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MYSTERY CASE NEARING CLOSE

District Attorney to Take no Further Action in McPherson Case

FEW WITNESSES REMAIN

Grand Jury Hearing of Kidnaping Story May End Today; Only One Decision Can be Returned by Jury

LOS ANGELES, July 19.—(By Associated Press.)—The Alime Semple McPherson mystery case will be closed, so far as District Attorney Ans Keyes is concerned, with tomorrow's session of the county grand jury, said Keyes in a statement today.

This is Keyes' third announcement that he was dropping the matter which has proved hotter in controversy than almost any other affair in the criminal, political or publicity annals of Los Angeles.

Only a few witnesses remain to be called before the grand jury tomorrow in what is expected to be its concluding effort to reach a decision on Mrs. McPherson's charges that she was kidnaped from the beach near here May 18, held a prisoner in Mexico and escaped across the desert to Douglas, Ariz., June 23.

A letter, purporting to have been written in the east by K. G. Ormiston, former radio operator for Mrs. McPherson, also will be submitted to the county body and made public by the district attorney. The letter was preceded several days by a telegram announcing that Ormiston was forwarding "important documentary" evidence in the case. Keyes said the promise was not fulfilled.

Interest switched today to Bisee, Ariz., where it is believed some persons, as yet unidentified, bought the corset which Mrs. McPherson wore when she reached Douglas. Investigators hope that identification of the purchaser may lead to the throwing of much light on the affair.

Early today Antonio Cardero started the sheriff's office with a tale of having been approached by a man and a woman who sought information as to where Mrs. McPherson slept in her home near Angeles temple so that they might dynamite the place before dawn.

Then officers discovered that Antonio had been released from the state hospital for the insane less than two months ago.

If the grand jury closes its inquiry tomorrow, it can, under the ruling of Superior Judge Arthur Keetch, announce only one decision—an indictment of the alleged kidnapers. If no indictment is returned on the basis of Mrs. McPherson's evidence, no announcement will be made.

Deputy District Attorney Joe Ryan today interviewed the head of a Los Angeles department store who told the investigator that the only place where a corset of the type worn by Mrs. McPherson at the time of her reappearance could be purchased was a dry goods store in San Diego.

The model was said by the store keeper to be about ten years old. The district attorney's office also began investigation of a report that two days after Mrs. McPherson disappeared a woman appeared on a ranch about a mile from Ventura. The woman is said to have worn goggles and avoided meeting anyone. She remained at the ranch about two weeks and then suddenly left at night.

A negro appeared at the office of the district attorney today and became noisy in discussing the McPherson case. An investigator's car was chewed by the negro in

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Monday In Washington

Carry over old wheat was placed by crop reporting board at 60,205,000 bushels as of July 1.

13 Lives Lost in Series of Northwest Accidents

Water and Automobiles Lead in Cause of Deaths Over Weekend; Nine Others Are Injured in Traffic Accidents; One Other May Die

PORTLAND, July 19.—(By Associated Press.)—Accidents took a toll of 13 lives in the Pacific northwest yesterday and today, reports received here tonight indicated.

Oscar Paltea, 32, was drowned in the Wynoochee river near Montesano, Wash., while attempting to rescue a woman who had been caught in the swift current. The woman was saved.

Miss Margery Hamer, 19, was drowned in the Willamette river near Salem.

Earl Brown, Bend high school boy, lost his life when he fell from a log in a mill pond.

Lucille Godfrey, 18, was drowned while swimming in the Willamette river near Newberg. John Lewis, 18, of Newberg, died of injuries sustained while diving Saturday.

Elwood Francis Stout, 57, was killed while making a parachute jump on Columbia Beach near here.

Joseph Nist, 32, drowned in Beaver Lake near Eumauclaw, Wash., and Robert Sear suffered a similar fate at Issaquah, Wash. Miss Maud Pratt, 23, lost her life when caught in quicksand in a river near Kamloops, B. C.

Victor Andrian, of Klamath Falls, was killed when the automobile in which he was riding overturned.

Dan McCloud was killed when struck by a cable in a logging camp near Hood River where he was working.

Miss Hazel Torrence, 21, was instantly killed when the automobile in which she was riding turned over in east Wenatchee.

Carl Cryderman of Seaside is not expected to live as the result of injuries sustained in a crash.

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SUSPECT HELD IN JAIL

SOUGHT IN MELLETT CASE, SURRENDERS TO POLICE

PITTSBURGH, July 19.—(By Associated Press.)—George Pallias, alias "George the Greek," who surrendered here today after reading that he was sought in connection with the slaying of Don R. Mellett, Canton publisher, was held without bail tonight in a cell which bore a chain as well as a lock. His attorney said he would endeavor to secure his client's release tomorrow. Pallias denied a connection with the crime.

FOUR INJURED IN CRASH

FIRE DEPARTMENT TRUCK WRECKED AT INTERSECTION

EUREKA, Cal., July 19.—(By Associated Press.)—Nine men were injured, four seriously when a heavy chemical truck of the Arcata fire department and a light delivery truck crashed at an intersection tonight.

FUNERAL SERVICE TODAY

MISS MARGERY HAMER, DROWNED SUNDAY, AT REST

While swimming in the Willamette, Miss Margery Hamer, 19, was drowned Sunday afternoon about a mile west of Salem. A friend, swimming with her, had crossed to an island and did not see the girl's first signs of alarm.

When she missed her friend a hand, only, was visible above the water. The body was recovered half an hour later by W. B. Gerth, veteran riverman of West Salem, in from 15 to 20 foot water. She was born in Salem, and was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward T. Hamer of Polk county. Graduated from high school here, she had entered Oregon Normal school at Monmouth. Funeral services will be held this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock, from the West Salem Methodist church, with Rev. F. L. Cannell in charge. Interment will be in the City View cemetery.

FORM HERRIOT CABINET

ELEVEN RADICALS ARE LISTED IN ORGANIZATION

PARIS, July 19.—(By Associated Press.)—Eduard Herriot, who takes M. Briand's place as head of the government, succeeded late tonight in constituting his cabinet.

The new ministry contains eleven radicals and radical-socialists—Herriot, Chautemps, Hesse, Daladier, Queville, Bonnet, Milhaud, Jaquier, Dumesnil, Bazile and Lambert, all deputies. Rene Renoult and M. Demonzie, senators, are listed as members of the radical-democratic and radical socialist left respectively.

The most interesting feature of the new cabinet is the return of Anatole Demonzie as minister of finance. He previously had been at odds with M. Herriot regarding the best means of raising necessary funds for restoring the financial situation. M. Herriot wanted a capital levy, M. Demonzie a capital loan.

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NORRIS DEATH CASE PENDING

Well-Known Fundamentalist Leader Makes Blanket Denial of Interviews

SUMMONS 24 WITNESSES

Grand Jury to Make Thorough Investigation of Circumstances Surrounding Death of Lumberman

FORT WORTH, Texas, July 19.—(By Associated Press.)—Grand jury investigation of the slaying here last Saturday of D. E. Chipps, wealthy lumberman, by the Rev. J. Frank Norris, Baptist minister and fundamentalist leader, will get under way tomorrow.

L. H. Nutt, deacon in the First Baptist church of which Dr. Norris is pastor, and said to have been the only eye witness of the killing is among 14 witnesses summoned to testify before the grand jury.

Dr. Norris remained silent tonight. He made a blanket denial of interviews and statements attributed to him by several news services.

"I have made no statement since that to the district attorney and I have none to make," he said.

B. F. Bouldin, chairman of the board of trustees of the church and attorney for the minister, declared that he had not authorized

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VANDALS STORM VILLAGE

"LONG LIVE ANARCHY," MEXICAN BANDITS SHOUT

NOGALES, Ariz., July 19.—(By Associated Press.)—A large group of armed men, shouting "long live anarchy" stormed the small village of San Juan de los Rios, in the state of Vera Cruz, Sunday and after looting the city and committing depredations upon women and children, fled to safety, according to a special dispatch from Mexico City received by the Nogales Herald late this afternoon.

Mexico City reports stated that the bandits tore down the doors of the beautiful cathedral and stole valuable altar pieces, later going to the municipal building, which they burned to the ground after looting the municipal treasury.

Numerous acts of atrocity were reported to the Mexico City officials, said the dispatch.

FAMOUS AMERICAN MYTHS



TWELVE LIVES TAKEN BY HEAT

Smashing Heat Wave Hits Middle West; Mercury at New High Levels

CHICAGO IS STRICKEN

94 Degrees Recorded in Metropolis of Mid-West; Yuma, Arizona, Heads Nation's List With 112

CHICAGO, July 19.—(By Associated Press.)—Upward of a dozen persons died today from the record smashing heat wave which overspread the middle west yesterday and brought the mercury to new high levels today.

The middle west and northwest probably will have another hot day tomorrow, weather bureau officials indicated tonight.

Some hope of relief was held out with the prediction of possible thundershowers for some of the sweltering states.

Chicago experienced its hottest day of the year when the mercury reached 94 at 4 o'clock. Eight deaths here were attributed to the heat. Two deaths were reported from South Dakota, one at Sioux Falls where the mercury was at 103 and one at Mitchell where it was 107. Lisbon, N. D., reported an official reading of 108.

Minnesota reported three heat deaths and one occurred at Alliance, Neb., points in Nebraska, Missouri, the Dakotas, Minnesota and Illinois all reported today was the hottest of the year with the mercury hovering about the century mark.

Yuma, Ariz., claimed the distinction of leading the perspiring parade of cities, with a temperature of 112. Omaha reported the hottest July 19 in history of the weather bureau there when the mercury climbed to 101 for the second time this year.

TO BID FOR CONVENTION

SALEM OR EUGENE TO ASK REALTORS TO GATHER

Martin Svarverud, president of the Eugene realty board; E. E. Lee, mayor of Eugene, and E. E. Chadwick, secretary of the chamber of commerce there, will be in Salem today to confer with local men in determining which of the cities will ask for the 1927 convention of the Northwest Realty board.

Marshfield Plans to Feed Record Legion Convention

"One Thousand Pounds, Chinook Salmon, Barbecued." First Item Quoted; Parade on August 6 to Move in Five Sections

MARSHFIELD, July 19.—(Special to The Statesman.)—Cooking school chefs who preside over alcohol lamp chafing dishes would probably gasp in amazement at the menu for the American Legion state convention sea-food dinner, presented to the convention committee by Roscoe Cole, chairman of the beach dinner committee.

Here is part of what Mr. Cole has ordered to prepare the dinner for legionnaires and auxiliary members who will gather at Charleston bay jetty camp August 5, 6, and 7:

One thousand pounds of Chinook salmon to be barbecued.

One thousand crabs, cracked and ready to eat.

Four hundred gallons of butter clams.

Three hundred loaves of Pullman bread.

Four hundred pounds of potatoes.

Three hundred pounds of onions.

Twenty gallons of mayonnaise.

One hundred pounds of salt.

One pound of bay leaves.

Ten pounds of black pepper.

One pound of sage.

Ninety pounds of cube sugar.

One hundred pounds of butter.

Twenty gallons of dill pickles.

Sixty dozen eggs.

Cheese and coffee in unlimited amounts, to satisfy 2000 persons who are expected to attend.

For the first time in the history of the American Legion in Oregon, civic and fraternal organizations as well as industries and resources of the district entertaining the Legion will be represented in the convention parade.

Announcement of the prizes and details of the parade indicate that five sections will be provided, with prizes in each section and a grand prize of \$50.

It is expected that this will be one of the largest parades in the history of the eight state conventions. The parade will form in Marshfield Friday afternoon, August 6, and will end in North Bend where awards will be made to the prize winning entrants.

The first section will be open to visiting Legion posts and units of the auxiliary and a cup will be awarded to the group having the largest percentage of its total membership in line.

Section B, known as the decorated section, will include private decorated cars and all others who wish to compete in this section. Prizes to be awarded in regard to beauty and originality of design. Prizes, first, \$35; second, \$15; third \$10.

Section C, for business and industrial entries. Prizes to be awarded in respect to effectiveness of display and articles handled. Prizes: first, \$35; second \$15; third \$10.

Section D, for fraternal organizations and clubs. This section will include fraternal orders, civic clubs, boy and girl scouts or any other organization of a similar nature. Prizes to be awarded for beauty and originality. Prizes: first, \$35, and second \$15.

Section E, comic. This section to include everything of a comic or humorous nature. Prizes to be awarded for cleverness of idea. Prizes: first \$35 and second \$10.

TRUCK RUNS OVER LEGS

STARTS TO DISMOUNT, THEN FALLS UNDER VEHICLE

Joaquin Gardea of Juarez, Mexico, received a broken ankle Monday when he slipped and fell as he was alighting from a moving truck. The rear wheels of the machine passed over both legs. The accident occurred at Hubbard. According to a report of the accident made to the sheriff's office here by Paul E. Krupp of Hubbard, driver of the truck, he picked Gardea up on the highway and gave him a ride as far north as Hubbard. As he slowed down to turn from the highway at that place, Gardea, he says, stepped down on the running board. Krupp warned him to wait until the car had come to a stop, but not heeding the warning, Gardea stepped down, slipped and fell under the wheels.

THREE HURT IN ACCIDENT

TRUCK, CAR CRASH ON STAYTON-SUBMITTY ROAD

Madelene Hickman, 690 South Twelfth street, received a fractured hip and body cuts Monday when a car in which she was riding collided with a truck operated by Eugene Ware of Stayton. The accident occurred on the Stayton-Sublimity road. Anna and William Hickman received cuts and bruises on their legs. Ware was not hurt, it is said.

According to reports made to Salem officers by Madelene Hickman, she was driving north and Ware was going south. The Salem people declare Ware was on the wrong side of the highway.

'PAVE STREETS AT ONCE,' KAY

City's Growth Hampered by Delay, Double Shift or Contract Urged

THREE MOTIONS FOLLOW

L. J. Simeral Elected Mayor Pro Tem; Tardy Session Gets Under Way Considering Many Petitions.

Mayor John B. Giesy's veto of two measures drawn by Fred A. Williams, city attorney, were sustained by city council last night, as faulting, confirming the mayor's judgment. Fred A. Williams, city attorney, was instructed to draw new measures.

The city of Salem should not retard its own growth by limiting its paving activities to the work done by its present municipal plant, according to Tom Kay, who addressed the city council at its meeting last night to ask for paving of streets in Rosedale addition leading to the new linen plant trefe. The streets he wants paved are Madison and Jefferson.

"If the city merely says it can't do this work with its present small plant and then sits back, it is hampering its own development," said Mr. Kay. "There is nothing to prevent the city from employing private contractors to do its paving, under the supervision of the city."

"The city engineer tells me that there is no provision for drainage in this district, thereby preventing the paving work," continued Mr. Kay. "Therefore I further request that proper drainage be put in as rapidly as possible so that this paving can be done. We would like to have paved streets in there before the wet weather begins this fall."

A motion, introduced by Alderman Hal D. Patton, that the matter of obtaining proper drainage in this district be referred to the sewer committee, was passed. Another motion was introduced by Alderman E. B. Grabenhorst that the matter of having two paving crews put to work be referred to the street improvement committee. This was also passed. Another motion was passed to have the street improvement committee report at the next meeting on the matter of opening street improvement work to outside contractors.

In the absence of Mayor John B. Giesy, who is out of the city on a vacation, Alderman L. J. Simeral was elected mayor pro tem. The meeting was delayed for 45 minutes because a quorum of nine men did not arrive. Just as the council was deciding to declare that there would be no meeting because of this fact, Alderman Paul Johnson and E. B. Grabenhorst came in.

A resolution was introduced to have the city deposit the dirt and gravel taken from streets being improved dumped on those streets and alleys below grade was lost, 5 to 4, after discussion. Those aldermen voting against it said they did so because they thought the city could dispose of the dirt without the resolution. The dirt taken from such streets belongs to the property owners on the

TWO POLICE RUN RIOT

EIGHT PERSONS ARE SHOT IN SHOOTING IN HOTEL

MUSKOGEE, Okla., July 20.—(By Associated Press.)—Two Muskogee police detectives allegedly intoxicated, ran riot in a hotel early this morning and shot at least eight persons, one of the detectives, Paul Davis, was shot in the shoulder by fellow officers before he was captured. The other officer, Ves Carmack, was taken without a struggle. The officers, witnesses and victims said, burst into the hotel about 1 o'clock and took an elevator to upper stories, where they raced from room to room, smashing in doors and shooting guests at random.

Ed Conway, policeman, who answered the first cries for help was shot by a stray bullet. All of the hotel guests wounded by the bullets were men and several are believed to have been seriously hurt. Such confusion reigned immediately after the shooting that it was not known exactly how many had been injured. The entire staff at one hospital was engaged in the operating rooms and the superintendent there said he did not know how many patients were being attended.

Four of the victims walked to the police station where emergency aid was given.

ASTORIA TO CELEBRATE

FOUNDERS DAY ANNIVERSARY TO BE OBSERVED TODAY

ASTORIA, Or., July 19.—(By Associated Press.)—The city today was in gala array, its streets and buildings bedecked with flags and streamers and its citizens eagerly awaiting the opening of the three-day period of Astoria founders' celebration that will reach a climax Thursday morning with the dedication of the 125-foot Astoria column erected on Coxcomb hill, above the city, by Vincent Astor and the Great Northern railroad.

700 ACRES WHEAT BURN

SERIES OF FIRES STARTED BY SPARKS FROM LOCOMOTIVE

THE DALLES, Ore., July 19.—(By Associated Press.)—Standing and sacked wheat from approximately 700 acres of land, thousands of acres of pasture and more than 50 t stumps poles along the main line between Collico and Biggs was the toll of a series of fires in Wasco and Sherman counties last night and today.

All but one of the fires was said by witnesses to have been started by an engine on the O. W. R. & N. tracks main line pulling a heavy load.

An accident occurred at Court and Capitol streets Sunday, according to reports made at police headquarters yesterday. No details were given in the reports.

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