

YOUTH ACCUSED OF SLAYING GRANDFATHER

Death Stills Twinkling Feet Of Tap Dancer Bill Robinson

NEW YORK, Nov. 26.—(AP)—Bojangles danced his way upstairs again last night . . . for the last time.

Death came to America's great tap dancer—the smiling Negro with the twinkling feet—while he slept under an oxygen tent with falling heart.

Robinson, 71, had been a public entertainer from the age of eight. He carried his nickname "Bojangles," for almost 40 years. It meant happy-go-lucky.

He began as a little stable boy dancing for pennies in Washington beer halls, reached the top of his world on Broadway and in Hollywood, and made anywhere from \$2,000,000 to \$4,000,000.

But he was almost broke when he went to the hospital two weeks ago, and his friends were arranging a benefit when he died.

Robinson never really retired. He kept on dancing until his eyes failed him three months ago and he could no longer see the steps of the old routine. He kept in top-notch training until the end. To celebrate his 60th birthday, he danced 60 blocks down Broadway.

With him when he died was his second wife, Elaine.

Although he made up to \$2,000 a week in show business and \$6,000 a week in the movies, cash never stayed with him very long. He gave lavishly to charity—both in money and benefit performances—and he liked to gamble. He was also a crackerjack pool player.

Probably his most famous movie appearance was in "The Little Colonel" in 1933 with Shirley Temple—who called him "Uncle Bill"—from then on.



BILL ROBINSON Made Millions, Died Poor

The Weather

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Chinese Reds Arrest U.S. Consulate Aide

Wm. M. Stokes Faces Charge Of "Spying"

State Dept. Says Charge Ridiculous, Tells Envoy To Deliver Protest

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—(AP)—Angus Ward's chief aide in the American consulate at Mukden has been seized by communist authorities in connection with "spying charges."

The information came to the state department today in a report from Consul General Ward, just released by the Chinese reds after conviction on a charge of beating a Chinese worker in the consulate.

Ward himself and four members of his staff were held for a month before they were sentenced, their sentences suspended, and they were ordered out of the country. They were freed last Monday.

Ward reported that his vice consul, 26-year-old William M. Stokes, a native of Hartford, Conn., had been taken to "court" without warrant.

The state department ordered consul general of Edmund Clubb at Peiping to file "the strongest protest" with the national Chinese communist leaders "over this unwarranted treatment."

At the same time the department declared that a "any allegations that of the consulate general staff in Mukden engaged in espionage are ridiculous and absolutely false."

Chinese Communists Tell Story Of Ward "Hearing"

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 26.—(AP)—The Chinese Communist radio today gave its first account of the "hearing" given United States Consul General Edmund Clubb.

Blind Man Saves From Prison His Four Attackers

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 26.—(AP)—A blind man's charity has saved from prison four men convicted of an attack which cost him his sight.

The blind pardoner was Clair Reed Jr., 33-year-old former taxider. The men he saved from prison are charged with participating in an attack on Reed, in which Reed lost his vision when struck with a tire iron. Yesterday, they came before Judge Eugene V. Alessandrini for sentencing.

Reed felt his way to the witness chair. As the four convicted drivers watched their permanent sightless victim, he told the judge:

"I don't feel these boys should go to jail because of this act. . . I don't hold any prejudice against anybody."

Judge Alessandrini then let the men off with \$100 fines and court costs, putting them on probation for two years. As he did so he remarked that the defendants "normally would be sent to prison."

Reed was injured during violence over a wild-cat taxi strike. A fifth man accused of wielding the tire iron against Reed is a fugitive. Judge Alessandrini took into account a union collection for Reed, reportedly \$8,000, in his sentencing, but said the actual blinder would "eventually be held to account for his act."

Negro Draws Life For Attack On White Girls

TACOMA, Wash., Nov. 26.—(AP)—A 22-year-old Negro soldier, who confessed to the rape of two 15-year-old white girls, was under sentence today to two concurrent life terms in the State penitentiary.

Superior Judge Rummel sentenced Harry Lambert Jr., yesterday and ordered him to submit to an operation making face reformed impossible.

Prosecutor Patrick M. Steele read the signed confessions in which Lambert admitted he had raped the girls at gun point after smoking a marijuana cigarette each time. The first girl was assaulted last Feb. 17 and the second on Oct. 30.

Both girls lived at the Salishan housing project in Southeast Tacoma, where Lambert made his home with his wife and child.

Oregon Prunes Bought For School Lunches

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—(AP)—The agriculture department has announced the purchase of 240 tons of Oregon-grown prunes for the national school lunch program.

The purchase of size 50/60 prunes at \$207 a ton was made under a program designed to help support producer prices.

SANTA GETS BATH

'Chute Lands By Miscalculation In Ohio River

GALLIPOLIS, O., Nov. 26.—(AP)—There was a slight hitch in a visit by Santa Claus to Gallipolis yesterday.

Oh, the kids got their candy, and pats on the head, and a smile. There were more than 1000 of them. And, they were happy about the whole thing before it was over.

But, you see, Santa Claus, who was supposed to parachute into public square, miscalculated. He hit the middle of a very cold Ohio river, instead.

"Santa Claus is drowning," screamed the kids.

"Let's go," said the crew of a rescue boat.

There was no comment from Santa Claus. He was too cold.

Trash-Can Baby's Mother Accused

PASCO, Wash., Nov. 26.—(AP)—The young unwed mother of "Little X," Pasco's trash-can baby, will face a charge of child abandonment when she leaves the hospital where her three-day-old son has captured the hearts of the staff.

Prosecutor William Gaffney filed the formal charge yesterday against 18-year-old Patricia Graham, of Sumner, Wash.

Attendants said she has shown little interest in the child since birth Wednesday night in an empty taxicab behind the police station. Garbage men found the infant, alive and yelling, when they made their rounds about eight hours later. He had been stuffed into a trash can and was "blue as a bottle of ink," the collectors said.

The mother told police yesterday: "I thought the child was dead so I put it in the garbage can."

She had come to this area from western Washington about three weeks ago, and was working as a secretary for a Kennebec business firm. She gave birth to the baby after slipping out of a theater where she had gone to see a moving picture with a boy friend and another couple.

Numerous offers of adoption have been received.

Even the police, feeling that they helped give him a start in life, said they have put in a bid for adoption so the boy can grow up "to be a fine patrolman."

Pittsburgh Sales Girl Victim Of Sex Murder

PITTSBURGH, Nov. 26.—(AP)—Police today questioned an unidentified suspect a few hours after the discovery of the battered body of a 38-year-old sales girl in Pittsburgh's east end.

The body of Jean Brusco was found grotesquely sprawled in the rear of a house across the street from her home. Police said evidence indicated she had been raped.

Police said the suspect was picked up at the murder scene. They said there was blood under the man's fingernails and on his shirt. He insisted he was injured in a fall.

H. E. Howard Appointed Munitions Board Head

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—(AP)—President Truman has named former Chicago industrialist Hubert E. Howard to be chairman of the defense department's munitions board.

The appointment to the \$14,000-a-year post was announced yesterday. Hubert would be responsible for advance planning for the industrial mobilization of the nation in case of another war. A post vacant for many months.

Howard, 60, has been chairman of the personnel policy board of the department of defense since September 1.

Weather Again Prevents Search For Lost Plane

PORTLAND, Nov. 26.—(AP)—Clouds today again prevented air search for a C-54 air force transport plane missing since Tuesday morning with six men aboard.

Ground crews have checked without result all reports of persons hearing low-flying planes in the area between Tacoma and Portland on the day the four-engine transport vanished.

The C-54, on a routine flight from McChord field to Portland, presumably is down in the mountains, timbered area north of here.

Brannan Farm Plan Flayed At Grange Meet

"Internal Cancer That Perils Free Enterprise," Resolution Declares

SACRAMENTO, Calif., Nov. 26.—(AP)—The National Grange has rejected the Brannan farm price support program as "an internal cancer that would ultimately destroy our free enterprise system."

The resolution condemning the farm program proposed by Secretary of Agriculture Charles F. Brannan was a highlight of the closing session of the 12-day National Grange convention last night. It said of the Brannan plan:

"The proposal has totally undesirable political implications. Clearly, under such a system, that party which would promise to farmers the largest bonus out of the treasury would garner many votes not obtainable on the basis of an honest, sound platform."

"It would then become a race to see which party would promise most."

The resolution said that Brannan type of subsidy would make farmers "public beggars for a fair income" and destroy their character and self-reliance.

(The Brannan plan, shelved at the recent congress, calls for full parity supports through purchases and loans, as at present, for corn, cotton, wheat, rice, peanuts and tobacco. For perishable products the price would be permitted to seek its natural level in the market place. The government would determine a "fair price" in advance and then pay the producers the difference between that price and the natural price, if it were lower.)

Alternatives Advised

The resolution suggested that Gen. Taylor charged the sentry was guilty of "senseless brutality."

Oregon Coast Hit By Terrific Gale

By The Associated Press

A gale lashed the Oregon coast today, brought rainfall inland, and threatened a blizzard in the high Cascade mountains.

Astoria was blacked out for two hours this morning by a power failure. The wind roared in gusts up to 50 miles an hour, and roughened the bar entrance.

The weather bureau said "blizzard conditions" might develop in the high Cascades. Already, snow was falling at elevations above 4,000 feet.

A 10-ton slide of rocks and mud toppled onto Pacific highway 95 South of Oregon City last night. Crewmen began clearing away the debris, while cars passed on a one-way traffic basis.

Another rise in the rivers was forecast, though no flood was in sight.

Janitor Branded Sender Of L. A. Smear Cards

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 26.—(AP)—The man who sent out all those postcards branding Los Angeles as a wild and wicked city, says police chief William Horton, is a 56-year-old janitor, Charles Janson.

Janson was charged with sending defamatory matter through the mail after police compared his writing with that on the postcards.

Said Janson at his arraignment yesterday: "I don't know what it's all about."

TALKING URGE PERSISTS

Convicted Red Leaders, Free On Bonds, Ask Right To Travel About Country

NEW YORK, Nov. 26.—(AP)—Eleven red leaders convicted of conspiracy against the U. S. government are seeking permission to travel about the country.

A petition asking that the government be required to show cause why such permission should not be granted was scheduled for a hearing in federal court today.

The petition, filed yesterday, said the convicted communists need to visit various parts of the country to explain issues in their case, and to raise funds to defray costs of their appeals.



IN CONTEMPT—Vincent Hallinan, above, Harry Bridges' defense attorney in the federal trial at San Francisco, faces a six-month prison term for contempt of court following a bitter wrangle with presiding Judge Harris over the lawyer's conduct. Judge Harris granted a stay of imprisonment, however, to permit Hallinan to continue service for Bridges until the end of the trial.

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2. Greater availability of lower-priced homes.

3. The large amount of mortgage money supplied through the Federal National Mortgage association, a government corporation authorized to buy GI loans from private lenders.

King said a new law expanding (Continued on Page Two)

Russian Sentry Kills U. S. Soldier

BERLIN, Nov. 26.—(AP)—Maj. Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor filed a strongly worded protest with the Russians today on the fatal shooting of an American Air Force sergeant by a Russian sentry last night. The Army identified the dead soldier as Staff Sgt. John E. Staff, of Ramsey, Ill.

Gen. Taylor charged the sentry was guilty of "senseless brutality."

U. S. Army authorities, after an inquiry, gave this version of the incident through a spokesman:

The sergeant, two soldier comrades and a German girl were "joy-riding" in an official air force automobile in the British sector near Gatow airfield.

They came to the Russian zone border without knowing it until a Soviet soldier halted them at an obscure checkpoint.

The driver spun the car around toward the British Sector and refused to heed a command to halt. The Russian shot through the back of the car and hit the sergeant in the head. He died later in the R.A.F. hospital at Gatow.

Four More Czechs Given Sentences For "Spying"

PRAGUE, Nov. 26.—(AP)—The Prague State court today sentenced to death four Czechs convicted of leading an espionage ring charged with delivering industrial secrets to the U.S. Army's Counter Intelligence Corps.

Two of the death sentences, however, were immediately commuted to life imprisonment.

Two other Czechs, including a woman, also received life terms. Twelve other members of the alleged spy ring received prison terms of from eight to 25 years. Two others were punished for failure to report espionage activities to the police.

This brought to 87 known the number of persons sentenced in the past week on charges of spying and subversive activities.

Vets Booming Market For Home Loans

October Applications Most In Months, Due To Go Higher, VA States

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—(AP)—The GI home-loan market is the best it has been in two years—and it's due to become even better, the Veterans administration said today.

During October, almost 40,000 applications for G. I. home loan guaranties were received from lenders, Frank W. Kelsey, VA assistant administrator for finance, said.

This represents the highest number for any month since November, 1947, Kelsey said.

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Oregon Board Asks Benefits' Boost

PORTLAND, Nov. 26.—(AP)—The Oregon Public Welfare Commission is lending its support to increase Social Security coverage for farm workers.

The commission voted yesterday to inform Congress of its stand, and also to ask Congress to increase Social Security benefits.

Both of these proposals have received approval in the House, but not in the Senate.

The commission said that under the present system many farm workers have to apply for relief payments.

The state also has to supplement social security payments to the aged since government payments have averaged only \$21 monthly. The bill pending in Congress would increase the average payment to \$50.

Administrator Loa Howard reported the State's average old-age assistance payments reached a high of \$54.82 last month.

She said total expenditures were \$2,164,633, adding that was well within the budget. The state has \$2,336,333 left for each month remaining in the biennium, she said.

Tito Padlocks Czechs' Propaganda Agency

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia, Nov. 26.—(AP)—Marshal Tito padlocked Czechoslovakia's propaganda agency here last night in retaliation for the closing down of his own agency in Prague two days ago.

Closing of the Czech information office cut off the last vestige of Yugoslavia's elaborate program of "cultural relations" with the rest of the communist-led countries in eastern Europe. It was the latest act in the bitter feud between Tito's independent communist regime and the Russian-sponsored cominform.

Poland's reading room, not far from that of the Czechs, was closed down earlier this year after it persisted in displaying cominform propaganda against Premier Marshal Tito's regime in its windows.

Roseburg Man Faces Bad Check Charge

PORTLAND, Nov. 26.—(AP)—Robert V. Keller, 24, Roseburg, is in jail here today on a charge of check vagrancy.

Keller was accused of passing bad checks in Portland and Roseburg. He and his 16-year-old wife were arrested here Thursday night, and the wife placed in the custody of the Women's protective division.

Murder Count Filed Against Wallace Green

Charge Based On Own Unspecified Statements, District Attorney Says

Ray B. Compton, attorney for Wallace Green, asked for a preliminary hearing when the youth was arraigned this morning. Time of the hearing will be set later. With the youth at his arraignment was his father, Robert Thomas Green, 77, Dillard.

According to Robert G. Davis, district attorney, deductions made by investigating officers as to the death of the elderly man were confirmed yesterday by an autopsy performed by Dr. Howard L. Richardson, head of the state's Crime Detection laboratory in Portland.

Davis said young Green's statements during interrogation resulted in the murder charges being filed. The prosecutor gave no particulars.

Green, who came here about two months ago from Bremerton, Wash., to live with his grandfather, was a former student at Olympia Junior college of Bremerton and told officers he also spent a summer session at the University of Washington.

He was picked up Thursday evening by state police, following investigation of the death by Deputy Coroner M. B. Emmitt. Emmitt said he was called when the youth notified neighbors of the discovery of the body in the kitchen of the home in Dillard. Emmitt later notified state police, and the district attorney's office.

The elder Green, a railroad pensioner, was allegedly beaten (Continued on Page Two)

Kiel Murder Trial To Start Monday

Charged with the strangulation death of a former Springfield man, Joseph Louis Kiel of Myrtle Creek will go on trial Monday in the fourth murder case in the local circuit court within the past 12 months.

Circuit Judge William G. East of Eugene will try the case. Roeburg's Judge Carl E. Wimberly said he had tried three murder cases in the last year and had no desire to hear a fourth in so short a period.

Kiel was indicted by the grand jury recently for the alleged murder of Stanley James Tucker of Springfield, formerly of Myrtle Creek, whose body was found near the Pruner bridge near Riddle the morning of Oct. 30.

Kiel entered a plea of innocence at his arraignment following the indictment. His attorney, James M. McGinty, Myrtle Creek, indicated that insanity would be Kiel's defense in the trial.

Opening day of the trial Monday will be largely devoted to the selection of a jury, with opening statements and examination of witnesses probably scheduled Tuesday.

Help Requested To Decorate Streets

Want to help your city get the Christmas spirit?

City manager M. W. Slankard urged civic-minded citizens to join in the fun tomorrow morning as downtown Roseburg streets are decorated for the coming holiday season.

Already slated to participate in the event are members of the fire department and the city's street department and Lions club members.

However, because only one day is allowed for decorating, Slankard said more volunteer help is needed.

Workers are to meet at the city hall at 8 a. m. Firemen have already constructed the strings of colored lights, wrapped with fire-tough paper, with open intersections and will also be hung in the middle of each block. Twenty Santa Clauses, purchased by the Retail Trades association, will adorn light poles.

Workers will cover the business section of Jackson, Cass and Oak streets.

Population Of U. S. Is Now Over 150 Million

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—The United States population was 149,947,000 on Oct. 1, the Census Bureau reported today. It is estimated to have passed 150,000,000 since then.

That figure, which includes 487,000 in the armed forces overseas, represented a 244,000 gain during September.

Polio Cases Decline

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—(AP)—The number of new cases of infantile paralysis dropped last week for the 13th week in a row. The Public Health Service said 735 new cases were reported during the week, bringing the total through Nov. 19 to 40,523, compared with 25,775 for the corresponding period of 1948.

Lovity Fact Rent

By L. F. Reinstein

ECA director Hoffman says Russia wants chaos. What she really deserves are K.O.s.

Business Woman Found Victim Of Mystery Killing

LOS ALTOS, Calif., Nov. 26.—(AP)—Surrounded by her seven, half starved Pekingese dogs, the body of a well-to-do San Francisco woman was found stabbed in her country home here last night.

Miss Irma E. Copeland, 60, of 64 Carmel street, San Francisco, had been dead two or three days, Sheriff's deputies said. The lights of her house were blazing.

They went to the place on a call from her brother, Frank Copeland, from Long Beach. He said he was worried at not hearing from his sister and his inability to get in touch with her.

Miss Copeland, who inherited her business in San Francisco, had been stabbed seven times in the breast and back. She was beaten brutally about the head.

Her body was slumped against a kitchen door. There was nothing to indicate a motive. She evidently had not been robbed. She had not been sexually attacked.

Neighbors told the deputies that Miss Copeland, once the wife of a San Francisco physician and who later resumed her maiden name, was "something of a recluse," seldom left home or had visitors.

The neighbors had not thought it odd that the lights had been on continuously in the house for several days. They said Miss Copeland frequently left them on day and night.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

The other night I spent several hours reading Governor Bradford's "History of Plymouth Plantation," which is the No. 1 source material for the record of the settlement of the Pilgrims at Plymouth Rock—where our national Thanksgiving Day holiday originated.

What fascinated me was the contrast between what the Pilgrims had to be thankful for and what WE have to be thankful for.

The idea of giving thanks for your blessings seems to have come to the people of Plymouth colony some time along in the fall. Governor Bradford refers to the occasion, rather casually, in an entry in his diary between the dates of September 18, 1621, and November 20, 1621.

They had sent out an expedition of ten men "to the Massachusetts." Their good Indian friend Squanto (who among other things taught them to fertilize each hill

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TOWNSEND PLAN POISED

Backers Want 39 More Signatures To Force Bill To House Floor For Vote

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—(AP)—The Townsend old age pension plan is being maneuvered into a position to stir up some excitement in the next congressional session and the 1950 elections.

Backers reported they have 179 names on a petition to force the plan onto the House floor for a vote. It takes only 218 signatures to do it.

Some supporters of the program, which has been kicking around Congress for years, figure their cause is being helped by the wave of disputes over pensions between industry and labor and statements like one Senator Taft (R-Ohio) made Tuesday.

Various steel companies and the Ford Motor company have agreed to pension systems whose payments, on top of the government's social security program, will give their workers \$100 a month at age 65.

Now Taft says it is up to the Senate Finance committee to determine whether there should be a basic, uniform federal pension for everybody at 65.

He estimated the cost of such

Douglas Leads Oregon Counties In Tax Boosts