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SUSPECT SAYS HE TOOK PART IN P. O. HOLDUP

"Dutch Pete" Breaks Down After Being Subjected to Third Degree

ACCOMPLICE IN OREGON

Officers Throughout This State Warned to be on Lookout for William Herder; Roadster Found

EUREKA, Cal., July 19.—(AP)

Pete Stroff, better known as "Dutch Pete" broke down after nearly 24 hours of questioning here this afternoon and admitted complicity in the Willow Creek postoffice robbery July 13 in which a deputy sheriff and a bandit lost their lives. Stroff said three men committed the crime and named William Herder, alleged Oregon criminal, as the missing man.

Denies Part in Fight

He denied engaging in the gun battle with officers in which Deputy Sheriff William Carpenter and John W. Bishop, one of the bandits, were killed. He had a sawed-off shotgun he said, and intended to fire but Bishop was in the way and he could not use his weapon without endangering his companions.

Stroff told of emptying the stolen safe of about \$500 and of the flight in the small wire-wheeled roadster. After the battle in which two were killed, Stroff leaped into the brush and wandered through gulleys and over mountain spurs until his capture yesterday.

The roadster was located today at Oregon City, 12 miles from Portland. Herder will be hunted in Oregon by police and sheriff's officers armed with a description furnished by Stroff.

Has Long Record

Stroff, or Dutch Pete, has served three prison terms, or 26 years in all. He is 52 years old. He said tonight that he would seek to be prosecuted on the federal charge of robbing a United States post office as conviction in a county court of a four-year crime would mean imprisonment for life.

The authorities quoted Stroff as saying he, Bishop and Herder came here by automobile from Portland last week. On July 12 they stopped at A. Brizar's store and post office and made some purchases. Noticing the "layout" he said, they decided to return and

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FIVE FROM HERE TO GREET BISHOP

NEW HEAD OF PORTLAND AREA METHODISM DUE

Committee of Ministers and Prominent Laymen Will Meet at Train

Five prominent Methodists of Salem will go to Portland today to greet Bishop Titus Lowe, new leader of the Portland area of the Methodist Episcopal church. They include President Carl G. Doney of Willamette university, Dr. D. H. Leech, Dr. A. S. Hisey, Rev. Thomas Acheson and Dr. B. L. Steeves.

A large number of ministers and prominent laymen will be on hand to meet the bishop's train, which arrives early this morning, and will escort him to the Benson hotel. Here he will spend the day meeting Oregon conference officials with whom he will be associated for the next several years.

The four district superintendents of the Oregon conference will be in Portland to meet Bishop Lowe, and other out-of-town members of the committee will consist of delegates to the general conference of the church, held last spring in Kansas City.

Mrs. Lowe and her daughter will come to Portland later, and after their arrival a formal reception of conference-wide proportions will be held here. The tentative date has been set for August 14. Since the general conference Bishop and Mrs. Lowe and their daughter have been visiting relatives in Waterloo, Ia.

Bishop Lowe formerly was bishop of Singapore and before that was secretary of the board of foreign missions.

Members of the committee other than those from Salem which will meet Bishop Lowe's train include: Dr. A. L. Howarth, chairman, Dr. T. L. Elliot, Ernest W. Peterson, Dr. Wilbert Dowson, O. C. Bortzmeier, Dr. J. C. Harrison, E. S. Collins, Amedee M. Smith, Dr. W. W. Youngson, Dr. Paul E. Edwards, Rev. C. B. Harrison, Rev. Hugh B. Fouke, Jr., John T. Collier, J. Brauer, Earl Finn, E. L. Wells, Rev. S. J. Chaney, Eugene Rev. Sydney H. Hall, McMinnville; Dr. G. W. Gregg, Ashland.

SUSPECT STROFF ACTIVITIES HERE

PLOT TO BLOW STATE TREASURY VAULT RECALLED

Dynamiting of Capitol Theater Safe Credited to Man Arrested in South

Shortly after the Capitol theater safe was cracked last winter, Joe Murray, bookkeeper at the state penitentiary, took a look at the "remains."

"Looks like 'Dutch Pete's' work," was his brief comment. Murray didn't have to go into detail, because every officer up and down the coast knows "Dutch Pete" Stroff, generally conceded to be the most expert and cunning crackman in the west.

Yesterday Stroff was arrested for robbery of the postoffice at Willows, California, and immediately facts with respect to his suspected visit here last winter came to light.

Among other things, "Dutch Pete" was credited with having plotted to blow the vault in the state treasury department here.

A few months ago Salem officers received word from federal officials in Portland that Stroff and a number of other ex-convicts had slated a number of robberies in the Willamette valley. The state treasury department was included in the list. For more than a month federal and city officers guarded the state treasury office but Stroff and his companions failed to make an appearance.

The information from federal officers was received by the Salem police shortly after the safe in the Capitol theater had been dynamited and robbed. Stroff was said to have been tipped off to the federal officers by an ex-convict who recognized the yeg-man while on one of his periodical visits to Salem.

A few days after the Capitol theater safe was robbed a strong box in the Newport postoffice was dynamited. Stroff's companions were not identified by the information.

Salem officers said that Henry Schmidt, former Oregon convict, probably was one of Stroff's companions. Schmidt was received at the state penitentiary here from Klamath county in 1910 to serve a term of 12 years for robbery. He was paroled in 1917.

TURTLE LIVES 70 YEARS

Florida Animal Real Rival to Horned Toad from Texas

BOSTON, July 19.—(AP)—The Texas horned toad that lived for thirty years in a cornerstone was outclassed today when workmen said they found a seven-inch turtle alive in a block of wood, which was to be used in the reconstruction of the U. S. S. "Old Ironsides" at the Charlestown navy yard.

Workmen cutting a large block of wood on a plane saw a foreign substance on the plane. They investigated and found the turtle imbedded in the wood. The plane had taken a slice off its nose. They hacked and carved the wood until the turtle was released and it was given to Lieutenant John Lord who is in charge of the reconstruction of the old battleship.

The wood was recently brought here from Pensacola, Fla., where it had lain under water for more than 70 years.

WOOL MEN MAKE TOUR

Eastern Oregon Cities to be Visited by Sheep Growers

PENDLETON, Ore., July 19.—(AP)—Nine Oregon cities prominently identified with the wool industry will be visited by leaders of the industry of Oregon in a tour to start on July 25 and end on August 1. Members of the party will include K. G. Warner of Pilot Rock, president of the Oregon Wool Growers' association; Walter A. Holt, Pendleton, secretary; James Kershaw, wool-grading expert of the Pacific Cooperative Wool Growers' association; Dr. W. H. Lytel of Salem, state veterinarian; Harry Lindgren, Oregon State college specialist; Stanley Jewett, Portland, in charge of government biological survey; Fred Phillips, Baker, vice president of the association.

The group will visit Enterprise, Baker, Vale, Canyon City, Lakeview, Prineville, Shaniko, Fossil and Heppner.

MEGAPHONES SERMONS

Evangelist Gets Hearing Despite Anti-Speaking Ordinance

One Salem evangelist has found a method of getting a hearing downtown, despite the recently enacted ordinance prohibiting street speaking within the area bounded by Commercial, Ferry, High and Chemeketa streets.

Alderman Paul V. Johnson, head of the police committee of the council, heard distinctly a sermon being preached downtown the other day, but he couldn't locate the source.

After gazing wildly up and down the street, he finally solved the mystery. The broad end of a megaphone was protruding from the open window of a downtown mission which is located on the second floor of a building, and from it the words emanated.

The sermon could be heard clearly for a considerable area.

FIRST 5 YEARS HARDEST, SAYS DIVORCE STUDY

Half of Separations in Marion County Secured Within That Period

STUDENTS MAKE SURVEY

Few Complaints Contested; 106 Children Affected; Cruelty Most Usual Cause; "Husband and Scotch," Says One

In Marion County there were 573 marriage licenses granted in the year 1927. During the same year there were 196 complaints for divorce filed and decrees granted in 128 cases.

These figures are given in a survey made by Mrs. Mary Kella and Miss Pearl Craig of Willamette university. The project was worked out in connection with a course in sociology under the direction of Dr. S. B. Laughlin.

Two-thirds in Northwest Of the 128 couples granted decrees, 47 were married in Oregon; 35 were married in Washington, from which number 20 were married in Vancouver. Thus, Oregon and Washington marriages contributed exactly two-thirds of the cases. California and Idaho each had five complaints and Montana had six. Marriages were broken which were performed as far away as Nebraska, the Dakotas, Michigan, Wisconsin and even New York. In most cases these couples had been married longer than those farther west; the average for these eastern marriages was close to 10 years.

Vanover Cases Eyed Oregonians are inclined to look askance at the Vancouver, Washington, weddings, and special investigation into these cases was made. Of the whole number of decrees granted, approximately 46 per cent were of the Vancouver variety. The Vancouver weddings had lasted an average of a little over five years; in two cases marriage had continued for over 10

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TWO CHILDREN DROWNED

Eleven Year Old Astoria Lad Lost Near Astoria

ASTORIA, Ore., July 19.—(AP)—Death by drowning claimed his second child victim in as many days in this vicinity when Charles Henry Johnson, 11, was lost off a scow in the Columbia river near Knappaon late today. The boy was playing on the scow when it capsized. He was taken from the water within a few minutes after he fell in, but resuscitation failed.

Yesterday, Arne Hermanson, 5 years old, drowned when he fell into the Columbia through a hole in the platform of the Wilson boatyard here.

CITY BONDS HELD VALID

Attorney General Gives Opinion On Salem's Bridge Issue

Since they were adopted as amendments to the city charter, the sewer and bridge bond issues voted a year ago by the city of Salem are legal even though they did not receive a two-thirds majority as is required of bond issues under an earlier provision of the charter. It was stated in an opinion sent by Attorney General I. H. VanWinkle Thursday to State Treasurer T. B. Kay.

It was understood that the opinion was asked for the reason that the state was considering bidding on the \$100,000 block of bridge bonds which the city council voted to issue, at Monday's meeting.

The opinion also holds that it was not necessary to state in the measure what bridges were to be constructed.

G. O. P. TO SPEND THREE MILLION

PLANS PERFECTED FOR FINANCING HOOVER DRIVE

New York Banker Appointed Eastern Treasurer of Campaign Funds, Announced

WASHINGTON, July 19.—(AP)—Preparations for financing the Hoover campaign moved forward here today, with the appointment of Jeremiah Milbank, New York banker, as eastern treasurer and an announcement by J. R. Nutt, treasurer of the republican national committee, that at least \$3,000,000 probably will be utilized in the party drive for the presidency.

Milbank will open headquarters in the New York City at once, as a preliminary to solicitation of funds, he will appoint a contributors' committee chairman for New York state and other assistants to facilitate money raising throughout the east.

"There will be no fixed limit, publicly or privately placed upon campaign subscriptions," said Nutt, adding that "all contributions and all expenses will be at the matter of public record at all times."

Mrs. Alvin Y. Hert, vice-chairman of the national committee, also arrived today to plan for the meeting of eastern committee women next Tuesday. She was assisted by Mrs. I. H. Yost, West Virginia committeewoman, and Mrs. Mabel Walker Willebrandt, assistant attorney general, who played a prominent part in the Kansas City convention.

Nutt and Chairman Work, of the committee, conferred on the campaign budget, but no conclusions were announced. It was said at committee headquarters that Nutt would return to Cleveland at once to continue work on the budget; with a likelihood that another such conference would be held next week.

In estimating that between \$3,000,000 and \$4,000,000 would be needed to advance the Hoover cause, Nutt remarked that the former amount had been used in the Coolidge campaign of four years ago. "We have a harder fight on our hands this time," he added, expressing the opinion that \$3,000,000 could not be considered an excessive expenditure.

"There will be two divisions for

ABOARD HOOVER TRAIN

ELKO, Nev., July 19.—(AP)

Crossing the Rockies and the great desert in Utah and Nevada along the overland trail, Herbert Hoover today viewed again the scenes of many years of his labors as a mining engineer. Until the World War broke out he spent years in this part of the country developing mining property.

As his special passed across Salt Lake and entered the desert country, the republican presidential nominee gazed from his private car with interest upon the hills and plains where he spent many years of his life, and he was quick to point out this or that place of interest to his associates and friends.

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At Ogden, Utah, the first stop of the day, he told a large crowd that greeted him how happy he was to be back again in the west and he gave a similar message to the folks at Montello, Nevada, the second stop. There the candidate shook hands with some of the crowd. A brief stop was made at Wells, Nevada, where the commerce department is building a flying field with a view to building up a route between Butte, Montana, and Los Angeles. From over the rail of the back platform the commerce secretary conferred

STORMS SWEEP ILLINOIS

Four Killed and Large Amount of Damage Done, Report

CHICAGO, July 19.—(AP)—Four persons are dead and hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of crops and property is ruined as the result of a wind and rain storm which swept north-east Illinois today.

The wind, which at times reached a velocity of 64 miles an hour, blew one man from a roof to his death and blew down a high tension electric wire on another, electrocuting him.

ITALIA MEN REACH BASE

Vociferous Cheers Mark Arrival of Rescued Explorers

OSLO, Norway, July 19.—(AP)—The news that Tidens reports that upon the arrival of the Russian ice breaker Krassin at Kings Bay the Italian survivors of the Italia's crew were immediately transferred to the Olitta Di Milano amidst wild cheering.

All were well except Captain Alfredo Marinello, rescued member of the Italia's "walking party," whose leg was amputated last Wednesday aboard the Krassin, according to the newspaper.

AIL TO FIND AMUNDSEN

Report Indicates Ice Breaker Malign Abandons Search

BERLIN, July 19.—(AP)—It reported here tonight that the ice-breaker Malign had been unsuccessful in its search for the missing Amundsen party and had begun its return voyage direct to Archangel.

HOOVER REFUSES KISSES FOR BABY

CHEAP PUBLICITY STUFF NOT TO BE INDULGED IN

Republican Candidate Declares He Will Not Perform Stunt for Publication

ABOARD HOOVER TRAIN, ELKO, Nev., July 19.—(AP)—This isn't going to be a baby-kissing campaign so far as Herbert Hoover, the republican presidential candidate, is concerned.

He made this clear today during a stop of his train at Montello, Nevada, when a fond mother held up her baby for a kiss.

"I will kiss no baby for publication," Mr. Hoover said, and his friends explained afterwards that he regarded such tactics as beneath his dignity as a candidate for the highest office in the country.

The mother then asked that he hold the baby while her son took a picture of them.

With this request the candidate complied.

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Wishes Carried Out

General Oregon's often-expressed desire and also the wishes of his widow are being followed in the quick sending of his body home for burial. Oregon had said that when he died he did not want pomp and ceremony. He wanted to be buried as soon and as simply as possible in his "dear Sonora home." His widow similarly did not wish the body to remain any longer resting in state at the capital and asked it to be sent home without delay.

Oregon's supporters are gratified by President Hoover's prompt action in temporarily turning over the body to the state.

DUCE INVOKES GAG RULE

Members of Italia Crew Not Allowed to Relate Story

ROME, July 19.—(AP)—Premier Mussolini today ordered all survivors of the Italia disaster to return to Italy and in the meantime to refrain from all messages, decorations and interviews.

The premier's decision, brought about by misunderstandings which have arisen as the result of reports from Spitzbergen, was widely approved by the press and public. It is thought here that some of the interviews and statements given out by rescued members of the expedition, because of the necessity of their being translated into other languages, gave a false impression of the events preceding and following the disaster to the dirigible.

The rescued men will be taken to Narvik, Norway, by the base ship Citta Di Milano and from there will proceed directly to Italy. Later the Citta Di Milano will return to King's Bay to continue searches for the six men of the Italia's crew who are still missing.

POLICE EFFECT MORE ARRESTS OBREGON CASE

Mexico City Again Tranquil After Intense Excitement For 2 Days

QUIET FUNERAL PLANNED

Censorship of News Dispatches Removed as Situation Becomes More Peaceful; Church Element Suspected

MEXICO CITY, July 19.—(AP)

The permanent commission of congress today ordered a special session of that body to convene July 30, presumably to act on the question of presidential succession.

At the same time the commission ordered a nine-day period of nation-wide mourning for President-Elect Alvaro Obregon, who was assassinated last Tuesday.

The organization at an executive session this morning adopted a lengthy statement of aims and principles. The statement attacked Governor Alfredo E. Smith, democratic nominee, and national democratic Chairman John J. Raskob, on four points after explaining that every member of the conference was a democrat and adding:

"While declaring our unwavering allegiance to the principles of democracy and our determination to preserve the spirit of our democracy we have deliberately and finally decided that we cannot support Governor Alfredo E. Smith, the nominee at the Houston convention, for president of the United States and we hereby pledge ourselves as anti-Smith democrats, to use all proper and honorable means to secure his defeat. This decision is based on the following reasons:

"First: Governor Smith's repudiation of the Houston platform on prohibition.

"Second: Governor Smith's wet record.

"Third: Governor Smith's selection of a wet republican as chairman of the democratic national committee.

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CARRANZA GIVEN HONORS

Every Possible Courtesy Paid to Memory of Mexican

ABOARD CARRANZA FUNERAL TRAIN AT ST. LOUIS, July 19.—(AP)—Honorable Emilio Carranza lived to make a good will tour of the United States in the plane whose twisted, battered remnants are traveling with his body toward his home-would have found such a magnificent display of friendship as greets this funeral train at every point along the route.

All branches of the American military service, civilian authorities, and plain, every day citizens, have met the train at each stop. Artillery has roared in salute; planes have droned overhead; troops have stood at "present arms" and bands have played the Mexican national anthem.

When the train halted at Dayton, O., Colonel Samuel Rojas, military attaché of the Mexican embassy at Washington, accepted the floral tribute of the United States army. Profoundly moved, he thanked the donors in the name of the army of Mexico.

One of the most impressive ceremonies thus far at Indianapolis, where selected troops of the 11th regiment of infantry led the station platform at present arms while the regimental band played Mexico's national anthem. As the train passed through Terre Haute, Ind., shortly after noon, four planes swooped low and dropped flowers.

AMELIA VISITS CHICAGO

High School Days Recalled When Aviatrice Comes Back

CHICAGO, July 19.—(AP)—The young woman who left Chicago as a sweet girl graduate came back today as a Trans-Atlantic heroine—the first of her sex to span the ocean by air.

For four days, Amelia Earhart will be Chicago's guest, visiting again the scenes of her school days and renewing the friendships that once were hers at Hyde Park high school's demure young aviator. Despite a strenuous program she was managed to reserve some time for herself, since one of her main objects in coming back to Chicago was to renew the acquaintances of her high school days.

Accompanied by Wilmer Struts and Lon Gordon, her Trans-Atlantic crew, Miss Earhart was "overwhelmed" on her arrival from the east today. Overwhelmed was her own adjective, and she must have meant it from the way the city turned out to greet her. There wasn't a vacant spot from the railroad station to the city hall as her welcoming caravan escorted

PROHIBITIONISTS HAVE OWN GROUP

AL SMITH TO BE FOUGHT THROUGHOUT SOUTH

Tammany Man Subject of Severe Criticism at Gathering of Democrats

ASHEVILLE, N. C., July 19.—(AP)—An active campaign to win the south for Herbert Hoover, republican nominee for the presidency, will be carried on by the dry anti-Smith democrats, an organization of prohibitionists formed here today at the concluding session of a two-day conference. Election of dry democratic congressmen, state officials and county officials also will be sought.

The campaign will be carried on by an executive committee to be composed of a man and a woman from each of the states of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Kentucky, West Virginia, Virginia, South Carolina and North Carolina.

Headquarters probably will be established at Richmond, Va., the home of Bishop-James Cannon, Jr., of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, who with Dr. J. A. Barton, of Atlanta, Baptist leader, called the meeting here.

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SCHROCK CHOSEN BY POULTRYMEN

MILWAUKEE MAN ELECTED HEAD OF ASSOCIATION

Meeting at Corvallis Largest One Ever Held in History of Oregon Group

CORVALLIS, Ore., July 19.—(AP)—M. S. Schrock of Milwaukie was today elected president of the Oregon Poultrymen's association at the closing session of the largest convention the organization has ever held. Registration of delegates reached 281. Other officers elected were:

Elmer W. Gribble, Canby, vice president; F. L. Knowlton, Corvallis, secretary-treasurer; Ambrose Brownell, Milwaukie, and Mrs. W. Thompson of Canby were elected members of the executive council.

A continued market for strictly first-grade white eggs is forecast by E. J. Dixon, manager of the Pacific cooperative poultry producers. He warned, however, that nothing but a local market exists for colored or low-grade eggs—even second-grade.

Dixon's report that the market demands not only a large chalk white egg, but one with a light-colored yolk, led to passage of a resolution requesting the Oregon experiment station to carry on feeding tests to determine best feeding practice to produce the light yolk.

Other resolutions passed endorsed the action of the baby chick association in asking state aid in "B. W. D." eradication and for an increased tariff on poultry products.

An appropriation of \$5,000, it was said, would support half the cost of laboratory testing fees, much less than now accorded other live-stock industries.

Tariff on oriental eggs is low, the convention voted, while between here and Canada there is wide discrepancy on the baby chick tariff, which is now three cents a pound, live weight, for American imports, and 20 cents of value on exports.

ENTIRE BRITISH EMPIRE WANTS TO ENTER PACT

Answers to Kellogg's Notes Published in All National Capitals

CANADA'S REPLY SHORT

Communication from North American Dominion Held Mosaic of Striking of Entire Group; Cordiality Expressed

WASHINGTON, July 19.—(AP)

Replies of the London government and of five other members of the British Commonwealth, Canada, Australia, South Africa, New Zealand and India, accepting the revised American draft of the war renunciation treaty were made public tonight by the state department simultaneously with their publication in London and Ottawa.

The Canadian answer is the most striking of the group, was transmitted direct from Ottawa bearing the signature of W. Mackenzie King, as secretary of state for external affairs, and states in 50 words that Canada "cordially accepts the treaty, revised and is prepared to participate in its signature."

Interpretation Made The British government's answer equally accepts the revised treaty but reiterates the British understanding of the terms of the pact insofar as they might affect obligations to the league of nations or under the treaty Locarno and also with respect to the right of self defense and automatic release from obligations to any signatory nation breaking the pact.