

Hotel Holdup Suspect Held In Portland

PORTLAND, July 20 (AP)—Police charged a man today with attempting to kill a hotel clerk, and began questioning him about another shooting in which a hotel clerk was wounded.

The accused man was John Kelly Stephens, 30, who was arrested because a patrolman viewed him on a street corner with suspicion. He later was picked out of a police lineup by the hotel clerk who survived last week's shooting.

The shootings came on successive weekends. Two weeks ago Clerk Charles C. Vetter, 69, said a man walked behind him in a hotel lobby and said, "I want a million dollars."

Vetter said he spun around, but before he could say a word, the man shot him in the stomach. The man fled after a brief scuffle.

Last weekend Oliver L. Pohl, 69, clerk in another hotel, said a man walked up to the desk without saying a word fired a shot at him. The bullet glanced off Pohl's belt buckle. Pohl was bruised but otherwise unharmed. The man fled.

Detective Joe Blewett said Pohl picked Stephens out of two police lineups. Police also said Stephens admitted using marijuana and drinking heavily recently. The detective said Stephens also admitted trying to rob a drugstore this week. No money was taken in that one, either, because the clerk ran, and the would-be robber couldn't open the cash register.

Blewett said Stephens was charged with assault with intent to kill Pohl and with attempt to assault and rob in the drug store case.

Blewett quoted Stephens as saying, in the course of questioning, that he had considered shooting people "to see how they would react."

Love Bandit Suspect Held

VANCOUVER, B. C., July 20 (AP)—Civic Official Donald Macdonald was held today on charges of theft and breaking and entering as police sought witnesses to decide suspicions he is the cat-burglar Casanova sought for four years.

A trial date will be set July 24 for the 45-year-old head of the city's bicycle registration bureau and a police officer here 16 years ago.

Macdonald was beaten up on Wednesday morning outside a Fairview district apartment by citizens who believed they had nabbed the "love bandit" who preyed on women living alone, robbing them and then suggesting they make love.

Police, who announced earlier that this possibility was being investigated and that victims of the notorious bandit were being called, have refused further comment on this aspect of the case.

Detectives' files on the "love bandit" show 30 raids believed to be his work. In some of the cases the women victims were assaulted.

SHEEP SALE SET
PENDLETON, July 20 (AP)—Breeders are expected to offer 300 head of rams for sale here Aug. 17, at the 25th annual Oregon Ram sale, sponsored by the Oregon Wool Growers association.

Bird's Eye View Helped By Glasses

NEW YORK, July 20 (AP)—There are all kinds of pigeons in New York—fat ones, thin ones, old ones, young ones, beggars and clowns.

But there's never been a pigeon before like the one over on Broadway. He wears glasses. That's right, glasses—the kind you wear to see better.

The show-up July 11 on the window sill of Selby L. Turner's seventh floor Broadway office.

Mr. Selby, an insurance man, was dictating a letter. He stopped dictating, of course. He didn't say anything at first. There just didn't seem to be anything to say.

Finally, he asked his secretary to please take a look out the window and tell him what she saw. She said she saw a pigeon wearing glasses.

"Thank God," was Selby's first reaction. "He paraded back and forth, pecked in, then flew away," said the secretary, Mrs. Lillian Cassano. "He's been back seven or eight times, always with the glasses."

"Place-ees and All!" Mrs. Cassano takes him right in stride. After all, you do see some pretty strange things on Broadway. "He's quite amusing," she said in a masterful bit of understatement.

The pigeon's glasses aren't just ordinary, horn-rimmed ones, either. They're pince-nez—the old-fashioned kind that are pinched onto the nose by a spring rather than anchored by the ears.

"He doesn't wear them exactly where he would if pigeons wore glasses," Mrs. Cassano explained seriously. "He holds them in his beak. But in such a way that he can peer through them with his eyes."

Blaze Races Through Brush At Sunnyside
SUNNYSIDE—Fire raced over nearly 30 acres of brush and timber at Crestwood Acres Girls Scout camp in the Sunnyside district eight miles south of Salem Friday afternoon.

The fire spread to within one quarter mile of the C. O. LaForge house when firefighters got it under control in timber on LaForge property. Shifting wind helped to stall the blaze late last night, reported under control.

No buildings were reported destroyed in the girls' camp area on George Veall property. Neighbors joined with Turner and Jefferson fire departments in battling the blaze. State forestry crew was withdrawn after it appeared to be under control, to fight a new forest fire in the Tillamook burn area.

Soldier III At Frankfurt

PFC Ronald Watson, 21, sent overseas to duty at an ordnance depot at Ponton, France, a month ago, has been hospitalized with a mastoid infection, his family learned Friday.

His mother, Mrs. F. O. Rafalsback, 2560 N. 5th st., learned from him that he is now in a hospital in Frankfurt, Germany, for medical treatment.

Watson, a member of the 547th ordnance field maintenance company, was inducted last December from Salem and assigned to that outfit with several other Salem men after training at Fort Lewis. His outfit is addressed through army post office 58, New York City.

Minor Fires Extinguished

Two fires early Friday afternoon caused little damage but most of Salem's fire equipment was moved in answering the calls.

The motor on a power lawnmower at Harry W. Scott's cycle shop on Commercial street ignited and caused smoke damage to the machine. A few minutes later firemen were called to extinguish a pan of paraffin which had ignited on a stove at the Chauncey Lockwood home, 368 N. Liberty st.

All central fire equipment went to the two fires and the equipment from north and south stations moved in to cover downtown while they were out.

Red Chinese Seize U. S. Oil Property

HONG KONG, Saturday, July 21 (AP)—The Peiping radio announced today seizure July 18 of all property of three American oil companies in red China.

The companies were Standard Vacuum, Caltex Ltd., and Chung Mei Cathay Oil Co.

The reds last Dec. 29 ordered seizure of all American property in China. The oil companies had been under strict red control since then, apparently had not been physically taken over until July 18.

The Peiping broadcast said the Shanghai military control commission announced the seizure July 18 at a meeting of oil firm managers in Shanghai and that all oil stocks were bought up by the red government on a compulsory basis.

The broadcast said the action was "unanimously acclaimed" by Chinese employees, who immediately raised the Chinese red flag over Shanghai's American owned gasoline stations and American oil tankers in the harbor. (Whether any such tankers actually remain in the harbor is open to question. The reference probably was to small river oil barges).

SAN FRANCISCO, July 20 (AP)—The San Francisco manager of the Cathay Oil company, one of three whose China properties have been seized by the Chinese reds, said today that no American oil had reached Shanghai since May, 1949, as far as he knew.

The manager, George Schlenker, said a trickle of oil had been imported to red China via Hong Kong in the summer of 1949, but so far as he could determine there had been none since, and stocks inside China are very low. His understanding was that most lubricating oil was left.

Crown Prince Wilhelm Dies

HECHINGEN, Germany, July 20 (AP)—Crown Prince Friedrich Wilhelm, frustrated eldest son of Kaiser Wilhelm II of world war one, died today at his little villa—far removed from the Berlin palace he hoped to occupy as emperor of a new imperial Germany.

The heir-apparent of Germany's last Kaiser died after a long illness, within sight of an 80-room Hohenzollern castle he lacked the money to live in. He was 69.

Crown Princess Cecilie, separated from Wilhelm for many years rushed here from Bad Kissingen but did not arrive in time. A specialist listed arterial sclerosis as the cause of death.

A great grandson of England's Queen Victoria, Wilhelm lived out two of the most destructive wars in history and two shattering German defeats.

Death Takes G. Parsons; Rites Monday

George Parsons, longtime Salem paper mill worker, died Thursday after a long illness. He was 76, but had worked until six months ago.

Funeral services are set for 2 p.m. Monday at Virgil T. Golden chapel, followed by interment at Belcrest memorial park. The Rev. Dudley Strain will officiate at services.

He was a Salem resident 23 years, having moved here from Albany. He was a member of the Salem Eagles lodge.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Malinda Parsons, 1057 Saginaw st.; daughters, Mrs. Gertrude Steen, Albany, and Mrs. Frances Forrest of Tacoma; sons Delbert, Ralph and Robert Parsons, all of Salem; and Roy Parsons of Tacoma; sisters Mrs. Clara Alexander, Lebanon; Mrs. Lillian Simpson, Portland; Mrs. Lottie Simpson, Salem; Mrs. Stella Tarter, Seattle; Mrs. Beth Halloway, Mrs. Ida Halloway, Mrs. Edith Kelly and Mrs. Winnie Cade, all of Albany; brothers Fred Parsons, Albany, and Charles Parsons, Turner; 13 grandchildren.

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Optometrists Offer Free Aid to Youth

Three Salem optometrists offered free glasses to a 17-year-old boy in need Friday, following an appeal by Municipal Judge Peary T. Buren through The Statesman.

Judge Buren said the boy who appeared in his court on a vagrancy charge had run away from a disagreeable Michigan home life, hoping to start a new life in Oregon forestry work. The judge was impressed by the boy's ambition and set out to help him find a job.

One of the youth's big obstacles, and major reason he left home, is need for new glasses and an eye operation, said the judge.

Still under the helping hand of the judge and sympathetic city police officers, the boy Friday was preparing to take advantage of one of the offers of spectacles.

Meanwhile, Judge Buren talked with a few prospective employers for the boy, for whom some part time work had been found to tide him over.

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Rain reduced air operations but fifth airforce fighter bombers still mounted 13 effective overnight sorties.

Bombers used radar to attack railroad yards in North Korea but were unable to observe results.

In Washington, the army said red casualties through July 13 totaled 1,213,544, an increase of 10,616 over the previous week.

Peiping radio broadcast the unconfirmed claims that the reds killed more than 19,000 allied troops between June 21 and July 19 and shot down or damaged 225 allied planes.

Hop Control Board Sets Sales for '51

The U. S. hop control board Friday approved sale of 232,500 bales of the 1951 hop crop, of an estimated total yield of more than 300,000 bales.

This was the report from Yakima last night from Paul T. Rowell of Salem, managing agent for the board.

The quantity of hops to be marketed is less than last year's 250,000 bales, said Rowell, because brewers are using less hops this year.

The decision means that on the average a hop grower can sell only 77 1/2 per cent of his crop.

Salem Lineman Hurt in Mishap

Leslie Bollerjack, 23, of 2010 Warren st., suffered a broken leg and possible internal injuries in an industrial accident on Warm Springs Indian reservation, his wife learned Friday.

Details of the Thursday accident were not known but he was reported to have been working as a lineman on a crane for a contractor building Bonneville power lines across the reservation.

Bollerjack worked in Salem about a year for Salem Electric, his wife reported. He had been working on the Bonneville project only a short time.

Youth Escapes State Hospital

Donald Lyons, 19, escaped Friday from the Oregon state hospital in Salem, and police were alerted by hospital authorities who said he had criminal tendencies but was not considered dangerous.

Lyons had been committed from the Woodburn Boys school, two months ago.

'Lost Parents' Receive Reprimand from Police

A search for "lost parents" took Salem city police on a midnight tour of several local taverns early Friday after an 8-year-old boy had

been found waiting for the talks outside a local theatre at closing time.

Within an hour the parents were located, reported by police and reunited with their son, according to the report of police officers.

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