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MANIAC MURDERS EIGHT IN FAMILY

Mother, Brother, Sister-In-Law and Five Children Killed by Madman

WORRY UNBALANCES MAN

10 Year Old Girl Only Survivor of Terrible Tragedy; Slayer Turns Gun on Self; Will Recover

HAMILTON, Ohio, June 4.—Gripping fear that nine relatives including six little nieces and nephews, with whom he lived would be made homeless by eviction from a modest home they were buying, because he was unable to meet a $1600 mortgage, today is believed to have caused Floyd Russell, 43, to shoot and kill eight of them early today. He likewise sought to end his own life as well as that of his 10 year old niece, Dorothy Russell, who escaped.

Russell, although wounded, is held in a padded cell. A lunacy warrant was filed against him late today.

His victims were his mother, Rose Russell, 60; brother John L. Russell, 35; sister-in-law, Emma Russell, 35; and five nieces and George 6, Paul 3, and Richard, George 6, Paul 3, and Rachard, 4 months.

Russell made no effort to resist officers who broke down the door to gain entrance. Just as the officers entered he fired a shot into his left lung. His condition is not critical.

Mrs. E. J. Muntz, who held the mortgage this afternoon said that arrangements were being made to renew it for two years and that a building and loan company was going to help Russell.

Dorothy, 10, saved herself by hiding in bed when she heard shot.

After the shooting he riddled the bodies of several of the children with bullets. He had talked incoherently about a mortgage on the house and said he would shoot the pictures off the wall.

Most of those killed were sleeping.

Robert Leonard and Louis Keller, policemen, and Captain Wesley Wulzen, deputy sheriff, were summoned.

As they approached the house, Russell, who was employed as a laborer, appeared at a window and told a story that a $1600 mortgage was due on the place, and that they would have to move today.

"I'll shoot the pictures off the wall and then surrender," Russell told the police.

With that the slayer turned about and fired more bullets into the bodies of the children lying in the room.

Russell then appeared at another window and the police broke in a door. Russell then turned the pistol on himself. He fired one shot before the police could reach him and the bullet penetrated his lung, near the heart, but he will live, according to reports from the jail.

"I made a poor job on myself," Russell said when taken into custody.

LIONS ELECT OFFICERS

OHLING, GIESY AND MILES OUT FOR PRESIDENCY

Salem Lions are to select their officers for the coming year at the regular meeting today noon at the Marion hotel. Those nominated for president are Merrill Ohling, C. W. Geise and Ross Miles. Only one nomination was made for the offices of first, second and third vice presidents, and they will be filled by Bob Aiken, Dr. H. M. Brown and Dr. C. L. George.

Rufe White and Newell Williams have been nominated to fill the office of secretary, while J. W. Orr will be the treasurer.

Two directors are to be selected at the same meeting.

CITY ATTACKED BY OWLS

FLOCK OF NIGHT BIRDS DISTURB PEACEFUL TOWN

DES MOINES, Iowa, June 4.—(By Associated Press.)—Attacks on residents by a flock of owls resulted in action by acting Police Chief Chamberlain last night when, armed with a shotgun, he rode about in the neighborhood, affected in an automobile and shot down nearly a score of the birds. Residents in the neighborhood for several days had carried umbrellas as a means of protection. In several instances the birds became entangled in the hair of women and the faces of several children were scratched.

ALLEGED WILD PARTY LEADS TO PROBATION

WILLAMETTE STUDENTS APPEAR BEFORE FACULTY

Three Girls and Escorts Are Placed Upon Probation Following Episode

Rumors are current upon the Willamette university campus regarding three young men and three young women being placed upon probation as a result of an alleged "wild party" staged recently. The three men are said to be members of a local fraternity and all are prominent in campus activities. Two of the young women are believed to be residents of Lausanne hall and the third is said to be a resident of Salem.

According to reports the party gathered upon the campus about 10 o'clock in the evening and made an extensive tour of the country roads until after 1 o'clock the next morning. After the party returned to the campus the girls made their entrance at Lausanne hall through an open window. This was the critical point, however, for according to reports, the girls were seen by Dean Frances Richards, and the story was consequently made known to the faculty.

Attempts to reach Dr. Carl G. Doney, president of the university, who is out of town this week, were unsuccessful, so the extent of punishment to be administered to members of the party is not definitely known.

ALL COUNTY SCHOOLS WILL CLOSE JUNE 15

TERM BRING ENDED IN SOME DISTRICT EACH DAY

Annual Meetings Will be Held; Several Districts Planning Improvements

All schools of Marion county will be closed by June 15, according to Mrs. Mary L. Fulkerson, county superintendent of schools. On that date the annual school meeting will be held in districts throughout the county. Up to date the budgets have not been received from any of the districts, but three districts have sent in notices that they will levy no tax.

It is stated that the special tax levies will average about the same as in other years, there being no excuse for the levies being higher this year.

Some of the districts are planning on material improvements if the taxpayers agree to vote the funds. Brooks will take up the matter of remodeling its school by enlarging it to overcome crowded conditions. A third teacher has been hired. Keizer school also intends to make some changes by erecting an auditorium and children's playground upon school property.

It will be determined at the school meeting whether the Gervais union high school shall be retained.

BOY'S GRAVE DECORATED

CEREMONIES ARE OBSERVED FOR CAL. COOLIDGE, JR.

PLYMOUTH, Vt., June 5.—(By Associated Press.)—A wreath and a Boy Scout bronze marker today were placed on the grave of Calvin Coolidge, Jr., while his grandfather, Col. John C. Coolidge and others watched the simple services in the tiny cemetery.

Boy and Girl Scouts came from Windsor and Rutland county to decorate the grave and repeated over it the Scout oath and the pledge of allegiance to the flag. President Coolidge had given his approval for the exercises.

Thursday in Washington

The government figures showed gasoline production continued at a record breaking rate in April.

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Awards totalling $1,750,000 on Red river oil claims were recommended by Secretary Work.

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Decision was reached to transfer the bureau of mines from the interior to the commerce department.

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State department advices said that the Chinese disturbances had spread from Shanghai and Canton to Changsha.

LEGIONAIRE IS MAYOR

KELSO, Wash., June 4—Nat R. Smith, commander of Guy Rathburn post, American legion and winner of the distinguished service cross in the World war, was elected Mayor of Kelso by the city council tonight. He succeeds A. Ruric Todd, recalled Wednesday.

CHINESE TRY TO OUST FOREIGNERS

Rioters Fire on People From Vantage Points; Streets Closely Guarded

US FORCES REACH CITY

Three Hundred Marines and Two Gunboats Rushed to China to Lend Aid in Restoring Order

NEW YORK, June 4.—(By Associated Press.)—Protest against the action of the United States, Japanese and other powers in the anti-foreign riots at Shanghai was issued today by Lung Chi Lo, president-elect of the Chinese students alliance in the United States, which has a membership of 3,000.

Tomorrow night, a meeting of protest will be held here by 300 local Chinese students.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 4.—(By Associated Press.)—The student and other demonstrators in Shanghai who on Saturday last and again early in the week had clashed with the police while protesting against the arrest of Chinese strikers in Japanese cotton mills, are apparently now devoting their energies to promoting strikes aimed at foreigners, latest dispatches from the Chinese port indicate.

There were some disorders of a minor character yesterday while the authorities were busy driving agitators from cover and taking precautions to prevent them from firing on foreigners from hotel and other buildings as they passed through the streets.

The soviet ambassador in Peking and the consul in Shanghai have denied reports that their organizations were assisting the strikers and their sympathizers, but no word has come from the leaders of the radical wing of the Kuomintang party, which was also charged with having a hand in the demonstrations.

Meanwhile the foreign powers are taking steps to protect their nationals. The USS Jason with 300 marines, is en route from Cavite to the strike infested city and the USS Sacramento, gunboat, has been ordered from Hong Kong to reinforce the American ships already there and from which bluejackets have been landed to protect the power stations and other essential services. Italian and British bluejackets are also ashore, taking a hand in guarding the city and more are en route, while the volunteer corps, composed of foreign residents well acquainted with the people and the town, are assisting the regulars in patrolling the streets.

STATE TRAFFIC MEN DIVIDED IN GROUPS

SERGEANTS HAVE CHARGE OVER FIVE DIVISIONS

Each Is Responsible for His Own District and to Immediate Superior

Division of the 24 state traffic officers into five groups with a sergeant in charge of each and Kenneth Bloom, of Albany, as captain has been made by T. A. Rafferty, chief state traffic officer, in order to facilitate the operations of the department during the summer. Each of the sergeants will have supervision of the men in his district and in turn are responsible to Captain Bloom.

Districts and the sergeants in charge of each are:

G. Max Flanery, district No. 1—Marion, Polk, Linn, Lane, Benton, and Lincoln counties.

H. L. Griffith, district No. 2—Clackamas, Multnomah, Yamhill, Washington, Tillamook, Columbia and Clatsop counties.

J. J. McMahon, district No. 3—Douglas, Coos, Curry, Josephine and Jackson counties.

Jay Saltzman, district No. 4—Hood River, Wasco, Sherman, Gilliam, Morrow, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa and Baker counties.

Earl B. Houston, district No. 5—Deschutes, Jefferson, Wheeler Grant, Malheur, Harney, Lake and Klamath counties.

TALENTED TAW WINS

ATLANTIC CITY, June 4.—Howard Robinson, 13, of Springfield, Mass., proved too much for Stanley Smith, lanky Newark lad, in the exacting semi-finals of the marble tournament here today. Twice he slid his orange colored aggie in the center of the ring and then "ribbed the bank."

He will oppose Thomas Raley of Owensboro, Ky, in the finals tomorrow.

GIANT AIRSHIP OFFERED FOR PURPOSE OF RELIEF

SHENANDOAH SAID READY TO UNDERTAKE POLAR TRIP

Secretary of Navy Not Expected to Concur in Report of Commander

WASHINGTON, June 4.—(By Associated Press.)—A detailed plan for operation of the Shenandoah in the event that the navy department should decide to send it in search of the Amundsen polar expedition, has been submitted to Secretary Wilbur by Commander Landsdowne of the dirigible.

The plan was submitted without recommendation and merely as a supplement to a report which had been requested, embodying a typical plan of operation for either

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INCOME TAX FAVORED BY OREGON STATE GRANGES

LEAGUE WILL BE FORMED TO DEFEAT DENNIS MEASURE

Formation of Income Tax Party Expected; Grazing Land Is Discussed

DALLAS, June 4—The Oregon state grange in the third day of its annual convention here went on record as a body favoring the initiation of a state income tax. The income tax resolution was adopted together with instructions to State Master Palmiter to appoint a committee to work with other organizations to form an income tax league. The league would not only draft a measure to be referred to the people later but also would campaign against the Dennis resolution, referred by the state legislature to the voters and containing a proposal to prohibit enactment of any income tax measure in Oregon, for a period of 15 years.

Among other resolutions adopted today was one asking that newly-cleared land be taxed as grazing land, only for the first three years after clearing.

R. V. Stockton of Sheridan was elected to the legislative committee, a post which he had held by appointment since J. D. Mickle resigned.

GOVERNORS PLEDGE AID FOR DEFENSE DAY MOVE

TO RECEIVE COOPERATION FROM GOVERNMENT BUREAUS

All U. S. Departments Promise Support of Arrangements For July 4

WASHINGTON, June 4—(By The Associated Press)—Cooperation of the various governmental departments with the war department in carrying out the plans for a defense test July 4 has been asked by Acting Secretary Davis, in letters to the department heads.

"Assure you of the support and cooperation of the state of Texas to carry out plans for defense day, July 4," Governor Ferguson wired.

Governor Billings of Vermont also sent a message saying "I most heartily support the president in the observance of defense test of July 4."

The acting war secretary's letter pointed out "with patriotic demonstrations in my locality will comprise such ceremonies, participate in by both the military and the civilian population generally, as may be arranged in accordance with the plan of state and local and civilian committees."

Detailed instructions for the nine corps area commanders, he added, now being prepared, will soon be forwarded.

Henpecked!

SEARCH FOR LIQUOR IS SAID UNLAWFUL

Circuit Judge Bagley Holds in Court That Law Is Unconstitutional

TEST CASE TO BE MADE

Right of Officers to Search Automobile Denied; Probable Cause For Seizure Is Said Not Sufficient

TILLAMOOK, June 4—The Oregon law which provides the search of automobiles, boats and other vehicles for contraband liquors, without a search warrant and without filing of an affidavit is unconstitutional, it was held in an opinion given by George R. Bagley, circuit Judge of Hillsboro, today, in acting on a petition of Walter L. Tooze, Jr., attorney for C. F. Delford, liquor defendant.

Judge Bagley held in his opinion that the protection of a citizen's home and his personal effects included his means of conveyance and that such conveyance came under the term "effects."

Mr. Tooze's motion asked the court to suppress liquor evidence obtained in the search of Deford's automobile on the ground that the search and seizure were unlawful and in violation of constitutional rights.

The case against Deford will go on trial here tomorrow.

Referring to this seizure Judge Bagley said he was convinced that section 2,225-5, Oregon laws was unconstitutional and that an officer has no right of search of an automobile except upon a yarrant, issued upon probable cause, first conditionally determined. He held that the legislature had no right to commit to an officer the authority to determine the existence of non-existence of probable cause in relation to search, in view of the provisions of the constitution.

Judge Bagley's opinion stated further:

"If a man who is a citizen and entitled to the protection of the provisions of the constitution has contraband in his possession, he is entitled to the same protection if it is contraband, as if it is not contraband."

FOREST FUND ALLOTTED

STATE WILL RECEIVE $30,380 FROM GOVERNMENT

State Forester F. A. Elliott received word from Portland Thursday morning that Oregon had been allotted $30,380 of federal funds under the terms of the Clark-McNary law passed at the last session of congress and authorizing an annual appropriation of not to exceed $2,500,000 to be allotted the various states to assist them in forest protection.

In order to qualify for any of the funds a state must have a fire prevention and suppression system that will adequately protect both timbered and cut over lands. The law is intended to cover only state and private lands and does not apply to the national forests.

These federal funds will be used in the payment of salaries of field inspectors who are now working under the direction and supervision of the state forester's office, and also in the employment of additional patrolmen in the various districts throughout the state.

MARSHALL RITES SIMPLE

SERVICES FOR FORMER VICE PRESIDENT TOUCHING

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., June 4—The body of Thomas Riley Marshall, whose gentle appeals for more kindliness and toleration endeared him to the nation lies tonight in the same cemetery wherein rests the body of James Whitcomb Riley, another Hoosier who touched American hearts through his poems of homely strains. They lie not far apart on the rolling slopes of Crown Hill.

Indiana with simple but reverent ceremonies today laid Mr. Marshall at rest. The obsequies were fitting for a man whose spirit remained humble despite his elevation to the vice presidency of a great nation and to the governorship of his native state.

A brief eulogy by his pastor, Scottish Rite services by his Masonic brethern and unostentatious funeral procession, Masonic burial rites—these were all that were accorded one who might fittingly have been accorded a more pompous service.

PERVERT ATTEMPTS TO TAKE LIFE OE CANINE

BOBBIE FED POUNDED GLASS IN SHRIMP PACKAGE

Owner Offers Large Reward for Arrest and Conviction of Guilty Person

Man's inhumanity to his fellow creature is a well established fact, but once in a while there comes into the limelight a specimen who has sunk to depths too low to be described by ethical journalism and within the confines of the vocabulary of a newspaperman. This type is the dog poisoner.

During the heat of passion a man may, in a fit of anger, take the life of a fellow man; or through carelessness, only occasionally with malicious intent and much forethought. But the man who wantonly attempts to take the life of a dog, when the animal is not a vicious one or given to destructive habits, simply refuses to be explained. He has no alibi.

Such an attempt was made some time Wednesday night by a person or persons unknown who used the most cruel form of poison known—that of ground glass. Some poisons remove the victim with a minimum of suffering, but ground glass cuts and grinds the vital organs, causing almost untold pain. The poison does not work quickly, but death is postponed and the victim writhes in agony.

When G. F. Brazier of 445 North Commercial, owner of Bobbie, the famous Collie wonder dog who made his way home to Silverton after being lost in the middle west, greeted his pet Thursday morning he found the dog beginning to eat a small package of shrimp well sprinkled with ground glass. Bobbie, fortunately, failed to eat a sufficient quantity to prove fatal.

Mr. Brazier has offered a reward of $100 for the arrest and conviction of the person or persons making the attempt to take the life of Bobby.

ELECTION CENTERS ON INSURANCE POLICIES

PLACE ON SCHOOL BOARD TO BE FILLED JUNE 15

Redistribution Platform of Tibbits; Neer Refuses to Make Any Promise

Whether or not the insurance policies of the Salem school board should be distributed among the different agents of the city is being made the central point of issue and a hot fight is being made the central point of issue and a hot fight is being staged, which will be settled June 15, when the voters assemble at the Marion hotel to cast their ballot. School matters are not discussed, but the business of distributing insurance policies has been brought to the fore.

J. C. Tibbits, endorsed by the Salem Association of Fire Insurance Writers, has promised to support actively, a distribution of the insurance business of the school board among the established insurance agents of the city.

Frank Neer, the other candidate has openly declared that voters would have to trust to his judgment after he became a member to succeed Curtiss Cross, retiring member of the board, rather than expect him to make a definite stand on any particular problem, thus making it an issue of the election, instead of sound school business judgement.

Mr. Tibbets has taken the stand that the insurance business of the city, state and county, is well distributed and the school business should be put on the same basis. He further stated that the men who are asking for part of the business are taxpayers here, and the companies they represent pay a heavy tax in this community.

Mr. Tibbets is also of the opinion that the coach of the high school should be at the service of the students in the school. He declared "I believe it is not a proper policy to ask the students to pay any part of the athletic coach's salary." He further stated that the coach should be a full time member of the faculty, "not a business man."

Hollis Huntington, the coach has two study halls and coaches athletics, besides carrying on an active business in the city. Tibbets thus states that he is opposed to the present stand of the school board, who favor the present method used in hiring the coach.

It is expected that a readjustment of the business of the school board will be made among the insurance men, following the agitation that has taken place during the past few weeks, regardless of who has been elected.

Statistics of the insurance busi-

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110 DEATHS, TOTAL OF FREAK WEATHER

Many Prostrations by Heat Prove Fatal; Storm Dead Is Increasing

NEW HEAT RECORDS SET

South and Middlewest Swelter as Thermometer Climbs to Unprecedented Height for Season

CHICAGO, June 4.—(By Associated Press.)—Weather conditions of the last few days have accounted for 110 deaths. Sixty nine were due to the heat and 41 persons have drowned or been killed in storms. Deaths follow:

New York 16; Iowa 1; New Jersey 7; New England 6; Ohio 16; Michigan 6; Indiana 1; Illinois 9; Pennsylvania 3; Maryland 3; Minnesota 1.

Storm fatalities and drownings were listed as follows:

Eleven storm deaths in Iowa; five storm deaths in Minnesota, four in Nebraska, one in Montana; five bathing fatalities in Milwaukee; one bathing death in Chicago, three in Iowa, one in Baltimore, and four in Cleveland.

The east, south and middle west continued tonight to swelter in the grip of an early summer heat wave while the mercury established a new record in several cities.

Several deaths today added to the more than three score who have died in the United States since Old Sol took advantage of the advent of commencement month to confer upward of 100 degrees today on half the country.

Montana lay under four inches of snow while Nebraska and Iowa were recovering from a series of baby tornadoes which have killed or injured a dozen persons and caused property damage of $200,000. Indiana was suffering from a drought which is doing heavy damae to crops.

Little immediate relief from the hot wave is in sight, according to weather bureau officials, who prophecy the heat will probably continue for more than two days.

In the east several cities reported new heat records for June 4. In Columbus the mercury touched 105, in Louisville it was 95 and in Milwaukee it was 90 at noon and still going up. Four new deaths caused by heat as well as a dozen prostrations were reported for Chicago during the day. The mercury went up to 94.6 degrees at 5:30 o'clock tonight, comin within less than a degree of the hottest June 4 in Chicago's history, which was 95.3 degrees in 1911.

REGINA, Sask., June 4.—More than three fourths of an inch of rain fell here today in twelve hours, bringing the total for seven days to 1.37 inches. Basements were flooded and the streets were streams.

NO WORD IS RECEIVED

FATE OF AMUNDSEN POLAR TRIP STILL UNSOLVED

OSLO, June 4.—(By Associated Press.)—A fortnight has passed since Capt. Roald Amundsen, with his five companions disappeared into the Arctic in their quest for the north pole, and the mystery of their whereabouts still is unsolved.

Amundsen is understood to have left sealed instructions with Captain Hagerup of the steamer Farm to be opened a fortnight after his departure. What these contain has not been divulged. Meanwhile the Norwegian government, at the request of the Aero club, which promoted Amundsen's flight, is dispatching on Saturday two naval scout seaplanes by the steamer Ingertre.

The Ingertre, it is expected, will arrive about mid-June at Kings Bay where the seaplanes will be unloaded and flown to Wellman bay, Dane island, to connect with the Farm and Hobby and will then begin immediately a systematic search of the ice edge along about the 81st degree of latitude.

In addition to the three aviators, lieutenants Lutzow Holm, Harold Styhr and Bornt Balchen, there will be four mechanicians—Halvorson, Noglegaard, Smaaland and Walter.

PORTLAND WOMAN ELECTED

PORTLAND, June 4.—Mrs. Emma B. Wilkinson of Portland today was named honorary state commander of the woman's benefit association of Oregon at the annual convention which opened here for a two day session.