

## Negro Cook Held On Train Murder Charge

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Wilson, a marine corps private in upper 13, who saw a man emerge from lower 13 and chased after him through the train. In the galley of the diner, one car back, he found a cook. District Attorney Weinrick said Folkes had been identified as the cook.

Wilson told investigators that the cook was "sweating and breathing hard. I didn't think much of it at the time but later I got to wondering. The galley was not warm."

Folkes was questioned several times during the long trip south. Weinrick said "it became apparent when the train reached San Francisco he was not telling the truth so I ordered him held in Los Angeles. We have established positively that he was in car D three times shortly before the killing."

### Wilson Relieved

R. M. Kelso, a navy man in the car, testified he got up early to get a shave before the rush in the wash room and bumped into Folkes just a minute or two before, Weinrick said.

When told of Folkes' confession Wilson ejaculated: "Boy, am I glad to hear that."

He repeated his account of the

death of the 95-pound Virginia girl.

"I was awakened by the lady's scream and pulled the curtain part way open and got a brief glimpse of a man of about 5-10 with close-cropped hair emerge from the berth and go down the aisle. It was very dim. At first I thought he had on a pin-stripe suit but I couldn't be very sure of that. It was too dark."

"Then I saw the lady roll out of the berth and lean against the berth across the aisle. I pulled on my trousers and hit the deck. I lifted her by the armpits and laid her head on a pillow. Then I saw the wound and I yelled 'this is murder, this is murder.'"

"The porter ran up. Then I noticed she was still alive."

"She was looking at me, trying to say something. Her lips moved. I held my ear down but I couldn't hear anything. Then her head slumped forward and she just passed away. I'll never forget it as long as I live."

### Cook Found in Sweat

"We covered the body and I went back looking for the man. I went through four cars. On my return to car D, I saw the light in the galley of the diner and noticed the cook."

"I asked him how long he had been there. He said he was late. I remember he was sweating; sweat was running down his cheeks, and he was breathing hard. I asked him if he had seen anyone, told him of the killing and gave him my description. He accused me of drinking. I told him 'No' and said as far as he was concerned this was military information and I had to have it."

"Then he said he hadn't seen anybody."

### Scream Is Heard

Wilson later aroused two military policemen and told them to stand guard at each end of car D.

Two other occupants of car D heard Mrs. James say "I can't take this any longer," and then shout "My God, this man is killing me" before she screamed.

"I didn't hear her speak," Wilson said. "I wish I had. Maybe I could have saved her."

Wilson was detained because, the district attorney said, "he simply has too much vital testimony for us to release him."

John Funches, 30, a dining car waiter, held as a material witness, was released.

## Split in Nazi Forces Aim in North Africa

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If the Americans should sustain this thrust into the Maknassy area they would hit the east coast between Gabes and Sfax, well north of the fortified Mareth line.

Boistering the report of further offensive operations, the Paris radio said axis troops had captured several allied patrols "in the area of the gulf of Gabes."

### CONFAB POINTS TO UNION OF NORTH AFRICAN FORCES

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, Jan. 28. (AP)—A 48-hour conference here attended by the best military brains in Britain and America today sharply foreshadowed the day when the united nations will use North Africa as a spring board into Europe.

The military chiefs conferred with Lieut. Gen. Eisenhower, commander in chief of the allied expeditionary force in North Africa, after speeding eastward from the Casablanca conference of President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill.

That they came to this theater after the policy-making Casablanca conference was taken as an indication the allies consider a Mediterranean offensive

against the axis as one of the best bids for victory.

All the conferences centered around General Eisenhower. This combined with the presence of British General Alexander was taken as an indication the allies are planning a union of all forces in the Mediterranean into one great theater with a coordinate command.

Such a step has long been foreseen by military experts as a necessity when Eisenhower's and Alexander's armies join as they appear to be doing in Tunisia.

## Tax on City-Owned Electric Plants Asked

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The state hospital that killed 47 patients and made 400 others ill. Now measures in the house would provide uniform hours for state departments, increase salaries of house employees \$1 a day to conform with senate increases, and provide that the 7-member state public welfare commission be appointed from members of county courts.

### Would Alter 3-Way Aid

Rep. Gearin, Portland, sponsored a bill to make the state increase its proportion of public welfare contributions when it has a surplus. The state now pays 30 per cent, counties 29 per cent, and the government 50 per cent. When the state's share would increase, the counties would be decreased proportionately.

Rep. Smith, Portland, asked the house to permit introduction of bills up to the 25th day of the session. The house now prohibits new bills after the 20th day, or next Saturday.

Secretary of State Farrell asked the legislature to approve his proposal to lower the minimum age for chauffeur's license from 18 to 16 as a wartime need, while Rep. French, Moro, introduced a bill to let 17-year-olds drive school buses.

### Truck Issue Aired

Railroad and commercial trucking interests sparred again at a joint highway committee hearing yesterday on a bill to make permanent the increased truck length and weight limits which now are allowed as a wartime emergency.

Oswald West, former governor representing the truckers, hit at opposition to the bill by the League of Oregon Counties, asserting the bill would not affect county roads. He urged passage of the bill to make Oregon's truck laws conform to those of Washington, Idaho and California.

The bill, and the emergency order now in effect, provide for maximum limits of 60 feet and 71,000 pounds. Unless the bill is passed, the statutory limits of 50 feet and 54,000 pounds will go into effect again when the war ends.

Alfred A. Hampson, Portland railroad attorney, said the bill is unnecessary, while State Highway Engineer R. H. Baddock said the limits would not hurt the highways.

### Would Erase Income Tax

Senator Strayer, Baker democrat and dean of the legislature, said today he is drafting two bills to cancel state income tax collections on incomes earned in 1943 and 1944, and to repeal the measure, passed by the voters last November, to give surpluses in come tax revenues to schools.

Strayer said that income tax surpluses which will have accumulated this year probably would be sufficient to enable the state to operate for two more years.

Strayer termed the school surplus bill a "fraud on the people," asserting it was misrepresented to them.

### Power For Fish Board

The senate fishing industries committee introduced a bill today to give the state fish commission some powers to establish fishing seasons, and to allow the commis-

sion to join with the Washington state fisheries director in regulating Columbia river fisheries.

The legislature now establishes seasons, but the bill would transfer virtually all of these powers to the commission.

### Tax Discount Favored

The state tax commission told the senate taxation committee today that it favors a bill to make state income tax collections payable four times a year, instead of each April 1 and October 1 as now is provided.

The commission, however, opposed a proposal to make the taxes payable monthly.

It endorsed a proposal to allow a three per cent discount to persons who pay their taxes on time.

### Meat Permits Eyed

The senate industries committee introduced a bill today to require that applications for meat dealers' licenses, filed with the department of agriculture, must be referred to the state labor commissioner before being granted.

The commissioner would examine the applications with respect to wages, hours, working conditions and sanitation.

### Teachers Ask Raise

A bill to increase the minimum salaries of teachers from \$85 a month to \$1332 for a school year was introduced in the house today on behalf of the Oregon

State Teachers association.

### For Post-War Needs

Counties, cities and other political subdivisions of the state would be authorized to set up reserve funds for post-war improvements under a bill introduced by the house cities and counties committee today.

Another bill would let the state treasurer set aside funds allotted to state and county fairs from racing funds in years when the fairs do not operate. This money then could be used later.

The house cities and counties committee introduced a bill today to permit the state or its subdivisions to sell or rent construction equipment to the federal government.

### Tax Problem Muddled

Still seeking information to enable it to draft a comprehensive tax program, the house taxation and revenue committee turned its attention today to Governor Snell's proposal to create a reserve fund out of surplus tax revenues.

The fund would be used either for war emergencies, or to reduce property taxes after the war.

The committee last night heard State Tax Commissioner Fisher assert that Snell's plan to levy the corporation income tax against public utilities would not raise enough revenue to raise the average old age pension pay-

ment to \$40 a month.

Such a tax, which Snell said would be sufficient to pay the larger pensions, would raise only \$500,000 a year.

The proposal to go back to the 1937 tax rates would cost the state \$1,500,000 of its estimated \$14,000,000 collections in 1943, Fisher said, while the plan would provide no relief in the lower and high brackets.

Income tax receipts in 1942 totaled \$13,859,000 of which \$6,500,000 was from corporation taxes and the rest from personal taxes. Fisher said collections in 1943 would be about the same, because federal taxes, deductible in making state tax returns, would offset the increases which might normally be expected because of greater employment.

## Duesseldorf Afire After Raid by RAF

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bombers of the ninth U. S. air force successfully attacked Italian and Sicilian harbors, and all returned.

"Although partially obscured by cloud conditions, bomb bursts were observed in all target areas," the bulletin said.

From British middle east headquarters came the report that "successful attacks were made on enemy rail communications in

southern Italy."

The Italian high command acknowledged a series of raids upon Sicily and southern Italy, in which several towns, railway stations and trains were bombed and machine-gunned. Its communiqué, broadcast from Rome, mentioned two dead and more than 13 persons injured.

## EISENHOWER ALSO GOOD IN PUGILISTIC GAME

ABILENE, Kas.—(AP)—Publisher Charley Harger of Abilene

tells about the time that Lt. Gen. Dwight Eisenhower, U. S. commander in north Africa, came home on vacation to Abilene, while he was attending West Point. A prize fighter boasted he could "lick anyone in the state of Kansas." Eisenhower, says Harger, heard about the boast and challenged the fellow. When the future general knocked the professional fighter out in two rounds his reputation was established in Abilene.

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