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## BODY OF BOWKER IS FOUND IN RIVER. RUSSIANS ASK RECOGNITION AND LOAN

### WATERS OF ICY GALAPOOIA GIVE UP MAN'S BODY

**John Fuerstein, Peter Moench Successful in Search After Brady Quits the Job.**

Albany, Ore., April 21.—The body of Frank Bowker, murdered Sunday night, was found at 10 o'clock this morning in the Galapooia river one mile below the bridge from which Russell Becker, accused of Bowker's murder, said he slipped it early Monday morning, or late Sunday night, wrapped in a hop sack and weighted with stones.

The body, clad in overalls over gray trousers and a rain coat, was in a semi-crouching position enclosed in a hop sack. A bullet wound in the back of his head, where the bullet entered and a mark over the right eye, where it emerged, indicated that Bowker was shot from behind.

The body was found by John Fuerstein and Peter Moench. They were dragging the river from the launch Oregon. A peculiar ripple about two feet from the shore on the east bank attracted their attention. Investigation revealed the sack. It was in about two feet of water. Grappling hooks had been passed over this spot many times and it is believed that the body was rolled by the current into the shallow water after Hugh Brady Portland city grapple, abandoned search Thursday.

Fuerstein notified Sheriff Kendall and Coroner Fisher, who took the body, still in the bag, to the morgue, pending the arrival of Portland authorities. A hole in the side of the sack, midway between bottom and top, revealed the body to show that beyond a doubt it is that of Bowker.

John Fuerstein, who had been operating a launch in dragging operations on the Galapooia for the past four days, containing his work after other dragners had abandoned the search, raised the ghastly bundle to the surface shortly after 10 o'clock. The spot was nearly a mile below the bridge from which the slayer confessed to his father, Monday that he dropped the hop sack with the remains of Bowker.

Officers gathered at once at the scene and Albert Bowker, brother of the dead man, who furnished the police with the first intimation of foul play against Frank, was immediately summoned to establish identification.

### TEST SUIT LOOMS FOR BONUS BOARD

Salem, April 21.—Decision to test out the right of the state bonus commission to use its discretion in making loans on security offered by ex-servicemen was reached by Capital post No. 9, American Legion, at a special meeting Wednesday night. The particular complaint of the service men is based upon the action of the commission in refusing to extend loans up to the full 75 per cent of the appraised value.

The Legion contends that the law makes it mandatory upon the commission to accept the value of property offered as security as fixed by its board of appraisers to loan 75 per cent of this appraised value if the applicant so requests. The commission contends that the law provides that loans may not be made "in excess of 75 per cent" of the appraised value of the security offered, reserving the right to reduce the amount of the loan when in its opinion such action is necessary to safeguard the interests of the state.

The controversy will be tested out through a mandamus proceeding to compel the commission to reconsider a loan on which it has reduced the applicant's request. The executive commission of the Legion must have been instructed to retail counsel and to institute the suit at once.

### STEAMER SINKS IN RIVER; 1 LIFE LOST

Richmond, Va., April 21.—The steamer Brewster went down with the loss of one of her crew following a collision with the laker Sterling early today in the James River near Old Fields, 50 miles below Richmond.

The Brewster was owned by the Boxton line and the laker Sterling by the Richmond-New York line.

### Standifer Will Win Shipping Board Claim

Washington, April 21.—The claims commission of the United States shipping board today received the settlement of Admiral Benson, whose sole member of the old shipping board in the matter of the entire claims of the Standifer Construction company, of Vancouver, Wash., as a valid settlement which must be completed by the present shipping board.

The company was paid \$500,000 on wooden and steel ships of which 29 were account of contracts for building 24 completed.

President Standifer of the company, through his attorney Frank Hogan, presented correspondence between President Harding and Admiral Benson dated last May by the terms of which Benson was authorized to function "as though the board were fully organized" and asserted full authority under the law. The amount which will be allowed, however, will probably be about \$2,000,000, it is indicated.

### EX-EDITOR DROPS DEAD

Medford, Ore., April 21.—Charles Nickel, one of the best-known pioneers of southern Oregon, formerly editor of the Medford Tribune and until seven or eight years ago a resident of this city, dropped dead at his home in Oakland, Cal., yesterday.

A telegram received by his daughter, Mrs. Louis Ulrich, of this city announced Mr. Nickel's death.

**The Weather**

Oregon and Washington—Tonight and Saturday, fair, moderate westerly winds.

### His Appointment Brings Probe



**Louis A. Hill, former Assistant Chief of the Bureau of Printing and Engraving, He succeeds James L. Wilmette, one of the 27 executives removed from office by executive order of the president in the "shakeup" recently.**

### Mother Burns to Her Death Rather Than Endanger Babes

Kansas City, Mo., April 21.—Mrs. Katherine Eno, 23, farmer's wife, near Nelson, Mo., allowed herself to burn to death today rather than endanger the lives of her two children with her flaming garments.

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### IRISH REBELS TAKE BRITISH RADIO PLANT

Dublin, April 21.—Irish republican rebels have captured the British wireless station at Buncbeg, in Donegal, in the north of Ireland, according to a report from Londonderry, today.

The British navy men operating the wireless were reported to have been ejected.

Wellington barracks was stormed by rebel troops during the night.

The attack was beaten off with casualties on both sides.

Machine gun volleys were poured into the barracks, which was garrisoned by Free State troops. Rifle fire from neighboring houses over a wide area was directed at the encampment.

The delay in the peace negotiations between Collins and DeValera was believed to have encouraged the rebels.

### Seventeen Wounded in Belfast

Belfast, April 21.—Hundreds of gunmen participated in street battles during the worst night of terror Belfast has known for months.

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### Flood Still Spreading; Conditions Growing Worse

Chicago, April 21.—Flooded rivers, crumpled dikes and inundated farms and portions of towns in Illinois, Indiana, and Iowa were reported Red Cross headquarters here today. The swollen river is spread over thousands of acres of crops. Flood conditions in southern Indiana were the worst they have been in years. Thirty-five blocks are under water in Vincennes, Ind.

Water rushed over 40,000 acres of farm land near McClure, Ill. The Red Cross has provided for the 400 homeless residents of Naples, Ill., and rescued half dozen families marooned in an attic at Dog Tooth Bend.

Breaking of the Hartwell levee along a 2 1/2 mile front of the Illinois river near Carrollton, flooded 30,000 acres of reclaimed farm land.

Being of the Mississippi river has flooded basements in Clinton, Iowa, and railway service between Clinton and Davenport has been abandoned.

### Adopted Daughter Sues To Break Wood's Will

San Rafael, Cal., April 21.—Mrs. Amy Wood Wilson of Pasadena today had under way a suit to break the will of Mrs. E. K. Wilson, whose husband was a millionaire lumberman.

A million dollar estate was involved. Mrs. Wilson charged that she adopted daughter of the Woods and by the agreement of the adoption it has been promised she would share equally with the Wood children in the estate. In the will of Mrs. Wood she was bequeathed \$100,000. The remainder went to Walter T. Wood of Berkeley and F. J. Wood of Bellingham, Washington.

### Soviet, Catholic Church Sign Treaty on Education

Rome, April 21.—Soviet representatives have signed a treaty with the Vatican, to sign Russia and carry out educational work. It was authoritatively announced here today. This was interpreted as the first move to bring the orthodox Russian church into the Catholic church.

### BATTLE STARTS TO REGAIN NAVAL OIL PRESERVES

**Opening Gun in "Conservation" Fight Is Fired by LaFollette. Probe Asked.**

Washington, April 21.—Initial steps looking toward a complete senatorial investigation of the recent action of the interior and navy departments in opening up naval oil reserves to private interests was taken today by Senator LaFollette.

LaFollette's move is considered the opening gun of a "conservationist" fight. He introduced a resolution calling upon the secretary of the interior for a list and details of oil leases made by the department in naval oil reserves 1 and 2, California and number 2, Wyoming. Contracts for taking oil from these reserves were signed recently with the Mammoth Oil and the Pan-American Petroleum companies.

LaFollette asked that all executive orders and correspondence and other documents relating to the lease be presented to the senate. He said he had fought hard to save the oil reserves for the navy. Ex-Secretary of the Navy Daniels related the efforts had been made to grab the oil during the war on a plea of necessity for winning the struggle. Both he and the then secretary of the interior stood against such exploitation, holding it not necessary for the winning of the war.

In his judgment, the letter said, "it would be a great wrong to lease these oil reserves. The wisest policy of conservation as well as the navy's efficiency in the future depends largely upon holding these naval reserves intact."

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### Mine Slides Fatal; 2 Men Imprisoned

Seattle, April 21.—The two men who were working in the shaft at the Black Diamond mine were rescued today.

Coroner W. H. Corson, conducted an investigation of the tragedy as soon as he was notified. He decided that the accident was due to natural causes. He will hold no inquest.

Rescue Forces Speed to Mine.

Seattle, April 21.—Every available man at the Pacific Coast Coal company's mine at Black Diamond was pressed into service today in an attempt to rescue two miners on a slide last night.

Arnold A. Grove, 16, was instantly killed by the slide, being buried under tons of coal.

Carlson Head was also caught in the slide and suffered possible fatal injuries before he was dug out.

Harry Enos and a companion were working in a nearby shaft at the time that Grove was killed and they were unable to get out before a second slide crashed down and cut off their retreat.

Superintendent Allen immediately organized a party to start digging for the trapped men and the rescuers worked throughout the night.

Coroner W. H. Corson left for Black Diamond early today to investigate in an effort to determine whether the slide was the result of improper mining methods. Similar slides in the past have been ascribed to natural causes.

### 1 DEAD, 3 DYING FROM EXPLOSION OF GAS STATION

Los Angeles, April 21.—One man is dead, three are reported dying and approximately 20 other persons are in homes and hospitals at Downey and Artesia as a result of three terrific explosions at an automobile gas filling station at Downey today.

W. Henry died of his injuries a few hours after the explosions and three others were reported near death.

Thirty telephone and telegraph lines were put out of commission.

Seventeen hundred gallons of gasoline exploded.

Three explosions followed a fire when static electricity ignited gasoline transferred from a big truck to the storage tanks of the filling station.

Large Crowd Gathered.

The fire burned 40 minutes and attracted a large crowd.

Suddenly the gasoline in the filling tanks exploded, throwing debris 200 feet in the air and splattering the operators with burning gasoline. The tanks on the truck and trailer exploded at almost the same time. A school boy standing nearby had his clothes burned off, and others were horribly burned.

The Virginia hospital at Downey was soon overcrowded with injured and it was necessary to send several victims to hospitals in Artesia.

Injured Are Listed.

The injured:

W. L. Foley, probably fatally; taken to Artesia.

Frank Bohlen, school boy.

Lester Witherspoon, son of Constable Witherspoon of Downey.

Clede Wehrback.

Ed Vandergriff, retired farmer.

Joseph L. Stanes, rancher, fatally injured.

Joe Tompkins, electrical engineer.

Rosie Tompkins.

Robert Blough.

Ira Means, superintendent West Coast Asbestos company.

J. M. McCann.

L. E. Price, superintendent Downey Grain company.

Albert Kudd.

Joe McBlough.

Freel Robinson, school boy.

Herbert Hughes.

W. H. Redford.

Haywood Ardis.

### COLORED YEGGS TRY TO ENTER RESIDENCE

Two colored marauders who tried to break into the residence of L. E. Rebusman, 1140 Sixth avenue west, early this morning were shortly afterwards caught by the police and lodged in jail. The men were about 20 or 25 years old and gave their names as E. A. Segies and Henry Mills.

Mr. Rebusman heard some one try the front door at 4 o'clock and a moment later some one else attempted to effect an entrance at the rear door. Finding both doors locked, the would-be housebreakers started down Sixth avenue. Mr. Rebusman telephoned the police, who soon located the men and brought them back to get a blanket to smother the flames but was afraid to take it from the bed where the two children were sleeping.

### Burns Freed of Murder Charge Late Last Night

Portland, April 21.—One of two men who had been accused of causing the death of James Harry (Buck) Phillips, railroad special agent, in the Albina yards here June 14, last, was free today while the other was in the state prison under sentence to be hanged.

In his second trial for alleged participation in the shooting in which Phillips was killed, John L. Burns late last night was acquitted after a jury had deliberated 35 hours. Dan Casey, who was convicted of guilty in the Phillips shooting, was sentenced to death after two juries had disagreed and another had found him guilty after prolonged debate. The unusual feature of the two trials, according to an observer, was that the evidence which caused Casey's sentence of death and Burns' acquittal was practically identical.

### Insane Aliens Deported By Portland Officials

Portland, April 21.—Four aliens, who were adjudged insane, and a fifth, who turned hotel bandit and was captured by the police, after he illegally entered the United States from Canada, are looking over the Pacific coast scenery for their last time today. Immigration authorities, while transiting under custody for San Francisco to embark for their respective lands.

They are Jose Morales bound for Mexico; Jim John Stolech, Turkey; John Stratton, Greece; and Alex. Metz and John Richard Pearce, England.

### Portuguese Flyers to Be Decorated for Attempt

Buenos Aires, April 21.—The Portuguese flyers, who attempt to cross the Atlantic in their Fairy hydro-airplane was halted at St. Paul's rocks, arrived at Fernando Noronha, 300 miles from Port-au-Prince, Brazil, today aboard the cruiser Republica.

They are to be decorated for their gallant attempt, which carried them further across the Atlantic than any airman previously has flown.

### GIRL MAY BE FREED

San Jose, Cal., April 21.—There was a general belief today that little 11 year old Irene Granstedt would not be held responsible for the shooting of Harold Galloway, her 17 year old high school sweetheart.

But in the meantime, the bobbed haired girl was held in the detention home pending the outcome. Reports from the hospital today were that she still is in a serious condition, far from out of danger.

### DOPE VENDORS INDICTED

Seattle, Wash., April 21.—Eight indictments were returned by the federal grand jury yesterday, eight of them for violation of the Harrison anti-narcotic act. Two "no true" bills were returned.

### Use of Teeth Saves Life of Oregon Youth

Forest Grove, April 21.—Skillful use of his teeth probably saved the life of Herbert Beull, 24, according to the young man, who is in the hospital here today recovering from injuries received when Harry Bernhardt attacked him with a hammer last night. Bernhardt is missing. According to Beull, he was sitting talking at sundown yesterday when Bernhardt without warning attacked him, showering blows upon him with the hammer despite Beull's cries for mercy. Bernhardt finally yielded to persuasion when Beull fastened his teeth on his finger, and dropping the hammer, fled.

### REFeree'S DECISION FAVORS CONTRACTORS

The case of L. M. Travis against Neary and Neary, road contractors, which has been held during the last two days before Attorney Donald Young, as referee in circuit court, was decided in favor of the plaintiff when arguments were concluded today. The referee gave judgment to the defendants as soon as the case was over, which means they will not be compelled to pay any of the claim of about \$2000 asked for in the suit.

Travis represented J. E. Yoder, Frank Yoder, O. M. Green, C. E. Campbell, truck operators, who had assigned their claims to him against the contractors, when they had leveled gravel, sand and crushed rock for last year during the surfacing of the Goshen-Walker section of the Pacific highway. The plaintiffs claimed that there was more than a half mile between station posts where they had delivered and consequently they hauled more yards of material into a station than the contract called for. This claim the contractors disputed with the argument that he paid the truck drivers by the yard for hauling into the stations marked on the ground and not by distance between stakes. O. H. Foster was attorney for the defendants.

### Military Training to Stay At Washington University

Seattle, April 21.—That compulsory military training will be retained at the University of Washington became assured when at the close of a public hearing before the board of regents yesterday afternoon Henry Suzzalo announced that he would recommend strongly against the proposal to make drill elective with the individual student.

"We had to fight this thing out before the board of regents, but the whole ground was covered in 1915 and 1916. In all the debate I have not heard a new argument except one. That is that the last war was so terrible that we won't have any more wars. If the regents ask me for a recommendation I might as well say to you now that I recommend our system of military training."

### THE DALLES HAS TONG WAR; ONE CHINESE DEAD

The Dalles, Ore., April 21.—Or. Ching dehonair young Chinese, was in jail here today while officers investigated the arrest of a tong flare late last night in which Chang Hong, 60, a canny laborer, was shot dead.

Or Ching reached The Dalles late yesterday from Portland, shortly before the battle. He is believed to be a gunman employed by one of the Portland tongs. No affiliation of either the accused man or Chang Hong with any Chinese tongs have been established.

### ADmits MURDER OF GIRL

Chicago, April 21.—E. M. Ronch, 27, today confessed to the brutal murder of an unidentified blonde whose nude body was found in a moving van on the south side here, according to William O'Connor, police lieutenant.

### HEADS U. OF W. REGENTS

Seattle, April 21.—Dr. W. A. Shannon, Seattle physician, was elected president of the state board of regents of the Washington Thursday afternoon. He succeeds John Ray of Tacoma whose term expired some time ago.

### BASEBALL FINALS

NATIONAL LEAGUE	
At Brooklyn	R. H. E.
New York	4 10 1
Brooklyn	15 9 0
Batteries: J. Barnes and Snyder; R. R. and Miller.	
At Boston	R. H. E.
Philadelphia	4 11 0
Boston	15 9 0
Batteries: Hubbs, Meadows and Henline; McQuillen, Blington and O'Neill.	
At Chicago	R. H. E.
Cincinnati	3 6 0
Chicago	15 9 0
Batteries: Merkle, Gougeon, Riskey and Hugo; Cheever and O'Farrell.	
At Pittsburg	R. H. E.
St. Louis-Pittsburgh game postponed; snow.	
AMERICAN LEAGUE	
At New York	R. H. E.
Washington	0 4 4
New York	15 9 0
Batteries: Phillips and Glavin; Shawkey and Schang.	
At Detroit	R. H. E.
Cleveland	7 16 7
Detroit	15 19 2
Batteries: Keefe, O'Connell, Jamieson, Mills, Martin and O'Neill; Stoner and Banster.	
At Philadelphia	R. H. E.
Boston-Philadelphia game postponed; cold.	

### SOVIET REPLY IS RECEIVED BY ALLIED GROUP

Note Called Hopeful Basis for Resumption of Discussions at Genoa Meet.

By HENRY WOOD  
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

Genoa, April 21.—Russia agrees to recognize both pre-war and war debts, including those of the czarist and Kerensky governments and to discuss property rights of foreigners within her borders. In exchange for this she demands de jure recognition and a loan. This is the official reply of the soviet delegation, presented to the allies late this afternoon.

The political commission of the Genoa conference, to whom this reply was presented, accepted it as a "very hopeful basis for resumption of its discussions." A committee of experts has been appointed to consider the Russian note. The main conditions upon which Russia will comply with the terms laid down by allied experts are three:

- 1—De jure recognition of the soviet government by the allies.
- 2—Immediate financial assistance from the allies in the shape of a large loan.
- 3—Agreement as the "writing down" the war debts with certain counter claims and postponing payments.

The Russian reply covered 25 written pages and many of its arguments qualify considerably the general acceptance outlined in its first half page.

The reply stated very definitely Russia would recognize the czarist and Kerensky debts only upon the condition the soviet government was afforded the official recognition granted its predecessors. Unless Russia is officially accepted as a sovereign state, it cannot be responsible for past debts, the note said.

One of the most important tentative concessions made by the soviet delegation was that concerning property rights in Russia.

The Russian note suggested that this could be discussed by the political commission and a basis worked out for mutual concessions.

German Reply Delivered.

Genoa, April 21.—Germany's official reply to the allied "Little Entente" note regarding the Russo-German treaty was delivered today.

The Russian delegation announced its reply to the allied experts' terms concerning Russia's debts and obligations, which was delivered this afternoon.

With these matters in hand, the Genoa conference, which has marked time for several days, once more got under way. The official German reply was evasive. It neither consented to annulment of the Russo-German commercial pact, nor to complete withdrawal by the German delegation, the political commission, the

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S. S. Myers, president of the bank, heard the alarm ring as the bandits crossed the threshold of the institution by way of the back door. His shots after the bandit car as it sped away wounded other citizens, but with splitting revolvers in their hands.

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