

CONVICT OWEN OF MURDER IN FIRST DEGREE

Life Imprisonment Sought
In Recommendation by
Jury at La Grande

To be Sentenced Saturday;
Premeditation Denied
By Defense Lawyer

LA GRANDE, Ore., Feb. 18—(AP)—John Owen, 29, was convicted in circuit court here tonight of the first degree murder of Amos Helms, Oregon state policeman. The jury recommended life imprisonment.

Owen, of Springfield, Mo., and son of a retired minister, will be sentenced at 10 o'clock Saturday morning.

The jury was out a little more than six hours.

Helms was shot and wounded fatally last October 12 when he attempted to question Owen and Keith Crosswhite, 19, also of Springfield, about an Idaho robbery. He died December 30.

Crosswhite Trial Will Start Today

Crosswhite, indicted with Owen for the murder of the policeman, will go on trial tomorrow.

The state had asked the jury to recommend the death penalty for Owen on the allegation that the shooting was premeditated. In support of this argument Carl Helm, district attorney, cited testimony of a prosecution witness that Owen and Crosswhite had asserted they were ready to "shoot it out" with police to evade arrest in connection with the alleged Idaho robbery.

No Premeditation Shown, is Claimed

George Cochran, defense attorney, in his address to the jury insisted there was no evidence of premeditation and that Owen had shot in self defense. District Attorney Carl Helm countered with the assertion Owen and Keith Crosswhite, also under indictment for the murder of Helms, prior to the shooting had declared they were ready to "shoot it out" with officers to avoid arrest for a robbery they allegedly committed in Idaho.

Owen and Crosswhite were captured in the Blue mountains two days after Helms was shot.

OPPOSE REROUTING REX HILL SECTION

A delegation of Newberg residents, headed by Senator Staples of Portland, appeared before Governor Meier Thursday and protested against the proposed rerouting of the so-called Rex hill section of the West Side highway.

It was argued that the proposed new section of road would cost approximately \$200,000, while the present highway could be improved for not to exceed \$50,000. The proposed improvement would eliminate Newberg from the main highway.

Ex-Senator Butt explained that the maximum grade of Rex hill is less than seven per cent. By spending \$50,000 on the road he said the grades could be reduced materially and the aqueducts widened out so as to remove all traffic hazards.

Governor Meier referred the delegation to the state highway commission.

KOEHLER BITES SEW

PORTLAND, Feb. 18—(AP)—Funeral services for Richard Koehler, 87, veteran railroad man who died at his home here last night, will be held Friday morning.

BUTTERMAKERS ELECT CORVALLIS, Ore., Feb. 18—

(AP)—Frank Hettwer, manager of the Mt. Angel Co-operative Creamery, was elected president of the Oregon Butter and Ice Cream Makers' association here today.

Other officers elected included Frank Moser, Corvallis, vice-president; Dr. G. H. Wilster, Corvallis, secretary; and L. B. Ziemer, Portland, treasurer.

Winners on exhibits included: Senior butter exhibit; won by Paul Jones, Eugene; J. H. Bigler, Mount Angel, second; F. F. Fischer, Salem, third.

Flier Plans Search For Couple Missing On Fur Ship Quest

Portland Woman and Companion not Heard From Since Monday; Fail to Reach Point Barrow; Landing Places few

VANCOUVER, B. C., Feb. 18—(AP)—S. E. McMillan, Canadian airways pilot, was preparing tonight to hop off from here tomorrow to search for Mrs. Edna Christofferson, of Portland, Ore., and William Graham, of Seattle, missing since Monday in northern British Columbia.

The couple were flying to Point Barrow, Alaska, to search ice fields of the Arctic ocean, for the lost fur ship Baychimo. They left Hazelton, B. C., at 10 a. m. Monday bound for Atlin, B. C., and were seen last about 7 p. m. near Nahlin, 100 miles south of their goal.

Aviators here believed stormy weather forced Graham and Mrs. Christofferson to the west or east of their route. The only suitable landing spots to the west, they said, were Taku river but to the east, landings could be made on Teslin lake or nearby rivers.

Despite information from Alaska that the Baychimo, deserted by its crew, was believed crushed and sunk in Arctic storms, Graham and the Portland woman started their 2,900-mile air journey from Yakima, Wash., Feb. 5, with flying skills attached to their plane. Graham has had three years experience flying in Alaska. Mrs. Christofferson is best known as a crack pistol shot.

WASHINGTON DAY TO BE SCHOOL HOLIDAY

Most of Buildings Holding Exercises Today to Honor Occasion

Salem public schools will be closed for a whole holiday Monday, February 22, in honor of the bicentennial birthday of George Washington, according to a statement issued last night by George W. Hug, city superintendent of schools. Willamette university will observe a half holiday starting at noon.

Practically all of Salem's schools are observing the birthday with special programs today. Willamette university's chapel speaker Monday will be Judge George Rossman who will speak on a phase of Washington's career.

Among other featured items on the programs at the city schools will be flag salutes, songs, pictures, minnets, Virginia reels, stories, poems, recitations and dialogues.

At the high school assemblies today, Mrs. Gertrude Smith directs a special drama. Washington school observes the day with ten episodes from Washington's life—each in silhouette form. Each episode will be preceded by a prologue and followed by appropriate music.

The programs of the schools are as follows: Lincoln school, 9 o'clock in the auditorium, all grades; Grant school, grades 4, 5, and 6—featuring a flag drill and special chorus; Richmond school, 9:30 o'clock, grades 1 through 8; Highland school, 1:30 p. m., all grades, with mention of Lincoln along with Washington; Park school, 9 o'clock, grades 4, 5, 6—1 o'clock, grades 1, 2, 3; McKinley school, 9 o'clock.

PAINEVE TO KEEP LAVAL IN CABINET

Tardieu Also Expected to Stay, Foreign Policy Not to be Changed

PARIS, Feb. 18—(AP)—Paul Painleve, who had been premier before, will retain Andre Tardieu and Pierre Laval in the cabinet which President Doumer has asked him to form. It appeared tonight, Aristide Briand has let it be known that he will take no part in the proceedings.

M. Painleve, one of the most popular figures in French political life, was called in by the president today to fill the place vacated by the resignation of Premier Laval on Tuesday. He got down to work immediately.

Painleve's policies with regard to the outstanding present issues go along with those of his predecessor.

He stands for security as a prerequisite to disarmament and with him as premier it is not likely there will be any change in the French policy as presented to the disarmament conference at Geneva. On the contrary, he intimated Tardieu would go back to Geneva and resume his place at the head of the French delegation there.

Woodburn Team Defeats Salem High in Debate

By a 3 to 0 decision, Woodburn's affirmative team overcame Salem's negative team in a high school debate held here Thursday night. Judges were Willamette university students and debaters; Virginia Durkee, Lillian Beecher, Ross Knotts.

The subject debated was framed, "Resolved, That the new states should enact legislation providing for compulsory unemployment insurance."

The winning debaters were Rex McPeak and Mary Alice Conroy, Woodburn high school; while Charles West and Laurence Morley lost for Salem.

Hettwer Association Head Malheur Official is Dead Highway Group Will Meet School to Issue Warrants

discuss plans for meeting with the new state highway commission to urge immediate construction of five timber bridges to replace ferries along the coast highway.

GERMANY ASKS OTHER NATIONS TO DISARM TOO

That Country Already has No Defenses, Claimed By Count Nadolny

Haiti "Disillusioned" but Will Follow France in Policy, Announced

GENEVA, Feb. 18—(AP)—Germany called on the nations at the world disarmament conference today to draft a "magna charta of armaments and security" and to reduce their implements of war to human level.

Count Rudolph Nadolny, German ambassador to Turkey, offered seven proposals. He challenged his hearers with the statement that "Germany is already disarmed and German disarmament must be considered indicative of the direction the disarmament of all other members of the league must follow."

Haiti Finds Self in Helpless Status

He was followed by the Haitian delegate, Constantin Mayard, who delivered the longest speech of the conference—7,000 words—to say that his country had been disillusioned because she had found herself at the mercy of a foreign force.

The situation had improved since the "Hoover good-will policy" had been instituted, he said, but Haiti will support the French disarmament plan because "a large part of the budget that flows in our veins is French."

The German spokesman said his proposals were based on the principle that "in the future there can only be one system of disarmament, equally applicable to all countries" and Germany would be unable to accept any other agreement.

PETTYJOHN SEEKS LEGISLATURE JOB

W. C. Pettyjohn of Salem Thursday filed with the secretary of state his declaration of candidacy for republican nomination for the office of state representative for the twelfth district, Marion county.

James T. Chincock of Grants Pass filed for the republican nomination for the office of state senator for the seventh district, Josephine county.

Chincock previously served as a member of the house of representatives. He recently was mentioned in connection with the contest for speaker of the house.

F. Leinenweber, Astoria, filed for republican nomination for district attorney of Clatsop county.

Hector MacPherson, Linn county, announced that he would be a candidate for reelection to the office of representative in the state legislature.

MacPherson has taken an active part in the program for consolidation of state departments, boards and commissions.

KOWITZ DENIES HE IS SEEKING OFFICE

Chris J. Kowitz, attorney and city councilman, denied yesterday that he had determined to make a race for the district attorneyship in this county in May. Kowitz had been talked around town this week as a probable candidate.

"I have been approached by friends who urged me to run," Kowitz admitted. He added that he had the matter under consideration but was not at all determined in his own mind what he would do. He said he would make no decision for some time to come.

Kowitz was at one time city attorney for Salem.

William H. Trindle, present city attorney for Salem, has already entered the race for the nomination by the republican party as district attorney. It is understood that Allan Carson is seriously considering running for the post his brother John now holds. In such an event, Lyle Page, now deputy district attorney, is not expected to contest against Carson.

Late Sports

PORTLAND, Feb. 18—(AP)—Robin Reed of Reedwood, Ore., who claims the world's water weight wrestling championship, and Pete Metropolis, of Pontiac, Mich., wrestled to a draw in two hours here tonight.

Reed won the first fall in one hour, five minutes, with a whip wristlock. Metropolis won the second in 33 minutes with a flying double wristlock. Neither was able to gain the deciding fall in the remaining 20 minutes.

Guns Sound China's Reply To Ultimatum of Japanese

UNITED STATES IS BLAMED FOR LEAGUE'S NOTE

Japan to Claim Action by Neutral Members not Regular or Legal

State Department Denies Charge; Both Nations Held Responsible

TOKYO, Feb. 18—(Friday)—Premier Inukai called upon Emperor Hirohito at the palace this afternoon and was understood to have submitted important decisions made by the government concerning Shanghai. His visit followed a conference with Minister of War Araki and Foreign Minister Yoshizawa.

By GLENN BABE
TOKYO, Feb. 18—(AP)—American influence in framing the first draft of the League of Nations' latest note of protest regarding Shanghai was charged by Japanese foreign office circles today.

"There are strong indications America had a finger in this pie," a spokesman said.

The first draft was much milder in tone, he admitted, than the note finally sent to Tokyo and appealing to Japan's "supreme sense of honor" to terminate hostilities at Shanghai out of respect for article X of the league covenant.

"Claim Action by Members Illegal

This action of the 12 neutral members of the council was described as irregular, illegal and "unadmissible."

"Few members of the council now are empowered to act in its name," the spokesman continued, "These 12 councillors are not diplomats accredited to Tokyo, hence they have no right to treat the Japanese government in the names of their respective countries."

GOVERNOR PLEASED AT HOOVER'S STAND

Pleasure at the attitude of President Hoover who, in a special message to congress, recommended that such important projects at the dams at Boulder canyon and Cove creek, development of Grand Coulee on the Columbia, and the dam at Umatilla rapids, be undertaken when contracts can be made for the sale of power to amortize the cost of construction to the government, was expressed by Governor Meier in a statement issued Thursday.

"I am deeply gratified by the recommendation of President Hoover," Governor Meier said. "The recommendation is in line with the argument presented to the board of army engineers at Washington by Colonel Clark and myself, and later discussed with the president at the Whitehouse."

"We told the board of army engineers that if it would select a feasible project on the Columbia river and congress would authorize this construction contingent upon the sale of sufficient power to amortize the construction, we would assure them that the power would be sold."

G. B. S. and His Wife Injured as Auto Hits Ditch

CAPE TOWN, Union of South Africa, Feb. 18—(AP)—George Bernard Shaw, the Irish dramatist, and Mrs. Shaw were injured today on a road near Knysna when their automobile ran into a ditch.

Mr. Shaw, who was driving, was badly bruised and shaken up. One of Mrs. Shaw's wrists was injured. Details of the accident were lacking here tonight.

McCallister to Leave For East

Mark D. McCallister, former state corporation commissioner, is expected to leave Portland today for Minneapolis, Minn., to testify in the trial of W. B. Fosbury, now in progress there.

He informed the press here yesterday. He has been at home in Salem for several days after being subpoenaed to the trial in the east. It is understood that McCallister will be asked to tell what he knows regarding the methods the Fosbury interests employed in receiving permission to sell their stock in this state.

Claim United States Responsible For Protest by League of Nations



A "foreign office spokesman" at Tokyo has declared that the United States had a "finger in the pie" in connection with the note of protest sent to Japan by the League of Nations. Kenkichi Yoshizawa (left) is Japan's foreign minister and presumably authority for the claim, and Ambassador Debuschi (right) is Japanese official who has had a prominent part at Washington in the negotiations over the Shanghai crisis.

MANCHURIAN STATE MADE INDEPENDENT

Nation of 30 Million Sets Up Government With Japan in Control

MUKDEN, Manchuria, Feb. 18—(AP)—The new republic of Ankuo, born of military conquest, proclaimed its independence from China today and unfurled its five-barred rising sun banner over Manchuria and Inner Mongolia.

The executive committee of northeastern Manchuria, composed of Chinese leaders raised to high places by the army of occupation, declared an area half again as large as the Japanese empire and holding 30,000,000 people to be what is generally regarded as a protectorate of Japan.

In flowery, classical language calling their country the land of milk and honey, the proclamation asserted: "We have decided to sever relations with the Chinese government and to proclaim complete independence."

"The people have suffered long enough under the maladministration of military overlords. That military clique must be banished forever. The desire of the people for peace is like a starving man's hunger."

DAVIS WINNER IN CONTRACT ACTION

W. R. Davis, sub-contractor on the North Santiam highway construction work last summer, won a judgment of \$4294 against the W. H. Puckett company in a verdict returned Thursday at 3 p. m. in circuit court here. Luther J. Chapin, foreman of the jury, signed the verdict, which came after several hours' deliberation.

The case had been in court since Monday. Davis alleged Puckett's company owed him nearly \$10,000. Puckett said his net indebtedness to Davis was \$700.

The case of Ed St. Supery against the Western Board Products company is now at bar. St. Supery asking \$1400 for wages he holds are due from the manufacturing concern. Fred Thielson, at one time secretary of the company, was on the stand late yesterday afternoon. The case will continue today. It is being heard by Judge L. H. McMahon.

ACQUIT HULL UPON GAMBLING CHARGES

Jury out Five Minutes; no City law Violated is Claim of Defense

It took the jury hearing the case of George Hull, accused of conducting gambling games, but five minutes to return a verdict of not guilty when the case came to trial before Justice of the Peace Miller Hayden yesterday afternoon.

Hull set up defense that the games played at his place here, the Smoke Shop, were in accord with city ordinances, and that a big billiard concern was behind the case against him in an effort to put out of business the small card room.

The suit was a test case, and has been widely watched by pool room operators of the state. A large crowd of men was in the courtroom during the trial, this case attracting more attention than any trial in justice court in some months.

The state accused Hull of conducting a gambling game, a form of poker played there, for which "hickies" were given, these exchangeable in merchandise at the Smoke Shop.

Only a four-man jury heard the case, two being excused on preliminary count. Returning the verdict were Adam Engle, Fred Duncan, Earl R. Adams and Elroy Nash. Joe Bartocci and H. A. Richmond were excused.

Curtailment of Pine Sawing is Policy Adopted

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 18—(AP)—Sharp curtailment of western pine lumber production until demand for the lumber returns prices to a point where mill owners can operate without a loss was agreed upon today by members of the Western Pine association.

The curtailment proposal was submitted to the association by its economic committee. The committee's report, read by J. P. Weyerhaeuser, Jr., of Lewiston, Idaho, included three recommendations.

PIONEER DEAD AT 81
SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 18—(AP)—Brigadier General Walter S. Schuyler, 81, army Indian fighter, died here last night.

Death came unexpectedly following an operation at the Letterman General hospital. He retired in 1915.

Columbia Basin Project Is Deemed Indefensible

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18—(AP)—The proposed \$400,000,000 Columbia basin irrigation project in Washington was condemned as "indefensible" today by the national advisory and legislative committee on land use.

The committee—created at a nation-wide conference on land utilization in Chicago—endorsed Secretary Hyde's opposition to the Columbia basin development and asked for a new policy on federal reclamation.

Representing varied farm interests, the committee's action was predicated on the existence of abundant farm lands and surplus crops. The bureau of reclamation, the committee which met at the agriculture department this week for the first time, should be assisted in rehabilitating existing federal projects which may be in distress and placing them on a sound economic basis.

No new projects, it added, should be undertaken until a long time agricultural outlook reveals a necessity for more land in cultivation. President Hoover's proposed reorganization of governmental units involving also branches of the agricultural service was approved.

BIG ONSLAUGHT DUE TO START SATURDAY EVE

Intention not to Withdraw is Apparent; Defense Troops Massing

14,000 Nipponese Soldiers Ready to Attack and More in Reserve

NANKING, Feb. 19—(Friday)—China will reject the demands of the Japanese ultimatum for the withdrawal of her troops from Shanghai, a foreign office spokesman said late today. The Chinese reply is expected to be sent to Shanghai tonight, he said.

The spokesman said the national government also had instructed Ambassador W. W. Yen at Geneva to invoke Article 15 of the league covenant at the coming special session of the league assembly.

The foreign affairs committee had been in continuous session since last night, he said, drafting the reply to Japan which would say Japan's demands at Shanghai were unacceptable to China.

By MORRIS J. HARRIS
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SHANGHAI, Feb. 19—(Friday)—China's reply today to Japan's ultimatum demanding Chinese evacuation of Shanghai with a bombardment of Chapel boulevard in which Japanese headquarters said, three Japanese bluejackets were killed.

The bombardment was interpreted by Japanese army officers as a gesture of defiance. The defenders' guns dropped shells around the Japanese consulate and the flagship Idzumo in the Whangpoo river during the night to show, apparently, that the Chinese were holding fast.

Troops, Munitions Being Piled Up

China furthermore piled up her troops, guns and ammunition, kept up a desultory firing on Japanese lines and otherwise gave no indication of accepting the demand that her forces leave Shanghai before sundown Saturday, or face all the power at Japan's command.

The Japanese onslaught seemed almost certain to begin sometime after 5 p. m. tomorrow.

China's 19th route army dug deeper into its positions about Shanghai and away toward Woosung, massing reserve troops, strengthening defenses and rolling up ordnance of all available kinds.

Inspection of the Japanese positions indicated that the thousands of soldiers who poured into Shanghai over the last week and were set for whatever action their high command ordered.

It was estimated that 14,000 Japanese soldiers occupied a long line stretching from the northern borders of the international settlement to Woosung, site of Chinese forts 16 miles away. Others were held in reserve.

Realize Chinese Will Not Retreat

"The Chinese apparently intend to remain where they are," a Japanese officer at headquarters said. As forecast in their ultimatum, Japanese airplanes went aloft today to observe the Chinese lines, but dropped no bombs. The forces at Woosung still marked time.

That the Chinese army intended to defend every inch of its ground was apparent. Additional artillery, machine guns, trench mortars and other miscellaneous armaments were piled up.

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