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Cloudy tonight and Saturday, probably rain or snow in south east portion.

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STAR WITNESS FOR THE STATE TESTIFIES IN MURDER CASE

Defendants Seen at Murder Scene Years Ago Are Identified

TESTIFIES FROM COT

Her Voice is Weighted With Weariness of Impending Death

SOMERSET COUNTY COURT HOUSE, Somerville, N. J., Nov. 19.—A woman's voice, weighted with the weariness of impending death, but strident with conviction, arose from a white hospital cot in the little Somerset county courthouse.

"I've told the truth, so help me God," the voice quavered and nearly broke.

A woman's arm, white and wasted from illness, stretched wearily from the cot and pointed accusingly to where three persons sat on trial for their lives.

"And you know it," the voice rose in fanatical shrillness, "you know it, you know it."

Three times Mrs. Jane Gibson uttered the exclamation as she sat to fix her wandering gaze on Mrs. Frances Hall, and her starting brothers, Henry and "Willie" Stevens, who sat transfixed by the outburst.

Three times the thin, accusing hand waved feebly in the direction of the defendants whom she had testified to having seen virtually in the act of murdering the Rev. Edward Wheeler Hall and Mrs. Eleanor Mills four years ago.

With the same unflinching composure that has marked their deportment from the start of the trial, the three defendants came through the ordeal with flying colors.

Even when the feeble voice from the cot described Mrs. Hall as kneeling bareheaded beside the bodies of her slain husband and his sweetheart, the accused widow's lips held their thin white line of contempt.

Mrs. Gibson, herself, although Dr. Snyder of Jersey City hospital, accused the prosecutor of jeopardizing her life, bore up well through more than two hours of cross examination, hours in which Senator Case of the defense counsel sought saucily and with unaccustomed gentleness to break down her story.

FILIPINO'S WILL APPEAL TO PRESIDENT

Resent Acts of Governor General Wood in Removing Commission

MANILA, Nov. 19.—(United News)—Acts of Governor General Leonard Wood demand urgent action and an immediate appeal to President Coolidge and the American people the Filipino independence commission declared in a resolution adopted after an all-night session.

The meeting resulted from Wood's abolition of the Philippine board of control which directed public utilities of the islands.

The resolution declared that when Wood first came to the islands the Filipinos thought their independence was nearer because of his record in Cuba.

"Contrary, however, to our expectations, his conduct of the government has been characterized by a train of usurpation and arbitrary acts resulting in the curtailment of our autonomy, destruction of our constitutional system and reversal of America's Philippine policy," the resolution said.

SAILS FOR MEXICO

NEW YORK, Nov. 19.—Ambassador James R. Sheffield sailed today on the Ward liner to resume his duties in Mexico.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR TO HOLD CONVENTION

Delegates Expected Here From Three Counties; Starts Tonight

The Crater Lake Union of the Christian Endeavor will hold their annual meeting in the Presbyterian church in Ashland, starting tonight, according to an announcement made today by Rev. H. T. Mitchelmore, of the Presbyterian church. Locally three churches, the Presbyterian, the Congregational and the Christian are sponsoring the convention, and it is expected that seventy-five delegates from the three counties in this district, Klamath, Josephine and Jackson, will be registered before the start of the sessions. The special speaker will be Rev. Norman K. Tulley, D. D., pastor of the Salem Presbyterian church, while Dallas Rice, the field secretary of Portland, will have an active part in the program. The singing will be under the direction of Ralph Wayne of Medford.

Rev. Mitchelmore will give the address of welcome which will be responded to by Miss Gladys Fry, President.

The full program will be as follows:

FRIDAY EVENING
6:00 dinner for union officers and convention speakers.
7:00, registration and assignment of entertainment.
7:30, opening song service.
7:50, address of welcome, Rev. Hugh T. Mitchelmore. Response by Miss Gladys Fry, President. Announcements.
8:10, devotional, "Abiding," Dallas C. Rice.
8:25, special music, Ralph Church.

8:30, address, "The Fruit Test," Dr. N. K. Tulley.
9:00, social acquaintance thirty minutes.
SATURDAY MORNING
9:15, song service.
9:30, devotional, "Abiding Through the Quiet Hour," Rev. E. P. Lawrence.
9:45, conferences: Lookout, Rev. Dr. Tulley. Prayer Meeting, Elsie Walker. Missionary, Rev. E. P. Lawrence. Social, Miss Marie Davies.
11:15, graded C. E., Dallas Rice.
11:45, business session.
12:00, lunch.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON
1:15, song service.
2:30, devotional, "Abiding Through the Tenth Legion," Rev. Chas. D. Gaffney.
2:45, special music, Medford Presbyterian C. E.
2:50, The Chart; new monthly service program, and the Cleveland Convention, Mr. Rice.
3:15, Conference on Society Administration, Clara Will.
3:45, address, "Fruitful Leisure," Rev. Roy Nelson.
4:15, Announcements.
Recreation—Trip through Ashland Park.

SATURDAY EVENING
5:45, banquet; reports from societies by presidents.
7:45, song and pep session—societies sit together.
8:00, fruitful gifts.

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California Poet Funeral is Today

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 18.—(United News)—The burial of George Sterling will occur Friday with a simple service marking the last rites over the body of the distinguished poet who preferred suicide to life of continued pain.

Directors of the Bohemian club, where Sterling lived for the last seven years, completed arrangements for the funeral late today. Former United States Senator James D. Phelan, and Hais Patigan, noted sculptor, and president of the Bohemian club, will deliver brief eulogies after the body has laid in state until 3:30 p. m. Friday.

Sterling, poet laureate of California, humble wonderer at the mysteries of life, and writer of distinguished verse, died in his club quarters Wednesday. An autopsy showed definitely that the poet ended his life with poison. He had been in ill health for some time.

ILLNESS OF THE KING CAUSES QUEEN MARIE TO START HOME

Railroad and Civic Officials Are Asked to Expedite Matters

FEAR POLITICAL BREAK

Queen Wants to be on Hand to Prevent Demonstration if King Dies

ABOARD QUEEN MARIES' SPECIAL TRAIN, Bound for New York, Nov. 19.—Queen Marie began her journey to New York and Roumania excited by messages she has received from home, relating the serious illness of King Ferdinand. Her majesty today requested the railroad and civic officials to expedite their passage to Bucharest, in order that she might prevent any possible political demonstration antagonistic to the present regime in the event of her husband's death.

Queen Is Worried
LOUISVILLE, Ky., Nov. 19.—(United News)—In a state of nervous anxiety Queen Marie departed from Louisville tonight for New York, where she will board the first convenient liner.

During the day her majesty was obviously undergoing a great strain. While more or less indefinite all messages from Bucharest stressed the gravity of King Ferdinand's physical condition, a situation that has great importance from a political as well as from a sentimental angle. Nevertheless her majesty attended a ball given in her honor, a deviation from an earlier statement that she would cancel all social engagements. But it was explained that she felt the king would desire her attendance at the function as all Louisville had set its heart on her presence.

The special train will make no other than operating stops between here and New York. At Cincinnati the train will stop tomorrow to allow Prince Nicholas to board another train to Detroit where he will visit two days. From there he will proceed to Cleveland for a few hours before joining the party in New York. While waiting the sailing of the Berengarian, November 24, her majesty will avoid New York and stay at the home of Charles E. Mitchell, president of the National City Bank, in Tuxedo, N. Y.

To Keep Warships At Nicaragua

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19.—(United News)—While the United States will maintain its warships and marines at Nicaragua, to protect American lives and property, actual intervention is not contemplated.

This attitude was announced at the state department Thursday, officials adding that they declared any interpretation that the policy of supporting the new Nicaraguan president, Dias, means intervention by the United States.

Meanwhile the American warships and marines will be kept at Nicaragua until possibilities of trouble disappear.

The state department made public the charge of the Nicaraguans that the Mexican government has been interfering in the domestic political affairs of their country.

A letter of President Dias' to Lawrence Dennis, American charge d'affaires at Managua, appealed for American support, and after referring to Mexican aid of revolution and armed intervention in Nicaraguan political affairs, said:

"I apply to you to solicit with the same good will with which you have aided Nicaraguan reconciliation, for my government and in my name, the support of the department of state, with a view of reaching a solution in the present crisis, and avoiding further hostilities and invasion on the part of the government of Mexico."

MIDDLE WEST FACES SIEGE OF WINTER

Snow Already Blankets the Greater Portion of Twelve States

CHICAGO, Nov. 19.—(United News)—With snow already blanketing the greater part of a dozen states, the middle west faced a siege of winter, following the weather forecast of Thursday of more snow and continued cold.

Snow fell to six inches deep through sections of Iowa, Missouri, Illinois, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Nebraska.

The entire state of Iowa was now covered.

Six inches of snow, the greatest November fall in 31 years, piled into drifts in St. Louis streets and hampered traffic. Trains into the city were delayed and air mail service has been temporarily abandoned.

The storm, which originated in the northwest swept down early Wednesday as far as the panhandle country, and then shifted to the northeast. Snows fell in Kansas and Oklahoma, and a cold wave invaded Texas. Fort Worth reported a temperature of 40 above and a predicted drop to freezing.

Temperatures fell 15 degrees overnight in Chicago and flurries of snow were sprinkled intermittently on the city through Thursday.

A near blizzard was reported in central Illinois with temperatures below freezing. Steam and electric lines were having difficulty maintaining train schedules and considerable damage was reported to telephone lines. A freak blizzard, which began Wednesday at Rock Island, Ill., and lasted 24 hours, covered the city with snow from five to seven inches deep.

A number of minor accidents have been caused by the storms, but so far no deaths have been reported.

Although with predictions of continued snows, the government weather bureau here has issued storm warnings for all of the Great Lakes except Ontario.

NAME NEW PAPER

"The Siskiyou" is to be the name of the Southern Oregon Normal school paper; it was decided recently by a committee composed of Lawrence Mitchelmore, editor; Lois Knapp, assistant editor; Albie Beck, business manager and A. C. Strange and Arthur S. Taylor, faculty advisers.

Storm Clouds or Just Smoke?



JUBILEE DINNER FOR Y WORKERS TONIGHT

Reports at Noon Indicate That Budget Goal Has Been Reached

The Y. M. C. A. budget fund drive lacks but \$200 of reaching its goal according to incomplete returns in the hands of W. P. Walters, secretary, at noon today. It is expected that all reports from teams will be in, and a final report made at a jubilee banquet to be held tonight at the Plaza cafe. With the goal so nearly reached and on the basis of the returns so nearly in, leaders in the movement are confident that the budget will be easily reached.

CLEMENCY ACTS OF GOVERNOR INCREASES

Texas Governor Has Granted 2594 Pardons During Administration

AUSTIN, Tex., Nov. 19.—(United News)—The clemency acts of Governor Miriam A. Ferguson swelled today to a grand total of 2,594, with the granting of a full pardon to William Chester Crawford, Dallas attorney, who was convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to five years in 1924 in connection with the slaying of Paul O'Day, another attorney.

O'Day was killed in Dallas, Sept. 11, 1924, after he had caused to be spread of record in court, in connection with a law case, a brief charging that Crawford's mother was "lacking in virtue before her marriage to Crawford's father."

Explaining her action in a statement, the governor said: "When men make charges of this kind, here in the south, they mean that they are ready to kill or be killed, and no one is surprised when that result follows."

Mrs. Ferguson also referred to Crawford's mother as being left alone "at the eventide of life without protection."

Left for Roseburg—Many members of Hillah temple, Mystic Shrine, from Ashland, Medford and other points throughout the valley, left yesterday morning to attend the big ceremonial of the temple that will be held at Roseburg, at which over 30 candidates will be initiated.

ACTUAL WORK IS STARTED ON NEW FOOTBALL GRANDSTAND

Appeal is Made for Experienced Carpenters to Donate Labor

TO WRECK OLD STAND

Civic Organizations Are Asked to Contribute to Latest Project

Actual work was started on Ashland's newest project when the old bleachers occupying the site of the new grand stand on the high school football field were torn down, which allowed for construction work to be actually started.

According to the head of the Lithians, S. A. Peters, Jr., experienced carpenters are very much needed, and it is urgently requested that if there be some men who feel they can donate some time to helping out, their efforts will be very much appreciated. The Lithians have agreed to donate one day's time in addition to the personal subscription of \$5.00 apiece and it is thought with the labor largely donated the cost can be materially reduced. The plan of financing as outlined today will take the form of organization donations with the Chamber of Commerce being asked for \$250.00, the Lithians, \$150.00, the School Board, \$250, and the Kiwanis club the same amount.

Hardware merchants responded enthusiastically this morning when they donated all of the necessary nails needed to complete the stand.

GLEE CLUB MONDAY

Monday evening, November 22, the Southern Oregon Normal Alpha Touri, dramatic society of school, will present their initial program, "The Trysting Place" by Booth Tarkington, in the Normal auditorium.

Another feature of the evening's entertainment will be several numbers given by the girl's and boy's Glee Club, under the direction of Miss Leona Marsters, music instructor at the school. This is their first public appearance also.

TUNNEY CAUSES WAR BETWEEN PROMOTERS

Applies to Independence Declaration of Tunney

NEW YORK, Nov. 19.—(United News)—The declaration of independence of Gene Tunney, in which he made known that he was not tied up with Tex Rickard and would fight for whatever matchmaker offered him the best terms, has brought a reply from Tex Rickard that the heavyweight champion was dissatisfied over the amount of money he received for his match with Jack Dempsey.

"But Gene got more than any other challenger during his career as promoter," Tex added. Rickard said that he had paid Tunney \$204,000 and cited the fact that Dempsey was more than satisfied to get \$27,500 for his chance to beat Jess Willard.

"And look at Tom Gibbons. Why that poor fellow was lucky to pay training expenses with what he got out of his scrap with Dempsey at Shelby," added the promoter.

Humbert J. Fugazy, who is giving Rickard a hot battle for promoting supremacy in New York, said after a conference with Tunney that he expected to promote the next heavyweight championship fight.

Meanwhile Tex is going ahead in his search for a suitable opponent for the "hookworm" champion, and expects that when the times comes around, possibly next summer, Tunney will be under his wing.

MENU IS ANNOUNCED FOR GOLF DINNER

Special Menu Has Been Arranged for Golf Dinner and Dance

With plans definitely taking shape for the golf dinner dance to be held some time this month, comes the announcement of the menu which will be served for that event. Manager Richardson of the Lithia Springs Hotel, has arranged a special menu to conform to the spirit of the occasion, and it will be as follows:

- A Follow Through Cocktail
Celery and Olives in Sand Trap
Water Hazard Soup
Tee Steak
Full Swing Potatoes
Putting Egg Plant
Sherbert a La Brassie
Fairway Salad
Out of Bounds Pie
19th Hole

Junior Hi Wins Championship

The Ashland Junior high school football team won the championship of Southern Oregon, when they beat Medford yesterday on the Medford field, in the final game of the season. The score was 12-0 in Ashland's favor, making the total number of points scored by the local team 75-7. The average weight of the team is 150 lbs.

The line-up was Radky, right end; Chester Squires, left end; Raymond Taylor, right tackle; Wardlow Howell, left tackle; Russell Parr, right guard; Donald Curry, left guard; Burton Ferris, center; and William King, substitute.

Woman Defendant Loses Calmness

TILLAMOOK, Nov. 19.—Having lost a degree of the calmness she has maintained since she was indicted on the charge of poisoning her husband, Dr. W. McGee, Mrs. Eva N. McGee faced the actual presentation of the evidence, by the prosecution in the murder trial here today.

The jury was selected late yesterday, eleven men and one woman being chosen. The selection of the jury was delayed, due to the efforts of both sides to ascertain the views of the prospective jurors regarding capital punishment.

DIFFICULTIES IN SHALE OIL ARE THOUGHT TO BE OVER

Heat Fails to Penetrate a Natural Coat of Asbestos

CORRECTION IS MADE

Engineers Figure Out Way to Overcome the Last Difficulty

This is the last of a series of articles having to do with the shale industry.

But there was something wrong, the shale was ground according to schedule, it was conducted to the retort, as planned for, it dropped through the great plates, as was expected, but the heat, there was something wrong with the heat, the plates only registered five hundred degrees. This would never do, because previous experiments in the laboratory said that at least seven hundred degrees was necessary before the shale would give off its vapors.

Frantically the men worked to discover the trouble, the manager did not leave the mill for twenty-seven hours, as they toiled in a vain effort to locate their difficulty. Finally after a valiant struggle in which the plant had been in operation for ninety-nine hours it was found useless to proceed further. Despite every effort known to engineering science the heat would not come up to the required degree necessary. Fate had dealt the cruellest card of all. With success in their very grasp, with the goal of a life time so near realization temporary defeat had to be admitted. The order was given to shut the plant down. The engineers as soon as the retort had cooled sufficiently set to work in a frantic effort to discover the difficulty.

Find Difficulty
The top of the great furnace was taken off, and there, but a very short time, after they had started to dismantle the plant, was found the missing card. There had been a slight miscalculation, so slight that the laymen it would appear negligible but to the successful operation of a retort to take crude oil out of shale, it was sufficient to halt the four years of continuous work. It was to temporarily defeat that which a great amount of money had purchased. It was to again revive the blasted hopes, however, for, like modern science, with the discovery of the cause, came a prescription for a cure. The great spiders as they had slowly revolved over the metal plate carrying with them the shale, had been so constructed that they did not touch the plate. But one and one-half inches separated this revolving bit of metal from that which it was supposed to pass over and take with it every particle of shale, in order that it might be passed on to another plate, and still another until it reached its final destination, many feet below. This inch and one-half failure, for that is all that it was, had allowed the shale to become a hardened pack over the plate. No matter how intense a heat was applied it would not penetrate this layer of natural asbestos. Small though the space was, it was sufficient to defeat the present efforts of the disappointed crew. The engineers' prescription for a cure required the complete dismantling of the retort and the attaching to each spider, of four small pieces of iron, so small that they would appear insignificant beside one of the rocks even that had been taken out of the road bed, when the project was first started. But small as they were, they were as vital to the successful operation of the entire scheme of things as the heart is to the human body.

Make Changes
To much time had been given, so much money had been spent, and so much faith in the ultimate achievement of the enterprise, existed in every man who was there, to give up now. But

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