

# SLAYER'S TRAIL PICKED UP

## DIVERS UNABLE TO FIND WRECK OF SUBMARINE

### Line Attached To Hulk Torn Away By Recent Gale; Hope Abandoned

## Motor Sailer's Grapple In Vain All Day For The Lost Vessel

Provincetown, Mass., Dec. 21. (AP)—Admiral Frank H. Brumby, in charge of salvage operations on the sunken submarine S-4 announced late today that the wreck had been lost, because a line attached to it was torn away in the recent gale. Two divers, lowered today, failed to find the vessel up to 4:15 o'clock. Two motor sailers grappled for the missing submarine all day without success. Diving operations were being continued today. The missing line was attached to the submarine last Sunday afternoon by diver Carr. When the mine sweeper Falcon left for Boston early Monday the line was transferred to a buoy. Commander Ellsberg said at the point where it was attached to the submarine by the heavy seas of Monday and Tuesday.

Provincetown, Mass., Dec. 21. (AP)—Diving operations were resumed at 12:30 o'clock today in an attempt to rescue the six men imprisoned in the wreck of the sunken submarine S-4. The first man to go down was James Ingram who was the first to be lowered when the S-51 was sunk off Block Island two years ago.

The sea was so calm the diver was lowered directly over the side of the mine sweeper Falcon, the flagship of the salvage fleet. The diving platform had been rigged, but was not found necessary.

Commander Edward Ellsberg, who had charge of S-51 salvage work, was at the telephone on the deck, maintaining communications with the diver.

R. C. (Tug) Wilson, who was the second diver to go down to the S-51 was in his diving suit ready to make the descent as soon as Ingram came up. Because of the time consumed in lowering and raising the diver, made necessary by the changing

Burlington, N. J., Dec. 21. (AP)—A desire for revenge on the woman he accused of breaking up his home and then turning his attentions to the cause assigned by police today for the slaying of Mrs. Isabelle James Sheddaker, wealthy widow, by Frederick Piani, was in St. Francis' hospital, Trenton, today with a bullet wound in his mouth, self-inflicted after he had fired four bullets into the woman's head and body last night. He is expected to recover.

In a letter addressed to "anyone" which was a hotel here, together with another letter to his wife from whom he had been estranged, Piani, Detective Parker said, accused Mrs. Sheddaker of breaking up his home, trying to persuade him to elope with her and then throwing him over for another admirer.

Mrs. Olive Lamson, a friend of the deceased woman, told police that she and Mrs. Sheddaker were driving to the latter's home near Stevens station when Piani, who had been following them, suddenly forced Mrs. Sheddaker's car to the sidewalk.

Mrs. Sheddaker jumped from the car and started to run. Mrs. Lamson said with Piani in pursuit. Over-taking her in 100 yards, the man fired four shots. One entered her head and the rest were embedded in her body. Then Piani fired the last shot into his mouth, the bullet emerging near his left ear.

## TWO THOUSAND ARE HOMELESS BY FIRE

Manila, P. I., Dec. 21. (AP)—Two thousand persons were rendered homeless by a fire that swept grass houses in the outskirts of Manila early today.

## GOOD EVENING SIPS FOR SUPPER

Hurrah, girls! A sprig of mistletoe is now hanging in the county court room and our new county judge, John Siegmund, isn't a bad looking guy, with all his gray hairs. Better call in early to avoid the rush.

A friends writes in suggesting the city can take care of Wait Thompson by getting him a sprinkling pot and give him a job watering Frank Bligh's steel tree. It's a good thought and we'll plug for Wait to get the job.

If at first you succeed—then try, try again.

The Statesman has finished another elephant puzzle contest and so many people guessed correctly no body won. Over 100 contestants guessed the right answer and now they will have to solve another puzzle to win a prize.

Not to be outdone by the Statesman we hereby inaugurate a puzzle contest of our own with \$100,000 in prizes. The prize to go to the person who can spell the word FORD.

The only provision is that anybody who spells it right doesn't win any prize and of course, if you can't spell it, you don't win.

We suppose all of the 100 correct answers in the Statesman contest came from Texas, as usual.

A man on the street was telling us that the paper mill here is a gold mine. It may be a gold mine but down at the mill they like Lead-better.

## A BLOODY ELECTION

Remus shot and killed his estranged wife, Imogene, in Eden Park here last October 6. Only one ballot was taken. — From dispatch in Capital Journal.

In Portland yesterday we saw a sign on a shop reading, "Rubber Soles and Heels." Must be some new kind of ladies' oostepath.

Only three more days before bath night, boys—

So do your Christmas shopping before everybody—it pays.

O yes, everybody's happy. With a glad, but calm delight; For the lights will all be litten. On the courthouse tree tonight.

## WORDS AND MUSIC

The Headliners By Stoddard King

In all my life I never saw A newspaper, it seems to me, That did not mention G. B. Shaw Or shed a tear for Queen Marie.

The leading man and lady stages, On separate, well-lighted stages, Of the great pageant, masque or play In which the human race engages.

No budget of the news would be complete, no day without a flax, Without a sob from Queen Marie Or wise crack from G. B. Shaw.

The lesser actors come and go, Their scenes are short, their parts are small, But the two stars are in the show Until the curtain's final fall.

And that is well, because they draw An endless crowd that pays to see The budding heart of G. B. Shaw, The regal charm of Queen Marie.

## SPENDING HOLIDAYS

Falls City, Dec. 21.—Mrs. Louise Chappell, George March and Louise March, have come from Valsets to spend Christmas with relatives.

## MRS. HICKMAN NOW ON VERGE OF COLLAPSE

### "Why Hasn't He Let Me Know Where He Is?" Sobs Mother

## Does Not Believe Boy Did It But If He Did Wants Him Punished

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 21. (AP)—Contending that her son "could not possibly do such a thing," Mrs. Eva Hickman, mother of the youth sought as the kidnaper and slayer of Marian Parker, today was reported near collapse at her home here.

Visitors to the apartment where Mrs. Hickman and her 17 year old daughter, Mary live, found the mother chiefly concerned about her son's neglect in writing her.

"Why hasn't he let me know where he is?" she asks of friends, "why doesn't he say he didn't do it?"

To the former chessmates of William Edward Hickman, debater, scholar of high rank and a leader in high school activities, the mother presents his record up to his graduation in 1926 to support her contention. She believes he still may be in Chicago where she last heard from him in October.

"Perhaps he does not know they are looking for him," she told newspapermen. "It may be too that he has heard about it and is hiding in Chicago until he can get word from me and learn what to do."

"I have been reading about that murder every day. Oh, what an awful thing it was. How many times I have thought to myself what should be done to a man who would do such a thing. It was a crime that caused every mother and

## SLAYER MAY HAVE DONNED WOMAN'S GARB

Los Angeles, Dec. 21. (AP)—Edward Hickman may have evaded 5,000 officers of southern California hunting him for the murder of Marian Parker by disguising himself as a woman, police admitted today.

After three days of relentless search for "The Fox," hunter for the most brutal killing ever recorded in this section of the west, officers no longer concealed their belief that Hickman had escaped.

It was recalled that he had appeared a number of times as a female impersonator in private theatricals, and acquaintances said he prided himself on his ability to disguise himself as a modern flapper.

The theory that Hickman put on a woman's clothing after the murder of Marion would explain the presence of a man's clothes found scattered about the apartment in which police believed the child was held captive and later killed.

ence by his huge bootlegging activities, said he loathed the law that made him wealthy.

"I became rich but prohibition brought me more horror than any other man alive," he cried.

"All because of the Volstead act—the most hypocritical, heinous law ever adopted by any nation. Why the Volstead act has caused more suffering and more crime in the United States than all the other laws combined."

Remus asked how he would work for repeal of the act said: "I don't know. I have hundreds of offers. I may become president of an association that believes I am best fitted to lead the attack."

"I may make a lecture tour. I may write a book. I may publish and distribute pamphlets. But of one thing I am certain, I will not rest until I have accomplished my aim and this nation is once more as free as I soon shall be."

## Light House Board Grilled By Governor

Governor Patterson, in a telegraph letter today to President Coolidge, charges the federal light-house bureau with discrimination in the awarding of a lightship contract. The governor's letter takes the form of a vigorous protest.

"As governor of the state of Oregon," says the letter, "I wish to enter vigorous protest against discrimination of federal lightship contract. Record shows Albina Marine Iron works, located at Portland, Ore., has submitted bid to build vessel at \$65,000 less than next lowest bid, and offers sufficient bond to insure delivery 20 days in advance of specified date, yet light-house bureau reported here as denying them contract."

The letter requests the president to "use every effort at your command to place this contract with the Albina Marine Iron Works at Portland, Oregon."

## PARKER IS SURE VOICE ON PHONE WAS HICKMAN'S

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 31. (AP)—The voice which last Saturday over the telephone made arrangements for the ransom of Marian Parker by her father, Perry M. Parker, was declared today by him to have been the voice of William Edward Hickman, accused slayer of the child, and a discharged employe of the bank of which Parker is an official.

Parker reached this decision "recalling incidents of the employment and discharge of Hickman, identified by fingerprints as Marian's slayer."

In reviewing these incidents, Parker strengthened the police theory that revenge was the root of the fiendish plot and that the child's slayer was striking at Parker through his small daughter.

"At the time of the telephone conversations and while I was talking with the person after following his instructions and handing him the ransom money, I did not connect the voice and Gemanor with any employe or former employe of the bank," Parker said.

"After the search through the employe's records, the photographs and incidents which have been revealed through the work of the police, I recall the unusual manner in which Hickman talked with me about his discharge for forgery. (Hickman was discharged after pleading guilty to forged charges). I remember how he asked me for his position against after being granted probation—which probation I protested—and his replies to questions and the calm manner and voice I heard over the telephone, and lastly the coolness and nerve displayed Saturday when we met for the exchange. I am convinced that Hickman was at the other end of the telephone and that he took the \$1,500."

## INQUIRY BOARD TO INVESTIGATE

San Diego, Cal., Dec. 21. (AP)—Rear Admiral J. M. Heves, commanding the aircraft squadrons, battle fleet, has appointed a court of inquiry to investigate the cause of the explosion which yesterday killed one man and injured four others on the aircraft carrier Langley, in this harbor.

The Langley was badly damaged in the explosion, which fortunately did not affect the huge gasoline tank aboard the Langley. If the 60,000 gallons of gasoline in that had exploded, officers say, the vessel would have been blown up.

The body of James R. Ashworth, chief machinist mate who was killed, will probably be sent to Washington D. C. for interment.

The four injured men are reported to be doing well. All are expected to recover.

## SNOW PILING UP AT CRATER LAKE

Portland, Ore., Dec. 21. (AP)—Snow readings issued by the Portland weather bureau show that winter snow is piling up in some regions of the Pacific northwest.

The greatest snow depth in Oregon is at Crater Lake where five feet of it on the level is lying.

Spokane has eight inches; Baker nine, in eastern Oregon, 81 inches and Government Camp, near Mount Hood, has 24 inches.

## HICKMAN LED JECKYL-HYDE LIFE, CLAIM

### Quiet Sunday School Boy Coolly Planned Diabolical Murder, Say Police

## Robbed Drug Stores For Drugs Later Used To Kill Girl Victim

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 21. (AP)—While a cloud of clues and false leads today effectively screened the hiding place of William E. Hickman, accused slayer of little Marian Parker, bits of evidence were being fitted together by the police to solve the puzzle of his past.

This evidence, as presented by the police, pictures a youthful "Dr. Jeckyl and Mr. Hyde"—on the one hand a neat orderly boy who attended church and Sunday school and never stayed out late at night; on the other "the fox" who for weeks planned the carrying out of a cool, cunning and diabolical murder plot for revenge.

The latter picture showed him for three weeks preceding the kidnaping, starting a series of drug store robberies to obtain a stock of anaesthetics and sleeping potions. In one of these robberies he is declared to have placed a pistol in the drug-gist's ribs and forced the frightened man to give minute instructions as to the use of anaesthetics.

Druggists in the three holdups yesterday identified Hickman positively as the robber.

Although they were unable to run to earth the man whom they accused of being "the fox" in the atrocious

## REED PAVES WAY TO NOMINATION FOR PRESIDENT

Washington, Dec. 21. (AP)—Clearing the way to those who are seeking for him the democratic presidential nomination, Senator Reed of Missouri, has decided that he will not again run for the senate.

The senator's position, set forth in a statement by Samuel Fordyce, chairman of the Missouri democratic state committee, makes it clear that while he himself is not seeking the nomination, he is aware that his friends are doing so in his behalf.

Chairman Fordyce issued his statement after a conference with the senator, and declared he made it public "because of persistent rumors, started presumably by certain metropolitan newspapers, that Senator Reed is not seeking the nomination for president."

Observing that great pressure had been exerted to persuade Senator Reed to file for renomination to the senate before expiration of the time limit in Missouri in June next year, Fordyce said "he will under any circumstances" again become a senate candidate.

## SENATOR JONES OF NEW MEXICO DEAD

Washington, Dec. 21. (AP)—The senate renounced 40 business today and adjourned as soon as it met out of respect to Senator Jones, democrat, New Mexico, who died here last night.

Resolutions of sorrow were adopted and a committee of 19 senators was designated by Vice-President Dawes to attend the funeral.

Washington, Dec. 21. (AP)—Senator Andrew Jones, senior senator from New Mexico, died last night in his apartment in the Meridian mansion here. He was 65 years old. His ailments were angina pectoris.

His death probably will result in giving the republicans a majority of one in the senate. Senator Jones was a democrat. His successor, to be appointed by the republican government of New Mexico will likely be a republican.

## Sought As Brute Slayer



WILLIAM EDWARD HICKMAN

## ASK TOY DONATIONS TO FURTHER RELIEF WORK

To make the money contributed to the Christmas Cheer movement go as far as possible toward the necessities of life, the welfare committee of the Salem Lodge of Elks has issued a special call for toys that can be given to children at the annual Christmas tree Saturday night at the armory.

About 250 children will be at this tree, and the committee with the help of the Saltrio Army will see that Santa Claus has a present for all of them, besides all the trimmings that make a Christmas tree celebration. The welfare committee will give each child a serviceable present of clothing, but in addition they want Santa to hand out a real Christmas toy.

There must be many homes that can donate good toys to the committee for these kiddies. The committee asks that as many as possible bring their donated toys to the Elks'.

## KIDWELL ACCUSES DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Washington, Dec. 21. (AP)—Under sweeping cross-examination, Edward J. Kidwell steadfastly refused today that Assistant District Attorney James O'Leary had made him swear to an affidavit containing untruths and destined for use in the Sinclair-Burns contempt case.

Kidwell, a juror in the case of Harry F. Sinclair and Albert B. Fall, growing out of the Teapot Dome naval oil lease, has bobbed in and out of the contempt proceedings since that trial was abruptly ended and charges were made that Burns detectives had shadowed the juror for Sinclair. He made his charges against O'Leary yesterday and today he repeated them.

## MRS. LINDBERGH AT KELLY FIELD

San Antonio, Texas, Dec. 21. (AP)—Mrs. Evangeline Lindbergh arrived at Kelly Field here at 1:37 p. m. where she will stay probably several hours before she takes off for Brownsville on her way to Mexico City to spend Christmas with her son, Charles A. Lindbergh.

Mrs. Lindbergh will spend the night in Brownsville tonight. Pilot Brooks said the flight from Dallas was uneventful.

Jefferson, Dec. 21.—Mrs. Myrtle Hampton of Marshfield is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Stevenson.

## FIND BLUE CAR USED BY KILLER IN SIDE STREET

### Cadillac Abandoned After Figuring In Crash On South Side Last Night

## Auto Stolen Shortly Before Gas Secured And Get-Away Is Made

Los Angeles, Calif., Dec. 21. (AP)—The cold trail of the fugitive who dashed through downtown streets early yesterday and escaped from a pursuing citizen who later identified him as William E. Hickman, accused slayer of Marian Parker, was picked up by police today. The new information was that the blue Cadillac in which the man out-distanced a filling station attendant seeking to collect \$1.03 for gasoline which had been stolen from Edward S. Scheller and late last night figured in a crash at Vernon and Main streets on the south side.

When the man, believed to be Hickman, escaped from the attendant, Jack Wood, at Second and Broadway, a block and a half from central police station, Wood reported the affair, identified the photograph and scores of detectives were sent out to an him down.

Scheller reported his car stolen from a point near Sixth and Alvarado streets, not far from Wood's gasoline station, where the Cadillac appeared getting down Tuesday. After the five gallons of fuel had been put into the car, the driver requested Wood to replace one of his headlight bulbs. While the attendant was inside the station the big car was driven hurriedly away and Wood took up chase in another machine. The two cars dashed east.

## TWO RAILROADS SEEK LOCATION ALONG SANTIAM

Portland, Ore., Dec. 21. (AP)—Two proposed railroads bidding for right of way at a spot on the narrows of the Santiam river now occupied by a state highway, presented a problem to the state highway committee which will come to a head at Salem this afternoon.

One company, represented by R. A. Bygdes offered a certified check yesterday as evidence of good faith. The other, represented by H. P. Byers was not prepared with a check yesterday but was given until 2 o'clock this afternoon to produce it. Both companies will be given opportunity to present checks and \$25,000 bonds to cover the cost of the highway removal. The commission then will have to decide which is to have the right of way. At the hearing yesterday the commission proposed joint user to the both of the strip of road where the two lines would have to converge to pass the narrows. The commission was willing to move the road up higher provided it was reimbursed for the expense, estimated at \$25,000.

The identity of the companies was not disclosed but it was generally believed that they represented logging enterprises.

## BODIES OF SEVEN MINERS RECOVERED

Johnston City, Ill., Dec. 21. (AP)—The bodies of seven miners killed last night in an explosion of gas in the Sterlic coal mine near here, were brought to the surface today after all night work by three mine rescue teams.

Those killed were William Jones, David Anderson, Charles Woot, Fred Carle, George Grubbs, G. Garrota and Almus Lavender.

## Slayer Suspect Eludes Police In Chase Across Downtown Los Angeles

Los Angeles, Dec. 21. (AP)—A man believed to be Edward Hickman, charged with the slaying of 12-year-old Marian Parker eluded police in a four-block chase through the heart of the downtown business district today.

Four police cars, manned by a flying squadron armed with sawed-off shotguns, answered an emergency call from the house detective of the Rosslyn hotel.

The detective, J. Krister, reported that a man closely resembling the description of Hickman walked into the lobby of the hotel and started downstairs to a public telephone booth.

Krister said he watched him closely and remarked to the room clerk: "That man looks like Hickman."

The suspect turned at the exclamation. He hurriedly drew his coat collar about his face and ran out the main entrance of the hotel.

Krister followed and was joined by police cars in the chase, but the man ran into a parlor and disappeared.

Police agreed with Krister that what they saw of the fleeing man was resembling Hickman.

During the chase reports were received from Redlands and Riverside that a man running through the Imperial Valley were being guarded.

The guards were thrown about the roads when a car that had been stolen at Redland, was wrecked. The occupant jumped from the wrecked car and drove away in another machine that had been parked at the curb.

Persons who saw the man said he was of medium height. He drove away in the direction of the Imperial Valley.