

PALLBEARER HELD AS AX MURDERER

Oscar Main in Jail for Fred Swayne's Death.

SUSPECT JUDGE'S BROTHER

Accused Man One of Victim's Best Friends.

EVIDENCE CIRCUMSTANTIAL

Lewis County Attorney Says Prisoner Was Attentive to Mrs. Swayne and Had Been Seen Near Crime.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Jan. 12.—(Special.)—A startling sensation developed last night in the Fred Swayne murder case at Napavine when Sheriff Berry arrested Oscar B. Main, a prominent real estate dealer of Napavine and most intimate friend of Swayne, in connection with the crime. News of the arrest was given out this morning.

Main is a graduate of the University of Washington and his brother, John F. Main, is Supreme Court Judge of the state of Washington.

Main Pallbearer at Funeral.

Main was a pallbearer at the funeral of Mr. Swayne, which was held in Chehalis Tuesday under auspices of the Masonic Lodge. Both men were members of the order. The families of the two men were on most intimate terms. Main protests his innocence of the crime.

Possible Motive Seen.

County Attorney Herman Allen said tonight that there is strong evidence linking Main with the murder. Evidence will be produced, said Mr. Allen, that Main had been attentive to Mrs. Swayne and this is supposed to be the motive for the crime.

Further, said Mr. Allen, Main had been seen in the neighborhood of the Swayne store just at about the time of the crime, although there is no evidence as yet at hand of any person who saw him enter the place. It is in this fact that the state will make its chief prosecution, inasmuch as Mr. Allen declares that when arrested Main denied that he had been anywhere near the scene of the crime. A further point which will be made by the state, according to Mr. Allen, is that Mr. Main appeared to be extremely nervous at the funeral, at which he was one of the pallbearers.

Suspect Real Estate Dealer.

Main has been in the real estate and insurance business at Napavine for three years, being local agent for the David P. Eastman Company, of Seattle. The company has been engaged in locating settlers on logging-off lands in the vicinity of Napavine. He has a wife and two children, a boy of about 3 and a girl of 1.

Wife Becomes Suspicious.

The murder of Swayne was one of the most brutal ever recorded in Lewis County. He was in his grocery store Sunday afternoon, and was last seen alive by his wife and little daughter at about 4 o'clock, when they passed the scene of the crime on their way home after visiting with a neighbor.

When Mr. Swayne failed to reach his home at 8 o'clock, his wife called him by telephone, but received no response. After waiting until about 9 o'clock, Mrs. Swayne engaged Bob Meyers, a 16-year-old neighbor boy who drives the store auto delivery, to go to the store in quest of Mr. Swayne. Bob Evans, another 14-year-old boy, accompanied Meyers.

Body Found by Youths.

When they entered the store they found Swayne in the rear room with his head beaten to a pulp. The first blow apparently was made with the blunt side of a hatchet on the back of his head and he was knocked to the floor. His head was then beaten to a pulp. His money, safe and other valuables were not molested, dispelling the theory that robbery was the motive for the crime.

Sheriff Berry visited the scene that night and has been working on the case all the week. From a slight suspicion directed against Main, the Sheriff claims to have assembled evidence sufficient to warrant County Attorney Allen filing a formal information.

Main was at his home when arrested by Sheriff Berry. He offered no resistance.

Frank Swayne, Western Union telegraph operator of Portland, brother of the murdered Napavine merchant, expressed surprise last night when told that Main had been arrested on a charge of killing Fred Swayne.

"I did not know Mr. Main," said Mr. Swayne, "and if I saw him at the"

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ENTENTE'S HOPES AT END, SAYS BERLIN

SENDING OF 80,000,000 BUSHELS OF WHEAT IS TEXT.

Semi-Official German Organ Makes Assertion United States Will Not Appear on Battlefield.

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 12.—The semi-official Nord Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung of Berlin, publishes a report from Washington that the United States is sending 80,000,000 bushels of wheat to Europe and adds:

"This is a heavy blow to the entente cause. Shorn of rhetorical flourishes, it means that America has decided not to appear on the European battlefield for an indefinite time. What moved President Wilson to this change of front, which is the most important development in American war policy?"

The newspaper attributes it partly to the achievements of the German submarines, partly to internal causes and especially to growing pacifism and friction with Japan. It continues: "The last hope of the entente has gone. It will inevitably cause deep depression in France, whose bread ration may be increased slightly, but for whose war-weary troops there is now no hope of relief."

MALHEUR PLEA IS DENIED

Secretary Lane Opposed to Helping New Projects at Present.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 12.—Secretary Lane Saturday told Senators Chamberlain and McNary and Representative Sinnott that he could not recommend the adoption of the Malheur irrigation project, and he does not believe in taking up any new projects until existing projects are completed, especially as war demands have increased the cost of irrigation construction for the present.

The delegation then asked the Secretary if he would recommend a direct appropriation by Congress to build the Malheur project. He replied that he would consider the proposition if the state would make its contribution. It is expected he will report adversely.

IRATE HUSBAND IS SUICIDE

H. Rankin, of Boise, Kills Himself After Attacking His Wife.

BOISE, Idaho, Jan. 12.—Howard Rankin, only heir of a prosperous Boise contractor, who died several years ago, inflicted a deep scalp wound in the back of his wife's head, and presumably fatally wounded himself, on one of the principal business streets of the city at 6:15 tonight. He died at a hospital an hour later.

Rankin and his wife had been separated for some time. He had been arrested several times for falling to support his two children. Recently his wife sued for divorce. Rankin gave no reason for the deed, simply accusing his wife as she came from work at a nearby restaurant, with the words: "I am going to end all."

RED CROSS PULLMAN READY

Car Is Equipped to Carry Medical Aid to Army Camps on Coast.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 12.—(Special.)—A Red Cross Pullman car has been equipped at a cost of \$21,000 and is now at the Richmond Terminal yards subject to call. The announced purpose is to convey medical and other aid to any camp on the coast where conditions may spring up. The car is manned mostly by volunteer experts. Several university instructors have tendered their services without pay.

This particular car has been named "Metchnikoff" and similar cars are to be named after other scientists of distinction. Dr. Frederick Gray and Dr. Wilfred H. Kollogg, both of Berkeley, will alternate in directing the corps of workers aboard the "Metchnikoff."

REPATRIATION IS DEBATED

Russo-German Commission Now in Session at Odessa.

ODESSA, Russia, Jan. 12.—The Russo-German commission which has come here to discuss questions concerning the Black Sea has arranged a meeting for consideration of conditions under which interned civilians may be repatriated.

The commission consists of 18 delegates under the presidency of a German Admiral. The chief Russian delegate is a sailor from the Black Sea fleet.

PAROLED CONVICT HELD

Joe Schuerin, ex-Oregon State Prisoner, Armed When Arrested.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 12.—(Special.)—Armed with a large revolver and carrying his parole papers from the Oregon State Prison in his pocket, along with a cloth mask, Joe Schuerin was arrested early this morning while loitering in the vicinity of the Fairmont Hotel. The arrest was made by a special policeman.

He was booked at the City Jail on a charge of carrying concealed weapons.

FRANCE TAKES TELEGRAPH

War Department Will Operate Entire Postal and Wire Service.

PARIS, Jan. 12.—The Minister of War has made known his intention to place all the postal and telegraph service under the war department, militarizing the entire service.

INDIANAPOLIS WAR PLANT DESTROYED

Million-Dollar Fire Razes City Block.

INDUSTRIAL BUILDING LOSS

Big Brick Structure Housed 30 Establishments.

FIRE THOUGHT INCENDIARY

Six Dwelling-Houses, Church, Grocery and Saloon Burn—Falling Walls Endanger Firemen.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 12.—(Special.)—Indianapolis suffered its fourth \$1,000,000 fire in the last 30 days, tonight, when flames broke out in the industrial building, Tenth street and the Canal, and destroyed more than a city block. The big brick structure, occupying the block from Tenth to Eleventh streets and from Fayette street to the Canal, housed about 30 manufacturing establishments, a majority of which were making machines and supplies which are being used in the United States Government in the war work.

Fire Chief Loucks declared it was his belief that the fire was of incendiary origin.

Despite the fact that six dwelling houses, a church, grocery and saloon were burned, no loss of life was reported. Falling walls placed the firemen in great danger and hindered them in their work by cutting line after line of hose, which was playing water on the flames.

The fire was one of the most spectacular in the city's history, a high wind from the southwest sending showers of sparks throughout the neighborhood and setting fire to adjoining dwellings.

Thousands of spectators stood on the Canal, which was frozen solid, and watched the work of the firemen, despite the low temperature.

Water supply efficient. The cold did not affect the play of many streams of water on the building, as the water mains were in good working order.

Immediately on the arrival of the fire department great hoses were cut in the ice over the canal and engines started to augment the water supply. The fire was first seen in the center court of the industrial building, which was about 400 feet long. It broke out at almost the same instant in a small manufacturing plant at the southwest corner of the building, which was leveled to the ground within less than two hours.

The flames spread so rapidly that it was impossible to save the contents of the factories in the industrial building.

\$400,000 Worth of Autos Burn.

It was estimated tonight that fully \$400,000 worth of new automobiles (Concluded on Page 4, Column 4.)

PLENTY OF LABOR IS NOW AVAILABLE

FEDERAL BOARD READY TO SUPPLY SHIPYARDS.

4000 Workers Placed in Seattle; Surplus Instead of Shortage Reported in Portland.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 12.—The Federal Employment Service, recently created by the Department of Labor, has announced that it is ready to supply shipyard workers as fast as required in Pacific Coast yards, and in the past three days has placed 4000 men in yards at Seattle.

At Portland, the bureau reports, the demand for workers has been excessive. Last month, says the bureau, it advised calls for shipbuilders were sounded through the Portland district. The U. S. Employment Service office at Portland sent this summary of the real situation from one of the Portland shipbuilding companies to the Department of Labor:

"No men needed. We are turning away 50 to 150 men a day, and from our experience we judge that if the influx of workmen to this city is not stopped, soup kitchens will be necessary this winter."

The bureau thinks the soup-kitchen talk is exaggerated, but believes that in Portland, as on the Atlantic Coast, advertisements and calls for shipbuilders have exceeded the needs of the yards, and caution is given against calling men for whom there is no immediate employment and housing.

ST. LOUIS TROOPS ARRIVE

Soldiers Declare Pacific Coast Weather Is Taste of Paradise.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 12.—(Special.)—A considerable number of troops have arrived from Jefferson Barracks, 13 miles from St. Louis Mo. They were six days on the road and were tired when they arrived, but they do like the West.

"When we left St. Louis it was 15 below zero and a fellow would nearly freeze to death. But here the flowers are in bloom, it is raining fine and balmy, like Spring. I would like to live here all the time," said one soldier.

"Conditions are so much better here that we fellows think this is heaven compared to what we have been in."

INDIANS SEEK EXEMPTION

Oregon Reds Object to Crossing Ocean to Fight Huns.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 12.—Senator McNary has forwarded to the Provost Marshal-General a petition of 75 Warm Springs Indians asking that they be exempted from the military draft.

The Indians claim that as wards of the Government they should not be forced to fight and particularly object to being sent across the ocean to fight the Huns.

WARNING GIVEN STOCKMEN

Bonus Payments May Cause Revocation of Permits.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—Holders of permits for grazing livestock on the National forests were notified today by the Secretary of Agriculture that the payment of any bonus or allowance for water of the grazing privilege in connection with the sale of livestock or ranch properties will be cause for revocation of the permit.

Three Wait for Machinery.

Three vessels now are tied up in the river at these two plants, awaiting the installation of machinery and equipment. (Concluded on Page 4, Column 4.)

DOUBLE LAUNCHING SUNDAY SPECTACLE

Two Steel Vessels Add 17,600 Tons.

NO MISHAPS TO MAR EVENT

War Archer Takes to Water at 10:30 in Morning.

SANTIAM PLUNGES AT 2 P. M.

Day's Performance Indicates Portland Now is Turning Out Ships Speedily—Immense Crowds on Vantage Points View Scenes.

For the first time in history, Portland yesterday witnessed the spectacle of the perfect launching of two steel vessels in a single day, each of 3500 tons. The War Archer slid down the ways at 10:30 o'clock A. M. from the plant of the Northwest Steel Company and took the water as gracefully as a swan, followed by the Santiam at the Columbia River Shipbuilding Corporation's plant at 2 in the afternoon.

It was an event of significance, signifying as it does the fact that Portland has begun to turn out ships speedily, while the perfect launching of the two big vessels was an event of which the builders may well be proud.

On time to the dot, both launchings were witnessed by large crowds, especially that of the afternoon, when thousands gathered at the yards and every point of vantage along the river. Hundreds of automobiles were parked on the East Side on the heights overlooking the great line of shipbuilding plants, where there was a fine view.

Mrs. Bowles Christens Ship.

Promptly at 10:30 o'clock Mrs. Joseph R. Bowles, wife of the president of the Northwest Steel Company, broke a bottle over the bow of the War Archer, the big steel hull was loosed and, to the tolling of whistles of river craft and the cheering of crowds, slid gracefully down the ways, coming to a stop in midstream, then swinging with the current and finally fetching up alongside the company's plant, just to the north of the War Sirdar, recently launched.

Standing guard were river steamers and tugs and the patrol launches Scott and Eldor, of the Federal and Municipal services, respectively; but there was nothing to mar the success of the first launching of the day and they hastened away.

At 2 o'clock sharp, in the yards adjoining, the second steel ship was launched with the same perfect run. Mrs. James McKinlay, wife of the general manager of the Columbia River Shipbuilding Corporation, being the sponsor in this instance. Practically identical with the other vessel's taking to the water was that of the Santiam, and about the only distinction was that of the larger multitude that saw her slide down into the Willamette.

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MEXICAN MISSION MUCH DISTRUSTED

ARGENTINA SUSPECTS SOME PRO-GERMAN PURPOSE.

Members Said to Have Been Arrested at Bahia, Brazil, and Not Allowed to Land at Other Ports.

BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 12.—That the Mexican delegation, which has just come to Argentina ostensibly to attend the proposed congress of neutral Latin-American countries, must have a secret mission, unknown even to the Argentine government, is intimated by the Foreign Office.

Passengers on the ship bringing the delegation say the members were arrested at Bahia, Brazil, and not allowed to land at other Brazilian ports on the grounds that the mission was more German than Mexican.

The delegation consists largely of military men, aviators and newspaper correspondents, several of whom openly are pro-German. The proposed congress has been postponed, and it is said that ample notice of that postponement was given the Mexicans of this action before their departure from their own country.

Inasmuch as the invitation was withdrawn when the neutral congress was postponed, it is said the Mexicans probably would not be treated as guests of the government.

MEXICANS SAIL FOR JAPAN

Purchase of Arms for General Carranza One Purpose of Trip.

A PACIFIC PORT, Jan. 13.—A mission said to have been appointed by General Carranza to go to Japan to purchase arms and munitions for Mexico, conclude a loan and to negotiate a treaty between the two nations, sailed from here today.

The mission is headed by General Benjamin Bouché, ex-chief of staff of the Mexican army, and Juan T. Burns, formerly Mexican Consul-General in New York.

Burns is said to be under a \$10,000 bond to the United States in connection with the alleged violation of an embargo on the shipment of arms into Mexico.

GERMAN HANGS HIMSELF

Teuton's Body Is Found Swinging From Tree Near Yuma.

YUMA, Ariz., Jan. 12.—The body of a man believed to be August Matt, a German, was found by ranchers Saturday hanging from a tree near Gadaden, 15 miles from here today.

A bank deposit slip showing a deposit of \$9437 in a Wallace, Idaho, bank and \$1455 in money was found on him.

CHOATE'S ESTATE FILED

Former Ambassador to Great Britain Leaves \$4,629,879.

NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—An appraiser's report regarding the estate of Joseph H. Choate, ex-Ambassador to Great Britain and a leader of the American Bar, places the net assets at \$4,629,879. Nearly 40 relatives, friends and employees, together with several institutions are beneficiaries.

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Drive on Snowdrifts Is On in Earnest.

EVERYBODY JOINS IN WORK

Millionaires and Hoboes Wield Shovels Together.

PEOPLE FEARFUL OF FIRE

Worst Storm in City's History Puts Up to All Propriety of Digging Out or Starving—Schools Are Closed—Fuel Supply Short.

CHICAGO, Jan. 12.—(Special.)—The European trenches again give Chicago nothing in the digging line. While the troops over there are experts at digging in, Chicago started today to dig itself out, and it dug for its very life. The first objective was to get a runway through the snowbanks to the streets and walks, and then to clear the snow from water pipes, so that the department could operate in the event of a big fire.

The city got down to actual business beginning at daylight, and kept it up until dark. Citizens' committees, neighborhood clubs, schools, churches, city officials, firemen, police, railroad gangs and thousands of women and children were in the ranks. These people gave their labor freely, but the inhabitants of the flops and municipal boarding and rooming-houses, the bums and hobos who are fed and housed the year around by the city demanded and received \$1.50 an hour for their indiffernt efforts.

Thousands Attack Drifts. It was an inspiring spectacle. The larger part of two and a half million people attacked the snowdrifts in a systematic manner. The squads were led by able captains who directed the work so as to get the best results and clear the most important spots first.

Church congregations were dismissed and sent out, headed by their pastors. Fashionable women exchanged their costly clothing for overalls and jumpers and rubber boots and tackled the snowdrifts alongside of women from the ghetto, who were garbed in shawls and had wrapped their legs and feet in gunny sacks.

Millionaires and captains of industry whose names are known Nationally and internationally labored with the gashouse gangs and drank coffee from common cups and were glad to get it. Women quickly organized squads whose duty it was to provide coffee and sandwiches and the servers passed up and down the lines of shovelers constantly, bearing great pots of coffee for the workers.

City Fearful of Fire. Ever since the first great snow, a week ago today, the city has been in dread of a fire. Desperate efforts were made all last week to get the water plugs and the streets leading to them free of snow. Then came the second storm, practically nullifying all the work that had been done, but remarkable progress was made today.

This put squarely up to everybody the proposition of digging out or starving out and going cold, or at least carrying their own provisions. Meetings were held last night at various churches and community centers, plans laid, shovels distributed, and today the great drive began.

Schools have been dismissed for a week for the pupils cannot get to them readily and the coal supply is short and in some cases utterly exhausted. Tomorrow morning 50,000 male students, ranging from 15 to 20 years of age, will be employed in digging snow.

Health Department Anxious. The health department is looking over the great snowdrifts to the deadly menace that will follow a thaw. A quick thaw would release so much water from the mountains of snow that the sewers could not carry it off, with the result that basements and cesspools would be flooded. Unless the drains are cleared the city faces the peril of an epidemic of typhoid and kindred diseases. For this reason the digging will continue even after the streets and walks are all reopened.

Chicago has 5000 miles of streets and alleys which are filled to an average depth of a foot and a half of snow tightly packed down, so it can be seen what a task the diggers are facing. The city covers an immense area, and this gives an idea of the amount of water that will be released when the thaw comes.

Railroads entering Chicago tonight operated their first outgoing trains since yesterday afternoon. No schedules were adhered to, but practically every road managed to send out at least one train. Reports from outlying territory indicated that a majority of the scores of trains stalled in the snowdrifts yesterday gradually were proceeding toward their destinations and that by tomorrow, with the present clear weather prevailing, all lines would be open.

The Chicago, Burlington & Quincy closed all local freight yards so as to

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ANOTHER CAMPAIGN ON FOR THE GOOD OF THE CAUSE—HELP IT ALONG.

