

## BLOODHOUNDS TRAIL PATH OF MURDERER

Two Women and Man Shot to Death by Bandit; Another Is Wounded

## DOGS FOLLOWING TRAIL

Police Unable to Find Definite Clue; Demand for Money Precedes Fatal Shots From Revolver

DENVER, Colo., Aug. 3.—(By Associated Press.)—Trailing of the highwaymen who last night shot and killed three members of an automobile party and wounded a fourth after an unproductive attempt to rob them on a road near here, came to an abrupt stop late tonight when bloodhounds lost the scent of the slayer, a mile and a half from the scene of his crime. When the dogs failed to pick up the trail again, further pursuit was abandoned until tomorrow.

Using the single visible clue, found by the police near the automobile and the three victims, a piece of tweed cloth, as a scent, the dogs trailed the supposed path of flight of the slayer over a fence to the left of the automobile and through a field of alfalfa to the Loretto Heights academy building and then to a graveyard in the rear of the building. The trail then branched back through a corn field to the road where the tragedy was enacted, the man jumping an irrigation ditch while fleeing over this route.

When the slayer reached the road his trail continued until it passed through a corn field and reached Sheridan boulevard.

On the boulevard he appeared, according to the actions of the bloodhounds, to have walked back and forth excitedly and rapidly for a few minutes and then to have left in some conveyance.

DENVER, Colo., Aug. 3.—(By Associated Press.)—A pack of bloodhounds tonight was on the trail of a coatless, collarless hold-up man who last night shot and killed three members of a picnic party of four when they responded to a demand for money with the announcement that they were "broke."

Following a slender clue, centered about an unidentified motorist and a patch of tweed cloth, police authorities early tonight were unsuccessful in their efforts to find the man who slew Miss Marie McCormick, Mrs. Julia Stearns, her sister, Fred Funkner and wounded Carl Perry, a fourth member of the party. The bloodhounds were brought from the Quailian kennels at Colorado Springs and taken to Littleton, where, under the direction of Sheriff Haines of Arapahoe county, they were led to the fatal spot.

Sheriff Haines said he had discovered tracks evidently those of the slayer, leading from the automobile, and hoped there to pick up the trail.

Details of the tragedy were pieced out by officers from the incoherent tale of Perry and mute evidence about the automobile where the three bodies were found by occupants of a nearby house who were roused by the sole survivor.

Perry said the bandit leaped on the running board of their automobile as they drove along South Federal boulevard and forced them, at the point of a pistol, to drive to a secluded lane. There

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## TONIC DRINKER IS HELD WAREHAM BACK IN JAIL AFTER SHORT FREEDOM

Twelve hours of liberty proved too much for Dave I. Wareham, self-styled champion bark root drinker of America and former pool hall proprietor at Gates, who was back in the city jail last night and will face Judge Poulsen on a charge of driving while intoxicated and drunkenness. A collection of new but potent tonic is being held for evidence.

Wareham collided with and partly wrecked an automobile belonging to Joe Meithof of route 6, which was parked on Liberty near the PEP company office. The accident was witnessed by Tom Armstrong.

Sergeant Edwards started in pursuit and soon struck the trail which led across the river into Polk county. Wareham ran his car off the side of the road, partly wrecking the vehicle. Deputy Sheriff Imlah was called from bed and made the arrest. As the chase originated in this city, the prisoner was returned to the city jail.

Wareham was released Monday morning upon payment of a \$10 fine for being drunk. He was arrested Sunday night.

## CAUSE SAID FOUND FOR PECULIAR WATER TASTE

ALGAE DECLARED RESPONSIBLE FOR RECENT FLAVOR

Harmless Vegetable Organism Is Blamed by Water Company Officials

With every precaution taken and every possible source of the difficulty investigated, water company officials yesterday concluded that algae, harmless and minute vegetable organisms, were responsible for the peculiar taste that was given to Salem water for several days last week. While company officials were not certain that they had found the actual cause, this reason was declared to be the most plausible, as treatment of the water for this organism had eliminated the disagreeable taste.

The water for the past several days has been practically free from the peculiarity and yesterday it was not discernible.

The minute organism, often found in filter beds, was probably drawn into the river intake during a heavy rain on the supply that increased the pressure at the opening, it was explained. The result is not unusual and experiences similar to that of Salem have been reported from other cities, especially during the summer.

Employment of a professional diver to go over every inch of the intake pipe leading through the river slough to make certain that there was no leak in it, was one of the precautions taken to make quick elimination of the difficulty, it became known yesterday. Three days was spent in the task. While it was being done the water gate was closed and heavy pressures put in the pipe so that no defect could escape detection.

Absolute purity of the water has been maintained consistently, it was claimed by company officials, backed by the reports of the health officials who have made frequent tests of the waters and whose reports show that the water is bacteriologically pure.

The peculiar taste to the water last week aroused rumors that for their number and prevalence are almost without parallel here. Saturday newspaper offices were fairly deluged with telephone calls of persons who wanted to know the truth of a dozen or more stories that were current. Investigation failed to reveal the truth of any of them.

## WIDOWS BESEIGE OFFICE

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 3.—(By Associated Press.)—Sixty-two widows swept into the district attorney's office today and demanded the protection of the law for their oil speculations.

Attaches of the offices were bewildered until one of the women exhibited a newspaper want ad reading: "All widows in the oil syndicate please call at the district attorney's office Monday."

Finally, the widow who inserted the advertisement introduced herself and explained that "the promoters of this syndicate have sold us out and we want to know what you are going to do about it."

Deputy District Attorney Ryan patiently explained to the widows that the fact that their syndicate apparently had lost a leasing tilt with one of the big oil companies did not necessarily mean the syndicate promoters were dishonest, but that the district attorney's office would dig into the matter and find out for sure. Meanwhile, he requested the widows to go home and try to develop the sang froid which every oil gambler needs.

## MAN IS SAID MURDERED HEADLESS CORPSE IS FOUND IN RIVER AT PORTLAND

PORTLAND, Aug. 3.—The body of a man, with the head severed, was found today floating in the Columbia river where the Willamette river empties into it. Police after investigation, announced the man's head had been cut off with some sharp instrument. They expressed the belief that the man had been murdered and his body thrown into the river.

The body was clothed in a pair of overalls, a brown work shirt and heavy work shoes. The man apparently was about 35 years of age.

## WOMAN DISAPPEARS

MOUNT VERNON, Wash., Aug. 3.—Search was pressed through the Pacific northwest today for Mrs. Arthur Ireland, who disappeared Saturday from her home here today leaving notes stating: "I deceived my husband," and "I wronged my neighbors." She left two children under eight years of age. Sisters of hers are Mrs. Bench, wife of a Seattle policeman, and Mrs. W. H. Dahl, Elma.

## OFFICERS DECLARE CHEMIST NOT DEAD

Mrs. Schwartz' Request That Body Be Given to Her Is Not Granted

## RANCH HAND IS MISSING

Itinerant Portuguese Has Disappeared Since Day of Explosion; Police Try Identification

MARTINEZ, Cal., Aug. 3.—(By Associated Press.)—Police and criminologists today brought to bear all their powers of experience and science to trace out the lettering that will be carved on the headstone which eventually will rest over the body that was found in the laboratory of the Pacific Cellulose company at Walnut creek last Thursday after an explosion.

Sheriff R. R. Veale today made public the theory that the body is not that of Charles Henry Schwartz, chemist, who was at first supposed to have been killed in an explosion that burned his laboratory last Thursday.

As the investigators worked, Mrs. Schwartz donned her widow's weeds and twice through her attorney made formal demand on the district attorney that he deliver to her the body that she might bury it as Charles Henry Schwartz—her late husband who, as a chemist of repute, had evolved a formula that was expected to revolutionize the silk industry through the artificial cutting of silk fiber.

Denied by law to inter the corpse that she has confidently maintained is that of the man whose name she bore, she expressed willingness to have it decapitated and the body given to her so that she may hold over it a funeral service. The head, she proposed, be held until identification.

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## HUGE APE DIES IN ZOO SAM, 13 YEARS OLD, IS DEAD FROM STOMACH ULCER

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 3.—(By Associated Press.)—Sam, the huge 13 year old orang outang which had entertained thousands of persons with his antics at Forest Park zoo the last eight years, died today of ulcer of the stomach. Sam became nationally known through the movies in which he rode a velocipede, played the harmonica, boxed with his trainer and was an inveterate pipe smoker.

Sam was one of the largest apes in captivity. He weighed about 80 pounds and could stretch to a height of five feet six inches. His body will be mounted.

## DITCH FILLING PROBLEM AGREEMENT IS REACHED

NEW PAPER COMPANY WILL PAY \$1500 FOR WORK

Construction Expected to Begin About August 15; Much Routine Business

The problem of filling the Division street Mill creek ditch found final settlement in the city council last night when a report of the council special committee was adopted and filling of the ditch ordered, with the understanding that the new Western Paper Company would pay \$1500 for the job and the local Chamber of Commerce would stand good for any expense that might be incurred above that amount.

The motion ordering filling of the ditch at once was passed without discussion and by a unanimous vote of the council.

Settlement of this question, it is understood, definitely assures the location here of the new paper converting plant, actual construction of which is to start about August 15. By order of the council the special committee, composed of Aldermen Patton, Wendt and Herrick, together with the street improvement committee, are authorized to draw up the contract and proceed at once.

Further action of the council last night accepted the bid of the Loggers & Contractors' Machine company for sale to the city of a seven cubic-foot concrete mixer, to be delivered within three days. The price was \$1150, minus a cash discount of \$55 for payment within 15 days after delivery. Action was taken after the council had adjourned for 10 minutes to give the street improvement committee time to consider the two bids entered, and after the committee had

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## LIQUOR OWNER IS FREED SUPREME COURT RELEASES DRIVER OF LIQUOR AUTO

OLYMPIA, Aug. 3.—(By Associated Press.)—Conviction of G. R. Ethridge on a charge of unlawful possession of intoxicating liquor by the Thurston county court was reversed today by the supreme court.

Ethridge was arrested January 5, 1924, while driving through the Camp Lewis military reservation by military police as a possible suspect in connection with a daylight store robbery in the vicinity. He was taken to Olympia by the military authorities where the civil authorities, on searching his car, discovered 120 bottles of liquor. Ethridge was convicted in both the police court and the justice court and fined \$250 in each instance, the superior court upholding the fines. Possession of liquor was not denied, records show.

Reversal was based on the grounds of illegal search and on the grounds that Ethridge was in the custody of federal officers and as such not within the jurisdiction of the state.

## SPECIAL CITY ELECTION SLATED FOR OCTOBER 20

THREE AMENDMENTS TO CHARTER ARE PROPOSED

Purchase of \$30,000 Fire Department Equipment; Additional Taxes Loom

Three ordinances calling for charter amendments to be submitted at a special election Tuesday, October 20, were introduced at the city council last night. The ordinances call for tax levies to repair streets and alleys; to construct and maintain bridges and for the purchase of \$30,000 equipment for the fire department.

Under the proposed ordinance a levy not to exceed one and one-half mills on all taxable property will be asked for the purpose of repairing all streets, alleys, culverts and cross walks in addition to the amount that may be levied by the council under the six percent limitation act.

The proposed bridge tax is an annual tax not to exceed two mills any one year. Funds derived from this source will be used to construct new bridges, repair and maintain present bridges and approaches.

The council seeks authority to spend not to exceed \$30,000 for one 1200-gallon pumper, one 1000 gallon pumper and 3500 feet of two and one-half inch hose in the third proposed charter amendment. City of Salem bonds will be sold in \$500 denominations, redeemable in 10 years and bearing six percent interest payable semi-annually. A sinking fund is also provided for the retiring of the bonds.

## SNOW HITS NORTHWEST CROPS IN MANY STATES HIT BY FREAKISH WEATHER

CHICAGO, Aug. 3.—(By Associated Press.)—The northwest, which, a month ago, sizzled with most of the west of the country in record-breaking high temperatures today had a summer snowstorm.

A five minute fall of snow over an area of several square miles was reported from Amberg, 46 miles from Marinette, Wis. The freakish weather was followed by hail that did considerable damage to crops.

July, which came in with record breaking temperatures that continued for 10 days, vanished with unseasonably cool weather through most of the middle west, the cool weather extending into the opening of August.

Rain interfered in the first day's play of the western play tennis championship at Detroit today.

Hail storms were reported from points in Kentucky, Indiana and Michigan. Hail stones as large as hen's eggs fell in three counties in Kentucky, destroying between 750 and 1,000 acres of tobacco and caused a loss of more than \$100,000 to the white burley tobacco crop.

## PARKING SYSTEM CHANGE ORDERED

Head-in Method Approved by City Council With Vote of Eight to Five

## AMENDMENTS INCLUDED

Trucks Must Back to Curbing in the Business District; Some Streets to Have Parallel Parking

By a vote of 8 to 5, the city council last night approved of the ordinance changing the method of parking automobiles from back-in to head-on after a stormy session in which Hal D. Patton attempted to stay action on the bill by moving that it first be laid on the table and then later asking for its indefinite postponement, both suggestions falling by the wayside. The bill will be signed by the mayor and go into effect as soon as the necessary lines are painted on the streets.

The gist of the ordinance, with amendments included, provides that all motor vehicles shall be headed in toward the curb at an angle of 45 degrees and parked between two white lines seven feet apart. Trucks and delivery vehicles must be backed to the curb between the lines and are given 20 minutes to load or unload in the business section within the following district:

Commercial, between Trade and Center; Liberty, between Ferry and Center; High, between Ferry and Center; Court, between Front and Church; Chemeketa, between Front and Church; State, between Front and Cottage, except a distance of 30 feet west of High; north half of State from the west line of the state house grounds to the west line of Waverly, both projected south; the south half of Court from the west line of the state house grounds to the west line of Waverly, projected north.

Under the new ordinance it is unlawful to park longer than two hours between 9 o'clock in the morning and 6 o'clock at night in the district bounded by Commercial to the north side of Ferry to the south side of Chemeketa; Liberty, from the north side of State to the south side of Court; State from the east side of Commercial to the west side of High; Court from the east side of Commercial to the west side of High.

All motor vehicles parked or left standing on the east side of High between State and Perry, the west side of High between Perry and Mill, or upon either side of Ferry between Winter and Front must be parked parallel to and

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## POLAR RADIO IS HEARD CHICAGO HAS CONVERSATION WITH MACMILLAN PARTY

CHICAGO, Aug. 3.—(By Associated Press.)—Chicago conversed with the Arctic circle by radio tonight when newspapermen asked and received answers to five questions put to the MacMillan Arctic navy expedition through the Zenith Radio corporation on a wave length of 140 meters.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa, Aug. 3.—(By Associated Press.)—Arthur Collins, 15-year-old amateur radio operator-enthusiast, has been in communication with the Donald B. MacMillan polar expedition at Etah, Greenland. He received his first message yesterday afternoon over 20 meter wave length. Another message was received by the local amateur this afternoon over the same wave length. Part of yesterday's message was over 16 meters. Such messages over the 20 meters are said to be the first ever received in the United States. Collins picked up a message for the National Geographical society, which is sponsoring MacMillan's expedition, and one for Mrs. Jack Reinhartz, of South Manchester, Conn., wife of the radio operator aboard the Bowdoin, one of the expedition's ships.

Collins declared that he could not make public contents of the message to the society, except to say that it told of landing an airplane at Etah, and of the sailors building a runway for the plane.

The message for Mrs. Reinhartz said: "Love via twenty meters from Etah first time in history of radio."

Reinhartz also said he would talk from Etah each day from 3 to 7 p. m., over 16 meters. Collins met Reinhartz in Boston shortly before the MacMillan expedition sailed.

## WORK FOR PRISONERS AUTHORIZED BY LAW

STATUTE ENFORCEMENT IS ALL THAT IS NEEDED

Situation Held to Merit Serious Attention of Council Police Committee

Employment of city jail prisoners in street improvement work was last night offered to the city council as the solution for decreasing costs of maintaining the municipal jail. Discussion followed the introduction of a bill to transfer \$250 from the incidental to the jail fund for the maintenance of the lock-up for the remainder of the year.

The suggestion was made by Alderman Patton and supported by several other councilmen. Discussion was halted when the city attorney was informed by the city attorney that a city charter amendment and ordinance already authorized employment of prisoners on public work and that all that was needed to secure operation of the policy was enforcement of present statutes. The matter was then dropped after Patton had declared that "the subject warrants the very serious consideration of the police committee."

A charter amendment passed by the people last year, the council was informed, which authorized the raising of minimum penalties for convictions in the police court also authorized the court to impose a penalty of service at hard labor.

Transfer of funds to the jail account was necessitated by the fact that the \$250 appropriation made by the council in the annual budget for maintenance of the jail is already exhausted. The new ordinance will come up for final consideration at the next meeting of the council.

## APE LAW TO BE FOUGHT SCOPES' COUNSEL SEEKS TO ENJOIN ENFORCEMENT

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Aug. 3.—John Randolph Neal, of counsel for John T. Scopes, recently convicted of violating Tennessee's anti-evolution law, in a statement given the Chattanooga Times tonight, declared that he will file in the United States district court here tomorrow a taxpayer's petition to enjoin enforcement of the state law. Dr. Neal said that after filing the petition he will leave tomorrow for New York to confer with Dudley Field Malone, Arthur Garfield Hayes and other attorneys interested in the case.

Dr. Neal explained that the petition that he will file here while designed as a step toward getting the anti-evolution statute tested before United States supreme court has only an indirect bearing on the Scopes case. The Scopes case, the attorney said, will be contested simultaneously through appeal to the state supreme court with the United States supreme court as the ultimate goal of the defense attorneys in both actions.

## THEFT SAID ADMITTED MAN AND WOMAN ARRESTED, CHARGE IS BURGLARY

George Bell and Irene Abbott taken into police custody yesterday are said by police to have admitted the burglary recently of a local apartment house when the thief obtained a diamond ring and \$12 in currency. Last night the pair were booked on charges of burglary. The diamond ring has been located in a Portland jewelry shop, it was said.

Bell and the woman are said to have registered at a local hotel as man and wife, although they admit that they have not been married, according to police. The arrest was made by Officer Olson.

## 2 DIE IN PLANE CRASH

MOTHER WATCHES YOUNG SON PERISH IN SEAPLANE NORFOLK, Va., Aug. 3.—(By Associated Press.)—As his mother watched from the shore, William H. Long, 15, drowned in Hampton Roads today after the seaplane in which he was a passenger had dropped 600 feet to the water. Lieutenant W. B. Gwin of Washington, pilot of the plane, was fatally injured, dying in a hospital.

The accident occurred after the plane had gone into a tail spin when about 1500 feet from the water.

## CASH, CHECKS STOLEN

SEATTLE, Aug. 3.—(By Associated Press.)—While on his way to the Canadian Bank of Commerce here today, W. H. Pemberton, proprietor of a bakery, was robbed by two men of approximately \$200 in cash and \$1,000 in checks.

## TEXTBOOK CHANGE SAID UNAUTHORIZED

All-day Meeting Fails to Clear Up State Textbook Commission Muddle

## OPINION HANDED DOWN

Books May Not be Changed Until November, 1926, Attorney General Van Winkle Declares

An all-day meeting of the state text book commission yesterday with J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of schools, failed to clarify the muddle which has arisen, and the only definite result of the meeting is an opinion by the attorney general ruling that neither Mr. Churchill nor the text-book commission has authority under the law to change textbooks at this time, as one-third of the books were changed last November and the second third cannot be changed until November, 1926, changes being made at the rate of one-third every two years covering a six-year period.

In the face of the opinion the commission passed a resolution that the remaining two-thirds of the text-books not considered last November should be adopted in open competition, holding that the publishers had been unwilling to furnish the text-books only by continuing the contracts at heavy increase in prices.

Action for the resolution was based on section 572, of the 1925 edition of the Oregon school laws, which reads:

"If at any time during the six years covering the adoption of text-books as herein provided, a publisher shall fail or be unable to furnish any adopted text-book, or his contract be rescinded, or, for any cause, it becomes necessary to adopt any text-book instead of or in addition to those required by the course of study in force at the time of the regular adoption, the chairman of the board of text-book commissioners, or the governor, may call a special session of said board, and it shall thereupon convene and adopt such text-book in the same manner as in this act provided, and the state superintendent shall in such case cause the proper circulars and notices to be sent to the publishers. (O. L. No. 5346.)"

An effort was made to bring the controversy to a conclusion by a motion directing Mr. Churchill to notify publishers that the commission would meet in Salem at 10 o'clock August 29, for the purpose of adopting text-books in the subjects for which contracts have expired. Representatives of the publishing firms will be given a definite amount of time before the commission and permitted to present such books as may be considered.

Mr. Churchill declared after the adjournment that he would be governed by the ruling of the attorney general and would act accordingly. This is in opposition to the desire of the commission which may resort to mandamus proceedings in order to get the entire matter before the court, it was intimated. The supreme court is on vacation at present and will not be re-created until September. Mr. Churchill is sending copies of the letter of the

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## WOOLEN MILL HAS FIRE DRYING ROOM IS DAMAGED TO EXTENT OF \$1000

Approximately \$1000 damage was done to the Thomas Kay Woolen Mills by a fire that started in the drying room of the plant last night. The blaze was confined to the shed at the rear of the main building and did not seriously endanger the plant. All damage is covered by insurance. Work at the mill will not be halted, Mr. Kay said.

The drying room which processes the raw materials, is kept heated to a high temperature and it is thought that some foreign matter in the wool became ignited. The fire that destroyed the mill 30 years ago started in the same manner.

Automatic sprinklers installed in the room went into action immediately and flooded the place immediately. The fire department responding to an alarm turned in by Officer Edwards of the city police patrol, kept the blaze from spreading and was at all times in control of the fire.

Damage was chiefly confined to the streams of water, although one of the dryers was burned. Repairs will be started immediately, and although inconvenience will be suffered, plant production will not be decreased.

