

BOWLES AND MISS LOUCKS NOT GUILTY

Jury Returns Verdict Saturday Afternoon; Defendants Freed.

MORALS CHARGE WILL BE PRESSED

Multnomah County Prosecutor to Ask Maximum Penalty of Six Months and \$500.

PORTLAND, Ore., March 30 (AP)—Accused on the first trial, a jury returned a verdict Saturday afternoon, finding Nelson C. Bowles and Miss Irma Loucks not guilty of the murder of a young woman.

But there still another charge to be reckoned with. The Multnomah county prosecutor, said today morals charges against the millinaire and his former secretary will be pressed. He said he intends asking the maximum penalty of six months in jail and a fine of \$500.

Prisoners Since Nov. 19. Bowles and Miss Loucks walked from the circuit court house in Washington county Saturday, free for the first time since last Nov. 19. They were arrested week after Mrs. Loucks died with a knife blade in her heart in Miss Loucks' apartment.

State and defense based their cases on the same set of circumstances. The state's case was, admittedly, purely circumstantial. The defense contended Mrs. Bowles took her own life.

The Bowles murder case—a young millinaire accused jointly with his former secretary of the murder of his young, attractive and socially prominent wife—was one of the most sensational in recent court history in Oregon.

Nelson C. Bowles, 34, possessing great means, left his palatial home high on the hills surrounding Portland, for the apartment of his former secretary, Miss Irma Loucks, 28, in Duane street, in the city of Portland, where she died on November 12, last, with the blade of a serrated knife in her heart.

"Murder," said county officials, in spite of the pleas of Bowles and Miss Loucks, the two persons with her when she died, that she took her own life.

The state said the woman was slain by Bowles and the girl because she stood in the way of their continued association.

Defense Claims Suicide. The defense contended she drove the blade to her own heart in anger and despair because of her husband's unfaithfulness, leaving her two small children motherless.

A number of mysterious and apparently contradictory statements concerning the time element in the death, and having to do with the removal of the body from the apartment, were brought out in the trial.

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RADIO TELLS OF ERUPTION IN FAR NORTH

Robert Glaze, who owns a short-wave radio set, received an announcement at 11:10 o'clock last night via station WTAF, stating that at 8 p. m. last night the Pavloff volcano, located on the Alaskan peninsula, started to erupt, throwing flames thousands of feet into the air. "Dense smoke drifting before strong northerly wind as far as we can see out to sea. This is a most unusual eruption seen in 30 years. Volcano located 30 miles from my home," stated the message. It was signed Lily Osterback, amateur radio K7ANQ.

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Five Students Of L. H. S. Will Play In Spokane

Invited to Participate in Concert to be Given by Giant Northwest Orchestra.

Five La Grande High school musicians were recently honored by the acceptance of their applications for membership in the 60-piece orchestra which is to be organized in Spokane next week under the auspices of the National Education Association and in connection with the annual session of the Inland Empire Education association which meets in that city April 3, 9, and 10.

The giant orchestra of high school musicians is composed of 60 players from Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana, and the selection is made on the basis of their individual records in musical activities. The five La Grande musicians are: Alice Jeannette Cooper, Maillabeth Cooper, Norma Hanks and Edna Turner, all of whom play violins, and Bernard Powell, who plays the cornet. They will leave for Spokane Sunday afternoon, accompanied by Mr. Nussbaum, supervisor of music in La Grande schools, who has been selected to aid in the organization of the orchestra and will be in charge of the brass section.

First Rehearsal Monday. The orchestra will be organized early Monday morning and the first rehearsal will be at 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon, followed by a second rehearsal Wednesday noon, and the first concert will be given for the Spokane school children that afternoon. Wednesday evening the orchestra will entertain a session of the Inland Empire Education association.

The climax of the week's work will be a concert to be broadcast over the Pacific coast radio of the National Broadcasting company from 7:30 to 8:30 Thursday evening.

Working Diligently. The musicians already received their music and are working hard. They will be given a breakfast at the Davenport hotel Monday morning, and will be entertained in private homes while in Spokane.

The orchestra will be directed by Glenn Woods, supervisor of music in the schools of Oakland, Cal. The orchestra is one of six organized in various parts of the United States under the supervision of the National Education association. Two scholarships are to be awarded to members of the orchestra, entitling the holder to attend the National Music Institute training courses at Interlochen, Michigan, next summer. The local students will return to La Grande Friday.

E. O. N. Debate Team Home With Perfect Record

The men's debate team of the Eastern Oregon Normal school, returning home yesterday from a week's tour of Western Oregon, brought back a perfect record for the trip.

Two of the debates were no-decision contests and the other two were won by the Normal school team. Participating in the debates were the decision in the first contest, and at Linfield and Oregon State college, there were no decisions made.

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Burke Will Fight Against Life Term

ST. JOSEPH, Mich., Mar. 30 (AP)—Fred Burke began a determined fight against life imprisonment for murder today, refusing to waive examination when arraigned before the killing of Charles Skelly, St. Joseph policeman.

He was held for examination April 8 before Justice of the Peace Joseph Collier.

Burke indicated he would plead not guilty at his April 8 appearance, then lapsed into stolid silence.

FIRE IN FIRE IN EUGENE. Eugene, Ore., Mar. 30 (AP)—Fire, with a loss estimated at \$1 million, destroyed the Stanley building here today.

SUNDAY TOLL OVER COAST AREA IS 17

Violent Forms of Death Responsible For Heavy Loss of Life.

AUTO ACCIDENTS LEAD THE LIST

Carbon Monoxide Gas Kills Man in Second Car—Tot Runs Under Wheels of S. P. Train.

By the Associated Press. Violent forms of death claimed 17 persons on the Pacific coast over the weekend, an Associated Press tabulation indicated today, with automobiles heading the list as the cause of a majority of fatalities. More than a score were reported injured.

Automobiles caused the deaths of nine persons, three were drowned, two ended their lives, an airplane crash proved fatal to a stunning aviator, a train ran over a child and carbon monoxide gas from one automobile asphyxiated a Spokane, Wash., man steering another car the first one towed.

Six members of Seattle's younger social set were injured in an automobile accident.

Peculiar Accidents. Charles E. Pears, 63, Spokane, was the carbon monoxide gas victim. His son wrecked the family automobile and was arrested on charges of driving a car while he was intoxicated. The elder Pears sought to return the car home, but the utility man began towing it. Gas from the first car caused Pears' death as he steered the machine his son had wrecked.

At Rio Vista, Cal., George Didier, 51, San Francisco garage owner, was the victim of an unusual accident. He made a sharp turn in his motorboat and his head struck the gun, which toppled into a slough and drowned.

In a San Francisco hospital Frederick A. Burden, 52, member of the Mill Valley City council, died from injuries suffered in an automobile wreck and fire near Bakersfield, Cal., six days ago. His wife, Mrs. Edna Burden, is in another hospital suffering from injuries received in the same accident.

Auto Crash Fatal. Robert Losman, 16, Stockton, Cal., was killed when his automobile collided with an ambulance on a stockton street. The ambulance was rushing a woman, believed to have taken poison, to a hospital. It stopped.

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QUARTERLY BANK REPORTS ISSUED

Total Deposits in Local Institutions Amount to \$2,270,006.72.

In answer to the quarterly call of the comptroller of currency the two La Grande banks today issued their statements. Total loans and deposits amounted to \$1,682,788.89 compared with \$2,150,945.91 at the end of the same quarter last year.

Deposits amounted to \$2,270,006.72 last year for the first quarter compared with \$2,270,006.72 for the same period in 1931.

PORTLAND DEPOSITS HEAVY. PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 30 (AP)—Deposits in Portland's 21 state and national banks are more than six million dollars greater than on this corresponding date last year.

The quarterly report to supervisory departments, as of March 26, shows deposits were \$6,028,293 greater than a year ago, and \$2,740,010 greater than at the close of 1930.

Total loans and discounts on the other hand, showed declines of \$8,029,337 and \$9,353,221 compared with a year ago and three months ago, respectively.

Deposits reported by the banks totaled \$1,682,788.89 and loans and discounts amounted to \$59,681,377.

Negro Lynched By Mob In Mississippi

VICKSBURG, Miss., March 30 (AP)—Elton Johnson, 25-year-old negro, was lynched by a mob near here late yesterday following an attempt to attack a white woman, it became known today.

COMMITS SUICIDE. PENDLETON, Ore., March 30 (AP)—Frank G. Sullivan, 48, insurance man, died from a shotgun wound over his heart late last night. Friends said he had been despondent over ill health.

Weather Somewhat Warmer But Rain Continues Throughout the State

Churches Open Holy Week With Service Tonight

Ministerial Association Sponsoring Program Which Continues Through Friday Night.

HOLY WEEK CALENDAR

Rev. B. Marcus Godwin, "The Suffering Christ," Methodist Episcopal Church South, Fifth and U. Tuesday, 7:30. Rev. J. George Wall, "Now Is My Soul Troubled," Central Church of Christ, Seventh and Penn. Wednesday, 7:30. Rev. A. J. Starnier, "Christ Our All," Baptist church, Sixth and Spring. Thursday, 7:30. Rev. W. H. Hertzog, "A Christian Experience," St. Peter's Episcopal church, Fourth and O. Friday, 7:30. Rev. Paul De P. Mortimore, "Jesus Christ, the Same Yesterday, Today and Forever," Methodist Episcopal church, Fourth and Spring.

"Let me keep Lent. Let me now kneel and pray. Forgive some trifling evil day. Fast—and take Sacrament—And then I'll be a saint. Lend tongue to slander, hold ancient grudge, deny The very Lord whom I would glorify."

The keynote of Holy Week, introduced by Palm Sunday, and consummated in the joyous services which are being planned by all the La Grande churches for Easter is set forth in the above poem by Elizabeth Badley Read. The week is to be set aside for meditation and religious work with services in each of the churches one night during the week.

Through these services, the La Grande Ministerial association, which will conduct the services, hopes to lead every person who does not belong to a church to make a decision in one of the established ones.

At 7 o'clock every night at 7:30 and will be held every night through the week.

W. P. BALLARD HURT FRIDAY IN ACCIDENT

W. P. Ballard, telephone company employee, was severely injured at Wallawa Friday when a telephone pole, which he was working, broke, pitching him down a hill for some distance, fracturing four ribs and breaking his shoulder blade.

The glass at the top of the pole had gone up the pole to fix it. The pole was apparently decayed next to the ground and Mr. Ballard was hurled through the air when the pole snapped and fell.

It was thought at first that he had been killed, but upon examination he was found to be seriously injured. An ambulance was called and he was brought to the Grande Ronde hospital, where the extent of his injuries were determined.

He is resting satisfactorily this morning according to his physician.

Chicago Gangsters Turn Guns on Inn

CHICAGO, Mar. 30 (AP)—Six gangsters poured bullets into the Panama Inn, negro cafe on the south side, slugging one negro, wounded another and drove away early today before a fleet of detective squads who arrived in response to a tip.

A few moments later, after the police had left, the same car drove past the building again and another volley of shots was fired from the windows. Again the men escaped before the squads returned.

Juicy Porto Rican Sugar Cane Seized

WASHINGTON, Mar. 30 (AP)—President Hoover is shy two bottles of juicy Porto Rican sugar cane. The government took it away from him.

While in Porto Rico the chief executive, thinking of his little grand children, and Secretary Hurley who also has youngsters in his household decided to bring back some of the cane for the children.

It was easy to get two large bottles of cane but agriculture department inspectors at Hampton Roads seized it because they feared it carried tropical diseases.

COMMITTS SUICIDE

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SIAM'S ROYALTY TO VISIT U. S.



Here is the latest picture of King Prajadhipok of Siam and his queen, who are coming to the United States in April. They are shown with their recent championship tennis match at Bangkok, Siam's capital, the queen holding the cup to be awarded to the winner. The king is wearing the paung, a garment that passes for trousers in his country.

Camp Fire Girls In Anniversary Meet Saturday

From the seven crafts of Camp Fire that of citizenship was chosen as the one to be especially emphasized this year, with the approach through international friendship, and the one to which the birthday program of Camp Fire was dedicated Saturday at the Eastern Oregon Normal school.

The minute in quiet and graceful circle celebrated the 19th anniversary of the founding of the organization with a program and council fire.

At two o'clock a tour of different countries of the world started, led by Miss Nadine Zweifel, who conducted the large audience through several countries, in each of which a Camp Fire or Bluebird group presented a folk dance of the country.

Their tour started in America at the time of George Washington and the state of Minnesota. The Pukwana circle, Mrs. R. P. Tyler, guardian, danced the minute in quiet and graceful circle. From America they were carried across the sea to England, where the Tatopohuan group, Bernice Helf, guardian, danced the sailor's hoop.

The audience was not left long in England, for from there they were carried to Sweden where the Gattus circle danced a quaint Swedish folk dance. The Danish group, led by Miss Elizabeth Hesse, leader, danced the Danish dance of greeting, and the Wakelita girls danced the German folkdance. The Danish group, led by Miss Irene Poltrick, guardian, presented a Dutch dance.

Japan, the land of cherry blossoms, was the motif for a dance by the Kellouk group, led by the leader, Miss Elsa Bogue. After this they were brought back to America for the Virginia reel, danced by Miss Marguerite Hesse's Bluebird girls.

Council Fire Held. The grand council fire was held at 3:45, with the troops all taking part. They entered singing "Wehelo," a song which means "We are all one." With that, a part of the gang went off to the office of the store. While some guarded the watchman and engineer, others planted nitroglycerine in the vault doors.

How We Earned Our Birthday. The men, who had apparently spent the night in the secluded room, stalked in on Chris Swanson, engineer, at 6 a. m. yesterday. They tied him to a chair. Then they located Henry Melver, the watchman.

"You're going to pull the alarm boxes as usual," they told him. "If you pull 'em wrong and the police come, we'll know you're the cause. The first bullet will be for you."

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Financial Losses Lead to Killing

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Mar. 30 (AP)—His hopes of a "come-back" in the stock market apparently abandoned and faced with growing despair at the loss of his home, Fred O. Morse, 65, shot and killed his wife and brother-in-law, and then turned the revolver on himself, according to police reconstruction of the triple tragedy today.

The bodies of Mrs. May Morse, 61, her brother, Leonard G. Morse, 59, and her husband were found yesterday, more than four hours after the shootings.

SAFETY CONGRESS TO MEET

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 30 (AP)—A meeting of the Oregon Safety congress will be held at Portland on Saturday, April 3. The meeting will terminate with a banquet in the evening when Governor Julius L. Meier will make and broadcast an address on the subject of reducing accidents or increasing rates. The organization is built up of employers and employees who are interested in the promotion of safe practice in industrial employment.

DEBATE PLANNED. CORVALLIS, Ore., Mar. 30 (AP)—Two Mills college, Oakland, Cal., students, Lillian Mohr and Margaret Siem, were here today to represent their debating society in a match with Oregon State college on the subject of "Resolved, that Gandhi has been a benefit to India." The Mills college girls will argue the affirmative side. They will meet the state college girls again April 1.

Roosevelt Has Lead, According To Questionnaire

New York Merchant Sends Out Queries—Oregon, Wisconsin, Wyoming Fail to Reply.

NEW YORK, March 30.—Governor Roosevelt of New York today appeared to be the presidential choice of a majority of delegates and alternates to the 1928 Democratic national convention who answered queries sent out by Jesse Isidor Straus, New York merchant.

Mr. Straus queried approximately 2,000 men and women; 942 replied; 98 express no preference; 478 favored Governor Roosevelt; 125 former governor Alfred E. Smith; 73, Owen D. Young; 39 Governor Albert C. Ritchie of Maryland; 38 Senator Joe Robinson of Arkansas; 35 former secretary of war Newton D. Baker, of Ohio; 15 former senator James A. Reed, of Missouri; 41 were scattered.

Mr. Straus believed the number of replies "astonishing" and said they clearly indicate the sentiment in the ranks of democracy at this time.

New York Not Convinced. New York was not canvassed. Oregon, Wisconsin and Wyoming sent no replies. Two answered from California, one from Virginia. Mr. Straus said the other states were well represented. Massachusetts favored Smith, Arkansas was for Robinson, Maryland for Young, and Wisconsin was tied between Smith and Roosevelt.

Straus was assistant treasurer of the Democratic national committee in the last presidential campaign.

New Appointment Given To Judge By Pres. Hoover

WASHINGTON, Mar. 30 (AP)—President Hoover today gave a recess appointment to James Alger Fee to be United States district judge for Oregon.

At the same time he gave a recess appointment to Gunnar H. Nordbye to be United States judge for Minnesota.

Judge Fee was nominated for the Oregon judgeship before congress adjourned and his name had been reported favorably by the judicial committee. His confirmation was frustrated by a filibuster during the last hours of the session.

At the time it was announced that the White House the Nordbye would be given the recess appointment, it was said that such a course seemed to be the only solution to the problem of securing a judge for the highly congested district of Minnesota.

Last night the youngsters were swathed in wrappings and gauze and spent their first restful night in four days.

Baker Considering Drilling For Water

BAKER, Ore., Mar. 30.—The Oregon insurance rating bureau has informed the city that if a well with a capacity of 100 gallons per minute were installed, an approximate reduction of 22 per cent would be made in the rates on mercantile buildings in Baker.

Representatives of the firm which sunk the La Grande wells and who are sinking a well for the Union Pacific System at Huntington have arranged to come to Baker for a conference with the city commissioners on the subject of installing Baker's water supply through the use of deep wells.

Crocodile Kills 14-Year-Old Boy

PACHUCA, Mexico, March 30 (AP)—A huge crocodile was killed when a dynamite charge today shortly after it had devoured a 14-year-old boy in the San Diego river near here.

The crocodile pounced upon the boy while he was bathing. He was then prepared a dynamite charge near the shore and exploded it under the reptile after coaxing him to the spot with a pig tied to the end of a cord.

Tragic Mistake Made by Husband

WEST MEMPHIS, Ark., March 30 (AP)—Mistaken by his husband for a burglar, Mrs. Edith Platt, 47, was shot to death here early today.

The Platts lived in the rear of their store, and the husband, J. L. Platt, told police that when he saw the dim outline of his wife on the threshold of their bedroom, he thought an intruder was entering and fired a shot which told him of his tragic mistake.

TO SELECT COAL MAN

WASHINGTON, Mar. 30 (AP)—It became known today that officers of the National Retail Coal Merchants' association were tabulating the votes recently made by officers of sectional and state associations and representative coal operators and wholesalers for the selection of a coal man from La Grande to serve in the capacity of a coordinator to the national organization.

SURVIVORS OF SCHOOL BUS TO RECOVER

Joint Funeral is Being Arranged For Six Who Lost Their Lives.

MID-WEST DIGGING OUT FROM STORM

Fresh Snow Falls in Rocky Mountain States—Temperatures More Moderate, However.

STORM TAKES TOLL

Lamar, Colo., Mar. 30 (AP)—Survivors of snowbound school bus will recover; joint funeral planned for six dead.

Transportation agencies dug out from storm that was fatal to 16 last week.

Snow falling in Rocky Mountain states; temperatures moderate; widespread damage to fruit trees reported; oats in Southwestern Oklahoma frozen.

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Apparently successful in their battle against the pneumonia, the nine girls and six boys, hospital authorities said, will not have to suffer amputations.

Children's screams of fear rang through the hospital Saturday night and early Sunday as many of the little patients while asleep and still in the grip of terror pictured the agonizing hours in the rigid hospital building.

While imprisoned in the bus with their dying companions, the children, wretched and fought in order to keep their clothing from becoming wet and their freezing bodies were severely bruised by the adopted method of preservation.

16 KNOWN DEATHS

KANSAS CITY, March 30 (AP)—The Middle West, digging out from a snowstorm which took a known toll of 16 lives last week, reports its efforts mocked by a fresh fall today.

Snow began falling in the Rocky Mountain states of Colorado, Wyoming and Montana yesterday and last night was falling in Nebraska, Kansas and Western Missouri. Temperatures were moderate, however, and no deaths were reported. Precipitation in Oklahoma and Northern Texas today.

PROPOSAL FOR CUT IN WAGES IS REJECTED

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 30 (AP)—Voting unanimously, street carmen yesterday rejected the proposal of the Pacific Northwest Public Service company to reduce their wages 10 per cent on April 30, the expiration date of the present employee wage agreement.

A committee was named to negotiate with company officials for a new agreement. The present agreement was made a year ago when an arbitration board granted the employees a four per cent wage increase.

In rejecting the reduction, officials declared the company could not maintain the present scale since revenues had fallen off materially. Increase of fares from eight to ten cents had been asked to bring relief. About 1600 men in the transportation division would be affected by the cut.

Husband Shoots Frisco Merchant

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 30 (AP)—Percy W. Benson, 50, a merchant was shot and possibly fatally wounded here today while in a duel with E. Hardney.

Police said Benson admitted calling at Hardney's home in an effort to persuade Mrs. Hardney to elope with him and was shot by the woman's husband.

Wheat Today

CHICAGO, Mar. 30 (AP)—Wheat, corn, oats and rye each slid down today to new bottom price levels, but recovered before the close. An increase of the United States wheat supply contributed to the general break in prices. The extreme setbacks, although not doing much to reduce the principal grain, and apparently resulted more from death of vigorous buying power than from unusual pressure to sell.