

NEGRO ADMITS SEVEN MURDERS, 1000 BURGLARIES

Santa Ana, Cal., July 23.—The amazing criminal career of Mose Gibson, negro, awaiting hanging at San Quentin prison September 24, and including seven murders and over 1900 burglaries, was disclosed today by Sheriff C. E. Jackson on his return here from taking the negro to the state's prison.

Gibson, sentenced to death for the murder of Roy D. Trapp, Pullerton rancher, after a secret hearing here early Wednesday morning, admitted having killed two women and five men during the last 12 years. His burglary career extended over 16 years, he told Sheriff Jackson.

Victims of the negro slayer are as follows: December, 1906, J. R. Revis, hotel keeper, near Baton Rouge, La.; November, 1910, night watchman, sugar mill, Gramary, La.; November, 1911, unidentified woman, Organs City Junction, Fla.; June 12, 1920, Jacob Ehrhardt and wife, Phoenix, Ariz.

Similarity of circumstances surrounding the murder of Trapp and the slaying of the Ehrhardts at Phoenix led to the negro's second confession. Grilled by Sheriff Jackson while en route to the state prison, Gibson admitted a "clean breast" of his criminal career.

SENTENCED IN WEEK
Ehrhardt and his wife were killed with a hammer when they resisted the negro caught robbing their home, Gibson said. Besides the murder of Trapp, Gibson admitted criminally assaulting Mrs. Trapp after beating her into unconsciousness with a hammer.

The negro was arrested, arraigned and sentenced to death within one week after his latest murder. He was caught at Tropic, Ariz., brought to Los Angeles under heavy guard and transferred here for sentence.

STOLEN MONEY TO ESCAPE
Fearful of possible hanging led the officers to bring the murderer here under strictest secrecy.

Gibson told Sheriff Jackson he had "made my peace with the Lord" and that he was ready to die.

Gibson admitted having been arrested for robbery on several occasions. Each time, feigning insanity, he was sent to an asylum, from which he later escaped.

In January, 1912, he escaped from an officer in Omaha, Neb., after being arrested as a burglar suspect. With his hands still manacled, he committed a robbery, obtaining enough money to hire a locksmith to file the handcuffs.

Warren Armington Bankruptcy Case to Be Heard August 2
Vale, July 24.—Compliance of the petition of involuntary bankruptcy filed by Warren Armington has been taken by the federal referee in bankruptcy at Portland and the case has been set for hearing on August 2 at which time it is expected that the case involving the Vale Milling & Elevator company's mill at Vale will be the first to be heard.

Warren Armington came to Vale about one year ago and arranged for the construction of a modern mill. About the time it was completed, the mill machinery was installed he became involved with members of the company and had raised additional money out of town. Some time ago Armington was ousted from the management of the mill, at which time he asked for proceedings in involuntary bankruptcy.

Little Girl Crushed By Falling R. R. Ties
Toledo, July 24.—Doris, the 3-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Allen of this city was instantly killed Friday noon when a pile of ties fell on her at the Roberts mill. Doris had gone with her mother to the mill to meet her father and while waiting for the noon whistle to blow, the little girl strayed from her mother's side and attempted to climb on a pile of ties that were piled on as high as her head. In her effort to climb the ties, she was struck by the other ties falling on top of her, crushing her skull and killing her instantly. Her mother is now strong, having just recently undergone an operation, and is still under the care of a nurse.

Pioneer, 93, Dies at His Tallman Home
Albany, July 24.—Phillip Swank, 93, one of Linn county's oldest pioneer residents, died at Tallman, Thursday. He was born April 10, 1827, in Ohio, and came to Oregon in 1852, locating upon the homestead in Washington county. In 1858 he moved to Linn county and has resided upon a farm near Tallman ever since. His wife, who married him in 1847, survives, as do four sons and two daughters.

People With Kiddies Favored by Landlord
Walla Walla, Wash., July 24.—Houses for rent only to families with children and one month's rent free for every child born to families occupying the houses. Is the plan of H. L. Neslin, who is leasing new residences. Neslin has a large family of his own, where he says, in the belief that there are some landlords who forget that they were once children.

Dam Is Being Rebuilt
Sandy, July 24.—Reconstruction of the dam of the Brunner Lumber company is in progress. A storm caused it to break. A crew of 25 men is at work on repairs. The demand for lumber in this district is greater than the capacity of the mill.

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Ten Billion Feet of Timber Required for Railroads of Nation

Hoguelam, Wash. July 24.—About 10,000,000 feet of lumber will be needed for replacement of ties, bridges and equipment of railroads of the nation as a part of the reconstruction program, according to Howard Elliott, chairman of the board of directors of the Northern Pacific railroad, who, with J. M. Hanna, president and general manager, and divisional officers visited the Grays Harbor district last week.

Filling of these tie orders will not only take care of large portions of lumber on the harbor, it is pointed out, but will be instrumental in the erection of a large number of sawmills throughout this state. Oregon, according to officials of lumber concerns, lumbermen say new mills, capable of cutting from 10 to 15,000 feet daily and to go on 40-acre timber tracts will be necessary.

OUT MIDDLEMEN, FARMERS' VIEW

Chicago, July 24.—If representatives of a dozen national farm cooperative organizations, in convention here, succeed in their avowed purpose to form one national cooperative organization to do away with the middlemen, an important step toward reduction in the cost of living will have been made.

The convention, delegates say, is the most important in the history of American food production.

J. R. Howard, president of the American Farm Bureau federation, said that the bureau, which will be established in Chicago, will have as its aims:

CONSUMER TO PRODUCE
First—Cooperative dealing in farm products on such a scale that prices to the producer will be stabilized.

Second—Elimination of speculation in foodstuffs.

Third—Enablement of consumers to buy foodstuffs at prices commensurate with the prices paid the producers.

Fourth—To centralize the activities of the country's farm societies, organized by and for farmers, said Howard.

NORTHWEST REPRESENTED
"The only big cooperative bureau will have an economic board to study the world's food supply and a transportation bureau to keep in touch with the railroad situation at all times, and forward the delegates present represent among other organizations the Farmers' Union, the Non-Partisan League, the National Farmers' association, the Grain Dealers' association, the farm bureau, the Washington and Oregon wheat growers; the Non-Partisan League, and the Western Growers' association of America.

The convention will close Saturday afternoon.

Letter Leads to Fruitless Search For Capt. Haynes
Hoguelam, Wash., July 24.—Mystery surrounding the disappearance of Captain Thomas S. Haynes in Olympia, July 8, deepened when Mrs. Annie Athey, living at Hermiston, Or., forwarded to the Haynes family a letter purporting to be from Captain Haynes, stating he was ill in an Olympia rooming house.

Mrs. J. B. Haynes, his mother; Walter Heglund, a relative, and Mrs. L. M. Phelps of Portland, a friend, searched Olympia hotels and rooming houses without result.

Harry Haynes, his brother, has been conducting a search in Portland.

Sam Fialulich, a logger, who recently settled a breach of promise suit by paying Miss Thelma Good and was later arrested on a charge of violating the Mann white slave act, was again arrested charged with passing worthless checks.

Run over by a "bug," Dolores Uptegrove, young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Uptegrove, is suffering from a broken leg and other injuries. The driver of the car fled.

Commercial Body In Centralia Makes Changes in Board
Centralia, Wash., July 24.—The board of directors of the Centralia Chamber of Commerce has been reorganized. Mrs. Kate Robinson, secretary, resigned to become assistant executive secretary of the State Chamber of Commerce. J. H. Applegate is temporary secretary. John L. Larsen was elected vice president and Albert Smith and A. F. Cormier, directors.

Henry Reed, an employe of the Hill Logging company's camp near the town of Klamath Falls, was very seriously injured when he accidentally stepped across a cable line which lifted him in the air and saw him down head first, cutting his head and nearly crushing his shoulders and arms.

The Centralia Briquetting company has begun construction of its plant just outside of the city limits. Construction of the Sanford thresher plant, to be erected on Fords prairie, will begin at once.

Judge J. R. Buxton has entered the race for county prosecuting attorney on the Republican ticket.

Timber Company Long Idle Makes Ready to Resume
Kelso, Wash., July 24.—The Mountain Timber company, which has been rebuilding its 12 miles of logging railway, including a long trestle along the Kalamia river and 25 bridges, will soon be in a position to resume operations. This company has done no logging in five years.

The Liberty Girls of Kelso will present the show "Why Not Jim" at the Kelso theatre early in August.

Charles Elbert Whelan, supreme national officer of the Modern Woodmen of America, delivered a lecture in the lodge hall, Friday evening.

The Kelso creamery is enlarging its ice plant five fold to give a capacity of 10 tons.

SAAVED POPULATIONS, OR 28 PER CENT

Washington, July 24.—(I. N. S.)—Preliminary population figures were announced today by the census bureau as follows:

Blackwell, Okla., 1920 population 7774; increase since 1910, 3908, or 11.7 per cent.

Osage county, Oklahoma, 1920 population 36,528; increase since 1910, 16,452, or 51 per cent.

Savannah Ga., 1920 population (revised figures) 32,252; increase since 1910, 16,188, or 23 per cent.

Cowlitz county, Washington, 11,791; decrease since 1910, 70, or 6.1 per cent.

Douglas county, Washington, 9392; increase since 1910, 185, or 1.8 per cent.

Klickitat county, Washington, 9268; decrease since 1910, 912, or 9.0 per cent.

Stevens county, Washington, 21,605; decrease since 1910, 3922, or 14.6 per cent.

McPherson, Kan., 1920 population, 4995; increase since 1910, 1049, or 20.9 per cent.

Clay Center, Kan., 1920 population, 9715; increase since 1910, 277, or 8.1 per cent.

Boone, Iowa, 1920 population, 12,451; increase since 1910, 2104, or 20.9 per cent.

Ontario, Cal., 1920 population, 7280; increase since 1910, 3006, or 70.3 per cent.

Juab county, Utah, 1920 population, 9871; decrease since 1910, 831, or 7.8 per cent.

Dr. Mount Chosen President of State Dental Association
Closing the annual convention at North Pacific college Friday, the Oregon State Dentists' association elected Dr. Clyde Mount, Oregon City dentist, as president.

Dr. W. D. McMillan of La Grande, vice president; Dr. F. S. Gulick of Portland, treasurer; Dr. Joseph L. Barber of Portland, editor; Dr. W. C. Shearer of Portland, secretary (re-elected); and Dr. F. H. Utter of Salem, Dr. L. G. Money and Dr. J. A. Baldwin of Portland, to the executive committee. Two members held over from the executive committee are Dr. E. C. Robinson and Dr. J. H. Hayes.

The convention decided to hold a 10 day meeting next year instead of six days. The three closing days of one week are to be devoted to the convention, lectures and clinics. The six days of the week following will be given over to postgraduate work. This is the same plan adopted by dental societies in many of the Eastern states.

About 200 members of the profession left the college Saturday morning by automobile for a trip over the Columbia river highway. A picnic lunch was served at Bonnevile.

Mrs. E. F. Mathus FOR ASSAULT OF 3-YEAR-OLD CHILD

Six months' imprisonment in the county jail for assault on the person of little 3-year-old Edna Romanski was the sentence pronounced Friday night in the case of Mrs. Edward F. Mathus, 185 Montgomery street.

Judge Rossman's court had deliberated 20 minutes in returning a verdict of guilty against the woman.

Mrs. Mathus' attorney filed notice of appeal to the circuit court and Judge Rossman increased her bond from \$500 to \$1000 pending that promised action.

The additional sum must be provided by Saturday night.

There was no sensation in the Mathus trial, which continued two full afternoons of municipal court time, but a big gathering of spectators, chiefly women, found much cause for horror in the testimony that was offered and the exhibits made by the prosecution.

CHILD'S BRUISED BODY SHOWN
The bruised body of little Edna Romanski was exhibited to the jurors and to those present in the courtroom by neighbors of Mrs. Mathus, who conducted a nursery home at 185 Montgomery street, when she was arrested on complaint of neighbors by authorities of the Oregon Humane society.

From the Mathus home were taken Edna Romanski and two younger children, each showing the marks of brutal treatment. These marks, Mrs. Mathus testified in her own behalf, were sustained when the children were hurt in play about the house and in the case of Edna, when a neighborhood boy attacked her with a stick.

When Mrs. Mathus testified in her own behalf, and her testimony was augmented by statements of her husband and C. H. Wilkins, a lodger at the Mathus home, she admitted that she admitted its direct testimony Thursday.

WOMAN'S STATEMENTS DENIED
Mrs. Frank W. Swanton of the Oregon Humane society refuted Mrs. Mathus' statements in the trial as to the photographs entered in the trial as exhibits. Mrs. Mathus declared the pictures were taken by the humane society children when they were taken from Mrs. Mathus were "faked," and Mrs. Swanton denied that with the statement that she had seen Mrs. Mathus with the pictures were taken.

Deputy City Attorney Stater and Otto Swanton, prosecuting attorney, appeared for the prosecution. They called upon several neighbors, who testified to Mrs. Mathus' mistreatment of the children and to the fact that the pictures were taken.

When Municipal Judge Rossman passed sentence on Mrs. Mathus, he said:

"From the standpoint of the children, this case was pitiful, and Mrs. Mathus' acts were inexcusably brutal. Yet it is a sad thing, indeed, to sentence an old woman a grandmother, to actual service in jail."

The maximum sentence would be six months in jail and a fine of \$500. It should not be imposed, inasmuch as it would work a hardship on Mathus, who is a poor man, and would not touch Mrs. Mathus' property.

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Hunt-Swamps With Airplane for Slayer Of 12-Year-Old Girl
Fotterville, Mich., July 24.—(I. N. S.)—An airplane from Lansing today was used in the hunt for the slayer of 12-year-old Beatrice Hlook, who was found strangled in a barn in the rear of her father's farm near here.

The airplane, flying low, swept over the marshes for many hours, but the pilot failed to find any trace of the fugitive. A posse of 300 men, composed of members of the American Legion, farmers armed with pitchforks and state constables, continued to scour the country for the child's murderer.

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North Beach Light Plant Generating Station Is Burned

Ilwaco, Wash., July 24.—Fire which broke out at midnight destroyed the generating station of the North Shore Light & Power company, putting the light system of the entire North Beach out of commission. The town of Ilwaco, which depends upon the company for its water supply, is out of water. Arrangements were made to install a temporary pumping plant for the city.

The origin of the fire is unknown. There was no insurance and the loss will aggregate \$25,000.

JAMES JOHN HIGH IS HELD TO BE IN UNSAFE CONDITION

"James John high school building is so rotten that it would be criminal negligence to permit pupils to use it in its present condition."

This was the declaration of R. H. Thomas, clerk of the school board, Friday night. A thorough inspection of the structure will take place Saturday to determine just how far disintegration has advanced on the structure, which was built but 10 years ago.

The serious situation at this school was disclosed when an inspection was made by the buildings and grounds committee of the school board Friday, although a year ago the city building inspector reported, it is said, that the building was faulty, but safe.

Curry inspection has shown that the building may have to be entirely condemned, and a serious problem will then arise as to the means to be used for housing the pupils attending this school.

Receivership for Chehalis Road Is Denied by Court

Chehalis, Wash., July 24.—Judge Reynolds of the Lewis county superior court Friday ruled that no proper showing had been made in the case of the Scandinavian-American bank of Portland, S. S. Bell et al. vs. Dan W. Bush, receiver of the Washington Electric company, the Equitable trust company of New York, the Seattle National bank, C. C. and C. Railway of Chehalis, and Coffman-Dobson Bank & Trust company of Chehalis, for a receivership of the C. C. & C. on its merits.

The line runs east from Chehalis and does a considerable logging, freight and passenger business. Part was brought by holders of a minority of bonds asking for a receivership on account of alleged default in payment of bond interest. E. Corlett of Seattle is head of the C. C. & C.

Divorce Germany as Fatherland or Wife, Princess' Ultimatum

San Francisco, July 24.—(U. P.)—The way of true love for Princess Della Patra still had some rocks in it today.

The princess has announced that she has served an ultimatum on Erich Buehle, her husband of seven days, demanding that he either divorce her as his fatherland or her as his wife.

And on the heels of that announcement came a process-server to the royal apartments, serving papers in a suit for \$170 brought by a modiste to secure payment of the company of the princess where when she started Superior Judge Ward's court here recently.

The princess now says she is to return to New York as soon as she can and resume her artistic career there.

Bandits Steal \$6000
Kansas City, Mo., July 24.—(I. N. S.)—Charles Ayres, employed at the Nichols investment company, was held up here Friday night by a band of robbers, for \$6000 this morning by two auto bandits. The robbers escaped.

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SUNDAY, JULY 25
4:00—Baseball.
4:00—Lecture, The American Red Cross.
4:00—Symposium, "A Hundred Signs of Hope," two-minute speakers.
7:30—Prelude, Evening Lecture, "The Fourth Line of Defense," Judge Fred G. Bale.
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Short address, Dr. Sperry Chaffer, concert, "An Evening of Songs," by the choir of New Zealand; illustrated lecture, "New Zealand, the South Sea Utopia," Lella M. Bloomfield.

OLE HANSON AND HIS QUESTIONER GET IN QUARREL

Chicago, July 24.—Due perhaps to the intense heat, lawyers, witnesses and other interested parties were at each other's throats all day Friday at the trial of William Gross Lloyd and the 18 co-defendants.

"The short and ugly word" was bruited about and at one point Ole Hanson, former mayor of Seattle, was led from the room by a detective to end any further quarrel between him and Clarence Darrow of the defense counsel.

Meanwhile the mercury hovered around 95.

Darrow, cool and displaying well-worn blue suspenders, seemed not amiss to a physical contest.

Judge Hebel himself was inclined to be less patient than his own. At one stage Judge Hebel remarked to James Duncanson, secretary of the Metal Trades union of Seattle, for using too vigorous language.

Hanson was recalled by the state in rebuttal. He testified that in January, 1919, previous to the Seattle strike, Dunson handed him a book by Nikolai Lenin, entitled "The Soviet as Work," and declared it explained what the strikers were trying to do in Seattle.

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During his recital of the conversation with Duncanson, the ex-mayor tried to ask Judge Hebel how far he could go in his testimony. He had been warned by Attorney Forrest for the defense not to say anything until the defense had a chance to object.

SEATTLE TESTIMONY ALLOWED
Attorney Darrow found frequent fault with Hanson's conduct on the stand, and his interruptions brought on a quarrel, which continued until Hanson was led from the room.

One of the heated legal tilts of the hearing was brought on by the defense's motion to strike out all the testimony about the general strike in Seattle on the grounds that it was not an effort to overthrow the government, which is the charge against the communists. The motion was overruled.

The defense finished presentation of its case Friday, resting on the testimony of three witnesses against the large number of state witnesses, exhibits of alleged seditious writings and "red" paraphernalia.

Mornings Too Cold
Albany, July 24.—Because summer mornings in Linn county are too cold for her, Mrs. J. T. Hodges of New Orleans hovers around a stove until the sun's rays grow hot and she is contented.

Mrs. Hodges formerly lived here, and is visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. I. McDaniel, after having been married beneath the torrid sun of Louisiana for 20 years.

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Revival Is Started By Confession He Had Killed Mother

Toronto, Ont., July 24.—(I. N. S.)—Arnold Love, 21-year-old Grey county farmer, is being held by the authorities today, according to the dispatches received here, after he had sensationally confessed at a revival meeting that he had killed his mother seven years ago—a crime for which his father was hanged.

When the evangelist conducting the revival meeting called upon those present to confess their sins, the young farmer reported to have stood up and told how he had killed his mother with a stick of wood when she had upbraided him for keeping bad company.

The young man's father was found guilty on circumstantial evidence.

BIRD REFUGE BILL DROPPED BY STATE ENGINEER CUPPER

Salem, July 24.—The enactment of the proposed Roosevelt bird refuge measure and the ceding of Malheur lake to the federal government is contrary to the best interests of the state, according to Percy A. Cupper, state engineer, who filed an exhaustive report on the proposed measure with the Oregon chapter of the American Association of Engineers. In his report Cupper declares:

"That the proposed measure would cede to the federal government all the waters of Malheur lake, subject to existing rights, thus providing uncertain concurrent state and federal control of these waters and preventing their further appropriation."

"That it gives to the government approximately 47,000 acres, much of which is doubtless state land, a part of which should ultimately be reclaimed and the proceeds from their sale used in enhancing the state's irreducible school fund; TAX LOSS BIG

"That it will add 47,000 acres to the non-taxable territory of Oregon and remove this area forever from the possibility of taxation; That it will tend to discourage railroad construction and general development in that section of the state;

"That it will prevent the state or the government or both from controlling the water level in Malheur lake or any part of it which can best be accomplished by irrigation and drainage development on a simultaneous basis;

"That uncertainty exists relative to the title to the bed of Malheur lake and considerable time has been expended by the attorney general investigating the same and any action looking to the disposal of the lands prior to the time it is learned to whom they belong is premature;

OPPOSITION IS URGED
That lands affected by the measure are entirely within the control of the state and the state land board should be permitted to continue to handle the situation in the best interest of the state. Cupper recommends that an effort be made to secure withdrawal of the measure and, failing in this, would have the society of engineers get back of a move to defeat the measure at the polls and adhere to the best interests of the state.