

## JURY SHUNS SUICIDE VERDICT

### HEIR'S WIFE AND FRIEND GET FREEDOM

Jurors in Smith Reynolds Case, However, Leave Matter Open.

### YOUNG WIDOW ON STAND ON MONDAY

Sensational Testimony Heard—Possibility Exists That Grand Jury May Investigate.

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C., July 12 (AP)—A coroner's jury, unwilling to call it suicide, accident or murder, ascribed the death of young Smith Reynolds to "a party or parties unknown."

The verdict, coming late last night after sensational and intimate testimony, had the immediate effect of freeing from custody the young tobacco heir's widow—the torch-singing Libby Holman—and 19-year-old Albert Walker, his chum.

Whether it will end official interest in the death of the 20-year-old Reynolds following a corn whiskey party at his estate early on the morning of July 6, is undetermined. The grand jury was called to meet today. It is in its power to pursue the investigation.

Walker slipped from sight. Walker had been held in jail for two days as a material witness. He slipped quietly from sight early today and was believed to be in seclusion at the home of friends here.

Mrs. Reynolds who, as Libby Holman, was a Broadway favorite before her marriage last year to the young heir to part of the R. J. Reynolds tobacco millions, remained at the Reynolds estate where her husband was shot. With her were her parents. Although in a state of collapse following her husband's death she had been under guard these until last night's non-committal verdict freed her from custody.

Numerous developments, many sensational, marked the final day of the coroner's inquest.

Case Left Open

Apparently not satisfied that a sufficient motive for suicide had been established, the coroner's jury likely

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### C. M. T. C. MEET JULY 15 WILL FINISH CAMP

CAMP HURLBURT, Wash., July 12 (Special)—Friday, July 15, is beginning to loom mightily large for nearly 600 bronzed Oregon and Washington youths at the 1932 citizen's military training camp here. Starting on the last lap of the four-weeks' course, they will conclude their activities with their annual track and field meet, with their snappiest battalion review, with presentation of all athletic and military medals they have won—and with entertainment of visitors. That's what will make it a big day.

The third week of camp was spent at the Camp Bonneville rifle range, where all the students got actual firing practice with rifles and other military weapons. This week, besides continuing their military studies they will decide the individual boxing, swimming, golf and tennis championships and the team championships in baseball, basketball, playground ball and volley ball.

### Power Insulators Reported Broken

Officials of the Eastern Oregon Light & Power company report that some persons with rifles insist upon using the insulators on power lines for targets. Aside from the fact that such offenses are punishable by law, the destruction of power line insulators is extremely dangerous. In case the wire is broken, the loose ends may drop to the ground and endanger the lives of all who come near.

WEATHER FORECAST  
Oregon: Fair tonight and Wednesday, but cloudy with showers tonight or Wednesday on the north coast; mild temperature; moderate south to west winds offshore.

WEATHER TODAY  
7 a. m.—59 above.  
Minimum: 46 above.  
Condition: Clear.

WEATHER YESTERDAY  
Maximum 75, minimum 46 above.  
Condition: Clear. Range—29 degrees.

WEATHER JULY 12, 1931  
Maximum 92, minimum 55 above.  
Condition: Clear. Range—37 degrees.

### Local Committee On Relief Will Meet Wednesday

Mrs. Frederick Gehring, in Charge of the Canning Division, Appeals For Fruit Jars, Lids.

To obtain a bird's-eye view of the local relief measures which have been taken already and to plan succeeding steps, the committee appointed by Governor Meier as a part of his state-wide relief program, will meet tomorrow morning at 9:30 in the office of County Judge U. G. Couch. At a recent meeting of representatives of city organizations, Judge Couch outlined the plan which includes the utilization of all local products for distribution next winter among the unemployed.

Mrs. Frederick Gehring was appointed in charge of the canning division of the movement. A meeting of committee heads from various church organizations was called yesterday by the chairman at Honan hall, the canning headquarters. Final plans for canning fruit were made and each organization was requested to furnish its own utensils. Representatives were Mrs. Will Adler, Methodist church; Mrs. Ellen Stoddard, L. D. S. First ward; Mrs. Argenta Salkild, L. D. S. Second ward; Mrs. Mervile Moore, Baptist; Mrs. R. A. Bergin, Seven Day Adventist; Mrs. C. W. Leffland, Christian Science; Captain Logan, Salvation Army; Mrs. Torrence, Colored Baptist church; Mrs. Harry Sandos, Christian church; Mrs. J. P. Morelock, Presbyterian; Mrs. L. M. Dolan, Catholic; Mrs. L. J. Ebert, Lutheran; and Mrs. David Melndrum, Episcopal.

The governor's committee will meet tomorrow morning with the county

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### Red Cross Swim Week To Begin Sunday, July 17

There will be no excuse for the lament, "Gee, I wish I knew how to swim," after July 17, Nepheli Combs, director of the Red Cross swim week, announced this morning. The annual swim week will open on July 17 and continue until July 27 at Pine Cone. Plans for the event have been completed by the Red Cross life saving committee, composed of Mr. Combs, Dr. James J. D. Haun, Dr. W. K. Ross, Elmo Stevenson and Miss Madeline Larson.

The schedule for each day was announced

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### La Grande Man, Walter Hinton, In Shooting Case

CHEYENNE, Wyo., July 12 (AP)—Three transients, arrested here yesterday for investigation in connection with the shooting Sunday of Rex B. Kinsell, Union Pacific special agent, at Valley, Neb., were still held today though officers said it was believed they were not implicated.

The men were taken into custody in the railroad yards here. They gave the names of Walter Hinton, 21, of La Grande, Ore.; Jose Sguayo, 22, of Chicago; and Joe Rivers, 28, of Los Angeles.

Kinsell was shot as he questioned several men suspected of tampering with a locked box car.

### "Blundering Billy" To Be Staged Here

"Blundering Billy," a comedy in three acts, will be presented Thursday evening at 8:15 in the basement of the Methodist church by the Epworth league. The proceeds will be used to pay the registration fee for the annual summer institute which will open at Wallowa lake on July 18.

"Blundering Billy" is the story of an old gold miner, Ezra Tuttle, who takes his daughter, Dorothy, to San Francisco to enter her into society. A short way to the goal he believes to be through the marriage of his daughter to Lieut. Griswold. Billy Butler, from whom the play takes its name, is a dry goods clerk, and a former friend of the heroine. When Billy enters the scene as secretary to Mr. Tuttle, the excitement begins and he finally wins the girl of his choice in a happy ending.

Members of the cast are: Billy, played by Fred Hertzog; Dorothy Tuttle, by Marguerite Hesse; Ezra Tuttle, by George Meats; Aunt Clarissa, Bernice Hyde; Lieut. Griswold, Frank Tyler; Hank Dibble, an old salt, Boyd Jackson; Sing Toi, a Chinese, Leon Berry; Woyo San, a Japanese girl, Evelyn Ballard.

Mrs. R. F. Tyler is directing the production, assisted by Miss Bethmyr Miller.

### Accuses G. O. P. Of Raiding Treasury

WASHINGTON, July 12 (AP)—Representative O'Connor, Democrat, New York, charged in the house today that the "Republican campaign is financed out of the treasury of the United States."

### Mrs. Reynolds



Courts may be called upon to decide whether the \$1,000,000 settlement which Smith Reynolds, dead heir to tobacco millions, made to his first wife, Mrs. Anne Cannon Reynolds (above), and their 2-year-old daughter, fulfilled all his obligations to them. Reynolds' death, allegedly a suicide, last week caused an investigation that is disclosing new and startling facts daily.

### WILLIAMS HEADS LEGION PLAY-OFF

Junior League Committee Makes Arrangements For Tourney in La Grande.

Raymond O. Williams was named as chairman of the American Legion junior baseball tournament which will be played in La Grande Friday and Saturday to decide the championship for this district. The winning team will compete with other aggregations throughout the state, the winner going to the interstate and national tournaments. Mr. Williams was chosen last night when the American Legion committee met at the offices of Roy B. Curry.

Members of the committee are John Garity, Roy Curry, R. R. Huron, Hiram T. Smith and Mr. Williams.

The junior league tournament is an annual event which is sponsored by the national American Legion.

Friday morning at 10:30 the tournament will open with a game, the

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### COMPLETION OF AIRPORT WORK DUE THIS WEEK

At a meeting of the La Grande Aeronautical association held today at noon at the La Grande hotel, reports of progress were heard. It was stated that the lights are now installed in the new La Grande airport—near the government field—and that plans were made to get men to volunteer between now and this weekend to give the finishing touches to the field.

It is hoped to have the new field completed and the wiring finished so it can be lighted the first of next week.

A committee was appointed to make plans for a dedication ceremony to be held sometime in the near future.

It was announced this afternoon that a number of legionnaires or anyone else who wish to help with the airport work will meet at the airport Thursday evening at 6 o'clock. Those having no transportation will meet at the Perkins Motor Co. between 5:30 and 6 p. m. Tools will be furnished.

### Pierce Will Speak At Bourbon Session

Ex-Governor Walter M. Pierce will present his reminiscences of the Democratic convention and Henry Hess will discuss the organization of the Young Democratic club and political issues tomorrow evening when prospective members of the club meet at the Sacajawea Inn to organize. It will be the Union county branch of the state league, which is in turn affiliated with the national league.

### TREATY NOT ULTIMATUM TO AMERICA

Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald Issues Definite Denial Today.

### NOBODY CAN PUT BLAME ON U. S. A.

Attitude on War Debts Held Justifiable, British Leader Declares in Parliament.

LONDON, July 12 (AP)—Nobody can blame the United States for the attitude she has taken toward war debts, Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald told parliament today, but the Lausanne treaty was in no way intended as an ultimatum to America. It was the prime minister's first appearance in the house since his return from Lausanne. Just before he began to speak on official statement was issued correcting an impression that the negotiators at Lausanne had consulted American representatives regarding a "gentlemen's agreement" that the Lausanne treaty would not become effective until America scaled down the debts.

That impression arose from a speech yesterday in the house by Neville Chamberlain, chancellor of the exchequer, who said the delegates from Lausanne had consulted not only each other but also representatives of the American government.

MacDonald, reporting to the house of commons today, scouted the argument that the governments could have waited for "certain elections" by which he meant the American presidential election next November.

"I have become tired of waiting

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### F. E. THOMPSON NEW RULER OF ELKS LODGE

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., July 12 (AP)—Floyd Eugene Thompson, who rose from school master to place on the Illinois supreme court bench, was elected to the highest office of Elks today.

He was named grand exalted ruler of the grand lodge without opposition after his name was placed before the convention by Bruce Campbell, East St. Louis, a fellow member of Moine lodge number 556. He succeeds John R. Coen, Sterling, Colo.

A native of Woodhouse, Ill., Thompson prepared himself for the bar while teaching school. He was admitted to the practice of law in 1911 and a year later was named state's attorney for Rock Island county Illinois.

Thompson was a successful candidate for the Illinois supreme court in 1919 and remained on that bench until 1928, when he resigned to become a candidate for governor of the state.

### Grain Trader Falls From 14th Floor

CHICAGO, July 12 (AP)—Mark Smith, a member of the Chicago board of trade, fell to his death today from the 14th floor of the Insurance Exchange building.

At the board of trade, it was announced, Smith had withdrawn yesterday from the board's clearing house.

### Denver Livestock Prices at New High

DENVER, July 12 (AP)—New record prices for the year were established in the Denver Union stockyards today as steers sold up to \$8.10 a hundredweight, flat.

Heflers brought a new top of \$7.50 flat and hogs soared up to \$5.10 before slipping a dime around noon.

### OLD LICENSE IS GOOD NOW UNTIL AUG. 1

Governor Meier Extends Moratorium in State-ment in Salem Today.

### WILL NOT CALL SPECIAL SESSION

In Announcement, Governor Again Places Blame On Secretary Hoss For "Chaotic" Condition.

SALEM, July 12 (AP)—The moratorium on new license plates was extended to August 1 by Governor Julius L. Meier today. In the same statement in which the extension of the moratorium was announced the governor declared he would not call a special session of the state legislature. A session had been urged to reduce license fees and provide for quarterly payment of licenses.

The first moratorium was to end Saturday of this week. The additional 15 days provides for usage of old licenses until August 1. The governor's statement is as follows:

"After giving the subject careful consideration, I have decided not to call a special session of the legislature for the purpose of considering motor vehicle license legislation. Regardless of the fact that members of the legislature might be willing to serve without compensation, the session would entail an unnecessary expense for the taxpayers.

"Because of the chaotic condition which prevails with regard to motor vehicle license fees, due to Secretary of State Hoss's premature announcement of the proposed quarterly license fee plan, and his subsequent refusal to cooperate in carrying out the plan which was agreed upon by Attorney General Van Winkle, State Treasurer Holman and myself, I have determined to extend the present fifteen day moratorium for an additional fifteen days so as to expire August 1, 1932. The serious condition of highway department finances will permit any further extension beyond August 1st."

### Suit Necessary To Test Legality Of Lumber Plan

SALEM, July 12 (AP)—President Hoover, in a telegram to Governor Julius L. Meier yesterday, said a civil suit in federal courts to test the possible trust feature of a lumber organization is a necessary forerunner to any final organization of a large-scale lumber combine. The wire was a reply to the governor's appeal to Washington for drastic action to correct existing conditions in the lumber industry. A combination to increase lumber prices and to regulate production, is contemplated.

Prominent lumbermen of Portland plan a conference tomorrow to ascertain if the industry is willing to test its proposed consolidation corporation in federal courts. The Hoover telegram was phoned to Portland by the governor following its receipt here late yesterday.

"I am entirely sympathetic with your desire to stop further degeneration in the lumber industry in aid of both unemployment and conservation which so acutely affects Oregon and Washington," President Hoover's telegram read.

The legal problem involved is not on which the attorney general of the United States can settle.

### Lions Arriving In Klamath Falls

KLAMATH FALLS, July 12 (AP)—Delegates were beginning to arrive here today for the annual state convention of Lions clubs, scheduled to start tonight. Between 250 and 300 Lions and their wives were expected at the convention, which closes Friday night.

Expected to arrive tonight was a caravan of Portland and Eastern Oregon delegates.

### Sudden Wealth



George Slaughter, 65, of Santa Rosa, Cal., was working as a park caretaker for \$12 a week when he was told he is an heir to a \$28,000,000 Texas oil estate.

### STOREY SHOT TO DEATH BY POLICE

Crowded Week of Homicide, Holdups and Kidnapings Comes to End

SOUTH BEND, Ind., July 12 (AP)—The death of James Storey brought an end today to a crowded week of homicide, holdups and kidnapings. Struck down by police bullets as he fled from officers here yesterday, Storey died in a hospital last night as efforts were started to return him to North Baltimore, Ohio, for the slaying of Jay Davis, town marshal.

Other crimes charged against the 22-year-old St. Paul, Minn., gunman included the wounding of Dr. Martin Larkin at Toledo, O., four kidnapings and robbery of a gasoline filling station.

Two brothers, Bert Storey, 10, and Manly, 17, were captured when Marshall Davis was shot.

### GOTHAM DESPERADO SLAIN

ALBANY, N. Y., July 12 (AP)—After slaying Edward (Fate) McCarthy, New York City desperado, in a gun fight, detectives today held one of his gunmen pals for the Harlem "baby massacre" of last July.

The accused man, Michael Basile, surrendered after McCarthy's wife Jean, George Kelly, reputed Albany thug, and Detective Harold Moore of New York had been wounded when police besieged McCarthy's lonely hideout on a back lane off the Albany-Schenectady road.

Police Commissioner Edward P. Mulrooney of New York said Basile would be hurried to Manhattan for trial.

The Harlem baby killing resulted when gunmen in an automobile tried to "rub out" an enemy. Caught in the burst of machine gun fire five of a group of children were wounded. One, Michael Vengill, 5, died.

Vincent Cole, recently slain gang leader, whose "throne" McCarthy is believed to have usurped, was tried for the child's murder but was exonerated.

### SECRETARY OF WAR FAVORS CHANNEL WORK

WASHINGTON, July 12 (AP)—The secretary of war today recommended to congress that Multinational channel, formerly known as Willamette slough, extending from the Willamette river at Portland to the Columbia river at St. Helena, Ore., be improved at an estimated cost of \$20,000 with \$3900 annual maintenance.

The recommendation provides for the removal of sunken logs through-out the waterway; for a channel at the Columbia river end 300 feet wide and 25 feet deep, extending 5,000 feet, and for a channel at the Willamette end 250 feet wide, 25 feet deep, extending about 9,500 feet.

Improvement of Scappoose bar and creek was deemed inadvisable at present.

### Committee Approves New Relief Measure

### Secretary Mills Opens Campaign For Mr. Hoover

Governor Roosevelt's Acceptance Address Criticized in Boston By Cabinet Member.

BOSTON, July 12 (AP)—Ogden L. Mills, secretary of the treasury, last night opened the Republican presidential campaign by criticizing in its entirety the acceptance address of the Democratic nominee, Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt of New York.

Boston's historic Faneuil hall last night was the setting for the criticisms and denunciations of Secretary Mills, who centered his address around the charge that Gov. Roosevelt has no program to meet the economic situation.

The treasury secretary sought of the New York governor "specifically what the administration has failed to do or has done in this emergency that is open to fair criticism."

To the criticism directed at the administration's credit achievements, Mills pointed to the establishment of the reconstruction finance corporation and provisions for additional credit for federal land banks and banks allied with agriculture.

Gov. Roosevelt's tariff utterances came in for criticism and Mills disapproved the Democratic nominee's plan to "enter into a series of bargaining tariffs according to the European practice."

The pledges of Gov. Roosevelt and his party to drastic economy, abolition of useless offices and consolidation of government bureaus were met with the assertion that "expenditures of the state of New York increased by one third from 1920 to 1931; that Democrats of the house voted by a large majority for 'Garner's pork barrel measure,' and that they declined to give the president the authority to abolish useless bureaus."

Mills took up the problem that confronts the American farmer with the comment that other than Gov. Roosevelt's suggestion "that interest rates on farm mortgages should be reduced, without saying how it is to be done, I find nothing in his program which does not constitute a mere endorsement in principle of what has and is now being done."

### Gov. Roosevelt Cruising Along Eastern Coast

(Associated Press Staff Writer)

WITH GOVERNOR ROOSEVELT, Morris Cove, Conn., July 12 (AP)—A strong wind that roughened Long Island sound this morning forced Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt to accept a tow for his yacht as he left this cove to continue his vacation along the New England coast.

The resumption of his trip with his son was delayed by the wind until 9:15 a. m. (eastern standard time) when the New Haven Yacht club's power launch towed the Yacht II out into the sound.

Although the Democratic presidential candidate hoped to reach Newport, R. I., by nightfall, indications were that the choppy water might necessitate an earlier stop and that West Watch Hill, R. I., would be his destination for the second night of his journey.

The sound was getting rougher as the yacht, followed by a press boat and one carrying some of the governor's lieutenants, passed along the Connecticut shore, New London, near the eastern boundary of the state, was expected to be reached by 1:30 or 2 p. m.

Last night, after bringing his craft to an anchorage off the New Haven

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### Street Cleaning Equipment Burned

ROSEBURG, Ore., July 12 (AP)—All equipment used by the city of Roseburg for street cleaning purposes was destroyed about one o'clock this morning in a fire that razed the two-story frame barn which has been used for many years as headquarters for the city street department. A large motor driven flusher, a pick-up truck and two dump trucks, together with all tools and repair equipment, were destroyed, causing a loss of about \$12,000, partially covered by insurance.

It is believed the fire was started by persons endeavoring to steal gasoline. The fire was extinguished by numerous explosions as fuel drums became overheated, throwing embers to all parts of the city.

### Less Young Pigs On American Farms

WASHINGTON, July 12 (AP)—The department of agriculture today reported the number of young pigs on farms June 1 was 50,093,000, a decrease of 3,758,000 compared with the same date of last year.

The decrease estimate was attributed to a drop of 3 per cent in the number of sows farrowed and of four per cent in the average number of pigs saved per litter.

### Wheat Today

CHICAGO, June 12 (AP)—Bears had the whip hand in wheat from start to finish, prices falling to rally after a collapse to fresh bottom levels today.

Export trade in North American wheat continued to dwindle, with the total for the week curtailed more than 1,500,000 bushels compared with the week previous. Cooler weather in the northwest likely to hinder black rust was predicted.

Wheat closed unaltered 1/4 @ 1 1/4 on yesterday's finish, corn 1/4 off to 1 1/4 up, oats 1/4 @ 1/2 up, and provisions unchanged to 12c decline.

### SENATE WILL GET MEASURE VERY SOON

Controversial Provision on Individual Loans Only Major Change.

### FEDERAL RESERVE APPROVAL LISTED

In the Meantime the House is Making Preparations to Draft a Similar Measure.

WASHINGTON, July 12 (AP)—A \$210,000,000 relief bill, drafted in accordance with President Hoover's recommendations was approved this afternoon by the house ways and means committee and Representative Rainey, the Democratic leader, said it would be brought before the house tomorrow for action.

WASHINGTON, July 12 (AP)—The new Wagner unemployment relief bill was approved today by the senate banking committee and prepared for consideration in the senate later.

In the house, meanwhile, preparations went ahead also for drafting a measure along lines wanted by the administration.

The senate committee made virtually no change in the bill which was introduced in the senate late yesterday by Senator Wagner (D., N. Y.) to replace the \$212,000,000 bill voted by President Hoover.

It voted an amendment, however, to reorganize the reconstruction finance corporation in accordance with the president's recommendations in a special message to congress yesterday, increasing the membership of the board by one.

Another amendment was voted by the committee to prevent loans by the corporation to financial institutions, the officers of which have been members of the corporations board within a year.

Included in the new bill approved by the committee is authorization for loans to individuals through federal reserve banks when the federal reserve board approves.

The committee retained in the bill the same restrictions on the \$322,000,000 public works program that were in the old bill. President Hoover in his veto message said they were not adequate.

The amendment for reorganizing the corporation would eliminate as members Eugene Meyer, governor of the federal reserve board, and Paul Bestor, farm loan commissioner as members of the board.

Unanimous approval as it now

### FLARE-UP OF MINE TROUBLE FATAL TO ONE

ATHENS, Ohio, July 12 (AP)—A man was killed and two railroad bridges damaged as the result of fresh flare-ups of mine strike trouble at Chauncey, Athens county, last night and early today.

The dead man, Ray Freeman, 18, of Buchtel, was shot through the chest and was believed to have fallen during exchange of shots between Ohio national guardsmen and unknown persons who fired on the soldiers camp shortly after midnight.

The Kanawha and Michigan railroad bridge at Albany was fired but the blast was extinguished before serious damage resulted.

A terrific explosion early today, which officials said was caused by dynamite, shook the Chesapeake and Ohio main line bridge at Chauncey, badly damaging the central portion of the structure.

## Continue Hoax Investigation

### "Back to the Land Movement" Is Reported in Pacific Northwest

SPOKANE, Wash., July 12 (AP)—The records of the sales of farm lands by the federal land bank of Spokane give evidence of a wide-spread "back to the land movement." More farms were sold throughout Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana, last month than in any other June of the bank's history.

E. M. Ehrhardt, president of the bank, said, "Last June saw a sale of \$170,377 worth of land held by the bank in this district. The nearest approach to this figure came in the June of 1927, when it was \$146,161."

"April of this year was the biggest April the farm sales department of the bank has ever had, \$263,622 worth of land being sold, an amount sur-

passed in only three months since 1925, as far as the records go."

The bank has had most of its success in disposing of lands in Ferry, Stevens and Okanogan counties, where 21 farms have been sold so far this year, and in the section in the vicinity of Vancouver, where there were also 21 sales.

Mr. Ehrhardt and other officials of the bank look forward to record sales this year as the total of \$1,087,130 for the first six months is not far behind that of \$1,300,000 for the whole of 1931. The 1930 total was \$1,700,000, 1929 had \$2,008,900 and 1928 \$2,093,000. The expectation is that the \$2,000,000 mark will be easily passed this year.

### Officers Learn Name of One of Three in Plot

PORTLAND, July 12 (AP)—One of the three men involved in the reputed school consolidation petition hoax, is known to police.

This report was confirmed by the district attorney here today after extensive questioning of Robert Tallman, night watchman at the office of consolidation headquarters, who confessed Sunday that