

# INDICTED BY GRAND JURY

## KILLED WIFE WITH HATCHET AND HAMMER

### Wealthy Omaha Man Is Held For Brutal Mur- der of Spouse—Woman Found In Basement.

Omaha, Neb., Jan. 3.—(By Associated Press.)—A coroner's jury investigating the death of Mrs. Mae Hahne, whose badly gashed body was found at the foot of the stairway in the basement of her home yesterday afternoon, this noon recommended that her husband, John W. Hahne, Omaha contractor and real estate man, be held on a charge of first degree murder.

"We find that Mae Hahne came to her death by wounds inflicted by her husband, John W. Hahne, and recommend that he be turned over to the district court on a first degree murder," the coroner's report stated. Hahne was immediately arrested.

### Hatchet Used

Mrs. Hahne's badly gashed body was found lying in a heap at the bottom of the stairway in the basement of the Hahne home yesterday afternoon. Hahne declares that he knew nothing of the affair until he arrived home with a plumber yesterday.

A hatchet and a hammer, each with strands of hair and small clots of blood clinging to it, were found hanging over Hahne's work bench in the basement, detectives declare. A suit of work clothes, with blood on the suspenders, was also found, according to the police report this morning. Twelve deep gashes, several of them three and four inches long, had been inflicted on the woman's head, while knuckles on her hand had been broken and cut in an attempt at defense, according to the police theory.

### Diamonds Missing

That robbery might have been a motive for the deed is being investigated by police, who point to the fact that two diamond rings valued at \$1000 each are missing. However, two valuable diamond earrings had been left untouched.

According to Hahne and a plumber Thomas Bronder, the two came to the house yesterday afternoon. When they came to the basement door they came upon the body, huddled in a heap at the bottom of the floor. A doctor was called and he in turn called police.

Mrs. Hahne was formerly May Schaeffer of Colorado Springs, Colo., and was Hahne's second wife. She is said to have been highly educated, receiving degrees from the University of Wisconsin, and was graduated from the Methodist Theological Seminary at Chicago. She is survived by her husband, a brother, Edward Schaeffer of Tulsa, Okla., and her two sisters, Mrs. Herman Rothcott and Mrs. Charles Lecroix, both of Denver.

## DIVORCE PLAINT PROVES COSTLY

Ovid C. Kumler, who started divorce proceedings against Pearl Kumler, charging her with a series of offenses against their domestic felicity, is now faced with a court order signed by Judge McMahon to pay out \$312.70 on or before January 5, and \$30 a month in addition during the divorce proceedings.

The court requires Kumler to pay his defendant wife \$150 for a "cray's" fees, \$132.70 for witnesses and also the \$30 a month pending the hearing of the suit. Kumler's charges were various involving his wife in escapades with other men, all of which she denies and comes back with some charges against him. The case promises to be an interesting one if it finally comes up for hearing.

### Mayor Assassinated

Havana, Cuba, Jan. 3.—The mayor of Guantanamo, Manuel Salas, has been assassinated, according to a dispatch to El Mundo from that city. No details were given. Guantanamo is near the American naval base on Guantanamo bay.

## FRENCH DEBT OFFER PROVES UNOFFICIAL

### Washington At Sea In Flood of Contradictory Reports—Nothing Official From Paris.

Washington, Jan. 3.—(By Associated Press.)—Manifestly puzzled by the flood of contradictory reports which have emanated from Paris during the last 24 hours, administration officials concerned in the war debt discussions with France determined today to form no opinion regarding latest developments in the French capital until they had received a full official report from Ambassador Herrick.

From a condensed message sent previously by the ambassador and considered at yesterday's cabinet meeting, officials here understood that Mr. Herrick had received a note from French Finance Minister Clementel outlining a French proposal for debt settlement. The ambassador's message did not give details of the plan, however, and he was asked for further information.

Today's press dispatches from Paris indicating that M. Clementel had presented to the embassy only "an unofficial memorandum" instead of a "formal note," somewhat dampened the optimism with which first reports of the developments were received. The chasm between these two classes of documents in diplomatic usage is so wide that officials decided neither to discuss the situation nor to form any opinion of their own until they had all the facts before them.

Paris, Jan. 3.—(By Associated Press.)—Pressed from all sides for further information as to the step taken by Finance Minister Clementel to open up formal changes of views on the fundings of the French debt, American Ambassador Herrick today said that he had not yet forwarded to Washington the memorandum which the minister of finance had handed him. He said he had been engaged in the most informal and personal discussions with various officials of the government concerning the contents of the memorandum.

The document which M. Clementel handed the ambassador was entitled "an unofficial memorandum concerning French public opinion on the payment of France's debt to the United States."

Ambassador Herrick said he could make no statement regarding the memorandum further than that it contained an official suggestion regarding the manner of payment of the French debt.

## NINE BURNED TO DEATH IN MONTREAL BLAZE

Montreal, Jan. 3.—Nine persons, eight of them small children, lost their lives early today when fire swept through three dwellings in two different sections of the city. In each case, the flames spread so rapidly that the victims were trapped in their beds or were overcome as they attempted to flee.

## 1924 Year of Progress Without Parallel for Salem Public Schools

The year 1924 for the Salem public school system was one of signal accomplishment that is almost without parallel in the achievements of any other single year. It is shown by an examination of the records of City Superintendent of Schools George W. Hux. Outstanding in the progress of the year was the erection of the new Parrish Junior High school, the opening of the Grant building as a grade school, extensive mental tests made through the system, development of the school health program, and the purchase of property adjoining the Parrish grounds as the site of a future building.

Chief among the accomplishments is the opening of the Parrish Junior High school which was erected at a cost of \$240,000 and which now houses 271 pupils. The building is one of the finest equipped in the state and gave the city its most modern school building.

Development of the school health program has produced noteworthy results chiefly as the result of corrective training of school children and constant health supervision. During the year the board established the custom of furnishing iodine tablets free of cost to the pupils as a preventative of goiter. At the present time about 1500 students

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## erice Denies Authorizing Raid Made in Eugene

In reply to an inquiry today error Pierce said that he gave instructions and did not authorize a raid on the Lee Travis home at Eugene on New Year's eve.

The governor said he was called on the telephone late at night by persons who asked his advice about making the raid and that he told them, in effect, to use their own judgment.

The governor said he did not know who called him, but knew definitely that it was not members of the state prohibition department.

The raid is said to have been made without a search warrant. No liquor was found, according to information reaching here.

## FRANCO-GERMAN TARIFF WAR IS HELD PROBABLE

Berlin, Jan. 3.—(By Associated Press.)—A tariff war between France and Germany is viewed as an early eventuality in consequence of the deadlock in the negotiations between French and German delegations, which have been going on in Paris for more than a month.

As there appears to be no prospect of a formal agreement before January 10, when the customs and other conditions imposed on Germany by the peace treaty automatically expire, the French delegates have proposed a preliminary pact. To this the Germans are said to have agreed, provided such traditional treaty shall not be based on the existing trade restrictions, as they suspect that the French steel and textile interests would demand an additional period of customs immunity to a wholesale unloading of products in the occupied areas.

The German-Belgian negotiations have also reached an impasse owing, it is said, to a demand on the part of the Belgian industrial and manufacturing interests that certain German products should be subjected to a differential tariff.

Official quarters deny that the German delegates are deliberately delaying the negotiations in order to provoke a tariff war in reprisal for the entente's failure to evacuate the Cologne area by the stipulated date of January 1.

## MISS BOLLMAN FAILS TO REPLY HEAVY SNOWFALL ALONG ATLANTIC

The alienation proceedings of Alice Bollman against Celia Bollman, former private secretary to Governor Pierce, flashed into the limelight in circuit court for a few minutes yesterday when it developed that the defense has filed an answer to the last complaint in the case.

The defendants were given 19 days in which to answer to the last complaint. This complaint contains sensational allegations charging that the plaintiff's husband and the defendant were registered at different times at a hotel in Washington.

## OCEAN GALES DELAY TRANS-ATLANTIC LINERS

New York, Jan. 3.—Four ocean liners were over-due today and ocean traffic was rendered a peril for craft of all sizes by the gales, snows and heavy seas.

The White Star liner Adriatic is not expected before Tuesday. The steamer Austria is already six days late and is expected to make port tonight or tomorrow. The Mount Clay, out of Hamburg, is two days late, and the French liner Paris will be about a day late.

The storm caused postponement of the departure of the U. S. S. Arkansas and 16 destroyers on their cruise to southern waters for winter maneuvers.

## WANT LAKE DRAINED FOR FARM LAND

### Officials of Lower Klamath Lake District Pro- test Withdrawal of Lake Bed As Bird Preserve.

Governor Pierce has received a letter from officials of the Klamath drainage district asking his support in their protest against the government's proposal to re-flood the marsh lands that formerly comprised Lower Klamath lake, the government's idea being to make the lake a bird preserve. The government proposes a hearing on the question.

The settlers want the land to remain open for settlement. The American Legion is vitally interested since it has been proposed to give ex-service men preference in the settlement.

The tract comprises about 60,000 acres, lying both in Oregon and California. Formerly Lower Klamath lake was formed by a flow of water from Klamath river through the Ady straits. In 1905 the legislatures of Oregon and California ceded the land to the government for reclamation purposes, and it is now charged that the government's plan for a bird preserve is in the nature of a breach of contract.

The lake disappeared when a railroad was built across the straits, forming a dam which cut off the flow of water from the river. The government, however, forced the railroad company to put in gates, so that it is possible to re-flood the area. There is a suspicion that power companies are back of the government move, since with the straits open in the dry season the water from the lake flows back into the river and kept the stream in condition for power development.

The land in the lake bed is claimed to be highly productive by protesters, but too alkali for crops by the government.

A few years ago some of the land, because of its peat composition, caught fire and was burned to a considerable depth, though, it is said, the land is not injured to any great extent.

The district has voted bonds in the sum of \$200,000, of which \$15,000 has been certified by the state and sold.

Governor Pierce will side with the settlers in the controversy, representing the state's interests as having certified the bonds.

## FASCISTI RIOTS ALL OVER ITALY

Rome, Jan. 3.—(By Associated Press.)—Rioting between fascist and opposition sympathizers in which several persons have been wounded and several killed is reported from various parts of Italy. The council of ministers early this week issued a communique stating that most rigid measures would be adopted to "preserve and safeguard the moral and material welfare of the country."

In its campaign against the fascist forces, the government has already seized several opposition newspapers and private homes throughout the country have been searched by the authorities. These measures have brought on numerous clashes between the contending elements.

## CALIFORNIA NOT TO PLAY NOTRE DAME

Berkeley, Cal., Jan. 3.—There will be no game between the University of California and Notre Dame university during the present visit of the South Bend team to the coast. It was officially announced today by Luther Nichols, graduate manager of student athletes at California.

## Legal Problems of Dry Enforcement Solved by Decision

For students of the prohibition laws and their enforcement, peace officers, reformers and that portion of the general public interested in the question, as well as the state courts, the majority opinion rendered by the state supreme court yesterday in the appeal of F. A. McDaniel from the findings of the circuit court of Benton county is replete with interpretations of the Oregon dry laws and the legal problems which have arisen out of their enforcement.

These are aside from the two main points covered in the decision, declaring that the person of a man cannot be searched by officers without a search warrant unless the man be under legal arrest for the commission of some crime, and defining the difference between an arrest growing out of a search and a search subsequent to an arrest.

Relative to the authority of officers to search persons suspected of having in their possession contraband goods or instrumentalities of crime the opinion in one place reads:

"An officer may arrest a person for a crime committed in his presence. \* \* \* And if he arrest him and has him in his custody he may search him. But if he does not arrest him for some crime known to the laws, he cannot search him without a search warrant, although he may believe and, in fact, have probable cause to believe that the person has on his person instrumentalities of crime. He cannot decide himself that probable cause exists for the search, nor act upon such decision."

Another question broached in the case upon which the court comments is that of the restraints placed upon state and local officers by the provisions of the constitution, it having been contended that "the constitution is applicable to the state."

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## STAYTON BOOZE VIOLATOR ALSO WANTED IN LINN

J. F. Ehrenreich, wanted in Stayton for bootlegging, who escaped from the Stayton jail Friday while Deputy Sheriff Smith of Stayton was in Salem, is alleged to be an old offender and is said to be on bail from Linn county, being held to the grand jury under \$500 bonds for a fracas engaged in at Brownsville in that county.

According to the officers Ehrenreich and a woman created a disturbance at the Brownsville hotel, smashing out window lights and otherwise causing such annoyance he was arrested and bound over. It is not known whether the woman he was with at Brownsville is the same one who was arrested with him by the Stayton officer, and who later took French leave from a Stayton lodging house where she had been placed pending her hearing.

Deputy Sheriff Smith declares he will hold the Star car seized when Ehrenreich was arrested. The car is virtually new, he states, and is understood only \$250 had been paid on it. Officers believe they will hear no more of Ehrenreich in these parts, with the jail breaking episode at Stayton, the alleged bootlegging operations near there and the possibility of facing a grand jury in Linn county on all facing him, and chances of long jail sentences lying in the background of each charge. They say he probably will prefer to sacrifice the \$250 paid on the Star car to taking chances on what might be coming to him if he returns to claim his automobile.

## RESERVE EARNINGS FALL OFF

Washington, Jan. 3.—Aggregate earnings of the twelve federal reserve banks were only \$3,700,000 in the calendar year 1924, a reduction of \$9,000,000 from the net earnings for 1923.

## Mrs. Scott Accuses Husband's Secretary As Cause of Trouble

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## SELF-EXILED SENATORS TO RETURN HOME

### Rhode Island Solons Who Fled Following Release Of Chlorine Gas Dur- ing Filibuster Returning

Rutland, Mass., Jan. 3.—Self-exiled Rhode Island republican senators are going home today, the exiles which began after the release of bromine gas in the senate chamber on June 19, ended when the general assembly adjourned yesterday after a session which began on January 1, 1924.

Worn out by the strain of the filibuster conducted by the democratic minority in which protracted sessions were common, the last of 52 hours, and during which disorder several times occurred with threats of personal violence 21 of the 22 republicans left the state.

They established themselves here in a hotel and many of their families soon followed and the hotel became almost completely a sub-station of the Rhode Island capitol.

### Had Own Community

The "exiles" organized themselves into a close-knit community. The senators led a life in the open which restored their physical vigor.

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## JUDGE GRILLS MRS. SWEETIN IN SENTENCING

Mount Vernon, Ill., Jan. 3.—Judge J. C. Kern today overruled a motion for a new trial for Mrs. Elsie Sweetin and the Rev. Lawrence M. Hight, deposed pastor, convicted of the poison murder of her husband, Wilford Sweetin, and formally passed sentence of life imprisonment on the man and 35 years on the woman.

Hight will serve in the southern Illinois penitentiary at Menard and Mrs. Sweetin in the Illinois prison at Joliet.

The former minister displayed no emotion as sentence was passed. Mrs. Sweetin's eyes filled with tears as Judge Kern declared he was convinced she was equally as guilty as Hight and the jury would have been fully warranted from the evidence in imposing a sentence equally as severe.

"I changed my mind about you during the course of this trial, Mrs. Sweetin," the judge said. "At first I thought you might have been led into this crime by the urging of you co-defendant, but now I am convinced that you have a stronger mind than Hight."

"The evidence shows that your husband died from poison and you said you gave him poison three times, once in candy, once in meal and once in tomato soup. It takes a lot of cruelty and a lot of nerve to do a thing like that. It takes a cruel heart to witness the suffering of the man who had been your husband for 16 years and to see him get better and then give him more poison."

## AMERICAN ENVOYS NAMED

Washington, Jan. 3.—Ambassadors Frank Kellogg at London and Myron T. Herrick at Paris, will Colonel James A. Logan, will represent the United States government at the allied finance ministers' meeting to convene in Paris next Wednesday.

## SUN SERIOUSLY ILL, IS REPORT

Peking, China, Jan. 3.—(By Associated Press.)—Dr. Sun Yat-sen, leader in the government of southern China, who has been here in conference with the victorious Chang Tso-Lin, wing of the central government, is seriously ill.

Seven physicians, after a consultation today, said the liver ailment affecting the famous Chinese leader will entail an operation. The prospects for complete recovery are promising, the physicians said, but Dr. Sun was ordered to abstain from all official or social activities during his convalescent period.

## TWO SECRET INDICTMENTS IN THE LIST

### Grand Jury Reports 10 True Bills, 3 Not True; Makes Report On State Institutions Later.

Ten true bills of indictment and three not true bills were reported to Judge Percy R. Kelly by the Marion county grand jury today. The grand jury yesterday made an inspection of state institutions and is expected to make a report of its findings later today. Of the 10 true bills reported two are secret.

After its investigations the grand jury decided against indictment and returned not true bills in the following cases:

Victor Phillips, who was accused of the larceny of a dog valued at \$300 from H. Steinbock.

Harry Jensen, who was accused of contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

J. H. Wheeler, who was accused of larceny of produce from the premises of Sarah L. Hulien.

True bills of indictment were returned against the following:

Eda Oakley, assault on Myr Martin, December 9. Accused of attacking and wounding Mrs. Martin.

William Harper, assault with a dangerous weapon on the person of Harry Christian October 19. Accused of wounding Christian with a knife.

Bert Brown, larceny of mohair and wool from Roy King August 10.

Myron January, forgery. Check passed on Miller store November 24, signed by Jack Blair.

John Chilcott and Don Morrison, burglary not in a dwelling.

Charged with taking goods from Shafer harness shop November 21.

Warren Welton and Louie Fox, larceny from a dwelling. Accused of taking clothing from home of Tare Singh September 19.

Thomas E. Brown, two true bills for obtaining property by false pretenses, from the Man's Shop and from the A. A. Clothing company November 1.

## GOVERNOR SAYS ROSS DECISION COMING MONDAY

Governor Pierce said today that he probably will announce his decision Monday relative to the ouster of Dr. Thomas Ross from the state fish commission. A transcript of the testimony taken at the recent hearing in the case was received by the governor today, and he said he would go over it with Attorney General Van Winkle.

The governor attempted to remove Ross from the commission, charging him with extravagance and with having bought liquor from a police officer in Astoria. After the hearing here the liquor charge was apparently dropped, Ross denying it vehemently and the governor showing inclination to believe him.

The alleged extravagance was mainly the employment of Carl D. Shoemaker by the commission as business manager at a salary of \$500 a month.

Ross refused to leave the commission and demanded a hearing, which was granted, and following the hearing the matter was taken under advisement by the governor.

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