

INVESTIGATION OF CITY POLICE IS ASKED AGAIN

Committee of Council Will Sift Charges Brought By James Hartwell

Complainant Recently had Fistic Encounter With Officer, Is Report

For the second time in two months the city police department is to be "investigated," as a result of charges hurled in council meeting last night by James Hartwell, participant in an altercation with a policeman recently. The department was investigated and exonerated last month of blame for the open gambling operations at this year's state fair.

Hartwell read the aldermen a letter charging a city policeman with receiving \$3 for a gallon of moonshine which he failed to deliver. This complaint, he said, and was borne out by Albertman A. S. Henderson, minister, he some time ago presented before the Salem Ministerial association.

Gambling is going on in several locations, unimpeded by the police, he further asserted and alleged that the chief of police had from time to time billed the county for expenses of city officers handling cases outside the city limits, but had not turned over this money to the city.

On concluding the reading of his charges against the police, Hartwell presented City Recorder Paulsen with what he said was an affidavit copy.

Alderman Henry Vandevort immediately jumped up and moved that the communication be thrown in waste basket. Alderman Sam Hughes quickly arose to move the return of the letter to Hartwell and the appointment of a committee to investigate the charge.

While aldermen protested its return, Hartwell strode to the recorder's desk and re-pocketed the letter.

The council then voted for an investigating committee and Mayor P. H. Gregory appointed Aldermen Vandevort, F. N. Needham and Dr. O. A. Olson. Vandevort was chairman of the committee on the gambling investigation. Olson is chairman of the council's police committee.

Hartwell, it was learned, and Patrolman Frank Winslow engaged in fistfights in front of the police station several days ago, reportedly because of the charges Hartwell had made before the ministerial group.

Mystery Blast Kills Unknown Man; Home Owner is Questioned

Householder Away at Time; Says He had not Seen Explosion Victim Before; Held due To Suspicious Circumstances

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 21.—(AP)—Samuel Simone, 50, was held at the city jail tonight without bail to await questioning tomorrow by the district attorney's office in connection with an explosion that shattered his home here today and killed an unidentified man.

The blast, so powerful it tumbled neighbors several blocks away out of bed, demolished the residence and flames immediately following reduced the debris to ashes.

Seven hours after the explosion the body of a man, about 70, was discovered in the charred wreckage. Simone, his wife and their three children were later found safe in the home of a friend, Joseph Vitor, near Corbett, Ore. Simone, viewing the body of the victim at the morgue tonight, said he had never seen him before. Firemen had stated that the man apparently was inside the house when the blast occurred.

Police said Simone was held after a lengthy questioning. They said they had learned that the insurance on the house was fully paid, that Simone had moved a portion of his household goods from the house to another, that the family had been away from home since Saturday and did not expect to return until after Thanksgiving, and that Simone had been unemployed for a year.

The fire marshal's office said gasoline was apparently present when the house was wrecked. It pointed out that an illuminating gas explosion tends to blow itself out whereas fire followed an instant after the blast in the Simone home.

DOCK ISSUE NEEDS MORE IRONING OUT

Ordinance Deeding Property Held up Second Time For Alteration

Fearing for the safety of the property proposed to be deeded by the city to a non-profit corporation for construction of the chamber of commerce dock, city aldermen last night held up the matter for a second time by voting that the ordinance for transfer of the deed be referred to the utility committee for correction.

After third reading and discussion by the council and chamber representatives, it was pointed out that the ordinance did not provide for return of the Water street property to the city at the end of the amortization period, 35 years. The resolution presented by the chamber at a recent council meeting incorporated this stipulation.

Building of the dock here was held as necessary before the U. S. army engineers would recommend canalization of the Willamette river above Oregon City, W. M. Hamilton, chairman of the chamber industrial committee, pointed out. Organization of the non-profit corporation, Salem Dock & Terminal company, he said was necessary in order to lease the dock to the Salem Navigation company for 25 years, since the city by law may lease its property for only five years.

The lessee under the chamber's scheme would operate the dock as a public enterprise, pay for insurance, depreciation and amortization of the \$75,000 construction costs over the 25-year period, explained Hamilton.

BAUGHN BOUND OVER TO FACE MURDER COUNT

Asserted Facts of Slaying Brought out at Hearing In Justice Court

Defendant Started Trouble Says Witness, Sister Of Knife's Victim

W. H. Baughn, 42, accused of murder in the first degree for fatal stabbing of Roy Robinette at Detroit the evening of November 13, was bound to the grand jury following hearing yesterday afternoon before Judge Miller Hayden.

Chief witness for the state was Mrs. Olive Schocker, sister of Robinette and who witnessed the episode. Deputy Sheriff S. O. Burkhart also was on the stand, stating that Baughn admitted to him in Stayton that the knife with which the stabbing was done was the knife carried by Baughn, Roy Elliott, former ranger at Detroit, told of being called to the home after the stabbing, and of coming to Salem when Robinette was brought to the Willamette sanitarium.

Mrs. Schocker told in distinct tones and direct manner of "Bill" Baughn's visit that Sunday night to her home, where she and her brother lived. She told how Baughn eventually became angered over Robinette's simple request that he sign a receipt that had to do with getting a car license; how Baughn cursing, challenged Robinette to come outdoors and fight it out; how the brother first refused, but then went.

After Baughn started backwords out the door, Robinette advancing, when Baughn struck Robinette in the face, Mrs. Schocker testified; then they sparred on the porch a brief minute, and then got down to the ground, where Baughn slashed Robinette several times.

"Babe, he's knifing me to death," Mrs. Schocker quoted her brother as saying, upon which she first refused, but then went.

Huron was assigned to command the regiment pending completion of the war department investigation which is now being conducted by Brigadier-General Charles S. Lincoln of California.

"I can only regret that Colonel Libby has given out such information and interviews in Portland as were credited to him," Major General George A. White, commander of the national guard of the northwest, said.

"At the proper time when the official inquiry has taken its natural course, there will be no secrecy as to all the facts."

"The man I am sorry Colonel Libby has credited his troubles to me, and charged that his own officers have been intimidated from speaking officially in his behalf. It seems necessary, in view of that charge and in justice to his principal officers, and all concerned to explain that there is a very different reason why Colonel Libby's officers are not extending themselves in his behalf. It was at their instances, and that of his brigade commander, that the inquiry was launched."

Data on Marion County Jobless Asked by Maris

Paul V. Maris, chairman of the Oregon relief council Monday asked Judge Stigmund of the Marion county court to provide him with information showing unemployment conditions in Marion county.

Garbage Company Seeks Lower Fee

Sanitary Service company, which the city council last January delegated to handle disposal of garbage in the city at an annual license fee of \$1000 seeks reduction of the fee, "because of reduced business," in a communication submitted to the council last night. The matter was referred to the license committee.

President and President-Elect Confer



IDAHO CHOSEN FOR NEW GRANGE MEET

CITY NOT YET DECIDED UPON; ONLY FEDERAL TAX UPON TOBACCO, IS URGED

WINSTON SALEM, N. C., Nov. 21.—(AP)—The National grange holding its 66th annual convention here selected Idaho today as its 1933 convention state, the city to be chosen later, and heard a resolution recommending that the federal government alone collect taxes on manufactured tobacco products.

The assembly, the grange legislative body, chose Idaho at today's major business meeting and announced the convention would be held "about this time of the year."

The national executive committee will choose the convention city after various locations in the state are considered.

BUSINESS FARMERS CONFER ON ISSUES

CHICAGO, Nov. 21.—(AP)—Holding present burdens on agriculture were intolerable and that reductions in farm prices within the last three years totaled eight billion dollars, representatives of big business agriculture concluded a one-day round table conference tonight by advocating development of a plan to "reestablish an equitable price ratio between farm and industrial prices."

Hunger Marchers And Police Clash

MINNEAPOLIS, Nov. 21.—(AP)—Two officers were beaten and 18 arrests made during a clash in front of the city hall today between officers and a group of demonstrators. Police said the demonstration was led by several members of what they termed "the national hunger marchers" here en route to Washington.

Police Matron Retention Plea Voiced by Clubs

Resolutions protesting the rumored elimination of the position of city police matron were presented at city council meeting last night from the Santa club, Salem Woman's club and the women's bible class of the First Methodist church. In the city budget for 1933, yet to be finally accepted, the police matron position is retained at a reduced salary, in line with general reductions.

HOOVER OFFERS DEFINITE PLAN ON DEBT ISSUES

Conference With Roosevelt Slated Today; Another Country Sends Plea

President-Elect to Visit Historic Lincoln Study For Unusual Parley

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.—(AP)—Prepared for tomorrow's momentous debt talk with Franklin D. Roosevelt, President Hoover tonight held ready to place upon that conference table a definite program possibly to include recommendations for revival of the war debt commission.

Even as the chief executive rounded out his plans in a series of parleys with his second and advisors, however, renewed opposition to the re-creation of the debt commission resounded.

Meanwhile, also, another twist was added to the already complex debt problem as Czechoslovakia deposited at the state department—alongside those of Great Britain, France and Belgium—a note asking suspension of its \$71,500,000 payment due December 15.

Secretary Mills, who will assist the president tomorrow, conferred twice with him today. Whether Mr. Hoover will abandon his previous sponsorship of reestablishing the debt commission in the face of heavy congressional opposition, the treasury secretary would not say. Interrogated by newspapermen, he said, smiling:

"Such an organization would be very helpful right now." Mills foresaw three possibilities as arising from tomorrow's meeting, a joint program evolved by the president and the president-elect, a program sent to capital hill by Mr. Hoover, or suggestion by Mr. Roosevelt to democratic leaders and enacted by congress.

Meeting is Shifted To Lincoln Study
During the day White House aides shifted plans for the reception of the New York governor. The scene of the meeting was changed from the executive offices and set instead for the Lincoln study on the second floor of the White House proper.

Details of the chief executive's plans for dealing with the foreign debt bangle were as closely guarded as when they were conferred more than two hours with Secretary Stimson and even longer with Mills.

"Lots of hard work," Stimson remarked to newspapermen as he left the executive offices late this afternoon, carrying a brief bag and accompanied by a secretary. But he would say no more.

It was taken as certain, however, that Mr. Hoover will speak of European disarmament in close connection with his talk of debts. The possibility was voiced unofficially this might be a counter proposal to foreign debtor requests for relief.

Still another allied subject probably will be a suggested date for the world monetary and economic conference. The president's feet that starting this parley will continue into the new administration. Mr. Roosevelt should have a hand in arranging American participation.

Late Sports

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 21.—(AP)—George "Wildcat" Pete of Eugene, Ore., defeated Bobby Bylund of Minneapolis, two falls out of three in the featured match of a wrestling card here tonight. Pete weighed 155 and Bylund 160.

Oregon Briefs

Kiddle Claims 22 Votes
Robber Given Five Years
Brand to Hear News Case
Astoria Invites Astors

Daily News by four ex-employees, it became known here today.

L. A. Banks, editor and publisher, filed an affidavit of prejudice against Judge H. D. Norton.

POSTOFFICE ROBBED
KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Nov. 21.—(AP)—The Beatty postoffice was broken into today and government checks payable to members of the Klamath Indian reservation were in the loot carried away.

Robbers entered a small lobby and bent bars in a window enough to gain access to the mail. The amount taken was not disclosed.

COMING TO U. S.
ASTORIA, Ore., Nov. 21.—(AP)—The Astoria chamber of commerce today wired an invitation to Lord Astor, descendant of the founder of Astoria, and Lady Astor to visit Portland and Astoria while on their tour of the United States.

Harwood Pleads Guilty, Second Degree Murder

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 21.—(AP)—George Harwood, 38, appearing in circuit court here today, pleaded guilty to murder in the second degree in connection with the fatal shooting September 8 of Marie G. Barr, described by police as a beer vander. Sentence will be pronounced Wednesday.

The district attorney's office said it was willing that the defendant should plead guilty to second-degree murder, although he was indicted on a charge of first-degree murder. Barr's mother, the office said, had declared she did not want the man who killed her son to suffer the death penalty.

Move to Return Power to Mayor Fails to Appear

Rumored renewal of the attempt to return to the mayor the privilege of appointing city council committees failed to materialize at the council session last night. A group of aldermen, among them Watson Townsend, sponsor of the move, were unable to agree on the matter at a caucus held last week, it is understood. Townsend withdrew his resolution.