

MATRIMONY CLUB WILL BE PROBED IN MURDER CASE

Modern Bluebeard Got in Touch With Women Victims Through 'Friendship Society' Say Authorities

DETROIT, Sept. 4.—(AP)—From the early legal steps to end operations of the correspondence club medium through which Harry F. Powers made the acquaintance of two women whom he killed in Clarkburg, W. Va., Assistant Attorney General Joseph A. Gillis today began an investigation of the American Friendship society.

The inquiry was ordered yesterday by Governor Wilbur M. Brunker in Lansing and Gillis left at once for Detroit to confer today with Prosecutor Harry S. Toy, of Wayne county, and United States postal authorities. Regardless of the outcome of these conferences, Gillis said, he intends to institute quo warranto proceedings as soon as possible to have the society's activities stopped, as opposed to the public good.

Not for Profit.
The Friendship society was incorporated by Albert B. Plater and his wife, Olga, "not for profit." Powers became a member under the alias "Cornelius O. Pierson," and engaged in ardent correspondence with women in many cities.

In announcing the investigation, Governor Brunker said the five murders confessed by Powers, whom he termed a "modern Bluebeard," had "shocked the public conscience." He said that "any agency which encourages hasty and ill-considered marriages or aids parties to enter into the marriage relationship for a mercenary or illegal consideration, strikes at the very foundation of human society and is a menace to the community."

**Furniture Rates
Revision Upward
Granted By I. C. C.**

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4.—(AP)—The interstate commerce commission today authorized railroads throughout the country to put into effect a general upward revision of freight rates on furniture.

The decision, made under the Hooh-Smith resolution, provided that furniture in territory east of the Mississippi and north of the Potomac and Ohio rivers shall be shipped as second class freight and third class for the remainder of the country.

The decision fixed only maximum rates, in order that the carriers might fix lower rates if necessary to meet competition.

**Two Shot Down
As Cops Battle
Bandits On Road**

FORT SMITH, Ark., Sept. 4.—(AP)—Two men were killed and three wounded late last night in a highway gun fight that occurred when officers hunting a group of filling station bandits, tried to halt an approaching automobile.

The dead were Police Captain W. A. Bourland and a suspected robber identified as Art Crown of Tulsa and Buellville, Okla., his companions, who gave their names as Everett and Ted Wackerly, were in a hospital under guard today in a critical condition from their wounds.

Patrolman Ralph Howard, who was with Captain Bourland, also was wounded.

**State Job Bars
Solon From Seat**

SALEM, Sept. 4.—(AP)—By accepting a position as secretary of the state board of pharmacy, Linn E. Jones, state senator from Clackamas county, lost his seat in the state legislature. This was revealed here late yesterday by an opinion by Attorney General I. H. VanWinkle. Jones was elected in 1930 for four years.

The senator's seat was forfeited the moment he accepted a lucrative office under the state, the opinion held.

**UNITED BRETHREN
HOLD CONFERENCE**

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 4.—(AP)—The annual Oregon conference of the United Brethren church opened here today with clergy and laymen attending from many Oregon points. Today's program opened with the Episcopal address by Bishop Ira D. Warner, and was followed by communion, organization and an address by Dr. O. T. Deever, general secretary of the board of Christian education.

**MAKESHIFT ROAD TO
BRIDGE PROTESTED**

MARSHFIELD, Ore., Sept. 4.—(AP)—With the new \$300,000 Isthmus inlet bridge to Eastside more than half completed, a storm of protest was voiced by 150 residents of Marshfield, Eastside and River districts when the court proposed putting in a \$2000 temporary plank road from Eastside to the approach of the bridge.

**MAY FILE CHARGES
IN AUTO FATALITY**

THE DALLES, Ore., Sept. 4.—(AP)—The district attorney's office today said it had not decided whether involuntary manslaughter charges will be filed against Rudolph Schlicka of Dilair, whose automobile Monday struck a truck driven by D. Hendricks, 41, Moro rancher, inflicting injuries which caused his death last night.

Under Police Quiz



Associated Press Photo
Mrs. Rose Veras, 48, was held by Detroit police on a technical charge of homicide after a roomer died in her boarding house. Police also investigated reports that she held insurance policies on other boarders who had died.

PUBLIC AND BANKS BUILD DEPRESSION THROUGH DISTRUST

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4.—(AP)—An exchange of confidence between the bankers and the public was declared imperative today by Senator Fess, republican, Ohio, for a restoration of business stability.

The senator cited a recent experience of his own in seeking unsuccessfully to obtain money to build a home. He expressed his views to an Ohio constituent in commenting upon complaints of heavy increases in postal savings.

"It is a situation most difficult to decipher," wrote Senator Fess. "The country has all the assets it ever has possessed with the single exception of confidence. There has been no great calamity since the World war involving destruction of property or loss of resources. We have all the basic elements of a sound prosperity, including managerial ability. The one thing lacking is confidence in our financial institutions. How to insure this is our problem. * * * For the life of me I do not see how you can cure this lack of confidence, but, like the mumps, it must work itself out."

**PORTLAND WOOD PLANT
TO BE REOPENED SOON**

PORTLAND, Sept. 4.—(AP)—The plant of the Nicolai Door company here, unused for several months, will be opened soon for the manufacture of wood products. This announcement was made today by the Wheeler-Osgood company which has received a substantial order for the products. The plant will employ between 50 and 75 men.

BACK TO SCHOOL MOVE FOSTERED TO PROVIDE JOBS

Industry Committee of National C. of C. Tackles Relief Problem—Churches Unite to Aid Movement

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4.—(AP)—The unemployment problem was tackled today by representatives of American industry through a committee of the United States chamber of commerce.

The committee, headed by Henry I. Harriman, of Boston, met at the chamber headquarters here to draft a report on the basis of many months of investigation.

Meanwhile, the chamber's first president, Harry A. Wheeler, Chicago banker, was organizing a committee under President Hoover's unemployment relief organization, to find means of increasing employment.

Wheeler Named
Wheeler was appointed yesterday by Walter S. Gifford, national relief director, as chairman of the committee on employment plans and suggestions.

The relief organization also announced today through Fred C. Croxton, assistant director, a nationwide back-to-school movement to be carried on by the churches. Croxton said Protestant, Catholic and Jewish churches had pledged their cooperation.

**Pioneer Pageant
At Dalles Frolic**

THE DALLES, Ore., Sept. 4.—(AP)—Pioneer days were re-enacted here yesterday as the seventh annual old Fort Dalles frolics opened for a three-day celebration, sponsored by the American Legion.

Costumes of pioneer times adorn all Legionnaires, and whiskers flourish on every adult male.

A pageant representing the days of the '80's will be held this evening, and a two-day rodeo will open today.

**PENDLETON DROUGHT
APPROACHES RECORD**

PENDLETON, Ore., Sept. 4.—(AP)—This region is fast approaching the drought record of 1920 with 66 days having elapsed without moisture. Only two more rainless days are needed to equal the mark. A few drops of rain fell two weeks ago, but it was not enough to be measured.

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Alexander Lifts Iron Fist From Jugo-Slavia Rule

BELGRADE, Jugoslavia, Sept. 4.—(AP)—Jugoslavia, kingdom of the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes, returned to constitutional government today, after more than two years of dictatorship under the iron fist of King Alexander.

The king issued decrees at an extraordinary session of the cabinet last night, proclaiming a new constitution to supersede the suspended bill of rights of 1921, and appointing a new ministry representative of the traditional political parties.

His proclamation said that he was convinced that the experience obtained during the dictatorship now permitted a definite organization of state institutions and that he intended carrying out a national policy on a broad basis of direct collaboration with the people.

**NATURE WARRING ON
GRASSHOPPER HORDE**

RAPID CITY, S. D., Sept. 4.—(AP)—Nature herself has taken up the war against grasshoppers in the Black Hills region.

Thousands have been found dead as the result of a fungus growth that has attacked their bodies, according to Oscar Herstad, agricultural agent of Pennington county.

If the ground becomes sufficiently frozen this winter, to destroy the grasshopper eggs, Herstad believes the situation next year will be alleviated.

**Albany Realtor
Hurt in Smash**

ALBANY, Ore., Sept. 4.—(AP)—J. D. Wood, Albany real estate dealer, was seriously injured late yesterday when his automobile and one driven by Mrs. Maurice Winter, Portland, collided on the Pacific highway. He has a broken leg, broken arm, chest injuries and cuts and bruises.

Mrs. Winter received chest injuries and her husband a deep gash on the forehead. Their children, Marian and Billy, suffered cuts.

**GERMANY, AUSTRIA
DROP TRADE PLAN**

GENEVA, Sept. 4.—(AP)—Germany and Austria, acting through their foreign ministers at the Pan-European commission, today renounced the customs union they proposed several months ago.

Dr. Johan Schober, attending for Austria, said his government had arranged with Germany to pursue the matter no further, and Dr. Julius Curtius of Germany concurred.

Vets Want Cash
KANSAS CITY, Sept. 4.—(AP)—The annual encampment of the Veterans of Foreign Wars was on record today as favoring immediate payment of the federal adjusted compensation certificate and the refunding of interest on payments already advanced.

Mill Reopened.
MARSHFIELD, Ore., Sept. 4.—(AP)—After a brief shutdown caused by two disastrous fires which burned considerable equipment and 4000 acres of land in the Leneve district, the Moore Mill & Lumber company at Bandon has reopened.

St. Lawrence River Development Near

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4.—(AP)—American engineers have worked out plans for the development of the St. Lawrence waterway, which call for two dams in the international section.

With the two dam system as a basis for agreement, it was said on high authority today that the United States is ready to proceed immediately on negotiations with Canada to push forward the project.

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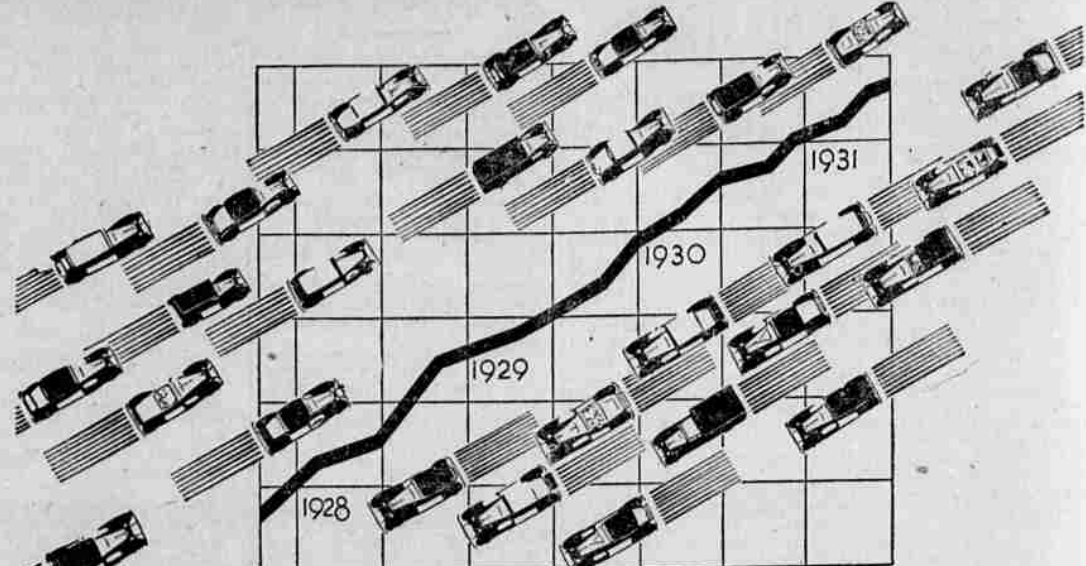
Krystalglow, kodak glass supreme. The Peaseleys, opp. Holly theater.

RECORD CLASS ENTERS MARSHFIELD SCHOOL

MARSHFIELD, Ore., Sept. 4.—(AP)—Enrollment in Marshfield schools today reached 1150, with 80 members in the senior class of the high school. It is the largest senior class in years.

**RADIO INSPECTOR WILL
EYE MEDFORD STATIONS**

PORTLAND, Sept. 4.—(AP)—Edwin W. Lovejoy, federal radio inspector in this district, left today for Medford and other southern Oregon points to inspect broadcast stations and check interference reports.



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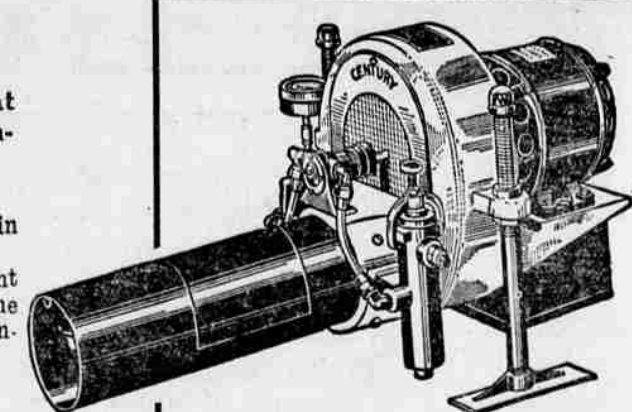
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