

Northcott Jury Selected Without Any Women on It

COURT ROOM, Riverside, Calif., Jan. 10.—(AP)—While a commission of alienists deliberated regarding his sanity, Gordon Stewart Northcott today saw his hope of a jury including "sympathetic women" frustrated. A jury of 12 men was accepted within a few minutes after the trial of 10 women members of a special venire of 30 men and women had been excused. Six days had been consumed in selection of the jury and in futile attempts by Norbert Savay, Northcott's chief counsel, to force an insanity trial for his client and to remove the case to another county on ground of prejudice.

Northcott is charged with slaying Lewis and Nelson Winslow and a Mexican lad, unnamed.

The insanity angle of the case, stressed from the start by Savay, was due for legal settlement within a short time as two alienists appointed by Superior Judge George R. Freeman commenced examination of Northcott this afternoon. Dr. G. M. Webster of Patton, Calif., and Dr. W. B. Wells, chief of the Riverside county health staff, interviewed Northcott in private for a brief time today.

The alienists were named to act for the court at the request of Savay who declared the defense without funds to hire it sown experts.

The move followed failure of Savay's attempt to enter a plea of "not guilty by reason of insanity" for Northcott in addition to the plea of "not guilty," already

made. The commission will submit a written report to Judge Freeman, who will in due course make it public as it affects the procedure of the case. Should the alienists find Northcott sane under the law Savay's last opportunity to halt procedure of the present trial will have fled, prosecution attorneys believed.

IDAHO'S BANKS ASK TAX ISSUE SOLVED

TACOMA, Jan. 10.—(AP)—A question of considerable importance to all banks, national and state, reached the supreme court today in a case from Idaho asking the highest tribunal to determine when banks can escape federal taxes on worthless and uncollectible loans.

The case was filed by Leslie J. Aker, of Boise, in behalf of the commissioner of finance of that state in charge of settling the affairs of the Citizens State Bank of Buhl, Idaho, while the question of taxation was brought up in connection with the case in a petition signed by Attorney-General Stephen, of Idaho, and Charles Evans Hughes.

In the present case the bank was asserted to have made worthless loans to insolvent borrowers without obtaining any security "under circumstances involving misapplication of the bank's funds and constituting constructive embezzlement."

GRAND JURY PLANS TO EXAMINE SELF

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—(AP) grand jury investigation of itself and other city affairs under the jurisdiction of its members will be asked soon as a result of a meeting of the Tacoma councilmen sitting this afternoon as a committee of the whole. All four councilmen and Mayor M. G. Tennent vote to request the grand jury inquiry.

The grand jury is looked forward to to clear up charges of police graft and corruption as made by officers and members of the Tacoma ministerial federation and other serious charges of corruption in the city hall which began to be heard with the call for bids for a contract for the private collection of garbage several months ago. The city late last week took over the collection of garbage.

Amundsen's Life Buoy is Washed Ashore, Report

OSLO, Norway, Jan. 10.—(AP) A life buoy marked "Latham Paris" was washed ashore today on the western side of North Cape in the province of Finnmarken.

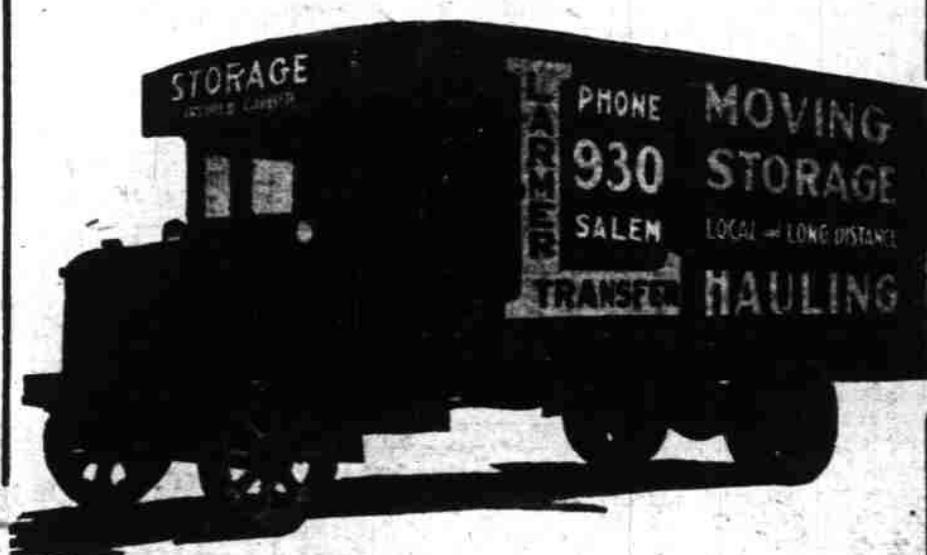
Road Amundsen and five companions last June 18 began a flight in a French Latham plane to Spitzbergen from where they were to search for the missing members of the General Noble expedition. The last report of the plane was received by a radio station at 7 o'clock that night.

Yale Star Drowns



Attempting to rescue a companion who had broken through the ice on a pond at Cranford, N. J., Norman S. Hall, noted all around athlete and Yale track captain and football star, drowned when ice broke under him. Hall had rescued a girl just a few minutes before. Photo shows Hall on crutches, having been injured playing football.

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