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THE GIFTS OF GOD—The Lord will give strength unto his people; the Lord will bless his people with peace. Psalm 20:17.

Gen. Jadwin was right. It's high time a little federal dry enforcement was tried on the Father of Waters.

Picture wire has never before been recognized as a lethal weapon, but many a home has been wrecked by picture-hanging.

For a year and a half now, the world will be told what various patriots would do if they were president. And they really think they would.

The man says the woman killed him, and the woman says the man killed him, so it seems logical to conclude that they killed him. But one hardly expected a modern murder jury to be logical.

It isn't the third term precedent that's bothering Coolidge and delaying a statement as to whether or not he will be a presidential candidate next year. It's the question of being nominated and elected if he should decide to try for it.

NAVY MOVIES

The United States navy is said to be among the largest moving picture distributors in the world. It has gone into this line as part of its program of entertainment for the men on army and navy transports, with the fleets at sea and at naval stations or other establishments. Movies are a part of the daily routine in the navy. The Navy Motion Picture Service now has 1200 complete eight-reel pictures in duplicate, 150 in triplicate and 4800 reels of short stories, comedies and cartoons.

When a picture is released to the large motion picture theaters, the navy starts two prints of it on navy circuits. Our ships in foreign waters have a feature picture fairly soon after its release in the states. The service tries to provide the pictures that are most popular with the men. Feature comedies are said to head the list, followed by features with strong action factors and, third, the animated cartoon. There is a little demand for news reels and short comedies, but the bluejacket seems to prefer to see his news at first hand. And he cares almost nothing for purely scenic films.

Along with its distribution of movies, the navy experiments on the mechanical side, seeking the best projector for the purpose and studying other movie equipment. It trains motion picture operators. By laboratory experimentation, navy scientists have developed a machine which has raised the life of a film to 1000 showings.

All of which may seem to be considerably outside the navy's real business. But it helps to show how thorough Uncle Sam is, once he starts anything. Sailors are entitled to entertainment. In giving them good service, the government is as economical and inefficient as possible. Citizens who pay the navy bills will hardly object to this providing of popular recreation, especially when it is run on a large and inexpensive scale.

HERE ARE MARINE PLANES ORDERED TO CHINA FIELD



This is a striking formation picture of the marine corps planes just ordered from San Diego to China to assist American operations in protection of lives and property there. At the left is Major F. T. Evans, flight commander, talking over plans with his staff.

Evidence Points To Murder Plot In Powell Case

LOS ANGELES, May 18 (AP)—The district attorney's office announced today its inability to justify an earlier belief that the death here of George E. Powell Jr., wealthy businessman and his secretary, Miss Margie Pike, had any connection with reported attempts by Powell to obtain information by telephone of the tangled financial affairs of Julian Petroleum corporation.

LOS ANGELES, May 18 (AP)—A mass of evidence declared to link the slaying of George E. Powell Jr., wealthy broker, and his secretary, Miss Margie Pike, with an alleged telephone scheme to find out the secrets of the financial affairs of the Julian Petroleum corporation today engrossed a corps of investigators from the district attorney's office.

The telephone plot theory was injected into the case last night by Chief Deputy District Attorney Davis after police had announced their conclusion that the deaths of the couple, whose bullet-riddled bodies were found in Powell's parked automobile early yesterday was a case of murder and suicide growing out of the unsupervised gratification of a woman's girl stendographer for her employer.

Under Surveillance
Discerning that the broker and his secretary had been under surveillance for several days, Davis ordered an inquiry, stopped at circumstances being made to send the girl's body to relatives in the east and asked her trunk and all their personal belongings.

Davis said his investigation was in a state where he thought the death might possibly have been a double murder by outside influences.

Davis' Theory
Davis' theory was that Powell had a telephone connection with the private office of Leah Walker and Leah, attorney for S. C. Lewis, who recently resigned as president of the Julian Petroleum corporation after asking that leading in the corporation's stock be suspended because of an over issue. Several investigations into the affairs of the Julian company are in progress here.

Support Theory
To support of this theory, Davis pointed to notes in the room and "book" of confidential informants and there was other evidence which he said was in the possession of the office of the assistant corporation of California, of which he was manager, were located.

years ago by S. C. Lewis. In a talk from his radio broadcasting station here, Julian recently made sensational charges against officers of the corporation and many bankers and financiers in Los Angeles in connection with the asserted over issue of Julian stock.

VANCOUVER, Wash., May 18 (AP)—C. C. Julian of Los Angeles landed at Vancouver air field today at 10:15 a. m., on route to Kettle valley, near Princeton, B. C., by air plane.

Julian declared that he was entirely innocent of the affairs of S. C. Julian and company, as he has not been connected with the firm for three years.

CRIME STORY BELIEVED TO BE WILD TALE
MEDFORD, Ore., May 18 (AP)—J. W. Frodenburg, held at Reno, Nev., on a forgery charge, was yesterday told a tale of being an assistant in the robbery and dynamiting in Medford, 1922, which resulted in the murder of four men, of which the defendant boys stand accused, is a former resident of this city and known to the police as the possessor of a reliable imagination, and prone to describe himself in spectacular phrases according to Sheriff Ralph Longenecker.

According to the sheriff, Frodenburg was in this city before and after the holding, is conversant with all the facts and the local conditions which he credibly swore to in his story. He is known to Johnnie Joe Gray, who is confident that Frodenburg is the former local politician, O. G. member of the police force, at the time of the crime also, about the same time.

Walter Divorced; Pauline Gets Cash

LIVINGSTON, Mont., May 18 (AP)—Walter Hill, son of the late James J. Hill, today was granted a divorce from Pauline Hill. Mrs. Hill was allowed a cash settlement of \$25,000 and an additional \$25,000 to be paid in two years and \$2000 a month for the remainder of her life.

SALEM, Ore., May 18 (AP)—With \$15,000 more than her brother-in-law in the employment of the Oregon state forestry department will have women employ in 1927 instead of the usual three or four. The 1927 legislators appropriated \$100,000 for the purpose.

Dam in Jackson Hole Area Gives; Floods Feared

IDAHO FALLS, Ida., May 18 (AP)—Reports reaching the local office of the Mountain States Telephone company late this afternoon said that the Gros Ventre slide dam 120 miles northeast of here had broken and that a heavy head of water was rushing down the canyon.

Clyde Baldwin, water master of the Snake river, was trying to get in touch with the Jackson hole country by telephone to verify the report. If it is true there is great danger that the rush of waters will do heavy damage along the banks of the Snake river, Mr. Baldwin said. People in the Loveland and Menan sections of this valley will be the greatest sufferers. The fact that the water will not reach these points for at least 24 hours will give settlers a chance to guard against the high water, Mr. Baldwin says. The dam was formed two years ago when a mountain slide formed a reservoir that covers 2000 acres and is 150 feet deep.

Company To Train At Vancouver Post

SALEM, May 18 (AP)—The 21st Infantry, 36th Division, Oregon Reserve Corps, comprising officers in the Willamette valley and Western Oregon south of Portland, will be into training of Vancouver, B. C., July 12 to 20, according to orders received by 1st Lt. Carl Abrams of Salem, commander of the regiment, from Ninth Corps headquarters in San Francisco. Salem is headquarters of the regiment.

This will be the first time the regiment has trained at Vancouver. Last year no training period was held because of shortage of funds.



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—NEA, Washington Bureau
NO, THESE ARE NOT STROLLING MINSTRELS in Japan; they here part of the orient color as the annual Cherry Blossom Festival in Potomac Park, Washington, D. C. Satomi Maruyama and Hanaka Nishio are trying a little

LITTLE LIVES SNUFFED OUT IN TRAGEDY

Teacher injured in school building explosion.

Teacher Injured

Among the injured was Miss Nina Matson of Stigance, one of the teachers who received a double fracture of the leg and internal injuries. Miss Leona Gulhaugen of Ann Arbor, a second grade teacher, escaped unharmed.

North Wing Levelled

The entire north end of the structure was levelled by the blast. The boiler for the heating system was located in that part of the building.

Kills Self, Principal

Witnesses declared the principal ran out of the school building apparently to attack Kehoe, when the dejected farmer turned and fired his rifle into the rear seat, exploding the dynamite. The second explosion wrecked the north end of the school house, burying children and teachers under the tons of debris.

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