

YOUTH ADMITS THE MURDER BUT BODY NOT FOUND

TELLS POLICE VARYING TALES REGARDING DISPOSAL OF VICTIM

After Body Is Exhumed From Jewish Cemetery Resembling Frank Bowker, Hecker Tells Different Story and River Is Dragged for Corpse.

PORTLAND, April 19.—The police are beginning to believe that Russell Hecker, the Albany young man accused of murdering Frank Bowker, is leading them a wild-goose chase in the search for the body. When he first admitted to his father that he had committed the crime, he said he had buried the body of his victim near Albany and would lead the police to the grave. He backed out on this, however, and sulkily refused to leave his cell and would not even talk to the police. Late yesterday afternoon, however, he changed his mind and a party made up of the elder Hecker, the attorney of the accused, Chief of Police Jenkins and the prisoner, entered an automobile and were driven to Albany. Later it was said that Hecker had pointed out a newly-made grave in the Jewish cemetery near Albany as the place where he had buried his victim. It is said that a body was exhumed that had been identified as Bowker.

This morning it became apparent that the police were as much at sea as ever, owing to a statement made by young Hecker last night, to the effect that he had quarreled with Bowker on a bridge crossing the river near Albany, and that he flung Bowker into the stream. The police have been dragging the river the greater part of the day but so far without results.

STRIKERS ARE EVICTED FROM HOMES AT WEED

WEED, Calif., April 19.—One hundred more notices have been served on tenants of the Weed Lumber company to vacate premises, both land and houses. The tenants are allowed 30 days by law to comply with the notice.

Similar notices were served on several parties some time ago, but, although the 30 days has expired, no direct action has as yet been taken by the company to evict the tenants.

The order of the company to vacate the premises was issued after the strike was declared early in March. When former employees refused to return to work in the company's lumber plants, a number were ordered to vacate the premises. Some of the houses were built upon company property by the workers, who paid a nominal rental to the company.

WILL CLOSE RATHER THAN YIELD TO STRIKERS DEMANDS
DORRIS, Calif., April 19.—Renewed attempts to bring about an understanding between owners and employees in the local box factories, by which operation could be resumed have resulted in a less hopeful outlook than existed before.

Standing solidly for the eight-hour day, 100 per cent of the strikers in this locality refuse to go to work under the schedule laid down by the operators, which is nine hours or nothing, and in one case a local manager stated he would nail up his factory indefinitely if the employees could not see fit to work nine hours.

Care with fire saves the forests. You are responsible for the fires you build.

TRAVELING SALESMAN FINED \$150 FOR PEDDLING BOOZE

RED BLUFF, Calif., April 19.—W. W. Cross, who said he was a candy salesman from Oakland, pleaded guilty in the superior court yesterday to the charge of bringing 18 quarts of moonshine liquor to Red Bluff and trying to sell it to local soft drink establishments. Judge John F. Ellison sentenced him to pay a fine of \$150 or serve a term in the county jail at the rate of \$5 a day.

EUREKA BANKER IN DESPONDENCY KILLS HIMSELF

EUREKA, Calif., April 19.—O. P. Soule, president of the Bank of Eureka, and formerly a well-known Nevada banker, was discovered dead here Monday from a bullet wound. A revolver was found in his hand. He was 71 years old and had been in ill health for some time.

The act is generally attributed to despondency over ill health, which began with an attack of influenza two years ago. He is survived by Mrs. Soule and a daughter, Mrs. H. W. Lounsbury, of San Jose.

INDIANS WILL POW-WOW OVER LAND SALE

KLAMATH FALLS, April 19.—A meeting of the tribal council of the Klamath Indians will be held at Chilcote on April 25, to decide upon a course to pursue relative to the proposed sale of tribal Indian lands. This is according to Clayton Kirk, a member of the council.

The Indians seek to dispense of all the timber lands in the reservation, and to apportion the proceeds to citizen Indians. Indians not citizens would have their shares held in trust.

Steps will also be taken, Kirk said, to strike from the rolls the names of Indians who are not rightful residents of the reservation, and therefore not entitled to the privileges many of them are said to be enjoying.

SEASON'S FIRST FISH STORY SURE GETS THE CHICKEN

EUGENE, April 19.—J. C. Braly, of 920 Hancock street, Portland, and W. F. Pryor, of the Oregon Brass Works, Portland, who are visiting in Eugene, were fishing in a pool just above Blue River Sunday. One of their catches was a 20-inch reidside. After they had taken the fish to the hotel to clean, it was found to contain a small chick, evidently just hatched. No one would advance the theory that the gamey reidside was in the habit of browsing around barnyards for his meals, but neither did anyone suggest a possible explanation for the oddity.

NORMAL SCHOOL TO HOLD MAY DAY FESTIVITIES

MONMOUTH, Or., April 19.—The normal school plans for May Day exercises have been completed, and include a pageant on Friday, May 5, vaudeville on Saturday and a concert on Sunday. Following the custom established last year the May day festivities will be combined with Junior day in one junior week-end celebration.

JOHN GHISLIN AND ORPHIA OSLIN MARRIED

John Ghislin and Orphia Oslin were married Monday evening at the Baptist church at 8 o'clock by the Rev. B. A. Finch, in the presence of about 60 friends of the bride and groom. The ring ceremony was used. Mrs. Herbert Specht acted as bridesmaid and Mr. Specht as best man.

Mrs. Ghislin is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel J. Oslin, of Ohio street, and has a host of friends and acquaintances in the city.

Mr. Ghislin is a prominent young man of Ashland and, like the bride, has a wide circle of friends.

HOTEL INVESTOR HERE TO STUDY THE PROPOSITION

RICHMOND HOLDS AN INFORMAL CONFERENCE WITH COMMITTEE AT HOTEL

Strictly a Business Proposition with Him, and Today Is Going Over Ground Before Deciding on Availability for Hotel and Sanitarium.

A. L. Richmond, owner of a chain of hotels in California, arrived here last evening in the private car of E. O. McCormick, vice president of the Southern Pacific railroad. Later in the evening at the Ashland hotel, a conference was held with the gentlemen who compose the committee who are to handle the negotiations for a big hotel and sanitarium here, should Mr. Richmond decide on making a definite proposition along those lines.

The gathering was entirely informal, the enterprise merely being discussed in a general way. It was deemed best that Mr. Richmond be given an opportunity to look over the situation himself before anything like a definite discussion of ways and means be entered upon.

The day has been spent by Mr. Richmond in looking over the ground. He walked through Lithia Park and was driven over the High Drive and also taken to Jackson Springs. He also went into the hills to the sources of the various waters which have been brought in here. Another point visited was the Helman baths and the Natatorium. He was accompanied by E. O. McCormick and Bert R. Greer.

Mr. Richmond made it clear that he was not looking for a site for the enterprise, but desired to go over the ground and thoroughly familiarize himself with the situation before he would be in a position to make anything in the nature of a definite proposition.

EXHIBITION OF WAR RELICS TO BE SHOWN IN "DAYS OF '49"

SACRAMENTO, Calif., April 19.—The greatest exhibition of war relics ever assembled in the West is to be shown in Sacramento as part of the "Days of '49," May 23-28. The American Legion, United Spanish War Veterans and Veterans of Foreign Wars are arranging the exhibit. Relics dating from the Revolutionary and every other war of United States history will be included.

STATE BRIEF HOLDS THAT BRUMFIELD IS GUILTY

ROSEBURG, Or., April 19.—The state's brief in the Brumfield murder case has been served on the defense by George Neuner, district attorney. The brief contains 93 pages, including answers to the arguments of the defense. The examination of the jurors is given at length. The brief states in closing: "The defendant had a fair, impartial and unprejudiced jury, and the verdict of the jury should not be set aside by this court."

REDDING PREPARING TO ENTERTAIN 1000 SHRINERS

REDDING, Calif., April 19.—Redding will be the Mecca next Saturday and Sunday for Mystic Shriners from San Francisco and Sacramento and all through the Sacramento valley.

The local committee reports that every town in the Sacramento valley will be here with candidates. Sacramento alone promises to bring 20 neophytes to tread the hot sands.

At least 1000 Shriners are expected here for the big time and the local committee has been advised that many of them will be accompanied by their wives.

BOY KILLED AND IRISH REBELS ATTACK BARRACKS

BELFAST, April 19.—Jack Scott, 15 years old, was killed today by a sniper in East Belfast. A dispatch from Dublin says mutinous members of the Irish republican army attacked the Wellington barracks, housing loyal Free State troops today, and one sentry was wounded. Six of the attackers were captured. Other attacks on Free State posts have been reported.

INDIAN CENTENARIAN IS BURNED TO DEATH IN CABIN

RED BLUFF, Calif., April 19.—The coroner's jury yesterday summoned by Undersheriff H. A. Martin fixed April 14 as the approximate date when Jim Jelly, an Indian said to have been at least 100 years old, was cremated during the fire that destroyed his cabin on the Hatch ranch, in the Cottonwood district, in northern Tehama county. The charred bones of the aged Indian alone remained as mute testimony to the terrible suffering he must have endured as his home burned and he could not extricate himself from the flames.

FATHER BURNED TO DEATH IS FOUND BY SON

REDDING, Calif., April 19.—M. T. Kite, 84, pioneer milkman of Redding, was burned to death last evening in his home, a mile southeast of Redding, where he lived with his son, W. Allen Kite.

The son was in the house at 6 o'clock and prepared the supper for his father, and then went outside to do up the chores. Returning at 7 o'clock, W. Allen Kite found his father lying prostrate on the kitchen floor, and with his clothes burned off him almost completely. His father was dead. Apparently he had been sitting too close to the stove and his clothing ignited.

AFTER SCALP OF THE MAYOR OF KLAMATH FALLS

KLAMATH FALLS, April 19.—charging complicity with bootlegging and other illegal interests, the Klamath County Civic league is circulating a petition for the recall of Mayor W. S. Wiley, Chief of Police Wilson also being mentioned. The league proposes Councilman J. C. McCullom for mayor. No proof that the charges are true has been made public.

This move is a renewal of the fight in the city council against Mayor Wiley when he appointed Wilson as chief of police. The council refused to recognize the chief and held up his salary for over three months. The removal of Councilman Vollmer from the city left a vacancy, to which W. O. Smith was appointed and subsequently elected. This gave the administration a majority in the council, and his appointments were approved, and the chief of police got his back pay.

FLIGHT ACROSS ATLANTIC IS HALTED BY PLANE SMASH

LISBON, April 19.—Lieutenants Coutinho and Sacadura, the Portuguese aviators, flying from here to Pernambuco, smashed their machine in alighting, according to advices received here. The machine was entirely wrecked, but both aviators are safe. The crash occurred as the aviators reached St. Paul's Rock, the third landing place in their flight. The entrance to the harbor, where the plane was to come down, is very narrow and lined with treacherous cliffs. It is believed the aviators will be compelled to abandon the flight entirely because of the accident. St. Paul's Rock is about 800 miles from the coast of Brazil.

TIDINGS MAN WITNESSES WONDERFUL RUN OF SMELT

James Young, foreman of the Tidings composing room, returned last night from Portland, where he had been spending a few days on business. He says he went out to Sandy river on Sunday to see the run of smelt, which he describes as something wonderful. He estimated the number of automobiles on the fishing grounds as 1500. Men, women and children were in the river with nets and fishing apparatus. Bushels and bushels of smelt were scooped up by the fisher-folk and everybody seemed to enjoy the occupation. Nobody who had a net secured all the fish they wanted.

ALLIES SEEK TO BREAK RUSSIAN GERMAN TREATY

WILL EXCLUDE DELEGATES FROM CONFERENCE UNLESS PACT IS BROKEN

France Stands Firm in Her Refusal to Condone Maneuvering on Side Lines, Italy Indifferent and Lloyd George Trying to Patch Breach.

GENOA, April 19.—The allies are drafting a note to the Germans and Russians, notifying them that it will be impossible for the Germans and Russians to continue to participate in the sessions of the Russian Affairs commission of the conference if they persist in maintaining the Russo-German treaty.

A high official of the government declared this afternoon there was no possibility of continuing the discussions at Genoa unless the Russo-German treaty were canceled. If it were annulled, he declared, the moral effect would remain of two of the parties of the Genoa conference maneuvering on the side to forestall the conference's work.

The German leader, Walter Rathenau, made it plain that he and his colleagues are determined not to accept the stigma of duplicity carried in the allied note. Minister Barthou made it plain that France will not back down from her stand.

Chancellor Wirth and Premier Lloyd George held a long conference this afternoon, and it became known that the Italian delegation had no objection to the Russo-German treaty, but believed it should not have been made during the present conference.

CONFERENCE OF YOUNG PEOPLE BEING PLANNED

A committee, composed of Rev. C. F. Koehler, Rev. Joseph W. Angell and Rev. C. A. Edwards, met yesterday and formulated plans for the Young People's conference, which is planned to hold in Ashland the week of July 17-23. Last year the conference of the Epworth League of the Methodist church met in Ashland and the meeting was such a success that present plans are to have not only the young people of the Methodist church, but those of the Presbyterian church as well. It is expected that between 200 and 300 delegates will attend the conference, as this district is composed of all of the state south of Eugene.

DEMPEY GETS AN OVATION ON ARRIVAL IN FRANCE

CHERBOURG, France, April 19.—Jack Dempsey enthusiastically like a school boy as he got his first glimpse of France today. When the giant Aquitania arrived Dempsey was playing pinocle in the smoking room with Joe Benjamin, Teddy Hayes and several passengers. A cheer rose from the shore. The champion swept cards and coin from the table and made the top side in a few bounds. He was hopeless when a delegation of Frenchmen came on board to extend him an official welcome in French. He laughed and said: "That's fine. Glad to see you all."

CANDIDATES ENRICH STATE TREASURY SUM OF \$11,535

SALEM, Or., April 19.—A total of \$11,535 was received by the state from candidates who filed for the primary elections and offered statements for publication in the voters' pamphlet, according to a report prepared today by Sam A. Kozar, secretary of state. There were 229 declarations filed by republican candidates and 57 declarations by democratic candidates.

LINEMAN FALLS 40 FEET BUT IS NOT INJURED

REDDING, Calif., April 19.—T. L. Charonnat, Pacific Gas and Electric company lineman, had a miraculous escape from death. He was strapped at the top of a 40 foot pole, and removing wires. When the last wire was removed the pole fell. It so happened the pole struck the service car through the seat and was prevented from striking the ground.

No bones were broken, and the only harm was that the lineman felt "all shook up."

WITHYCOMBE HAS WITHDRAWN FROM GUBERNATORIAL RACE

SALEM, Or., April 19.—Phillip Withycombe, of Yamhill, has withdrawn as a candidate for the republican nomination for governor, stating in a letter that he was requested by Mabel Withycombe, daughter of his deceased brother, James Withycombe, late governor, to withdraw. Withycombe indicated he had no personal ambition, but merely desired to give publicity to the platform embodying his brother's ideas.

JOHN McCORMACK WILL SOON BE ABLE TO SING AGAIN

NEW YORK, April 19.—John McCormack will be able to sing as well as he ever did.

That was the encouraging word given out last night by the physicians attending the famous Irish tenor, declaring that the danger point had been passed.

For the first time in ten days the singer enjoyed the luxury of a shave Mr. McCormack said:

"I think the barber uses the razor better than the doctors handled the knives during the operation."

WOMAN WOULD PLEAD GUILTY TO MURDER

SUSANVILLE, Calif., April 19.—That Mrs. Mabel Boyle, 32, who confessed to firing the shot which killed her husband, James Boyle, night watchman, in their cabin here April 5th last, has stated that she is willing to plead guilty to the charge of murder filed against her, was the announcement made here by District Attorney J. A. Nutting.

"The court," said Nutting, "has expressed intention of appointing counsel for the defendant, rather than accept her plea without the advice of counsel. If she desires to plead guilty upon the advice of her attorneys, the plea will be accepted. This action would do away with any claim of railroad her to prison."

Nutting stated that Mrs. Boyle will be given her first hearing in the superior court tomorrow morning.

EASTERN STAR MEMBERS ARE GIVEN A REAL TREAT

The regular meeting of Alpha chapter No. 1, Order of Eastern Star, was held last evening in the Masonic hall. Following the business meeting, the members were treated with an excellent program, which consisted of a saxophone solo by Mrs. C. I. J. Porter, accompanied by her son, and Mrs. William Denton at the piano, and a vocal duet by S. A. Peters Sr., and Mrs. William Denton. Following this was the cleverest piece of work that has been carried out by the star for some time and was in the order of a drill and playlet given by eleven of the chapter's clever actors, dressed as tulips. The play was entitled "The Lock-a-Bye Lady," and considering the little time given in preparing the playlet, it is hard to see how it could have been improved upon greatly. It is the present intention to present the entertainment at some future date before the Medford chapter, either here or at Medford.

SPURIOUS REVENUE STAMPS ON BOTTLED MOONSHINE

RED BLUFF, Calif., April 19.—That spurious internal revenue stamps were used on fourteen of the eighteen quart bottles of whiskey seized by local officers this other day when W. W. Cross, a candy salesman from Oakland, was arrested on a charge of trying to sell the liquor to soft drink houses here, is the statement of Hal Emery of San Francisco, federal prohibition agent. He examined several of the bottles and found only four of the stamps with which the liquor presumably was sealed for export trade bore the genuine government mark.

Cross was held to answer to the superior court on a charge of violating the county dry ordinance.

MUST FINANCE SOLDIER BONUS SAYS HARDING

THREATENS VETO OF ANY MEASURE WITHOUT REVENUE PROVISION

Senate to Get Out of Dilemma Must Attach Sales Tax to Bonus Bill Or Let It Go Over Until Congress Reconvenes.

WASHINGTON, April 19.—President Harding has again served notice on the senate that means must be found for financing the soldier bonus or he will veto the bill.

This unmistakable reaffirmation of the president's previous attitude toward the proposed bonus legislation was conveyed by Senator Watson, the administration spokesman, after a conference with the president. Watson suggested that there are two ways out of the tangled bonus situation: A revenue raising provision, like the sales tax, or that final action on the bill be deferred until the end of June.

PRESIDENT STRIVING TO BREAK LEGISLATIVE JAM

WASHINGTON, April 19.—President Harding is engaged in a series of personal conferences with republican senators and representatives that are expected to break the legislative log jam confronting congress. It is believed a legislative program will be worked out permitting the passage at this session of the ship subsidy bill, as well as the tariff and soldier bonus measures.

Doubt is expressed by republican leaders that the ship subsidy could be taken care of without the session dragging far into the summer, as considerable opposition to it has developed among both republican and democratic senators, but the president, it was said, has agreed with Chairman Lasker of the shipping board, that ship subsidy legislation must be enacted at this session if the American merchant marine is to be preserved.

Burned forests build no homes. Step on that butt.

AGED COUPLE WED AGAIN 33 YEARS AFTER DIVORCE

CHICO, Calif., April 19.—Thirty-three years following their divorce, Sam Hulett, 77, of Grants Pass, Or., and Mrs. Susan Sargent, 53, of this city, were remarried yesterday afternoon by Justice J. L. Barnes at the municipal building.

Each entered upon his fourth marriage venture.

"We realized we loved each other all the time," said the groom, "so we decided to remarry and try to make up for the youthful days of love we denied ourselves."

"Yes, we are happy," the bride smiled through her veil after her husband gave her his first kiss in more than 30 years.

SHOWER GIVEN FOR NEW BRIDE AT TALENT

A shower was given Mattie Turner Driskell, a bride of last week, at the Community Club hall at Talent, on Monday afternoon. About 60 people attended, there being a large number of the ladies of the Talent community, and many school girl friends of Mrs. Driskell. Each visitor brought a gift, either useful or ornamental. Music was furnished by a viroleta during the afternoon, and refreshments of ice cream and cake were served.

PETITIONS FILED FOR RECALL OF WILLIAMS AND BUCHTEL

SALEM, Or., April 19.—Petitions for the recall of Chairman Fred A. Williams, chairman of the state public service commission, and Fred G. Butchel, a member, were deposited with the secretary of state yesterday afternoon, the former bearing 43,000 signatures, and the latter 32,000.