BOY CONFESSES SHOT MOTHER AND TWO FARM HANDS

EDMONTON, Alberta, July 25.—(AP)—Vernon Booher, 22, farmer's son of Mannville, Alberta, has confessed to police that he killed his mother, his older brother and two hired men on his father's farm July 9.

Provincial police made this announcement today, after holding up the boy's confession for 24 hours to give him an opportunity to retract or amend it, which police say he gave them yesterday "to get it all over with."

Young Booher has been detained by police as a material witness since the inquest, when he testified that he was milking on the evening of July 9, heard shots and ran to the house to find his mother dead at the kitchen table, shot from behind, his brother dead in the sitting room and the two hired men dead in the barn. The father was not home and two sisters also were absent. At first police were baffled in their search for the murderer or the establishment of a motive.

As circumstantial evidence piled up against young Booher, police said they obtained from him a confession that he shot his mother and brother because of "mother and Fred's constant nagging of me about a girl I am crazy about. I had it planned for sometime."

The hired men, according to the police, were killed because they were coming up to the house after the shooting. Booher is said to have confessed that he then threw down the rifle and went to a neighbor's house to give the alarm.

FUNERAL FOR ELLEN TERRY IS BEAUTIFUL

SMALL HYTHE, Kent, England, July 25.—(AP)—This little hamlet bade farewell today to its much loved Ellen Terry in a setting far removed from the funeral gloom she so abhorred.

The parish church here was the scene of the funeral services. There was nothing dirge-like in the music and the whole service was one of impressive simplicity.

The small company of mourners, which besides the family included several of the late actress' closest friends, passed slowly out of the chapel followed by the congregation of villagers.

The coffin, covered with beautiful flowers, was drawn at a slow pace through the town to Penderden from whose tower the muffled peal of a bell rang out and thus on toward London where the body will be cremated.

1928 Hop Crop Larger.

SALEM, Ore., July 25.—(AP)—Oregon's hop crop for 1928 is variously estimated by dealers and growers here at from 90,000 to 100,000 bales, as against an 80,000 bale yield for last year. Expectation of the additional crop is based on new acreage, the growth of the crop being about on a par with last year.

Not a Bad Idea.

LOS ANGELES — The federal government may collect the cost of forest fires from the parties responsible hereafter. Suit for 15000 damages was filed here in the United States court against the Madera Sugar Pine company alleging that a fire was started through negligence of the concern.

MEN SOAKED WITH GASOLINE DIE IN TERRIBLE AGONY

KINGMAN, Ariz., July 25.—(AP)—Early this morning the inferno that had been the Union Oil company plant here still raged, with two lives and a possible third sacrificed to its blazing maw. Harold Davis of this city and Charles H. Rogers of Los Angeles, Cal., are dead, despite the efforts of E. G. Putnam and William St. Charles, also of Kingman, to extinguish the torchlike blaze of their bodies. St. Charles was seriously burned.

The disaster started when four, changing valves in a large gasoline tank, found it difficult to install the new valve. Gasoline began to flow along the railroad tracks nearby, due to this leak which the four, despite their frantic efforts could not stop. The trail of gasoline became ignited consuming Davis and Rogers, whose clothes were saturated, as were those of the other two.

All Santa Fe trains were stopped, both eastbound and westbound, due to the heat of the conflagration. Firemen had succeeded in keeping the blaze from spreading to nearby properties, which include a lumber yard and a power plant.

Malin Faces Ruin As Result of S. P. Changing Route

SALEM, Ore., July 25.—(AP)—A delegation representing the interests of the town of Malin, Klamath county, called on Governor Patterson today asking his good offices to persuade the Southern Pacific company to adhere to its first survey for a railroad from Klamath Falls to Alturas, Cal. The delegation will make a similar request of the public service commission at a conference in Portland tomorrow.

Some years ago, it was said, the Southern Pacific made the survey which skirted the north and east shores of Tule lake. On the strength of this survey the town of Malin was founded. Later Tule lake was drained, and lately a new survey has been made across the lake bed, which, it is claimed, will leave Malin six miles off the railroad and ruin the town.

Gypsy Girl Given to Christy Home; Mother Loses Out

PORTLAND, Ore., July 25.—(AP)—June Adams, Gypsy girl reared by a Portland negro family, was ordered late yesterday by Judge Deich to be placed in the Christy home for Girls at Oswego until she reaches her majority. This was the outcome of the fight by Annie Adams, her Gypsy mother, to recover her from the negro family that had reared the girl. The mother left the child with a Spanish woman who later turned her over to a negro neighbor.

One-Legged Man Swims Wallowa Lake in 2 Hours

LA GRANDE, Ore., July 25.—(AP)—Chilly Wallowa Lake, conquered by five women in the last four years, has at last seen a man swim it from end to end. Reports a- today said Maurice Weis, LaGrande school teacher, swam the four and a half mile distance in 2 hours, 25 minutes. Weis' feat was the more remarkable because he has only one leg.

FOREST FIRE NEAR LA GRANDE IS PUT OUT

LA GRANDE, Ore., July 25.—(AP)—A forest fire, starting from a grass fire near timber just south of the LaGrande city limits, was put under control late last night after several hours' fighting.

Fire destroyed a barn on a foothill farm. It was caused by the exhaust from a car.

Last night coal chutes in the Oregon-Washington railroad yards caught fire, burning the upper part of the building with an estimated loss of $5000.

DOLORES DEL RIO HAS HER NAME BOBBED

LOS ANGELES, July 25.—(AP)—An operation will be performed today upon Dolores Del Rio's name removing the middle section so that she will be known legally as well as professionally as plain Dolores Del Rio. Her attorney will petition the superior court to permit her to omit "Asunsolo De Martinez," which heretofore has separated Dolores and Del when she has had to sign her name to contracts and divorce decrees and such.

No opposition to her request is anticipated.

Another Bank Robbed.

TULSA, Okla., July 25.—(AP)—Harry Mathias, cashier of the First State Bank at Lamont, 30 miles northeast of here, was kidnaped by two bandits who robbed the bank shortly after noon today. The bandits, driving a large sedan, escaped. They were seen leaving Lamont in an eastward direction.

GIRL PRINTER SEEKS AIR FAME

From comparative obscurity as a linotype operator on a daily newspaper Miss Dorothy Thompson, 22, of Houston, Tex., has arisen to demand that recognition be accorded her as a flyer. With 100 solo hours to her credit Miss Thompson has announced her intention to enter a Dallas-Hong Kong, China, flight for a prize of $25,000.

Where Hoover Out-classes Al Smith

Under Secretary Hoover's guidance the department of commerce has issued yearly a statement showing the flow of money in and out of the United States in the form of both visible and invisible items. Each year, as the compilation of these figures has become better systematized and better co-operation has been secured from the whole business world, the reports have proved of greater value. This year, when our whole foreign trade policy is in review before the politically minded public, the report covering 1927 brings out some particularly significant facts in relation to American loans made abroad. It shows:

1—That foreigners invested over half as much in the United States as Americans invested abroad.

2—That the sum invested by Americans abroad, plus interest and so on to foreigners holding American securities, was less than the comparative sum invested by foreigners in the United States plus interest to Americans holding foreign securities plus war debt payments. In other words, on these counts money came into and did not go out of the United States.

3—That American tourists spent abroad in 1927 a sum greater than a third of the total amount of money loaned abroad by American investors.

These facts will be of special interest when the regular political hue and cry against American loans abroad is being broadcast. They will also be of interest when the relative experience and wisdom of Secretary Hoover and Governor Smith are put in the balance by those who realize what a colossal factor our whole foreign investment and foreign trade policy is in our national life. Hoover knows the economic fabric outside the United States as do few men. Governor Smith does not know it at all. Hoover would have the personal knowledge and wisdom to observe the flow of capital and goods in international channels and know when that flow was helpful or harmful to the American people. Governor Smith would not. This is but one instance in which a comparison of the fitness of the two men for the presidency can lead to but one conclusion.—The Independent.

NEARLY HALF OF CARS IN OREGON NOW TOURING

SALEM, Ore., July 25.—(AP)—Of all the motor vehicles that passed given points in Oregon Thursday, July 18, when a traffic census was taken between the hours of 6 a. m. and 10 p. m., more than 47 per cent were from other states. The count was made by the state highway department. A total of 102,968 cars were counted bearing Oregon licenses, and 49,357 from other states. Motor buses numbered 2,218 and trucks 16,855. There were 644 motorcycles and 450 horse drawn vehicles.

Parkplace bridge north of Oregon City was as usual the point of heaviest traffic in the state. A total of 3125 passenger cars of Oregon registered and 619 from other states passed that place.

SALEM, Ore., July 25.—(AP)—Notwithstanding the lateness of the summer season in Oregon during the current year, the June record of registrations of tourist cars from other states shows a decided increase over the same month in previous years, says a statement today by Secretary of State Kozer. During the month there were 12,887 cars from other states registered at the several stations in Oregon bringing the total for the year so far to 24,831. As in previous years the greatest tourist travel has been from the south, 20,831 coming from California.

Insane People Increase.

SALEM, Ore., July 25.—(AP)—The population of the two state hospitals for the insane located at Salem and Pendleton has grown in one year from 2169 to 2387, an increase of 118, says a statement today by Secretary of State Sam A. Kozer. At the state penitentiary population in the short space of a year has increased 217, now totaling 707.

JOHNNY WOOD IS CERTAIN OF AIR TOUR PRIZE NOW

ST. PAUL, Minn., July 25.—(AP)—With Pilot George W. Haldeman showing the way, airplanes of the national reliability air tour landed at the St. Paul municipal airport shortly before noon today.

Most of the planes made the 218-mile leg from Fargo in about two hours. Haldeman, who was Ruth Elder's pilot on her Atlantic flight, was third out of the North Dakota city.

Fourth to arrive here was John P. Wood of Wausau, Wis., whose lead on points for the tour is so formidable, only the complete failure of his plane could prevent him from taking first place, tour officials said.

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CALIF. TOURISTS BOUND, ROBBED NEAR HOOD RIVER

HOOD RIVER, Ore., July 25.—(AP)—Held up and robbed of $480 by three young men, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Buck, of Fresno, Cal., were bound and left beside a road near Cascade locks this morning. The three holdup men covered their victims with a blanket and escaped in an automobile.

Mr. and Mrs. Buck, driving from Spokane to their home were stopped by the men who flashed lights upon their car from the side of the road, three miles east of Cascade locks. They were forced to drive down an old road toward the Columbia river ferry, and there were ordered to leave the car. The robbers, after relieving them of their cash and a small clock and Mrs. Buck's glasses, tied the couple together and forced them to lie on the ground, covering them with a blanket.

Two hours elapsed before Buck was able to break loose from the cords. He attracted the attention of a farmer who called a truck driver.

Police believe the robbers used a small sedan, which was stolen from the streets of Hood River last night.

Portland Garage Fire Is Probed; 15 Cars Burned

PORTLAND, Ore., July 25.—(AP)—Origin of the blaze which last night swept the half block housing the Sunset Electric company and the Cusant garage, was being investigated today by fire marshals. Loss was estimated between $50,000 and $75,000.

An explosion while the fire was burning blew out windows of the garage and endangered firemen. Fifteen automobiles stored in the garage and much costly radio equipment in the electric building were destroyed.

Quake in Azores.

PONTA DELGADA, Island of St. Michael, Azores, July 25.—(AP)—Reports from the island of St. Michael state that a severe earthquake shock was felt last night at the Caldeiras sulfur baths station, near the center of the island.

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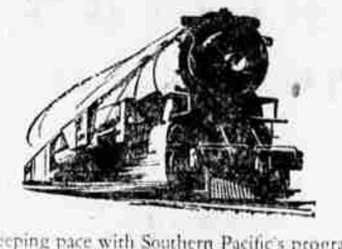

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