

KAWACINSKI IS HELD FOR FIRST DEGREE MURDER

John B. Kawacinski, former chief cook of the steamer Montague, was arraigned before Presiding Circuit Judge Kavanaugh at 2 o'clock this afternoon and formally charged with the first degree murder of Harry I. Pawluk, whose body was found on Barnes road two weeks ago today.

The court decided to hear Kawacinski's plea at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon. Kawacinski has asked for John F. Logan to defend him.

With tears in his eyes, he pleaded for forgiveness and admitted that his earlier story of a "woman in the case" was a lie when confronted Monday afternoon by the woman he had implicated as having accompanied himself and Harry I. Pawluk to the Hoffman place on Barnes road the night he murdered Pawluk.

PUGET SOUND BACKS DOWN IN RATE CASE

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was futile for lack of sufficient grounds to substantiate it. The measure this morning is the first intimation we have had. We have not been advised and we cannot say exactly what is behind the withdrawal.

John O. Bailey, counsel for the Oregon commission in the Columbia basin case, thought that possibly Seattle interests had seen a prejudicing of other rate interests in the prosecution of the petition for rehearing and had decided to "back water" before greater harm had been done. It was also suggested, in more colloquial language, that in the petition for rehearing, Seattle had opened her mouth only to find she had put her foot in it.

At the time this morning's message was received the Oregon commission was engaged in assembling the data upon which it expected to base its answer to the Puget Sound petition. The petition for rehearing included as petitioners the Seattle Chamber of Commerce and Commercial club, the city of Seattle, the Port of Seattle, the Tacoma Commercial club and Chamber of Commerce, the city of Tacoma, the Port of Tacoma, the city of Everett and the Everett Commercial club.

"The message received by the Oregon public service commission will not interrupt our preparation to file Portland's answer to the petition for rehearing," said William C. McCulloch, counsel for the Portland Traffic and Transportation association and the Portland Chamber of Commerce. "We had concluded to ask the commission for a few additional days in which to file our answer, and our message will ask for confirmatory information as to Seattle's withdrawal."

Portland will leave no stone unturned and no resource untried in fighting Seattle's petition for a rehearing, regardless of the news from Washington.

This was the decision of counsel representing the interests of the city at a conference Monday afternoon and reiterated today after the telegram had been received.

William C. McCulloch, author of the answer to the Puget Sound petition for a rehearing, represented the Portland Traffic and Transportation association and the Chamber of Commerce.

J. O. Bailey represented the public service commission.

W. P. La Roche represented the commission of public docks. Gus C. Moser represented the Port of Portland. John H. Lathrop, manager of the Portland Traffic and Transportation association, participated in the conference.

The Portland answer, reviewed Monday, covered every phase of the situation as touched upon in the petitions filed for Puget Sound by Seattle, Tacoma and Everett. It also comprehensively answered the Astoria petition for a rehearing. It is now in process of being printed and will be mailed to the interstate commerce commission at Washington Thursday.

Vancouver will join with Portland in answer to the Puget Sound and Astoria petitions.

Under the decision of the Columbia basin case, made public by the interstate commerce commission December 2 of last year, a differential of 10 per cent favoring Portland-Vancouver and a 4200-square-mile zone south of the Snake river was granted. The railroads were instructed to file modified tariffs 90 days after the date of the order, which would have been the first week in March, but they have so far failed to do so.

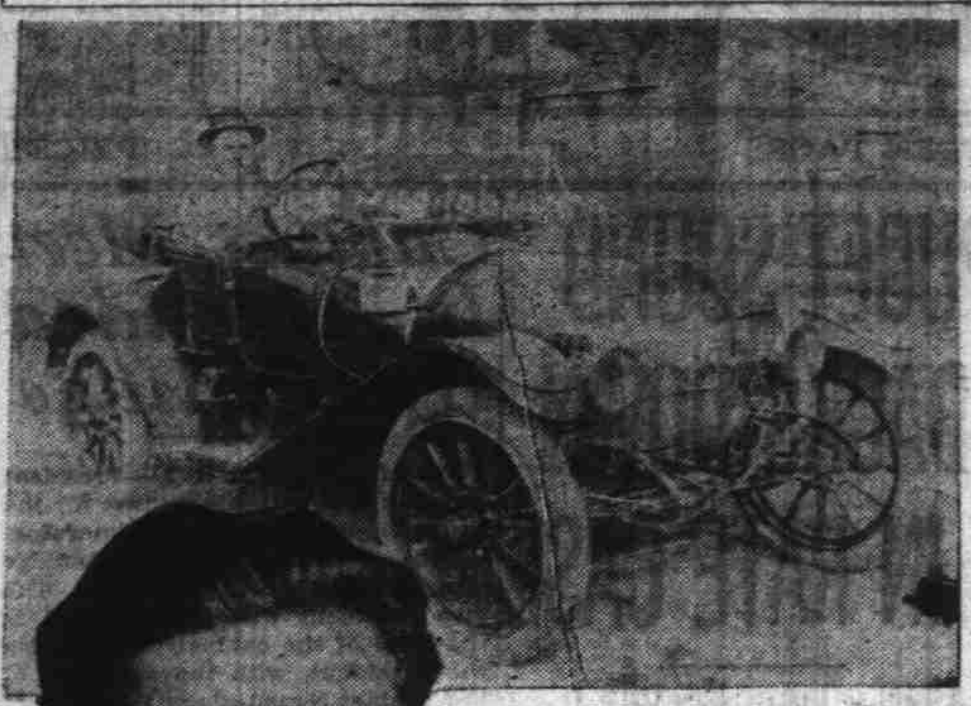
The new rate was to be obtained by increasing the present rates to Puget Sound and Astoria 5 per cent, and by lowering the existing rates to Portland and Vancouver an equal amount.

Two Gunmen Sent to Prison for 7 Years

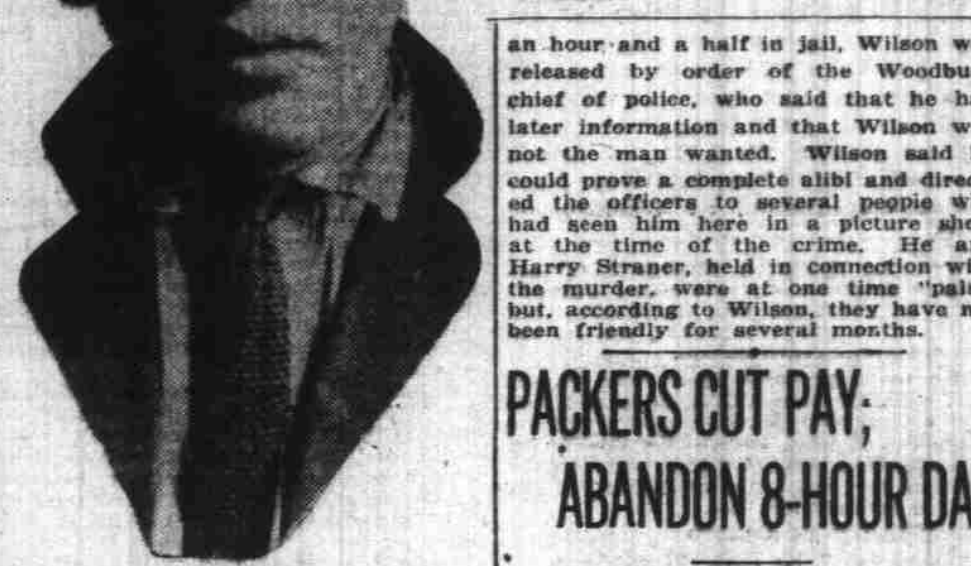
Boyd Ellis and Walter McCleary, who engaged in a running fight with two Portland policemen several months ago on the East Twelfth street bridge crossing Sullivan's gulch, were sentenced to serve seven years in the state penitentiary at 2:30 o'clock by Circuit Judge Kavanaugh. As a result of this running fight, Patrolman William Skoglund was discharged for alleged cowardice.

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YODER MURDER MYSTIFIES



Above—Simon J. Yoder, Woodburn garage man, who was murdered near Gervais, and whose car was found early Sunday morning in Vancouver. Below—Harry Straven, arrested in connection with the murder.



SUSPECT IN YODER CASE HAS ALIBI

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met Tony Patrick, an acquaintance, from whom he endeavored to borrow money. Patrick did not give him any money, but gave him the name of Charles Hostler, 412 Sargent hotel, and told him he could get a bed at that address.

After leaving Patrick, Straven said he met his sister, Mrs. Alvira Stuerhoff, and walked around with her until about 7:30 o'clock. Straven said he parted with her on the Salmon street side of the courthouse, after which he went directly to the Fiddle Dog cardroom, where he remained the balance of the evening. At closing time Straven said he asked Hurley which way he was going, and when informed across the Hawthorne bridge asked if he could ride with him in his automobile to Grand and Hawthorne avenues.

MEANT TO SURRENDER
Sunday morning, after having breakfast, Straven said he walked around a while and again visited the North Park block, where he played handball. Monday he was informed, he said, by a man whom he called "Swede," that the police were looking for him in connection with the Yoder murder.

"Swede" advised me to leave town," he said, "but, knowing I was not guilty, I went up to see Hurley to get advice. Hurley advised me to surrender voluntarily and offered to go with me to the sheriff's office. I went out and got a shave and was returning to Hurley's preparatory to coming here when a detective spied me on the street and grabbed me. The detective knew me because he had arrested me once before."

Deputy Sheriff Schirmer, who was checked on Straven's story, said so far as he can see every statement made by Straven is correct. Schirmer said he felt doubly certain the story was correct when he found Hostler, whom he termed a "respectable young man." Schirmer said he had no reason to doubt Hostler's word about Straven sleeping with him Saturday night.

WOODBURN HAS WITNESSES
Woodburn police declare they have three witnesses who saw Straven in their city Saturday night.

Straven was arrested along with Wilson for stealing tires from Yoder's store in Woodburn. Straven was given a three months' county jail sentence and Wilson a penitentiary sentence. Woodburn police are holding to the theory that Straven murdered Yoder for revenge.

TWO WOODBURN RESIDENTS SURE THEY SAW STRAVEN
Woodburn, Or., March 8.—At least two Woodburn residents are certain they saw Harry Straven, held in Portland in connection with the murder of S. J. Yoder, here Saturday, a few hours before Yoder was lured from the city and murdered.

Alice Skene, who assisted the authorities in the search for Straven and "Dutch" Wilson, also sought in the case but freed after arrest, was positive in her assertions that she saw Straven during the day and her uncle, Adam Garren, was equally sure he saw Straven on the street here toward evening Saturday.

Miss Skene was taken to Oregon City, Vancouver and Portland by H. L. Moore of Woodburn to help in the search for Straven and Wilson.

Yoder's automobile, found in Vancouver, was returned Monday. Blood stains were found on the right interior and the right running board. Some of the blood had been scraped off.

At 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon one of the men suspected went to a grocery store here and purchased a can of mustard and a can of red pepper. At 3 o'clock he bought more of the same articles at another store. When asked why he was doing this, he replied, "To keep the hounds from the trail."

The supposition is that there were two or three men concerned in the murder, and that Yoder was killed when the car stopped on the road going to Gervais or on the Pacific highway between Woodburn and Gervais.

WOODBURN ORDERS WILSON RELEASED AT OREGON CITY
Oregon City, March 8.—"Dutch" Wilson of Gladstone was arrested here Monday night by Constable Ed Fortune upon advice from the Woodburn authorities in connection with the murder of Simon J. Yoder there Saturday night. After

an hour and a half in jail, Wilson was released by order of the Woodburn chief of police, who said that he had later information and that Wilson was not the man wanted. Wilson said he could prove a complete alibi and directed the officers to several people who had seen him here in a picture show at the time of the crime. He and Harry Straven, held in connection with the murder, were at one time "pals," but, according to Wilson, they have not been friendly for several months.

PACKERS CUT PAY; ABANDON 8-HOUR DAY

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from day to day, providing much less than eight hours' work on some days and more than eight hours on other days.

BURDEN IS CITED
"The guarantee of 40 hours pay per week recently results in employees being paid for many hours of work each week for which they actually perform no work. When on top of this is added the penalty resulting from a basic eight hour day, the burden becomes greater than the industry can bear and the public has shown plainly in the last two years that it will not carry it."

Armour said that the "employers" desire under the circumstances are not at issue; the fact is simply that the business cannot exist if its expenses are greater than its margins.

In view of the fact that "backing house wages average three times as much today as they were before the war," the reduction of 12½ per cent is "very small," Armour said. Despite the lower rate of pay, Armour said that employees could probably earn as much or more than under existing conditions.

"The 40-hour minimum wage with its eight-hour day has demonstrated positively during the two years that it has been in effect that it results in decreased weekly earnings for employees."

"The adjustment should enable all plant employees to average 48 hours wages per week and their earnings will compare favorably with the earnings of similar workmen in other industries."

Armour declared the company was "in complete sympathy" with a short work day and fair wage theories and our problem is to attain these theories as nearly as possible to the actualities which we encounter in dealing with the producers and consumers.

UNION LEADER DEFIANT
"Packing plant workers will never go back to the 10-hour day," Dennis Lane, secretary of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butchers of America, declared when informed of the packers' action.

"The main complaint of the employee is on the arbitrary and high-handed method in which the packers acted."

"Instead of proceeding in an orderly and regular manner, they have adopted this procedure, breaking the agreements made and defying the government."

Lane declared 90 per cent of the packer employees were unionized and would head a strike call if the Omaha meeting decides to issue one.

The packers said less than 50 per cent of the men are union members.

PORTLAND BRANCH HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF CUT HERE

Management of the Swift & Co. plant at North Portland has not been asked to make any reductions of wages or change of hours for any of the workers here, said B. C. Darnell, manager of the local branch of the company, this morning.

Darnell said that since instructions had not been received from the headquarters of the company, he was not in a position to say whether or not the North Portland plant would be affected by the same policy as the one outlined for the packing plants in the Middle West.

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SOUTH AMERICAN EXPORT FIELD HELD MUCH OVERRATED

South America has been much overrated as an export field, according to Arthur Davidson, secretary and sales manager of the Harley-Davidson Motor company, Milwaukee, Wis., in Portland today studying trade conditions in the Northwest.

"On the other hand, the Oriental market is very good, even at present, while that in Oceania, especially Australia, is heavy. Canada is a good market, though not large," he said.

Davidson, with his brother, William Davidson, vice president in charge of construction at the Harley-Davidson factory, reached Portland Monday and are looking over trade conditions here. Arthur Davidson has returned but recently from Europe, where he has been studying export conditions. He says that foreign trade is very poor at present, and while there is a market, and a good one potentially, rates of exchange make trading abroad very unsatisfactory. The same readjustment through which the United States is going is also being experienced abroad, although reports which have come to this country painting affairs there in somber colors should have been taken with considerable reserve.

Davidson also visited Italy, although he did not penetrate into any of the countries with which the United States has recently been at war. The motorcycle is a far more universal machine abroad than it is here, said Davidson. During the war nearly everyone was riding something and the love of sport has resulted in the two-wheeler power machines being used generally by all classes. The motorcycle industry in England is largely an assembly job, one company making transmissions, another engines, another frames, etc.

PRESIDENT EBERT APPEALS TO GERMANS TO BE CALM
Berlin, March 8.—(U. P.)—President Ebert has appealed to the German nation to remain calm in the face of the allied advance from the Rhine.

The German cabinet held a session at midnight. It was reported that Dr. Walter Simons, the foreign minister, was

British tanks clattered northward through the night, arriving at Dusseldorf in time to participate with the French and Belgian troops in occupying the city. The tanks were followed by detachments of infantry, motor equipment and cavalry.

Paralysing the route of the land forces a flotilla of steamers puffed up the river with cargoes of supplies and detachments of soldiers.

VON SIMONS LEAVES LONDON VOICING BITTER PROTESTS
By Ed L. Keen
London, March 8.—(U. P.)—The German reparations commission, its proposals sternly rejected without debate when they failed to approach the demands of the allies, left London at 2 p. m. today.

Foreign Minister von Simons at the last showed some bitterness, declaring that infliction of the penalties would hamper future attempts. He had previously announced he would appeal to the League of Nations.

So far as official statements were concerned, military action is confined to the establishment of the new bridgehead at Dusseldorf, no German ports having been seized as had been threatened.

It was believed that economic pressure will begin Thursday, when a customs line will be established parallel to the Rhine to a depth of 30 kilometers (about 19 miles). German customs houses will be seized and a tax of 30 per cent will be levied on all German goods.

CROWDS AWAIT SPECTACLE
Dusseldorf heard of the impending advance before noon yesterday and from noon until dark vast crowds thronged the Rhine bridgeheads to witness the spectacle.

Business men, factory workers, girls and women were in the crowds. There was some grumbling over the alleged curfew but mainly it was a curious gathering.

The crowd waiting between Cologne and Oberassel was the first to be rewarded.

The chattering ceased when a machine gun detachment rolled slowly out from the opposite bridgehead, snipped the barbed wire entanglement in the center of the bridge and sped over German soil, the guns ready for action.

BELGIANS MARCH PAST
A few moments later three companies of Belgian soldiers, their green khaki coats flapping as they walked, swung across the bridge.

French troops, stepping briskly, were the last to cross. Two thousand of these immediately left the city, passing northward through Opsiden toward Dusseldorf.

Arriving at Dusseldorf, the soldiers marched to the police barracks evacuated by the Germans. The French took possession of the building, installed their field kitchens and made ready for permanent occupation.

Fifteen hundred men were billeted at Solingen and smaller bodies elsewhere.

BURGOMASTERS WARN PEOPLE
Acting on instructions from Berlin, burgomasters of the occupied towns issued proclamations to their people urging there be no interference with the military.

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