

DOUBT CAST ON STORY TOLD OF MERCY KILLING

Bridgeport, Conn., Nov. 21 (AP)—The "confession" of a 79-year-old doctor that he put a hopelessly injured man to death developed sharp controversy today, not only on the whole subject of "mercy killings" but on the question of whether the doctor actually had ended a life as he asserted.

Dr. Myron A. Warriner, skeptic to the contrary, insisted that 48 years ago, when he was just three years out of Harvard Medical school, he put to death with an overdose of morphine one Adolphus Le Tourneau, of North Brookfield, Mass. Le Tourneau had been mangled by a shot-gun charge.

But in North Brookfield, his story was challenged by Le Tourneau's daughters and by Dr. Emerson A. Ludden, 74, who lived here when Dr. Warriner was practicing in the Massachusetts town in 1887.

"I doubt whether Dr. Warriner treated my father at any time," said Miss Elmira Le Tourneau. "My father was shot accidentally by his own shot gun while hunting. The charge struck him in the face and pellets penetrated his brain.

"He was treated by Dr. Warren Tyler and not by Dr. Warriner. The shots disfigured his face and he was suffering pretty badly. We knew it was only a matter of time. He died about 48 hours later."

Dr. Warriner was irritated by the doubts cast on his "confession." He insisted Le Tourneau had not died naturally, but that his life had been ended mercifully by the doctor's administration.

He asserted he "would do the same thing today" in incurable cases and said he was convinced many doctors felt likewise and were hypocritical in public statements condemning "mercy killings."

Most of Dr. Warriner's colleagues here denounced his views.

UNION MEN TRIED IN ASSAULT CASE

Astoria, Ore., Nov. 21 (AP)—Aftermath of a bitter quarrel between rival unions for jurisdiction at Crown-Willamette logging camps in this district, trial of Lee Jones and Sig Wendling, loggers, began yesterday on assault charges.

The men, members of the sawmill and timbers workers union, are charged with attacking Robert McLeod, Crown-Willamette employe and members of the rival pulp and sulphite workers union.

Feeling between the groups still runs high and the courtroom was packed with members of both. Circuit Judge Zimmerman at one point threatened to clear the court if laughing did not cease.

Roosevelt Calls Safety Conference

Washington, Nov. 21 (AP)—President Roosevelt yesterday authorized a public conference early in December to determine ways of reducing accidents on land, sea and in air.

In a letter to Secretary Roper, which Roper read at his press conference, the president suggested "you call in and confer with a group of patriotic and widely known citizens who will cooperate with you in formulating plans for the control of this distressed situation in our country."

The group will be headed by the Commerce Secretary as ex-officio chairman, and Senator A. Harry Moore of New Jersey, as chairman of the general committee.

South Seas Tragedy Filmed



"Mutiny on the Bounty," based upon a historical episode of more than a century ago, comes to the screen of the Elsinore theater starting Saturday. The film features Charles Laughton and Clark Gable.

ROOSEVELT SENDS TRADE MESSAGE

Houston, Tex., Nov. 21 (AP)—President Roosevelt advocated a reduction of excessive trade restrictions and commercial relations on a non-discriminatory basis in a message to the National Foreign Trade Council which he sent at the end of its annual convention yesterday.

More than 400 representatives of world commerce and business heard Mr. Roosevelt's message read by A. D. Simpson, Houston banker. It said in part:

"The only practicable way to assure American trade of protection against injurious trade barriers in foreign countries is to join in with these countries in a concerted effort to reduce excessive trade restrictions and to re-establish commercial relations on a non-discriminatory basis.

"This is the kernel of the American trade agreements program."

Secretary of State Cordell Hull also sent a message of greeting to the council. He said the American trade policy was to substitute the instruments of commercial peace for those of commercial warfare "and thus provide an important element in the maintenance of peace itself."

Blasting Powder Requested for Camp

Marion county requested an expenditure of \$1,000 for powder and \$750 for engineering costs on the Santiam highway. The court estimated the work to be done would total \$75,000, of which the state only would pay \$1,750.

Tillamook county, represented by members of the court, also requested powder for transient camp work along the coast.

GIRL STUDIES GOLD DIGGING

Reno, Nev. (AP)—Jean Horning of Alaska, is taking a practical course in gold digging. She will be the first woman student to graduate from the Mackay School of Mines at the University of Nevada. Her only rival is the school in Betty Bowman, a junior student.

WHEAT LEAGUE TO BEAT RECORD HILL DECLARES

Pendleton, Ore., Nov. 21—Preliminary organization matters have been completed for the annual convention here of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League scheduled to be held December 6 and 7. James K. Hill, past president and chairman of local arrangements, announces that the coming meeting will undoubtedly be the largest in the history of the league.

Four major committees have already been organized and officers of these will work with corresponding county representatives appointed by each county member of the state executive committee. Each county group will draw up its own report and then have a representative at Pendleton the day before the convention opens, at which time the four state committee reports will be drawn up in preliminary form.

These committee reports will deal with weed control and soil conservation; agricultural adjustment; finance; taxation and legislation; transportation and rural electrification; and production, handling and marketing. By having the committee reports prepared in advance they will be brought before the convention throughout the program when speakers deal with corresponding topics, thus insuring careful and detailed consideration of every recommendation, points out Mac Hoke, state president.

"This complete study carried on in each county of the wheat belt, will correspond in many respects to the studies preceding the farm outlook conferences being held in many of the diversified farm counties," explains Chas. W. Smith, O. S. C. extension and secretary of the league. "Following are the committees and their chief officers:

Weed control and soil conservation—Major O. M. Babcock, Pendleton, chairman; W. E. Ruckman, Allcel, vice-chairman; Walter Holt, Pendleton, secretary.

Agricultural adjustment, finance, taxation and legislation—E. M. Hulden, Arlington, chairman; Angus McLeod, Dufur, vice-chairman; E. R. Jackman, O. S. C., secretary.

Transportation and rural electrification—Burt Johnson, Ione, chairman; Alec Johnson, Fossil, vice-chairman; Joe Belanger, Heppner, secretary.

Production, handling and marketing—C. B. Andrews, Kent, chairman; E. H. Miller, Lexington, vice-chairman; G. R. Hyslop, O. S. C., secretary.

Portland, Ore., Nov. 21 (AP)—Portland De Molay members ruled the city in title yesterday.

"Mayor" Tom Ross and 130 other Portland De Molay members sat beside city officials and assumed official titles as the city business was transacted. "De Molay Day" continues tomorrow.

CHAMBER AT RENO HAS TOUGH TIME

Reno, Nev., Nov. 21 (AP)—The poor Reno chamber of commerce is a catch-all for all the goofy ideas and world in general has about the mythical Reno of magazines and movies.

One principal bit of folklore that the chamber has to repudiate is that comely grass widows lounge on street corners, looking for a man on whom they can squander their fortunes.

Applications for "contacts" with a wealthy and beautiful—or sometimes just wealthy—widow from lonely gentlemen usually draw a polite and firm denial from the chamber that it is a matrimonial agency.

Certified English Rye Seed Purchased

Oregon City—Orval Wilson of Clackamas county farmer to plant certified English rye grass seed. Through County Agent J. J. Inskip, Mr. Wilson has obtained 200 pounds of seed which recently came from the pure strain in New Zealand. He plans to seed 15 acres. English rye grass is a perennial, while common rye grass is an annual.

SALT DEPOSITS SURVEYED

Stalinabad, U.S.S.R. (AP)—An expedition of the Geological Survey institute, has completed the survey of the salt deposits in southern Tadzhikistan.

All-Time High Made In October Returns

Cash receipts of \$182,701 during October set an all-time high for collections of the World War Veterans' state aid commission.

The receipts were from payments on loans to veterans and state property rentals. Sales of state-owned property through October this year were three times the total for the whole of last year. The \$182,701 figure was compared to the \$133,000 monthly average during 1934. It was an 80 per cent increase over the all-time low of \$100,285 for March, 1933.

WATER SURVEY PLAN OF BOARD

A comprehensive survey of water resources of western states, in which the Oregon State planning board has been asked to take a prominent part, will be made by the National Resources committee, according to word received here from V. B. Stanberry, Portland, consultant to the national committee and executive secretary of the Oregon Board.

The Marion county planning board of which August Huckestein, Salem, is chairman, will be requested to cooperate in the survey. Anyone in this county who has facts and figures that might not be readily available to the state board, or who has suggestions on development or improvement of water resources, is asked to get in touch with the county chairman who will forward the information to Mr. Stanberry.

The request to gather data on water resources of Oregon was made by Brent S. Drane, secretary of the national organization, and the work will be done here immediately by C. E. Stricklin, state engineer, and Mr. Stanberry.

The survey will furnish information on general characteristic basin within the state, including water supply, topography, soil, forest cover and extent of ground resources, as a basis for planning future projects. Other details requested on Oregon include present and prospective consumptive needs for water, additional water conservation work now planned or desirable, what changes are needed in existing laws or administrative procedure to permit and protect stability of existing water rights, and what principles or procedure should be adopted to settle controversies over interstate water rights.

"The water resources of the western states control the development of those states," the request points out. "The available water supply limits the number of people who can live there and the industries which can prosper. Only by a coordinated and long range administration of available water supply will it be possible to effect the maximum development of the western third of the United States."

JORY KIDNAPING STORY PROVES FAKE

Los Angeles, Nov. 21 (AP)—Thomas Watkins, a puglist aspiring for movie fame, was sentenced to 30 days in jail yesterday for fabricating a story that two men, after thrice abducting him, planned to kidnap the small daughter of Victor Jory, screen actor and his former manager.

Municipal Judge A. A. Scott imposed a sentence a few hours after the prizefighter, willing under police questioning, confessed that his story was a hoax, intended to enlist Jory's support in his ambitions for a movie career. Watkins was charged specifically with making a false report to police, a misdemeanor.

Boston (AP)—Several hundred pounds of fish landed their man—in a hospital. Michael Curtis, 33, was holding baskets of fish from the hold of a fish trawler when a rope broke and the fish fell on him.

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