

CON CONFESSES TO MURDER

EUROPE TOLD YANKEE HELP CONDITIONAL

American Aid May Cease
Unless Peace Based On
Good Will Established
Says Houghton.

London, May 4.—(By Associated Press.)—The new American ambassador, Alanson H. Houghton, speaking tonight before a distinguished audience here, which included the prime minister of Great Britain, declared in friendly but firm terms that, unless peace based on good will were reestablished in Europe he feared American assistance for the reconstruction of Europe must cease. The ambassador made it clear in the course of his address that he referred not only to moral but monetary aid.

Coming as it did from the former American ambassador to Germany following his recent visit to the United States and conferences with President Coolidge, the pronouncement was calculated to create a profound impression upon the statesmen and diplomats gathered to hear the new ambassador and perhaps be regarded as among the most important delivered by America's envoys to the court of St. James in years. Because of its importance and the authoritative note which it sounded, it was assumed by those trained in diplomacy that he must undoubtedly be voicing the views of the administration at Washington.

Time Is Opportunity.
Special significance was attached to the fact that the statement comes at a time when considerable suspicion and distrust of

DIVORCED MAN SHOOTS RIVAL

Tacoma, Wash., May 4.—First degree murder charges were being prepared by county officials today against George A. Conger, 34, who early Sunday morning ended a love triangle here by shooting and killing Robert S. Haale, 44, a prominent contractor. Conger is held in the city jail until the information against him is filed directly before the superior court.

Conger, a customs inspector, came here from Bellingham shortly before midnight Saturday night. He went to the home of his wife, who had obtained an interlocutory decree of divorce and found that she and the two Conger children were out riding with Haale. When they returned a violent quarrel between the two men ensued. Conger fired four shots, three of which hit Haale. Mrs. Conger and the children saw the killing.

Haale was divorced by his wife some time ago and she named Mrs. Conger as co-repondent. Conger, according to statements of himself and his wife, had been endeavoring to effect a reconciliation and to induce his wife not to make her interlocutory divorce decree final.

Millions Wasted by Highway Commission Polk Judge Charges

A bitter attack on the state highway commission and its methods of expending money on state roads was made this noon by Judge George Hawkins, speaking before the Salem chamber of commerce. Hawkins is county judge of Polk county. He charged that "millions have been wasted on state road expenditures."

Dog Waits at Mail Box for Lost Master

For the fourth day at shepherd dog is waiting for his master at a mail box on the corner of Winter and Mill streets, the dog took up his vigil at the box Saturday and Sunday. He kept his watch Saturday and Sunday. He kept his watch Saturday and Sunday. He kept his watch Saturday and Sunday.

BATTLE OF OAHU BEING SETTLED OVER DESK TOPS

Honolulu, May 4.—(By Associated Press.)—The army-navy controversy, known as the critique, which is to decide who won the battle against the island of Oahu and thereby aid in a determination of naval defense policies in the Pacific went into its third session today with coordinating armies, aided by the senior black and blue referees, presenting their observations. This included all phases of the maneuvers, the most extensive ever held by the United States.

It was understood, unofficially here, that Brigadier General LeRoy Ellingme, senior clerk umpire, representing the defending land force, and Captain William Standley, U. S. N., senior blue umpire, who observed the attacking naval forces, presented their views to the critique today.

SEEK TO QUASH PARTS OF STEPHENSON CHARGES

Indianapolis, Ind., May 4.—Motions to strike out certain portions of the indictment charging D. C. Stephenson with first degree murder in connection with the death of Madge Oberholzer were filed by Eph Imman, Stephenson's attorney. The motions precluded a plea by Stephenson to the indictment.

BRIBER'S APPEAL REFUSED

Washington, May 4.—Morris Orsat of San Francisco, sentenced to 20 years for attempting to bribe a prohibition agent, will get no relief from the supreme court. The highest tribunal today refused to interest itself in his plea, that the sentence was excessive and that a single offense had led to his conviction on 21 different counts.

FRENCH FACE REAL REVOLT IN MOROCCO

Invasion of Occupied Zone
By Rifian Tribesmen
Assuming Serious Proportions, Claim.

Paris, May 4.—Official reports from Rabat, French Morocco, say the French forces have had several successes over the Rifis, in one of which the tribesmen lost 50 killed, considerable war material and some prisoners.

Fez, Morocco, May 4.—(By Associated Press.)—The Rifian tribesmen invasion of the French zone of Morocco is assuming serious proportions and Marshal Lyautey, governor of the territory, has come here to be nearer the active operations.

The Rifians have already captured one French outpost and have held a successful action with a French detachment which attempted to throw a pontoon bridge across the Ouegla river. The French were forced back but managed to destroy the boats before withdrawing.

Ahd El-Krim, the rebel leader, is thought to be aiming at Fez, confident that he capture would create such enthusiasm among the tribesmen that they would rally about him and enable him to overthrow the sultan.

Marshall Lyautey and his aides, it is expected here, were fully aware that the attacks would occur and the attack predicted to the day the beginning of the Rifian offensive.

If the French reinforcements have not yet reached the scene, it is said, it is because the region along the Ouegla river is flooded and the rainy season which has not yet ended has made it impossible to transport material and troops under proper conditions.

TWO ARRESTED AS DRUNKEN DRIVERS

Sheriff Hooker of Polk county came to Salem today and took into custody, from the city jail, H. L. Dickenson of Independence, who with Charles Stalnaker, also of Independence, was arrested for drunkenness after an automobile wreck in Polk county Saturday night. Stalnaker was arrested at a local rooming house and Dickenson at North Commercial street. Stalnaker put up \$20 bail and was released.

An accident report at the police station by Glenn C. Nash, 299 South 14th street, Salem, states that while he was driving his car up a hill on the Wallace road about four miles out of Salem, Dickenson and Stalnaker, both drunk, were driving down the hill on the wrong side of the road.

OREGONIAN CORRESPONDENT MINISTER TO ALBANIA

Washington, May 4.—Charles C. Hart, Washington correspondent for the Portland Oregonian and a member of other western newspapers has been appointed minister to Albania to fill a long existing vacancy. Formal announcement of the appointment is withheld pending approval by the Albanian government.

Mr. Hart is a native of Indiana, 47 years old, and has had wide newspaper experience in the middle and far west. He was secretary and manager of the National Republican Progressive League during the election of Charles E. Hughes in 1916.

GRAIN GRADING ACT DECLARED ILLEGAL

Washington, May 4.—The North Dakota grain grading act was declared invalid and unconstitutional today by the supreme court.

INCOME TAX PUBLICITY HELD VALID

Supreme Court Decides
Congress Had Right To
Throw Tax Lists Open
To Newspapers.

Washington, May 4.—Congress had the constitutional authority to enact the publicity provisions of the income tax law, the District of Columbia court of appeals held today in a case from the district court.

Gorham Hubbard, a Boston merchant, had sought an injunction restraining Secretary Mellon from carrying out the mandate of congress to make available to the public the amount of income tax paid by individuals and corporations.

He contended that the provision offended against the fourth amendment to the constitution, guaranteeing him safety in his person and property against unlawful search and seizure.

"We are of the opinion," said Justice Hatfield, "that where congress to make available to the public the amount of income tax paid by individuals and corporations for a lawful purpose it has authority for the due and proper accomplishment of such purpose to require the giving of publicity to the information thus secured. It may develop that congress was unjust in enacting such provisions, but such considerations in no way affect the constitutional authority of congress in the premises."

CHILD BEATER PLEADS GUILTY GETS 15 YEARS

Tillamook, Or., May 4.—Mrs. M. C. Patton today pleaded guilty to a charge of manslaughter in connection with the death of her grandchild, Silvia Louise Deschamps, aged 4, who died from the effects of a beating. She was immediately sentenced to an indeterminate term in the state penitentiary not to exceed 15 years.

She was arraigned on a charge of second degree murder and pleaded not guilty to that charge. District Attorney Claude Barker took the court that a plea of guilty to a charge of manslaughter would be acceptable, provided the maximum penalty would be pronounced.

The child died April 21 last. She was the daughter of Mrs. Cora M. Deschamps of Portland who, following a divorce, sent her four children to reside with their grandmother.

FUNDING OF ESTHONIAN DEBT BEING SOUGHT

Washington, May 4.—Negotiations for a debt funding agreement between the United States and Esthonia are being carried on between treasury and legation officials.

Esthonia owed the United States between 40 and 50 million dollars on advances made as a relief measure in 1919 and subsequent years.

The British debt settlement forms the basis of discussion with the matter of a possible moratorium or reduced interest rate for the first years of payment the immediate question at issue.

THOUSANDS GATHER TO HEAR EUGENE V. DEBS

New York, May 4.—Two hundred police were called out to handle a crowd of 10,000 men and women who jammed the streets around Madison Square Garden after 15,000 others had crowded into the building to hear Eugene V. Debs and others speak at the opening of the workmen's circle national convention yesterday.

In the rear of the garden police had difficulty in making a lane through the crowd for a group of children who paraded at the convention hall. The crowd was demonstrative but orderly.

STEVENSON APPOINTED TO BENCH JOB

Portland Attorney Gets
Appointment To Succeed
Judge Stapleton;
Past Record Strong.

John H. Stevenson of Portland was today appointed by Governor Pierce as a circuit judge for the fourth judicial district to succeed the late Judge George W. Stapleton, whose death occurred last Friday. Under the law Judge Stevenson will hold office until his successor is elected and qualified by the general election of November, 1926.

He is a democrat. Much pressure on Stevenson's behalf was brought upon the governor by democrats of Portland, Saturday and Sunday. The governor said he had intended to hold the appointment until after the funeral, but found it impossible to do so.

Portland, Or., May 4.—John H. Stevenson came to Portland in the early 1900's. He became associated with the Evening Telegram as a cub reporter, served later as court reporter and then became political reporter and feature writer.

He studied law and in 1907 was appointed deputy district attorney.

He served for one year and resigned to enter private practice. In 1913 he was appointed municipal judge by Mayor Albion. He introduced several innovations, among them a morale code designed to keep the morbidly curious from sitting in at trials.

Stevenson was born in Forest Grove, December 28, 1878. His father, Robert O. Stevenson, was once state game warden.

BRITISH OFFER ALTERNATE PLAN FIGHTING BILL

Geneva, May 4.—(By Associated Press.)—Reports that the British delegation would present a substitute convention at the international conference for control of the traffic in arms, opening here today, were confirmed by British spokesmen, who said they probably would also offer other suggestions as will the American delegation. A draft convention prepared by a special committee, is to be presented as the basis for discussion.

Representatives of arms manufacturers have come to Geneva to watch the conference which so directly affects their business. Other potential opponents of some of the proposed regulations are states that insist that the "sacred right of revolution" must be protected.

This latter feeling is recognized as a difficult problem by the conference leaders, who fear that contention of the right to send arms into a country would give the great powers a dangerous measure of diplomatic pressure, enabling them to secure victory to a revolutionary party they favored by furnishing it with an unlimited supply of arms. There is a tendency to emphasize the importance of this phase to Latin-America and certain parts of Europe.

COAST GUARD OPENS NEW WAR ON RUM BOATS

New York, May 4.—Units from the coast guard of the entire Atlantic seaboard, with the revenue cutters, Greaham, Seneca and Mohave, were mobilized at the Cliff-ton coast guard base on Staten Island today for a new war of extermination against rum fleets lying off the coast from New Jersey to Connecticut.

The fleet comprises more than 60 rascals. Armed, manned and equipped as for battle, most of them are motor craft between 40 and 60 feet long and capable of great speed.

The fleet, which is expected to put to sea tomorrow, will operate under orders to shoot first and investigate afterward.

Linen Mill Fund Reaches Total of \$231,000, Report

Report issued this noon by C. E. Wilson, secretary of the Salem chamber of commerce, was to the effect that exactly \$231,000 had been subscribed for the new linen mill to be built at Salem. The report indicates that less than \$5000 has been secured since Thursday, the amount reported at Salem then being \$226,240.

Reports from cities in Marion and Polk counties outside of Salem had not been received by this noon, but campaigns at Silverton, Dallas and other communities have been put well under way, and little doubt is held that they will raise their quotas.

At Salem it is believed that not all subscriptions secured have been placed in today's chamber of commerce report. It is felt that subscriptions actually on hand, if completely computed, would equal approximately \$250,000, or \$50,000 short of the estimated quota for Salem.

PLAN TO CROSS CONTINENT BY RIVERS, LAKES

Los Angeles, Cal., May 4.—What the sixteenth century navigators frequently attempted without success—a cruise across the American continent by boat—will be undertaken by three twentieth century motorboat enthusiasts leaving here next Friday for Astoria, Oregon. The men who hope to demonstrate the possibility of sailing practically all the way across the United States are F. S. Wilton, John E. Hoag and Val Woodbury. They are taking to Astoria a light twin screw motorboat and will begin their voyage up the Columbia river May 12. Leaving the Columbia river at 450 miles from its mouth they plan to navigate the Snake river to Lewiston, Idaho. Between that point and Livingston, Mont., a distance of about 250 miles, they expect to resort to portage in order to get over the continental divide. From Livingston they will descend the Yellowstone river to the Missouri, thence to the Mississippi and thence through the Illinois river and the Illinois and Michigan canal to the Great Lakes. From the lakes they will follow the St. Lawrence and Richelieu rivers through the Richelieu canal into Lake Champlain and then through the Champlain canal into the Hudson river and the final lap ending at New York.

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DRUNKEN DRIVER GETS HARD JOLT

Sixty days in jail, a fine of \$200, suspension of his driver's license for a year and confiscation of his automobile for 60 days is the punishment that was meted out by Justice of the Peace Small Saturday to Thomas Trassen of Portland, who pleaded guilty to driving his automobile while intoxicated.

Harry Rich of Salem was fined \$25 for driving in excess of the legal speed limit.

Robert Ruddle, a minor, accused of robbing mail boxes, was certified to the county juvenile court.

Appeal to the circuit court was taken in the case of the state against Henry Johnson, John Andrews and Lester Dickson, who were fined \$500 each by Judge Small and sentenced to six months in jail for manufacturing liquor. Appeal was also taken in the case of Joe Walker, who was sentenced to a year in jail and to pay a fine of \$3000 for possession of a still.

DEATH OF RACE HORSE TO BE INVESTIGATED

Baltimore, Md., May 4.—Private detectives have been ordered by Willis Sharpe Kilmer to investigate the death of Sunny Man, one of the best 3-year-olds of the season, which occurred at the Pimlico track late Saturday night after an ailment which, in the opinion of several local veterinarians, was due to poisoning.

Sunny Man, a son of Sanbarbar, out of Romagosa, after a number of notable performances as a 2-year-old, was reported by Trainer J. P. Smith to have been working splendidly at Havre De Grace prior to last Monday. The colt was defeated that day and became ill while being moved to Pimlico at the close of the Havre De Grace meet.

Astronomer Dead.
Vienna, May 4.—Dr. Johann Palisa, noted Austrian astronomer and director of the Vienna university observatory, is dead. His discovery, without photography of 124 planets is said to have been unequalled. He also was the author of a stellar encyclopedia.

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MOORE SAYS WIFE PARTY TO KILLING

Prisoner Committed From
Lane County Declares
He Shot Man During
Robbery in California.

A report reaching Salem today indicates that R. S. Moore, a convict at the state penitentiary who was sent up from Lane county a few months ago, has placed in the hands of Warden A. M. Dairymple a written confession that he committed murder while holding up a party in or near Sacramento, Cal., some time last fall.

Warden Dairymple refused today to confirm or deny the report, but it was partially confirmed by Mrs. Rose Parker, at a local rooming house, who knew a confession had been signed, but didn't know the substance of it. Mrs. Parker is a friend of Moore's wife.

Quarrels with Wife
The confession followed, it appears, a quarrel between Moore and his wife, Mrs. Ruth Moore, when she visited him at the prison last Friday. Indications are that Moore was jealous of his wife and believed that while he was in prison she was having a good time, so declared that would "tell everything." Possibly his intention was, it is believed, to involve his wife so that she would be imprisoned also, for it is understood the confession states that she was driving the automobile for him when he shot and killed a man near Sacramento.

After the interview with his wife Moore became violent. He was manacled and taken before the warden, it is understood, and there made the written confession.

Moore's wife, Mrs. Ruth Moore, was staying at a local rooming house with a friend, Mrs. Rose Parker, but, according to Mrs. Parker today, Mrs. Moore left for Eugene Saturday morning following the visit to the state prison the previous day.

Mrs. Parker was unwilling to talk much of the affair today, declaring she knew little of it. She said she was not in the room with Moore and his wife at the prison, because she didn't consider their affairs any of her business. She said, however, that some papers were being signed and that Mrs. Moore said later that Moore had signed a confession and "made a fool of himself." She said Mrs. Moore refused to tell her what his confession was, and had never told her anything about participating in a holdup in California.

Lane county officials are reported to place little credence in Moore's alleged confession. They say that when he was brought back to Eugene from Denver to face a charge of stealing an automobile he "confessed" to a murder during a hold-up in Portland last year. Investigation of the confession revealed it to be groundless.

POLLY APPEALS FROM DECISION

Write or review has been taken to circuit court from justice court in the case of the state against Joe Polly, alleged liquor law violator, the writ coming up under peculiar circumstances, probably the first of the kind seen here.

Polly was before Justice Small for trial, the jury impaneled and the stage set for going ahead when the district attorney moved that the justice sit as a committing magistrate and bind Polly over to the grand jury. This he did over the defendant's objection and Polly is appealing from the order to bind the defendant over.

TO DEFEND SENATE RULES

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