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TORNADO STRIKES NEAR CITY

BLAZER JURY DISAGREES; DROP CHARGE

Colorado Doctor Cleared When State Declines To Try Him Again For The Murder of Daughter.

Littleton, Colo., Nov. 12.—(A.P.)—Dr. Harold Elmer Blazer today was cleared of all charges in connection with the death of his 34 year old daughter, Hazel, on February 24 last.

The action came less than an hour after the jury, trying him on the charge of murdering the "child woman," announced it had not reached a verdict and was discharged by Judge Samuel Johnson.

Charges Dismissed
Summoned hastily from his home, Prosecutor Joel E. Stone appeared before the presiding judge and made a motion for dismissal of all charges and the release of Dr. Blazer, who was taken into custody immediately after the jury was discharged.

"I do not feel it the province of the district attorney to prosecute anyone," Stone declared, "and in fairness to the defendant and the people, I now ask the court to dismiss the charges against him."

"As a matter of humanity we ought not to try this case again—motion granted," Judge Johnson said. "The defendant now is discharged and may go free. Up to the district attorney to make a motion for a new trial at any time the charges pending will be nolle prossed."

Eleven For Acquittal
One of the jurors, the parent of an invalid daughter, declared that "it was a mistake to discharge the jury."

"I believe that we would have reported a verdict with further deliberation."

"Only one man held out for conviction and the rest of us believe that he could have been dissuaded from his opinion with long discussion and deliberation."

"Homicide for love" was the way Blazer's act was characterized by defense during the trial. "We grant that he slew the girl, but we deny that he did it with malice aforethought or that he was sane when he did it," was the burden of the defense.

Defense Novel One
The slaying was prompted by the fear that he would be taken and that Hazel would "become a burden" on someone else, Dr. Blazer declared in letters which he wrote to explain his act. After the slaying the old doctor made two unsuccessful attempts to end his life—once with poison and the other time by slashing his throat with a razor.

The case gained nation-wide attention when the defense announced that it would contend the homicide was no crime because Hazel Blazer, a horribly malformed imbecile, helpless since birth, was not a "human being" and therefore had no soul.

This contention, however, was removed during the closing hours of the trial when Judge Samuel Johnson overruled a defense motion for a directed verdict declaring that a "being born of woman is legal in the eyes of the law."

Synthesizers Man.
Littleton, Colo., Nov. 12.—(A.P.)—A world filled with "Dr. Blazers" each of whom must bear his or her "cross" in the form of an invalid or imbecile relative is revealed in letters from all parts of the United States, which have been received by the aged country doctor here since he has been on trial charged with the murder of his 34-year-old "child woman" daughter, Hazel.

No sooner had the trial got under way than letters began to pour in. Most of them were addressed to Dr. Harold E. Blazer, the defendant. Others have been addressed to the counsel in the case, and to Judge Johnson.

"You did what was right," several of the letters say.
Most of them express sympathy for the doctor.

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GOOD EVENING WORDS and MUSIC

By Stoddard King

THE TOTTERING TRADITION

The toothbrush is a social elegance rather than a hygienic necessity.—Statement at a meeting of the American Public Health association.

The age of heresy is here. Schismatic utterances are flying. And doctrines that we all revere. Attacked on every side, are dying. The walls are crumbling from beneath. It does no good to brush your teeth!

That healthful happiness depends on well-brushed molars and incisors. Has been impressed on us by friends.

Relations, medical advisers. Whose exhortations none could brush. Pertaining to the dental brush.

This generation has been sure. That teeth they're given proper care to. Would make them able to endure. Each of the ills that flesh is heir to.

One needed but to choose a paste. To suit one's individual taste.

If that is false, if we must spurn. A hollow and demoted motion. Allow the time we spent to turn.

The rotary, or proper, motion? What lingers if the toothbrush goes? I do not know. Nobody knows.

General Phil Sheridan did not. It seems, about: "Turn, boys, turn! we're going back!" The exact text of his remark, the general's widow lately said, could best be expressed by dashes. Undoubtedly she is right, but in those days it was a literary tradition that soldiers never swore.

VERBAL AVERSIONS
By Orpheus Nutt
To be entirely frank and blunt. The word I hate the most is "stunt."

But I am also quite a hater. Of "gubernatorial" and "cater."

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KLAN ORGANIZER ENTERS CANADA, BUT AS TOURIST

Vancouver, B. C., Nov. 12.—(A.P.)—Admission to Canada as a tourist was gained by Dr. K. K. Allen of Portland, and organizer of the Canadian Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, it was disclosed today. Immigration officials stopped him at White Rock on the border south of here.

It can be proved he is engaged in organization work he is liable to deportation, immigration officials declared. They said he was an "imperial lecturer" billed to speak here tonight.

Theodore Turner of Portland faced deportation today on appearance before a board of inquiry. He was alleged to be an employee of the Klan, and in Canada without permission of the government.

If You Were a City Councilman?

NOTE—For the best letters of 300 words or less submitted during November the Capital Journal will give three prizes of \$10, \$5 and \$2.50. The letters must be on "What You Would Do If You Were a Councilman" and should be addressed to the Contest Editor. The letters must be signed by the name and address of the sender, but the letters will be published by number only, and the judges will judge them before learning the names of the writers.

Number Twenty.
Contest Editor:—If I were a councilman I would insist on having four monuments at each intersection in the business section of the city.

If I were a councilman I would insist on the railway company paying the street in front of their properties, the same as other people, on Mill street and other places. I would also insist on the railroad crossing being fixed so the rails would be smooth to drive over instead of standing six inches high to bump over.

If I were a councilman I would do my best to put the fellow that wrote letter "No. 15" in the state prison for 15 years for advocating an open city and blind the police.

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SUPPRESSION CHARGED TO NAVAL BOARD

Widow Of Commander Of Shenandoah Declares Effort Made To Change Her Testimony

Washington, Nov. 12.—(A.P.)—Called to substantiate Colonel Mitchell's charge that improper attempts had been made to influence her testimony before the Shenandoah board of inquiry, Mrs. Zachary Lansdowne, widow of the dirigible's commander, testified in the Mitchell court martial today that Captain Paul Foley of the naval board had sent her a letter which was "an insult" to the memory of her husband.

Defense counsel sought to prove by her testimony that an officer endeavored to have her give false testimony before the Shenandoah board of inquiry by retracting her formal statement that Commander Lansdowne was ordered to take the Shenandoah on her fatal flight to the middle west over his protest.

Letter Destroyed.
Representative Frank R. Reid, chief defense counsel, said her evidence also would support Mitchell's charge that the navy department had been guilty of "criminal negligence"—one of the accusations which led to his trial.

Mrs. Lansdowne testified that the letter "from Captain Foley was given her by Mrs. George W. Steele Jr., wife of Captain Steele of the navy, who is commander of the Lakehurst air station, and of the dirigible Los Angeles."

The witness said she could not produce the letter because she had destroyed it.

Colonel Sherman Moreland, the prosecutor objected when Mr. Reid asked the witness what was in the communication she destroyed.

Objection Overruled.
The defense attorney asked he asked the question because Colonel Mitchell had charged that the navy would "white wash the Shenandoah catastrophe" and he wanted to prove that charge.

The court, after some discussion as to the admissibility of Mrs. Lansdowne's testimony, directed her to answer the question.

The letter said, "Mrs. Lansdowne, I am sorry that my hands are confined, that my husband, Commander of the Shenandoah, a man of war and had not cared to take it on flights of a political nature—being always ready to take the Shenandoah on a military mission."

"It said also that I was willing to have the naval court, as a competent authority, to take charge of the investigation."

"Was that statement true or false?"

"False."

"How in was it false?"

"It was an insult to my husband's memory."

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RHINELANDER SAYS SPOUSE DECEIVED HIM

Plaintiff In Annulment Suit Says Girl Claimed She Was Spanish, Not Negro.

White Plains, N. Y., Nov. 12.—(A.P.)—Alice Beatrice Jones represented herself to him as of Spanish extraction when the question of her race arose, Leonard Kip Rhinelander testified today in his suit to win annulment of his marriage to the daughter of a negro coachman.

He said that the question of Alice's color had arisen during the months immediately previous to their marriage last October, chiefly because of the marriage of her oldest sister, Emily, to Robert Brooks, a negro butler. Rhinelander testified that Mrs. Jones and Alice had assured him they were not negroes but were English people of Spanish extraction. They said they had done everything in their power to prevent Emily's marriage to Brooks and had deserted the couple the house for two years.

Denied Negro Blood.
"Of course I'm not colored," Alice told him, Rhinelander testified. "I never associated with colored people and never will."

Isaac N. Mills, the plaintiff's attorney, told the court he would produce a letter in which Alice assured her future husband that she was of Spanish blood.

Sixty letters from Mrs. Rhinelander to her husband which were (Continued on Page Seven.)

NEW ASHLAND NORMAL SCHOOL CONTRACTS LET

Contracts amounting to \$139,474 for construction of a new state normal school building at Ashland were awarded by the board of regents of the school, meeting here today.

Construction of the building will begin with a few days, it was announced and the building completed by June 1. It will be made of reinforced concrete, with a stucco exterior and tile roof. It will measure 241 feet in length by 60 feet in width. There will be two full floors and a partial basement.

The building will contain an auditorium capable of accommodating 600 persons, and have 17 class rooms, a library and four recreation rooms. Contracts were awarded to the following firms:

General construction—Tranahill & Parcellus, Portland, \$109,572; heating and ventilating—Rushlight-Hastorf-Lord, Inc., Portland, \$27,167; plumbing—M. D. & S. Plumbing & Heating company, Medford, \$2,995; wiring—National Electric company, Portland, \$4,500.

AUTO TRAMPS OPEN OWN SCHOOL IN CAMP GROUND

Kissimmee, Fla., Nov. 12.—(A.P.)—Undismayed because local schools were overflowing with children of regular residents, "tin can tourists" here have instituted their own school from curriculum to campus.

Following a mass meeting attended by tourists, the tin canners decided to erect their own building, elect their own school board, employ their own teacher and prescribe their own course of study.

KLANSMEN TRIAL CLOSES

Noblesville, Ind., Nov. 12.—(A.P.)—Closing arguments were started today in the murder trial of D. C. Stephenson, Earl Klench and Earl Gentry. Prosecutor William H. Remy opened for the state.

Plan for Funding Italian War Debt Devised Is Report

Washington, Nov. 12.—(A.P.)—Under the funding agreement here today a settlement of the Italian war debt, the Italians are understood to have agreed to a total debt of \$1,648,000,000. Payment will be at the rate of \$5,000,000 a year for the first five years, increasing thereafter each year.

The total of \$1,648,000,000 represents the loans made to Italian and the interest to date at 4 1/2 per cent.

Announcement of the settlement followed a conference by members of the American debt commission and President Coolidge and a later meeting between the Italian mission and the Americans. The details were not immediately disclosed.

Members of the two commissions said they were bound to secrecy pending the issuance of an official treasury statement, not expected until late in the afternoon. The reason for this extraordinary procedure was as close a secret as the settlement terms themselves.

There was indication that the settlement took very liberal account of Italy's financial troubles, not only providing for an extended delay in payments, but making substantial concessions also as to interest terms.

Arrangements were made for the actual signing of the compact next Saturday. A few details of the text are yet to be worked out.

STATE RESTS IN TRIAL OF TRENT; CHILDREN HEARD

McMinnville, Ore., Nov. 12.—(A.P.)—The prosecution today closed its case against Joseph Trent, McMinnville farmer accused of second degree murder growing out of the killing of George O. Hamblin of Portland, September 26, and the defense at once put four child witnesses on the stand.

The first to testify was Carl Trent, 7-year-old son of the defendant, who told of seeing his brother, Lee, 16, and Kelley Davidson, 13, a Trent ranch employee, unload shotgun shells and refill them with wheat. His testimony was corroborated by his sister, Jewell, 19, who said she was a witness to the refilling of the shells.

The prosecution asked for an explanation of the shooting of Hamblin with leaden pellets instead of wheat. Wesley Trent, 15, said that he had emptied a shell to demonstrate its construction to his aunt and that after it had been refilled it had assumed the appearance of one that had been reloaded with wheat.

During the testimony of the children one of the jurors wept.

The defense announced that it would call about 20 other witnesses before the end of the trial.

SUBMARINE GOES DOWN AND STAYS

London, Nov. 12.—(A.P.)—The admiralty announced that the submarine Monitor M-1 has not been since she dived 15 miles south of Start Point, Devonshire, this morning. Every effort made to locate or establish communication with the M-1 thus far has failed.

It is believed the M-1 was carrying her full complement of sixty men and officers when she dived.

WALLA WALLA CONVICTS NEARING PORTLAND

Portland, Nov. 12.—(A.P.)—Police here received news today that three convicts who escaped Sunday from the Walla Walla prison, may be headed toward this city. The sheriff's office at The Dalles telephoned that special railroad agents engaged in a gun battle early today with three men in the railroad yards at The Dalles.

REPORT PEKING THREATENED BY FENG ASSAULT

London, Nov. 12.—(A.P.)—Anticipating a coup by Feng Yuhsiang, the "Christian general" in Peking, says the Evening News Tokyo correspondent, the Japanese cabinet was called in extraordinary session today to consider the protection of Japanese lives and property in the Chinese capital.

Shanghai, Nov. 12.—(A.P.)—With an apparent censorship in effect, the North China Daily News learns from private sources in Peking that the chief executive, Tuan Chi-chi, is practically a prisoner in the hands of Feng Yuhsiang, the "Christian general."

The report coincides with an eastern news agency message from Peking that Feng decided to disarm Tuan Chi-chi's bodyguard with the object of taking Tuan into custody on the plea of guarding him.

There are contradictory reports regarding Feng's attitude, but the general belief is that he has definitely broken with Chang Tso-Lin, while his most powerful lieutenant, General Yueh Wei-Chun, governor of Ho-Nan, is reported to have thrown his lot with the ill-fated Yangtze forces.

NEW SILVERTON ARMORY OPENED

Silverton, Nov. 12.—In spite of the rain a very large crowd turned out for the Armistice day celebration at Silverton. For over an hour crowds stood in the street waiting for the parade which started at 11:30 instead of 10:30 as scheduled. The delay was unavoidable as the band which was coming was the 18th infantry band from Vancouver, Wash., was unable to get here earlier.

Following the parade a program was held at the new armory which was dedicated, Gen. Gen. A. White gave the dedication address.

Clifford Rue, commander of Delbert Reeves post No. 7 of the American Legion, introduced the speakers. Rev. S. Hall gave the invocation and benediction. Captain Henry Hutton of company 1, Oregon national guard, thanked all who assisted in securing the armory for Silverton. Mrs. Forrest Stamey and Frank Doerflinger sang a solo, and the band from Vancouver gave a concert.

CORNERSTONE LAID BY GRIFFITH AT KLAMATH

Klamath Falls, Or., Nov. 12.—The cornerstone of the new veterans' memorial hospital was laid here yesterday with appropriate ceremonies by the American Legion post. George Griffith of Salem, past state commander of the Legion, was the principal speaker. The building is being erected to the memory of World war veterans by the people of Klamath county.

THIRTEEN DIE IN CRASH OF FAST TRAINS

Speeding Express Ploughs Through Pullmans In Rear End Collision Due To Heavy Fog.

Plainsboro, N. J., Nov. 12.—(A.P.)—Thirteen persons were killed early today when a St. Louis express train on the Pennsylvania railroad, bound for New York, telescoped another Pennsylvania train from Washington, also bound for New York.

Eleven bodies have been recovered from the wreckage of the two rear cars of the Washington train. Two more bodies are still in the wreckage. The bodies of the dead were sent by train to New Brunswick and Trenton.

The Washington train, made up of six steel coaches and three Pullmans, was going at 10 miles an hour when a heavy fog when the St. Louis Flyer, making 50 miles an hour, ploughed through it. The Pullman car Morbid was rammed through the car Shedaker and split in half. Most of the dead and injured were in these two cars.

The engine of the speeding train remained on the rails. The engineer, Timothy Carroll of Jersey City, escaped serious injury and ran to the nearest telephone, about two miles away and summoned aid.

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NATIONAL ROAD SYSTEM PLANS ARE APPROVED

Washington, Nov. 12.—(A.P.)—Secretary Jardine announced today his approval of the 75,884 miles of road designated by the joint board on interstate highways to make up the system to be known as United States highways.

The approved report of the board, composed of 24 state and federal highway officials, defines a network of 145 highway routes to comprise the system, assigning it each a number, and includes designs to be erected on all routes.

Route designations, those running east and west have even numbers and those north and south have odd numbers.

The danger and caution signs to be used will be of four different shapes, representing as many degrees of danger, all having a yellow background, with black letters and symbols.

The other group of signs will include the standard route markers the form of a United States shield and directional and informational signs, all to have a white background with black lettering.

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TREES, BARN ARE DAMAGED

Twister Moving Eastward Across Polk And Marion Counties Leaves A Path Of Destruction.

The nearest thing to a real middle western tornado that has ever been seen in this part of the northwest crossed the district two miles south of here between 10 and 11 o'clock yesterday forenoon. Barns, fruit dryers and similar buildings of frame construction were removed from their foundations or otherwise badly damaged. Trees in several orchards were uprooted and many large oak and fir trees in timbered areas were twisted in two. Rural telephone lines were put out of commission by poles and wires being blown down.

Path 150 Feet Wide
It is estimated that the storm swept an area about 150 feet wide originating apparently somewhere in the extreme western part of the Willamette valley, passing eastward over the north part of Independence and on eastward over the Liberty district south of here. The village of Liberty was not touched.

Witnesses of the storm say it had much the appearance of the regulation middle-western tornado and its roar could be heard five or 10 minutes before its arrival at a given place. That greater damage was not done is apparently due to the fact that the storm dropped to the earth in comparatively few places. Strangely it seems to have struck with greatest force in hollows and depressions rather than on the hills. The storm was easily visible at a distance because of large limbs from trees and other debris that were whirled high into the air and carried from a quarter to half a mile. Residents of the Liberty district declare that fir limbs were found driven into the ground several feet at places a quarter of a mile from where any fir trees were growing. At other places limbs and leaves were moved eight foot driers about eight miles.

Lifts Water From River
At Independence the storm touching the Standard Oil plant and tore down the gates and one post. At this point it lifted and followed the Willamette river for about three miles, then as it passed over the river into Marion county quantities of water and gravel were thrown high into the air.

Three miles below Independence the storm struck the Will Walker ranch, tore down the water tower, overturned bunkhouses and moved eight foot driers about eight feet off their foundations in a twisting motion. One of them collapsed and the others will have to be torn down and rebuilt.

At the Davidson & Hedges hop (Continued on Page Seven.)

Eugene Youths Seek To Steal "Axe" from Local Store; Jailed

Three boys, said to be students of the Eugene high school, were arrested by local police shortly before daylight this morning in an alleged attempt to break into the Man's Shop for the purpose of making away with a huge wooden axe which has figured in Salem-Eugene high school relations for the past several years. The axe, originally a Eugene trophy, was seized by a group of Salem students at the time of the Salem-Eugene football game here four years ago, and has been kept in Salem since that time. Today's episode follows yesterday's game between the rival schools.

The boys, who gave their names as Del Ward, Al Schafer and Charles Anderson, were lodged in the city jail here until late this morning, when they were released.

the management of the local store declining to prosecute. The boys declared that they were only a small part of a number who were making the attempt for the axe.

The axe, which was originally decorated with Eugene colors, had been repainted black with red blotches near the blade—red and black being Salem colors. The axe was suspended in the store window at the time Officers Harry Rowe, Warren Edwards and George Thompson arrived on the scene this morning the lock to the window had been neatly sawed off and the officers declare, the trio were on the point of entering the window and making away with the axe. The note entered on the police blitzer opposite their names was "held as accomplices in attempted robbery."