

Woman Slain; Ex-Husband is Held by Police

Grand Jury Delays Bruno's Death 48 Hours

Dramatic Order Comes Just At Time Set for Execution

Further Probe Into Wendel's Story, Reason

Warden Takes Action at Request of Secret Tribunal, Says

All Details for Closing Celebrated Case are Ready; Stopped

By SAMUEL G. BLACKMAN
TRENTON, N. J., March 31.—Bruno Richard Hauptmann was saved dramatically from the electric chair tonight—at least for 48 hours—even as the executioner waited for him to enter the death chamber.

The hour of death was at hand. Hauptmann had written a farewell letter to Gov. Harold G. Hoffman, protesting anew that he was innocent of the Lindbergh baby murder.

Then the Mercer county (Trenton) grand jury took the perhaps unprecedented action of asking that his life be spared.

Col. Mark O. Kimberling, prison authority, complied with the request by delaying the execution for 48 hours. He could, on his own authority, have postponed it until Saturday night, but not beyond that.

The warden later said: "I am staying the execution at least forty-eight hours. It may be Thursday or Friday. I am making a further statement tomorrow."

He added that "I made the statement and assume all responsibility."

Executions in New Jersey usually are on Tuesdays or Fridays.

Bruno Saved by Probe, His Case



PAUL H. WENDEL

Siren Will Herald Flood Fund Drive

Business House to Devote 15 Minutes at 12:45 to Relief Move

Long blasts from the fire department siren, the Oregon Pulp and Paper company whistle, and Willamette Victory bell, at 12:45 o'clock, today, will mark the beginning of "zero hour," the 15-minute period in which Salem business houses will cooperate to push over the top the local contributions to the Red Cross disaster relief fund.

Every business house in the city, of every kind, has been called upon to give the 15 minutes from 12:45 to 1 o'clock to an explanation to the employees and customers therein at the time of the urgent need for money for the eastern flood sufferers. Following (Turn to page 10, col. 2)

New 'Confession' Is Made by Phone

TRENTON, N. J., March 31.—Police tonight sought a man who tried to telephone Governor Harold Hoffman of New Jersey a plea to stay Bruno Hauptmann's execution and declared "I killed the Lindbergh baby."

Neglect by Health Service Cited by Grand Jury Here

Evidence of alleged "neglect" on the part of the Marion county health unit in handling a severe case of illness culminating with the death of a child of eight years in the Liberty district, was criticized here late yesterday in a special report by the Marion county grand jury to Judge L. G. Lewelling.

The grand jurors reported that a middle-aged widow, living on a county pension of \$10 a month and supporting a child, had appealed to the health unit twice before a nurse came. A doctor was not sent until the following day, the jury declared. He brought no thermometer, left no medicine and prescribed no treatment.

Jurors Taking More Time to Sift Evidence

Steady 12-Hour Session Ends, to Meet Again Today, Announce

Prosecutor is Excluded for Unknown Reason; Mystery Deepens

TRENTON, N. J., April 1.—(Wednesday)—The Mercer county grand jury whose request for a delay in the execution of Bruno Richard Hauptmann gave him a new lease on life, adjourned early today with the announcement that it would meet again later in the morning.

The grand jury had been in session for nearly 12 hours, one of the longest meetings in the history of the court. The grand jury had considered the case of Paul Wendel, who "confessed" the Lindbergh kidnapping only to repudiate the statement, for 12 hours.

Prosecutor Erwin E. Marshall would not say if the Wendel case would be further considered in the afternoon session.

Five Are Injured In Auto Smashup

Five Brooks boys between 12 and 14 years old received minor injuries at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon when a coupe in which they were riding sideswiped another automobile and then rolled over twice on a gravel road one mile south of Donald, the coupe driver, Carl Goode Steinhilber, 25, of Brooks, reported to state police last night. He said he believed none of his passengers, three of whom were riding in the rumble seat, was seriously injured.

Government Buys 2500 Tons Prunes

The government has purchased 2500 tons of Oregon prunes at \$74 a ton through the surplus commodities corporation, Senator Charles L. McNary late yesterday afternoon wired the chamber of commerce here.

"The government will purchase 6000 additional tons of which 3,500 will be Oregon prunes, or so much as is needed for relief purposes," the wire states.

Grower Action On Hops Issue Being Awaited

Crop's Inclusion in New Conservation Program Isn't Decided Yet

Considered as Depleting to Soil; Allotment Angle Only Hope

WASHINGTON, March 31.—(AP)—Farm administration officials said today they were awaiting formal action by growers before deciding whether hops are to be brought under the soil conservation act.

The question has not been presented to the AAA.

A spokesman said they had been informed hop growers of the Pacific northwest suggested consideration of hops as a soil depleting crop at a recent soil conservation meeting in Salt Lake City.

Ask More Details In Pollution Case

The City of Salem, through its attorney, Paul Hendricks, yesterday asked for more specific information on the charges made against the Columbia River Fishermen's Protective association.

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Brown's Talk Cancelled For Untold Cause

Senator Sam Brown's threatened excoriation of the Townsend club area board of 21—scheduled to go out to the state tonight at 9:30 o'clock over KOIN, Portland, faded out late yesterday. Brown cancelled the formal announcement of the talk and the Portland radio station reported late last night that the scheduled talk of the senator had been suddenly "scratched."

Unofficially, it was reported that Townsend club groups had urged Brown not to proceed with his talk. He had promised to tell his radio listeners the behind-the-scenes story of the recent Portland conference where Brown's name was passed by the Townsend high-ups and Theodore Nelson of Salem was picked as the republican candidate for the United States senate.

Pension Campaign Fund Plan Rapped

Roseburg Group Won't Go Along; Self-Seeking by Leaders Seen

ROSEBURG, Ore., March 31.—(AP)—The financial plan of the Oregon Townsendites' pension campaign received the adverse vote of the Roseburg Townsend Club No. 1 today.

The club unananimously tabled the proposal of Charles L. Paine of Eugene that each member be assessed five cents a week for six weeks to aid state Townsend candidates.

Last Payment of Pension Is Today

Marion county will issue its pension checks today to nearly 500 men and women over 70 years of age but no pension checks will be forthcoming from relief headquarters until late in April, officials announced yesterday.

Investigation of Fish Ladder at Willamette Falls, Union Request

PORTLAND, Ore., March 31.—(AP)—A request for an investigation of the fish ladder at Willamette falls came today from Advit Mattison, secretary of the Columbia River Fishermen's Protective union.

He said it was generally conceded the ladder is inadequate to permit spawning salmon to get out the falls. He also declared "large quantities of water are being diverted from the falls for commercial uses."

Soviet Sounds Warning Over Border Affair

Advises Japan Situation Doesn't Permit Mere Waiting, Learned

Tokyo Foreign Office is Wholly in Ignorance, Disbelieves Story

MOSCOW, April 1.—(Wednesday)—Reports from Ulan Bator, capital of outer Mongolia, said early today that heavy fighting between Mongolian defenders and Japanese-Manchoukuoan invaders was continuing.

The invading forces, whose actions caused a sharp protest to be delivered to the Japanese ambassador at Moscow, have not yet been forced out of Mongolian territory, the reports declared.

The Russian foreign office protest, made by B. S. Stomaniakoff, vice-commissioner for foreign affairs, informed the Japanese flatly the situation "does not permit pacific waiting for developments of events."

Armory Program Still Sans Funds

PORTLAND, Ore., March 31.—(AP)—Oregon's \$538,749 armory construction and repair program is still without funds. E. J. Griffith, state WPA administrator, said today. The 28 projects were tentatively approved but money was never allotted, the administrator said.

Old Parties Dead, Declared At Farmer-Labor Meet Here

Senator Peter Zimmerman of Yamhill county embalmed and interred the republican party last night, declared the outlook for the democratic organization exceedingly disheartening and while declining any wish to run again for office, announced he "was willing to tell the truth to the people of the state if no one else can be found to tell it."

Martha Walp Shot Fatally; Had Told Deputy of Threats

Tragedy Occurs at Home of Parents on Union Street; Attacker Had Entered, Awaited Arrival

Former Spouse Reported by Officers as Confessing; Pair Divorced Recently; Charges Filed

TWO shots from a .32 calibre pistol killed Mrs. Martha Walp, 27, at 10:45 o'clock last night a few moments after she had returned to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Walker, 835 Union street, where she resided. In an automobile outside sat Deputy Sheriff B. G. Honeycutt, whom she had called at 8 p. m., to guard her from her ex-husband, Harry "Bill" Walp.

City Officers W. R. New and George Edwards arrested Walp at a local hotel at about 12:30 this morning and took him to headquarters. There after 10 minutes of questioning, he made a full confession, District Attorney William H. Trindle said.

"It was just one of those things," Walp was quoted as saying. "Please wire my mother at Eugene."

Brabec Is Named Sheriff's Deputy

T. J. "Ted" Brabec was named deputy sheriff in charge of tax collections yesterday by Sheriff A. C. Burk. Brabec, who has been cashier of the tax collector's office for the last two years, succeeds L. E. Neel, who mysteriously disappeared February 22 and has not been heard from since that date.

Hearst Attacked On Senate Floor

WASHINGTON, March 31.—(AP)—A bitterly worded attack upon William Randolph Hearst during which he was termed an advocate of fascism and as publisher of stolen documents—was launched in the senate today, with Hearst soon afterwards replying in court to allegations of the senate lobby committee.

Senator Schwellenbach (D-Wash.) a member of the lobby committee, accused the publisher of running his newspapers on a "sweatshop" basis and of a long record of "stealing papers, of securing papers by bribery, or securing papers by intimidation, of securing papers by forgery."

Hearst's attorney, Elisha Hanson, late in the day urged the supreme court of the District of Columbia against dismissing an injunction suit brought to restrain the committee from making any use of Hearst telegrams subpoenaed from the telegraph companies and from attempting to obtain more such messages.

Florence Bridge Open to Traffic
FLORENCE, Ore., March 31.—(AP)—The whistle of an outmoded ferry signalled the opening of the Siuslaw bridge on the Oregon Coast highway today. A large caravan of cars crossed. Ferry service was suspended.