

GOVERNOR RUSSELL FACES HIS ACCUSER

Stenographer's Charges Denied by Executive.

LAISON BRANDED FALSE

Young Woman, on Witness Stand, in Tears While She Relates Details of Her Romance.

OXFORD, Miss., Dec. 6.—(By the Associated Press.)—Gov. M. Russell, governor of Mississippi, today denied in federal court here allegations of wrongs made by Miss Frances Birkhead, stenographer, basis of a suit for \$100,000 damages against Mr. Russell now on trial.

WOMAN WHO SLEW HER MOONSHINER CONSORT, AND OTHER FIGURES IN CASE



Left to right—J. A. Nichols, husband of prisoner, Mrs. Nichols, the slayer; W. P. Myers, her attorney, and Sheriff S. E. Roberts of Deschutes county.

SLAYER IS AT KLAMATH

MRS. NICHOLS PLACED IN HANDS OF MATRON

Woman Believes Shooting of Distiller Will Be Found Justified; Snow Drifts Battled.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—With the grand jury already in session the law should move quickly in the case of Mrs. Mabel Nichols, who, according to her confession to Sheriff Robins of Bend, fired the shot that killed Robert Greer, with whom she had been living at the lonely Summit stage station in the northern end of Klamath county.

Whether Mrs. Nichols told the Deschutes sheriff all of the story of the homicide is a question. She was anxious to talk to Sheriff Low of this county about the killing, but under advice of her attorney, W. P. Myers of Bend, is maintaining silence.

"I can't break my promise to the lawyer," she told Sheriff Low, "but I think I would feel better if I could unburden my mind."

The sheriff, his prisoner, Coroner Whitlock and Dr. Stewart, the autopsy surgeon, arrived here at 3 o'clock this morning after a hard night's trip from Crescent. Much of the way they bucked snow 13 inches deep. Mrs. Nichols was lodged temporarily at a local hotel, but removed today to the county infirmary with a matron in charge. Klamath county has no jail accommodations for women prisoners.

The accused woman is 23 years old, rather short and plump, with black hair, which she wears bobbed. She stood the official inquisition and the hard trip from Crescent well. She thinks she will be able to justify the killing of Greer in the eyes of the law and she wants to return to her husband and child at Ellensburg, Wash.

SLAIN MOONSHINER BURIED

Barely Handful of Persons Attend Funeral of Robert Greer.

BEND, Or., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—Barely a handful of persons attended the funeral services here today for Robert Greer, moonshiner, shot to death at the Summit stage station by Mrs. L. A. Nichols last Saturday. Simplicity characterized the service, which was conducted at the Newwenger mortuary by Rev. F. E. Sibley, pastor of the First Methodist church of Bend. Burial was in Elm Butte cemetery, with the possibility, according to a brother, J. M. Greer of Othello, Wash., that the body later might be moved to Washington.

Greer was born in Newark, Ohio, in 1874. Surviving relatives, in addition to the brother who was here from Othello, are a sister, Mrs. J. W. Smiley of Disbury, Alberta; a half-sister, Mrs. E. C. Gallup of Rhonerville, Cal., and the widow and six children, residing in Ellensburg.

Officers attending the inquest at Crescent, where Mrs. Nichols was found to have shot Greer to death with criminal intent, reported several minor burns around the wound in the temple, showing that Mrs. Nichols had fired at very close range. They had learned from her that Greer had taunted her with cowardice, declaring that she did not have nerve enough to fire when she leveled his pistol at him a moment before the fatal shot.

GOLD DREDGES SUSPEND

Operations at Sumpter Halted by Power Shortage.

BAKER, Or., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—The two large gold dredges at Sumpter, executive committee. The next meeting of the legion is scheduled for December 15.

BRACELET WATCHES MARKED DOWN

Diamond set Bracelet Watches, which make princely Christmas gifts, can be bought for about a third less at the F. Friedlander sale of Diamonds. The window show at 310 Washington street is a sight to see. Nearly a hundred thousand dollars' worth of Diamonds are on sale at a fourth to a half below former prices.

WASHOUGAL HOLDS ELECTION

WASHOUGAL, Wash., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—In the annual city election here yesterday G. Y. Moody, W. T. Pike and E. P. Cane were elected councilmen for two-year terms and Glen Smith for one year. T. S. Keep was elected treasurer without opposition. Much interest was shown in the election and despite the stormy weather 160 votes were cast.

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CHINESE OUTLAWS DEFY AUTHORITIES

Surrender of Tsingtsao December 10 Demanded.

UGLY THREATS ARE MADE

Head of Chamber of Commerce Mission Kidnaped and Held for \$500,000 Ransom.

PEKIN, Dec. 6.—(By the Associated Press.)—The situation in Tsingtsao, caused by the operations of the bandits with whom Shantung province is infested, is described in an official dispatch received last night as exceedingly critical. The Chinese officials conferred with the outlaw leaders in an effort to conciliate them. The bandits rejected the advances and kidnaped the chairman of the chamber of commerce, demanding \$500,000 ransom for him.

Later the outlaw leaders delivered an ultimatum that unless Tsingtsao was handed over on December 10, the date set for the Japanese evacuation, they would kidnap all responsible Chinese officials and burn or pillage the shops.

HONAN MISSION ATTACKED

One Chinese Killed, Others Are Robbed; No Foreigners Harmed.

CHENG CHOW, Honan Province, Dec. 4.—(Delayed.)—Bishop White of the Canadian Episcopal church informs the Tribune that his mission at Kweichow was attacked a few days ago by bandits. One Chinese was killed and others were robbed, but no foreigners were harmed.

Peng Yip Ssang had the situation in hand here until he was transferred to Peking, when flame, murder and pillage began sweeping Honan province.

Bishop White says that both General Peng and General Wu Pei-fu have proof that the outlaw leaders have relations with General Chang Tso Lin, the Manchurian war lord. Chao Chien, former commander of the troops in western Honan, is suspected of heading the bandits. Efforts to find him have not succeeded and his brother, Chao Ti, former governor of the province, likewise has disappeared.

Bosch Magneto Probe Begun

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—Inquiry was

begun before a federal grand jury today into the circumstances of the sale of the Bosch Magneto company by the office of the alien property custodian. The inquiry is being directed by Herman J. Gallows, a special assistant attorney-general, who arrived today from Washington, and United States Attorney Hayward.

lost the stolid composure that she had maintained since being taken into custody and broke down and wept. She kissed the dead man's forehead several times.

Afterwards she was questioned by a police detective, but it was announced that the questioning had no result. Mrs. Baratti insists that her husband killed himself.

MAIL AGREEMENT MADE

United States and Canada Close Postal Conference.

OTTAWA, Dec. 6.—A new postal agreement between Canada and the United States will be prepared by Canadian postoffice officials, it was announced Tuesday at the close of the first international postal conference between officials of the two countries.

The new covenant, which will supersede that of 1883 and will embody the decisions of the conference just closed, will be forwarded to Washington for approval. It is planned to make the new agreement effective next January 1.

Officials agreed in the closing session that each country should grant to the other free transit across its territory by all trains used for its own mails of the closed post made up by any authorized exchange office of either country addressed to any other exchange of the same country.

MRS. BARATTI AGITATED

View of Husband's Body Causes Murder Suspect to Weep.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 6.—Mrs. Grace Cheney Baratti, ex-aristocrat, who is being held by the police in connection with the shooting and killing of her husband, Harry F. Baratti, song writer and professional pianist, was taken to the morgue today to view Baratti's body.

Upon seeing the body the woman

Who's your Stoker? At present gas rates, bills for 5 homes heated by 8-Section GASCO Furnaces would run for the entire past season: \$118.06 for 1005 E. Wash'n St. \$110.53 for 581 Wash'n St. \$118.58 for 387 E. 43d St. \$105.79 for home at Rockspur \$124.61 for 1198 East Davis

DATA ON MERGER ASKED

SENATE ASKS WALLACE AS TO PACKERS' CASE.

La Follette Declares He Will Offer Bill Restoring Powers to Federal Trade Commission.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 6.—The senate today adopted the resolution of Senator La Follette, republican, Wisconsin, calling upon the secretary of agriculture for full information regarding the proposed Armour and Morris packing merger.

Adoption of the resolution followed an attack on the proposed merger by Senator La Follette, who declared in a speech that the packers and stockyards act had deprived the federal trade commission, acting on its own initiative, of power to prevent the merger.

Within 48 hours Senator La Follette said he would introduce a bill to restore to the federal trade commission its former power to investigate conditions in the packing industry.

Neither the president nor Secretary Wallace of the department of agriculture, Senator La Follette declared, has "any authority or right to give the approval requested by J. Ogden Armour for his purchase of the Morris interests."

Post Elects Dr. Hempstead

OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—Dr. W. E. Hempstead last night was elected commander of the local post of the American Legion; William R. Logus was named vice-commander; J. C. Spangle, adjutant; Gus Vasselieu, treasurer; C. B. Richards, sergeant-at-arms; Simon McDonald, chaplain; Art Beale, J. W. Leonard, L. A. Henderson, S. A. Meade and Willard

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