

Police Claim Description of Portland Killer

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 12.—(AP)—Detectives reported tonight they had a fairly good description of the bandit who killed Joe Mezzina, 64, a few days before the bar keeper was to appear as a witness against a former convict indicted in another shooting at the same tavern.

Chief of Detectives James Fleming said a sixth witness had added details to descriptions given by five others, three of them women, and that police were combing the city for suspects.

Mezzina was slain early yesterday as he pleaded with the gunman while reaching for a pistol with which he had promised "to kill anyone who tries to get me." The lone gunman shot first, the bullet striking Mezzina between the eyes as he stood behind his bar.

Ten months ago, Mezzina earned a reputation as Portland's "fighting barkeeper" when he shot it out with two armed robbers, killing one gunman and wounding the second. The victim was to appear in court Tuesday to testify against George Fredericks, 48, Polson, Calif., state prison parolee, indicted in an attempt robbery in the Dec. 5 shooting in which Mezzina was also wounded.

Gangland reprisal motives were being investigated along with robbery clues in the barroom killing. City Patrolman Earl Meacham declared today that Mezzina had told him several times of receiving threats against his life and of being warned not to testify against Fredericks.

A \$500 reward was offered today leading to arrest of Mezzina's assailant and District Attorney I. B. Hanley announced trial of Fredericks would be delayed only a few days by the killing of the chief witness.

Congressmen Praise Work Of Rep. Mott

Congressman James W. Mott's death Monday occurred while Gov. Earl Snell and most of the state's political leaders were away from the Oregon capital, but in Washington, D.C., Associated Press representatives found his colleagues in congress ready to comment on their and the nation's loss.

"Jim Mott will be mourned by all who knew him," said Republican House Leader Martin (R-Mass), adding:

"He was an able, conscientious and valuable member of congress, with sincere convictions and the courage to fight for those convictions. He possessed an intimate knowledge of naval affairs. His death, at a time when we are surveying naval requirements for the post-war period, will be a great loss to the nation."

Sen. Cordon (R-Ore): "His death leaves a very great gap in our ranks. This is definitely a loss, not only to the state but to the nation. He was perhaps one of the best advised men in the nation on naval affairs."

Senator Morse (R-Ore): "The entire Oregon delegation is deeply grieved by Mott's unexpected death. He was an intelligent fighter for the political principles in which he believed and enjoyed the great respect and confidence of the entire delegation."

Rep. Ellsworth (R-Ore): "His was an able mind, whose loss will be felt keenly."

Rep. Angell (R-Ore): "All of us will feel a great loss in his passing. I feel it personally because we served together in the Oregon legislature. He was not only dean of the Oregon delegation in years of service but a man on whom we relied."

(Lowell Stockman comment, page 1).

The booby bird is such a booby that it will allow man to approach and club it to death.

'Honeymoon's' Over



Police finally rounded up missing Ellsworth "Sonny" Wisecarver, 16, and Mrs. Eleanor Deveny, 25, wife of soldier stationed in Japan, who disappeared together from Long Beach November 7. Mrs. Deveny, who lived with her father, Michael Paster, left her two small children, Ricky, 3 months, and Dennis, 4 years, in her parents' care. Wisecarver figured in another elopement in 1944, when he was but 14, with Mrs. Elaine Manfredi, 21, mother of two children. Mrs. Manfredi was charged with child stealing and later pleaded guilty to contributing to the delinquency of a minor. Note inscription on boy's arm after he married Mrs. Manfredi. (International Sound-photo)



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Republican Charges Captain Urged to Change Testimony

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12.—(AP)—Rep. Keefe (R-Wis) said today he had obtained "proof" that a navy intelligence officer was being "badgered" to change his story about the Pearl Harbor attack.

Keefe said he would take the floor tomorrow to repeat his assertions.

A member of the senate-house Pearl Harbor investigating committee which begins public hearings Thursday, Keefe told reporters that the officer is Capt. Alvin D. Kramer, now at the Bethesda, Md., naval hospital.

Keefe has contended that Kramer delivered the "winds message"—a decoded Japanese message—on Dec. 4, 1941, to higher authorities and that they ignored the import that Japan was attacking. That message now is missing from navy files, Keefe said.

Visited Hospital

Keefe visited the hospital today. He said he did not call on Kramer but that from hospital officials and others, he pieced together this story:

That Captain Kramer was admitted to the hospital Sept. 28 under orders.

He was relieved of his uniform and was there continuously until Nov. 7, the day after Keefe and Rep. Gearhart (R-Calif.) charged in the house that the navy was holding him incommunicado.

On October 30, Keefe continued, a doctor at the hospital wrote a letter to the captain's wife, at Miami, Fla.

"He said Captain Kramer was showing some improvement but they would like to have her come up," Keefe told reporters. "The medical men felt there was something preying on his mind and they could not interpret it."

Arrived in Washington

Mrs. Kramer arrived in Washington last Wednesday.

"Since then she has told some people and they have told me," Keefe said, "that the reason Captain Kramer wasn't improving faster was—the thing that was worrying him—-he was being badgered to change his original testimony."

The navy had no comment to make immediately on Keefe's remarks.

Secretary of War Defends Doolittle

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12.—(AP)—The secretary of war told the protesting secretary of the navy tonight that while the army-navy merger debate should avoid personal digs, Lt. Gen. James H. Doolittle had a right to express himself with "force and vigor."

Furthermore, Secretary of War Patterson disagreed with the view of Secretary of the Navy Forrestal that "injurious acrimony" might be avoided by "elevating this whole deliberation" to the "level of a special inquiry by a presidential commission."

'Elopement' of Boy, Vet's Wife Ends in Jail

OROVILLE, Calif., Nov. 12.—(AP)—Ellsworth "what a man" Wisecarver, 16, was in jail tonight awaiting the arrival of his mother, while in a nearby cell a 25-year-old woman added another chapter to the Wisecarver legend by declaring to police she would divorce her soldier husband and marry the youth if he "still wants me."

Mrs. Eleanor Deveny, Los Angeles, mother of two children, said she "eloped" with Wisecarver from Long Beach last Wednesday. Deputy Sheriff C. Pearl and Mrs. Leota Masteller reported.

Mott, born in Clearfield county, Pa., Nov. 12, 1884, was educated in Salem's public schools, the University of Oregon, Stanford university, Columbia university, where he obtained his bachelor's degree in the arts in 1909, and Willamette university law school, from which he was graduated with a bachelor's degree in laws in 1917. He was a Sigma Chi, and a member of the Oregon bar, practicing law at Astoria from 1917 to 1928, with the exception of his period of military service.

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Representative Mott Took Pride in U. S. Navy, Found Contentment in Family Life

By ISABEL CHILDS
City Editor, The Statesman

Congressman James Wheaton Mott, who died unexpectedly Monday at the U. S. naval hospital in Bethesda, Md., (story page 1) had two great interests in his life, it seems to this reporter. He loved his country and Oregon, but he believed that a great navy had helped to build and would help to keep the United States secure; and he was sure that Oregon was a greater state because his family and his home were here.

The admiration and keen personal concern Mott had for the navy grew with the years, although they may have had their birth during World War I when he wore its uniform.

But the attitude toward his family was, so far as I could ever note, unchanging. My first news beat included the congressman's office, then in the old postoffice building, where his handsome dark-haired wife and little daughters frequently went calling, too. There was unmistakable pride and affection in his voice as he spoke of them. He used also to tell those of us who happened to be in the office about his boyhood home in Salem, and when the Motts built their new residence near Brush College his friends always believed he liked the setting especially well because it had been the home of his wife's people.

Named in 1919

A young attorney not long out of the service, he married Ethel Lucile Walling on Dec. 14, 1919. Three daughters were born to them: Frances Anne, now Mrs. John L. Sullivan; Dorothy, now Mrs. Benjamin M. Whisenand, and Beverly.

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Mott was a member of the Oregon and Marion county bar associations, Capital post No. 9, American Legion and Marion county of the 40 et 8, of the Sons of the American Revolution, grange, Elks and the Presbyterian church.

One brother, Dr. William Mott of Salem, survives besides the widow and daughters. Mrs. Mott went east several weeks ago when her husband was first removed to a hospital and was with him at the time of his death.

Parents to Visit Parrish School

Every day this week is a school day for parents of Parrish junior high school pupils who have been invited to attend classes. A special open house, arranged for parents and friends Thursday night from 7:30 to 9:30 o'clock will feature a school day's activities, opening with a general assembly in the gymnasium with instrumental music. The regular scheduled six classes (cut to seven minutes each) will be run through for visitors.

A student assembly at 10 a. m. Wednesday also will be open to the public. Maj. Martin Eile, assistant state superintendent of schools, who has recently returned from overseas service, will be the speaker. Music under the direction of Gretchen Kraemer and Leslie Carson is promised.

Teachers in charge of the special National Education week observance at Parrish are: Mrs. Florence Emmerson, chairman; Mrs. Wanda Clarke, Agnes Ruth Hansen, Albert Johnston, Miss Kraemer, Mrs. Wilma Wright and Mathilda Gilles.

Fighting Lady Hero Perishes

BEACON, N. Y., Nov. 12.—(AP)—Commodore Dixie Kiefer, Pacific war hero who once was called the "indestructible man," was found dead today amid the twisted wreckage of a navy plane near the summit of Mount Beacon.

Five others, their names undisclosed until next of kin can be notified, died with the famous naval hero, who was widely known as Captain Dixie of the documentary film "Fighting Lady."

The commodore, who lived through 10 major wounds in two wars and was hit 65 times by shrapnel in a single Pacific battle, died on a routine peacetime trip of 160 miles, a scheduled hour's journey.

TRAFFIC TOLL RISES

PORTLAND, Nov. 12.—(AP)—The 1945 traffic toll climbed to 59 here today after Nora Crowe, 74, was fatally injured by an auto with Eleanor M. Rieneckers as driver.

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Witness Tells Of Prisoner Killed by Jap

MANILA, Tuesday, Nov. 13.—(AP)—A Japanese guard wantonly shot an unoffending American at Los Banos internment camp and left him to lie for hours without aid before he was dragged out to his death, a witness testified today at the war crimes trial of Lt. Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita.

Clyde Dewitt, well known Manila lawyer (wife New York City), described the slaying of the American, George Lewis, last January 29, as the trial focused on events at the camp, just south of Manila.

Lewis was inside the fence when a guard shot him, Dewitt said. The intern was not killed and the Japanese camp commander, Major Iwanaka, was petitioned for medical aid.

Iwanaka replied, Dewitt said, that the guards had orders to "shoot until they kill" and there could be no intervention. After two hours Lewis was dragged outside the camp and shot through the head, Dewitt concluded.

Late yesterday an American businessman who was interned at the camp said the Japanese had followed a program of gradual starvation at Los Banos on pretext that food was scarce. But, he said, after the Japanese fled, so much food was brought in that he gained 10 pounds in seven days.

A weeping Chinese child and a bayonet-scarred Filipino mother told how their families were butchered by the blood-crazed Japanese in the final days of Yamashita's Philippines rule.

Parents Espy Son in Movie

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Douglas, 255 Salem Heights, who saw their son, PFC Floyd Douglas, in the film "Orders from Tokyo," which concludes its run at the Capitol theatre today, now have as souvenirs two tiny clippings from the film which they are having made up into still pictures.

The prints will show Douglas and his buddy resting after the 37th regiment's attack on the walled city in Manila as the Yankees retook the Philippine metropolis. Manager Carl Porter, learning that they had recognized their son, had the picture re-run for them and the clippings taken.

Asks Younger Krupp be Tried

NUERNBERG, Germany, Nov. 12.—(AP)—Justice Robert H. Jackson, United States prosecutor seeking "a live Krupp" in the court room, today asked that the son of the nearly dead Gustav Krupp von Bohlen und Halbach be substituted.

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ed as a defendant in the war crimes trials.

Conceding that the granting of such a request would mean a delay of "a few days" in the opening of the trial scheduled for Nov. 20, Jackson filed a motion with the international military tribunal asking that Alfried Krupp be tried in the place of his father.

Col. Robert Gill, executive officer to Justice Jackson, said no action would be taken by the tribunal on the American motion until it meets tomorrow morning.

Sonja Henie, Van Johnson That's a Way

CHICAGO, Nov. 12.—(AP)—Sonja Henie, blonde ice skating star, said today she hoped Van Johnson, bobby-sox idol, would be able to come to Chicago to join her in celebrating the Christmas holidays.

"He is planning to come east for the holidays," she said in an interview, "but he's working on a picture right now so may not be able to get away."

Miss Henie, who met Johnson two months ago at a Hollywood party, said she had had several long distance calls from him since she and her troupe have been here rehearsing for this season's ice show, and added she is "very fond" of him.

Rumor Puts Missing Boy In Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 12.—(AP)—The possibility that three-year-old Dickie tum Suden, missing from his parents' home near Downieville, Calif., since November 1, was in this area was being checked by police today.

The investigation was started when a piece of child's underwear bearing a laundry mark which Police Sergeant Al Ortiz said looked like "Tom-S," was found in a motor court near Van Nuys yesterday. The letter "o" was broken at the lower loop, however, making it an inverted "u."

The owner of the court said that a man and a woman registered Saturday night. She told Ortiz that when the man and woman checked out the next morning, a soldier, carrying a child of about three with golden hair, left by a rear door the same court in which the couple stayed.

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