

Train Slaying Yet-Unsolved

Negro Cook Queried In Los Angeles; Stories Vary

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Falls, Ore., where the train halted on its run into California, Oregon State police Sgt. E. W. Tichenor agreed.

"Chief U.S. Tender R. M. Kelso, of the US Navy, whose story we believe, was on the death car," Tichenor said. "He told us he had gone to the smoking room to get the help of a porter, M. H. Hughes, in fixing a jammed zipper on his traveling bag."

The petty officer was talking to Hughes, Tichenor said, when a woman screamed, "I can't take this any longer," and a few moments later: "My God, this man is killing me!"

Both Kelso and Hughes told officers, Tichenor said, that a man with a cook's cap stopped at the smoking room and went on through the sleeper toward the diner.

Mrs. James' screams were heard by Eugene Norton, Daly City, Calif., who said he peered into the car and saw Marine Pvt. Harold E. Wilson, 22, Buckley, Wash., dressed in under-shirt and trousers, lifting the limp form of the young woman.

Wilson, who occupied the berth above Mrs. James, and John Funches, 30-year-old dining car waiter from Oakland, Calif., were the two held at Klamath Falls as material witnesses. Sheriff Herbert Shelton arrived there Monday to return them to Albany, county seat of Lincoln county.

There, too, Justice of the Peace Oliver set Folkes' bail at \$5000 and District Attorney Harlow L. Weinrick announced that the Lincoln county court had offered a \$1000 reward in the case. No bail was set for Wilson and Funches and Oregon officers said there was no evidence linking them with the crime.

The death car was brought back from Klamath Falls to Albany for an inspection by Dr. Joseph Beeman, state police crime detection laboratory chief. Dr. Beeman had reported earlier that Mrs. James had not been raped.

Oregon officers meanwhile issued a John Doe warrant for the arrest of a man Wilson said he saw fleeing the car.

Wilson described the man as dark and clad in a brown pin-stripe suit.

Ensign James left Eugene Monday with the body for Norfolk. James and his bride of four months had been forced to take separate trains at Portland because of traveling conditions.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 25.—(AP)—A story told by two women of encountering a family in the car on the train on which Mrs. Martha Virginia James, 21, was mysteriously stabbed while crossing Oregon, was revealed by detectives Monday night as being "all wet."

"Yes, it now develops, after a lengthy investigation of their stories, that the two women were not even aboard the same train on which Mrs. James was stabbed," Detective Lt. Gene Bechtel revealed.

"When they first told their stories, they thought they had been aboard Mrs. James' train, but it now develops that the stories are all wet and that the women, as far as our investigation of the murder is concerned, are now out of the picture."

Names of the women were not released by police, who earlier had taken into custody Robert Folkes, 21, negro second cook on the train at the time the young bride of the naval ensign was fatally stabbed while occupying lower berth 13.

Folkes was booked for investigation in the slaying and was ordered held until Portland, Ore., authorities send for him. He denied killing Mrs. James, detectives said.

Police said Folkes was arrested in August, 1940, for investigation of vagrancy and suspicion of assaulting a woman. No action was taken and he was released. Last September, police records showed, he was held for investigation of intoxication after he assertedly cut the screen of a home occupied by three women.

The records also showed a third arrest for investigation of intoxication.

Sub Survivors Tell Sinking

A NORTHERN BRAZILIAN PORT, Jan. 25.—(AP)—Two survivors of a German U-boat sunk by a United States patrol plane off the Brazilian coast disclosed Monday that in the month they had been at sea after leaving the submarine base at Lorient, France, they had sunk only one merchant vessel.

Their submarine was believed to be one of five announced sunk in last month's operations by the United Nations in the South Atlantic. The two survivors reached shore in a rubber boat dropped by a patrol bomber after their submarine broke in half under the impact of the bombs.

The two said that on a previous mission their U-boat had sunk two merchant ships in the Caribbean.

Surplus Tax Distribution Proposals Given Study

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Critical discussion of the OSTA draft of amendments to the surplus-to-schools law centered about the formula proposed for measuring the distribution. The amount to be received by each district is to be determined by dividing the total amount of the surplus into the total of actual days' school attendance, a figure to be obtained through progressive reports from individual districts through the county superintendent to the state superintendent. The formula is complicated however by the provision that "no district shall receive from this fund in any one year an amount greater than the special school district levy in the district for that year."

Chairman Giles French and others questioned the adequacy of the amendments as drafted, to assure distribution in the manner contemplated. Both he and Speaker William M. McAllister also expressed fear that some school districts will increase their levies, or levy such taxes where there have been none before, in order to obtain some of these funds.

Spokesmen for the OSTA, including Supt. John F. Cramer of the Eugene school system, explained that the initiative bill had been purposely kept brief and simple, in the knowledge that it would have to be supplemented later, and they expressed belief that these amendments would safeguard the original purpose of the income tax law, that all income tax funds should offset property taxes.

Supt. Cramer said it was impossible to provide this safeguard and to achieve at the same time "equalization" of funds for education, and that the latter objective had not been sought.

Nevertheless, other speakers mentioned the fears entertained in Multnomah county that the "days' attendance" formula would penalize that county in that some of its share in the surplus would be distributed elsewhere.

MacNider Gets Added Medal For Heroism

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, Jan. 26.—(AP)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur awarded an oak leaf cluster in lieu of the distinguished service cross Tuesday to Brig. Gen. Hanford MacNider of Mason City, Ia., for "extraordinary heroism in action near Cape Endiaderre, New Guinea, November 23."

His citation said that while within a few yards of the front line observing the disposition of infantry units for an impending attack, Gen. MacNider saw some men withdrawing from an advanced position. While rallying this group he received numerous wounds from fragments when an enemy grenade exploded.

The citation added that his courageous personal example of coolness under fire and fortitude after being wounded were an inspiration to men under his command.

The distinguished service cross was awarded him in the first World war, when he was a captain, for extraordinary heroism in action at St. Mihiel, France, while serving with the ninth United States infantry.

An oak leaf cluster, equivalent to the second award of the distinguished service cross, was awarded him for extraordinary heroism in action a short time later at Blanc Mont.

He also was awarded the silver star decoration and two oak leaf clusters, denoting three citations for gallantry in action, during his services with the American army in France.

He also has received the purple heart and an oak leaf cluster to that decoration.

City-Dwellers Asked to Take Jobs on Farm

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—(AP)—Striving for a badly-needed increase of 7 or 8 per cent in food production, the government will ask some 3,500,000 persons to leave their work in towns and cities temporarily this spring and summer to help solve the farm labor shortage.

This plan to mobilize a voluntary "land army" for the planting and harvesting of record food crops for the war effort was announced jointly by Food Administrator Claude R. Wickard and Manpower Commissioner Paul V. McNutt at a press conference Monday.

The plan follows demands from farm state members of congress that farm labor shortages be remedied. Only Monday Senator Pepper (D-Fla.) arose on the senate floor to make a sharp attack on the war manpower commission and department of agriculture for failure, he said, to "take hold of the farm labor problem."

Wickard said the land army program would be based on patriotic appeals to town and city dwellers not engaged in activities directly connected with the war effort to

Proponents of the amendment expressed confidence that few districts would deliberately increase their special levies in order to participate, since the budget law would discourage such a practice and in any case the "days' attendance" yardstick would strictly limit their receipts.

Sen. Dean Walker, chairman of the senate assessment and taxation committee, said the bill's details merited close study but he advocated first an over-all view of the taxation problem including determination of income tax rates and of the amounts to be defined as surplus to be distributed to schools.

Included in a seven-point legislative program passed before the house committee on cities and counties by the League of Oregon Cities is a proposal that public corporations be empowered to accumulate reserves to finance future projects such as construction of county courthouses and municipal buildings. This proposal, described as one looking ahead to a possible post-war slump, would require amendment of the budget laws to the effect that such reserves not be considered "unexpended balances" which now must be listed as assets in annual budgets and then serve to reduce the following year's tax levies.

The cities also will ask 15 per cent of all state highway revenue in excess of amounts required for fixed costs, for maintenance of city streets; will seek 16 per cent of the state's liquor revenues, to be divided on the basis of cities' populations; to go into their property funds; authority to sell or lease their construction equipment to the federal government or agencies serving it; a law making property subject to foreclosure for non-payment of improvement liens even though the property is acquired by the state; certain clarifying legislation; and a memorial to congress asking that social security benefits be extended to public employees.

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put in some time on the farm at regular farm pay—30 cents or more an hour.

Principally, they will be used to harvest perishable food and vegetable crops. Wickard said there would be "perhaps a training program in conjunction with the recruitment drive."

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Elaine was the second member of the yachting party to tell a jury their version of what occurred during the trip to nearby Catalina island August 2 and 3, 1941. Two of the statutory rape charges were brought against the Irish-born actor because 16-year-old Peggy claimed he raped her twice during that weekend.

Patterson Urges Reverse Draft

CHICAGO, Jan. 25.—(AP)—Proposing a post-war selective service system "in reverse" to operate as a job placement agency, Robert P. Patterson, undersecretary of war, promised Monday night the army would "do its best to see no man is mustered out of military ranks into a breadline."

There will be millions of men to demobilize, he said in a speech prepared for the Technological Institute of Northwestern university, and although the army alone cannot guarantee civilian jobs for all of them, it does intend to make the transition to civilian life with as little economic dislocation as possible.

Japanese Claim Slaying of 3000

By The Associated Press
A Berlin radio dispatch from Shanghai said Tuesday that Japanese headquarters had announced the killing of 3000 Chinese communist troops in operation in the Tachang hills and along the borders of Shansi, Chahar and Hopei provinces in China.

There was no confirmation of this claim from allied sources.

No-Strike Threatened

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 25.—(AP)—John P. Frey, AFL metal trades department head, said here Monday that more than a half-million Pacific Coast AFL union members would withdraw their wartime no-strike agreement "unless the national labor relations board quits trying to break up" the AFL agreement with the Kaiser shipyards at Portland, Ore.

Oregon's Guard '2nd to None'

Volunteers Praised For Record in Duty Readiness

The Oregon state guard has proven itself a voluntary organization "second to none in the United States today," its commander, Brig. Gen. Ralph P. Cowgill, declared here Monday night.

Addressing officers from eight Willamette valley cities, guests at the first annual dinner of the second and third squadron cavalry officers, Gen. Cowgill said the state guardmen, having already made "an enviable record all over the country," must stand prepared because "this war is now in a critical stage."

Officers and men of the state's wartime militia under the continuing act passed by the legislature last week are now "in for any duty that might be required from now on," the general said.

Reporting a problem ahead in issuing such equipment as may become available, Gen. Cowgill expressed the belief that the guard was "doing the best we can with what we have—the most that can be expected of any organization."

Maj. H. C. Tobin, Portland, commanding the guard's first cavalry regiment, served as toastmaster. Speakers included Maj. E. R. Erwin and J. R. Barton, commanding the Second and Third cavalry squadrons, respectively. Maj. Alvin Crose, commanding the local infantry battalion, and commanders of cavalry troops A, Portland; C, Salem; D, Dallas-Monmouth; E, Silverton-Mt. Angel, and L, Lebanon; infantry companies C, Rickreall, and K, Salem; headquarters truck company, Salem, and the Salem military police first platoon.

Motion pictures taken in the Mediterranean and Balkan countries in 1935 were shown by Dr. Willard H. Pope, pastor of Trinity (tabernacle), Portland, and a private in Troop A. Special guests included Rev. Hildebrand Melchior, OSB, of Mt. Angel, and Col. Jerene Tipton and her subordinate officers of the staff corps of the Marion county civilian defense office.

Yanks Capture Village on Guadalcanal

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—(AP)—By air, by sea and by land, American fighting men going into action in the Solomons over the weekend made important territorial gains against beleaguered Japs on Guadalcanal island and inflicted heavy damage on the enemy over a widely scattered area.

The operations, a navy communiqué disclosed Monday, resulted in capture of the village of Kokumbona, seven miles west of Guadalcanal air field where enemy stores and equipment were seized.

In addition, fuel and ammunition dumps on Kolombangara island, 190 miles northwest of Guadalcanal airfield, were wiped out by bombardment from United States air and surface forces, and a large Japanese destroyer and a cargo ship were bombed by United States aircraft in the vicinity of Shortland island.

On Guadalcanal, where latest reports place the number of enemy troops at about 4000, the action resulted in the killing of 201 Japanese and the capture of 40 prisoners.

Naval spokesmen said the air action reported Monday, taken with that announced Sunday from General MacArthur's headquarters, comprised the greatest air activity of the war to date in the south and southwest Pacific theatre.

The Guadalcanal action was launched Friday morning, Solomon time, when United States ground forces pushed the Japanese westward and in the face of strenuous opposition seized six important elevations which overlooked the village of Kokumbona and facilitated its capture.

The village lies on the north coast of the island. The Friday action resulted in the killing of 110 Japs, and mopping up operations the next day against pockets of opposition scored 91 more enemy dead and 40 prisoners.

Jeffers Charges Army Interferes

BALTIMORE, Jan. 25.—(AP)—Rubber Administrator William M. Jeffers charged Monday that army and navy officers were curtailing and interfering with war plant production and said he was against any further rubber restrictions on the civilian population.

"Keep the army and navy leaders out of the war plants," he told a cheering round-table conference of the council of state governments, and let the men who know how, run these plants. Then we'll get the production, keep our country on rubber and keep our economy."

Legislature Opens

JUNEAU, Alaska, Jan. 25.—(AP)—The Alaskan territorial legislature opened its biennial 60-day session here Monday.

ON the HOME FRONT

"And there's the boy from Oregon, with cheeks like Portland roses."

"Autumn in Oregon is wet and cool as spring, and green, with little singings in the grass..." Remember how the verse of World War I emphasized the part Oregon boys were playing? As a little girl in a small midwestern town, I learned (as part of school assignments—because I came late into a heritage of love of poetry) the two selections from which I now quote the above lines.

Never a day of last autumn passed without thought of the homesick boys not seeing green fall weather, missing the pheasants flying, the view "across the river where the trees are blurred."

And, I suppose the poets thought of Oregon not merely because Oregon is a land suggestive of poetry, but because as a state she had sent her finest early in the fight.

She has done it again, although selective service has arranged for a slightly more equitable burden on each state so far as the army is concerned.

There is matter for grief as well as pride in the "lists" of Oregon men. But—

Were you among the proud who Sunday heard a national broadcast which told how food was flown to a small group holding a hill in the Solomons? There was beef from Montana, cheese from Wisconsin and fruit from Oregon—"food from home," I think the announcer called it.

Sometimes we here, who cannot fire a gun, sail a ship or even help build one, forget that we grow and pack the food—and accept willingly our rations—so that the boy from Oregon may retain his cheeks like Portland roses. Now and then, a young chap from Chicago or the Bronx may develop the same splendid complexion because of food from our home front.

Waltons Flay Sale of Land At Silverton

SILVERTON, Jan. 25.—Reported sale of a 300-acre timbered tract on Silver creek 1½ miles southeast of Silverton by Portland General Electric company to Evans Logging company brought verbal protests here today from members of the Izaak Walton league, who said their organization had been promised first opportunity to buy the 60 acres of parkland it has leased and improved, which was included in the sale.

The property sold includes the site of the old Silverton powerhouse as well as the 60 acres which is still under lease to the Silverton chapter of the sportsmen's league. That lease, a five-year document signed in 1938, runs out the last of the year. The property was first dedicated as a park by the league in 1936.

Used not only by sportsmen's groups but by churches and other organizations as a picnic ground, Izaak Walton league park is largely timbered by young trees, boasts a fishpond and some of the most beautiful stretches of Silver creek. Most of the entire 300-acre tract is in fir.

The league's option to purchase was in the form of an unwritten agreement, members declared Monday.

Wickard Outlines Bonus to Farmers

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—(AP)—Secretary of Agriculture Wickard outlined a broad program to increase production of vital war crops by offering growers approximately \$100,000,000 in "incentive payments" for meeting or exceeding greatly expanded production goals.

The new program, announced at a special press conference, will apply to soybeans, peanuts, grain sorghums, flax, sweet potatoes and dried peas, which Wickard said were greatly needed in the war effort to meet deficiencies in vegetable oils and proteins for animal feeding as well as human consumption.

Lend-Lease Reported

WASHINGTON, June 25.—(AP)—The United States has now outstripped the war production rate of every other allied nation and has supplied \$8,253,000,000 worth of lend-lease goods and services to other countries from March 11, 1941, to December 31, 1942, Lend-Lease Administrator Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., reported to congress Monday.

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Wings and the Woman
PLUS—2ND FEATURE
The Old Homestead
WEAVER BROS. & ELVIR

25 per Cent Cut Required, War Service

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householder's sheets of coupons will not be received until some time after the start of rationing, there will be no interruption of fuel oil deliveries. It was explained that consumers could continue to buy fuel oil as needed, but under a system of "consumer credit," they would have to turn over to their dealers—when their coupons are finally received—coupons equivalent to the gallons delivered into their tanks after February 1.

The consumer will state the floor area of his house and the amount of fuel oil he used last winter when he fills out his application. If the eastern system is adopted, he will get notice by postcard when his application has been acted upon and his ration determined.

The 25 per cent cut in the Pacific northwest will not apply uniformly to every consumer, but is an average curtailment reached by cutting some householders up to 50 per cent and others as little as 15 per cent. The ration is based in part upon the best-holding efficiency of the residence, so that the inefficient fuel oil user takes a deeper cut than the efficient one.

The ration board will use a prepared formula in making its decision for each consumer. This will be based on the floor area to be heated and the amount of fuel oil used last year. The heating efficiency of a home will be reflected by these two figures, and the ration will be determined accordingly.

French Fight In Marseille

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uation and raising of the entire area of 40,000 persons. DNB dispatches to Madrid and Lisbon said that 40,000 persons already had been arrested.

A Reuters dispatch from Zurich said that an undetermined number of Frenchmen dug up their guns, fortified their homes as best they could, and began firing on every German soldier approaching.

The German troops then summoned artillery and tanks and began besieging the French in a house-to-house fight in the labyrinthine sector of narrow dark streets.

The Marseille fighting highlighted the increasing trouble encountered by the Germans and their Vichy regime throughout the country.

The Berlin radio broadcast a Vichy dispatch late Monday night admitting the Marseille drive was "not only against ordinary criminals, but also against various secret political organizations which have settled in the city."

LONDON, Tuesday, Jan. 26.—(AP)—Marseille, is France's second largest city and main port and has a tradition of fighting independence dating back to the Phoenicians.

The French national anthem, the Marseillaise, got its name from the city during the revolution when troops from Marseille entered Paris singing it.

WALTER'S ELGINORE
SALEM'S LEADING THEATRE
Starts Today
Mickey steps into his funniest romance yet! His new heart-throb is a gorgeous swimming champ... and when they meet in an underwater kiss... wool wool... It's all fun!
1943's New Laugh Hit!
America's lovable Hardy family is in town... again in the grandest of the famed series...
ANDY HARDY'S Double Life
with MICKEY ROONEY, FAY HOLDEN, LEWIS STONE, CECILIA PARKER
Ann Rutherford - Sara Haden and Introducing Esther Williams
—COMPANION FEATURE—
Adventure on Wheels! "TRUCK BUSTERS"
—PLUS—
GLEN GRAY'S CASA LOMA BAND

Army Reservists Slated for Call

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—(AP)—The bulk of the army's enlisted reservists in colleges throughout the United States will be ordered to active duty in the near future, war department officials said Monday.

An order was sent Saturday by Maj. Gen. James A. Ulio, the adjutant general, to the commanding generals of the nine service commands reminding them that the specialized training program announced December 17 called for induction of most reservists at the conclusion of the first college term ending after December 31, 1942.

Suit Against AP Again Challenged

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—(AP)—The justice department's anti-trust suit against the Associated Press was challenged anew Monday in congress, where Rep. Harness (R-Ind.) introduced a resolution calling for an investigation.

He asked that a seven-man committee be set up to determine "the truth or falsity" or contentions that the action was "part of a plan to restrict or destroy the freedom of the press."

These contentions have been voiced by newspapers, Harness said, along with a claim that the action was a move to benefit "publishers who are administration supporters."

The facts, Harness said, have him "convinced" that "either or both counter charges may be justified."

Last week Rep. Shafer (R-Mich.) asked a similar inquiry by the house judiciary committee.

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—(AP)—The Associated Press in a routine legal procedure Monday filed responses to the federal government's request for admissions of fact in its anti-trust suit against the news gathering non-profit cooperative.

A three-judge federal court has been appointed to hear the suit but no date has been set for the hearing.

Reds Take All Of Voronezh

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head of Voronezh" on the Don to shorten their lines.)

The German communists again pointed up the plight of the trapped Sixth army before Stalinград, saying it was winning glory in a "self sacrificial fight against overwhelming superiority."

South of Voronezh the Russians were pushing toward Khar'kov, 78 miles from their nearest vanguards, and Kursk. The noon communiqué reported the liquidation of a surrounded group and the capture of 1100 men and considerable booty.

More villages fell in that area. The news agency Tass said a cavalry squadron executed a sudden attack on a Nazi air base, killing 400 Germans and capturing several planes.

The Soviet army of the southwest front between Rostov and Voronezh claimed to have seized a 50-mile stretch of the Moscow-Donbas railway increasing the German discomfort by shattering their communications.

At least five of the settlements taken in the Caucasus were described as large. Dispatches said the Russians already had cleared the Germans from all the eastern Caucasus and the central sector.

GRAND
DREAMS
He had ideas he never told her about... He didn't dare!
The MOON AND SIXPENCE
SALES STORM
ROOT LOWRY
TED FIO RITO
and his Band
Continuous Show - 2ND HIT
Rhythm Parade

NEW STATE
APLAW WITH EXCITEMENT!
U. S. court again keeps open on the reel
Across the PACIFIC
with MARY ASTOR
SIDNEY GREENSTREET
Second Big Hit
John Payne
"KING OF THE LUMBERJACKS"
Box Office Opens 6:45

LIBERTY
A boom-town of hard-working men who take their fun... where they find it!
POWDER TOWN
TODAY
Second Big Hit!
Joan Crawford
Melvyn Douglas
"THE ALL KISSED THE BRIDE"
Box Office Opens 6:45