

KILLERS SHOT TO DEATH IN HOUSTON, TEX.

Jennings and Harry Young Commit Suicide as Officers Close in.

FIRST WOUNDED BY TEXAS POLICE

Missouri Desperadoes, Who Killed Six in Springfield Saturday, Cheat the Gallows.

HOUSTON, Tex., Jan. 5 (AP)—Jennings and Harry Young, slayers of six Missouri officers, accepted their mother's advice and shot themselves to death today rather than submit to capture by officers who surrounded their place of refuge.

Jennings Young was dead when officers broke into the house in the Houston east end and Harry, his younger brother, had two bullet wounds. Harry was taken to a hospital, where he died.

Both probably had been wounded in a gun fight with the officers before they turned their weapons on themselves.

Police Act on Tip
The police received a tip early today that the Youngs would be found in the house, where they had rented a room, after they had been trailed from Springfield, Mo.

Nine officers went to the place, and Claude Beverly, police lieutenant, advanced with a shotgun. He was fired on and returned the fire.

"We're dead, come and get us," one of the men called out.

In their final act the Missouri desperadoes followed the advice of their mother, Mrs. J. D. Young, which was printed in the Houston morning paper.

Mrs. Young at Springfield, Mo., said yesterday she hoped they would end their lives rather than submit to arrest.

News Picture Responsible
A picture in a local paper of Harry Young recognized by J. F. Tomlinson, 50-year-old carpenter, who had rented the room to the brothers, led to their being trapped.

He saw the picture last night and reported his suspicions this morning. The search turned to Houston yesterday when police learned that a man answering the description of Harry Young had visited the home of his mother-in-law to see his wife.

Police combed the Houston underworld without being able to apprehend either of the Young brothers. It was at first feared they had slipped through the drag net.

Heavy guards were posted at all Gulf ports and along the Mexican coast.

CROSSWHITE IN CITIZEN ROLE WHEN KILLED

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., Jan. 5 (AP)—Ollie "Two Gun" Crosswhite was acting as a citizen rather than a detective when he joined in an assault on the Young farm home Saturday.

He wouldn't have been paid if he had lived. His month on the police roster as a special officer had expired the day before. The gang shot him just as it did five of his companions.

Crosswhite was buried yesterday in La Grande, Ore., his son, Keith Crosswhite, 19, was held under a murder charge for the shooting of a state policeman, Amos Helms.

Helms died Dec. 30 of wounds received when he attempted to question Keith and his companion about the ownership of a motor car.

Zweifel Elected By Fire Department

At the annual meeting of the La Grande fire department last night, N. Zweifel was elected president and George Walker vice president. Other officers elected were as follows: H. S. Lockwood, captain; Mick Riley, first lieutenant; L. M. Hoyt, secretary; Frank Suydam, treasurer; Marcus Roesch, historian.

Fred Culp was appointed assistant chief.

WEATHER FORECAST

Oregon: Rain in the west and snow in east portion tonight and Wednesday. Not much change in temperature; fresh to strong south winds offshore; gales north of the Columbia river.

WEATHER TODAY
7 a. m.—24 above.
Minimum: 22 above.
Condition: Cloudy.

WEATHER YESTERDAY
Maximum 28, minimum 20 above.
Condition: Cloudy, snow two inches, precipitation .41 of an inch. Range—8 degrees.

WEATHER JAN. 5, 1931
Maximum 41, minimum 33 above.
Condition: Cloudy, traces of snow, precipitation .01 of an inch. Range—8 degrees.

\$616,652.89 Of 1930 Taxes Are Reported Paid

Sheriff's Department Issues Statement—Collections of Delinquent Taxes Also Shown.

Taxes, penalties and interest amounting to \$334,089.33 were collected between June 30 and Dec. 31, 1931 and turned over to the county treasury by Sheriff Jesse Breshers, according to statistics compiled by Deputy Sheriff Carl Ebert. Of the total \$295,504.35 was collected on the 1930 tax roll, with \$1410.99 in interest, and the remainder applied on tax rolls previous to 1930 and in various fees. During the last six months of 1931, \$891.93 was collected in personal taxes.

The tax roll for the entire year of 1930 amounted to \$877,078.10, and Deputy Sheriff Ebert's report shows collections and disbursements of taxes for that period. In the report of the debits the amount charged to Sheriff Breshers was \$874,821.31, sheriff's assessments not shown on the levy was \$912.86, and the penalty and interest collected was \$1,543.93, a total of \$877,078.10.

\$258,881.28 Still Due
Taxes collected and turned over by Sheriff Breshers were to the amount of \$616,652.89, leaving \$258,881.28 uncollected. Penalty and interest turned over amounted to \$1543.93.

Fees collected during the past six months amounted to \$213.70, while (Continued on Page Eight)

Winter Quarter Classes Under Way At E. O. N.

Regular classes began at the Eastern Oregon Normal school this morning, with an enrollment which equals that of last term. President H. E. Inlow announced today. The number of new students will offset the number who graduated at the close of the fall term. Registration has not been completed but E. O. N. officials expect to have statistics ready in a few days.

Important announcements were made by Mr. Inlow at the first assembly of the term this morning at 10 o'clock in the auditorium and the first regular assembly will not be held until next week.

The beginning of a new term finds all the teachers of the Normal school and the Training school in their accustomed positions, with no new additions to the faculty. The usual courses are again offered, President Inlow adds.

Activities will hold their own during the coming term, with basketball replacing football as the current sport.

Snowfall Here This Winter Is Nearly 2 Feet

The snowfall in La Grande for the present winter season, up to 7 o'clock this morning, had reached a total of 22 1/2 inches, or nearly two feet.

Of this amount an even foot was measured in November—ordinarily without snowfall in La Grande; half a foot in December, and so far four and a half inches for January, with 26 days remaining in this month. If the snow continues during January and February, it will rank with winters that showed snowfall above normal, weather observers point out.

The weather has been moderate this winter, with no zero weather as yet, and most of the time during the last two months the minimum temperatures have ranged from 15 to 35 above.

Three Appear At Board of Review

Fred Gehring, Rex Wall and Frank Johnson came before the Boy Scout board of review which met last night at 7:30 at the chamber of commerce offices. Charles Blinger, chairman, was assisted in the review by C. H. Reynolds, Dr. R. F. Murphy and Elmo Stevenson.

Local scout masters and their assistants will meet at their monthly luncheon tomorrow at 12 o'clock at the Lavender Lunch and make plans for a court of honor, which follows the board of review meeting. The date has not been set definitely.

The second week in February is Boy Scout anniversary week, and extensive plans are being made for the celebration of the event, the scout masters report. Events in the Boy Scout program for February which will be discussed at the meeting are the parents' and sons' banquet, the merit badge exposition and the February rally.

43 Register For First Aid Class

An organization meeting held last night for the purpose of arranging for Red Cross first aid classes this month, resulted in an attendance of 43 eager to participate, and it was necessary to divide the group into two units, juniors and seniors.

There are 17 juniors at present—persons under 17 years of age or with less than two years of high school training. Twenty-six enrolled as seniors.

The first class meeting will be held next Monday at 7 o'clock at the La Grande hotel and any others who desire to enroll then may do so.

CONGRESS IS PREPARED TO ACT SPEEDILY

Hoover Feels Confident That Emergency Legislation Will Win Out.

SENATE AND HOUSE ARE HARD AT WORK

Rainey, House Majority Leader, Says Democratic Plan Will Include Some Sales Taxes.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5 (AP)—President Hoover felt confident today that the whole disposition of congress is to devote itself to emergency legislation.

While he expects rapid action on his proposal he has the conviction that investigation and enactment of some of the measures cannot be expected within a figurative 48 hours.

Progress on the half billion dollar reconstruction corporation bill was had in the form of its approval by a committee of senators.

Endorsement by the full banking committee is expected soon.

The senate was told this afternoon by Senator Walcott, Republican, Connecticut, that he expected to have the corporation bill before it tomorrow.

House Ready to Act
Speedy house action seems in line too.

Eugene Meyer—federal reserve board governor—told the house banking committee today just how (Continued on Page Eight)

NORMAL SCHOOL CAGERS TO PLAY

Quinn Announces Schedule of 16 College Games—Nine of Them Here.

The Eastern Oregon Normal school basketball squad will swing into action here tomorrow night at 8:30 o'clock at the Recreational hall against the Baker Antlers, independent basketball team, in the first pre-college season contest. The game will be preceded by a gym class trial beginning at 7:30 o'clock.

Coach Bob Quinn today announced his schedule, with a series with Lewiston Normal school still listed as tentative.

After a return game at Baker Jan. 13 with the Antlers, the Mountaineers will swing into a 16-game college season, the 16 games to be played in a period of 41 days, and nine of the 16 will be played in La Grande.

The schedule stands as follows: Jan. 15-16—Lewiston here, tentative. Jan. 21—Albany college here. Jan. 30—At Whitman college. Feb. 1-2—Ashland here (conference games). Feb. 10-11—Monmouth here (conference games).

LIQUOR ISSUE SURE TO COME UP AT CAUCUS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6 (AP)—Chairman Raskob said today the prohibition question "was bound" to come before the Democratic national committee meeting on Saturday.

"I hope," he added smilingly, "that it will not cause any such flare up as it did last March. I didn't think it was going to cause a fight then."

Running a close second to the prohibition question is speculation on the possibility of an out and out "Ritchie for president" headquarters during the meeting.

Howard Bruce of Baltimore, supporter of the Maryland governor for the presidential nomination, has reserved ten rooms at the Mayflower hotel for Friday and Saturday in the name of the Maryland "delegation."

Jury Deliberating Today On Case Of Farmer Who Killed Two Women

ROSEBURG, Ore., Jan. 5 (AP)—The jury in the second trial of Cecil Beckley, farmer charged with slaying his wife and step-daughter, was still deliberating the case today after having retired late Monday evening.

The jury in the first trial, completed early in December, failed to reach agreement after setting a record of 73 hours deliberation.

Beckley last July shot and killed his wife, Alma Beckley, and his step-daughter, Margaret Clutter, and then attempted to take his own life. The defense admitted the killings but contended Beckley was driven into a sudden frenzy by continued taunts of the women. The state insisted the crime was premeditated, and demanded the death penalty.

Little New Evidence
Little additional evidence was offered in the second trial which was concluded Monday afternoon. The

Band Campaign Passes Halfway Mark, Is Report

Donations of Chest to Noon Today \$756.45—Many La Granders Are Yet to Be Solicited.

The fund that is being raised here for the purpose of assuring maintenance of the La Grande band during 1932 had passed the halfway mark by noon today, with the total then at \$756.45. A minimum of \$1500 is being sought. Many have yet to be solicited and the committee in charge of the drive urges that any who have not been solicited and wish to make donations may send them to H. E. Coolidge, at the La Grande National bank, or Chest Thompson, at the U. S. National bank.

Among the large donors is the Piggly Wiggly stores and the Saca-Jawa Inn, both giving \$25. The employees of the post office pooled \$27 and presented it to the band. Their names are listed among the contributors printed below:

C. L. Mackey, Howard C. Glenn, W. A. Bean, Lloyd Davidson, Ruth Jackson, William G. Bean, W. Latham, Henry Winburn, C. W. Hardman, L. A. Kennedy, Elza Martin, John R. Garly, Emil Neiderer, R. R. Huron, Mrs. J. C. McFarland, Mrs. Leal Russell, Frank Recklin, The Bob Shop, Max Turm, Vera Hettick, C. N. Palmer, Oscar Poirch, William Siegrist, Herman Siegrist, A. L. Gralapp, D. W. Beck, Mrs. Hal Bohnenkamp, Mrs. Peter Theisen, Mrs. C. A. Binghamam, Mrs. D. C. Conner, Mrs. R. V. Duncan, Arch Bacon, R. D. Flemming, Ed Ebell, Peter Biever, LeRoy Morgan, A. L. Richardson, Moon Drug store, Grace Snider, Mrs. Ike Freeman and Paris hotel.

Boys Admit Crime That Killed Eight

Two Confess They Made Funeral Pyre Out of Log Cabin in Ohio.

GALLIPOLIS, Ohio, Jan. 5 (AP)—Sheriff Charles Swanson announced today that two inmates of the boys' industrial school at Lancaster confessed they made a funeral pyre last spring out of a Gallia county log cabin, burning eight persons to death.

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The boys were Albert Reymier, of Gallipolis, and Elsworth Mowery, of Bucyrus. The cabin was occupied by James White, 40. He and seven of his children died in the flames.

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Before setting fire to the cabin, the youths said, they nailed up the (Continued on Page Five)

Sufferers Face New Perils In Flooded Section

GLENDORA, Miss., Jan. 5 (AP)—Twenty feet of levee at the Aubrey Falls plantation collapsed today before the roaring Tallahatchie river.

A sheet of water spread over the countryside near Albin, south of Webb and north of Swan Lake in Tallahatchie county.

The Yazoo and Mississippi Valley railroad embankment is protecting land on the west side of Albin.

The water is running over railroad trestles between Webb and Swan Lake and inundating thousands of acres that were above the flood line. The situation is exceedingly grave.

A two-inch rain in the Tallahatchie river valley last night brought a new peril for 10,000 flood sufferers just at a time when the region was passing through its second major flood crisis in three weeks.

The rain continued today from Crowder on the Quitman-Panola county line down through Tallahatchie county to Phillips.

The Jones, Frederick, plantation levee, protecting 40,000 to 50,000 acres of fertile farm lands south of Glendora, is crumbling badly and the plantation owner declared the "cause looks hopeless." Discouraging reports drifted in from many levee fronts and all available man-power was again put to work on the dikes.

Embankments were crumbling at Grassy Lake, 15 miles from Glendora on the east side of the Tallahatchie. A one and a half inch rise in the river was reported there.

The five mile wide Tallahatchie is again pouring a terrific volume of (Continued on Page Five)

Install Mr. Moss As K. P. Leader

Irwin Moss was installed as chancellor commander of the Knights of Pythias with appropriate ceremonies last night at the meeting of Red Cross Lodge, No. 27, at 8 o'clock at the K. of P. hall, Warren S. Barnes, of Portland, grand vice chancellor, was a visitor at the meeting and gave an interesting and helpful address.

Fred Milnor was installed as vice chancellor; Paul Bruce, prelate; Fred Albertson, master of work; D. L. Gally, keeper of records and seals; C. W. McCormick, master of exchange; H. L. Stongking, inner guard; and Frank Sharp, outer guard. Music was furnished during an intermission by the Blue Mountain Wranglers.

Refreshments were served to the Knights and the Pythian Slayers in the committee in charge after the meeting.

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HOOPER AGAINST WAGE REDUCTIONS

President Ready to Take Adamant Stand if it Becomes Necessary.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5 (AP)—President Hoover today looked toward capitol hill, prepared to take a definite stand against any general federal wage cut—should proposals of such a move there reach the stage of congressional action.

This was assured today in authoritative quarters.

The president has made no public statement as to the various proposals in both the senate and the house that would slash federal salaries from 10 to 20 per cent in almost all classes, but the word was passed among administration leaders at the capitol that he is ready to take an adamant stand.

Fears "Bad Example"
Should proposals to cut wages receive widespread support, it was said definitely he will declare for maintenance of government wages. He feels definitely not only that the government must maintain its wage scale to retain capable officials in responsible offices but also that the government would set the country a bad example by any general wage reduction.

Senator Borah, Republican, Idaho, yesterday introduced several measures that would lower the salaries of the vice president, the speaker, and all cabinet members from \$15,000 to \$12,000.

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Coleman Resigns Reed Presidency

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 5 (AP)—Dr. Norman Frank Coleman, president of Reed college here for the past seven years, announced last Monday that he will submit his resignation, to become effective when a successor is chosen.

Dr. Coleman said he is leaving the presidency to resume work as teacher at the college. He asked that his resignation be effective either at the end of this college year, Aug. 31, 1932, or before Aug. 31, 1933, depending upon the convenience of his successor.

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Accused Slayer Refuses to Talk

MEDFORD, Ore., Jan. 5 (AP)—Refusing to discuss his case, Albert W. Reed, 25, was confined in a cell of the Jackson county jail today, charged with the slaying last Nov. 18 of Victor Knott, Ashland special policeman. Reed was returned from Denver last night in the custody of Sheriff Jennings.

Two other men are sought as Reed's companions on the night Knott was shot to death as he and another policeman stepped up to the automobile in which the three men were sitting in the darkened warehouse district.

WETS WIN HANDILY

HELSINGFORS, Finland, Jan. 5 (AP)—The final count in Finland's referendum on prohibition, as announced today, showed 70.45 per cent of the votes for repeal of the prohibition law, 28.14 per cent for retaining the law and 1.41 per cent for a modified program of wine and beer.

DIES OF INJURIES

PORTLAND, Jan. 5 (AP)—Mrs. Margaret Bissett, 73, died here today from injuries suffered a week ago when she was struck by an automobile while crossing a street. Her granddaughter, Catherine Tolman, three years old, whom she was carrying in her arms, was uninjured.

BACK IN U. S.



Dr. Albert Einstein, famous German physicist, and Mrs. Einstein upon their arrival at Los Angeles harbor to pursue mathematical research at the California Institute of Technology.

Coordination Of Transportation Recommended

Examiner Leo J. Flynn Hands Lengthy Report to Interstate Commerce Commission Today.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5 (AP)—Steps looking to coordination of highway and railroad transportation were recommended in a proposed report written by Examiner Leo J. Flynn and handed today to the interstate commerce commission.

The report of 131 mimeographed pages, plus extensive appendix, contained 50 conclusions. These included:

"The national transportation machine cannot function with progressive efficiency part regulated, part unregulated; coordination of transportation agencies can reach its economic possibilities under this anomalous condition."

"Railroads no longer have a virtual monopoly of transportation and regulatory laws based on that theory should be revised in the light of changed conditions affecting transportation and distribution since 1920."

Would Regulate Buses
"Carriers subject to the interstate commerce act should be specially authorized by law to engage in interstate commerce by motor vehicles on the public highways and such motor vehicle operations should be subject to the provisions of the interstate commerce act."

"Railways and water lines should supplement their transportation services by using motor vehicle transportation in coordination with their rail or water services wherever this will result in economies of operation or betterment of service or both."

"Control of motor vehicle operations by carriers now subject to the act through subsidiary of affiliated or holding companies or in any other manner should be brought under the supervision of the commission."

"To the extent that certificate of public convenience and necessity is an antecedent to the operation of independently operated motor vehicles, carriers subject to the act should be required to obtain a certificate of public convenience and necessity before engaging in the motor vehicle operations."

Would Modify Act
"Modification of the Clayton anti-trust act to the extent that carriers now subject to that act be permitted to acquire motor vehicle lines already in operation wherever such action is in the interest of economy and efficiency of operation and not adverse to the public interest should be provided for in any legislation for the regulation of motor vehicles engaged in interstate commerce."

"Railroads should consider whether economy and efficiency of transportation could be promoted by utilizing (Continued on Page Eight)

Red Cross Will Distribute Grain If Bill Passes

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5 (AP)—John Barton Payne, national chairman of the Red Cross, told a house committee today that if congress makes available government owned wheat the Red Cross will undertake its distribution to the needy.

Payne was testifying before the agriculture committee which is considering measures similar to that passed by the senate yesterday to release 40,000,000 bushels of farm board wheat for relief.

"I do not think," Payne said, "it is my province to speak as to whether congress should enact such legislation. That is for congress to decide. I assume you want to know whether we will accept it."

"The Red Cross will accept that responsibility," Payne said emphatically.

Committee members listened attentively as the Red Cross head outlined (Continued on Page Four)

"Treaty" Navy Is Favored by Adams

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5 (AP)—Secretary Adams, speaking for himself and the navy department as a whole, gave his approval today to a bill calling for a ten year naval program which would bring the navy up to the London treaty limitations.

Testifying before the house naval committee, Adams said: "Personally I think we should build a navy that meets the requirements of the London treaty."

He added the navy department as a whole felt the same way.

Adams said a ten year program was more acceptable from a practical viewpoint than a one-year authorization.

Health of Briand Good, Report Says

PARIS, Jan. 5 (AP)—The French foreign office told the Associated Press today the health of Foreign Minister Aristide Briand was "good for a man of his age."

This statement followed reports that M. Briand had suffered from paralysis stroke and rumors that he was dead.

The foreign office statement continued: "He must be careful of his throat, especially during the present weather in Paris. He has a slight cold and sees his doctor by preference rather than necessity."

APOLGY BY JAPAN GIVEN TO AMERICA

Expresses Formal Regret at Attack on Consul C. B. Chamberlain.

ACCEPTANCE NOT GRANTED AS YET

Japanese Foreign Office States Two Who Attacked American Are to be Punished.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5 (AP)—Japan formally apologized to the United States today for the attack on American Consul C. B. Chamberlain by three Japanese at Mukden.

Ambassador DeBuchi of Japan expressed to Secretary Stimson at the state department the Japanese government's "sincere regret" over the "unfortunate incident at Mukden."

The ambassador declined to say whether Secretary Stimson had expressed himself as "satisfied" with the apology.

The ambassador's only statement was: "On telegraphic instructions of my government I have come to the state department to express the sincere regret of Japan over the recent unfortunate incident at Mukden."

ACCEPTANCE WITHHELD
WASHINGTON, Jan. 5 (AP)—The American government today withheld (Continued on Page Five)

STATE POLICE WILL REMAIN IN BAKER, ORE.

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