

WOMAN ADMITS KILLING YOUTH; GUN UNLOADED

'Kid' Son of Brooklyn Physician Before Tragedy - Roadhouse Operator Fled Into Forest - Claims Killing Was Accident.

SEATTLE, May 31.—(AP) Sheriff Claude G. Hannick announced today that Mrs. Peggy Davis, operator of a road house near Skykomish, 30 miles northeast of here, had confessed that she had accidentally shot to death George Fowler, 21, son of a Brooklyn, N. Y., physician, on the highway near her place last night.

The body of the youth was found on the road near the resort. Search was being made for the woman, as she was known to have been in his company. She was found in the brush early today and placed under arrest.

"I kidded him for carrying a revolver," Hannick quoted the woman as saying, "so he gave me the weapon, saying it was unloaded. I pulled the trigger and I saw him fall. Half crazed with fear, I ran away, plugging over rocks and streams and through brush until early today. Then I started back to Skykomish and you officers found me."

"Fowler had been in Skykomish about ten days. His body was taken to Monroe. Mrs. Davis was to be brought to Seattle for questioning."

Officers said they had received a telegram from Fowler's father this morning, offering a reward of \$1000 for the arrest and conviction of the youth's slayer. A card bearing the address, 202 Washington avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y., was found in Fowler's pocket.

PATHFINDER OF AIR-ARMADA TO ARRIVE TODAY

The Fokker pathfinder plane of the national air tour, arrived at the Medford airport this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

The pilot plane of the aerial pathfinding trip to map out a route for the national air tour, which leaves Detroit, Mich., June 20, is scheduled to arrive here this afternoon from San Francisco and, together with Ray Cooper, tour reporter, and Lieutenant Spance, pilot, will probably spend the night here while on the 6000-mile flight from Detroit to the coast and return.

While en route to Medford the pilot plane will stop at Oakland and Corning, Cal. Cooper, in addition to the pilot, is accompanied by Ray Collins, tour reporter, and three Detroit newspaper men, all of whom are traveling in a three-motored Fokker loaned by the United States army service.

The first stop on the pathfinding trip was Indianapolis, which entertained the 1924 national air tour, and which has requested a return of the air caravan. St. Louis was also a stop for a visit on the first day's hop.

Other cities on the pathfinding trip and date upon which arrival was scheduled are as follows: Springfield, Mo.; Wichita, Kas.; and Tulsa, Okla., May 22; Oklahoma City, Okla., and Fort Worth, Texas—May 23; Vancouver and San Antonio, Texas—May 24; Santa Fe and El Paso, Texas—May 25; Tucson and Phoenix, Ariz., and San Diego, Cal.—May 26; Los Angeles—May 27; Fresno, San Francisco and Oakland—May 28; Medford and Portland, Ore.—May 29; Tacoma and Spokane, Wash.—May 30; Missoula and Great Falls, Mont.—May 31; Froid, Mont., and Minot, N. D.; June 1; Fargo, N. D., and St. Paul—June 2.

The route of this year's tour—6000 miles long—is more than three times the distance covered by the first tour in 1923—1900 miles. The second tour involved 600 miles of flying, while last year's distance was 4000 miles. The great increase in mileage each year has been necessitated by the marked improvement in aircraft equipment which made the distance for previous tours inadequate for reliability contest purposes.

FEAR FOR SAFETY BALLOON RACERS

PITTSBURGH, May 31.—(AP) Apprehension that the C. A. Palmer and wife, L. W. Hill, both of Akron, Ohio, may have met with serious mishap in the storm that disrupted the national balloon race last night, was expressed at race headquarters here today as hours passed without definite word from the two men.

Palmer and Hill, flying the American Business club of Akron entry, were reported down at Banning, a tiny mining town in West-mountain county, last night, race officials said, but at balloon headquarters today it was said this report had not yet been verified.

Sports EXPECT BIG CROWD TO SEE STRANGLER LEWIS IN ACTION

Working practically day and night, Sailor Jack Wood, local wrestling matchmaker, is gradually completing preparations for Medford's "sporting" event next Friday night at the Armory, where Billie Shaw of Warren, O., champion of his home state, will wrestle Ed (Strangler) Lewis, world's heavyweight champion. The match will be given under the auspices of the local American Legion post and fans are expected to be presented from all parts of southern Oregon and northern California.

In speaking of Lewis' ability as a wrestler today, Matchmaker Wood dwelt a short time on his headlock, which the champion has perfected beyond average competition.

"Billy Sandow, Lewis' trainer," said Wood today, "knew something of physiology and the construction of the nerve forces of the human body. He learned that a tight grip around the side of a man's jaw, applied with the right leverage, would have practically the same effect as that of a blow on the jaw by a fighter. The fighter is knocked out with it at once, but the headlock Sandow taught Champion Lewis, while just as deadly, is longer in taking effect. Knowing these things, Sandow and Lewis worked it out in such a way that he is today the most feared wrestler in the game."

"Followers of wrestling believe," continued Wood, "that the hold is the most terrible grip in the game, but this is far from correct, as the headlock is the most terrible and most feared hold. A wrestler, who has had a real Lewis headlock, will never forget the sensation as long as he lives. The headlock, when applied with the strength that Lewis possesses, is his main hold, especially when he has improved it to such an extent that he secures the lock on the jaw from a standing position and, after he applies the right leverage, the Strangler forces his opponent over his hip and drags him through the air, crashing him to the mat completely knocked out."

CLAIM UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR PAID BY PUBLIC UTILITIES

WASHINGTON, May 31.—(AP) Evidence that Theodore J. Grayson, a professor at the University of Pennsylvania, had been paid for making speeches on public utilities, and had held official positions with the New Jersey commission for public utilities information as well as the New Jersey Utilities association, was given the federal trade commission today by Grayson himself.

Appearing as a witness in the commission's investigation of the financing of these utilities and their activities in disseminating information favorable to their viewpoint, Grayson said he had been paid \$7500 by utilities groups for speeches in New Orleans, Richmond, Va., and Geneva, N. Y.

George V. Lewis, Denver, executive secretary of the Rocky Mountain committee on public utilities information, the next witness on the stand, said he was a newspaper man prior to accepting the position when it was created in 1922.

Lewis said that about \$18,000 received from member companies and the National Electric association was disbursed annually through his offices.

PACIFIC FLIGHT STARTS (Continued from Page One.)

as one of the most efficient radio men developed by the navy.

All the fliers were extremely confident on the take-off and expected to be in Honolulu within 24 hours. They said they would arrive there about 11 a. m. Pacific coast time, tomorrow. The distance is about 2400 miles.

The men were given maps showing ships along the route to Honolulu.

WEED COPS GAME, HENNESSY HOPE 10 TO 9, WHEN KID HURLER WEAKENS OF AMERICA IN DAVIS CUP PLAY

Jack Hughes, a high school kid, pitched six innings of good ball against the Weed team of the Oregon-California league, holding them to scattered hits, and then made an ascension when he lost control, and started tossing passes and Weed won the game, 10 to 9, before a good sized holiday crowd. Left handed Jud Perroll was rushed to the rescue with the bases full and with one ball to go on, foyed in another run. When Jack soared aloft he had a seven-run lead, and when he retired, the crowd gave him a rousing round of applause. It was his first game in fast company, and he made a good showing.

The Merchants routed Hamblin, who started in the box, but could not get to Lander, who succeeded him, and were unable to bring over the tying score. With a man out third in the ninth, with two out, Old Al Brunette lifted a high fly to first base.

The hitting sensation of the score was George Markel, who got three hits, the first one when it counted the most, and the fielding star was Mahoney, who has been out of practice for two years. He contributed a brilliant stop and long throw, and got a two-base hit. He showed he was a ball player.

Umpire Earl Davis had a tough day. He got hit in the eye, and cracked on the shin.

Next Sunday the Medford Merchants play Weed at Weed, and Grants Pass plays the Owen-Oregon team here.

COCHET DEFEATS AMERICAN STAR

AUTUELL, France, May 31.—(AP) Henri Cochet, French "musketeer," today defeated Francis T. Hunter, reigning American player, in the fourth round of the international hard court championship tournament, 1-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-3.

Rene Lacoste swept into the men's singles finals ahead of the field by defeating the young Australian, Jack Crawford, 6-0, 6-1, 7-5. Christian Boususs, 18-year-old French tennis star, practically "finished" across the career of the once great Australian, Gerald Patterson, as far as leading roles in international singles are concerned, when he forced him to abandon their match today after the third set, with the score, 6-1, 6-7, 9-7. Patterson became exhausted.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.—Young Strubling, technically knocked out Johnny Echan, Pittsburgh, (1), "Baby" Strubling won from Balthasar Smith, Fort Oglethorpe, (3).

TEHUACA, Mex.—Beet Collins, Mexico, knocked out Walcott Langford, Chicago, (7).

NEILSON, B. C., May 31.—(AP) Orville Darr, heavy-weight batter of Spokane and George Harlow,

Nelson's white hope, battled to a 10-round draw here last night before a packed opera house. Harlow dropped Darr for the count of nine in the seventh with a left hook. He opened a cut over the Spokane boy's left eye early in the battle. They weighed 186 pounds.

SEVILLE, Spain, May 31.—(AP) Belier that the Spanish fliers, Ignacio Iglesias and Francisco Jimenez, who hopped off from Seville

at noon Tuesday to break the world's distance flight record, might have started across the Atlantic for Havana, was dispelled today by receipt of a radio message saying the Spanish plane was about 890 miles from Karachi, India, last night.

SALEM, Ore., May 31.—(AP) Mrs. Mary Peterson, 53, for 22 years an inmate of the state hospital for the insane, committed suicide at the hospital early this morning by hanging herself to a window guard with a bedsheet. She had been dead about an hour and a half

when the body was found. Mrs. Peterson was a native of Finland and was committed to the hospital in 1906 from Astoria where she has relatives.

Fine Point of Motoring BROCKTON, Mass.—Sitting at the steering wheel of an automobile does not constitute driving even if another motor car is pushing the machine, a court here ruled.

"The Blindfold test convinced me OLD GOLD did not even have a runner-up," says MILTON SILLS

"It's like deciding a beauty contest in the dark," I said when they told me about the blindfold cigarette test. But the experiment convinced me. The beauty of a cigarette is all inside, and I didn't have to see the label to know that Old Gold didn't even have a runner-up. I picked it out readily from the other brands as the smoothest and best cigarette. Now it's always Old Gold with me.



MILTON SILLS, popular First National star, whose recent releases are "Burning Daylight," "Valley of the Giants" and "The Hawk's Nest."

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