

INDICT TWO FOR MURDER OF MR. HELMS

Grand Jury Returns True Bill Against Crosswhite and Owens.

TIME FOR PLEA WEDNESDAY AT 10

Court Appoints George T. Cochran to Represent Defendants—Case Hard Burden to Him.

Keith Crosswhite, 19, and John Owens, 28, Springfield, Mo., bandits, stand today indicted for the murder of Amos "Spud" Helms, state policeman who was fatally shot Oct. 18 as he attempted to question the two men. Mr. Helms died in the Grande Ronde hospital Dec. 30 after a gallant, 73-day fight for life, death resulting from a bullet from the pistol fired by Owens, according to officers. Both Owens and Crosswhite, however, fired at the officer, according to a signed confession.

Circuit Judge J. W. Knowles read the indictments to the two prisoners late yesterday after the county grand jury presented its report, and set Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock as the time for Crosswhite and Owens to enter a plea.

Judge Knowles also appointed George T. Cochran, one of the leading attorneys in La Grande, to represent the two.

District Attorney Carl Helm previously has declared his intention to ask for the death penalty for the two.

An Observer reporter interviewed Mr. Cochran this morning, shortly after he was made aware of the appointment, and the attorney issued the following statement: "I haven't considered the matter to any great extent because the appointment has just come and so far I do not know what developments to expect. The case especially presents a hard burden to me because of my acquaintance with Spud Helms. Under the law an appointment by the court to defend a man imposes a duty which is compulsory. There is no choice. It is one of the duties imposed by law upon the legal profession and any attorney may be called upon to perform it."

Under the law, every defendant has the right of an attorney and if unable to secure one himself, it devolves upon the court to make an appointment.

The grand jury, in addition to the murder indictments, returned three secret indictments and four not true bills. The not true bills and the charges which the grand jury considered follow:

Jess Oliver, charged with larceny, Robert and Frank Luton, charged with unlawful possession of a still, Earl Kirkland, charged with assault and battery.

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STILES GIVEN EIGHT MONTHS AT ROAD CAMP

Pearl Stanley Stiles, of La Grande, pleaded guilty yesterday in Portland before Federal Judge Fee on two charges of violation of the liquor laws, and was sentenced to a total of eight months at the Fort Lewis, Wash., road camp.

Anne Moore, jointly indicted with Stiles, pleaded not guilty on liquor charges and her trial was set for Jan. 15. She was arrested in Idaho last week.

Price of Eggs To Drop Wednesday

PORTLAND, Jan. 12 (AP)—Further sharp downfall in the price of eggs is reflected in practically all parts of the country. In New York extras dropped to 24¢. In New York mediums 20½¢, 21½¢. The cost of shipping eggs and preparing them for the New York market is 5½¢ doz. In line with the general downward tendency, E. J. Dixon, manager of the Pacific co-ops named a cut of 2¢ doz. effective Wednesday morning as follows: extras 18¢, standards 17¢, mediums 16¢ doz.

WEATHER FORECAST

Oregon: Unsettled tonight and Wednesday; probably local snows; clearing Wednesday; colder in the east portion; fresh to strong north-wind winds offshore.

WEATHER TODAY
7 a. m.—23 above.
Minimum: 25 above.
Condition: Partly cloudy.

WEATHER YESTERDAY
Maximum 48, minimum 33 above.
Condition: Cloudy, rain and snow; precipitation 25 of inch.
Range—15 degrees.

WEATHER JAN. 12, 1932
Maximum 41, minimum 27 above.
Condition: Clear, Range—14 degrees.

105 Babies Born In Union County Last Six Months

One Pair of Twins at Elgin—More Girls Than Boys, Margin Wider Than in First Half.

One hundred and five babies were born to 104 couples during the last six months of 1931 in Union county according to statistics compiled by the city health board. Two of the babies, born to Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Scott, of Elgin, were twins. The last six months of the year showed an increase over the first six months, from Jan. 1 to June 30, when 99 babies were born in the county, among whom there were two pairs of twins.

The number of girls is, as usual, greater than the number of boys, with 56 girls reported in comparison with 49 boys. Forty-nine boys also were born during the first six months of the year, while there were only 50 girls born during that period.

27 in September
September was the month during which the greatest number of babies were born, with a total of 27. October ran second with 20, while July

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Schoolmasters Meet on Monday At Island City

The Union County Schoolmasters' club held a very enjoyable and successful meeting at the Island City school last night, as guests of Principal Ben Hicks. The women of the Island City P. T. A. served an excellent chicken dinner, Mrs. Tom Laird, Mrs. Earl Roberts, and Mrs. Clay Penland being the committee in charge.

W. W. Nusbaum, of La Grande, led the men in enthusiastic group singing during the meal, and helped to establish an atmosphere of fun and good fellowship. Mr. Hicks had arranged several entertainment features which were greatly enjoyed. A group of students sang two numbers from an opera, and several girls gave interesting exhibitions of tap dancing.

The evening's program, of which G. W. King, principal of the Island City school, was in charge, consisted mainly of reports from those who attended the convention at the recent convention of the Oregon State Teachers association in Portland. Superintendent Krait, of North Powder, reported on the representative assembly of the convention, and also spoke on the work of the vocational guidance department.

Ccach Campbell, of Union, gave an account of the proceedings of the Oregon State High School Athletic association, and Professor Miller, of E. O. N., who was chairman of the convention's resolutions committee,

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U. S. Bank Elects Officers Today At Annual Meet

T. J. Scroggin was re-elected president of the United States National bank this morning at the annual meeting of stockholders. All the other officers of the organization also were re-elected.

August J. Stange is vice president; L. H. Bramwell, cashier; and C. L. Thompson, assistant cashier.

The board of directors was re-elected and includes A. L. Richardson, J. Foley, U. G. Couch, A. J. Stange, C. T. Cochran, A. J. Van Valkenberg, C. A. Bingham, O. W. Warnock and T. J. Scroggin.

The meeting of the stockholders of the La Grande National bank was held this morning and they will complete their business of the bank tonight at a meeting of the board of directors.

Dr. Sweet Will Be Guest at Clinics

A nationally famous specialist in children's teeth, Dr. Sweet, of San Francisco, will be a guest of the dentists of Eastern Oregon, when they meet in La Grande for a two-day clinic on Feb. 8 and 9. Dr. Ray Murphy is chairman of the local committee, and is enthusiastic as to the program which is being planned.

A practical dental clinic will be held for children and a lecture on the care of children's teeth will be presented before the ladies by Dr. Sweet. Both the lecture and the clinic will be of an educational nature.

Following the two-day clinic in La Grande, the Eastern Oregon district Dental society will hold its annual meeting in Baker.

Hawaiian Reports Exaggerated, Claim

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12 (AP)—Governor Lawrence Judd, of Hawaii, today cabled the island's delegate in the house that reports of danger to white women there were "malicious and exaggerated."

TO ORDER INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, Jan. 12 (AP)—Attorney-General Mitchell said today he would "proceed at once to carry out the senate request" for investigation of conditions in Hawaii.

FOUND DEAD



Mrs. Ruth Stewart, left, of St. Louis, and Mrs. Debbie Stanford were found dead in the wreckage of their plane near Neville, Pa., after searching parties had hunted for them in vain for days. They planned a flight to Buenos Aires from New York to be made in the spring.

FIERCE PROTEST AMAZES HOLMAN

Treasurer Comments Today on Stand Made by Game Commission.

SALEM, Jan. 12 (AP)—In a statement issued to the press today Rufus C. Holman, state treasurer, announced his "surprise at the fierce antagonism which the order of the state board of control regulating the use of state operated automobiles has engendered among some of the state employees and officials." His statement followed the publication today of the protest voiced by the state game commission against the ruling.

The state game commission at its meeting in Portland yesterday voiced the opinion enforcement of the board's order that state automobiles could not be operated on Saturday afternoon, Sundays, holidays or between 5 p. m. and 8 a. m. daily, would paralyze law enforcement.

Holman further said "it seems to me that every person spending other people's money would approach any plan for the stoppage of preventable extravagance in the spirit of willing co-operation and with helpful suggestions. When however, an attempt is made to cure this flagrant abuse of confidence in many cases, it demonstrates clearly to me the attitude of the perennial tax-eater as opposed to the interests of the unfortunate taxpayer."

Secretary of State Hal E. Hoss, in submitting suggestions to Holman as requested by the state treasurer relative to the recent board ruling on automobiles, proposed the plan of having a state-owned garage, or control, with some garage company in Salem and in other cities where several cars may be headquartered for storage, washing, greasing and minor repairs.

In voicing protest to some portions of the board ruling, for which he voted himself, Hoss points out that

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94 ATTENDING INSTRUCTIONS IN LIFESAVING

The Red Cross lifesaving classes now being held here are assuming mammoth proportions, with 94 attending the junior and senior meetings last night at the La Grande hotel. The first of a series of 10 lessons was given to a group of 71 here today in a fire that destroyed their home, following an explosion in the kitchen stove.

Neighbors found the bodies of Mr. and Mrs. John Myler and the children in their beds.

Indications were the stove exploded when Myler attempted to kindle a fire with kerosene, throwing him back upon the bed where his wife lay asleep.

Japan to Reply To Stimson's Note On Manchuria Within a Few Days

TOKYO, Jan. 12 (AP)—Japan will reply to the recent note of Secretary of State Stimson on Manchuria within a few days, the Rengo news agency said today, and will state that it believes the various movements for independence there and in Mongolia should not suffer interference, either from Japan or any other nation.

The reply also will, say, according to the Rengo report, that Japan's military operations have by no means transgressed the nine-power treaty or the Kellogg-Brand pact, which were cited by Secretary Stimson in his note.

The government would emphasize, the agency said, that it believes the urgent problem at the moment in Manchuria is to restore peace and order and that Japan's aim is to make the territory a safe place in which to live, making possible an open door

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SNOW, RAINS HIT WESTERN HALF OF U. S.

Berkeley Hills in California Blanketed—First Time Since 1922.

BLIZZARDS OVER UTAH AND IDAHO

Tornado in Texas—Chinook Winds Send Mercury Up to 55 in Montana—Snow in Oregon.

MAXIMUM HERE 48

While some sections of the west were hard hit by winter yesterday and today, the Grande Ronde valley was enjoying a mild period. Rain and snow fell yesterday, but the mercury climbed to 48 above, and much snow was erased from the ground, revealing green grass underneath. Robins have been seen generally in Union and Wallowa counties of late. The sun broke through the clouds several times this morning, although the temperature was somewhat chillier than on Monday.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 12 (AP)—Snow and rain visited Northern California again last night and early today. The Berkeley hills, for the first time since 1922, were blanketed with white. Mt. Diablo and Mt. Tamalpais also were snow-capped.

DE BLOCKS HIGHWAY
HO. RIVER, Ore., Jan. 12 (AP)—A slide of rock and dirt extending from 50 to 100 yards, covered the Columbia River highway about four miles east of here today. Highway crews hoped to have the blockade removed this afternoon.

HEAVY SNOW IN UTAH
SALT LAKE CITY, Jan. 12 (AP)—A heavy snowstorm, carried on the winds of sharp winds descended on Northern Utah and Southern Idaho early today. The depth of the snow

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Farm Groups Ask Inclusion of 2 Relief Measures

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12 (AP)—Organized farmers who housed agricultural committee today to include the equalization fee and export de-benture relief plans in the farm board act.

Edward A. O'Neal, president of the American farm bureau federation, L. J. Taber, master of the national grange, and John A. Simpson, president of the Farmers' Union, appeared.

O'Neal said the three organizations want the marketing act amended so it will be more competent.

"Special preference is given to the equalization fee and the de-benture plan," he went on. "However, the national farm organizations are not wedded, each in its own group, to a particular kind of amendment."

The three groups want both plans incorporated "neither to displace the other, nor any other portion of the act, but to make the act that well rounded scheme of controlling surpluses, making tariffs effective, and securing cost of production to farmers, which we have long advocated."

Six Burned Today In Myton, Utah

MYTON, Utah, Jan. 12 (AP)—A father and mother and their four small children were burned to death here today in a fire that destroyed their home, following an explosion in the kitchen stove.

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Boloff Petition Denied by Court

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 12 (AP)—The supreme court today denied the petition for a rehearing of the case of Ben Boloff, sentenced to 10 years in prison on a charge of criminal syndicalism.

The opinion was handed down by Justice Rossman and concurred in by Justices Brown, Campbell and Kelly. A dissenting opinion was given by Justice Belt, concurred in by Justice Rand and Chief Justice Bean.

Chicago Federal Judge is Rewarded

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12 (AP)—Judge James H. Wilkinson, of Chicago, who recently sentenced Al Capone, was advanced from the district to the circuit bench today by President Hoover in recognition of his services in breaking up gangster activities in Chicago.

Wilkinson sentenced Capone to eleven years in the penitentiary, and a substantial fine.

HOLMES, 90, QUILTS POST AS JUSTICE

Famous Supreme Court Judge Resigns to President Hoover.

OLD AGE CAUSE OF HIS ACTION

"The Time Has Come, and I Bow to the Inevitable," Holmes Says in Stepping Down.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12 (AP)—Saying simply "the time has come, and I bow to the inevitable," Oliver Wendell Holmes stepped down today as associate justice of the supreme court of the United States.

The great jurist, who will be 91 March 8, had his resignation accepted by President Hoover in words of tribute.

Falling health brought to the end of the celebrated career that Holmes had spent on the supreme bench since 1902, when President Roosevelt appointed him.

His strength lessening
The strength of Mr. Holmes has been markedly lessening in late months. He frequently required the help of court pages or of his fellow justices to take his seat and rise after the session was over at recent meetings of the court.

It was noticeable yesterday that Chief Justice Hughes held a firm hand on the aged Justice Holmes' arm as he took his seat.

Although his speech has at times been halting and a cough more pronounced, Justice Holmes has delivered his share of opinions in the brief period of this term. He delivered one only yesterday—his last.

Holmes' letter, submitting his resignation to the president said: "In accordance with the provision of the judicial code as amended section 290—title 28 United States code 375, I tender my resignation as justice of the supreme court of the United States of America."

"The condition of my health makes it a duty to break off connections that I cannot leave without deep regret after the affectionate relations of many years and the absorbing in-

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INQUIRIES FOR LUMBER SHOW MARKED GAIN

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 12 (AP)—Increased inquiries for lumber have been reported from San Francisco companies since the beginning of the new year. Deliveries have remained low, and prospects for the immediate future unchanged.

Pacific coast stocks of commercial wheat in store and afloat at markets were 3,299,000 bushels as of Jan. 9, the department of agriculture reported, compared with 3,614,000 a week ago and 6,224,000 a year ago.

Headquarters of Safeway stores in Oakland, second largest chain grocery in the country, credited the recently-acquired MacMarr unit with contributing somewhat more than its normal proportion of the estimated \$6-a-share earnings for Safeway, for 1931.

Washington Woman Plays Bridge Hand Actually Perfect

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12 (AP)—Talk about your thirteen spades—Mrs. Margaret C. Sakellari last night was dealt the really perfect bridge hand:

♠ Ace, king, queen and jack
♥ Ace, king, queen, jack, ten of
♦ Ace, king, queen and jack
♣ Clubs. Nobody argued her total score of 1305 on the seven no trump bid.

REPUBLICAN BATTLE CRY

PROSPERITY IS RETURNING—DON'T THROW IT IN REVERSE!

The slogan that will carry the Republican party into the coming presidential campaign is the one just read above. Submitted by Henry J. Dods of Montgomery, Ohio, it was chosen from 100,000 slogans entered in a nation-wide contest. Holding the prize-winning placard are senators Wesley Jones (left) of Washington, Jesse H. Metcalf (center) of Rhode Island, and Arthur M. Vandenberg of Michigan.

Wheat Today

CHICAGO, Jan. 12 (AP)—Dragged down by dwindling of export demand for wheat from North America, all grains went lower today. Only 200,000 bushels of Canadian wheat was taken for shipment overseas, and none at all of United States wheat. Action of Wall Street securities, however, served to restrain would-be speculative sellers of cereals.

Wheat closed unsettled ¼¢ to ½¢ under yesterday's finish, corn ¼¢ to ½¢ down, oats ¼¢ to ½¢ off, and provisions unchanged to a rise of 7 cents.

PORTLAND, Jan. 12 (AP)—With no change in the price for the day, the local wheat market indicates a drifting tone. Futures closed unchanged with only one sale. This was for a lot of 2000 bushels May at the high point. There was no trading in July. On the merchants exchange the cash position was unchanged.

Europe Struggles Anew With War Debt Situation; Cancel, Revise Or Let Stand Is Parley Puzzle

By Reid Montfort
WASHINGTON, Jan. 12 (AP)—To cancel or not to cancel? To revise or not to revise? These are the questions uppermost in the minds of world leaders as the Young plan signatories prepare to gather at Lausanne January 18 to consider anew the problem of inter-governmental reparations and war debts.

The conference was called chiefly as a result of the report of the Young plan advisory committee stating that Germany would be unable to resume reparations payments on the present scale at the end of the moratorium. The United States will not be represented.

Some observers see justice and others injustice in an arrangement by which the children of children yet unborn will pay taxes to square the accounts of the World war.

Britain suggests policy
When hostilities ended, the British government proposed surrendering its share of German reparations and "writing off, through one great transaction, the whole body of inter-allied indebtedness."

Generally, a cool reception greeted the proposal. The late Lord Balfour, then secretary of foreign affairs,

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WOOL MEN TALK LAND PROBLEMS

Department of Agriculture Criticized by Several Speakers Monday

SALT LAKE CITY, Jan. 12 (AP)—Wool men devoted their attention principally to grazing and public land problems as they gathered today for the second day's sessions of the annual convention of the National Wool Growers' association.

The program included addresses by D. H. Madsen, chairman of the American Game association, on the sportsman's program and the grazing industry, and by Francis C. Wilson, Santa Fe, N. M., a member of President Hoover's committee on conservation and administration of the public domain, on the Evans bill to transfer title of the public lands to the states.

Dr. A. W. Miller, of the packers and stockyards administration, United States department of agriculture, chose stockyards and commission rates as the subject of his address.

Discussions of wool prices in relation to prices of yarn and cloth, new lamb feeding developments in spring wheat states and a report of the committee on lamb marketing completed the afternoon session.

Criticism heard
After hearing criticism of the United States department of agriculture, the forest service, meat packers, the forest service and livestock commission men at the opening sessions yesterday, the 500 delegates adopted a resolution endorsing the Hoover administration's efforts to relieve the financial and industrial difficulties.

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GREECE WANTS TO BUY FARM BOARD WHEAT

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12 (AP)—Another wheat deal with a foreign government is before the farm board. This time it is Greece that would have some of the 175 million bushels in the board's possession. While no specific amount figures in the present discussion, six million to ten million bushels were mentioned in earlier conversations.

Greece wants to purchase the wheat on credit with terms somewhat similar to those granted Germany and China. Chairman Stone said today no definite understanding has been reached and further talks with the Greek minister are to be held.

An additional 25 million bushels are to be sold before July 1. Then the board's agreement to limit sales to 5,000,000 monthly expires.

British Approve Wheat Quota Plan

LONDON, Jan. 12 (AP)—The government's wheat quota plan, granting British farmers a guaranteed share of the British wheat market at a fixed price, was approved today at a conference between representatives of the government, the millers, the merchants and the farmers.

This is preliminary to giving dominion wheat growers their own quotas.

PAUL WARBURG ILL

NEW YORK, Jan. 12 (AP)—Paul M. Warburg, one of the foremost international banking circles and co-organizer of the federal reserve system, is critically ill of pneumonia and his condition is considered grave by his physicians.

Mr. Warburg exerted himself strenuously during the past year and was in poor physical condition when he contracted the cold several days ago. The cold developed into a severe attack of pneumonia.

John Hardin Given Pardon By Meier

SALEM, Jan. 12 (AP)—John Hardin, former warehouse operator at the Dalles, sentenced to two and a half years in the state penitentiary several months ago on a charge of issuing forged warehouse receipts, was granted a pardon late yesterday by Governor Julius L. Meier.

Hardin appealed to the state supreme court on the grounds that new evidence had been discovered which was not available at the time of the trial in Wasco county. The court held that since there was no error in the records which would warrant a reversal of the judgment, the matter might be submitted to the governor for consideration.

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Two-Billion Dollar Reconstruction Measure Approved 63 to 8.

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Committees pushed forward their hearings on the other economic bills, among them a new one to set up a \$150,000,000 corporation to release deposits in insolvent banks. This is strongly supported.

True to its promise the senate reached its passing vote over some vigorous vocal opposition and an enormous extent of debate on proffered amendments which would have extended the aid of the reconstruction corporation to almost every endeavor needing cash. One of the most important of the defeated changes would have turned a portion of the corporation's capital over to cities in fiscal difficulties. New York's Mayor Walker was a leading instigator in this but the administration supported in both parties to beat the plan.

One of the amendments which went

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American Gunboat Drives Off Pirates JUSTICE JOHNS PASSES AWAY IN PORTLAND

HANKOW, China, Jan. 12 (AP)—Chinese pirates boarded a Standard Oil company launch in the Yangtze river today and were driven off by the American gunboat Oahu.

The brigades held four of the crew for ransom and had begun to loot the vessel when the Oahu appeared. They fled but fired the launch before they left. The American crew was saved.

Falling health caused Justice Johns to come to the United States last May and after undergoing a surgical operation in the east he returned to Portland, his former home. Shortly after coming here he announced his health would not permit his return to the Philippines. He said he would submit his resignation, but he clung to a hope, his friends said, that he might recover and return to his post. He was a member of the court at that time.

Justice Johns was born in Missouri but when only one year old was brought to Oregon by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James McClellan Johns.

He graduated from the Willamette university law school and practiced law in Dallas, Baker City and Portland until he was appointed to fill a vacancy in the Oregon supreme court about 14 years ago.

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