

POLICE BAFFLED IN MYSTERY OF ELEVEN CREMATED

BODIES FOUND EARLY SUNDAY IN RUINS OF KENTUCKY CABIN.

CLUES ARE FRUITLESS

ENEMIES BELIEVED TO HAVE CONDUCTED WHOLESOME SLAUGHTER.

By United Press MAYFIELD, Ky., June 27.—County officials and the police are vainly endeavoring to pierce the mystery surrounding the death of 11 persons whose bodies were found early Sunday in the smoking ruins of a three-room log house.

MAYFIELD, Ky., June 27.—Circumstances attending the finding early Sunday of the bodies of 11 persons, burned to death, are being investigated with a view of determining whether wholesale murder had been committed.

The bodies, charred beyond recognition and with only parts of limbs, trunks and skulls recovered, were found at the home of Ernest Lawrence, six miles north of here, which had been destroyed by fire.

The dead: Ernest Lawrence, 35; Mrs. Lora Lawrence, 30; Fred Lawrence, 5; Ethel Lawrence, 4; Ralph Lawrence, 11 months; Otis Drew, 26; Mrs. Ola Drew, 23; Delma Drew, 14; Harry Drew, 5; Otis Drew, Jr., 4; Watheline Drew, 4.

At a coroner's inquest neighbors testified they heard sounds "like women and children screaming" and also half a dozen pistol shots.

A .22 caliber rifle, a pistol, a shot gun, axe and an oil can, were found in the ruins. This strengthened the theory of murder, possibly the work of a maddened maniac.

No motive for the murder, if it was murder, of the two families could be found.

The two families lived in the house, a three-roomed log and frame affair. Investigators considered as an added mystery the fact that parts of clothing were found clinging to the

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LISTING REALTY FOR VISITORS

HOME SEEKERS WILL BE GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO BUY PROPERTY IN COUNTY.

A complete listing of all real estate offered for sale in Wasco county, either through dealers or private individuals, is being compiled by E. F. Van Schoick, chamber secretary. The list is for use when the "home-seekers' special" passes through The Dalles. This special will consist of a party of approximately 150 eastern farmers, all seeking locations in Oregon.

It is with the idea of causing as many of this party to locate in Wasco county as possible, that the real estate listing is being prepared. All of the places listed will not be shown to the easterners, but they will be shown all districts in the county and individual ranches if they evince interest in any one district.

An effort will be made by Van Schoick to have the home seekers arrive at Maupin by train at 10 o'clock on the morning of July 27. They will then be taken for a trip around Maupin until noon, when they will be guests at a trout fry to be held on the banks of the Deschutes river. The schedule which Van Schoick is endeavoring to have put into effect calls for the party to leave Maupin at 1:30 p. m. and arrive in Tygh Valley at 2:30; leave Tygh Valley at 3 and arrive in Dufur at 5; leave Dufur at 7 and arrive in The Dalles at 8.

In The Dalles it is planned to hold the party overnight. On the morning of the 28th, the eastern farmers will be taken for automobile trips around The Dalles and shown local industries.

SPEAKER'S BLOCK IS COOS BAY MYRTLE

ADAMANTINE WOOD FROM OREGON STANDING UP UNDER PUNISHMENT.

(Chronicle's Washington Bureau) WASHINGTON, June 27.—Speaker Gillett and house members who preside over the committee of the whole have at last found something which will not crumble into fragments under the powerful blows of the house gavel.

The newly discovered treasure is nothing less than a disc of hard wood from an Oregon forest—the heart of a Coos Bay myrtle tree.

It was presented to Representative McArthur when he was speaker of the Oregon legislature in 1909 after he had smashed a score of marble slabs and oak blocks and was used during the latter part of that session and also during Mr. McArthur's second term as speaker in 1913. It was presented by a Coos county friend who also gave Mr. McArthur a beautiful gavel of the same material.

A few days ago when Mr. McArthur was presiding over the house he wielded the gavel with such force as to split the walnut pounding block into a dozen pieces. He immediately thought of the Oregon myrtle disc

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AIRMEN MAKING NON-STOP CROSS COUNTRY FLIGHT

GIANT PLANE RISES FROM RIVERSIDE, CAL., THIS MORNING.

AFTER 24-HOUR TRIP

AVIATORS MAY BREAKFAST AT MINEOLA FIELD TOMORROW; CONDITIONS PERFECT.

By United Press NILAND, Cal., June 27.—The big Cloudster plane on the transcontinental trip today passed over the California line, headed east at high speed. The route lies to El Paso.

RIVERSIDE, Cal., June 27.—David Davis and Eric Springer "hopped off" at March field this morning at 5:32 on their transcontinental non-stop flight from Riverside to New York. The big Cloudster biplane circled March field several times, climbing higher until it reached an altitude of about 3,000 feet. At 6:05 the aviators dipped a signal "goodbye" and headed in the direction of El Paso. The morning was perfect. There was not a cloud in the sky and no sign of wind. The plane had been "lightened" to about 9,000 pounds.

Before the start Davis said he hoped to land at Mineola, Long Island, within a limit of 20 hours, but would make every effort to finish the flight in 24 hours, which means, if the flight is successful, the two daring aviators will breakfast in New York tomorrow morning. The big motor was in perfect condition.

HEARINGS ORDERED ON MARTHUR'S BILL

(Chronicle's Washington Bureau) WASHINGTON, June 27.—Hearings have been called for July 1 by the committee on the election of president, vice president and members of congress to consider the bill of Congressman McArthur to change the inauguration and beginning of the terms of the president, vice president and members of congress from March 4 to January 1.

1 DEAD IN BANK ROBBERY ATTEMPT

POSSE SURPRISES BANDITS AT HALSEY; TWO CAPTURED, ONE ESCAPES.

By United Press HALSEY, Ore., June 27.—One bandit was killed, two captured and one escaped today in an attempt to rob the Halsey state bank. The robbers were surprised as they removed the glass from the door. A citizen's posse formed and attempted to surround the robbers.

They escaped in a waiting automobile under a hail of bullets. The bandit car then sped south through Albany and was stopped at Corvallis, where police authorities had been notified to watch for it. Three men were found in the automobile, one dead.

The dead yegkman is Henry Schultz of Corvallis. The two captured are William Schultz and William Wright, both of Corvallis. Sheriff Warfield of Benton county made the arrest at Corvallis. Schultz was killed when a bullet broke his spine. It is believed that Sheriff Lee Walters fired the bullet that killed the man.

MAY PAY WAR DEBTS WITH COMMODITIES

OBLIGATIONS TO U. S. MAY BE SETTLED WITH MERCHANDISE.

By United Press WASHINGTON, June 27.—Payment in commodities instead of money may solve the problem of getting \$10,000,000,000 loaned by the United States to the allies. Treasury officials, it is learned, have considered such a solution. Secretary Mellon will be questioned upon the possibility of a goods payment when he appears before the senate finance committee on the debt situation, as payment of world debts in coin has been creating havoc with the international exchange. The United States has millions of dollars worth of goods annually from countries owing us money.

BOOTLEGGERS IN JAIL; WETS HARD UP FOR SUBSTITUTE

Extract of blue vitrol, flavored with corn and prussic acid and testing about 120 proof, is now the favorite beverage among local anti-Prohibitionists, according to supposedly authentic reports. A number of popular local bootleggers who, after much time and painstaking care, had managed to work up a reputation for their product, are spending summer vacations in the county jail, thus causing the consumers to patronize unknown beverage makers.

Rumor has it that one bootlegger is selling his product as low as \$20 a gallon, although the prevailing market price for mountain dew, when bought off the hip, is around \$7.50 a quart. The cheaper grades of moon shine whiskey, distilled from fermented potato peelings and what-not, may be obtained as low as \$4 a quart by persons knowing the ropes, it is said. The only known source of real whiskey, smuggled in from Canada, is now said to be a thing of the past, following the arrest and conviction of the smuggler and salesman some time ago. Denatured alcohol, canned heat shoe polish, ether and varnish continue to be popular among inebriates lacking the wherewithal to purchase the more expensive forms of "joy juice." Warchik is made into a beverage by stirring with a stick until a large percentage of the supposedly poisoned alcohol comes to the surface, whereupon it is drained into a separate container.

Both ether and chloroform are used as beverages by a few drinkers of the old school. The only disadvantage to these fluids as beverages is the fact that they quite frequently develop too much "kick" and cause the drinker to become a corpse.

Canned heat is popular among the Indians, and judging from the experience of the local police, is very effective. One can of the solidified alcohol is sufficient to produce a highly gratifying jag.

Very few "drunks" are arrested from partaking of beverages commonly known as "home brew." Either the quantity of home brew manufactured is greatly over-estimated by government statisticians or else the brewers have not developed the art of instilling a high-power wallop into their product, it is argued. Only in very few instances have intoxicated persons been arrested and found to have been drinking home made beer or wine.

MRS. RINEHART ILL

By United Press NEW YORK, June 27.—Mary Roberts Rinehart, writer, was recovering today from an operation performed early yesterday for gall stones. Her condition was said to be satisfactory.

JINGOIST SAYS WAR WITH JAPS CERTAIN

THOMAS F. MILLARD WARNS AGAINST ANGLO-JAP DESIGNS ON AMERICA.

By United Press WASHINGTON, June 27.—President Harding, Secretary of State Hughes and other members of the cabinet today had before them propositions of war with Japan and charges of British designs to bring about such a war. These charges were contained in a telegram from Thomas F. Millard, the American writer on the Far East.

"The Far Eastern situation," stated Millard, "is more ominous than I ever have known it to be. I regard war with Japan almost certain and rapidly nearing. A renewal of the Anglo-Japanese alliance on its old lines will surely be directed against America."

"I am convinced the British government's policy in China is opposed to American policy and secretly works against our interests on there. My opinion is that Great Britain is purposely framing up a war between Japan and the United States."

By United Press SEATTLE, June 27.—W. E. Priestley, Seattle fireworks manufacturer today told the United Press that Dr. Sun Yat Sen, president of the Chinese republic, had called him into his office and warned him that Japan was preparing to declare war against the United States in 1924. "Dr. Sun," said Priestley, "declared that Japan is preparing to declare war against the United States in 1924. The Japanese work in 10-year cycles. Sun declared. They launched war against Russia in 1914, joined in the war against Germany in 1914 and are now preparing for the biggest scrap of all in 1924."

CONGRESS STARTS BIGGEST WEEK IN PRESENT SESSION

SOLONS WILL CONSIDER PROHIBITION, TARIFF, FOREIGN DEBT AND PEACE.

RUSH NAVAL BILL

APPROPRIATION MEASURE MUST PASS BEFORE FRIDAY, OR FLEET WILL BE BROKE.

By United Press WASHINGTON, D. C., June 27.—Congress today started the big week of its present session.

Prohibition, tariff, disarmament, peace making and the foreign debt situation will be actively considered during the week.

The Campbell-Willis bill is expected to pass the house and go to the senate today and to fall pass by the end of the week. The permanent tariff bill leaves the house ways and means committee Wednesday, facing a storm of opposition from republicans opposing duties and others believing that the bill should be shunted aside in order to give tax revision measures preference.

The naval appropriation bill, carrying the Borah disarmament amendment, must pass by Friday or the navy will be without operating funds.

The house will vote on a substitute for the Borah amendment, a resolution asking for a conference between the United States, Great Britain and Japan.

Leaders in both houses hope to bring about a definite peace.

LATE NEWS FLASHES FROM NORTHWEST

By United Press SALEM, June 27.—Elsie Schwanberg, 18, was today drowned in the Willamette river while canoing. The body has not been found.

EUGENE, June 27.—Dedication of Eugene's municipal living field will occur on Labor day. The program will include a wireless telephone speech of the concert.

VANCOUVER, Wash., June 27.—Charles Munson and Edwin Beck, who saved their way to liberty from the county jail here, are still at liberty.

ASTORIA, June 27.—Clarence Anderson was killed today when he swerved a motorcycle he was riding under the wheels of an automobile.

RAILROAD URGES CUT 12 PERCENT

LABOR BOARD EXPANDS FORMER RULING TO COVER ALL ROADS.

By United Press CHICAGO, June 27.—The United States railroad labor board today ordered a cut in the wages of employees of eight railroads slashed 12 percent by July 1. This makes the reduction announced several weeks ago apply on all roads instead of only a few. Representatives from four railroad brotherhoods will meet July 1 to either accept or reject the cut.

SLAYERS OF FEUD VICTIM NOT FOUND

FIFTH VICTIM OF CHICAGO POLITICAL WARFARE KILLED SUNDAY.

By United Press CHICAGO, June 27.—Identity of the assassin of Joseph LaSpisa, latest feud victim of the "Bloody Nineteenth ward," was still a mystery to police today. LaSpisa, close friend of Anthony D'Andrea, slain political chieftain of "Little Italy," was shot and killed yesterday in his automobile by two men who had hidden themselves in the tonneau. LaSpisa is the fifth to be assassinated in "Little Italy" in the last few months. He was considered the logical political successor of D'Andrea.

LEGION MEN'S MEETING TUESDAY

LAY PLANS TO SECURE STATE CONVENTION IN 1922; DELEGATIONS LEAVE 30TH.

A mass meeting of members of the American Legion has been called for Tuesday night at the court house, when final plans for the efforts to be made by Dalles post in securing the 1922 state convention in this city will be made.

About 50 members of the post are tentatively lined up to make the trip to Eugene this week to add strength when the delegates make the bid for this convention, which, if landed, will be the largest ever held in The Dalles.

A special committee of Legionnaires, headed by Dr. Thompson Corbith, has been asking employers of Legion members to allow their men to go to the convention, leaving Thursday night, when a dozen or more automobiles will start from here.

Preparing for this convention and for the furnishing of their quarters in the auditorium, members of the post began selling shares in a Ford Sedan Saturday night, and report good results.

The sale will continue several weeks. The car will be shown and shares will be sold at Dufur and Wasco over July 4 and 5.

Miss Mabel Moore, formerly of The Dalles, came to the city and started the campaign. Leaving it in the hands of the local committee, she returned to her home in Portland this afternoon.

FEARS DROUTH, COMMITS SUICIDE; RAIN COMES

By United Press PLAINFIELD, N. J., June 27.—Fearing that his crops would be a total failure, Charles Wontz, 54, today committed suicide. Three hours later heavy showers fell.

THREE STILLS IN ONE HOUSE ALLEGED

PROHIBITION AGENTS WATCH PLACE MANY HOURS WHILE AWAITING WARRANTS.

By United News MALDEN, Mass., June 27.—For more than 24 hours a cordon of prohibition agents has surrounded the home of Mrs. Ida Block, 70 Kimball street, claiming that there are three illicit stills in the attic.

The enforcers haven't any search warrant and they dare not leave for fear someone might remove the alleged stills.

When efforts to secure a warrant on Saturday proved unsuccessful, 12 of them took up their vigil at the house and intend to remain until they can get the necessary legal authority to enter and search for the stills. A second attempt was made Monday to secure the warrant from United States Commissioner Hayes, who refused to grant one Saturday, because of the insufficient evidence.

The agents claim they have watched the stills in operation from nearby trees.

Nation's New Economic Program Rapidly Taking Definite Shape

PROGRESS MADE IN PLANS FOR FUNDING DEBTS OF ALLIES TO UNITED STATES, PAYMENT OF RAILROADS, ARRANGEMENT OF CREDIT FOR FARMS, NEW TARIFF BILL.

By John M. Gleisner (United News Staff Correspondent) WASHINGTON, June 27.—The administration's economic program, domestic and international, is rapidly taking shape.

Here are some of the chief matters on which definite progress is now being made:

- 1—Funding the \$10,000,000,000 of indebtedness of European nations.
2—Paying railroads hundreds of millions owed them by the government, to help business.
3—Arranging credit for the farming industry.
4—Putting into force the budget system, using business methods in government.
5—Restricting extensions of credit to European countries, where an unfavorable reaction would result in this country.
6—Enacting a tariff bill, and revising tax laws.
Secretary of the Treasury Mellon and his assistants this week will appear before committees of congress to explain the plans of the administration for funding the allied debt. This involves placing the debt, which is in the form of promissory notes, on a definite basis, extending payments over a series of years, and arriving at an understanding which will enable the government definitely to reckon on payments in shaping its fiscal policies. Further, the problem is bound up with the return to "normalcy," both domestic and international, and a settlement of the questions involved is expected to exert a healthful influence all around.
Final action is in prospect on the matters in dispute between the government and the railroads, which has held up payments. The Interstate commerce commission, by a majority of one, has tentatively agreed to the railroads' contention that they are entitled to payments because of the alleged inefficiency of the labor under federal operation, and both sides are preparing reports to be considered at the next meeting.
Cooperating with bankers, the administration is helping in the mobilization of private credit to relieve agriculture. A fund already has been made available for the livestock industry, and similar assistance is to be given the cotton industry and general farming.
The administration has interested itself in obtaining quick action on tariff legislation. Republican leaders expect the tariff bill, to be reported early this week, to pass the house by July 20. Attention immediately thereafter will be given to new revenue laws, the senate meantime acting on the tariff.

RESTAURANT AND Y.W.C.A. SUFFER LOSS FROM FIRE

OPTIMIST PLANT ALSO DAMAGED IN BLAZE THIS AFTERNOON.

FLUE BELIEVED CAUSE

FIREMEN DO EXCEPTIONAL WORK IN GETTING FLAMES UNDER CONTROL.

Fire originating in the floor between the Black and White restaurant and the Y. W. C. A. rooms upstairs, about 2:30 this afternoon, caused serious damage to both places. The fire was believed to be under control at 1 o'clock, although there was still considerable fire in the roof.

All the firemen in the city responded to a second alarm, and all the available fire apparatus, from the old hand-drawn machines to the motor truck was pressed into service.

The fire especially damaged the Black and White, the Y. W. C. A. and the offices of the Optimist. The Black and White's damage was estimated by Manager McKneely at more than \$1,000. The loss is covered by insurance. The Y. W. C. A. is also heavily damaged, and whether or not this is covered by insurance is not known. Damage in the Optimist office was confined principally to water and smoke.

The Dalles never saw better work done by the firemen than was shown in the fire this afternoon. The response to the alarm was very fast and inside of a few minutes, the blaze was surrounded. Four water lines were used. But for the quick response of the fire department, the blaze might easily have become a disastrous conflagration menacing the business district.

The fire was almost completely extinguished a few minutes after 3 o'clock. The roof of the two story building at the northwest corner of Second and Court streets was practically burned off. The greatest actual fire damage was in the Y. W. C. A., the rooms being charred in many places.

The kitchen of the Black and White was put out of business by the fire and water. Henry Cue, proprietor of the Optimist, estimated his loss from water damage as several hundred dollars.

None was injured in the fire, although there were some narrow escapes. The firemen had difficulty from the heavy smoke.

FARMERS' RELIEF IMPENDING

By United Press WASHINGTON, June 27.—Immediate financial relief to farmers and livestock raisers is in prospect, with the senate adoption of the house amendments to the Curtis' bill increasing capacity of federal farm loan banks by \$25,000,000.