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LLOYD BOUND OVER TO POLK GRAND JURY

**Murderer Waives Formal
Hearing At Independence—
Taken Secretly
From and To Portland.**

W. R. Lloyd, former convict in the Oregon state prison who shot and killed C. I. Baun, Independence taxi driver, on a lonely road nine miles south of that city on the night of September 1 and stole the latter's automobile, waived formal hearing when he was arraigned before Justice of the Peace R. W. Baker at Independence this morning and was bound over to the Polk county grand jury without bond.

A special session of the grand jury to consider the case will probably be held next week at Dallas.

Lloyd was taken to Independence from the Multnomah county jail for arraignment secretly, and his scheduled appearance there was known only to the authorities. Immediately after the hearing he was rushed back to Portland by automobile. Fear that if the people of Independence knew of Lloyd's appearance there they would have made an effort to take the law into their own hands prompted the secrecy surrounding the arraignment.

Due to the defects of the Polk county jail at Dallas and the strong public feeling against Lloyd, he will be kept in the Portland jail until the time for his trial.

Lloyd has confessed to killing Baun, giving as his reason his desire to secure the taxi driver's car that he might visit his parents near Springfield.

Quite a large crowd had gathered before the arraignment was completed, but there was no evidence of disorder.

C. R. Ellis, Independence attorney, was appointed to represent Lloyd.

On his way back to Portland, Lloyd was taken to Dallas, where he ate lunch. During his meal he was asked by a newspaper reporter whether or not he intended to repudiate his alleged confession.

"I don't know that I have made a confession yet," Lloyd replied.

RATE INCREASE HELD NECESSARY TO PAY PROFITS

Chicago, Sept. 8.—(AP)—L. E. Wetting, manager of the statistical bureau of the Western railways, testifying as the opening railway witness in the hearings in the western freight rate advance case before Chairman Clyde A. Atchison of the interstate commerce commission said almost one fifth of the money invested in the western railroads failed to receive any financial return in 1924.

In eight years ending December 31, 1924, more than \$1,700,000,000 was invested by the railroads in improvements while the net return earned by them in 1924 was \$35,000,000 less than it was in 1916, was his statement.

"The rate of return earned on total investment was 5.59 per cent in 1916 and was only 2.75 per cent in 1924."

"The net return earned by the Western railways in 1924 was equivalent to a rate of return of but 4.55 on the investment up to the end of 1916, being lower than return actually earned on this investment in 1916 and left nothing at all for return on the \$1,700,000,000 which has been invested in the property since that time."

"If the full freight rate increase now requested had been in effect in 1924 the western railways net in that year would still have been less than the net return actually earned in 1916 and would have amounted to a return of 5.56 per cent on the 1916 investment as contrasted with the 5.59 per cent actually earned in 1916."

"If the increase now requested had been realized in 1924 it would have meant a return to the western railways of only 4.85 per cent on their 1924 investment."

NOEL DENIES FIRST STORY OF KILLING

**Kidnaper and Slayer of
Little Girl Declared
"Hopelessly Insane" By
Authorities.**

Montclair, N. J., Sept. 8.—(AP)—Harrison W. Noel, 20 years old, former Harvard student and escapee inmate of an insane asylum who kidnaped and killed six year old Mary Daily because of "craving for \$4000" in ransom money is likely to be ordered confined for life, as were the slayers of Bobby Franks in Chicago.

Noel pleaded guilty yesterday to the kidnaping. He denied he shot and killed the girl or Raymond Pierce, negro taxi driver who got an automobile for the abduction. He awaits arraignment on charges of murdering the girl and wounding John Sandin, chauffeur who gave chase after the kidnaping. Sunday he confessed with boastfulness to all of the crimes.

He faces life in asylum. Captain James A. Mason, head of Essex county detectives, says Noel is "hopelessly" insane. A committee of alienists is to be sought by John A. Bigelow, prosecutor of Essex county, to examine the youth. If found insane, he will be committed to the state hospital at Trenton. If he is found sane, his plea of guilty of the kidnaping charge exposes him to a sentence of life imprisonment. There is no lesser sentence for the crime in New Jersey.

While "Jersey Justice" has been meted out swiftly and surely, it is believed that rather than go thru a murder trial, with the probability of a fight on insanity, the officials would be content with a kidnaping sentence.

Sought To Kill Others. Three persons have narrowly escaped death at Noel's hands, records at the county insane asylum at Quakertown show. Noel attacked his father asleep in a tent on a camping camp with a Boy Scout hatchet in 1923. Continued in the Craig sanitarium at Beacon, N. Y. he beat an attendant senseless with the arm of a chair.

Last year as a seaman on a trans Atlantic liner, he tried to kill a cook.

LANSDOWNE FUNERAL HELD

Greenville, Ohio, Sept. 8.—(AP)—Impressive funeral services, attended by distinguished citizens of Ohio, were held at St. Clair memorial hall here this afternoon for Zachary Lansdowne, commander of the ill-fated Shenandoah, who died with 13 members of his crew when the dirigible crashed near Ava, Ohio, Thursday.

All business was suspended for an hour and the town folk crowded the hall long before the services opened, in a last tribute to Greenville's illustrious citizen.

Mrs. Elizabeth Lansdowne, mother of the dead commander, attended the last rites with members of her family and intimate friends.

Marital Tangle Over Smalley Returns In Quest of Lost Dog

Dan Smalley, who with his child bride that was once Lillian Kings of Enterprise, left here recently for that town in custody of officers, for eloping with the Riggs girl, returned to Salem, Saturday, searching for his dog. His father-in-law, who was settled and charged dismissed when he married the girl, but that did not bring back to the couple their cherished dog. While they were in custody here the dog disappeared. The disappearance caused the couple more grief than the arrest. As soon as he found himself released, Smalley started back for Salem with his wife in search of the missing canine.

After looking around here Saturday for the dog they abandoned the search, leaving for Independence

Trail Rum Kings



MRS. MABEL WILKE BRANDT

WHAT TO DO WITH U. S. LAND

Portland, Ore., Sept. 8.—What to do, for the best interests of state, national government and people, with 13,420,221 acres of unreserved government land within the boundaries of Oregon was the matter before a sub-committee of the United States public lands committee which opened a hearing here today with Senator Robert N. Stanford acting as chairman.

"At present there is no law whereby the government can lease the unreserved public land for grazing purposes," said Stanford. "Much of it is used for grazing but the government gets nothing for it. Only mineral land on it can be taken, or timber sold, but it is usually good for little else save grazing."

"It is to gather data for the senate to use in discussing a grazing bill that will be presented at the next session of congress that these hearings are being held in the west. There is no reason why the federal government shouldn't be receiving returns for the use of the public domains."

W. S. Boyer, district inspector for the department of the interior for Oregon, Washington and northern Idaho, was before the committee a greater part of today's hearing. He stated there are 13,420,221 acres of unreserved federal lands in Oregon that cannot be leased for grazing but which are being used for that purpose to a great extent.

"In many cases tracts of this land have been encroached by ranchers," said Boyer, "but this is against the law although it works an improvement on the land."

There are only 1,299,355 acres of unreserved lands in Washington but only and only something over 100,000 in northern Idaho.

Boyer favors a law that will permit these lands to be leased for grazing purposes if the owners of small adjoining tracts shall be protected. He thinks this land should be appraised, then offered for sale, the adjoining owners to be favored in these sales.

"Do you think a leasing act would better protect the small land owners?" asked Senator Stanford, who, with Senator Ralph H. Cameron of Arizona, are conducting the Portland hearing.

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RAMP TO GET NOTHING ON \$5000 AWARD

**Judgment Against Death
Car Driver Worthless;
Defendant No Longer
In State.**

Although a judgment for \$5000 damages awarded M. S. Ramp, Mrs. Ramp and small son, Robert Malcolm Ramp of Brooks, Marion county, resulting from an automobile accident on July 2, 1921, still stands against E. G. Osborne, the Ramp will probably receive nothing for the reason that Osborne is no longer in these parts, and it is said there is probably no way to get payment of the judgment. Osborne, Homer Ross of McMinnville and the Oregon Rubber company of Portland were all made defendants, and the lower court held the judgment against all three defendants. Ross and the rubber company appealed, the supreme court today reverses the decree of the lower court for Marion county as against the two appellants. Osborne did not appeal. Errors in the admission of testimony is the basis of the reversal.

Osborne Speeding. On the date of the accident the Ramp was driving in a small car along a road leading from Brooks crossing the Pacific highway at approximately right angles. At the intersection they were hit by a Pierce-Arrow car driven by Osborne at an alleged speed of more than 30 miles an hour. A stranger riding with Osborne was killed and Ramp, his wife and child were all injured.

The plaintiffs endeavored to show that Ross was liable on (Continued on Page Eight)

DAWES EN ROUTE TO CALIFORNIA

Portland, Ore., Sept. 8.—Charles G. Dawes, vice-president, was en route to San Francisco today after speaking here last night to a crowd that filled the municipal auditorium. He attacked the senate's rules which enabled long drawn out speeches and filibusters, and the crowd voiced such approval in applause that the vice-president asked for a rising vote of endorsement of his fight, which was promptly given.

Mrs. Dawes promised to speak today at Grants Pass, and he may also speak at Ashland while the train stops there.

His speech last night was a vigorous attack upon the senate rules and he quoted from other senators who had criticized the methods of senate procedure.

RAIL LINES NEAR RECEIVERSHIP

Chicago, Sept. 8.—More railroads will be taken into receivership if the western roads are not granted financial relief, R. N. Van Doren, vice-president of the Chicago & Northwestern railroad and spokesman for 74 western roads petitioning the interstate commerce commission for a 5 per cent rate increase, declared today. He opened the experts hearing of the railroads case before Chairman Clyde A. Atchison of the commission, who is expected to sit here for about ten days.

The southwest made its voice heard by submitting a proposal that Oklahoma and Texas and portions of Kansas, Arkansas, Missouri and Louisiana be placed in a new rate territory.

The present hearing is a continuation of the investigation of the railroad rates generally authorized by the Hoch-Smith congressional resolution and the western carriers' petition.

Spanish Troops Win. Madrid, Sept. 8.—(A. P.)—Spanish troops have landed on the Moroccan coast, in the bay of Alhucemas. It was officially announced today. The correspondent says the Spanish attempt of yesterday was costly.

Why and When?

On the evening of August 12 three convicts shot their way out of the Oregon penitentiary, killing two guards. For 10 days, armed to the teeth, they spread terror over the entire northern part of the state. The break was the culmination of more than two years of lax discipline, mismanagement and disorganization at the prison.

On August 15 Governor Pierce announced the appointment of a special commission to inquire into the condition of affairs at the prison and the cause of the escape. He publicly asked the commission to make a thorough examination into the penitentiary situation and report to him with recommendations, pledging himself to act in accordance with the recommendations. The commission, after five hours spent at the prison examining into conditions and interviewing witnesses, reported two days later. In announcing that the report had been made the chairman of the commission issued that statement that conditions had been revealed which "should be brought to the attention of the governor at once."

The report was handed to Governor Pierce three weeks ago today, but its contents have never been made public. Sufficient is known of the report to authorize the statement that it recommended the immediate removal of Warden Dalrymple, which was indicated by the governor's request to Tom Wood to accept the wardenship. Word declined.

Today it is reported upon good authority that the governor hopes to smooth matters over and keep Dalrymple in office. It is that the manner in which Governor Pierce plans to keep faith with the investigation committee he appointed, and with the people of Oregon?

When is Governor Pierce going to act to end the farce that is being enacted at the penitentiary?

Why has the report of the special investigating committee been kept secret? When will it be made public?

What is contained in that report that Governor Pierce fears to reveal to the people who elected him to office?

W. C. T. U. HEAD SHOT TO DEATH IN HER HOME

Vinton, Iowa, Sept. 8.—(AP)—Mrs. C. B. Cook, president of the Benton county W. C. T. U. was shot to death in her home last night by an unidentified assailant. Friends expressed belief she was the victim of a bootlegger or rum runner, as she had been active in furnishing information leading to the arrest of many liquor law violators.

A bullet, fired through a window on the first floor of her home as she sat saying about 11:30 o'clock, ended Mrs. Cook's life an hour and a half after it passed through her left arm and side. She died without regaining consciousness.

The county convention of W. C. T. U. was to have opened today with Mrs. Cook as the presiding officer. The request is being held this morning and while no official opinion as to the probable motive for the shooting has been expressed, the women's acquaintances believe that her anti-liquor activities were responsible. Mrs. Cook not only was prominent in the prohibition movement in this county, but was well known for her activities along this line in other parts of the state.

COOLIDGE PREPARES TO RETURN TO CAPITAL

Swampscott, Mass., Sept. 8.—(A. P.)—Preparing to leave for Washington tomorrow night, President Coolidge was busy today clearing up his desk at the summer White House.

Dr. Thompson Found Germany Best Off Of European Lands

"To all intents and purposes Germany is the best off of any European country that took part in the World war," Dr. Fred H. Thompson, recently returned to Salem from an extensive tour of Europe, told the local Kiwanis club at its luncheon this noon. "The Germans are all working," he said. "They are practically all well dressed. During all the time I was there I did not see a single beggar. The nearest thing to it was a blind man on the streets of Dresden, selling pencils. You see the same fat, contented Germans that there were before the war, and plenty of them."

Austria was hit the hardest by war conditions, Dr. Thompson believes. Most countries on the continent are poverty stricken, however. He stated that Germany is the only European country where the automobiles are generally large, powerful machines, instead of small, economical ones.

At Dresden and at Leipzig, Dr. Thompson saw large bodies of young men in open fields near the cities in the early morning, drilling in massed formation. When he asked concerning the nature of their drill he was told that they were athletic clubs. "All I have to say is that they have some impressive athletic clubs there," said the doctor.

DISARMING CONFERENCE IS FAVORED

**Coolidge Does Not Care
Who Calls Peace Meet
Or Where It Is Held,
Only For Results.**

Swampscott, Mass., Sept. 8.—(A. P.)—Still hopeful that conditions abroad soon will be propitious for the calling of another disarmament conference, President Coolidge is concerned chiefly with having a conference held that gives promise of result and does not care particularly where it is held or who calls it.

Comment was withheld at the White House today on the announced intention of Premier Painleve of France to urge the league of nations to sponsor another conference as soon as the security problem is settled.

President Coolidge takes the position that it would be advisable for him to discuss this possibility, although it was made clear that he does not want the United States to interfere in any way with action by European nations.

Agricultural Conference. Although President Coolidge expects his agricultural conference to reconvene to complete its survey and make recommendations to congress, this course probably will be pursued only in the event Secretary of Agriculture Jardine approves.

Mr. Coolidge has no information as to the views of Secretary Jardine but he expects to confer with him late in the week. The president has suggested to Chairman Cates of the conference that he get in touch directly with Mr. Jardine.

Mr. Coolidge thinks that the conference should reconvene and have its final report ready for congress by Thanksgiving.

The conference before the close of the 68th congress in March submitted preliminary findings, chiefly recommendations for co-operative public legislation.

Public Buildings Bill. President Coolidge is hopeful that at the congressional session a public buildings bill can be enacted, although he realizes there will be formidable opposition by some representatives and senators if specific provision is not made for new structures in their districts and states. The president is particularly impressed with the necessity of providing additional public buildings in the District of Columbia to house activities now taken care of in rented quarters.

He believes it an investment to cut down on rent by providing permanent buildings.

"The pork barrel" tendency, Mr. Coolidge believes, is apt to creep over in congress working to the disadvantage of a bill designed to remedy conditions in the District of Columbia or any measure making a lump sum appropriation. A lump sum bill was passed by the house in the last session which Mr. Coolidge, it was said today, would have approved had the senate passed it.

The world proposal is gaining strength, the president believes, and is confident that affirmative action by the senate on a resolution on adherence will be obtained during the December session.

BANK AT PASCO CLOSES DOORS

Olympia, Wash., Sept. 8.—Owing to difficulties growing out of poor crop conditions and inability to realize upon frozen assets, officials of the State Bank of Pasco today turned over their bank to the division of banking for liquidation. Supervisor of Banking Harry C. Johnson informed the Associated Press over the long distance telephone this morning from Pasco. Deposit liabilities amount to approximately \$350,000. Supervisor Johnson said. The bank was organized in April, 1920, and the capital stock was listed at \$50,000 with \$10,000 surplus at the time of the last call statement.

"Great credit is due J. B. Crain, president of the bank for his untiring efforts and for the fact that his personal fortune has been exhausted in an attempt to save the institution," Supervisor Johnson declared.

ARMY HEADS SEEK GROUND FOR ACTION

**Solicitor General Asked
To Investigate And
Report On Statement
Playing Air Service.**

Washington, Sept. 8.—(AP)—Colonel William Mitchell's latest criticism of the administration's air service policy was referred today to the inspector-general of the army for investigation and report.

The action of the war department will not be determined until this report has been received. Should grounds be found for disciplinary action, Acting Secretary Davis then will decide whether court martial proceedings shall be initiated.

Seek Confirmation.

Major General Helmick, the inspector general, presumably will call upon Colonel Mitchell for the facts. On receipt of a statement from the colonel that he did make the charges against army and navy officers contained in the state ment issued at San Antonio Saturday, General Helmick will be in a position to formulate his recommendations.

The action of Major Hines, the chief of staff, in referring the matter to General Helmick is in line with routine procedure.

Major General John A. Hull, judge advocate general of the army, probably also will be consulted. It appears probable that several days will elapse before there is a final decision.

Wilbur Denies Charge.

Washington, Sept. 8.—(AP)—Secretary Wilbur today replied indirectly to one charge made by Colonel William Mitchell in his attack on the navy and army air services.

The secretary said the Shenandoah had not been sent on her western trip in an effort to make up for failure of the polar flight and the Hawaiian flight. A western voyage had been planned months ago, he said, before the Hawaiian flight was arranged, and about the same time that the Arctic expedition was agreed upon.

LIGHTNING HITS FOREST LOOKOUT

Portland, Ore., Sept. 8.—Lightning struck and shattered the cupola of the Mount Hood forest lookout station in the storm that swept Portland and surrounding country late yesterday. Fred Schmelling, lookout on duty, happened to be down below the cupola at the time of the crash, and escaped injury.

Lightning, thunder, hail and rain came to Portland all at once about six o'clock last night, flooded the streets, stopped street cars and deluged thousands of returning holiday vacationists.

But a single barometer measured .34 of an inch which fell in 5 minutes. The total precipitation for the day ending at 5 a. m. this morning was .71 of an inch. Street cars on several lines were stopped when their motors were put out of commission by lightning. No other damage from lightning was reported here.

MITCHELL WANTS AIR SECRETARY

San Antonio, Texas, Sept. 8.—(AP)—Colonel William Mitchell, deputy assistant air chief, now eighth corps area air officer, broke his silence of three days again, here today, issuing a formal statement in which he recommended creation by the next congress of an aeronautics bureau under a secretary of air and suggested plans for the bureau's operation.

He says that the entire national defense should be consolidated under one head who would be held responsible but that the department should be divided into three sections under sub-secretaries, army, navy and air.