

Plot to Blast Japanese Ship Bared, Seattle

Floating Bomb Feared by Craft When Companion of Man Found Dead Tells of Bizarre Scheme

Dynamite Device Pushed on Raft but Swimmer Succumbs to Cramps; Search so Far Is Futile

SEATTLE, Jan. 20.—(AP)—Boats moved cautiously in fear of a "floating bomb" in Seattle's harbor tonight as investigators identified the nude body of a drowned man and checked his alleged companion's story of a bizarre plot to blow up a Japanese liner.

Police Capt. Marshall Scrafford said a 22-year-old laborer booked as George Partridge was held on an open charge after he told police the dead man had plotted to bomb the liner Hiye Maru as she lay at a wharf.

Coroner's Deputy Harlan Callahan said the dead man, whose body was found floating near the Hiye Maru, was identified as Rolphe M. Forsyth, 35, a school teacher. Since both Partridge and Forsyth came here from Vancouver, B. C., Canadian police hurried here to take part in the inquiry.

Scrafford said he notified every harbor agency to have boats exercise extreme caution, since Partridge said Forsyth sought to swim to the Japanese vessel, pushing a dynamite bomb on an improvised railroad tie raft.

Divers found no trace of a bomb near the wharf, and planned to resume the search tomorrow.

As Dr. Gale E. Wilson, county autopsy surgeon, gave an official drowning verdict in Forsyth's death, Callahan and Scrafford discussed what appeared to be a code key was found in the dead man's billfold.

They said the "key" used numbers, letters and simple symbols to represent letters of the alphabet.

Scrafford said the suspect told him his friend said he was employed by "some oriental government" to plant a bomb to destroy the liner and that the friend promised Partridge \$1000 to assist him.

Partridge, arrested as a suspected boxer thief before the body was found by a Japanese seaman, said the bomb was equipped with a time clock set for 1:30 p. m. today. There was no explosion at the appointed hour.

The ship, first moved farther up the wharf, was taken out into the bay while harbor department diving crews prepared to seek the infernal machine on the bed of the dock.

Scrafford and Coroner Otto H. Mittelstadt said Partridge told them he and his friend, who had paid him \$35 on account, came here January 14 from Vancouver, registered at the YMCA and since had been following the Hiye Maru from port to port on Puget Sound, seeking an opportunity to plant the bomb.

Ashland Juniors Win

ALBANY, Jan. 20.—(AP)—Ashland junior high school's basketball team defeated Central junior high of Albany here tonight, 23 to 18.

Oddities in the News

HOUSTON, Jan. 20.—(AP)—Robert Storm, electrician, was called as a prospective juror in a murder trial today and asked to be excused.

"Why?" asked Judge Langston King.

"Because I'm opposed to capital punishment," Storm replied.

"Why?" the prosecutor asked.

"Because I designed and installed the Texas electric chair 14 years ago."

He was excused.

CHICAGO, Jan. 20.—(AP)—Take a look, housewives! These are the ingredients of a cake on which 10 men started working today:

Five hundred pounds of eggs, 600 pounds of sugar, 400 pounds of flour, 300 pounds of butter and 200 pounds of milk.

The Independent Grocers' Alliance of America ordered the cake for its baking products marketing conference next week.

The cake will be fashioned in the shape of the United States map and at the conclusion of the conference each of the 48 governors will receive his cake-state.

FLORENCE, N. J., Jan. 20.—(AP)—Mrs. Clara Phillips, a widow who has a child in each of the nine grades of Florence township grammar school, feels qualified for membership in the board of education.

She became a candidate today to fill one of three vacancies on the board. The school election will be held next month.

Find Bodies of Ross and Gray Buried in Cave

Accomplice Slain First; Another Kidnaping Is Alleged, Anders

Confessed Slayer Tells of Events; Accomplice Was Killed First

ST. PAUL, Jan. 21 (Friday)—(AP)—Recovery of the bodies of two victims and the remainder of the \$50,000 Charles S. Ross kidnaping ransom together with a graphic account of how the criminal killed the Chicagoan and an ally after working from a Minnesota hideout was related early today by J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the federal bureau of investigation.

Hoover also announced that Peter Anders, who was apprehended at Los Angeles, where he confessed the Ross slaying, and then was flown to St. Paul, had also confessed the kidnaping of John and Olive Borcia of Chicago.

The swarthy, square-jawed Anders, Hoover told newsmen, kidnaped Ross, wealthy greeting card manufacturer, Sept. 25, 1937 and spirited him away to a hideout provisionally arranged in dense woods country near Emily, Minn., 20 miles north of Brainerd.

The captive was removed October 9 to a lonely woodland 12 miles out of Spooner, Wis. Hoover said, by Anders and James Atwood Gray, his accomplice in the crime.

An altercation developed between Gray and Anders, and the former was slain. Ross, thrown down in the scuffle, was next killed by Anders, Hoover said.

The head G-man also revealed Anders had robbed three Wisconsin and one Minnesota bank.

Explaining the mysterious movement of federal agents that began Wednesday morning when Anders was removed from St. Paul to St. Cloud, Minn., Hoover traced the route that led to recovery of \$30,000 of the ransom and location of the hideout near Emily.

Insurgents Bomb 3 Spanish Cities

300 Killed in Barcelona Alone; Valencia and Tarragona Raided

PERPIGNAN, France (at the Spanish frontier) Jan. 20.—(AP)—Huge insurgent bombers from nearby Mediterranean islands based at Tarragona struck with death and terror at the large Spanish government seaport cities of Barcelona, Valencia and Tarragona.

Reports reaching the frontier said Barcelona alone suffered 300 killed and 600 wounded in the two consecutive days of air raids. Wounded lay dying in the streets. Gaping holes were torn in large buildings.

The raiders scored a direct hit on the British freighter Thorpe, lying in port at Tarragona, killing at least two members of the crew. Five of the freighter's crew were reported missing and seven wounded.

Damage to Barcelona and Valencia—which were still searching among their ruins for victims of yesterday's raids—was much less severe today. The persistent attacks were a grim reminder of insurgent Gen. (Turn to page 2, col. 7)

Steiner Criticizes Labor War Probe

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—(AP)—The justice department was criticized today by Senator Frederick Steiner (R-Ore) for its delay in complying with his request for investigation of Oregon's labor troubles.

Attorney General Cummings assigned the task to Assistant Attorney General Robert Jackson who appeared "too busy campaigning" to give the matter much thought, Steiner charged.

Lynching Bill Showdown Is Near; Ellender Speech Ends

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—(AP)—Proponents of the anti-lynching bill conferred on parliamentary strategy today and later predicted passage by the senate within ten days.

Simultaneously, the southern opposition, which had filibustered against the measure for 13 days, expressed confidence the bill would be laid aside early next week.

Senator Ellender, (D-La) completed a week-long speech against the bill today. He did not speak continuously, however, for other senators relieved him with short addresses and quorum calls.

Senator Van Nuys (D-Ind), after a discussion with Senator Wagner (D-NY), said night sessions would be begun early next week in an effort to wear out the

Newspaper Strike Ended And Publication Resumes

Teacher Group Intervenes in Miller's Case

Portland Council Claims Invalidation of Law Would Be Harmful

Tenure Statute Depends on Retirement, View; Demurrer Is Filed

The Affiliated Teachers Council of Portland through its officers yesterday petitioned the Marion county circuit court to intervene in defense of the suit brought early this month by Edward A. Miller, Grant school principal, to have the teacher retirement section of the state tenure law held invalid. A demurrer to Miller's complaint, which named the Salem school directors as defendants, also was filed by the Portland group.

The petition asserted that if the retiring section, making discharge of teachers reaching 65 years of age compulsory, should be set aside, "the tenure of your intervenors and of the teachers and employes of said school district No. 1 (of Multnomah county), which they represent, and of the teachers and employes of school district No. 24 (Salem), will be jeopardized and the efficiency of such teachers and employes and the degree of their service to the children and the public in said school districts will likewise be jeopardized."

The would-be intervenors are Birdine Merrill, president; C. E. Ferguson, vice-president; C. E. Scott, secretary, and N. A. Baker, treasurer, of the Portland organization. This council, their petition stated, represents "a series of unincorporated associations, with one exception, each association being for the purpose of representing and protecting the interests of the said teachers or employes in the particular association as well as the interests of the public." The number of teachers represented was placed at 1650.

Reciting the adoption in 1913 of the first teachers' tenure law, which then applied only to the Portland district, the petition (Turn to page 2, col. 8)

Labor Surprised At FR Proposal

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—(AP)—Labor leaders expressed astonishment today at President Roosevelt's suggestion they should make public their unions' financial statements.

All those who could be reached here said they always had made public their reports. Questioning disclosed most of them meant they sent fiscal reports to union members.

However, William Green, American Federation of Labor president, pointed out the federation distributed copies of its annual financial report to the press at each autumn convention.

While this report merely summarizes the federation's receipts and expenditures, Green said it was as complete as the publicized reports of large corporations.

Marine Engineers Join CIO; Due to Reconsider Later

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 20.—(AP)—The national convention of the marine engineers' beneficial association today completed the formalities of joining the CIO before taking up consideration of an invitation from William Green to re-affiliate with the American Federation of Labor.

Delegates officially ratified a membership referendum on CIO affiliation and passed a resolution pledging cooperation with the CIO national maritime union.

Explosions Rock Building in KC

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 21.—(Friday)—Two explosions rocked the Manufacturers' Exchange building here early today. It was reported bombs were set in two entrances.

Fire and police department officials made no immediate estimate of damage.

Currency Chief Resigns Office



O'Connor to Seek California Office

"Jefty" Resigns Position as Comptroller; Mum on Future Plans

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—(AP)—J. F. T. O'Connor, comptroller of the currency, resigned today and persons close to him said he would seek the democratic nomination for governor of California.

O'Connor declined, however, to expand previous statements he was considering the race. In his letter of resignation he said merely he wanted to return to California to "take care of pressing matters there."

The resignation actually will not take effect until April 1 because President Roosevelt asked the comptroller not to give up his federal activities entirely until that time.

The comptroller's letter said in the five years he has supervised the national banks there were only 12 failures, a smaller number than in any previous administration. He attributed this to Roosevelt policies.

Since 1933, O'Connor added, the capital structure of the national banks had been strengthened, their deposits have been insured and they have received the largest deposits in their history.

Unless the president names a successor when O'Connor leaves, Marshall R. Diggs of Dallas, Tex., will become acting comptroller. He was promoted to be first deputy comptroller two weeks ago on the recommendation of O'Connor.

Governor's Car Tagged At The Dalles, Fine out

THE DALLES, Jan. 20.—(AP)—Governor Charles Martin left today with a parking ticket in his pocket. Police waived penalty when they found it was the governor's chauffeur who had parked an automobile in a fire zone.

Funeral for Neil Scheduled Today

METHUEN, Mass., Jan. 20.—(AP)—The flag-draped casket of Edward J. Neil, Associated Press war correspondent who was killed by a shell in Spain, tonight rested at the family home.

Late Sports

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 20.—(AP)—With 14 seconds to go in the third period, the Spokane Clippers hockey team scored a goal to tie the Portland Buckaroos, 2 to 2, tonight.

Spokane's final score was flipped into the net by Kenny on a pass from King. Andy Altkemmer, Portland goalie, fell to the ice to stop the puck, but it bounced into the net.

Neither team could score in the overtime period.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 20.—(AP)—England's Fred Perry defeated Ellsworth Vines of the United States here tonight 6-3, 6-2 in the fifth match of their current professional tennis tour.

Perry's victory left him trailing Vines by a single match at 3 to 2.

Linotypes Jangle as News Flow Is Restored; Printers Accept Latest Offer From Publishers

Kansas Prison Break Fizzles

One Lifer Is Slain and two Others Wounded Trying to Escape

LANSING, Kas., Jan. 20.—(AP)—Eight convicts who attempted to escape from the Kansas penitentiary under cover of a heavy fog tonight were stopped by prison guards who shot one of them fatally and two others dangerously. Cecil Thornbrugh, 25, serving a life sentence from Shawnee county on a murder charge, was wounded fatally in the abdomen by a bullet from a guard's rifle.

The other wounded men were: Clifford Ottinger, 21, serving 20 to 42 years from Labette county, for first degree robbery, shot in the abdomen; not expected to live.

Carnes Addington, 21, serving 10 to 21 years from Sumner county for first degree robbery, shot in right hip, condition serious.

The other five men surrendered peacefully to prison officials after their companions were wounded.

Warden Kirk Prather said the attempted break took place at 10 o'clock. All lights in the prison went out at that time, putting the prison into momentary confusion. Guards rushed in to respond to power house near the north wall. There, Warden Prather said, they sighted Addington and Ottinger who were employed in the plant, climbing the wire fence surrounding it. They had removed their shoes to make the climb easier.

When the men failed to respond to guards' orders to halt, they were shot.

Ross Urges Fund For Power Lines

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—(AP)—A request for the "best appropriation he can get" from congress was filed with President Roosevelt by J. D. Ross, Bonneville dam administrator, today. The unspecified amount will be used to start construction of Bonneville transmission lines.

A final decision on allocation of costs between power and navigation will be sought by Ross from the federal power commission to allow him to proceed with fixation of rates and the sale of power.

"We will sell at the same wholesale price to all," he said, "including private utilities and municipalities."

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Tomorrow his bereaved family and friends will escort the body to the army cemetery where it will be laid to rest.

Wintry Weather and Chinese Resistance Retard Japanese

SHANGHAI, Jan. 21.—(Friday)—CHINESE military circles reported today the Japanese drive on strategic Suchow had been stalemated in the bitter cold of the central China front.

Snow and sleet hindered operations on the southern borders of Shanghai province as well as in the Yangtze river valley, 250 miles to the south, where Chinese were counterattacking Wuhu with some success.

One Japanese column slowly fought its way northward 55 miles from Nanking to Mingwang, while another, moving south to meet it, was forced to halt at Tienhsien. The two armies were 170 miles apart with a reorganized Chinese army estimated at 400,000 men between them.

Cheers Break Hush of News Room as Morning Papers Rushed to Press Upon Short Notice of Result

Neither Side Claims Victory; Terms Apparently Same as Those Which Were Rejected one Week Ago

Neither side in Portland's five-day newspaper strike which closed last night would make any claim of victory. Both the publishers and typographical union officials declined to explain in what details, if any, the offer accepted by the union yesterday differed from one of the two they rejected a week ago.

In so far as could be learned here, they were identical, calling for 7 1/2 hours work, \$9 for day work and \$9.50 for night work, effective for one year but with provision for arbitration of any change requested by either side after June 30.

PORTLAND, Jan. 20.—(AP)—Printers of Portland's three daily newspapers voted tonight to accept a new proposition from publishers, thus ending a strike which closed down The Oregonian, Journal and News-Telegram last Saturday at 1 p. m.

Swiftly the dispute over wages, hours and arbitration sped to an end today after publishers at 1:30 p. m. submitted to the Multnomah Typographical union a new proposal by which they hoped to bring back to work 3,733 full and part-time employees.

The printers, who set the type in newspapers, started voting at 4:30 p. m. and tonight the word of approval of the publishers' proposal was flashed into news rooms, crowded again with reporters.

The vote was 212 to 70 to return to work immediately, after five days absence.

A cheer rent the stifled news room of The Oregonian as an Associated Press reporter's call from the Labor temple, center of the city's union organizations, brought first word of the end of the strike.

Quickly publishers circulated among their employes a prepared statement. It read: "A settlement has been reached in the controversy between the three Portland daily newspapers and Multnomah Typographical union No. 58 to the satisfaction of those concerned."

"Today The Oregonian, Journal and News-Telegram resume publication.

"The three newspapers were forced to suspend at 1 p. m. Saturday, January 15 because of the strike called by the typographical union.

"The strike has been settled upon these terms as to hours and wages: A renewal of the contract which expired December 31, 1937, at a daily wage scale of \$9 and \$9.50 for 7 1/2 hours day and night work respectively for a period of one year from December 31, 1937, subject to revision by conciliation or arbitration after June 30, 1938.

"The efforts of E. P. Marsh, conciliator of the United States department of labor, and of Charles H. Gram, state labor commissioner, were helpful in this settlement."

"The publishers renewed their efforts to break the deadlock (Turn to page 2, col. 4)

Daladier to Head French Defenses

PARIS, Jan. 20.—(AP)—Premier Camille Chautemps' new cabinet tonight voted to coordinate all of France's military, naval and air forces under Edouard Daladier, minister of national defense.

On the eve of their first test in the chamber of deputies the ministers decided to unify the nation's defense preparations and the solution of tactical problems.

A decree, it was said, would be promulgated shortly to put the almost unprecedented program into effect.

General Marie Gamelin, chief of the army general staff, will be named chief of the general staff of national defense, embracing all three services, under the decree.

At Shanghai police said they had established definitely the existence of a Chinese terrorist society and had arrested a total of 119 persons, including 15 women.

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BALLADE OF TODAY

By R. C.

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