

FIND BODIES OF VICTIMS HOODED MOB

Naked and Tied With Wire and Decapitated—Attempt Made to Remove—Brought to Surface With Dynamite—Militia Rushed to Scene—Louisiana Mystery Thickens

ALEXANDRIA, La., Dec. 22.—Company A, of Alexandria, Louisiana National Guard, has been ordered to Mer Rouge, Captain Heath Petrie, in command, announced this afternoon, following a telephone conversation with state officials at Baton Rouge. It is believed here the troops will be used to assist Monroe National Guardsmen now at Mer Rouge in making arrests of persons involved in the kidnapping of last August.

MER ROUGE, La., Dec. 22.—The bodies of two men in high state of decomposition, bound with wire, believed to be Watt Daniels and Thomas Richards, alleged victims of masked and white robed men last August, came to the surface of Lake LaFourche, 12 miles from here today following explosion of a charge of dynamite placed by unidentified persons in the lake, according to reliable information here.

It is believed here that persons responsible for the murder of the men dynamited the lake to recover the bodies and remove them to some other burial grounds to thwart the efforts of Louisiana National Guardsmen who for three days have been assisting professional divers in exploring the bottom of the lake at the instance of Governor John M. Parker. The condition of the bodies indicated that they had broken loose from some heavy object to which they had been weighted down to the bed of the lake for four months.

The disappearance of two iron wagon wheels, rusting on the banks of LaFourche lake for many years, at the time Daniels and Richards were reported missing after they and three others were swooped upon by a band of fifty or more hooded men and taken to punishment grounds, where they were severely flogged, led to the belief that the men had been murdered and thrown into the lake.

Efforts are being made by the military this afternoon to learn the identity of those responsible for the dynamiting.

Governor Parker, when asked over the long distance telephone what would be the next step by the state, said that as the grand jury had failed to return any indictments against the perpetrators of the crime, the state now has the right to call an open hearing in the state and can establish a corpus delicti by producing the bodies of the murdered men.

Strahorn Says Rail Development Central Oregon More Sure

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Dec. 22.—Robert E. Strahorn, superintendent of the Oregon, California and Eastern railroad, that no plans are being made to sell the line. Strahorn stated that the road would be built according to its original purpose, "being headed straight for Bend, and designed consistently to develop all of central Oregon."

NO HELPING HAND FOR FATTY, MORE PROTESTS FILED

Catholic Welfare Council Head Says Hays Misjudged Temper of People in Granting Pardon to Arbuckle—Mayor of Los Angeles Objects.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 22.—Fifty thousand club women of Pennsylvania through Mrs. S. B. Barton, chairman of the civic department of the state federation of women's clubs, today in a public statement protested against the return of Roscoe Arbuckle to the motion picture screen.

The congress of club women of western Pennsylvania, with 10,000 members, through Mrs. C. B. McFall, the secretary, protested to city officials against the showing of Arbuckle films here.

ROUND UP BOGUS ORDER OUTFIT

ASBURY PARK, N. J., Dec. 22.—(By the Associated Press.)—A long search by federal agents and private detectives for counterfeiters who have been flooding the country with forged American Railway Express money orders has been ended with the arrest in Freehold of Giles M. Ranney, an engraver, and the arrests in Cincinnati of James Watson and Walter R. Melan. It was disclosed today.

after the purchaser as well as the seller and manufacturer of liquor, there will be a different attitude taken by many liquor consumers," Mr. Benn said. "Such a provision is contained in the federal narcotics laws, and I believe it would largely stop the traffic in liquor."

SOPOFF VICTIM OF ROBBERY ATTACK NOT A SUICIDE

Hit in Head With Rock in Fight—Takes Pistol From As-sailant in Jungles—Got Draft for \$900 On Portland Bank—Friends Arrive.

It now develops that Pete Sopoff, the young man who was found dangerously wounded on the Jackson street bridge early Wednesday afternoon and who is a Russian whose home is in Portland, did not shoot himself as was at first surmised by Chief of Police Timothy, but was shot by an unknown man who had attacked him for the purpose of robbery in the Bear creek "jungle" several hundred feet away from the bridge.

Sopoff, who was removed to the Sacred Heart hospital after he was shot, has a chance for recovery, although the attending physicians have not yet been able to locate the bullet, which entered his back just above the shoulder blade. Due to the fact that he had blood on the back of his head from what developed later was caused by being struck with a stone thrown by the robber during his terrific struggle with the latter, and the fact that the automatic 32 caliber revolver was found by his side Chief Timothy thought that it was a case of attempted suicide.

This despite the fact that the badly wounded man laboriously insisted on the way to the hospital that he had not shot himself, but was shot by another man. It was not then known that he was shot in the back.

Pete Magoff and Martin Habuff, friends, and Sopoff's brother, arrived here from Portland late yesterday afternoon in response to a telegram sent for Sopoff Wednesday night apprising them of his predicament. To them he was able last night to tell the same story of the attack as he had with difficulty and incompletely told Dr. Holt yesterday.

It also develops that Sopoff, who had been one of the crew at the Von der Hellen road camp for some time past, quit work earlier in the week with several friends and came to the city, the party registering at the Nash hotel and the others leaving for their homes the next day.

Homesick, Walks 11,000 Miles To See Relatives; Only Halfway Home Now



MILWAUKEE, Wis.—From the Argentine across Bering Straits into Siberia and thence to Prague, Czechoslovakia, 29,000 miles on foot, seems almost impossible, but it is being done.

WEIR JR. FAILS TO CLEAR UP MAID'S DEATH

Portland; Knothole Murder Is Unsolved—Find Clue to Identity of Girl—Mrs. Leary Sticks to Story of Water-front Crime.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 22.—Earl Weir was brought here today from Rainier, Ore., where he was taken into custody late last night, and questioned concerning the story told by Mrs. Helen Leary that his father, Cash Weir, 62-year-old riverman, had slain an unidentified fifteen-year-old girl in a houseboat here last September.

Portland officers who questioned him, said he had not cleared up the mystery as to whether a murder had been committed and that they were not satisfied with the results of their questioning of him.

In addition to the two Weirs and Mrs. Leary, three other persons, waterfront denizens, who were reported to have some knowledge of circumstances related by Mrs. Leary, were taken into custody in connection with the police investigation of her story that she has been through a knothole of a houseboat an attack by the elder Weir which ended in the death of the 15-year-old girl.

Public Needs Ere Rail Dividends Is Car Shortage Cure

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—No railroad could declare a dividend until the inter-state commerce commission has certified that it was adequately equipped, under a bill introduced today by Senator Johnson, republican, California. It would require the commission to hold public hearings and grant permits for dividend declarations.

OREGON'S SHARE IN RECLAMATION FUNDS, SPARSE

\$2,100,000 Designated for Projects in State—\$700,000 for Klamath Plan—Increase National Park Money—Alaska Gets Dry Money.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The annual supply bill for various branches of the government service under the interior department, carrying \$294,315,300 was reported today to the house. The total is \$2,996,765 less than last year and \$1,142,952 below the budget estimate.

The bill of the total is for the pension office which is allotted \$254,858,460, an increase of \$612,268 over last year.

For the reclamation service the bill provides \$12,250,000, a decrease of about two and one-half million dollars. The appropriations sub-committee report, presented by Chairman Cramton, said the amount was based on a conservative judgment and that the old practice of appropriations based upon maximum estimates of money to be available, "resulted in raising high hopes in many communities in the west which were not realized."

The allotments will be available for expenditure during the fiscal year, beginning next July 1.

FAMED NOTRE DAME CHURCH SET ABLAZE

Historic Edifice at Quebec, Ninth Catholic Church in Canada, Destroyed This Year—Warning Sent Police—Chicago Landmark Burns—Once Best Depot.

QUEBEC, Dec. 22.—The fire which destroyed the historic \$1,000,000 Notre Dame church early today is believed to have been caused by an incendiary, according to Daniel Lorrain, chief of the provincial police, who said he had received a letter informing him that the edifice would be burned on December 23. First reports said it was believed the blaze was caused by a short circuit in the electrical wiring.

The structure was considered one of the finest and most artistic church buildings in Canada and the interior had been renovated recently at a cost of \$90,000. The loss was said to be covered by insurance.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Smoldering ruins today marked the site of the Dearborn street railroad station, a landmark since 1884, and once known as the best railroad station in the world.

'FRISCO LOVE OF TURKEY LOST

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 22.—Turkeys appear to have lost much of their former Yuletide popularity in San Francisco, according to the state division of markets here today. Although 254 tons of the California and Oregon birds were received this morning, their sale at 40 to 44 cents a pound retail, dressed, is slow.

This condition is attributed to the fact that much of the receipts is under-grade, producers in many cases killing young stock which are not yet in condition.

ADVOCATE SAME LAW FOR BUYERS AS SELLERS OF 'MULE,' CURB BOOTLEGGING

TACOMA, Dec. 22.—A state law providing the same punishment for buyers as for sellers of liquor is being advocated by United States Marshal Ed D. Benn, who announces that he will appear before the coming legislature to advocate such a statute.