

# LADY GIANT CONFESSED MURDERER

### Common Law Husband Drank Too Much—Details Final Fracas Told By Woman—Body Tied in Bundle and Rolled Downstairs—Taken to Country and Torch Applied.

TOULON, Ill., July 8.—(AP)—Laura Weaver, a 21-year-old woman of great size and strength, was held today for the torch murder of her common-law husband, Wilmer T. Kitzelman, 52.

Six feet tall and weighing 250 pounds, the young woman told of strangling Kitzelman, wrapping his body in a quilt, rolling it downstairs, loading it into an automobile and driving into the country where she dumped it by the roadside, poured naphtha over it and touched a match.

A brother identified the victim through a set of false teeth. After two hours' questioning, the Weaver woman detailed for county officers the story of her affair with Kitzelman and its ending. Her confession told of her growing disgust with Kitzelman's habit of drinking to excess.

"He came to our room over the gambling house at Wyoming, Ill., Sunday morning (June 30)," the confession, as released by officers said. "He had been drinking. He grabbed a chair and tried to strike me with it. I got away from that. Then he tore a mirror from the wall and brought it down on my head. It smashed into a thousand pieces and almost stunned me.

"Finally I got him on the bed and sat watching him an hour. He got up, drank some more and fell back on the bed in a stupor. "I took off his belt and punched more holes in it so I could draw it tighter. Then I pulled it around his neck until he got blue in the face. Then I hooked it.

"It was about 11:30 a. m. Sunday. Most of the folks in town were at church. I pulled the old patchwork quilt from under him and threw it over his head. It seemed a long time that he continued moving under the quilt. Finally he was still.

"I got some fish line and tied him up, bending him so his chin rested on his knees. I rolled him off the bed, and wrapped the quilt around him, like a bundle.

"I went down and drove the coupe up to the door. Then I went back. I didn't want to carry such a load down, so I rolled it down the stairs. At the foot of the stairs I picked him up and put him in the back of the coupe."

"The king was out of town, of stopping to buy naphtha and of leaving the main road for a little-frequented byway. Then she continued:

"I took the bundle out and threw it beside the road in some weeds. I poured naphtha over it, threw the jar away and touched a match. It was blazing when I drove away."

"That was on Sunday. The next day the bundle was still smoldering when the farm boys found it. The Weaver woman returned to the room and sought to destroy all evidence. One of her efforts to divert suspicion, the sheriff said, was a letter to Kitzelman's brother, E. H. Kitzelman, of Peoria, in which she said that Kitzelman was "on one of his periodical drunks," and that she was leaving to return to her home in Naperville.

The Wyoming landlord from whom the Weaver woman and Kitzelman rented became suspicious at the protracted absence of his roomers. He had heard of the finding of a body near Annawan, 50 miles away. He learned that fragments of a quilt had been found, and he identified these as being from a quilt used by his roomers. He then wrote to E. H. Kitzelman in Peoria of his suspicions. This was started the investigation which ended with Lavinia Weaver's arrest.

# ROOSEVELT HOLDS LONGEST NON-STOP WORLD'S RECORD

The forces of Nature overcame the forces of man in sensational fashion at the Indianapolis motor speedway to bring to an end the longest non-stop endurance test in the world's automotive history—440 hours and 40 minutes.

This remarkable record, never before approached on land or in the air, was accomplished by a Marmon-built Roosevelt, picked at random from the assembly line in the Marmon factory by American Automobile Association representatives, and run under the official observation of that body.

The finish of the test, after 18 days, 8 hours and 40 minutes of continuous running, came at the zenith of one of the worst storms experienced in years in central Indiana. A 60-mile-an-hour gale, accompanied by a cloudburst, descended with little warning on the speedway early in the evening of the nineteenth day of the test and, after demolishing Marmon pit headquarters, tearing roofs from grandstands and filling the track with debris, brought an unwelcome end to the record-making run.

Not only did torrents of rain obliterate the vision of the driver and his riding companion, but the velocity of the wind was so great that the car was swung sideways on the south turn of the famous course and continuance of the run was made physically impossible.

Shortly after the fury of the storm subsided, Marmon officials and A. A. A. representatives visited the speedway, the scene of destruction, and agreed to bring the test to its official conclusion.

Not once in the 440 hours and 40 minutes did the car or its engine stop. Refueling was done in motion from a "mother" car and oil and water likewise were added on the run. Representatives of the A. A. A. stayed "on the spot" 24 hours each day.

The last record to be broken by the Roosevelt was the sustained flight mark of the airplane Fort Worth—172 hours, 32 minutes, made on June 15.

When the run was completed, the airplane Fort Worth's record was exceeded by 288 hours, or more than 11 days. The previous automobile non-stop record, established during a coast-to-coast run in 1925, had been exceeded by 278 hours.

The car used in the test was a stock Roosevelt sedan, standard in every mechanical detail and equipped "ready for the road" with two extra wire wheels, tires, tubes and covers, shock absorbers, bumpers front and rear, and trunk rack.

# KING POSTPONES TRIP FOR X-RAY

LONDON, July 8.—(AP)—The departure of King George for the royal summer home at Sandringham, set for today, has been postponed. An official bulletin issued at Buckingham palace said:

"The king was not fatigued by the ceremony of thanksgiving service. His majesty's general health is good.

"The condition of the sinus in the right chest has not made satisfactory progress.

"In order to gain the assistance of a further x-ray examination, his majesty's departure for Sandringham has been postponed for a short period."

# SHELLEY FINDS FISH LAKE FISH CAUTIOUS

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Shelley and Mrs. Shelley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Bristow, of Oakland, Cal., spent Sunday at Fish Lake. Mr. Shelley, who caught only two trout, says he would like to know if Fish Lake makes fish out of fishermen or if only fish fish there.

The rough lake yesterday was said to have made fishing poor, which may account for Mr. Shelley's hard luck. Reports have it that many local anglers have had no trouble in catching the limit at Fish Lake the last few weeks.

The percentage of protein contained in a commercial concentrate is a good measure of its value, as most home grown feeds have an excess of fat and carbohydrates and a shortage of protein. Commercial feeds of inferior quality usually contain a large percentage of apple fiber, which is of little feeding value and therefore a very costly ingredient in a high priced feed.

Roseburg. — Several streets of this place siled.

# Single Regent Board Controls All of State Higher Education



Men now administering affairs of Oregon's higher educational institutions, who took office July 1. Top, from left, B. F. Irvine, C. L. Starr, and C. C. Colt, all of Portland. Center, Edward C. Pease, The Dalles; Albert Burch, Medford; F. E. Callister, Albany. Bottom, Herman Oliver, Canyon City; Aubrey Watzek, Portland; E. C. Sannicus, Portland.

Backed by a large majority of the state legislature, a favorable decision of the supreme court, and evident support from the public, Oregon's new plan for the administration of state supported higher education went into effect July 1 under the leadership of the board of education consisting of nine men appointed by Governor L. L. Patterson. This board, with the assistance of a full-time executive secretary, now has full charge of the affairs of Oregon State colleges at Corvallis, the University of Oregon at Eugene, the Oregon Normal School at Monmouth, the Southern Oregon Normal at Ashland, and the Eastern Oregon Normal at LaGrande.

The board has been empowered to conduct an impartial survey of all the institutions to determine their needs and most effective organization, after which it may allocate the total funds appropriated for higher education as it sees fit. For the first year there is to be no change in the present ratio of distribution.

# DRAMATIC DEATH OF OWN STAGING WINS REBEL FAME

By C. P. Nutter (Associated Press Staff Writer) MEXICO CITY (AP)—Knowing he must perish, Gen. Enrique Gorostiza, commander of all the "Cristeros," or religious rebels, in the state of Jalisco and fiercest of the fighters who rallied to "Viva Cristo Rey," chose his own manner of meeting death and went with a gesture that aroused admiration throughout Mexico, even among those who were not in sympathy with his cause.

The story of the death of General Gorostiza, which dealt a general blow to the irregular rebellion, has just reached Mexico City. Disheartened by the constant reverses his men had suffered in their engagements with the augmented federal forces sent against him after suppression of the Escobar revolt, Gorostiza gathered his leaders and a few men in the hacienda Ibarra in Jalisco, preliminary to disbanding them.

There was deceit in the camp, however, and Gorostiza's headquarters were revealed before his plans were consummated. He awoke the next morning to find the hacienda surrounded by 2,000 federals. He was trapped behind the thick walls, with escape impossible.

Calling his men around him, Gorostiza told them to surrender inasmuch as they likely would escape the consequences of their acts because of their lesser rank, but that he realized he must pay with his life for his leadership and bloody campaign against the government.

After hearing mass, he ordered his horse saddled and brought to the gate of the hacienda. There he mounted, a six-shooter in either hand.

The gates of the hacienda were thrown open and the doomed leader, once a trusted federal general and rated as among the finest artillery officers in Mexico, raced forth, lying low on the neck of his horse, with his revolvers blazing at the enemy.

He managed to get some 50 yards outside the hacienda before a sharp-shooting federal soldier got the range and knocked him from the saddle. He was dead when he dropped, but he had died in a manner that had stirred the quick admiration of even his enemies.

Gorostiza's 40 officers obediently surrendered and were used as peace emissaries by the federal army. Gorostiza's body was embalmed and sent to his family in Mexico City, where it was given a private funeral in one of the city's oldest cemeteries.

ATHENS (AP)—The first home for dogs ever erected here has been opened by the Society for the Protection of Animals. Premier Venizelos and his wife took part in the dedication.

Myrtle Point. — Inside Dry Goods store opened for business in Beaman building.

# SECRETARY RIDES FIRST HORSE TO CRATER L. WATER

CRATER LAKE, Ore., July 8.—(Special.) Hon. Ray Lyman Wilbur, the new secretary of the interior, and until his recent appointment by President Hoover, president of the University at Stanford, arrived at Crater Lake with his party of eight, Saturday afternoon. Secretary Wilbur was entertained by R. W. Price, managing director of the Crater Lake National Park company.

Upon arriving at the lodge about 3:30 p. m., Secretary Wilbur immediately expressed a desire to see the lake from a closer point than the rim. Horses were saddled and the secretary and four companions rode down the trail to the lake, Secretary Wilbur having the unusual honor of riding the first horse over to reach the water of Crater Lake.

Secretary Wilbur is a devoted lover of nature and was so impressed with the magnitude, the weird beauty of the lake that he could only murmur "It is a most unusual, most beautiful lake."

Just before leaving Sunday afternoon Secretary Wilbur and party enjoyed a trip around the rim.

Secretary Wilbur's visit here was very informal and he expressed himself "a get-acquainted excursionist."

# KAISER IS LAND POOR, IS REPORT OF HIS MANAGER

BERLIN (AP)—Assertions that Wilhelm Hohenzollern, former emperor of Germany, is the richest individual of the nation, as made by several secret magazine writers here, are denied by the Hohenzollern Family Administration in Berlin.

Instead of topping the list of rich men among citizens of the republic, the administration says that its principal has a hard time floating loans with which to raise the ready cash needed for the upkeep of his vast landed estates. Furthermore, it asserts, these estates are not the sole property of the former emperor, but belong jointly to him and numerous relatives.

The Hohenzollern forests and estates are estimated to be worth only 27,391,859 marks (approximately \$6,552,446) by their administrators. This contrasts strongly with the figures of the writers, whose conclusions ran all the way from 42,000,000 marks to 200,000,000 marks, equivalent to from \$10,500,000 to \$48,000,000.

And besides, the estate management says, the settlement with the Prussian government was for 15,000,000 marks (about \$3,600,000) and not for the 210,000,000 marks that have been brayed among the writers.

While \$3,600,000 is a tidy bit of cash it has proved inadequate as a working fund for the landed estates. Economists have said that the wooded portions of the Hohenzollern possessions have increased in value of late years, but the administrators assert that from experience they know that farms and forests cannot be considered profitable investments under present-day conditions in Germany.

Then to cap the argument as to the difficult situation that confronts the Hohenzollern purse, the management points out that the figures they give do not represent the property of one person but of a household that must be divided among 16 Hohenzollern households aggregating 45 persons.

# LONDON BUTLERS VIEW OLD SILVER EXHIBIT

LONDON (AP)—An English butler's idea of a day off seems to be to attend an exhibition of old silver.

Hundreds of the stately servitors took advantage of a half-rate for butlers recently at the Queen Charlotte's loan exhibition at Seaforth House, the town house of Lord Howe, at Wexford. They listened intently to an expert who traced the romantic history of heavy ornaments and chains of fanciful tasses, and of intricately traced porringers.

No flicker of a well-trained eye-lash indicated that the gentlemen of the pantry were impressed. The only comment was from one who, picking up a huge wine cistern, said: "My word, what a lot of cleaning that would take."

# Dairy Herd Record

UNADILLA, N.Y. (AP)—A herd of eight dairy cows owned by F. E. Orten has an average production record of more than 500 pounds of butterfat per cow per year.

Remote. — New school building under construction here.

# Popular Powder of Beautiful Women

Beauties who guard their complexions use MELLO-GLO Face Powder. It is made for beauty's sake. Its coloring matter is approved by the Government. The skin never looks puffy or flaky. It spreads more smoothly and produces a youthful bloom. Made by a new French process. MELLO-GLO Face Powder stays on longer. Jarmin & Woods Drug Store.



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# MARMON Roosevelt

Time of picking is a vital factor in obtaining quality in both fresh and canned cherries in Oregon. The experiment station in extensive research just completed on this crop. A test of maturity was devised which, if followed, insures better quality and larger tonnage, as a few days just before picking greatly influences the weight of cherries. This fruit does not ripen off the tree, hence the importance of having proper maturity at picking time.

# Farm Pointers

Canter infection of apple trees usually follows severe late woolly aphid infestations, finds the Oregon experiment station, although the degree of predisposition to canker infection resulting from early or slight aphid attacks is not entirely known.

In discussing the treatment of sheep and goats for stomach worms and liver flukes, the Oregon experiment station warns growers that every remedy which will destroy these parasites is more or less poisonous, and attacks against their use without reasonable certainty that the worms are present. Careful observation of the flock, with treatment upon the first appearance of symptoms is advised, as sheep and goats which are allowed to become thin and weak are unprofitable, even after the worms have been destroyed.

Bulk handling of grain is now rapidly replacing the sack handling method in the northwest, reports the Oregon experiment station. The change from the old laborious sack handling method has been advocated for the last 25 or 30 years, but it is only during the last five years that general progress has been made.

Head River. — Installation of new Cold Springs water system and Wilson reservoir on the Heights dedicated.

# CONNECTICUT YOUTH MAY MAKE OLYMPIC

STORRS, Conn. (AP)—Dan Chubbuck, Connecticut Aggie sophomore, will put his home town on the map at the next Olympics unless all signs fail.

Chubbuck, now 19, broke two eastern intercollegiate and five of his own college records in his first season of varsity competition.

He specializes in the shot put and discus and can do more than his share in the century, the broad jump and 220-yard low hurdles.

Paul E. Bigwood, Aggie coach, now is working Chubbuck in the pole vault and high jump to prepare him for the 1929 Penn relay. Bigwood banks on his protégé to show himself worthy of Olympic team consideration at this meet.

# SINKING HILL ALARMS MONTANA RESIDENTS

GREAT FALLS, Mont. (AP)—Sliding of a hill above the Judith river, near Danvers, in central Montana, caused about 75 acres of bench land to sink more than 20 feet.

Large crevasses, like those seen in glaciers, were formed in the earth as a result of the movement. Geologists believe the movement is not complete, and that if the hill continues toward the river a new channel may be formed.

While such slides are more or less common in the Rocky mountains, few have occurred in places so accessible to inspection. A party of geologists flew over the sinking hill and took pictures of the "crater" formed by the slide.

# HUNDREDS OF DOLLARS MAINTAIN OLD TREE

PITTSBURGH (AP)—An elm tree, estimated by tree experts to be over 200 years old, and cared for in luxurious style out of funds provided in a will, stands in the Andrew Bayne Memorial park in Bellevue, a suburb.

Jane Bayne Teese, who died nearly a decade ago, provided a

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