

DEMANDS OIL LEASE PROBE

HATCHET MAN HOLDS OMAHA IN FEAR GRIP

Methods of Killer Take
People Back to Days
Of "The Sniper"

Eighty Police Officers and
100 Citizens Comb the
City for Slayer

Omaha, Neb., Nov. 21 (AP)—Not
since the title of Frank Carter,
"The Sniper," was a death
that sent fear racing down a city's
spine, has Omaha been gripped by
the dread inspired today by its
"hatchet man."

The new slayer, who, like "The
Sniper," appears to pick his victims
at random, has slain three,
beaten a fourth so severely he will
not live, and seriously injured a
fifth. All the attacks have taken
place since early Sunday morning.

Omaha's "Sniper," whose slayer
equipped rifle slew two and wounded
one before he was captured a
few years ago, kept the city in a
state of uneasiness during the days
he remained at large. That same
sense of terror prevailed today. In-
tensified because of the brutalities
of the crimes and the regularity of
the hatchet man's deadly visitations.

Mrs. Harold Stribling, the only
victim of the madman's hand who
was not killed or critically
wounded, had provided police with
a description of the man they hold
responsible for all five attacks.

"He is of dark complexion, about
21 years old, five feet seven inches
tall and weighs about 140 pounds."
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CHICAGO AGAIN STIRRED BY WAR OF BOMB GANGS

Chicago, Nov. 21 (AP)—A bomb
exploding a block and a half from the
home of State's Attorney-Elect John
A. Swanson, wrecked the front of
a Becker cleaning and dyeing shop
last night.

Police viewed the explosion as
evidence of open hostility between
racketeers and cleaning concerns that
"cut" prices and refuse to pay
tribute.

Judge Swanson, elected two weeks
ago on a platform promising to rid
Chicago of crime, was aroused by the
blast, which occurred in the heart
of a south side residential
section. Several months ago Judge
Swanson's home was bombed.

The bomb, apparently thrown
from a passing car, marked the second
outbreak in cleaning and dyeing
circles within five days. The
slaying of John G. Clay, boss of
the laundry and dryhouses chauffeurs
union, likewise was attributed
to agents of powerful cleaning
interests which have attempted to
exact tribute from all shops.

The establishment which was
bombed was owned by Theodore
Becker, and was connected with another
group of Becker cleaner shops
in which Al (Scarface) Capone is a
partner.

Borah Urges Grange To Demand Congress Hold Special Session

Washington, Nov. 21 (AP)—Senator
Borah today urged that the National
Grange support the proposition of a
special session of congress to con-
sider farm relief. Speaking at the
Grange convention here, he said he
felt the problem could not be solved
at the coming regular session.

"This recent campaign has placed
all men holding public office in a
position where they must take hold
of the farm problem and do their
best to solve it," he said. "There
is no escape from the obligation un-
derneath. Both parties declared in
their platforms for some relief
measure."

Turning to the Kellogg peace
treaty, Senator Borah declared that
international peace was of national

New Councilman Can Take Seat at Once, Contention

To persons who have been taking note of the state law
and the Salem city charter relative to election of officers to
fill unexpired terms there appears the possibility that David
O'Hara, recently elected alderman from the fifth ward, may
take his seat on the council at once and not have to wait until
the first of the year.

It was also believed by some persons who watch city
affairs that this same privilege might extend to H. H. Van-
devort, elected alderman from the first ward, but further scrutiny of
the situation seems to show that the cases of O'Hara and Vandevort
are not parallel.

Here is the situation with refer-
ence to O'Hara. Two years ago B.
F. Brunk was elected alderman
from the fifth ward for a four year
term, which is the regular tenure
of office. He served only a short
time and resigned. In his place
the city council elected—or ap-
pointed, since the council is the
appointive power in such cases—
George Thompson. In the primary
election of last May Thompson was
not a candidate to fill by election
the remaining two years of the
office he was then holding by ap-
pointment. Instead he became a
candidate to succeed George Wea-
deroth of the same ward in a regu-
lar four year term, and Thompson's
vote in the primary elected him.

Some time after the primary
Thompson resigned from the place
to which he had been appointed
and the council appointed Kenneth
Randall.

Now the state law and also the
city charter provides that persons
appointed to fill unexpired terms
in elective office shall serve until
the expiration of the term.

"I live near a creek, where I
should like to swim, but cannot
because the woolen mill throws
its dyes into it before it comes
past our house and I might not
come out the same girl that went
in."

Julia Johnson (age 13)
Salem, Oregon.

The foregoing from little Miss
Julia Johnson, daughter of Paul and
Mrs. Paul, appeared in a recent issue
of Firelight, a national Congrega-
tional Sunday school paper.

"GIRLS WILL BE GIRLS"
"Rev. Gracie Driver, pastor of the
Methodist Episcopal church told a
most interesting narrative of the
"Old Saloon Days in Eugene" when
she was a girl there, and other
members related experiences of pre-
prohibition days in other cities."
From Turner W. C. T. U. report in
Journal.

FAMOUS FERRIES
Wheatland ferry, Independence
ferry, Beuna Vista ferry and Martin
Ferry.

SAFE CRACKERS
USE OWN LADDER

Portland, Ore., Nov. 21 (AP)—Rob-
bers who carried their own ladder
broke into the Sable Motor Car
company, 1255 Hawthorne avenue,
last night obtaining \$485.93, while
thick fog veiled their operations.

Police believe the thieves climbed
to the roof by means of their lad-
der, drew it after them and de-
scended by the same means after
breaking the skylight. The safe, a
large cabinet type, was "punched."

An attempted safe job was pulled
at 1129 Macadam street where the
combination was knocked off a
strong box. The thieves were evi-
dently frightened away for the safe
was not opened.

HALF MILLION IS PAID
FOR BRO. KERAGE SEAT

New York, Nov. 21 (AP)—Arrange-
ments were made today for the sale
of a stock exchange at \$525,000 a
new high record and an increase of
\$30,000 over the last previous sale,
made on Monday.

concern and of particular concern
to farmers. He expressed the hope
that the senate would ratify the
pact at the opening session.

Louis J. Taber, National Grange
master, in thanking the senator for
addressing the Grange, pledged that
body's support to the treaty for in-
ternational peace and also to say
workable relief measures for agri-
culture.

In an effort to stop the creation
of new farm land by reclamation
processes, a resolution urging the
transfer of the bureau of reclama-
tion from the department of the in-
terior to the department of agricul-
ture was introduced today before
the Grange by Albert S. Goss, of
Washington.

PILOT LOSES SENSES
AT HIGH ALTITUDE

Villa Coublay, France, Nov. 21 (AP)—
The French pilot, Le Moigne, at-
tempting to break the world's alti-
tude record today, lost consciousness
when his oxygen inhaler failed at
30,000 feet and fell nearly five
miles before regaining his senses.

Regaining consciousness approxi-
mately 4,000 feet above the ground,
he righted his plane and landed
safely.

Le Moigne had been in the air
one hour and 10 minutes when his
oxygen failed.

PLANE CRASHES

Guam, Nov. 21 (AP)—An airplane
of the United States naval station
here crashed today, injuring two
men, but it is believed not fatally.
The plane went into a tailspin.

HOOVER PLAN LAID BEFORE STATE HEADS

Governors Asked to Aid
In Creation of Three
Billion Job Reserve

Wants Construction
Projects Stored up Against
Unemployment

New Orleans, Nov. 21 (AP)—Governor
Ralph O. Brewster of Maine,
acting upon the request of Herbert
Hoover, outlined today before the
conference of governors a plan for
the creation of a nationwide con-
struction reserve of \$3,000,000,000,
to be released in times of over-pro-
duction and unemployment.

Governor Brewster recommended
that public authorities store up a
reserve of construction projects
equal to two years' normal expendi-
ture, on improvements and release
this reserve at times of unemploy-
ment. Such a fund, he said, would
be one of the best forms of insur-
ance against national panics.

"These views of the way in which
the states and other public authori-
ties may cooperate with the federal
government in controlling in some
measure construction work for the
common good," said the governor,
"are presented to the conference of
governors at the request of Herbert
Hoover as an authorized exposition
of a portion of his program for
stabilizing the prosperity of the
United States."

"In requesting the presentation
of this project to the conference of
governors, Mr. Hoover emphasized
the importance of establishing co-
operation between federal, state
and municipal governments in ac-
cordance with the proposals out-
lined at the time of the unemploy-
ment conference in 1922."

Organization for prosperity, he
said, is the next lesson America
may trace to the nations of the
world.

The governor said that America
emulates Tantalus, the mythologi-
cal personage who lived in the
presence of plenty but never could
touch it.

"Such conditions," he said, "con-
stitute a tragedy and a travesty
upon the organizing genius of
American business men."

"With an annual expenditure of
seven billions upon construction,
America is in a position to stabilize
prosperity to a most remarkable ex-
tent," he added. "Public authority
spend more than a billion and a
half."

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BIDS ARE ASKED
ON FEDERAL OIL

Washington, Nov. 21 (AP)—Secre-
tary of Interior West issued today a
call for bids on sale of government
royalty oil from the Cat Creek
Mont. oil field. The contract will
extend over a three year period
from February 1, 1929.

A contract for sale of oil from the
Lewistown Oil and Refining com-
pany recently was cancelled because
of a secret renewal clause inserted
in the contract by former Secretary
Albert B. Fall in 1922.

ANOTHER MURDER
IS LAID TO FIEND

Houston, Tex., Nov. 21 (AP)—The
theory that the mother of an un-
identified murdered baby also met
death at the hands of a fiend was
advanced here today when police
records failed to show a report of a
missing infant. The baby's mutilated
body, which had been stuffed into
a lard can, was found in a
lonely gulch near here yesterday.

The nine-months old girl had
been stabbed and shot and the body
dismembered. Police believed the
bullet charge which probably
caused her death, also killed her
mother, and that dense underbrush
in the vicinity of the gruesome
find may yield another body.

Search was halted by darkness
last night, and a thorough comb-
ing of the vicinity was planned to-
day.

The find was made by D. H.
Evans, and his 10-year-old son, who
were hiking through the gulch. The
boy threw a stick into a small
creek for his dog to retrieve, and the
dog uncovered the can when he
climbed out of the water.

Figure In Ship Disaster Inquiry



In an effort to determine responsibility in the Vestris disaster, Charles H. Tuttle, United States attorney, questioned members of the lost liner's crew in New York. Left to right: Jose Garcia, Edward Darcy, T. Griffin, George Prestwich, John Kipling, R. E. Manley, assistant United States attorney, and Mr. Tuttle.

First Officer Declares Crew Of Vestris Ignored Orders and Some Were Absent from Post

New York, Nov. 21 (UP)—Under the expert question-
ing of naval authorities the government sought to learn from
members of the Vestris crew why that boat sank, why there
was such a loss of life, and whether everything possible was
done to save the Vestris.

Frank Johnston, first officer of the Vestris, was called
before United States Commissioner Francis O'Neill and was put
through a severe questioning by Captain Frank Jessup, United
States naval expert.

Johnston appeared vague in some
answers, said that the crew refused
some of his orders about the time
the Vestris went down, and that
some of the men were not at their
posts of duty when the Vestris life-
boat order was given.

"I was still able to control my
men, however," Johnston said.

Johnston admitted there had
been no general lifeboat call when
the Vestris was endangered. He
was asked concerning the positions
of the officers on the docks and
said several were not at their posts.
"I don't know where the engi-
neers were," Johnston said. "They
failed to show up on the deck."
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SAY ROTHSTEIN
SLAYER CAUGHT

New York, Nov. 21 (AP)—The mys-
tery of who killed Arnold Rothstein
and why appeared nearer solution
today.

After 17 days in which they have
been criticized for activities in the
Rothstein case, the police today
were reported ready to arrest a
former bodyguard of Rothstein as the
actual slayer and another gunman
as an aide in the killing.

The killing, according to the in-
formation, was due to the fact that
Rothstein "weilded" on the payment
of a \$300,000 gambling debt.

FLOOD IS QUELLED
BY FAIR WEATHER

Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 21 (AP)—
Two days of fair weather and ris-
ing temperatures today had smel-
tered flood conditions in the
southwest and marauding rivers
were receding rapidly.

Only in sections of Missouri,
where the Missouri river was still
belching the overflow waters of its
tributaries, did conditions remain
above normal but the situation was
not considered grave. Butler, Mo.,
isolated for almost five days, had
restored railroad service today and
the first mail since Friday was
brought to that town.

Crippled train service rapidly was
being restored in Kansas and Mis-
souri and train officials declared the
crisis of the worst tie-up in history
in this section had been reached.
Highways that had stood under wa-
ter for several days were being
opened.

The death toll of the floods re-
mained at 14.

BANK AT DAYTON IS
ROBBED BY BANDITS

Dayton, Ohio, Nov. 21 (AP)—Por-
ting D. A. Blair, manager, and Harry
Schmidt, his assistant, to lie face
down on the floor, three bandits,
shortly after noon today robbed the
East Fifth street branch of the City
National bank of approximately
\$30,000. Half of this sum was taken
from the counters while the balance
was taken from the vault.

WALSH SEEKS INQUIRY INTO WORK'S ACTS

Would Expose Reasons
Behind Renewal of Il-
legal Lease

Borah Returning Funds
Collected to Wipe Out
Moral Blot

Washington, Nov. 21 (AP)—An in-
vestigation of former Secretary of
Interior Work's renewal of an oil
contract with the Sinclair Crude Oil
Purchasing company was advocated
here today by Senator Walsh of
Montana.

The contract, negotiated in 1922
between former Secretary of In-
terior Fall and Harry Sinclair, was
renewed last spring by Work, but
the renewal recently was declared
void by the justice department and
the contract was cancelled by the
interior department.

Walsh said he intends to seek
authorization for an investigation
of the affair at the December ses-
sion of congress.

Washington, Nov. 21 (AP)—Oil is
highly inflammable. The bias
started some years ago by the in-
quiry into the conditions surround-
ing the leasing of the naval oil re-
serves is no sooner quenched in one
place than it breaks out in another.

Robert W. Stewart, chairman of
the board of directors of the Stand-
ard Oil company of Indiana, was
acquitted yesterday in the District
of Columbia supreme court on
charges of perjury. The case was
one of the many ramifications of
the investigation into the oil leases.

Almost coincident with the ver-
dict, Senator Walsh, of Montana,
said that he intended to ask the
senate to inquire into the reasons of
Dr. Hubert Work, former secretary
of the interior for renewing a lease
in the Salt Creek oil field to Sin-
clair Crude Oil purchasing com-
pany. This lease was recently de-
clared void.

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NORRIS WANTS
SENATE TO TAKE
HAND IN PROBE

Washington, Nov. 21 (AP)—The
United States senate may intervene
to force officials of the Electric
Bond and Share company of New
York to testify in the federal trade
commission's utilities investigation,
Senator George Norris of Nebraska
told the United Press today.

Refusal of the Electric Bond and
Share company, one of the largest
utility concerns in the world, to
answer questions or produce records
demanded by the commission, has
caused a temporary halt in the in-
vestigation of the utilities' propa-
ganda activities and financial rela-
tionships.

Judge Robert E. Healy, chief com-
missioner counsel, now is preparing
his briefs and other data to be pre-
sented to the court.

Aroused by the company's de-
fiance of the commission, Senator
Norris said today he favors and
would advocate when congress con-
venes, appointment of a senate com-
mittee to obtain the desired testi-
mony.

ARMLESS AVIATOR TO
MARRY GLENDALE GIRL

Fresno, Cal., Nov. 21 (AP)—Loxia
Thornton, said to be the only arm-
less aviator in the world, will marry
Miss Madeline Guenette of Glendale,
Cal., December 11 at Glendale, ac-
cording to announcements received
today. Thornton, until recently owner
of the Thornton Machine works at
Fresno, recently sold out and has
been making his home in south-
ern California.

Alluring Fish Tales
Move Hoover to Call
Halt to Try His Luck

U. S. S. Maryland, En Route to
Annapolis, Nov. 21 (AP)—With the
first half of his Latin American
tour itinerary completed,
Herbert Hoover today turned his
thoughts to his favorite sport, the
Maryland was halted between Cape
San Lucas and Cape Corrientes,
well off the Mexican coast, for deep
sea fishing.

The president elect had in mind
the recent experience of bureau of
fisheries men in these waters who
hooked a gigantic marlin or sword-
fish, "playing" it for 14 hours be-
fore landing it.

Mr. Hoover did not hope to snag
a fish of such proportions as he
does not want to interrupt the
southward voyage more than a few
hours. Three of the Maryland's

small boats were riddled out for the
fishing excursion, one containing
Mr. Hoover and his friends, a sec-
ond carrying the newspaper men
and a third laden with camera-men
who unlimbered their machines for
the first time on the voyage.

The Maryland will proceed south-
ward again tonight, making the
first stop of the good will tour at
Annapolis, Honduras, Sunday. On
that same day the Hoover party
will go to La Union, Salvador, for
an afternoon reception, leaving
Sunday night for Corinto, Nica-
ragua, where a third stop will be
made Monday.

A call at Punta Arenas, Costa
Rica, Tuesday will complete the
present tour of Central America.
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