

Today

By Arthur Briabane
So He Burned Her.
Aiming at Ford.
Terrible Inconsistency.
Mixed Florida News.

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In New York a murder case interests a good many millions, including special writers, artists, and the general public.

A young man named Earle Peacock, according to his own admission, strangled his young wife. He did it, it seems, because she did not love him enough, or that he loved her too much, or in some other way true love's course was wrong.

After killing the young woman he took her corpse to the woods, poured kerosene over it, and set fire to it.

This was done because a kindlier idea suggested itself that it would shock the young woman's mother to see her daughter's dead body. If she were burned up she wouldn't be shocked.

The question now is, "What idea will occur to the judge and jury trying this interesting case?"

The Senate approves, 46 to 31, the amendment to the tariff bill forbidding "Americans with factories abroad to send foreign made articles into this country under an American trade mark."

The idea is said to be aimed at Henry Ford's tractor factory in Ireland, according to Senator Reed, and is "a movement to transfer American-owned factories abroad at lower labor costs."

Henry Ford may easily manufacture his tractors in America. He did that before, until he needed the Dearborn tractor factory for his new car.

For the information of the tractor industry, it may be mentioned that Henry Ford before long will produce a new kind of tractor, made here in America.

Mr. Doran, federal commissioner of prohibition, is shocked by the "inconsistency" of leaders who regard liquor drinking as an evil for their employes, but feel the law should not interfere with their own drinking.

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"It's not allus necessarily the liver, for oftentimes being married 'I cause the same ugly, irritable, to be with ever'body feelin'." said Dr. Mopps today, as a patient put his shirt back on. We never hear of any bloodsuckers pullin' a blindfold test.

JURY RIGHT SEEN AS BAR TO REFORM

Washington Jurist Creates Sensation in Address Before Oregon State Bar Association—Call of Jury Should Be Discretionary With Court, Is Assertion.

Declaring that the right of trial by jury is an obstacle in the way of law court reform, and that speedier and more satisfactory results could be effected by its absolute abolition, Samuel R. Stern, of Seattle, former superior court judge of King county, Washington, who is guest at the Oregon State Bar association convention, caused a sensation as the main speaker at the opening session held in the federal court rooms this morning.

Founded on Experience
The visiting jurist said that his suggestion was founded upon an experience of half a century of active practice at the bar, even including jury service; a term upon the bench, as well as the frequent trial of jury and non-jury cases in a number of federal and state jurisdictions. It was also based, he said, upon inquiries he had made, not alone in this country but in the Orient, and in Europe, where, last year, and on two previous occasions, he visited the courts in over half a dozen countries.

Indicative of a movement in this direction, according to the jurist, are changes now being made in many states and verdicts which formerly had to be unanimous, but now can be determined by certain majority votes. He also mentioned equity and other cases where "advisory" verdicts are received which the court may adopt or reject.

Check on Crime
"While it may be true that the chief purpose of the Hoover law enforcement committee will be to propose a curb upon the present crime wave and inability to secure convictions for violations of the state and national prohibition acts, nevertheless what I am about to suggest is intended to effect that same purpose, for in my judgment trial judges having jurisdiction to try causes without the interposition of juries, will prove a more wholesome check upon law infractions than the trial of cases with juries to pass upon questions of fact," he said.

That the criminal fears the court more than he does the jury, was also a statement made by the speaker, who added that out of the 12 men or women sitting on the jury, the criminal always hopes to find someone whose sympathy he can enlist and whose vote for acquittal he can secure.

Witness by Kelly
Over 150 members of the State Bar association gathered in the federal court rooms at 2:30 this morning to attend the opening ses-

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NAVAL EXPERTS REPORTED PAL OF YARD AGENT

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27.—(AP)—American naval experts to the unsuccessful 1927 Geneva limitations conference will be called by the senate naval investigating committee to answer charges that some of them associated with William B. Shearer, the \$25,000 "observer and reporter" of American shipbuilders at that party.

The senate investigators also have determined to go into the government's secret files to find out if there are any records there of Shearer, who has been represented to the committee as being on the records of Scotland Yard.

Pending the resumption of the investigation Monday when Shearer will be called, the senators are awaiting word from the naval officers who were named yesterday by Drew Pearson, a newspaper correspondent, as associates of Shearer. Pearson was at Geneva at the time of the conference.

If the naval experts should fail to answer Pearson's statements, the committee is ready to summon them.

SENATE OPENS NAVAL PROPAGANDA INQUIRY



The senate naval investigating committee has opened its investigation into the activities of William B. Shearer (standing, right), big navy advocate, in the unsuccessful 1927 Geneva limitations conference, and the part, if any, played by members of the American shipbuilding industry. Seated, left to right: Senators Allen, Kansas; Shortridge, California; and Robinson, Arkansas. Daniel Cohanlan, attorney, is on Shearer's right.

COSTE DEPARTS ON LONG FLIGHT TO SET RECORD

Famous French Ace and Companion, Bellonte, Hop Off From Le Bourget Early Today for Siberia—No Radio Carried By Plane.

LE BOURGET, Sept. 27.—(AP)—Eastward from Paris early today streaked Dieudonne Coste, French ace, and his bosom friend, Maurice Bellonte, in the famous seaplane, Question Mark, on a long distance flight aimed to break the world's record and put the flies down somewhere in far Siberia.

Announced as a distance flight to the east, nevertheless, the objective of the intrepid and temperamental Frenchman and his companion remained uncertain, until after the start, because some thought Coste had prepared to make another attempt to fly the Atlantic and reach New York.

In keeping with its name, the Question Mark was rolled from its hangar at dawn to puzzled watchers waiting for the start of a mystery flight. Stripped of wireless equipment and heavily loaded with every gallon of fuel that could be stored on her, the start was made at 8:15 a. m., the plane clearing the runway at a thousand yards and then touching lightly again at the 1200 and 1400-yard distance before rising sluggishly to 100 feet to veer into the east and disappear in the direction of Solovos and Lapon.

The last bit of freight Coste took aboard was fishing tackle. He has no wireless to keep in touch with civilization, but his fish hooks will help him if he should be forced to land in the river districts of North Russia. Coste announced his immediate destination as Irkutsk on Lake Baikal. From there he plans to make another hop to Tokyo.

Maurice Bellonte, who has been Coste's flying companion on recent thrilling ventures, is alternate pilot of the Question Mark, which can remain up 50 hours.

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Dual Tragedy Witnessed By Family Medic

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 27.—(AP)—Stricken by a heart attack induced by the shock to her husband, Mrs. Wilbur S. Badley, 64, died today within a few minutes of the death of her husband, 70 years old.

Both were living when a family physician arrived to treat Mr. Badley, who had suffered a sinking spell. While the doctor was administering to the one, death came. Turning to the other he discovered that the tragedy was a two-fold.

SEARCH IDAHO FOR ATTACKER TWO CHILDREN

Armed Guards Posted On Highways to Stop All Autos—Sheriffs Map Action—American Legion Members Are Deputized.

IDAHO FALLS, Idaho, Sept. 27.—(AP)—A man refusing to give his name, is being held by Sheriff Harry Meppen as a possible assailant of 11-year-old Dorothy Croft, chemist at the Latter Day Saints hospital here, who has analyzed stains on his clothing as blood.

TWIN FALLS, Idaho, Sept. 27.—(AP)—Armed guards were posted on highways in southern Idaho today with instructions to stop all automobiles in an effort to apprehend the man who Wednesday night attacked Dorothy Croft, 11-year-old Idaho Falls girl, and believed also to be the slayer of Marie West, of King Hill, whose body was found with the throat slashed, in the Snake river last week.

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OREGON FROSH GAME PLANNED FOR MEDFORD

American Legion Committee Working to Secure California Or Stanford Yearling Squad for Clash With Callison Men.

Negotiations are underway by the Medford post, American Legion for the staging of a football game in this city between the University of Oregon freshmen, and either the University of California or Stanford university freshmen yearling squads. The University of Oregon Frosh have agreed to play here if a suitable opponent and date can be secured.

The high school football schedule has open dates on October 19, and November 18, and it is planned to have the game on one of these two dates.

Telegrams were sent to the California schools this morning, asking for terms and date acceptable. Jack Benefield, graduate manager of the University of Oregon, is assisting in the preliminary arrangements.

The appearance of the University of Oregon Frosh team under Prink Callison, coach of the Frosh and former coach of the Medford high school, would give southern Oregon gridiron fans a chance to see some former high school stars in action again and the contest, if arranged, will be the banner athletic event of the year here.

The first proposition was to have the University of Oregon Frosh and Oregon State Rooks play a game, but the two teams already have two games scheduled together, and the athletic powers of both schools figured a third game would be too much.

Arrangements for the game are in charge of C. T. Baker, secretary of the chamber of commerce, and leading football fans of the city have agreed to assist in the financial guarantee necessary.

It is expected that something definite about the proposed intercollegiate game will be known by next week.

The appearance here of the University of Oregon Frosh squad is practically assured as hundreds of valley residents unable to journey to Eugene are desirous of seeing the Oregon Frosh.

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DIAL PHONE SYSTEM IS PLAN HERE

Fifty Thousand Dollar Improvement Now Under Way—Hammond Announces Five Months' Work, Eliminating Overhead Wires, Expansion Facilities and Modernization.

Improvements to cost approximately \$50,000 in the local lines and equipment have been begun by the Home Telephone and Telegraph company of Medford, according to an announcement today by Manager R. B. Hammond. The present work, which will take from four to five months to complete, is expected to provide for the telephone needs of Medford until 1931, when automatic equipment, such as the dial system, is slated for installation.

The overhead wires now in use in Medford will be, to some extent, eliminated by the construction of additional subway cables, of which there are now five in use, feeding the entire exchange. One of these cables feeds the area west of the central office and no relief is proposed for this cable at the present. The other four serve the area east of the office. The overhead wires are in good condition. However, in some cases the load is now 70 to 90 per cent and relief is necessary where additional growth is evident, said Mr. Hammond this forenoon.

The improvements will include the placing of a 1212 pair of 24 gauge cable in the present subway from the central office pit to the corner of Main street and Riverside avenue. This full-size cable to be utilized in cutting off some of the load now carried by cables east of Front street. The new cable will also eliminate the deteriorated and obsolete type terminals in the alley between Sixth and Main street, behind the Hutchinson and Lundsen store. The poles now serving will be removed with the completion of the present work.

New Cable East. In the existing subway east of Bear creek on East Main street, a 606 pair 22-gauge cable for the entire length of the subway from Bear creek to Crater Lake avenue will be placed and the present 100 and 75-pair 22-gauge tapering cable occupying one of the two ducts in the underground run will be removed. On East Main from Portland avenue to Eastwood drive a 101-pair 24-gauge cable will be installed, while on East Main from Burnburg road to Modoc avenue a 101-pair 24-gauge aerial cable will be built. On Hillcrest road a 101-pair 22-gauge cable is proposed to extend from Main street and Burnburg road to the east city limits. These cables, said Mr. Hammond, are all necessary to relieve present congestion on cable or open wire and provide for future development.

Remove Overhead. As a result of the improvements east of Bear creek, it is probable all but one of the overhead cables will be removed, and the one left in service will care for distribution along Main street for a number of years. A 101-pair 22-gauge aerial cable extension will be constructed on South Riverside avenue from East Main to Boyd street and is found necessary to relieve the present cable load on South Riverside. Extensions will also be built on Park and King streets, south of Eleventh street.

An aerial cable will be built on North Riverside avenue to Main street and will be supported on the tall poles of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company. Aerial cables will also be built north of Sixth street in the alley between Front and Central streets to relieve the present load and provide for future development. Other cables will be built on Fir street north of Third and on Second street, west of Woodstock.

Line to Airport. A new line will also be constructed to the new Medford municipal airport, a mile and one-half north of the city and will take care of all telephone communication from that source.

Because of a 20 per cent increase in the number of daily calls which average 29,000, there will also be needed improvements at the telephone exchange, where 200 new lines will be added, meaning the addition of 20 or so "answering jacks" to each exchange board of central office. The present average of calls had been 16,000 daily, up until the present year.

The improvement work was begun last Monday under the direction of O. H. Gilbert of Portland and will probably not be completed for at least four months, so extensive is the work.

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Spot Cash Sale From Classified Ad in Mail Tribune

Ray Toft is a firm believer in classified advertising in the Mail Tribune and says he always gets results. The latest was a classified ad for a residence property for sale in Jacksonville.

Mr. Toft says: "I received 24 answers to the ad in two days and disposed of the property for the price asked and received cash."

OREGON JUDGES MEET AS PART BAR CONCLAVE

Chief Justice Coshaw Presides at Separate Session—Judge Norton Gives Address of Welcome—Discuss Changes.

Presided over by Chief Justice O. P. Coshaw, the judicial council of the state of Oregon met separately in the circuit court room while the opening session of the State Bar association was in progress in the federal court room this morning. An address of welcome was given by Judge Henry Norton of the local circuit court.

Discussing proposed changes in court procedure, the body of judges, consisting of members of the supreme court and circuit judges from all over the state, began the outline of a definite program to be presented at the annual meeting of the judicial council to be held at Salem in January.

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FATE OF PEACOCK IN HANDS OF JURORS

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., Sept. 27.—(AP)—Earle Peacock's fate was in the hands of the jury late this afternoon, following the charge of Justice Tompkins, in his trial for killing his wife.

In the summation the defense pleaded temporary insanity and the state demanded death in the electric chair.

SELLING FLOOD CAUSES PLUNGE IN SHARE PRICE

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NOTORIOUS BANDITS IN BANK CRIME

Contra Costa Holdup Believed Work of Fleagle Gang—One Believed Wounded in Gun Battle—Escape With \$35,000 Made in Car—Witnesses Identify Two By Photos.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Sept. 27.—(AP)—Remnants of the notorious Fleagle gang of outlaws, whose depredations throughout the west include the ruthless slaying of four persons in the robbery of the Lamar, Colo., State bank last year, were being sought today for the slaying of a constable during the holdup of a bank at Rodeo, Contra Costa county, yesterday. The bandits escaped in an automobile with \$35,000 after mortally wounding Constable Arthur J. McDonald, who in turn wounded one of the robbers as they fled.

Witnesses identified Jake Fleagle, leader of the desperate band, and Joe Miller, a Fleagle lieutenant, as the actual robbers from police photographs. A third bandit was not recognized. Fleagle is believed to be the wounded bandit and from bloodstains on the getaway car, which was later found abandoned in Berkeley, he is thought to have suffered a fatal wound.

The robbery occurred yesterday morning, 15 minutes after an armed car had delivered a \$27,000 payroll. Fleagle and Miller are said to have entered the bank, while the third robber sat at the wheel of a light touring car outside.

One of the two covered employes while the other forced A. D. Derr, manager, to open the vault and hand out the canvas sack containing the payroll.

Constable Fines
As the bandit reached for the sack Constable McDonald drew his gun and fired. The bullet sent the hand back against a wall but he returned the fire, as did the robber at the door and the man in the car. Trapped between the three, McDonald directed his fire at the robber with the money sack and the latter sank to the floor with a bullet in his stomach. A moment later McDonald fell, fatally wounded.

The wounded bandit staggered to his feet and under the protection of the others' guns made his way to the car where he collapsed. His accomplices followed and after dragging the wounded man into the tonneau sped away into the Contra Costa hills.

Sheriff R. R. Veale of Contra Costa county expressed belief that the three were the same bandits who held up a Southern Pacific passenger train at McAvoy, near Martinez, five weeks ago and escaped with a \$16,000 payroll after wounding the engineer.

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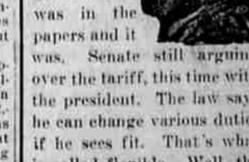
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Spanish War Veteran Slowly Shrinks Through Strange Disease of Bones
LOS ANGELES, Sept. 27.—(AP)—I'll be able to hide behind a shoebox. I was five feet, seven inches tall eight years ago, but now I'm but four feet ten."
The disease, for which no cure is known, has been called Paget's disease. It is a strange ailment which gradually reduces the size of bones, physicians, more than 400 of whom have examined Mayott, said the shrinkage might stop anytime.

Will Rogers Says:

KINGMAN, Ariz., Sept. 27.—Flying along on a fine trip. Will land for gas at Kingman in a few minutes and arrive in Los Angeles in a couple of more hours. The whole southwest never looked more green and pretty. I told you yesterday I could guess what it was in the papers and it was. Senate still arguing over the tariff, this time with the president. The law says he can change various duties if he sees fit. That's what is called flexible. Well, the senate says that gives him too much authority, that they themselves are the ones that are really competent to do that. Now you tell one.

Yours, WILL ROGERS.



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