

SUSPECT JAILED FOR MOB MURDER

More Masked Raiders' Arrests Expected.

PRISON GUARDED BY TROOPS

Machine Guns Set Up to Protect Bastille.

RESCUE TRY IS FEARED

Examination Made of Bodies of Two Victims, but Findings Are Not Made Known.

THE DAY'S DEVELOPMENTS IN MOREHOUSE KIDNAPING CASE.

Fear of an outbreak among residents of Mer Rouge caused Governor Parker to rescind previous orders for state troops to move to Bastrop.

First arrest on murder charge in connection with kidnaping case was made when ex-deputy sheriff is jailed.

Attorney-General Cocco promises other arrests will follow.

Open hearings set for January 5 at Bastrop.

Two companies of state national guard reach Bastrop and establish camp on court-house and jail grounds.

Machine guns planted on Bastrop jail.

Bodies of two men turned over to relatives. Officials satisfied with identification of bodies as missing men.

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2500 BOYS AND GIRLS COMPETE IN ESSAYS

FIRST PRIZE GIVEN TO CLE ELUM GIRL, AGED 8.

Work of Mary Zeek Is Picked as Best Submitted From Washington District.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., Dec. 23.—Twenty-five hundred girls and boys in the fourth congressional district of Washington competed in an essay contest conducted by Representative John W. Summers, which has been closed with the announcement of the three winners and the award of prizes.

"Why every boy and girl should grow a garden" was the theme on which the competing essays were written and the first, second and third prizes—\$5, \$3 and \$2—were awarded in the order mentioned to Mary Zeek, 8, Cle Elum; Myrtle Klemsler, 14, Sunnyside, and Russell Faulkner, 12, Bickleton.

Besides giving prizes to the three leaders in the contest, the judges, called in by Representative Summers, held that 490 additional contestants who failed to win cash prizes were entitled to honorable mention as follows:

Marie Linder, Prosser; Golda Scott, Selah; Irene Cherry, Wallula; Opal Hull, Pomeroy; Louise B. Brown, Sunnyside; Doris Crawford, Kenwick; Ruth Lowe, Selah; Elmer Driscoll, Yakima; Lillian Lowden, Walla Walla; Helen Owen, Naches; Marian Fisher, Walla Walla; Dorothy Lee Pullen, Walla Walla; D. Poylitz, Schobly; Ellensburg; Clifford Wright, Walla Walla; Morton Tompkins, Walla Walla; Dorothy Atwood, Prosser; Cecil Holt, Sunnyside; Dorothy Mohr, Kenwick; Dorothy Lise, Yakima; Kathryn Harmon, Wallula; Bonnie Brown, Kenwick; Lester Knop, Yakima; Edna Brown, Colfax; Blanche Petrak, Quincy; Loda Yeager, Wilson creek; Ella Lettewitz, Atlatia; Blanche Hale, Toppenish; Nora Creamer, Yakima; Leonard Thomas, Sunnyside; Paul Yeager, Wilson Creek; Maurice E. Powers, Sunnyside; Frances Nagle, Sunnyside; Doris Jacoby, Prosser; Ella Miller, Pomeroy; Laura Matheson, Sunnyside; Lois Arnold, Naches; Vera Lambert, Cle Elum; Thomas Anderson, Ellensburg; Sarah Stetler, Lindy; Alfreda Crumpacker, Pomeroy.

The contest was open to all of the school children of the fourth district which embraces 12 counties in southeastern Washington. Every child entered in the contest will receive from Representative Summers a packet of seeds for garden needs for next year's planting.

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HAYS STANDS PAT IN ARBUCKLE CASE

Movie Chief Moved by Public's Protest.

Position Taken That If 'Fatty' Can Make Good, Film Czar Will Not Interfere.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 23.—Flat refusal to reconsider his decision granting Roscoe Arbuckle a chance to return to the films was contained in a message today from Will H. Hays, chief of the moving picture industry, to the session of the Westlake Presbyterian church and various Los Angeles pastors who have protested against any further screening of Arbuckle comedies.

Mr. Hays' message to the churchmen, which closes with "kindest personal regards and best wishes for a happy Christmas for you all," was as follows:

"Everything which I said last Sunday night is reiterated and emphasized. At that time I declared, and do now assert and have always and shall always insist: 'Any evil which is in motion pictures can be removed, and all the good retained, at the place where the pictures are made, at the time they are made, by the men who make them, and no alibi is possible.'

"The purposes of our association are: 'Establishing and maintaining the highest possible artistic and moral standards of motion picture production, and developing the educational value and the general usefulness of motion pictures.'

"About nine months ago I suggested to those who owned the Arbuckle pictures that they do not release them, but rather that they should give such consideration to the matter as the conditions warranted. This they did and it resulted both in the holding up of the pictures already made and the elimination of Arbuckle from work in his profession.

"I was sure then that the suggestion I made to them was right, and that their action was right, and the only doubt otherwise at that time was whether or not we might be doing an injustice to the individual Arbuckle. I was sure, however, that we were not, and that the action was best for the whole situation for him.

"Arbuckle's Conduct Good.

"This has proved correct and from all sources has come the word that his conduct in the last nine months has evidenced an honest and successful effort to do right. This fact was one of the elements, of course, in causing me to make the statement I did, of which I again ask your careful consideration:

"Every man in the right way and at the proper time is entitled to his chance to make good. It is apparent that Roscoe Arbuckle's conduct since his trouble merits that chance. So far as I am concerned there will be no suggestion now that he should not have his opportunity to go to work in his profession. In our effort to develop a complete co-operation and confidence within the industry, I hope we can start the new year with no yesterday. 'Live and let live' is not enough; we will try to live and help live.

"This is no reinstatement of Arbuckle nor any attempt to reinstate (Concluded on Page 3, Column 2.)

ASTORIA CHILDREN VISITED BY SANTA

THREE CHRISTMAS TREE CELEBRATIONS HELD.

Gifts Are Distributed by Elks, Who Are Assisted in Work by State Organization.

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—Despite the fact that practically every store and shop in Astoria at which Santa Claus had been accustomed to make his headquarters and his stock of toys and goodies were burned during the recent conflagration, the Astoria children were not forgotten by their patron saint. His visit was made possible by Astoria lodge of Elks and the state association of that organization, which tonight were the hosts to 1000 youngsters, ranging from the little toddlers to children 12 years of age.

Three handsomely decorated and lighted Christmas trees, heavily laden with gifts, were erected in various parts of the city, one at Columbia club hall, one at the high school auditorium and one at South hall and Santa Claus was present at each. The baskets containing the Christmas gifts were prepared by the members of the women's auxiliary of the Portland Elks lodge and arrived here in special car at noon, the railroad company transporting the presents free.

A delegation of visiting Elks leaders by W. P. McConkey, and Monroe Goldstein, president and secretary, respectively, of the state association assisted the local Elks in the entertainments. One of the features of the program was the music by the Portland Elks band of 35 pieces.

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Pacific states—Generally fair in southern California, considerable cloudiness and occasional rains elsewhere; normal temperature.

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POLICE CARRY CHEER TO POOR FAMILIES

CHRISTMAS GIFTS TAKEN OUT IN PATROL AUTO.

"Black Maria," Usually Considered Stern Aid to Hand of Law, Turned to Charity.

Into cheerful service for once in a twelve-month, the city's grim "Black Maria" was pressed yesterday and bluecoats whose supposed aim in life has been to enforce law an order, which is a cool product of the social brain, turned to a more human and heartborn task.

Seventy families in dire need, whom the world had somehow forgotten in the distribution of awards, were to be fed and individually fed as the direct result of weeks of labor on the part of the individual members of the police bureau.

All day yesterday at Second and Oak under the direction of Captain Circle attaches of the bureau, men and women, worked putting up boxes and sacks with real food, chickens, roasts of beef, cabbage, apples, potatoes, sacks of flour and many other staples.

Portland merchants have contributed much of the food used. The rest has come from contributions taken up among the officers, who have been at first hand the distribution that exists in many corners.

The list passed through the central clearing house established by the public welfare bureau to prevent duplication.

Visitors at the station yesterday were impressed by the size of the donations. The municipal courtroom and all its anterooms were packed with materials.

HUSBAND SLAIN IN DUEL

Woman Goes to Jail; Children Face Tragic Christmas.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—Husband and wife fought a revolver duel at their home today.

Mrs. Mary Fillinow went to jail for killing Peter Fillinow, 29, and two children face a tragic Christmas.

These charges, together with a slight change in the original story told by Mrs. Helen Leary, marked yesterday's development in Portland's latest mystery, and also marked the passing of the case from police to legal jurisdiction.

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She had originally declared that she had called at the scow on the afternoon of September 23 and had seen the mysterious girl in the place at the time. In the evening, she said, she had returned to the place to meet Earl Weir, and hearing loud noises, had stopped on the outside and had peered through a knot-hole. Inside the scow, she asserted, she saw Cash Weir in the act of attacking the child. A few moments later, according to her original story, the girl was dead. Earl Weir arrived, a launch was obtained, the body loaded in and taken down the river for disposal. Mrs. Leary said.

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She then fled from the place, she told the detectives yesterday, but on the dock above was stopped by Earl Weir, who forced her to return to the houseboat. After an hour spent in discussion of the proper method of disposing of the body (Concluded on Page 3, Column 2.)

POLICE BAFFLED; WEIR CASE POSER

Murder Mystery Is Put Up to Courts.

Formal Charges Are Filed

Leary Story Believed, but Evidence Lacking.

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Woman Who Said She Witnessed Attack on Girl in Bathhouse Changes Story Slightly.

Formal charges were filed by the police late yesterday afternoon, accusing Cash Weir, aged riverman, of the murder of an unknown 15-year-old girl in his scow at the foot of East Taylor street on September 23, and his son, Earl Weir, river boat captain, with being an accomplice by assisting the father in disposing of the body.

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PEASANTS MYSTIFIED BY LIGHT IN HEAVENS

PHENOMENON BELIEVED NEW STAR OF BETHLEHEM.

Superstitious Ruralites of France Wonder What Significance Attaches to Illumination.

ANGERS, France, Dec. 23.—The superstitious peasants in this district, who are preparing to celebrate Christmas, are mystified by a huge bright light which has appeared in the heavens for the last two days and are asking, "Is this a new star of Bethlehem?"

The light was a varying appearance, now like a luminous star and again like a small crescent of the moon. The official meteorological service is puzzled and thus far have been unable to explain its prolonged presence, though attributing it to a meteor swarm.

The light first was seen Thursday morning, gleaming feebly 18 degrees above the horizon. Friday it was higher up and more pronounced, moving at an angular rapidity of one twenty-fifth of one degree.

The whole countryside watches for its daily reappearance and is wondering what special significance attaches to the light.

HUNTING PARTNER SLAIN

Light on Head of Companion Is Mistaken for Deer's Eyes.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—While hunting deer in the night near the Leneve logging camp, M. Martin saw the spotlight on the head of his companion, Al G. Byers, and mistaking it for the eyes of the deer, nearly tearing his companion's head from his body.

Byers died almost instantly. Both men were held in high regard at the Leveve camp. Mrs. Byers is en route to Ontario for a holiday visit. It was not learned whether arrests were made.

BURSUM BILL DEFERRED

Ceremony to Mark Signing of Pension Measure Tuesday.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 23.—President Harding will delay until Tuesday signing of the Bursum bill, which increases from \$50 to \$75 a month pensions of Mexican and Civil war veterans, and from \$10 to \$50 a month the pensions to their widows.

Nurses who served during either conflict would receive \$50 monthly instead of the present \$30 pension. A ceremony has been arranged to accompany the signing.

SINFUL BADGERS SUFFER

Fines Totalling \$2,000,000 Paid for Dry Law Violations.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 23.—Wisconsin violators of the prohibition laws paid nearly \$2,000,000 in fines in the state and federal courts during 1922.

Clark M. Ferry, acting prohibition director, made this announcement today.

MOVIE STUNT MAN HURT

Attempt to Leap From Airplane to Top of Train Falls.

RIVERSIDE, Cal., Dec. 23.—Jean Perkins, a motion picture "stunt man," tried to leap from an airplane to the top of a train near here today. His grip slipped and he fell. He was taken to a local hospital, where physicians said his hurts were serious.

SMOKES INJURE WOMEN

Films Costumes at Student Ball Ignited by Cigarettes.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 23.—Three young women were suffering from burns today received when the films costumes worn at the Arctic ball given by students of the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts last night ignited from cigarettes carried by young men.

Only one thing lacking. Only one thing was patently lacking for a Christmas such as would have gladdened the heart of mine host at Bracebridge hall, for instance, and that was the spiced quince so intimately linked with the customs of other seasons. Poignant memories were exchanged last night in many a gathering of bygone days.

With Saturday and Sunday just preceding the holiday, there was a sort of double Christmas eve. Last night there were innumerable parties, with the laden tree of course the center of every group, and today and tonight there will be many, many more. Today's affair will be more of the family sort, with homes again filled with children who were away at school or who have established nests of their own back again in honor of Christmas.

Tomorrow is, after all, the big day, with the Christmas dinner holding the center of the stage and with no end of good cheer and friendliness manifest everywhere.

The success of one's own Christmas depends, beyond doubt, upon the amount of happiness one may bestow upon others. This kindly spirit was a manifest yesterday, where it seemed a large part of the population was intent upon errands of generosity.

Huge Donations Made. For instance, there was the dis-

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Public Hearing Ordered. On a petition signed by Attorney-General Cocco, Assistant Attorney-Generals Gulon and Walmaley, District Attorney Garrett and St. Claire Adams, special attorney for the prosecution, Judge Odum of the sixth judicial court ordered a public hearing into the case January 5, 1923. This will be at the Bastrop courthouse under the protection of the state militia.

Bodies of Daniels and Richards were turned over to members of their families today at the direction of Attorney-General Cocco, following the completion of the autopsy. Funeral services of the two men will be held at the same time tomorrow afternoon with interment in the Mer Rouge cemetery, where two graves side by side have been dug. Across the large plate-glass window the improvised morgue was stretched a big United States flag.

Democrat Leader of Wisconsin in Prison Gets Clemency. MADISON, Wis., Dec. 23.—Joseph O'Neill, ex-federal prohibition director of Wisconsin and democratic leader of the state, sentenced to prison for violation of the Volstead act, has been granted a parole by the state board of control, subject to approval by the governor and Attorney-General Daugherty. The board made its action known today.

Envoy Harvey En Route. Ambassador Leaves Southampton for Washington Conference. SOUTHAMPTON, Dec. 23.—George Harvey, the American ambassador, summoned to Washington for consultation with Secretary of State Hughes, was a passenger on the steamship Berengaria. The liner departed for New York today.

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CITY'S CHRISTMAS RECORD BREAKER

Everybody Here Will Be Happy Tomorrow.

Town Beehive of Activity. Holiday Preparations Such as Never Seen Before. EVERY STORE IS PACKED. Happiness for Others Evident. Aim of Everybody, and Few if Any Will Be Missed.

With Christmas still 24 hours away, Portland buzzed like a great beehive yesterday with its pre-holiday activity. Never has the city made such an intense yuletide preparation. All other holiday business was outdone by far.

In other years there was a let-down on the last day of shopping. But there was none yesterday. It appeared that everyone had some eleventh-hour preparations to make for the happiness of others and every face was shining with the spirit that is alone that of Christmas.

Every store was crowded, the streets were hurrying streams packed to capacity, and there were traffic jams every little while at the downtown intersections.

Everybody Loaded Down. In the crowds of the afternoon and evening there were those scenes that are always associated with the gladness of all holidays. Everyone was loaded with parcels of all descriptions. Here a man struggled against the stream of pedestrians with a small Christmas tree held high above the heads of his hurrying neighbors. The woman with an overload of packages