

Discharged Man Confesses Killing Former Employer

SEATTLE, Jan. 11.—(AP)—Garland H. Wilson, 26, discharged meat-cutter, signed a written confession today he slashed and beat his former employer, J. N. Raybould, 69, to death here the night of Dec. 29, Detective Capt. Richard F. Mahoney announced.

Wilson, fired a week before the slaying, was questioned by police immediately afterwards but was released, the detective said. He was arrested again yesterday on an open charge on his return from his mother's home at Hayden Lake, Ida., where he went after sending his wife and baby to her parents' home at Fosston, Minn.

In the confession, Captain Mahoney said, Wilson told of meeting Raybould in front of the store about 8 P. M. and demanding his job back. He had bought a 19-cent toy pistol he said, and intimidated Raybould into entering the building. Raybould refused to give him money and Wilson then bound him and tried to open the safe.

Raybould broke loose but Wilson took a metal hamburger stuffer and knife away from the older man and overcame him, the detective quoted his confession. He then opened the safe, took approximately \$5,000 and left the building.

Raybould had sold his business, a large West Seattle market, two days before he was killed.

Oregon Coastal Region Gets Jap Mine Warning

ASTORIA, Ore., Jan. 11.—(AP)—Fishermen, clam diggers and others on the beach were warned today—after discovery of a Japanese contact mine near Fort Stevens—that others may drift ashore.

Military authorities said Navy bomb disposal experts detonated the mine, which contained 230 pounds of TNT. Civilians should report such mines to officials emphasized, but not touch them.

Three drifted in near Astoria

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Also, the service will be off in Myrtle Creek from 8:00 A.M. until 12:00 Noon. This will include the Town of Myrtle Creek, the area between Myrtle Creek and Dale, all of North Myrtle Creek and the Southeast Myrtle Creek and Neal Lane Area.

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Four Discharges From War Service At 18 Make Vet

BALTIMORE—Love of excitement and a bad case of hay fever got Donald J. Robbins four discharges from three different branches of the armed forces at the age of 18—two from the Navy, and one each from the Coast Guard and the Army.

He enlisted in the submarine service at 16 and was sent to a marine school at New London, Conn. Things went fine for six months—practice escapes with a Mousen lung in the Navy's huge pressure tank, practice dives in the school's old S-type submarine, plenty of excitement.

Then, "somebody squealed," Donald laments. "They told me to re-enlist in six months when I turned 17."

But nine days later Donald was wearing a Coast Guard uniform. As his unit prepared to ship overseas, a last-minute check disclosed again that he was too young.

Came Jan. 12, 1944, his 17th birthday. Donald shipped into the Navy once more, this time legally, but after a scant four weeks came hay fever and another discharge.

"When I became 18," he recalls, "I went through selective service into the Army." With the paratroopers he flew his way head in the middle of a parachute jump, the boy's seventh.

The first sneeze hit him just as he had fastened onto the static line, which automatically opens the chute. His attacks had been causing him to become temporarily blind.

"Halfway down I went totally blind," he says. "When I opened with nothing more than a broken ankle, I'll never know. Guys break their backs often with their eyes open."

That's how he earned his fourth and final discharge, and why he carries a cane as he goes about his work at a Baltimore funeral home.

Cos Co-Op Starts Work On \$500,000 Extension

COQUILLE, Ore., Jan. 11.—(AP)—The Coos County co-operative, under the PEA, began work today on a 300-mile, \$500,000 line extension program in Coos and Curry Counties.

The PEA is doing its own work. R. J. Connors, co-operative manager, said, since only one bid was received and three are required.

Crews are starting in the Banden cranberry bog area and around Brookings harbor where the bulb industry has brought in many new families.

Long Distance Phone Blockade Is Launched

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Shawnee County district judge, granted a temporary injunction restraining 12 striking installation workers from picketing the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company office in "Topeka and vicinity," Sheriff Beal said two pickets retired when warned of possible contempt of court action but two others remained.

Pav Hike Recommended

Meanwhile, in the country's largest current work stoppage—involving some 200,000 CIO workers at General Motors plants—union and company officials studied a fact-finding board's proposal that the corporation grant a 17 1/2 per cent wage increase and end the 51-day walk-out.

The proposed increase would add about 33 1/2 cents per hour to the present wage rate. Average hourly pay for GM production workers is now \$1.22.

The panel's recommendations will be reviewed at a meeting in Detroit Sunday by officials of the CIO United Auto Workers. The union struck in support of demands for a 30 per cent wage hike. Officials of General Motors did not comment pending study of the board's report.

Packers Reject Govt. Offer

Edgar L. Warren, federal con-

cession service chief, after a meeting in Chicago with union and management officials in an attempt to avert a nationwide strike of 335,000 workers in the meat industry, said "the situation looks very bad."

The government's proposal to pay 50 cents a hundred pounds more for all meat it buys, including purchases for the Army, Navy and foreign relief, was rejected by two of the country's biggest packers, Armour & Co. and Swift & Co. The companies said the plan was "wholly inadequate to meet the demands" of the CIO Packinghouse Workers Union, which is demanding a 25 cents an hour wage boost.

Complete Tie-Up Looms

A spokesman for the AFL Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen Union, whose 135,000 members are to join in the strike set for next Wednesday, said the work stoppage will be "a complete tie-up of the industry."

Warren said the only possibilities for averting the scheduled strike if negotiations fail were certification to President Truman for naming a fact-finding board or government seizure of the plants involved.

Efforts to halt another scheduled strike, set for Monday, by some 800,000 CIO United Steelworkers, continued in New York today as union leaders met with U. S. Steel Corporation officials to discuss the union's demand for a 30 per cent wage increase.

Seattle Bus Drivers Quit

Newest labor dispute reported was the walkout of 1,100 bus drivers in Seattle, seriously affecting transportation service for an estimated 500,000 daily passengers.

Federal conciliators attempted to settle the wage dispute and met with members of the Seattle Transit Commission and representatives of the Drivers' Union.

The union has asked for \$1.37-an-hour wages for a 41-hour week against current pay of \$1.15 for a 48-hour week. The commission offered \$1.22 an hour with a \$138 bonus, based on a 40-hour week.

Elks Lodge of Roseburg Celebrates Anniversary

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form of government." Farrell praised and congratulated the Roseburg lodge, and reported the excellent position of the Order nationally, both in membership and financial standing.

Record Throng Attends

The Golden Jubilee was attended by the largest crowd ever gathered in the lodge hall.

Attendance included a large delegation from Eugene as well as groups and individuals from Coos Bay, Grants Pass, Medford, Ashland, Salem, Portland and other points in Oregon and visitors from Washington and California lodges.

Festivities included a banquet at 7 o'clock, and a ceremonial at 8 P. M., with a program of entertainment, featuring Mandrake, the Magician and his troupe, Inez, Graham, exotic dancer, and "Skeets" Cameron, master of ceremonies.

Marshall Pengra, manager of Radio Station KRNR, was master of ceremonies for the jubilee program, which, in addition to the address by the secretary of state, included introduction of visitors, a short talk by Ira B. Riddle, one of three living charter members of the lodge, and congratulations from Louis Siddham, Grants Pass, president of the State Elks Association.

Members of the Roseburg lodge were surprised by the appearance of a 20-piece, newly organized Elks band, which played during the banquet and at the ceremonial under the direction of Les Irvin.

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Demobilization Delay Clamor Continues

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enough replacements for soldiers leaving occupied areas. Since then, Eisenhower has ordered their needs to the bone and send home all men not needed.

Secretary of War Patterson, whose name has been booted by the soldiers, kept silent on the protests. But he did say in Tokyo, one of his stops on a Pacific inspection trip, that forces in that area will be reduced to 400,000 in May. This is 25,000 higher than the eventual size fixed by Eisenhower.

Marines Under Ban

Demonstrations by Marines in the Pacific were banned, Lt. Gen. Roy S. Geiger, issuing the order to company commanders, said that Marines traditionally take their troubles to their superior officers and there was no occasion for meetings which are not a military formation that can be controlled.

The order cancelled one Marine meeting which had been set for last night.

Lt. Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer's headquarters in the China theater said Eisenhower's order to return men not considered essential would not affect that area. A spokesman explained that all surplus men have been sent home and the theater still needs more men.

Approximately 5,000 disgruntled GIs in Calcutta, India, held a demonstration meeting and picked a committee to forward their complaints to Washington.

"War Orders" Given Before Japs Attacked

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would have sent the fleet to sea and been ready for any eventuality.

If the Army had informed him of the radar plot made on Japanese planes retiring from the attack, Navy searching units might have found the Japanese carriers.

"Accepted the situation" of keeping the fleet in Pearl Harbor, knowing that he had the alternative of quitting as its commander.

The Roberts Commission charge that he was derelict in his duty was made on the "mistaken belief" that he had access to intercepted Japanese messages, when he did not.

He did not get the "proper answer" in evaluating a message from Washington that the Japanese consuls had been ordered to burn their codes.

Air Attack Unexpected

Kimmel said he had anticipated a Japanese submarine attack at Hawaii if the Japanese moved against the Philippines or elsewhere and that there were complete precautions against one. But he said he never expected an air attack, "not at any time."

Kimmel told the naval inquiry board that if the Army had informed him on the morning

of Dec. 7, 1941, that its radar had picked up planes 132 miles north of Oahu, he would have gone into action immediately.

"I would have ordered general quarters on all ships," he said. "I would have started out the destroyers, the light forces out of the main channel on sortie and put all planes in the air; mustered every available plane, starting to search in the particular area indicated, and launched an attack on their carriers."

"At the same time I would have expected the Army to get all of their pursuit planes in the air to meet the attack."

"The (carrier) Enterprise was about 200 miles to the westward of Oahu and she had an escort of three heavy cruisers and nine destroyers. The (carrier) Lexington was 400 miles south-east of Midway with an escort of three cruisers and nine destroyers."

"I would have put both those carriers on an intercepting course and kept them informed of the movements of the Japanese force. I would have had all available light forces join Halsey in the Enterprise and I think we would have had quite a party."

Actually, said Kimmel, he didn't get the information on the radar pickup until two days after the attack.

The former fleet commander said he had "ceased to blame myself so much" for the Pearl Harbor disaster when he learned the Navy Department had not given him all its advance information.

Plywood Firm Increases Its Timber Holdings

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block of timber in the Little River area.

Subsidiary Also Buys

In addition Diamond Timber Corporation, a subsidiary of the plywood manufacturing firm, has purchased the Weigart tract, a large block of high-grade peeler timber west of Roseburg. And the parent company has contracts with several Douglas county tim-

ber owners for delivery to the plywood plant of "peeler" logs from their holdings.

"With acquisition of the Rock Creek timber, we can draw upon the high grade logs from that cutting and from the Weigart tract for high quality face veneer of our plywood. Myrtle Creek timber, which also carries a fair percentage of peeler logs, has a high percentage of the grade logs required for the inner plies and backs of the finished plywood panel," Haugen explained in telling of the co-ordinated logging operations contemplated.

Eventually, according to Haugen, the plywood makers here will produce plastic-surfaced panels similar to those already produced by several Washington plywood firms. These panels not only have hard, dense surfaces desirable for many uses, but can be manufactured with relatively low-grade material and thereby conserve the natural resource—wood.

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