

NET TIGHTENS ABOUT GILDED-EASTERN YOUTH

Evidence Accumulates at Astounding Rate Against Russell St. Clair Beitzel, Suspected of Slaying of Philadelphia Girl in Hollywood.

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 6.—(AP)—The return of the murderer to the scene of his crime—a favorite theme of fiction—was enacted in real life, in the opinion of police, when the body of Miss Barbara Mauer was hurled more than a month ago into a canyon in the hills above Hollywood, where it was found.

Russell St. Clair Beitzel, who brought Barbara Mauer from Philadelphia, lived with her unwed in Hollywood and now is accused of her murder, was identified yesterday as a man who a week after the slaying was taken by a taxi driver to within a hundred yards of the body's rocky resting place.

R. T. Redell, the taxi driver, told police that on the day which they say Beitzel chose to follow the aged-oldest of the murdered and the place of his crime, a man stepped him in downtown Los Angeles and asked him to take him to the hills to see how his "liquor" plant was getting along. He said that this man, whom he identified as Beitzel despite Beitzel's flat denial of ever having seen him before, left the car with a package smelling like creosote, but he turned without it. "Then," he says, he asked to be driven "any damned place, but get out of here," after capturing the climax of his visit to the lonely spot by literally embalming the body of the girl with whom he eloped from Philadelphia, leaving a wife and two children.

Cartridges Are Same. An 11-year-old boy yesterday gave the police a box of cartridges of the same caliber as the pistol found in Beitzel's office desk. The boy said he had found them at a spot near that where the body was found.

The box bore the name of the store which, on his own testimony, sold Beitzel some shells for "target practice." There were 42 shells in the box.

On Saturday detectives found a large caliber pistol wrapped in a towel in Beitzel's desk at his office. The shells brought to the police from the vicinity of the crime are of the caliber required for this weapon.

Today a package was expected from Phoenix, Ariz., containing Miss Mauer's clothes and other garments. Police believe some of the clothing torn from the body of the murdered woman will be in this bundle. Beitzel is said to have mailed this package to a fictitious address in Phoenix, giving a fictitious return address in Seattle.

OREGON BARBER IS SHOT DOWN AT HIS CHAIR

George Parry, La Grande Barber, Killed While at Work By Irate Husband—Latter Says He Is Sorry When Victim Dies.

LA GRANDE, Ore., Aug. 6.—(AP)—George Parry, La Grande barber, was fatally shot just before noon today as he stood at his chair in his barber shop, five small caliber bullets entering his body, and he died shortly afterwards at a local hospital. Eddie Fallows, 24, immediately after the shooting, went to the police station and surrendered. He freely admitted shooting, declaring to the Associated Press correspondent that Parry "had been bothering" Fallows' wife.

Parry was shot five times thru the body, one bullet piercing his right arm, others went into the chest and back.

Parry is married, his wife and children recently went to southern Oregon, visiting, but have returned.

Fallows has engaged H. E. Dixon as attorney. There will be no court action until tomorrow as Dixon is trying a lawsuit in circuit court today.

Coroner F. L. Ralston announced that an inquest would be held tomorrow night.

Fallows, when told that Parry had died, expressed sorrow, saying "I didn't intend to kill him."

Before going to the county jail he asked officers to purchase cigarettes, apples and oranges for him.

He has been employed by the railroad company, Fallows' demeanor was calm although he was upset when news of Parry's death reached him. He said little to reporters except that "Parry had been bothering my wife."

He told police that he entered the barber shop and shot Parry, and that no words were exchanged in the shop before the shooting.

When his mother, on the verge of a breakdown, saw him at the police station, he attempted to quiet her.

Parry had been a barber here for several years. He was father of five children.

Fallows gave a seven-shot 22 caliber target revolver to police when he surrendered.

William Schultz, fleet club barber at Slusser's shop on Main street reports that a barber by the name of Parry, worked extra in this city a year or 14 months ago, but does not recall what shop he worked at. He is also under the impression that Parry had relatives living west of Grants Pass.

PLAINFIELD, N. J.—Former German war flier and his pupil killed in plane crash.

WORLD'S HIGHEST AIR DERBY



Pikes Peak is the background for the "Aeronautique" to be held at Colorado Springs, Colo., municipal airport, Aug. 10-12. One of the events for higher powered planes is to be a race over the summit house of Pike's Peak and return to the airport, a distance of 20 miles. The plane above is piloted by O. M. (Red) Mosier, Missouri Valley conference athlete and official, who is entered in the air meet.

PRODUCE \$3,500,000 WITHIN ONE WEEK OR GO TO STATE PRISON

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Aug. 6.—(AP)—Roy C. Tombs and other officers of the International Life Insurance company have been given a week in which to produce \$3,500,000 in securities or face a recommendation of criminal action by eight insurance commissioners from eight states who are investigating the company.

Tombs in Chicago denied last night that there was any shortage or discrepancy in the affairs of his company, saying the International Life is in "very splendid condition."

The report of the commissioners, made by Charles R. Detrick, California commissioner, said they were unable to find the securities and that Tombs had refused them access to his books when they called upon him in Chicago.

Tombs replied to this with a declaration that neither he, or any officer of the company, has received a report from either insurance examiners or the commissioners.

A Lucky Escape. BAKER, Ore., Aug. 6.—(AP)—A. D. Smith of Hornistown suffered a broken leg and bruises when his delivery truck loaded with produce was struck by a west-bound mail train in Haines, 11 miles south of here, last night.

PORTLAND'S BOY SLAYER TO PLEAD INSANITY DEFENSE

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 6.—(AP) Roy Mead, 15 year old confessed slayer of his employer and benefactor E. D. Dewey, asked in jail today: "Where is my mother? Why doesn't she come to see me?"

His mother, Mrs. Dora Van Norden had been to visit District Justice Hendrickson Saturday, and had arranged for counsel for the boy's defense.

Lord & Moulton, defense attorneys, announced today that the boy would be examined by Dr. William House, Portland alienist, and the court is to be asked to appoint a board to examine the boy with a view to establishing traces of insanity.

Women who will serve on the committee to continue investigation in regard to the city lot and proposed building are: Mrs. M. N. Hogan, Mrs. Charles Furnas, Mrs. L. B. Tuttle.

Wire Flashes of Last Night (By the Associated Press.) BELGRADE.—Editor Hestevich, critic of peasant party leader, shot down in street.

MOSCOW.—Commissariat increases price of grain bought from peasants 18 per cent.

PARIS.—One thousand communists arrested when they held meeting against police orders.

ALBANIA, TIRED OF A REPUBLIC, WILL CHOOSE NEW KING

LONDON, Aug. 6.—(AP)—Albania, which emerged as a republic after a period of anarchy following the short reign of Prince William of Wied, may soon become a monarchy again.

Authoritative sources in Tirana state that parliament has dissolved itself to make place for a constituent assembly, adding that this will meet on August 25 to revise the constitution and a monarchy will be proclaimed, with President Ahmed Bey Zogu as king.

After the present constitution was framed in 1925 with Ahmed Zogu as president he was reported to have tried to win the consent of Jugo-Slav and Italian diplomats for the conversion of Albania into a monarchy. The Jugo-Slavs refused, but the Italians consented in principle.

LOS ANGELES.—Mrs. Myrtle Mellus, society matron, found murdered in bedroom of home; suspect found hiding in closet.

GREATER M. CLUB DECIDES ON NEW LOT FOR HOUSE

After three and a half hours of deliberation, members of the Greater Medford club decided at a luncheon meeting today to trade their lot, located just back of the Catholic academy, on Ivy street, for the triangle near the high school on North Oakdale, North Ivy and West Third street, which is owned by the city of Medford. The motion was carried unanimously and specified that the deal should be closed only under the condition that taxes, paving and other arrangements were included in the settlement.

It was believed that the matter of purchasing some suitable building to be used as a clubhouse would be settled today. Instead of this, after much discussion of at least half a dozen different houses in town, the women came to a sudden decision that it would be better to build a new house.

A proposed plan drawn up for the committee by Louis B. Humphreys was submitted for approval of the women. It was not definitely decided, however, that this plan will be used when they are ready to construct a new building.

Several generous donations by various women were offered in the event that the proposed club house becomes a reality. A drive for funds will also be under way in the near future, according to present plans.

A committee consisting of the following women was appointed to conduct a campaign for new members in the organization which has fewer members now than when it was started over 25 years ago: Mrs. M. N. Hogan, Mrs. Charles Furnas and Mrs. L. B. Tuttle.

Three prizes will be awarded to women who secure the largest number of members before the fall meeting, which will be held the first of September. Five years' membership in the club will be the first award, for the second largest number, three years' membership and for the third prize, two years' free membership.

Women who will serve on the committee to continue investigation in regard to the city lot and proposed building are: Mrs. M. N. Hogan, Mrs. Charles Furnas, Mrs. P. E. Merrick and Mrs. R. W. Steier.

NEW EAST-WEST RAILROAD URGED BY CATTLEMEN

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 6.—(AP) Livestock development of southwestern Idaho has been hindered because of lack of dependable markets, and the only hope is railroad construction that will provide better outlet, John Smeed of Caldwell declared at an interstate commerce commission hearing here today on a proposed cross-state railroad in Oregon.

The Oregon public service commission has petitioned for construction of such a railroad to open up undeveloped regions of central Oregon.

Producers cannot afford to ship cattle to San Francisco over the present rail route, Mr. Smeed said. In shipments of 1,000 to 2,000 miles, shrinkage in weight and quality destroys a great deal of the value of the stock. Feed bills mount high.

At present, Portland and Seattle are the only markets within reasonable distance, he continued. They can consume only 50 or 60 carloads a day.

Mr. Smeed gave statistics to support his arguments. The proposed cross-state cutoff, he said, would shorten the haul to San Francisco by about 100 miles.

New irrigation development in southwestern Idaho means still greater production of beef, Mr. Smeed said. That increase will do the producers no good unless they can get it to market.

LEGION TO MEET TONIGHT AND GO OVER THE BILLS

An important meeting of the Legion convention commission will be held at 7:30 tonight at the Chamber of Commerce. Every member of the commission is urged to be present, in order that all convention business may be settled as soon as possible. It is hoped to be able to render a complete report on the finances at an early date.

Local Legionnaires have been busy today acknowledging the many compliments paid them for the efficient manner in which they put over the recent American Legion convention. Although this was by far the largest convention ever staged in southern Oregon, every detail was taken care of, thanks to the untiring efforts of the local Legion members, who sacrificed their own personal pleasure to put over the big three-day celebration.

Splendid co-operation was also rendered by many of the citizens of Medford, who helped out, not only in providing cars, but in many other ways. To these citizens and all those who helped make the convention a success, the officers of Medford post express their sincere appreciation.

The Portland newspapers, as well as other papers throughout Oregon and other western states, carried big stories on the Medford Legion convention in yesterday's editions.

Hundreds of columns of news matter have appeared in western papers regarding the Legion convention and Medford during the past few months, as a result of the efforts of the publicity committee of Medford post.

This material is now being assembled and a complete report will be rendered by the committee in the near future.

BOOTLEGGERS RING LEADERS SENTENCED

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 6.—(AP)—Sentences of thirteen men, convicted in May, 1926, of being the prime instigators in a gigantic bootlegger ring operating by powerboats and trucks from Vancouver through Seattle into the United States, were imposed today in the U. S. circuit court of appeals.

Peter Dahl, Mike Gaidosh, Ernest Poth, Edward Graham, Lou Gilliam, Benny Goldsmith, George Kerns, Gus Koeneman, Leroy Mills, Chris Skrodahl, Dave Trotsky and Stanley McCluskey, the principals, under the verdict, will pay fines aggregating more than \$15,000 and serve sentences averaging 13 months each at McNeil's Island, Wash.

AMSTERDAM.—America wins two relay races and Olympic track and field games with point total of 173; Finland second with 162.

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