way so that other men may not be bitten?

POSSIBLY, as a youngster, you played hooky from school. In that connection, here is something that is very, very important: If you were able to fix up a nice, plausible excuse for your father and mother, so that instead of punishing you as you deserved they merely gave you a little talking to, you probably PLAYED HOOKY AGAIN at the first good opportunity.

But if your parents detected you in your excuses, and refused to accept them, and took you out in the woodshed and gave you a good, thorough going over that you remembered for a long, long time, you were probably pretty careful about playing hooky thereafter.

AND don't forget this: The boy who plays hooky and talks his parents out of punishing him is not only apt to play hooky again, but to rob the neighbor's hen roost. And from robbing the neighbor's hen roost to getting into bad company is only a step, and after he gets into bad company it is only another step to breaking into somebody's store or house.

After that, he is a CRIMINAL - or on the road to become one.

THE boy who does something he shouldn't, and then succeeds in deceiving his parents into withholding punishment is apt to feel that he is pretty smart and so gets the idea that he can go on and on.

NEGRO MEETS MOB JUSTICE FOR MURDER

Attacker of White Girl at Ocilla, Georgia, First Beaten and Hacked, Then Burned.

Sheriff Declares Prisoner Confessed Deed Before Being Taken From His Custody.

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
OCILLA, Ga., Feb. 1.—Jimmy Irvine, a negro accused of attacking and killing a 14-year-old white girl yesterday, was beaten to death and his body burned about 19 miles from here today by a crowd of several hundred persons who had taken him by force from Sheriff E. W. Tyler of Irwin county.

Irvine was captured at Mystic, Ga., after an all night manhunt by Sheriff Tyler and his deputies. Bringing the negro to jail here, the sheriff was accosted by a crowd in the center of Ocilla. The crowd overpowered the sheriff, he said, in a struggle in which he was injured slightly.

Crime Said Admitted.

The negro then was taken to the place where the body of the girl, daughter of a prominent farmer, was found late yesterday.

Sheriff Tyler said the negro confessed the crime to him upon his capture.

Reports reaching here said that the mob attacked the negro with knives and beat him, after which a pyre was hastily constructed and the body placed on it. The heap of logs was saturated with gasoline and a match touched to it.

After the lynching the mob quietly dispersed.

BOY BARRED FROM HOOP CAR SHOOT COACH OF SCHOOL

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
STANTON, Ky., Feb. 1.—Ernest Byrd, 26, coach of the Stanton high school athletic teams, was shot probably fatally, by a youth to whom he refused admittance to a high school basketball game here last night. The shooting occurred shortly before the game was scheduled to begin.

Belgrave Harr, 16, a high school student and son of J. A. Harr, superintendent of the Stanton school company, was arrested on a charge of shooting with intent to kill. He would make no statement.

Doctors said Byrd has practically no chance for recovery.

Witnesses said young Harr had tried to gain admittance without paying. The coach put him out, with money and the youth again tried to enter. When the coach stopped him, young Harr drew a gun and fired. It was said Harr claimed Byrd owed him money and he wanted to take part in admittance.

FIRE KILLS CHILD FORGOTTEN WHILE WOMAN IS SAVED

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
LOS ANGELES, Feb. 1.—Deva Gonzalez, 7-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Gonzalez, was burned to death early today in a fire of undetermined origin which destroyed the four-apartment flat in which the family resided.

When the blaze was discovered, members of the Gonzalez family and others in the building rushed to the second floor, the apartment of Odell Gonzalez, intent on saving Garcia's mother, who was ill in bed. In the excitement, Deva, asleep in a rear room on the ground floor, was forgotten.

The girl's body was burned beyond recognition when recovered by firemen.

\$125,000 CHAMPOEG BILL RECEIVES O. K.

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—The McNary resolution to spend \$125,000 for a monument at Champoe, Oregon, to commemorate winning of the Oregon country, was favorably reported to the senate yesterday by its library committee.

A federal appropriation is contingent upon a like amount being appropriated by the state, the latter, however, to be given credit for \$25,000 on account of buildings and other properties now located at Champoe.

MORE STORMS NEXT WEEK

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 1.—The weather outlook for the week beginning February 2, was announced here today by the United States weather bureau as follows:

Far western states: The outlook is for occasional rains or snow in Washington, Oregon and Idaho, and generally fair in California and Nevada. Temperatures will be near or above normal.

Co-Eds Demand Smoking Room At Swarthmore

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—The request by women students of Swarthmore college for a smoking room has resulted in widespread discussion among members of the Society of Friends, which supports the school.

A formal protest against granting the request, unanimously adopted by the New York annual meeting of the Friends, has been forwarded to the board of managers. The matter will be taken up by the board at a meeting called for March 14.

The Friends Intelligencer, official weekly of the Hicksite branch of the Society of Friends, says in its current issue that although the yearly meeting went on record as opposed to the proposal, the question was raised whether in a society which always has stressed the equal rights of women it was inconsistent to allow the men to have a smoking room and refuse to provide one for the women.

WOMAN FROZEN TO DEATH BESIDE HELPLESS HUSBAND

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
HOLLAND, Mich., Feb. 1.—Death came in cruel form last night to Mrs. Ethel Mulder, 50, wife of a farmer living near here.

The woman froze to death within 75 feet of the fire which was blazing in her home, while her husband remained by her side, unable to save her.

The husband, Nicholas Mulder, 68, had gone early in the evening to the mail box, which is 75 feet from the house. He fell asleep. He fell and called for help. Mrs. Mulder went to him and, instead of getting him up, fell by his side. Neither was able to rise.

Eventually Mulder managed to crawl to the house. There was no telephone, and he shouted again and again for help. Some came, and he went back to his wife with blankets, with which he covered her.

Hours later a boarder, Ray Romyn, returned to the farm. He was able to lift the woman, but she was dead.

The coroner gave a verdict of death by freezing.

BILL TO ENLARGE FEDERAL FORESTS APPEARS IN HOUSE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—Adoption of a ten-year program of forest land acquisition, with a view to bringing additional lands within the national forests, especially in the west, was introduced today in a speech prepared for delivery in the house by Representative Leavitt, republican, Montana.

This program, as outlined in bills introduced by Senator McNary, republican, Oregon, and Representative Clarke, republican, New York, would provide for the expenditure of \$50,000,000 over the ten year period.

After remarking that today is the twenty-fifth anniversary of the national forest service, the Montana said the McNary-Clarke plan "should be adopted, and it should be treated not as a mere permission, but as a fixed obligation."

Leavitt, who served for years in the forest service as a ranger and later as forest supervisor, endorsed the Enright bill to establish a basis policy of forest protection and improvement by increased preventive patrols, and construction of roads, trails and communication.

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LEGION GLEE CLUB PLANS REHEARSAL

Regular weekly rehearsals are to be held each Wednesday night by the newly formed Unquapa post, American Legion, gleo club, according to a decision reached by members of the organization at their first practice held Thursday night. Dale Stranze, director of the Roseburg Municipal band, has been secured as conductor and the work of organizing the sections will commence at once. Mrs. McIntyre is to serve as pianist.

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STOCK OF KURDY STORE BOUGHT BY VANCOUVER MAN

W. E. Carter, proprietor of one of Vancouver's largest retail stores, as well as a large wholesale dry goods business in that city, has purchased the stock of the S. C. Kurdy store in this city, and is in Roseburg arranging for the disposition of the goods. The stock of the local store was sold in Portland by the Northwest Textile association for the benefit of the creditors.

In preparation for a sale, which is to be announced in the very near future, the purchaser now has a crew at work marking the goods.

If conditions justify, Mr. Carter states, he will continue operation of the store in Roseburg and is prepared to fully stock the place with a complete line of goods. If, however, it is found that conditions do not warrant continuation, the store remains after the sale will be disposed of and the store closed.

GYPSTUM TARIFF DENIED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—The senate today rejected a proposal to levy a duty of 75 cents a ton on gypstium, now on the free list.

The vote was 52 to 9.

CONFERENCE REACHES CRUX OF ITS AIMS

Delegates to Naval Parley Pass Oratory Stage and Face Job of Fixing Slash Limits.

Concrete Plan for Cutting Down Size of Various Fleets Still to Be Offered.

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
LONDON, Feb. 1.—After two weeks of cautious exploration through a thicket of generalities the five-nation naval conference stood today in a place where some-one soon must begin to talk in figures. What Colonel Henry I. Stimson, American delegation head, has called "clearing away the underbrush" is about complete.

The delegations have about talked themselves out in lofty phrase and idealistic appeal, the observers commented, and now the axe is to be laid in earnest to cutting away and limiting the growth of sea armaments.

It is true the conference is not yet ready to hear proposals as to how many ships can be scrapped or as to how many must be built. Probably none but the principal delegates were concerning themselves at all with such advanced statistics as they took a week end of respite today and left conference activities virtually at a standstill.

Now at Vital Point

They may not even reach for some time the question of qualitative ratios as between greater and lesser navies. But they understand fully that they cannot much longer delay coming down to cases on some of the more remote but no less definite mathematical calculations involved inevitably in their labors.

Some one or more concrete proposals may emerge in the light of the conference, sitting as a committee of the whole, assemblies again Tuesday. They were not even touched upon at yesterday's meeting at which the only real business transacted was a tacit agreement that this serious task of formulating a navy measuring rod can be handled by the conference itself but not by special committee.

At the present moment the problem of the conference is agreement of the physical methods of limiting war fleets. It is considering favorably a compromise plan offered by France providing a certain (as yet un stated) total tonnage to be allotted to each nation, with each of these national allotments to be divided into, tentatively, so many

WAR VET CHOOSES CARBON MONOXIDE GAS FOR SUICIDE

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 1.—Carbon monoxide gas, which seeped into a rented sedan through a 10-foot rubber hose connected with the end of the exhaust pipe caused the death today of Eugene M. Baxter, 35, Portland, whose body was found in the automobile parked in an isolated section of the city.

Two notes, one of which apparently was written just before the fumes killed Baxter, were discovered in the sedan and prompted the coroner to pronounce it suicide.

One of the notes stated "I believe the attempt is going to be successful as I feel good," and another stated "I desire that the government conserve its money and not pay for my funeral expenses or tombstone." Baxter was a war veteran.

The coroner said Baxter attached the tubing to the exhaust, brought one end of it through a slightly lowered window of the sedan, closed the remainder tightly and left the motor running.

14 MEN PERISH ON SINKING TUGBOAT

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
BEAUMONT, Tex., Feb. 1.—Fourteen members of the crew of the tugboat Edgar E. Conney today were believed at the bottom of the Gulf of Mexico with their last. A radio message from the Standard Oil company tank ship Liebre said the tug went down in a storm that raged Tuesday night about 70 miles northwest of Port Arthur, Texas.

TRAGEDY NEAR HERE LEADS TO LAWSUIT

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
SALEM, Ore., Feb. 1.—H. B. Van Doren, as chairman of the state highway commission, is named defendant in an action filed by 75.60 shareholders in an action filed by G. C. Corlies as administrator of the estate of Albert D. Jones, who died from injuries received in an automobile accident west of Roseburg. Coming suddenly upon a highway crew at work at the slide, Jones is said to have set his brakes and skidded over an embankment. The state claims it had warning signs posted, but Corlies claims a watchman should have been stationed on the highway.

Steer Shows No Respect For City Officials

(News-Review Douglas County Special)
MYRTLE CREEK, Ore., Feb. 1.—For many years Myrtle Creek has suffered from nightly raids by wild cattle from the Mount Hood ranges. Lawns and gardens have been trampled and in some instances storehouses have been raided.

Recently a long-legged, rangy steer came into town in the afternoon and proceeded to take possession of things. He tired the marshal and the mayor as well as several constables, and drove residents into their homes. He then turned his attention to the U. S. mail truck and tourist cars, but interfering with Uncle Sam's mail proved his undoing, for one patriotic citizen proceeded to unlimber an old army rifle and executed the clemmer.

The results pleased everyone except the city butcher, whose sales of fresh meat dropped off noticeably for a couple of days.

17 NEW MEMBERS ADDED TO ROLL OF ROSEBURG C. OF C.

Seventeen new members have already been signed by the Roseburg chapter of the Chamber of Commerce, which has been working for the past few days on this proposition. Present active members are not being visited this year, but will be continued on the same basis as formerly, the membership effort being confined to such business and individuals as are not now represented, particularly those who have been obtained since the first of last year. Excellent results have been registered, and the committee reports very few cases where memberships have not been signed. In such cases the reason was not any lack of interest, but because no one had done. The committee reports that the chamber is enjoying a far greater confidence from the business and professional element of the city than ever before in its history, and there is a general realization of the need for whole-hearted cooperation in the various important enterprises in which the organization is engaged are to be carried to successful termination.

TWO HIGH SCHOOL BOYS DIE IN WRECK

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
SAN JOSE, Calif., Feb. 1.—Michael O'Keefe, 16, and John Tanner, both of San Francisco, were killed and five others were more or less seriously injured early today when their automobile crashed over a high trestle bridge, two miles north of Mountain View. The occupants of the car were members of the St. James high school of San Francisco, returning from a basketball game at San Jose.

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STATE PRISON OF COLORADO HIT BY FIRE

Blaze Controlled With Aid of Departments of Two Cities—Guardmen Patrol Streets.

Prisoner Who Testified at Mutiny Probe Receives Stab Wound; Damage Will Be Heavy.

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
CANON CITY, Colo., Feb. 1.—Fire which swept the tailor shop at the Colorado state penitentiary here today was brought under control two hours after it was discovered and official reports said the institution was orderly, despite first reports that an attempt at escape had been made by thirteen prisoners.

One prisoner, Danny Reardon, who testified at length before Governor W. H. Adams' special committee which investigated the prison mutiny of last October, was stabbed by another prisoner during an altercation. Warden Crawford said the identity of the man who stabbed Reardon had not been determined. Reardon was known to have the company of many convicts because of the information he gave the governor's commission.

One other convict, a man named Taylor, was hurt when he fell from a ladder during the fire. He was attempting to help extinguish it.

Loss to Be Heavy

Warden Crawford made no estimate of the damage done by the fire, which was still being fought at 1 o'clock this afternoon by fire departments from Canon City and Florence, but it was believed the loss would be considerable in view of the fact that the tailor shop is directly over the prison supply room.

Reports that the fire had been set by prisoners have not been confirmed, but some credence was placed in them because on at least three previous occasions since the October mutiny, prisoners have set fire to the tailor shop. The "prison grapevine" has carried to Warden Crawford repeated threats that the institution would be "burned to the ground" unless Crawford discharged William Green, deputy warden, for whom the prisoners

GANGSTERS SLAY INVESTIGATOR FOR CHICAGO PROBERS

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
CHICAGO, Feb. 1.—Julius Rosenheim, 46, formerly an investigator for the Chicago crime commission, was shot to death today by two men who stepped from an automobile to the sidewalk and fired six shots into his body. They escaped in the automobile, driven by a third man.

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KAY TO ANNOUNCE HIMSELF IN RACE FOR GOVERNORSHIP

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 1.—Thos. B. Kay, state treasurer, will formally announce his candidacy for the republican nomination for governor during the coming week, the Capital Journal says in a signed article.

While Mr. Kay remains publicly silent on his political intentions, other than to state that he will announce his decision to run or not to run sometime next week, the Capital Journal is advised through sources recognized to be close in the state treasurer's council, that the die has been cast and that Mr. Kay is preparing to launch his campaign.

The last obstacle to Mr. Kay's admitted desire to seek the governorship has been, it is understood, swept away by the opinion of Portland specialists with whom he has been conferring during the past few days that he need fear no detrimental reactions to his health from the exertions of a campaign.

JACKSON HAMILTON DIES AT HOSPITAL

Jackson Hamilton, 66, a resident of Myrtle Creek, passed away at the county hospital this morning at 3:30 o'clock. He had been ill for the past two years and was brought to the county home two weeks ago. M. E. Ritter is in charge of the funeral arrangements, which will be announced later.

FRESH FINANCES FOR ROSE INDUSTRY

The trustees of the Roseburg Rose farm, met last night to discuss plans for handling the property located in Riverside. Money was advanced by a group of local men, who are planning to foreclose the holdings and arrange for some disposal of the valuable equipment. It is hoped that the nursery can be put back into use as it is believed that there is a good possibility for a very successful industry under proper management.

BUTLER URGED BY BROOKHART FOR DRY HEAD

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—Brigadier General Smedley Butler, storm petrel of the marine corps, was proposed for prohibition commissioner today by Senator Smith W. Brookhart, Iowa dry.

Senator Brookhart said "put Smedley Butler in charge and put another Smedley under him for New York because he is genuine and shoots to the mark."

The Iowa in discussing his campaign against "high society" prohibition violators, revealed that he is receiving considerable additional information about dry law violations in private clubs in the large cities as a result of his statement to the senate this week about "real gin cocktails" in the Country club of New York.

"Start in at the top" commented Brookhart in a discussion off the floor. "Clean up high society first. Clean up the prohibition personnel, too. Smedley Butler would have cleaned up high society in Philadelphia when he was police chief there if he had not stopped him and forced him out."

Rift on Dry Measure

The house expenditure committee today reversed itself on an amendment to the Williamson bill to transfer the prohibition unit from the treasury to the justice department and related the secretary of the treasury and the attorney general to issue jointly regulations governing industrial alcohol permits.

Except for this change, the committee left the bill in the form it was approved earlier in the week. Although the measure was reported to the house by unanimous consent, several members reserved the right to file minority reports dissenting to some of its provisions.

Fort Hasn't Hoover O. K.

It was said at the white house yesterday that the expressions of opinion in Representative Franklin Fort's speech on prohibition in no way reflected the attitude of President Hoover.

President Hoover was not consulted in any way or at any time concerning Representative Fort's speech. The address in question, delivered yesterday before the house, advocated less restriction

SEATTLE REALTOR, WORKING, SLAYS MOTHER AND SELF

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
SEATTLE, Feb. 1.—After shooting his way through the chest while she was in bed early today, Clayton Crawford, secretary-manager of the Crawford-Conover company, a Seattle real estate firm, then turned the gun on himself. Both were pronounced dead when Dr. George A. Dowling, a neighbor, arrived, after having been summoned by the latter.

Crawford, about 50, was said to have been worrying over the pending dissolution of the firm of Crawford-Conover, which was founded by his stepfather, the late Samuel LeRoy Crawford, a pioneer Seattle business man. Apparently there was no other motive, police said.

Mrs. Crawford, more than 70 years old, was well known in Seattle society and had been active in the establishment and enlargement of the children's orthopedic hospital in Seattle. Her son, Clayton, by a former marriage, was adopted by the late Seattle business man.

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Oddities Gleaned From Day's News

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
Boy Has "Ma" Arrested.
CHICAGO, Feb. 1.—Twelve-year-old John Gendler had his mother arrested because he believed that was the only way to keep the Gendler home together.

He followed his mother to a speakeasy yesterday, then called the police. Mrs. Gendler, a woman companion, and a man were arrested.

Apprehive before Judge John L. Lupe, the boy said:

"I think you had better send my mother to Bridewell. That may cure her."

Judge Lupe fined her \$10, to be worked out at the house of correction.

Co-Eds Know Their Lads.
NEWTON, Kas., Feb. 1.—Dormitory co-eds of Bethel college are betting that in this modern world where advertising and organization are everything, advertising is the more potent of the two.

Sorority girls have been coping off all the desirable men. Residents of the less exclusive dormitories felt the pinch and went into a huddle. The result appeared yesterday in the Bethel Collegian in the form of a display advertisement in which college men to call at the "dorm hangout."

By way of added attraction, the ad announced, several new card games have been added to the dormitory reception room equipment "and boys are cordially invited to come and participate in these games."

Low-Backed Dress Furore.
NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—(Budget dispatch to the New York Times today said Irene Palastay, widely known European actress, was arrested by police as she left a Budapest theatre because members of the audience protested that her dress was too low in the back.

The actress, who is the wife of Hans Barisch, a theatre manager, and an American citizen, requested the help of the American consulate. She explained that an evening dress is a widely known model by a Paris dressmaker, Jeanne Lanvin, and had won a prize recently at the Berlin opera ball.

She declared its decency as established by the fact it included a feather cape. Most newspapers championed the cause of the actress who says she will leave Hungary and never return again.

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