

'CHAIN GANG' AUTHOR FREED IN NEW JERSEY

'On Merits' Governor Moore Says Two-Time Georgia Fugitive May Stay

Eminent Lawyers Plead for Freedom; Brutalities in Camps are Scored

TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 21—(AP)—Robert Elliott Burns won his freedom tonight so far as New Jersey is concerned.

Governor A. Harry Moore flatly refused to send the convict-author back to a Georgia chain gang from which he twice escaped.

After listening to tales of alleged brutalities in chain gangs, of the use of "sweet boxes" and "stocks" in Georgia prison camps, Governor Moore announced he decided the case "upon its merits." The United States constitution leaves the governor no apparent discretion in extradition proceedings, he said, but the United States and New Jersey supreme courts have ruled he may decide upon merits.

Speakers Rush to Congratulate Fugitive

Burns, a short, nervous person, was pushed and pulled by spectators who rushed from the assembly chamber galleries to shake his hand. His mother rushed across the chamber but could not reach him. His brother, the Rev. Vincent J. Burns, threw his arms about the former fugitive.

The ex-convict, who has listened intently to the hours of debate by his eminent array of counsel, supplied by the American Civil Liberties union, against the representatives of Georgia, was taken to a rear room. There he met his mother. She kissed him with tears in her eyes.

Anxious to thank Governor Moore, who made his freedom possible, Burns was taken to the executive offices. He kissed the governor's hands as he expressed his gratitude. He was obviously surprised by the governor's reaction.

Freedom of New Jersey Promised to Prisoner

"Burns," said Governor Moore, "You can stay in New Jersey as long as you lead an honest life and remain a good citizen. But never mind the publicity stuff. It is now up to you whether you go back."

The diminutive Burns, assisted by John I. Kelley, Georgia assistant attorney general, with misrepresenting the treatment he received in the southern prison camps, was taken back to the Newark jail, to be formally released.

Burns was released from custody there several hours later.

Burns walked out without revealing his destination. He merely said: "I am through with all this publicity stuff."

Whether Burns can be sent back to a Georgia chain gang by Governor Moore's successor was apparently debatable. It was the opinion of legal experts a new governor would hesitate to overrule his predecessor. But there seemed to be no precedent.

More than two hours of pleading by such eminent counsel as Arthur Garfield Hays, former Judge Harry V. Osborne and Charles Handler for Burns' freedom was climaxed by the statement of Samuel Bernstein, the grocer he robbed of \$4.80, that he (Turn to page 2, col. 3)

'FLU' CONTINUES TO GRIP SCHOOLS HERE

Each day the list of absentees grows longer as influenza and colds take more students from their studies in the city schools. A total of 214 were reported absent from the high school yesterday, while nine instructors in that school were kept home by illness.

The situation in the two junior high schools Wednesday was reported no better, with a few more pupils on the missing list, while nearly 25 per cent of the younger children in the grade schools were unable to report for study.

EUGENE, Dec. 21—(AP)—More than 200 cases of influenza have been reported in the county by health officials reported today, there are a few serious cases. One school, the lower Camp Creek school, was closed on account of the epidemic, the county school superintendent announced. Thirty two cases were reported in the health office in one afternoon.

MARSHFIELD, Ore., Dec. 21—(AP)—Influenza, which has claimed the lives of two Coos county children and still continues about 1,000 persons in the county to their homes, was believed to be on the wane today. Approximately 200 persons are ill in Marshfield. The bandon schools were closed yesterday, and schools at Powers and several other outlying districts have been closed several days.

Butler Sinking at Washington; Doubt Held For Recovery

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 21—(AP)—At the office of Representative Hoberman today it was said today that his condition was grave and his recovery was doubtful. He has been ill of pneumonia for several days.

The circulation of the Oregon member was described as showing some failure, adding to the fear of friends that he might not recover.

They said the infection had spread to both lungs and the doctor had not proved unsuccessful.

His daughter, Miss Elizabeth Butler, who is in Oregon, has been informed that her father's condition is grave.

Butler is in a state of coma and has been conscious only at intervals since the turn for the worse Saturday.

SCOUTING GROWS IN YEAR NOW CLOSING

127 Boys in Honor Court; New Band Makes bow; Judge Presides

The marked growth of scouting in the Cascades during 1932 was emphasized last night by the number of Boy Scouts appearing at the annual statehouse court of honor to receive awards. One hundred twenty-seven boys, twice as many as last year, were given promotions. A crowd that filled the hall of representatives was present to witness the ceremonies.

That scout activities have an even greater value in times of depressed business conditions and unemployment was maintained by W. L. Hayward, northwest regional executive from Spokane, Wash., at the main court address. The national scout organization, he said, is attempting to operate without making recessions.

At the honor court and at the scout dinner preceding it at the chamber of commerce, the Saltonstall made his third public appearance, playing several numbers. Attendance at the dinner was gratifying to scout leaders.

Judge H. H. Belt presided at the honor court, with T. C. Roake as clerk, C. A. Hayward presiding at the main court, and J. T. Delaney introducing the speaker, and the following serving as court commissioners: F. Howard Zinser, A. J. Arnett, Don Douris, O. E. Palmer, A. C. Haag, W. L. Phillips, A. S. J. Franklin, Harry Brazear, Roy Brady, Harry Lar-

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Oregon Briefs

Ask Depositor Waivers Cook Freed of Murder

Youths Held for Thefts Hurrah! Winter's Here

R. F. C. FUNDS READY

PENDELTON, Ore., Dec. 21—(AP)—Re-opening of the First Inland National bank here now rests upon the action of depositors of the institution who have not signed a waiver agreement. Edwin W. Winter, vice president, returned today from Washington, D. C., with the approval of plans from Reconstruction Finance corporation officials and the comptroller of currency. Committees will start work at once on 10 per cent of the depositors who have not signed, in an effort to make it possible for the bank to open at once, closed since October 18.

JURORS OUT 5 HOURS

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 21—(AP)—John H. Cook, 24, of Portland, was acquitted by a jury in circuit court here today of a charge of first-degree murder in connection with the fatal shooting several weeks ago of Edwin Burton, 29, Seattle, Wash., mechanic. Cook claimed self defense. The jury deliberated five hours, returning once to ask the judge to read his instructions again.

CAN'T ELUDE STATE POLICE

MEDFORD, Ore., Dec. 21—(AP)—Following a wild automobile chase over narrow country roads, Otto Rutter, 23, Central Point, Arthur Rod, 23, St. Paul, Minn., and Gladys Gwinn, 16, Jacksonville, Ore., were arrested today and charged with a series of auto thefts here in the past two weeks. State police, who captured the trio reported that Russell, driving an auto stolen from this city last night, tried to force the pursuing police car off a steep embankment to elude capture.

"WINTER" PROVES MILD

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 21—(AP)—Officially, today was the first day of winter. Actually, in Portland, the weather was more in keeping with the first day of spring. Light breezes, a temperature around 48 degrees, intermittent sunshine and an absence of rain were the offerings of the day here.

TO RUSH TURKS SOUTH

ROSEBURG, Ore., Dec. 21—(AP)—To meet a strong demand on California markets for Oregon turkeys for the holiday

BEER MEASURE PASSES HOUSE BY 230 TO 165

3.2 per Cent top Content in Bill to be Hurried Over to Senate

\$5 Barrel tax, State Regulation of Sale, Salient Features of Plan

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21—(AP)—Trampling down all dry opposition, house wets jammed democratic 3.2 per cent beer bill through unchanged today and laid it on the doorstep of the senate, where early action is promised.

The big vote approving the measure—230 to 165—marked the first successful move by wets in either branch of congress to modify the Volstead act since it became law 12 years ago.

Shouts and applause greeted Speaker Garner's announcement of the bill's passage. The size of the affirmative vote surprised even the most active advocates of the measure.

"It was bigger than I expected," Garner said, "and shows that a majority of the house wants to follow the will of a majority of the people."

There had been some doubt in the minds of Garner and other democratic leaders that enough votes could be mustered to approve it. They were happy tonight, back-slapping each other. Majority Leader Rainey congratulated Chairman Collier, of the ways and means committee, for being the "fist" to bring the bill through the house in the short session a major democratic proposal.

Collier says "Pro" Vote Above Expectations

"It will give the people a malt beverage to drink and the federal treasury the needed revenue," Collier said. "We got more than the number of votes we expected, but the opponents did not get as many as we thought they would."

Action came after three and a half hours of exciting debate, watched by several senators, including Robinson, of Arkansas, and Barkley, of Kentucky, and filled galleries.

The drys were repulsed early by a teller vote of 163 to 118, when they attempted to wreck the bill. A motion by Representative Stirovich (D., N. Y.), who unwittingly gave them parliamentary advantage on a motion to strike out the enacting clause.

Gaining confidence by this show of strength, the wets then slipped through a motion to amend the two dozen amendments, including (Turn to page 2, col. 1)

Wed or Unwed? That Worries Medfordites Spiced by Lamkin

MEDFORD, Ore., Dec. 21—(AP)—Marriages performed by County Judge Lamkin since the recent election are legal, reports to the contrary notwithstanding, District Attorney Codding said today.

Codding said the attorney-general has held that under the Oregon law Judge Lamkin holds office until January 2, after an appointment by Governor Meier, and that all his official acts are valid.

The controversy started when a report became current that Judge Lamkin's successor was entitled to assume office last month. The attorney-general ruled, however, that his successor could not qualify until January 2, as he ran for the regular term and not for the unexpired term.

MEIER DENIES HE'S IN ON LIBBY FIGHT

Mystery fog Envelopes Loss of Colonel's Standing; Steiner Gives Data

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 21—(AP)—Circumstances surrounding the ousting of Colonel Eugene C. Libby from command of the 16th Infantry, Oregon National Guard, were described by many interested persons here today as a puzzle.

Word reaching here from Washington, D. C., that Governor James L. Meier was responsible for Colonel Libby's removal from the list of federal recognized Guard officers was promptly denied by the state's chief executive.

"I have taken absolutely no part in this entire thing," the governor declared. "I have not authorized the use of my name in it in any manner whatsoever."

Colonel Libby, who was relieved of his command last month while charges against him of (Turn to page 2, col. 2)

RED FARMS FAIL TO DELIVER '32 QUOTA

MOSCOW, Dec. 21—(AP)—The state farms, to which the Soviet government looks not only to furnish approximately one-seventh of its grain resources but also to set an example for collective and individual peasants, were pictured tonight as having fallen down badly in their deliveries of grain to the state.

Acknowledging that this branch of agriculture had fulfilled only 77.8 per cent of the collections assessed against it and supposed to be completed December 15, the newly-created commissariat for grain and cattle-breeding state farms issued stringent orders for immediate improvement in the situation which it described as "shameful."

The state farms differ from collective farms in that they are operated by the state much on the same order as a factory with regularly employed workers who labor at fixed salaries.

These farms were assessed a total of 90,800,000 bushels of grain to be delivered to the state in 1932, compared with 64,800,000 bushels in 1931.

McFadden Takes Another Paddle For Hoover Hate

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21—(AP)—The secretaryship of the Pennsylvania republican house delegation was taken from Representative McFadden today for his attacks on President Hoover but his only comment was that he would continue to "fight against double dealings between officials of the American government and international bankers."

He would say nothing directly on the action of Pennsylvania republicans ousting him as their secretary because of his recent attempt to impeach the chief executive, but he did say:

"I am still concerned about the debt snarl we now find ourselves in, largely due, I am convinced, to negotiations and commitments involving President Hoover's moratorium."

Stock Holders in Air Brake Convene

A large crowd of stockholders of the International Air Brake Control company to hear a plan for further stock subscriptions. The meeting was called by a committee consisting of Dr. L. E. Barriek, H. T. Love, Dr. John Lynch, O. F. Johnson and K. G. Thompson. The company has nearly 200 stockholders in Salem. The interstate commerce commission is expected to test the airbrake attachment within the near future. The device is manufactured by the American Iron works at Dallas.

HOOVER, 'F. R.' SAID STILL TO DISCUSS DEBTS

Roosevelt's Advisors Indicate Commission not in Favor With Chief

President-Elect Favored To More Power for Utility Regulation

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21—(AP)—Continued White House silence on the exchange of views between President Hoover and Governor Roosevelt over the war debts situation led to the belief tonight that further communications were proceeding between them.

In his reply to the chief executive's first proposal that he cooperate in the appointment of a commission to review war debts, disarmament and world economic questions, the president elect declined to participate.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 21—(AP)—President-elect Roosevelt's advisors said today that European press comment on President Hoover's recommendations to congress Monday had confirmed his belief that the European national cannot be dealt with by a commission such as Mr. Hoover proposed without the determination of an American policy.

This belief, they said, probably will keep the New York governor in the role of interested spectator during any negotiations that President Hoover's administration may conduct with European nations prior to Mr. Roosevelt's inauguration as president March 4.

Europe Held To Think Commission Has Power

They said cable dispatches from Europe relating to President Hoover's proposal for a commission, clothed in the authority of both president and president-elect to study the war debt, world economic and disarmament problems, convinced him the Europeans would expect a great deal more than fact finding from such a commission.

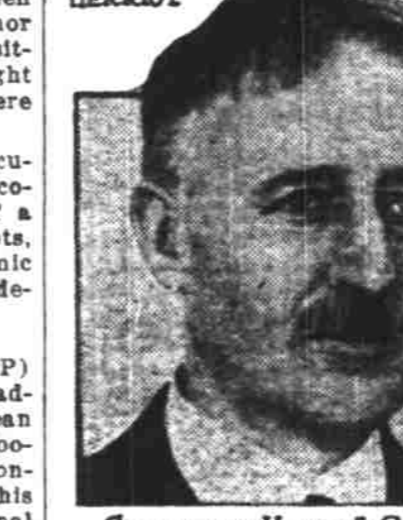
President-elect Roosevelt continued his silence on the Hoover proposals and declined to discuss the matter of the telegraphic reply he is generally understood to have made by President Hoover.

His friends said, however, that while he would welcome an opportunity for fact-finding in connection with the European situation his principal objection to the Hoover proposals is that they (Turn to page 2, col. 4)

These Men Headliners in Debt Dramas in Progress in World



PREMIER EDUARD HERRIOT



SECRETARY HENRY V. STIMSON



PREMIER CHARLES DE BROQUEVILLE

GOOD WILL FUND IS SHORT, BUT RISING

Salvation Army Seeking to Get \$400 for Christmas Dinner Baskets

SALVATION ARMY "GOOD WILL" FUND

Previously reported	\$21,718
Kettles Tuesday	21,775
Kettles Wednesday	26,226
Mae, Dan Ross	15,000
Mrs. O. Hoffman	1,000
Aldie M. Brant	1,000
Totals	\$82,819

Christmas-shopping throngs of persons from Salem and vicinity yesterday and Tuesday were the most generous yet this season in contributions to the Salvation Army kettles on street corners. With steadily mounting receipts from kettles and much desired mail donations coming in, Adjutant E. Parsons is hoping that this year's "Good Will" fund, which will be used to care for need families on Christmas, will reach at least \$400, although this is \$100 lower than last year.

As well as soliciting for cash for relief work, the Army workers are seeking donations of fruits and vegetables from farmers, the adjutant said. Contributions of this nature each year have greatly assisted in filling the many Christmas dinner baskets.

"Calls for relief are urgent," Adjutant Parsons reported. "They are even more deserving this year than ever before, because work is out of the question."

The Army received a request yesterday from a woman whose son is in the state penitentiary. The pittance the son earns at his industrial work there, he gives to his mother to pay her rent. But the woman is unable to buy groceries, the adjutant said, pointing to this as a typical case of need.

Leslie Henry, Pasadena Notable Held for Theft

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 21—(AP)—Leslie B. Henry, Pasadena civic leader and brokerage company executive was arrested on suspicion of grand theft tonight following announcement of a possible \$465,000 shortage in the securities account of Mrs. Charlotte Shelby, mother of Mary Miles Minter, former film star.

Henry, former president of the Pasadena tournament of roses and widely known in financial circles, was called to the district attorney's office for a statement, and then arrested, after Hewlings Mumper, attorney for Mrs. Shelby, had laid before District Attorney Byron Pitts a "private confession" said to have been made to officials of Blyth and Company, Henry's employers.

Shortage in Film Star's Account May Reach \$475,000

Henry reached the prosecutor's office after a statement had been made by Mrs. B. Henry, Pasadena, Henry's secretary for years, who

Bank Robber Dies As Guns Flare Up; Girl Poor Shield

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 21—(AP)—One robber obtained \$10,200 and another lost his life in two bank holdups here today.

Both used girl bank employes as shields.

The dead man, killed by a guard after he had taken \$600 from the bank of Englewood, was identified by papers in his pockets as Harry Altman, Jr., of Venice, Cal. Police here told Altman seized Kathleen Bastian, 19, maneuvered her between him and Guard Alfred Nelson, the only other person present. When the man turned to flee with the money, Nelson found an opportunity to fire and brought the outlaw down at the door. He died in a hospital.

ALLEGED FORGER IN JAIL IN CAROLINAS

SPARTANBURG, S. C., Dec. 21—(AP)—J. W. Albertotti, said by department of justice agents to have committed a long series of forgeries and other crimes in the west, was lodged in the county jail here today charged with seeking to give a forged check to a motor company.

He was said to have served prison terms at Leavenworth, Kas.; Boulder, Colo.; Folsom prison, California, and Washington state prison and Oregon state prison. Records also showed he was paroled while serving a 14-year sentence in Folsom and a five to 10 year sentence in Washington. The department listed Camp Gordon, Ga., Cheyenne, Wyo., Salem, Ore., Stockton, Cal., and Tacoma, Wash., among places where charges have been preferred against him. He was said to be wanted on a false pretense charge at Salem, Ore.

Available police records here early this morning did not reveal any charges pending against Albertotti but night officers said they believed a false pretense charge had been filed against the man during the past year.

Wiggin Resigns As Chase Leader

NEW YORK, Dec. 21—(AP)—Albert H. Wiggin resigned today as active head of the Chase National bank, after 21 years of guiding the institution through its development to the largest bank in the world. Wiggin will continue active in the bank's affairs it was stated, but asked that the heavy responsibilities of directing its affairs be placed on a younger man. He was chairman of the governing board. He will remain a director and also a member of the executive committee.

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STATE'S COST TO GO DOWN

1933-'34 Budget to be Little Over 9 Millions; 17 Millions Asked in 1931 and 14 Granted

Many Functions cut Off From Help of Legislature in Budget Soon to be Announced in Detail; Cuts Continued

The 1933-1934 budget for the state of Oregon will be \$9,339,518, it was learned late yesterday at the offices of the state budget department here. This sum will be recommended by the forthcoming legislature by Governor Meier, as the total needed for state expenses in the coming biennium. The new budget is \$3,010,272 less than the \$17,349,889 budget recommended by Governor Norblad in 1931.

Actual legislative appropriations in 1931 were \$14,102,000. The appropriations sought for the next two years by Governor Meier are 35 per cent less than granted by the former legislature. The budget department said yesterday a total of \$1,031,974 of the last legislature's appropriations will be saved by the administration and turned back to the treasury.

A statement of the state budget department to Governor Meier will show that under the retrenchment policy adopted two years ago there has been applied to all state departments and institutions a graduated salary reduction scale ranging from 5 to 25 per cent. The legislature will be asked to enact this emergency salary and wage scale into law, or otherwise provide for reductions in the previous salary and wage schedule.

Operating Costs in State Institutions Cut, is Word

Governor Meier also will be advised that with the exception of the Oregon state hospital there has been a minimum reduction of 10 per cent in the operating costs of all state institutions and departments. Operating costs at the state hospital were reduced five per cent. In some cases the reductions were said to aggregate 25 per cent.

The budget for 1933 and 1934 also will recommend that a number of state departments, boards and commissions be placed on a self-sustaining basis. These include the public utilities commission, state labor bureau, state board of health, bureau of public nursing and child hygiene, Pacific International Livestock exposition, Oregon state fair, eastern Oregon livestock show, Oregon Humane society, state office building, state printing building, battleship Oregon, and the world war veterans' state aid commission.

Many Activities Left High and Dry

The forthcoming budget carries no appropriations for alfalfa weevil control, predatory animal eradication, soldiers' sailors' and marines' education aid commission, soldiers' and sailors' aid commission, state department of Americanization, state board of (Turn to page 2, col. 6)

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