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TWO TELL OF SHOOTING IN BARBER SHOP

Henry Warmholz and Ben Fritts Testify at Coroner's Inquest

PARRY DOZING AT TIME, TESTIMONY

No Attempt Made to Identify Assailant—Doctors Say Death Wound Was Chest Cause.

H. J. Green, of the firm of Green & Hess, attorneys for Eddie Patterson, announced this afternoon that they would waive preliminary hearing on the first degree murder charge placed by District Attorney Carl Helm.

Two eye-witnesses to the shooting of George Parry, in his barber shop in the La Grande hotel building just before noon Monday, testified last night at the coroner's inquest that the barber was dozing in a chair at the time his assailant commenced firing.

Two doctors, who conducted an autopsy, declared that the bullet that entered his chest pierced the right ventricle of his heart and was the direct cause of death.

After taking testimony from four witnesses, all called by the state, the jury, after a short deliberation, returned the following verdict: "We, the coroner's jury, from the evidence submitted, find that George Parry came to his death as the result of gunshot wounds in his chest and other parts of his body." (Signed) Charles Gilbert, J. H. Drayton, W. K. Gilbert, Dr. George S. Hoffmann, Harry Zurbrugg and Adolph Smitz.

Eddie Patterson, who succeeded in killing the dozing barber, was formally arraigned on the first degree murder following the filing of a complaint yesterday by District Attorney Carl G. Helm.

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Campfire Girls Will Open Camp On Next Sunday

Half a Hundred Expected to Gather at Camp Phy for Week of Supervised Outing.

Campfire girls of Eastern Oregon are eagerly marking the time until the opening of their first annual summer camp at Camp Phy on Catherine creek Sunday when they will be transported, about 50 strong, to an ideal site for a glorious week of supervised play and study in the out-of-doors.

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MANY ROADS OPERATE AT LOW PROFIT

Rail Interests Testify at Portland I. C. C. Grain Rate Hearing

CUT RUINOUS AT THIS TIME, CLAIM

Testimony May Be Concluded Today or Tomorrow—Cross-State Hearing Continues.

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 8 (AP)—Railroads offered further testimony today before the Interstate Commerce commission here, opposing a request by the Oregon public service commission for rate reductions on grain.

A. R. Endeb, Chicago attorney, representing the Rock Island railroad and other eastern lines, introduced exhibits to show that many western railroads are not earning and in some cases are losing on their operations. They could not stand a reduction in rates at this time, he said.

W. P. Miller, general freight agent for the Southern Pacific lines in Oregon, declared that Portland valley millers outside of Portland cannot compete with Portland millers if Portland is granted its request for transit privileges on through rates on grain.

Miller also stated that the producers of soft wheat in both the Willamette valley and Eastern Oregon would not benefit by such an order on account of ruinous competition.

Representatives of the Oregon public service commission stated that this transit privilege was acknowledged.

SCOUT, 50, TAKES HIS EAGLE TEST

J. W. Briggs Receives Award at Final Camp Court of Honor

J. W. Briggs, 50-year-old scoutmaster of La Grande, soon an adult distinction last night at the final court of honor at Camp Phy when he became the sixth eagle scout in the Eastern Oregon council.

Mr. Briggs has been a scoutmaster for eight years and has been an adult 21 months back. He has passed 21 merit badges at the scout camp at which he has been in charge of cooking in the last 29 days.

Sunday Mr. Briggs was given the lifesaving test by John Allen, Red Cross examiner at Cove. Completing this final essential requirement Mr. Briggs earned the highest honor in scouting.

Special tribute to his accomplishment was paid at the court of honor last night by both E. Russell Scott and Mr. Allen.

Presentation on the life scout lodge to Woodrow Damerell was another feature of the court which was especially impressive because it was the farthest evening campfire of the camp.

Life scout rank is next to Eagle. Damerell has been at camp the entire day and has been a junior officer two periods. Several other ranks and awards were presented.

A splendid talk that had a deep appeal to the scouts was made by Walter Lansing, state traffic officer, who has visited and helped at camp a number of times and won the friendship of the scouts. Mr. Scott, Mr. Allen and Mr. Briggs conducted the court of honor.

Camp was broken today, with boys arriving home throughout the day. Mr. Briggs is leaving for his home in the "best thing that had happened to them yet."

Dry Democrat Is Missouri Winner Over Reed's Man

Republican Leaders Welcome Hoover Carefully Studying Returns.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 8 (AP)—Roscoe C. Patterson regained the lead from Nathan Frank in the contest for the republican nomination for U. S. senator late today when anti-dry votes offset the heavy St. Louis vote which placed Frank in front after he had trailed in third place.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 8 (AP)—Charles M. Hay, Missouri dry leader and bitter opponent of Senator James A. Reed, was apparently nominated today as democratic candidate for United States senator, as more than half the precincts had reported in the Missouri primary.

Hay had a lead of 12,125 votes over James A. Collet, a wet, whose candidacy was sponsored by Senators Reed who is retiring from the senate after 13 years of service. The apparent defeat of Collet, however, was not regarded as a real test of Senator Reed's strength, as the former had entered politics only recently.

In the republican senatorial race, Roscoe Patterson, of Kansas City, was leading his nearest opponent, Nathan Frank, St. Louis lawyer, by 8,215.

G. O. P. LEADERS ELATED STANFORD UNIVERSITY, CALIF., Aug. 8 (AP)—Missouri, one of the border and doubtful states, were carefully scrutinized today by Herbert Hoover in an effort to determine whether they would furnish a link to the probable result in the national election there in November.

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MAN HELD UP, ROBBED HERE LAST EVENING

George Hansen reported to the police last night that two men held him up and robbed him of 50 cents in the railroad yards near the station.

Early this morning a Mexican was arrested and placed in a jail, but Mr. Hansen later today said that this man was not one of the two.

Arrange For Trip To Wallowa Lake

J. P. Morduck this morning arranged with Max O. Cullen, general chairman of preparations for the state labor meet here in September, to furnish a trip for the delegates to Wallowa lake one day during their meeting.

Mr. Morduck will act as chairman of the transportation committee and will make arrangements to provide cars for all delegates, according to Mr. Cullen, who spoke today of the satisfaction which Mr. Morduck's offer, relieving them of a heavy responsibility, has given the central labor council.

American Minister At Peking Sends Note Of Request To Chinese Leader

SHANGHAI, China, Aug. 8 (AP)—John Van A. MacMurray, American minister at Peking, has sent a note to the Nationalist foreign minister calling attention to the failure of the Nationalist government to fulfill promises made on several occasions to evacuate all American property, occupied by soldiers and officials, and to prevent further such occurrences.

The note says that despite promises by the Nationalist government to have a portion of such properties have been evacuated, and even advanced to the same extent.

Such instances As a "few among many" American, the note instances the American church mission and cathedral in the consulate at Nanking, the American Presbyterian mission, and properties at Hanchow, Tientsin and Shantung which are at present occupied by the Chinese.

FIRST GIRL IN 300 YEARS



For 300 years there had been no girls born in the Merritt family in Toledo, Ohio, and then—just the other day—Norma Jean Merritt arrived. Chubby, hazel-eyed Norma Jean comes snuggly in the arms of her 16-year-old mother (above) and carries not a rap that she has up 200 years of tradition.

Smith To Fight Back At Gotham Baptist Pastor

By Paul F. Huppert (Associated Press Staff Writer) ALBANY, N. Y., Aug. 8 (AP)—Governor Smith has thrown down the gauntlet to critics of his public record, and has embraced in his challenge those who speak from the pulpit.

Singling out to hear the joint of his sinner offensive, Dr. John Roach Straton, a Baptist minister of New York, the democratic presidential nominee has called on him to report in his presence and in Straton's church, a statement and the clergyman made last Sunday to his congregation that as a public man he would welcome a victory by Smith.

Dr. Straton announced that he would accept the challenge, so today it appeared that a debate between a presidential nominee and a minister of the gospel in a house of worship—something new in political campaigns—might be in the offing.

In his letter to Dr. Straton, whose name frequently appears on the front pages of metropolitan newspapers, Smith, referring to the minister's declaration of Sunday, said: "I do not know why you should make a statement of that kind, but I do know that I will never permit it to go unchallenged."

Declaring that he had spent 25 years in the service of the state of New York, the governor added: "I do not feel that I should charge you with making this statement for any political purpose, as it was made in a church devoted to the teachings of Christ, one of which was that shall not bear false witness against thy neighbor."

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GEORGE BRENNAN DIES IN CHICAGO

Dem National Commit-tee National Succumbs to Long Illness

CHICAGO, Aug. 8 (AP)—George E. Brennan, democratic national committeeman and master mind of Illinois democracy since the passing of Baker Sullivan, died today.

The death of the veteran democratic chief came at 5:19 o'clock this morning, following a coma of several hours during which his steady constitution alone had ward off the end which had seemed inevitable since yesterday.

Mr. Brennan was stricken ill more than a week ago with a tooth infection. Septic poisoning developed after an operation for the removal of two teeth. His physicians, however, gave him an even chance to recover until Monday night, when his illness ceased to fluctuate.

Supporter of Smith Mr. Brennan was one of the staunchest supporters of Gov. Alfred E. Smith for the presidency, both in 1924, when he first sought the presidential nomination, and again this year at Houston when the New York governor was chosen to head the party's national ticket.

It was Brennan's suggestion that Franklin D. Roosevelt, ever opposed to Tammany Hall, be selected to nominate Smith at the national convention. Brennan, too, was given credit for first realization of the value of his political sessions at Houston, creating the possibility of radio broadcasting.

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Submarine Crew Members Victims Of Poison Fumes

Italian Undersea Boat #14 Raised to Surface in Remarkable Time by Rescuers.

ROME, Aug. 8 (AP)—Poisoned by acid fumes or drowned in the first rush of water, the crew of the Italian submarine #14, sunk in a collision early Monday morning in the upper Adriatic, died to a man at their posts automatically with fortitude and resignation.

The stricken submarine was raised to the surface last night after 24 hours of desperate labor by divers who worked hour after hour to attach and airpipe to the sunken vessel and to fasten steel cables in order that she might be hauled to the surface.

Twenty-seven men perished in the tragedy. First reports received by the naval authorities indicated that there were 31 men aboard, but a check of the bodies today revealed that four of the crew had remained ashore for reasons which have not yet been ascertained.

Included among the victims were two officers, Captain Well and Commander Passio, both at their posts of command in the conning tower while the remaining members of the crew were all found dead at their normal stations. There were no visible signs of panic aboard the boat and the crew evidently had hoped till the last that they would be saved, only to succumb one by one to the fumes from their electric battery room.

Struck by Propeller Inspection of the hull showed that the submarine was not rammed by the destroyer Giuseppe Mascastroni as first thought, but was struck by its propeller. This caused a great gaping gash near the stern through which water rushed into the hull. Those in the immediate vicinity met instant death by drowning while the watertight

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Finger Prints In Bathroom Not Those Of Kelly

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 8 (AP)—Lee "Pat" Kelly, hunchback "butcher boy" lover of Mrs. Myrtle L. Mathis, today was indicted by the county grand jury charged with murder for the alleged slaying Sunday of the comely society matron in her beautiful Wilshire home.

The jury behind whose doors a new mystery was taken by a police fingerprint expert who declared bloody outlines in the Mathis bathroom were not those of Kelly, voted the bill shortly after noon. It was decided that the indictment would be returned in court at 2 p. m.

An hour before the grand jury called its first witness, Sergeant H. L. Barlow, whose keenness as a police fingerprint expert was demonstrated when he identified William E. Hickman as the kidnaper of Marian Parker soon after the school girl was slain, stated positively the prints found on the medicine cabinet were not those of the "butcher boy."

Spurred to new activity, police ordered every person so far questioned in the case, including Frank Mathis, prominent husband of the dead woman, fingerprinted. More recent prints obtained from them and the next development in what police considered the most important turn the investigation had taken was shrouded in silence behind the closed doors of the grand jury room.

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WIND STORM STILL RAGES IN FLORIDA

Hurricane Causes Much Property Damage—Loss of Life Known

MIAMI ESCAPES, SERIOUS DAMAGE—STORM PATH SIMILAR TO THAT OF HURRICANE OF 1926.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Aug. 8 (AP)—United property damage has been left in the wake of the tropical storm believed to be sweeping south central Florida after lashing east coast cities last night.

First direct reports from Fort Pierce, Vero Beach and Stuart on the middle east coast estimated property damage at \$5,000,000 with scores of homes unroofed, crops laid waste and public utilities crippled.

Edward A. Menninger, Associated Press member for the Stuart News, drove 75 miles to bring the first news of the outside world. He said there was no death so far as he knew, and no life injured.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Aug. 8 (AP)—The tropical storm, which has isolated a wide stretch of the east coast of Florida and wreaked heavy damage to coastal line cities, this morning and was reported roaring across South Osceola county in the northern fringe of the state.

The disturbance was said to be still of great intensity and there was no news from the area immediately affected.

A missing train, a freight, south-bound from Jacksonville to Miami, had not been heard of since it left Fort Pierce last night.

The Western Union Telegraph company here said this morning that its operator at Melbourne had reported that a violent wind struck that city shortly after 8 o'clock, blowing out the front of the telegraph office. The company's only wire to Melbourne went out before any details could be received.

Fort Pierce, located between Melbourne and West Palm Beach, had been isolated since last night. The last word from there said that a 75-mile hurricane was raging and that residents were barricaded in their homes.

Vero Beach, Stuart and other towns in the state area were cut off from communication.

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To Grade, Level Meacham's Field F. A. O'Leary, of the department of commerce, in charge of the Meacham's field, has been completely demolished. They will be at the sanatorium for several days.

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