

# EX-GOVERNOR GEER OF OREGON IS DEAD

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**THE WEATHER**  
OREGON: Occasionally rain west, Friday or snow east portion tonight and Friday. Moderate to fresh winds.  
Local: Rainfall 1.3 inch; max. 52; min. 41; river 2.4 feet, falling.

FORTY-SIXTH YEAR No. 45 SALEM, OREGON, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1924 PRICE THREE CENTS ON TRAINS AND NEWS STANDS FIVE CENTS

# DAUGHERTY TARRERED WITH OIL

## GEER DEAD OF PARALYSIS AT PORTLAND

Former Ex-Governor and Republican Leader Dies At Age of 73—Native Of Marion County.

Portland, Or., Feb. 21.—Theodore T. Geer, former governor of Oregon, died here this afternoon after several days' illness following a stroke of paralysis. He served as chief executive of the state from January 9, 1899, to January 14, 1903. He was born in Marion county, Oregon, and was a son of one of the state's pioneers. His early life was devoted to farming. Later he entered the political field and served several terms in the legislature before being elected governor.

Theodore T. Geer left his schooling when 14 after being in the public school and in Willamette university in Salem. For a year he was employed with his uncle, Ralph C. Geer, in Marion county, after which he went to Union county where he engaged with his father in horticulture.

He returned to the Salton Hills in 1877 and began farming, but in 1880 he was called to the legislature and for the forty-four years following he was identified prominently with the political life of the state.

## AMERICAN GUNBOAT SENT TO TUXPAM

Washington, Feb. 21.—The gunboat Tuxpa has been ordered from Galveston to Mexican waters and is to arrive at Tuxpam today.

## PROSECUTOR FOR TOOZE CASE SENT

Whether or not it wishes to, the attorney general's office will represent the state at the trial of Walter Tooze, Jr., and J. M. Tempin, prominent McMinnville men charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor girl. It found this out shortly before noon today.

## COOLIDGE NAMES ENVOY TO MEXICO



Charles Beecher Warren of Detroit, former ambassador to Japan and member of commission that arranged for the American government in Mexico.

## NAME WARREN AS AMBASSADOR TO MEXICO CITY

Washington, Feb. 21.—The nomination of Charles B. Warren of Detroit, former ambassador to Japan, to be ambassador to Mexico, was transmitted to the senate today by President Coolidge.

## MELLON DENIES ANY ANTI-BONUS EFFORT

Washington, Feb. 21.—Secretary Mellon, replying to charges made in an address here last night by John R. Quinn, commander of the American Legion, said he knew nothing about any activities of corporations "known as the Mellon interests" in a campaign against the soldiers bonus.

## TRIPLE MURDERER TOOK HIS OWN LIFE

Ephrata, Wash., Feb. 21.—The body of Owen Hudson, wanted here in connection with the slaying of his brother and two neighbors late last month, was found yesterday afternoon near Bluff Lake, twelve miles from this town.

## MURDERED TO ATONE FOR BLASPHEMY

Youth Who Shot Parents And Burned Sisters To Death Talks Freely Of His Crimes.

St. Petersburg, Fla., Feb. 21.—The burning to death of two sisters last year to atone for a "blasphemy" against the "holy ghost" when he was 12 years old, and the murder of his mother and father Tuesday night as a sacrificial penance for the killing of his sisters, confessed by Frank McDowell, 19, and his weird tale of "hazy spells" and hallucinations during which he believed his family aligned with "the anti-Christ" stood forth today as related details of one of the most gruesome murders in the history of southern crime.

McDowell, held at Clearwater, to await trial on charges of murdering his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. McDowell, who were shot through the head, while they slept Tuesday night, talked readily, confessing to the shooting of his parents, McDowell further revealed he had started the fire in which his sisters, locked in their bedroom perished on February 19, 1923, in the McDowell home, then in Decatur, Ga. The origin of the fire had remained a mystery until cleared up by McDowell's confession yesterday.

Had Hallucinations  
When he was 12 years old McDowell told officers, he blasphemed the "holy ghost." This occurred on February 19 and every year, as the date approached, his mind, he said, became "hazy" and he believed his family to be aligned with "the anti-Christ." These hallucinations occurred annually, he said, until last year he felt impelled to kill his sisters as atonement for his "blasphemous" sin, McDowell, when asked what his sin was, refused to answer.

After his sisters had perished in the flames, McDowell said, his mind again became clear and he realized the seriousness of his crime, but did not reveal to anyone what he had done.

On last Tuesday, February 19, the anniversary of his "sin," he felt that he must kill his parents as a sacrifice as penance for the murder of his sisters.

Heard Voice In Night  
On Tuesday night, McDowell told officers, he went into his bedroom adjoining that in which his sisters had perished.

It was stated at the governor's office that the special prosecutor had been requested by R. I. Connor, Yamhill prosecutor.

## REPUBLICANS LOSE TILT ON REVENUE BILL

Insurgents Unite With Democrats to Overrule Decision of The Chair; Stock Profits Taxed.

Washington, Feb. 21.—A proposal to tax undistributed profits of corporations was rejected today by the house.

Democrats who previously joined the republican insurgents in overruling a decision of the chair that an amendment to the revenue bill imposing such a tax was not in order, later opposed the amendment itself, their leaders expressing fear the measure might be changed sufficiently to permit "reasons for a presidential veto."

The vote against the amendment which will be offered by Representative Frear, republican insurgent, Wisconsin, was 170 to 51.

## ENGLISH STRIKE SEEMS BROKEN

London, Feb. 21.—(By the Associated Press)—England awoke today to find the apparently hopeless deadlock in the dock strike broken.

Madrid, Spain.—A message from Avilla reports the loss of a number of lives in a collision between two trains during a snowstorm. One of the trains is said to have been demolished.

Egyptians Grant New Concession to Countess Carnarvon  
Cairo, Egypt, Feb. 21.—(By the Associated Press)—The Egyptian government has granted the Countess of Carnarvon a new concession for excavations at the tomb of Amenhotep, according to information from a responsible quarter today.

## ROBERTS IS NAMED AS OIL COUNSEL



Owen D. Roberts, celebrated municipal attorney, has been named by President Coolidge to act with Alton Pomeroy, of Ohio, in all criminal and civil actions arising from the oil lease scandals. Mr. Roberts takes the place originally offered Elias H. Strawn, of Chicago, whose name was withdrawn because of his oil connections.

## Dry Agents Held For Murder Taken To Gold Beach

Marshfield, Or., Feb. 21.—Paul Mumpower and A. Neal, special state prohibition agents, held on a charge of murder in connection with the killing of Lawrence Hare, in Curry county, were taken today from the county jail at Coquille, in custody of Sheriff Huntley in Gold Beach, where they will be confined in Curry county jail until bail. A preliminary hearing will be held Saturday.

District Attorney Ben S. Fisher of Coos county was asked by State Prosecution Director George L. Cleaver and Attorney General VanWinkle to defend the men.

Word came by wire this morning, however, from County Judge Wood of Curry county, that charges against the men had been changed to first degree murder in the slaying of Hare.

## VICTIM TELLS STORY OF INSANE ATTACK

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 21.—Joshua Mummy, who yesterday was brought close to death by axe blows on his head, today said a resident of the vicinity of his home at Seattle Heights, 15 miles north of here, made the attack.

## SLANDER SUIT IS WELCOMED BY VANDERLIP

Banker Declares Himself Willing To Spend Sum Asked To Bare Details Of Star Purchase.

New York, Feb. 21.—Frank A. Vanderlip, retired banker, in a reply today to the \$600,000 libel suit filed against him yesterday by the owners of the Marion Star, declared he welcomed the suit and expressed the hope that it would be the forerunner of "court proceedings that would make public some of the news that the great newspapers did not see fit to print."

"I am prepared to spend quite as much as has been asked for in these court proceedings in an effort to make public this news," the statement said, adding that "there is nothing in this country needs so much at the moment as some court proceedings initiated by grand juries and pressed by incorruptible prosecuting attorneys."

\$600,000 Is Asked.  
New York, Feb. 21.—Roy D. Moore and Louis H. Brush, joint owners of the Marion Star, are plaintiffs in federal court against Frank A. Vanderlip, retired banker, for \$600,000, alleging slander and libel as the result of the banker's purported utterances in an address at Osmun on February 12. Three separate causes of action, each asking \$200,000 damages, are cited in their petition on file today.

The papers assert Mr. Vanderlip wickedly and maliciously charged (Continued on Page Four.)

## SHOT IN BATTLE WITH BANDITS

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 21.—In the receiving hospital where Patrolman Glenn E. Bond last night died of bullet wounds received in a gun battle with bandits who attempted to hold up a branch of the Merchants National bank here yesterday, Louis Parry, alleged bandit participant in the shooting affray, today was under treatment for a gunshot wound in the chest.

Parry was captured less than twelve hours after the attempted holdup when patrolmen and detectives, following a clue furnished by a physician who said a wounded man had come to him for aid, closed in on his quarry and cornered him in an apartment.

Three other men and a woman who fell into the net that closed in on Parry were held in material witnesses. They gave their names as George A. McElride, his wife, Lucille, and Charles Thompson and Leon Lyon.

"The last I saw of my wife was when I was coming out of the house and she was lying on the porch groaning."

## SPECULATION IN SINCLAIR'S OIL CLAIMED

Senate Probes Reported Purchase By Attorney General — Investments Comparatively Small.

Washington, Feb. 21.—(By Associated Press)—A report that Attorney General Daugherty has bought and sold Sinclair oil stock is under investigation by the senate oil committee.

Such a report was submitted by a special investigator and was laid before the committee in executive session. A check-up of brokers' books to establish whether it is true is in progress.

Senator Wheeler, democrat, Montana, author of the resolution proposing an investigation of Mr. Daugherty's administration said today that he understood information indicating that the attorney general had dealt in Sinclair stocks had been laid before the president.

"Information came to me through a special investigator," said Senator Wheeler, "indicating that Mr. Daugherty had dealt in Sinclair oil stocks, and I understand that these facts were laid before the president."

It now can be disclosed that this information formed the subject matter of last Sunday's conference between Chairman Lenroot and Senators Wheeler and Walsh, democrats, of Montana, and Alton Pomeroy, special government counsel in the oil case.

What Mr. Coolidge replied is not revealed. Both Mr. Lodge and Mr. Pepper declined today to discuss even the purpose of their long conference with the president, and White House officials remain silent.

## EUROPE NEEDS AMERICAN OIL SAYS SINCLAIR

New York, Feb. 21.—Expressing willingness to appear before the senate oil investigating committee in Washington, "if they want me," but declining to discuss the Teapot Dome inquiry until he familiarized himself with the situation, Harry F. Sinclair arrived yesterday from Europe aboard the President Harding. He was met by members of his family and Colonel J. W. Zevely, his attorney.

Mr. Sinclair was in a genial mood, smilingly posed for photographers and answered questions of reporters—on every subject by Teapot Dome. When the newswaper came aboard he sent word that he had a "very sensational statement" which proved to be a discussion of the prospects for consumption of American petroleum products in Europe during the 1924.