

Knight, Slayer of Four, Killed by Officer

Italy Soon to Seek Peace Is London Belief

Failure to Progress in Ethiopia, Approach of Rain Cited

Warships Ready for Any Eventuality; Ban on Oil Not Expected

(By the Associated Press)
Italy's warships have cleared their decks for action in "any eventuality," it was learned Friday night.

The most powerful fleet Rome has ever assembled in the Red Sea has just completed maneuvers, apparently of an emergency nature. More than 4,000 recruits for the air service have been called out, it was reliably reported in Rome.

This disclosure followed upon an expression of belief in London that Premier Mussolini, harrassed by sanctions, might soon propose peace. These quarters said the lack of a conspicuous military success and the approaching rainy season, together with the economic and financial situation at home, might force Di Duce to call a halt on his "colonial adventure."

Terms Discussed in Addis Ababa
In this connection, it was learned in Addis Ababa that terms on which the Ethiopian delegation to Geneva might discuss peace have been authorized.

These terms, it was said, involve withdrawal of Italian troops from Ethiopia and payment of an indemnity by Italy. It was stressed, however, that Emperor Haile Selassie is not actually offering peace terms.

An oil sanction—which Premier Pierre Laval of France said Italy would interpret as an act of war—apparently is dead, London sources said.

Great Britain, it appeared, having received assurances of support from league Mediterranean powers if Italy attacks her, is content to wait and see how things turn out.

Laval's Fate to Be Decided Soon
Whether Laval would follow Sir Samuel Hoare, Britain's foreign secretary, to the political chopping-block because of the dynamited Anglo-French peace plan remained to be seen.

Laval warmly defended his course when the chamber of deputies opened debate on the foreign situation. A vote, delayed when the session was ended in disorder, probably will be reached Saturday. Observers predicted the wily Laval would win a narrow but safe margin in a vote of confidence.

The Premier repeated an assurance that France would aid Great Britain if necessary, but he warned against imposition of further sanctions on Italy.

Both Rome and Addis Ababa claimed victories in the north. Ethiopia said its fighters routed Italian outposts west of Makale and captured eleven machine guns.

An official communique in Rome said the enemy was defeated yesterday, with "serious" Ethiopian losses, in the Takkaze sector.

Shipping Magnate Called at Age 71

YARMOOUTH, N. S., Dec. 27.—(AP)—Harry Howard Raymond, 71, retired United States shipping magnate, died tonight at his home in Hebron.

Raymond until recently was chairman of the board of the Atlantic Gulf and West Indies Steamship company. He was president of the Columbian Steamship company.

Raymond was appointed vice-chairman of the shipping control committee of the United States shipping board in 1918.

He was vice-president of the American bureau of shipping. He married Mrs. Nellie D. Raymond, widow of his brother, Joseph S. Raymond, in Jacksonville, Fla., April 11, 1934.

Live Toad Found Beneath Hardpan

THE DALLES, Ore., Dec. 27.—(AP)—Edward Seufert had a toad today which attracted considerable attention. The toad was said to have been encased in a strata of "hardpan" four feet underground when it was found by excavators.

It was about the size of a silver dollar. Workmen said the toad was emaciated and almost white when uncovered. It was reported eating heartily today.

Van Vlack Now Faces Charge of Murdering Ex-Wife He Abducted



Formal charges of murdering his former wife, Mildred Hook, were filed in Idaho yesterday against Douglas Van Vlack, who previously was held for the slaying of one of two policemen who died after a gun duel with him. He is shown here with his ex-wife whom he kidnaped in Tacoma, transported to Idaho and then allegedly shot fatally.

Simon President, Business League

Door-Bell Selling to Be Given Attention Next Year Is Decision

Lawrence N. Simon was elected president of the Salem Business Men's league at the annual meeting held last evening at the chamber of commerce. Dr. A. A. Keene was chosen to serve as vice president and C. E. Wilson as secretary.

Directors elected for the coming year were Kenneth R. Perry, Arnold A. Kreuger, Ralph A. Glover and J. L. Cooke.

In discussing work for the coming year it was agreed that special attention should be given towards having an ordinance passed relative to door-bell selling to reduce as much as possible the nuisance of outside house to house soliciting.

W. U. Alumni Hear Of Europe's Woes

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 27.—(AP)—F. G. Leasure, traveler and educator, told the Portland alumni of Willamette university tonight that England will be forced to halt Mussolini's bid to carry out war abroad to prevent revolution at home.

Officers elected by the club included: President, Victor D. Carlson, class of '32; vice-president, Jean White, class of '29, and secretary, Mrs. Charles W. Redding, class of '28. C. L. Starr, class of '13, presided.

Injuries Severe In Eugene Crash

EUGENE, Ore., Dec. 27.—(AP)—An auto-truck collision late today resulted in serious injuries to five persons.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Starr and three children, Peter, Alice and Jack, all of the Monroe district, were rushed to a hospital here. All five were occupants of the car which collided with a truck. The eight occupants of which escaped without serious injury.

Leon Morehead Discovered Dead; Wound Self-Inflicted

Leon Chester Morehead, 24-year-old head molder at the W. W. Rosebraugh company foundry, was found lying dead on the floor of his bedroom at 1549 Broadway at 2:35 o'clock yesterday afternoon, the victim of what coroner L. E. Barrick believed was a self-inflicted bullet wound in the head. He was last seen alive at a downtown beer parlor-lunch room at about 11 o'clock yesterday morning, city police said.

The copper jacketed bullet, from a .25 calibre automatic pistol, passed through Morehead's head from the right temple to the left and dropped on the floor ten inches away. The pistol was found lying under the crook of his right knee.

Dean Tucker, a cousin, discovered Morehead dead in the bedroom when he called at the residence on business. He immediately

Old Overtime Tags Bring in \$156 to City

40 Motorists Who Forgot to Report are Fined \$1.50 per Ticket

Serving of Warrants is Continued; Clean Up Old Police Docket

Repeated warnings that penalties were to be imposed on Salem motorists who disregarded police tags charging violation of downtown parking regulations suddenly assumed the proportions of serious notices yesterday when city officers served the first 40 of more than 400 warrants drawn up within the last week by Municipal Judge A. Warren Jones.

The result was that 40 motorists paid a total of \$156 in fines for parking overtime or in restricted zones at \$1.50 per tag. Four others, against whom warrants had not yet been issued, appeared in court voluntarily and paid the usual \$1 per tag for nine of the tickets, bringing parking offense fines to \$165 for the day.

Three Furlenmen Serving Warrants
Chief of Police Frank A. Minto announced late in the day that the three patrolmen he assigned yesterday to the task of serving the warrants would be kept at the job until all the court summons Judge Jones had issued had been delivered to the violators they name.

The current drive, Judge Jones declared, is intended to clear his docket in order that during 1936 prompt action may be taken against parking law offenders. "We are getting rid of the tags that have accumulated by issuing these warrants," the judge said. "Next year we are not going to let them pile up as we have this year. The people seem to desire rigid enforcement of parking regulations. We plan to give it."

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Store Is Entered But Nothing Gone

Burglars broke into the Safeway store at 935 South Commercial street via the roof route Thursday night for the second time within four months and again gained nothing for their efforts, Chief of Police Frank A. Minto announced yesterday afternoon. The earlier burglary attempt was committed September 8.

Chief Minto believed the burglars who broke through a roof skylight to enter the store Thursday night were looking only for money. Goods about the store was ransacked and strewn about. The would-be looters left the building through a side door by breaking a lock.

A hole was cut in the roof when this store was entered last fall. Nothing was missed from the place at that time.

Advance Observed In Prices of Hops

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 26.—(AP)—The Federal bureau of agriculture announced today that hop prices to growers advanced from one to two cents a pound on west coast markets in the week ending December 24, with the heaviest trade recorded in Oregon.

Oregon sales totaled 6,500 bales, California 1,928 bales. In Washington, several carloads were sold in the Yakima valley.

Oregon sales brought from 7 to 10 cents a pound net.

Buyers principally were from the United Kingdom. The trade reflected improved foreign demand.

Oregon growers still hold about 22,000 bales of the 1935 crop, compared with 38,000 bales of the 1934 crop held at a corresponding time a year ago, trade estimates indicated.

Knock Asks Fight To Control Cost

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 27.—(AP)—Col. Frank Knox asked fellow republican editors tonight to create a militant, tax-aroused electorate and "deseroy this revenue-douring, tax-sucking monster of bureaucracy"—the Roosevelt administration.

"Some way must be found to put a stop to government waste," said the Chicago publisher, a possible candidate for the republican presidential nomination.

"Making the people realize the peril of the high cost of government, will do more to assure good government, economical government, than anything else."

Col. Knox, addressing the Ohio republican editor's association, urged newspapermen to take the initiative in a comprehensive campaign for "tax-consciousness."

Borah Strongest, Idaho Man Claims

COEUR D'ALENE, Idaho, Dec. 27.—(AP)—E. R. White, republican national committeeman for Idaho, declared tonight upon his return from the east: "Senator Borah is the outstanding presidential candidate, and I firmly believe he can obtain the nomination and election."

White returned from the national committee meeting. "Unquestionably Senator Borah is the best known and most popular man in the United States," he declared. "The Borah-for-president movement is fast gaining momentum throughout the east and middle west."

Flood Control On Ash Swale Gets Approval

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 27.—(AP)—Word received in Portland today indicated that federal approval had been given the first step in flood control work in the Willamette valley.

The approval paved the way for work on nine clearing projects—Marys River and Big Muddy in Benton county, two units of Long Tom river, Bear Creek and Beaver creek, all in Lane county, and three units on Ash Swale in Polk county.

Work on the projects, to cost \$65,000 and provide work for 250 men for six months, is scheduled to begin as soon as water conditions permit.

Defense Against Demagogue, Plea

Sound Insight Should Be Gained in Schools, Is Advice at Session

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 27.—(AP)—Oregon school teachers in annual convention here today heard leading educators sound warnings against "bamboozing by demagogues," the "sacrificing of political liberty" and "the undermining of public support of education."

Principal speakers were Dr. Grayson N. Kefauver, dean of the school of education at Stanford university; Dr. Frederick M. Hunter, chancellor of Oregon's system of higher education, and Dr. Fred J. Kelly of Washington, D. C., chief of the division of higher education in the United States office of education.

Dr. Kefauver told delegates that "sound insight that permits no bamboozing by demagogues" must be instilled in the students of today. He declared the "possibility of continuing a democracy in this country is to be seriously questioned unless there is developed more adequate program of social education."

Dr. Hunter, in commenting on his assertion that political freedom is endangered, said: "We are moving in the direction of wrecking the system that has achieved this age-old quest, personal liberty."

Dr. Kelly declared the "American ideal of free education" is being endangered by mounting fees. "If we go forward with the" (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1)

Hatchet Burying Ceremony Slated

SEATTLE, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Mayor Charles L. "Goofy" Berby" Smith expects lots of public good from his latest idea, a public "bury the hatchet" ceremony the last day of the year.

"If only one pair from among several groups of our well-known citizens who have their different viewpoints get together and shake hands, it will be worth while," he said today, inviting the democratic and republican county chairmen to "get together."

A hearty reception greeted the mayor's proclamation. Churcho people, the 101 club, a cross-section of the city's business and professional men, and others called the mayor up and gave their approval.

Estimate Traffic Deaths at 35,000

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—(AP)—The nation's 1935 traffic deaths were estimated at 35,500 today by the national safety council.

This would represent a 1.4 per cent increase over 34,900 human lives from 1934's all-time high of 36,000.

R. L. Forney, the council's chief statistician, predicted his reckoning for the whole of 1935, on the premise that a sharp downward trend evidence in November would carry through December.

Eckerlen's Beer License Revoked

Revocation of the license to sell beer granted to Eugene Eckerlen's roadside establishment north of town, was voted yesterday by the state liquor control commission. The action followed an extensive investigation by the commission.

The commission at the same meeting expressed its disapproval of instituting additional agencies for the sale of hard liquor in Oregon. Seven applications for agencies in Portland were rejected and four from upstate points.

'Pat Finnegan' New Figure in Todd Mystery

Former Salem Wrestler Invited to Party by Thelma is Report

Di Cicco Accounts for All His Movements, Day of Tragedy

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Pasquale "Pat" Di Cicco, divorced husband of Thelma Todd, vehemently and unconditionally denied tonight all the reports linking him with the actress in the days immediately preceding her death.

He appeared before the grand jury. Detectives had been told that Di Cicco at his own request had been invited to the last party Miss Todd attended, and was to have been seated next to her; that, although he did not sit at the table, he did appear at the same restaurant and spoke to her several times that night, and that he lunched with her at noon of the same day.

The inference was that Di Cicco and Miss Todd, divorced a year ago, were about to become reconciled.

Di Cicco gave a satisfactory account of his movements Saturday night and Sunday. Deputy District Attorney Eugene Blalock said, "Duke" and Finnegan Aren't Subpoenaed

Meanwhile, detectives reported they were unable to confirm the report Miss Todd had been severely beaten, several days before her death. Roland West, her business (Turn to page 4, col. 8)

Building Wrecked In Mystery Blast

MIDDLETOWN, O., Dec. 28.—(Saturday)—(AP)—An explosion of undetermined cause early today wrecked a building housing the research department of the American Rolling Mill company, with such force that Police Sergeant M. K. Byrd reported "not a brick in the building was left in place."

Byrd described the building as "a two-story structure, with a frontage of about 150 feet, running 200 feet back."

Byrd said two of the city's three fire stations were fighting a blaze which followed the blast.

Officials "tentatively" place the loss at \$100,000.

Ed Gardner, night watchman, said to his knowledge there was no one in the building at the time. Officials said about 30 persons are employed there during the day, but that the bulk of the research work is carried on in laboratories across the street.

Plate glass windows nearly a mile away were shattered by force of the blast.

Astoria Quint Wins

ASTORIA, Ore., Dec. 27.—(AP)—The Astoria high basketball team defeated Lincoln high of Portland 29 to 23 here tonight. The score was tied at half time, 9 to 9.

Oregon Inventor Dies

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 27.—(AP)—Michael Redinger, 67, died today with 400 inventions of which 12 pertained to the fruit industry, died here yesterday.

American Missionaries Are Blamed for Student Revolt

TOKYO, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Japan, through reports from consular agents, charged today that American and British missionaries were leading student agitation in China against Japan.

A government spokesman while disclosing that these accusations were made in the reports, declined to state what action, if any, the government would take in the matter.

Missionary participation was noteworthy, he commented, because in previous student agitation and demonstrations mission schools had remained aloof.

The schools involved were not named by the spokesman. Japanese press dispatches from China said, however, that an American official of Yenching university at Peiping, center of the North China autonomy move-

Butte Police Aided By Family He Held Prisoners All Day

Northwest Desperado Shot Fatally as He Flees From House After Gas Used to Dislodge Him

Sits on Bed For Hours, Tells Woman Details of Slayings Including That of Deputy in Seattle

BUTTE, Mont., Dec. 27.—(AP)—William Henry Knight, ex-convict sought for four slayings, was captured tonight by Butte officers who shot and fatally wounded him as he attempted to escape from his Butte hideout.

Officers, seeking Knight throughout southwestern Montana for two days, surprised the fugitive in a Butte residence where he had kept Mrs. James T. Gilligan and her two small children prisoners throughout the day.

Tear gas forced him from the refuge, and officers fired upon him as he attempted to escape through a window.

Jack Duggan, assistant chief of police, shot Knight in the head just back of the ear. The former convict of Washington, California and Idaho was rushed to a hospital. Knight died three and one-half hours later.

Officers attempted to question him, especially upon the slaying of Floyd Woods, a ranch caretaker of Hutchins, Mont., whose body was found in a river near there this morning.

Woods' abandoned car was discovered, blood-stained, immediately south of here late yesterday.

Search carried on since Christmas Day. Tonight's bloody capture ended a two-day search throughout the rugged mountainous country south of here, launched when Knight fled Butte Christmas day after he had slain Policeman Tom O'Neill and Frank Walsh, a boarder, in a rooming house disturbance.

After Knight's flight, a woman companion, Jean Miller, informed authorities Knight had told her he had slain a deputy sheriff at Seattle, Wash., November 13, when that officer caught him stealing chickens.

Knight sped southeastward after the Butte slayings, in a commandeered automobile which was found abandoned near Hutchins about the time Woods disappeared.

Possemen found Wood's body on a sand pit in turbulent Madison river this morning. They theorized Knight had a slain Woods and headed back toward Butte after he found the body blocked by snowfall at the continental divide 150 miles southeast of here.

Mrs. Gilligan told Knight's captors the killer entered her home at 9 a. m. She said she was alone with her small children when Knight came to her door and threatened her with a gun.

Terrified and recognizing him from newspaper pictures, Mrs. Gilligan admitted him. She said officers he sat calmly on a bed in the small house and told the frightened family how he (Turn to Page 2, Col. 7)

Water Studies to Take Two Months

Surveys to estimate the cost of Willamette river and main North Santiam river supplies for Salem probably will require two months' time for completion, Water Manager Cuyler VanPatten said last night.

Engineer R. E. Koon and a staff of assistants are now engaged in surveying to determine the proper location for a proposed gravity pipeline from Salem to the North Santiam a short distance above Stayton.

The city council special water committee has decided to accept the estimates of Baar and Cunningham on cost of the Little North fork Santiam supply.

Student Outbreak Occurs in Kaifeng

KAIFENG, Honan, China, Dec. 28.—(AP)—(Saturday)—An open revolt against the Nanking government was staged here today by 10,000 students who seized the railway station and occupied engineless trains, demanding transportation to Nanking to protest North China autonomy.

Railway officials hurried all locomotives in sight off to safety as the students appeared. Despite bitter winter temperatures, 100 students started walking to Nanking, carrying bedding and foodstuffs. Similar demonstrations were reported from various parts of the province.

Youths Held For Gang Activities

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 27.—(AP)—The Multnomah county grand jury indicted James Chiappano and Robert Cameron, 20-year-old Portland youths, today on charges in connection with the activities of an East Portland bandit gang.

Chiappano was indicted on charges of assault and robbery while armed with a dangerous weapon on two counts and with assault with intent to rob on two other counts.

Alarmed by Japanese reaction (Turn to page 7, col. 8)