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CHILD SLAYER TO BE TRIED IMMEDIATELY SAYS CROWE

Chicago States Attorney Promises Speed in Latest Murder

KILLS A SMALL BOY

Son of Wealthy Flour Man Confesses to Serious Crime Against Boy

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—(UN)—Unprecedented speed has been promised by State's Attorney Robert E. Crowe for the prosecution of Harold Croarkin, confessed slayer of six year old Walter Schmitts.

"Justice will be done to the killer of the boy within 10 days," Crowe said Monday.

Meanwhile funeral services for the little victim were conducted. "I want Croarkin hanged," exclaimed Mrs. Margaret Schmitts, mother of the slain boy.

"If this is not a hanging case you may as well abolish capital punishment," Crowe said.

The state's attorney, prosecutor in the famous Loeb-Leopold trial, said he would seek indictment before a county grand jury today and would ask criminal court justices to move the Croarkin case to the top of the calendar.

After a 20 hour grilling Croarkin frankly admitted the slaying and the wayward son of a wholesale flour merchant bluntly stated he had sought the boy to commit an act of degeneracy. Speaking in a low, even tone, squirming in his chair as though cringing from his own thoughts of the tragedy, Croarkin told his inquisitors he had killed the boy because "The police told me when I was arrested after the trouble with a little girl I might get into the penitentiary."

ILLINOIS SENATOR'S WILL IS ANNOUNCED

Leaves Hundred Thousand to Wife Who He Has Been Separated From

URBANA, Ill., Dec. 21.—(United News.)—The late Senator William B. McKinley left \$100,000 to his widow, Mrs. Kate Frieble McKinley, with whom he had not lived for many years.

His will, made public Monday, disclosed that the McKinley estate is worth considerably more than \$60,000, probably over \$1,000,000. This is small, however, considering that the late senator during his lifetime had made bequests to charitable and educational institutions totaling more than \$6,000,000.

The document, in a measure, disclosed the relationship between Senator McKinley and his wife, who had been an invalid for many years, and whose family, at the time of her marriage, was said to have been opposed to McKinley as a son-in-law, because of his comparative poverty.

McKinley explained the size of the estate he left his widow, by explaining in the will: "To my wife, Kate F. McKinley, I bequeath \$100,000 in five percent bonds, knowing, as I do, that she can legally claim more, but also knowing she is just and fair, and I am satisfied she will acquiesce in this disposition of my estate."

As a Christmas gift McKinley directed the executors of the estate to pay annually to the wives of Champaign, Ill., ministers the sum of \$50, the money to come from a \$200,000 trust fund created by the will.

JAPANESE PRAY FOR HEALTH OF EMPEROR

Possibility That He May Live, Gives Hope to Followers

HAYAMA, Dec. 21.—(UN)—On the bleak, snow-swept beach of the winter home of Emperor Yoshihito of Japan, his Buddhist neighbors kneel at prayer while warships nearby await news of his death.

Possibility that the emperor may live now that he has survived two weeks with pneumonia has renewed the prayers of his subjects throughout the empire. While representatives of Prince Regent Hirohito, his heir to the throne, have visited the grand shrine at Ise, believers in the Shinto, state religion, as well as the Buddhist faith, have visited their nearest shrines day and night.

The imperial train is in readiness to proceed to Hayama immediately the death of his majesty is made public. Official announcement of the imperial household department probably would not be made until the mourning family returned to the imperial palace in Tokio.

SECOND PIONEER CLUB IS FORMED BY THE Y

Kellar Mabbott Named as Chief Ranger for New Club

The second Pioneer club of the city was organized last evening when boys and their leader, Victor Philips, met in the Christian church and organized the Bear Pioneer club of that church. The boys showed considerable enthusiasm as they outlined their program and elected their officers. The officers elected were: Kellar Mabbott, Chief Ranger; Robert Arrant, Deputy Ranger; Leonard Gosnell, Recorder; and Bert Wright, Treasurer. Other members of the club are, Glenn Head, James Spencer and Vincent Sawyer. Efforts will be made at once to double the membership of the club. The boys will begin on the regular Pioneer program under the direction of their leader.

ASHLAND IS SHORT ON SALE OF SEALS

One Hundred Dollars More is Needed to Reach Local Quota

The Ashland quota in the sale of Christmas seals is about \$100 short, according to Mrs. S. A. Robinette, local director of sales and to help make up this amount, Misses Linda Oeder and Helen Detrick will conduct a booth at the golf supper and dance at the Ashland hotel tonight.

The seal sale generally has been exceedingly good, according to Mrs. Robinette, and with the final days of the season devoted to the task of raising the required amount locally, it is thought that Ashland will experience little difficulty in meeting her quota.

INFANT'S FUNERAL SUNDAY

Funeral services were held Sunday at three o'clock at the Christian church for Reta Sawyer, the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Sawyer, who passed away Saturday, December 18.

Rev. E. J. Gilstrap of Eugene, Ore., conducted the services, preaching from the text "To Whom Shall We Go? If not to Jesus Who is the only one promising life for the hereafter."

The little white coffin was beautifully covered with white blossoms in honor of the little life that had stayed with us for such a little while, the two year mark having not yet been reached.

"Asleep in Jesus," "Does Jesus Care?" and "In the Sweet Bye and Bye" were beautifully sung by a quartette. H. C. Stock was the undertaker in charge.

FOUR OF BEST KNOWN BASE-BALL PLAYERS IN SCANDAL

Commissioner Landis Makes Public Details of Betting Plan

Landis is Said to Have Received Statement From Dutch Leonard

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—(United Press)—Ty Cobb, Tris Speaker, Joe Wood, and Dutch Leonard four of the best known players in base ball were named today by Commissioner Landis in making public one of the greatest scandals in the history of the past time.

These four men according to Landis statement were involved in a deal where in Cleveland was to "throw" a game to Detroit, on September 25th, 1919. By so doing he pointed out, Cleveland could not be used out of second place in the American league and would help Detroit finish third.

Landis was quoted in his statement as saying that he obtained a statement from Leonard. The statement alleged that Leonard and others happened to meet and talked about base ball. The Detroit men said they would like to see their team finish third. Then Speaker said according to the Leonard statement, "Don't worry about tomorrow's game. Cleve-lands got second place clinched."

Then everyone agreeing that if it be a set up, they might as well get some money out of it. So the pool was made, Leonard saying as he remembered the sums contributed were, Leonard, fifteen hundred, Cobb two thousand, and the others two thousand each.

In the testimony taken, Cobb and Speaker denied that they were implicated. Cobb admitted that he knew there was a large sum of money wagered on the game but denied having any connection with it. Speaker also denied being present at the alleged conference. Landis state said, "That these men being out of base ball, no decision will be made unless changed conditions in the future require it."

Portions of a letter written by Cobb to Leonard, dated October 23, 1919 were as follows, "Wood and myself were considerably disappointed in our business proposition as we had two thousand to put up and were finally quoted fourteen hundred, and we secured that much when they refused to deal with us. So we completely fell down."

RAIL ROAD PROGRESS IS UP TO COMMISSION

Refusal of Oregon Trunk to Use Southern Pacific Road Delays Work

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—(UN)—Refusal of the Oregon Trunk railroad to accept use of Southern Pacific tracks from Paunina to Klamath Falls, Ore., has again put the question of southern Oregon railroad development up to the interstate commerce commission.

The interstate commerce previously, in considering the Oregon Trunk application for extension of its line from Bend to Klamath Falls, recommended the securing of rights for joint use of the track with the Southern Pacific, where the two lines would parallel.

In announcing the Oregon Trunk's refusal to do this, the Southern Pacific offices here stated that the commission will be called upon to make further recommendations in the matter.

The following statement was issued by William Sproule, president of the Southern Pacific company: "Southern Pacific has offered to the Oregon Trunk full and equal use of Cascade line from Paunina to Klamath Falls, with full access to business along the line on terms which Southern Pacific deem just and reasonable."

The Largest Day

The Ashland postoffice did the biggest single day's Christmas business in the history of the office, yesterday. If this is an indication of business conditions in general in the community Ashland merchants must be enjoying a good holiday trade this year. All employees, says Postmaster Wagner, have entered into a pact apparently, to keep the extra work of the holiday rush cleared up and working schedules have been abolished temporarily, so that thus far there has been no congestion in the Ashland office. Yesterday is believed to have been the peak day of this season for dispatching Christmas mails but the peak of the receiving end is yet to come and the plans are now centered upon the delivery end of the service which will be taxed to the utmost to get all the Christmas mails for Ashland folks received by Friday night into their hands before the postoffice holiday begins at noon on Christmas day.

EXPECT FIGHT OVER O. AND C. TAX REFUND

Many Contend That State Has Right to Part of Money

BEND, Ore., Dec. 21.—(UN)—Echoes of a coming fight in the state legislature over disposition of the O. and C. tax refund money between the various counties and the state of Oregon were heard here today.

Senator Jay Upton of Bend, in a letter to Senator W. E. Miller of Grants Pass, aligned himself on the side of those who contend that the state has a right to its share of the O. and C. refund.

"It would seem to me that there is no just ground for one unit described in the bill to have other units proscribed from its benefits, and that the money obtained from the federal government should be divided on the plain terms of the bills and in accordance with the public arguments and reasons furnished to bring about the passage of that legislation," Upton declared.

"The counties themselves never would have been able to secure this legislation without the assistance of the entire state," he said. The bill itself was "an unexpected boon out of a clear sky," but the principle which was established in that measure should be followed up by additional legislation which would make it possible for the state to profit from its vast acres of reserved land, Upton said.

Marshfield — \$12,000 auto storage building to be built here.

'DRY HEAD IS AFTER THE BIG FELLOWS' SAYS AN INTERVIEW

General Andrews Claims There is Not the Usual Liquor Rush

ATTEMPT GET SOURCE

Lack of Judicial Assistance, Makes It Necessary to Get the Wholesaler

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—(UN)—The generalissimo of the American dry forces believes that there is no Christmas rush for "holiday liquor," that the government is not after the drinker, but the wholesale smuggler, and that common sense must be used in law enforcement.

In an interview General Lincoln C. Andrews, assistant secretary of the treasury, in charge of prohibition enforcement, explained that the government "is after the big fellows," allowing local authorities to handle the blind pigs and close the cabarets where flask toting is a regular practice.

Here to address a closed meeting of malt syrup and hops manufacturers in an attempt to reach an understanding with them on the prohibition question, General Andrews declared that reports of a holiday rush on liquor supplies are "bunk," asserting there is no more demand for liquor now than at any other time of the year.

"What my department wants to do," he said, "is to get at the source of the liquor and stop it there. That's why I met alcohol dealers in the east and an meeting malt and hops dealers here."

General Andrews outlined the official policy of his enforcement department.

"In our opinion the 18th amendment was an expression of the majority opinion that the saloon evil must be stamped out and we have endeavored to close the open saloon. "Since the law did not increase the judicial machinery it is evident that the purpose of our department is to go after the source of supply and not the distributors. Prohibition enforcement has been largely at the wholesale end."

FIND BODY OF JAP OFFICIAL IN MEXICO

Three Are Arrested on Variety of Charges Including Murder

MEXICALI, Mex., Dec. 21.—(UN)—As an aftermath to the discovery of the body of Saburo Masiko, secretary of the Japanese Association in a shallow grave near the ruins of the Association building, three men were arrested here Monday on suspicion of murder, arson and grand larceny.

The building burned to the ground about a week ago and Masiko subsequently disappeared. Following the discovery of the body of Masiko, the association members were notified that the body was missing.

Masiko's body was discovered, but friends of the murdered man claim the signature on the checks was forged.

Japanese Vice Consul Kuga arrived here Monday from Los Angeles to begin an investigation following the arrest of R. Morishita, S. Morishita and I. Kuta, suspected by Mexican police of burning the building and slaying Masiko to hide the crime.

PRICE OF GASOLINE IS RAISED A CENT

Standard Oil Takes The Lead in Price Readjustment

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20.—(UN)—The Standard Oil Company of California has announced increases in the price of gasoline at all points on the Pacific coast to become effective Tuesday.

In the San Francisco bay region and points to the north, the increase will be one cent per gallon, while in Los Angeles and points inland from there the increase will be two cents per gallon.

In a statement announcing the changes the Standard Oil stated that the varying increases formed "a readjustment of the present price structure."

The new price here will be 18 cents per gallon.

PRISON WARD IS THE SETTING FOR TRAGEDY

Wealthy Society Man Seriously Wounded by Paramour

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—(UN)—The gloomy prison ward of Belleville hospital was the setting today of another dramatic scene in the love tragedy involving the two famous Ingersoll families.

Surrounded by criminals of all types, Wallace McLean Probasco, wealthy society man, lay seriously wounded while Magistrate Harry Gordon set up a special homicide court in the hospital, and fixed his bail at \$12,500.

Offering her home for security his estranged wife, Maud Ingersoll Probasco, daughter of the famous agnostic "Bob" Ingersoll, promptly furnished the bond. It was Probasco's decision to return to his wife that is said to have led to the shooting Sunday night in Mrs. Robert H. Ingersoll's Park Avenue apartment.

Probasco is under arrest on a technical charge of suspicion of homicide in connection with the death of Mrs. Ingersoll, wife of the dollar watch-maker. According to Probasco, Mrs. Ingersoll shot him and then committed suicide.

CLAIM BOOT-LEGGERS WERE TO FINANCE REPUBLICANS

Democratic Senator Makes Serious Charges Against Republicans

BRINGS UP OLD DEATH

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—(UN)—No inquest was held over the body of Jess Smith, who was found dead from a gunshot wound in the apartment of former Attorney General Harry M. Daugherty, early on May 30, 1923.

"It was a plain case of suicide and no inquest is required under the law in such cases," Coronor J. Ramsay Nevitt, who viewed the body, told the United News today, commenting on the charges of Senator Heflin, Alabama democrat, that Smith was murdered for political reasons, because he knew too much.

Heflin renewed his charges in the senate today. He quoted from testimony in a trial at Mobile, Alabama, several years ago. United States District Attorney Aubrey Boyle testified that he had been told by Frank Boykin, a politician in Alabama, the following:

"You know Secretary Mellon loaned the republican national committee \$5,000,000. Only \$3,000,000 has been repaid. There is a deficit of \$2,000,000.

"Jess Smith is charged with getting up that money. The plan is to have the liquor men, the men in the liquor business and the breweries contribute to this fund.

"United States attorneys in some places have been arranged with. They will be expected to collect the money from the bootleggers and contribute a certain portion of it to that fund."

United States District Attorney Buckner of New York wrote Heflin for evidence to substantiate his murder charge.

"That is one reason why they wanted to get Jess Smith out of the way," Heflin told the senate. "It was rumored that Jess Smith desired to make a clean breast of it all. But he did not. He died. He was murdered."

WETS AND DRY TURN THOUGHTS TO LIQUOR

Drys Will Have Important Conference Early in January

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—(UN)—As the Christmas season approaches, thoughts of wets and dries alike appear to turn to the subject of liquor.

Six representatives of distillers were in conference with treasury department officials today to perfect the proposed bill for creating a government-sponsored corporation to manufacture medicinal whiskey.

Drys, through the Committee of 1000, announced a law observance conference will be held here January 6.

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