

THUGS' VICTIM LAYS HELPLESS AFTER BEATING

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 11.—(AP)—Harold E. Bennett, 28, died in the Pierce county hospital this morning from exposure and gangrene brought about as he lay helpless for two weeks in the gutter of a vacant house after being beaten and robbed by two thugs.

He was found yesterday almost starved to death and with his feet frozen to a point two inches above his ankles. Police were called and with difficulty entered the garret and took Bennett to the hospital.

Bennett told of his experiences since he left the home of relatives at Collins station, two weeks ago.

He said after vainly trying to find employment on road construction jobs south of Tacoma, he started to walk toward the city. It became dark when he was in the vicinity of Fern Hill and he decided, inasmuch as he had a roll of blankets with him, to sleep in the vacant house.

When he got inside the house he was set upon by two men. The thugs knocked him unconscious and robbed him of \$49, he said.

When he regained consciousness he was in the gutter of the house, so badly hurt that he was unable to move himself. Police said that Bennett could not have reached the garage, alone and remove the ladder.

Art Critics Prove Too Appreciative Modernist Canvas

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 11.—(AP)—Modernistic art seems to puzzle even the critics.

For three weeks "The Post-Modernist," an example of modern art by Edwin Dickinson, son of Provincetown, Mass., hung in a choice position at the International exhibition of art here while thousands wondered what the maze of black and blue paint, as it appeared to the uninitiated eye, was intended to be.

Critics connected with the exhibition, as well as the critics, apparently understood the picture perfectly, so no one asked questions.

But imagine the embarrassment of the officials and critics when Dickinson wired a demand that his picture be hung right-side-up instead of side-ways!

LEAGUE ACTS IN SOUTH AMERICAN BORDER DISPUTE

LUGANO, Switzerland, Dec. 11.—(AP)—The council of the League of Nations today sent a cablegram to the governments of Paraguay and Bolivia, urging settlement of their border dispute by conciliation.

The council reassembled after the morning session at 3:30 p. m., and took up the draft cablegram which had been prepared amicably recalling to both governments their obligations under the covenant to settle any differences by pacific means.

LINER CLETIC REMAINS FAST IN ROCK GRIP

COBH, Ireland, Dec. 11.—(AP)—The White Star liner Cletic, which went aground at the entrance of Cork harbor yesterday, was still fast on the rocks this afternoon.

Moderating weather and calm seas, however, considerably lessened the danger of her breaking up.

White Star engineers arrived at Cobh today and boarded the vessel for an investigation upon which will depend attempts to salvage her. It was believed that the structural work amidships had been strained.

Captain Berry and some of the ship's officers, together with a skeleton crew needed to handle ropes during efforts to tow her off, remained aboard.

About 500 sacks of mail were landed from the ship yesterday.

NATURE ACCUSED OF MAKING WINE

BAHRTOW, Fla., Dec. 11.—(AP)—Nature today stood accused of violation of the national prohibition act.

Government agents invading the home of D. G. Galloway, superintendent of the southern adapted nurseries, strewed, tasted samples from 300 gallons of beverage found there and pronounced it "very excellent wine."

"If it's wine, I didn't know it," Galloway insisted.

"It was left over from the season's production of sweetened grape juice. Nature did it."

Galloway is free on bond of \$1000.

JOLLY MEETING OF ROTARY HAS LADY VISITORS

It was a rollicking, jolly meeting, and it ended all too quickly—that Rotary club luncheon to which the ladies were invited. Toasts, like some quantity of repartee were sprinkled through the hour and kept things moving from start to finish.

The introduction of "Rotary Ann" by their first names brought a shower of applause that went the rounds of the long banquet hall. A toast "To the Ladies" was read by Horace Bromley, who responded to an encore with one even better.

Bill Bolger, called upon for the first impromptu speech, gave a cleverly humorous dissertation on "The Objects of the Rotary Club."

Mrs. T. J. Ampsper, introduced by President Jack Carl as his adopted mother, responded to Bolger's talk with a masterpiece on "Service" as seen through the eyes of the Rotary Ann. She was followed by Mrs. John Perl, who sent the club into a peal of laughter with her terse comments on a recent Hawaiian trip taken by herself and husband.

The harmonica trio of the junior high school, introduced by Miss Melba Williams, played a group of delightful selections, "Sweet and Low," "Long, Long Trail" and "My Wild Irish Rose." Following this, Miss Williams sang a group of three vocal selections, accompanied on the piano by Miss Esther Church. These numbers were thoroughly enjoyed and heartily applauded.

KLAMATH INDIAN ADMITS KILLING BIDWELL RIDDLE

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Dec. 11.—(AP)—Bidwell Riddle, misnomer Klamath Indian, was beaten on the head "until he went to sleep," and his body dumped from an automobile somewhere in the Beatty district, on the Klamath reservation.

A confession to this effect was made by Burton Baker, Klamath Indian, officers announced today. The attack was said to have been made on Thanksgiving eve when Baker and his wife were taking Riddle home. A short distance west of Beatty an argument arose over some whisky according to the alleged confession. Baker declared he did not know where Riddle was left.

Baker in a long and rambling confession said he struck Riddle over the head with an automobile hammer, and that Mrs. Baker struck him with an auto tire pump.

BOY SAYS GRUDGE WAS REASON FOR SLAYING TEACHER

STANTON, Mich., Dec. 11.—(AP)—Jimmy Deacon, 15-year-old confessed slayer of Flossie Carter, Sheridan, Mich., school teacher, told authorities in a new confession today he wanted to "get even" with Miss Carter for an "old grudge," but that he had not intended to kill her.

Officers said he admitted having attempted to criminally attack the girl after choking her. He then became frightened, he said, and beat her to death either with a hammer or a stone.

The boy was in jail awaiting either a sanity examination or a formal sentence to life imprisonment.

Yesterday he told the authorities he killed the teacher because she had slapped him and made him sit in the "fool's chair" in the class room three years ago for throwing paper wads. He said he had vowed to "get even."

His father, janitor of the Sheridan school, thinks his son is insane.

PORTLAND DRIVE ON TRAFFIC VIOLATORS

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 11.—(AP)—So many motorists were in municipal court today as a result of a police drive against traffic law violators that half of a six page docket was not finished by noon.

More than \$250 had been taken in by the judge, Fred W. Stadter, in fines ranging from \$2.50 to \$7.50.

More than 250 persons were arrested yesterday in addition to 161 arrested Saturday and Sunday.

Largest Accredited Herd. HELENA, Mont.—(AP)—Central Montana claims the world's largest accredited tuberculosis-free herd of cattle. It numbers 2800 head of purebred beef animals.

Grants Pass—Layton hotel building will be razed and new building erected for Grants Pass and Josephine bank.

MORE WOMEN WORKING NOW REPORT SAYS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—(AP)—Twice as many married women work on the United States now as in 1890, not because they want to, but because they have to, is the conclusion reached in the annual report of Miss Mary Anderson, chief of the women's bureau.

"The number of married women who work solely because they do not like to stay at home or because they desire to follow some chosen occupation is so negligible as to be scarcely worth considering," the bureau's statement said.

Census figures show that of all the married women in the country, one in 11 worked in 1927, as compared to one in 22 in 1890.

While department of labor and various economic research bureau's surveys have shown the average workman's annual earnings to vary from \$1,075 to \$1,349, the report states, the minimum "health and decency" family cost of living has been found to vary from \$1,424 to \$2,009 in large cities.

"In view of these facts it can be readily understood," said Miss Anderson, "just why the wives and mothers in these families go out to seek paid employment."

CALIFORNIA SHARE OF DAM WATER IS FIXED BY SENATE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—(AP)—The senate today voted to fix California's share of water in the Boulder Canyon dam bill at 4,400,000 acre feet.

A compromise was proposed by Senator Bratton of New Mexico, after the senate had voted down a proposal by Senator Hayden of Arizona to fix California's share at 4,200,000 acre feet.

The proposal was a compromise between Arizona, which desired California's share to be limited to 4,200,000, and California, which insisted on 4,600,000 acre feet.

NORTH UMPQUA ROAD FINANCE IS DISCUSSED

ROSEBURG, Ore., Dec. 11.—(AP)—The question of creation of a super-road district, to finance construction of the North Umpqua highway, was before the state highway commission at a special meeting here today.

Oakland and Sutherella were opposed to creation of the district, believing that the road would be of no benefit, except to Roseburg. The issue has stirred up intense interest in Douglas county, and delegations on the opposing sides came for the hearing which was set to start at 2 p. m.

J. C. PENNEY TO ADD FIVE HUNDRED UNITS

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—(AP)—Directors of the J. C. Penney company today announced plans for the addition of five hundred new units to the company's chain of retail department stores.

Shopping Begins Early. NEW YORK.—(AP)—Department store executives say that Christmas gift shopping began this year before Thanksgiving, although ordinarily it is not expected until fully a week after the November holiday. Toys also have felt the Christmas demand earlier than usual.

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See Window Display

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Linen Lunch Cloth 50x50 and 45x45-inch pure Linen Lunch Cloths, in lavender, gold and rose. Real \$1.25 values. Wednesday **\$1.00** each.

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