

**G. NEUNER ISSUES DENIAL, PORTLAND**

United States District Attorney Contradicts Previous Reports

PORTLAND, Dec. 1.—(AP)—George Neuner, United States district attorney, today denied that he had made a recommendation for parole at the request of Senator McNary in the case of Arthur Christensen and Robert and A. C. Smith, former federal and state prohibition officers now serving sentences at McNeil island for conspiracy to violate the national prohibition act.

Neuner, in a written statement issued today, said, however, that pursuant to the request of the parole board, a statement of fact was submitted and a recommendation made that each of the defendants be given a parole at the expiration of his minimum sentence, providing the regulations governing a parole had been complied with.

Relative to Senator McNary's interest in the case Neuner's statement said: "Senator McNary had been imported on behalf of the citizens of Portland to inquire into the matter and ascertain why the defendants were not released at the expiration of their minimum sentences. Therefore, the senator asked for the status of the case from this office, which I furnished him."

"I might state, in justice to Senator McNary, that there never has been any time when he requested or even suggested a favorable recommendation on my part in this case or any other criminal case since I have been here . . ."

The Smiths and Christensen are serving 18 months in the federal prison. In addition, a fine of \$200 was assessed on each. They were committed to the prison January 1, 1927, and will be paroled January 19.

**RUM RUNNERS SAID DISTILLING ON SHIP**

Operations Declared Carried On Aboard Many Canadian Vessels

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Dec. 1.—(AP)—Canadian rum runners operating along the southern California coast are distilling their liquor aboard ship, it was asserted here today by officers of the United States coast guard cutter number 260.

The bulk of the whiskey smuggled ashore is not the product of the Dominion distilleries, coast guardsmen say, but consists principally of cheap Mexican alcohol mixed with a concoction brewed aboard the rum ships.

The present quotation for a case of this "whiskey" is said to be \$95 delivered on the back doorstep. Coast guardsmen say "three fingers" of this liquor has plenty of power.

Officers of cutter number 260 reported that the only rum runner which is endeavoring to smuggle liquor ashore for the Christmas and New Year trade is the Canadian schooner "Prince Albert," now cruising 1500 miles west of San Diego, with the coast guard cutters Tamaroa and Cahokia doggedly trailing her.

"The only way in which the coast guard can thwart the rum runners is to spot their ships and then keep constant guard until they run out of fuel and provisions and are forced to return to Canada," said one of the officers of number 260.

"That is what we are doing to the Prince Albert, which is reported to be loaded with 50,000 cases of liquor, most of it distilled on board. The Tamaroa picked up the Prince Albert about 250 miles southwest of Point Loma two weeks ago. The liquor ship then headed for Honolulu with the Tamaroa right in her wake. The Tamaroa's cruising radius is limited, so when her fuel supply becomes exhausted she radios to the cutter Cahokia to relieve her. Then along will come the cutter Algonquin. With such a system of tracking, the Prince Albert has about as much opportunity of getting her cargo ashore in southern California as a sardine has of growing to the size of a whale."

**Roseburg Youth Asserts Dad Taught Him To Steal**

ROSEBURG, Oreg., Dec. 1.—(AP)—Castin, father in the role of Frank, a seventeen year old boy told officers here today that at home he was taught to steal, and that he was whipped if, on occasion, he returned home empty-handed. The lad, who gave the name of Frank Brown, is held here on an auto theft charge.

He was born in Los Angeles, his mother died when he was small. His father then moved the family, the boy and two sisters to Oregon, where he abandoned them, Brown related.

Brown admitted in a written confession, police declared, that he had stolen cars in Stockton, Elaine, Salem and Eugene, before coming here, where he was arrested after stealing an automobile and driving it to Canyonville.

**Report of Motorship Loss Reaches City of Portland**

PORTLAND, Dec. 1.—(AP)—"Lochmonar total loss; back broken," chalked on a blackboard at the Merchants Exchange today, informed shipping men of the end of the career of one of the big Royal Mail motorships in the Pacific coast-European trade, which piled up yesterday near North Crosby lightship, off the English coast. The vessel left Portland October 21. Liverpool was her first port of call.

In design the Lochmonar, as well as others of her class, was admirably fitted for the demands of the trade, say operators in that passenger accommodations were suited and refrigerator commodities handled as well as other classes of freight. The Lochmonar operated in the north Pacific coast line, jointly maintained by the Royal Mail and Holland-American flags.

**MINING MEN HEAR HOOVER'S IDEAS**

Improved Methods of Extracting Minerals Wanted, He Declares

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—(AP)—Improved methods of extracting minerals economically and scientific research are chief concerns of the government, Secretary Hoover told the American Mining congress today in disclaiming that the government has any desire to interfere in the conduct of the mining industry.

While America need not become alarmed over the probable exhaustion of its mineral resources, Mr. Hoover said, resources should be properly conserved and wasteful production eliminated. Government surveys show that coal, iron and building material resources will outlast many generations, the congress was told, but in the event of the exhaustion of any one metal science and industry will have provided adequate substitutes.

Elimination of cut-throat price competition and wasteful overproduction by private developers of natural resources was urged by Sidney J. Jennings, of New York, the president of the United States smelting, refining and mining company. He also advocated regulation of the industry by the government.

**DENY ALL RUMORS**

COUNTER REVOLUTION IN UKRAINE DECLARED MYTH

MOSCOW, Dec. 1.—(AP)—The Soviet foreign office today reiterated its emphatic denial of a counter-revolution in the Ukraine. The authorities, asserting that it could be shown on the spot that reports of fighting in the Ukraine were "utter falsehoods," intimated that the reports emanating evidently from a newly hatched counter revolutionary news factory in Rumania.

German consular agents in the Ukraine have reported to the German embassy at Moscow that there has not been the shadow of a disturbance in the Ukraine during the past three months, while the Polish embassy here has received no disquieting reports from its representatives.

Attention has been centered on the Ukraine in recent days by publication of reports that severe fighting between government troops and insurgents has taken place in recent months with heavy loss of life.

**SACRIFICE FUTILE**

BANK ROBBERS ACT FAILS TO SAVE YOUNG WOMAN

CHEROKEE, Okla., Dec. 1.—(AP)—Dave Brown, youthful Oklahoma bank robber, accepted a sentence of death to save the woman he loved but he placed himself in the shadow of the electric chair in vain.

Pearl Black, the woman in the case, was under sentence of 15 years in prison for participation in the robbery of the Farmers State bank at Jet, Okla., a year ago, the crime for which Brown received the death sentence because he refused to "squawk."

Brown pleaded guilty last March to the robbery, with firearms, a capital offense, but flatly refused to divulge the names of his confederates. District Judge Charles Swindall advised him his sentence would be lightened if he revealed the names of the others involved.

"Otherwise," the judge said, "you will be sentenced to death." The youth kept his sentence and heard the death penalty pronounced with calmness.

Officers finally learned the identity of Brown's companions in the robbery and arrested Mrs. Black.

**Defense Counsel Rests Without Calling Witness**

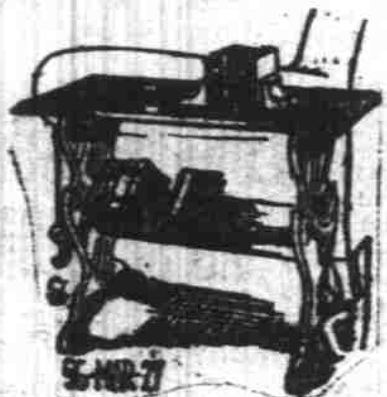
PORTLAND, Dec. 1.—(AP)—An unexpected decision of defense counsel to rest the case without calling a single witness in the trial of J. V. Burke, Kenton banker, today cleared the way for a speedy conclusion of the trial. It is expected to go to the jury late Saturday, following the closing arguments of prosecution and defense.

Burke, former president of the bank, and R. R. Thatcher, cashier, were indicted for willful abstraction and misapplication of bank funds. The institution closed December 8, 1926, with a loss to depositors of more than \$1,000,000.

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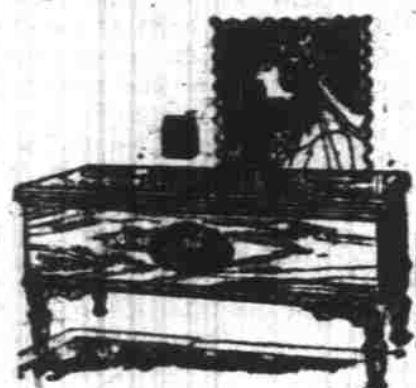
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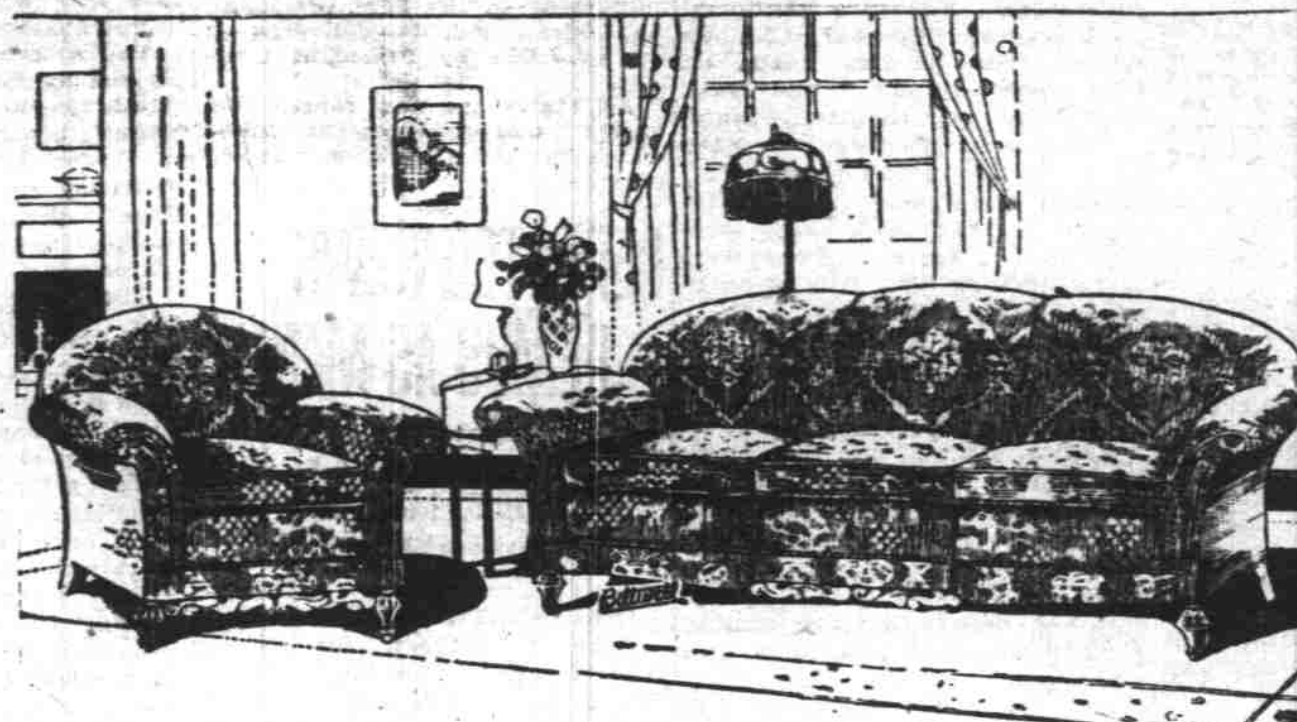
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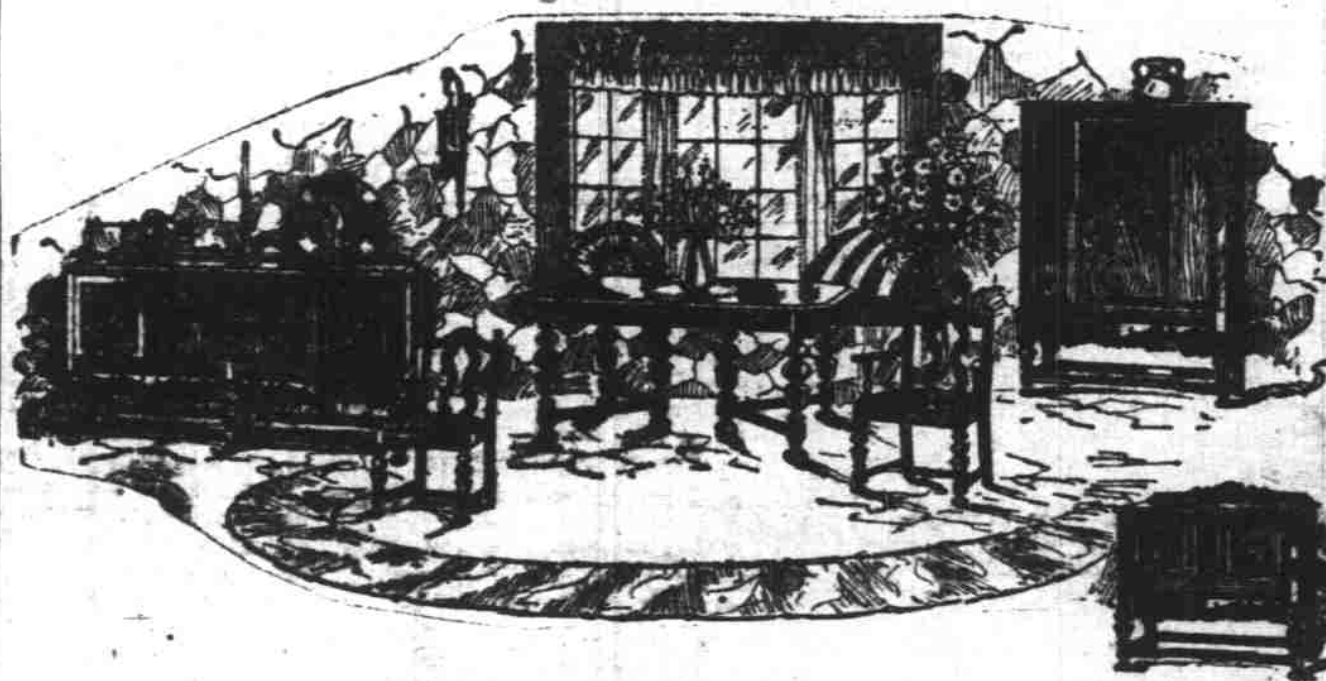


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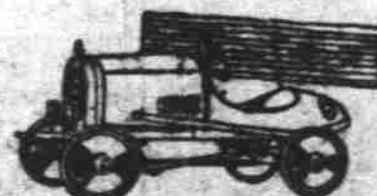
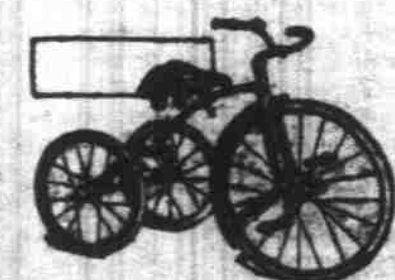
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