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## MANIAC MURDER THEORY PROBED



**News Behind The News**  
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Change  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—To all outward appearances the New Deal still looks the same, but on the inside it is significantly different from what it was three, six or nine months ago.

The inner character has changed. The old group does not hang around the White House. The inner circle has been tightened until it seems almost non-existent. Its influence on politics is only now beginning to be apparent and it will be more and more obvious before long.

Professors  
The professional influence is waning, for one thing. The brain trust has been virtually dissolved. It is now a collection of one-man bands, each playing a different tune on his own individual piccolo.

Professor Tagwell is in office, but less and less in evidence at the White House. Mr. Roosevelt's main farm consultant appears to be Agriculture Secretary Wallace, who works with but not for Tagwell.

Prof. Warren is prowling around on a silver platter policy. He has now position seems to be that of a confidential friend to President Roosevelt and Secretary Morgenthau, rather than that of money pulling director.

Prof. Moley is busy running a magazine. He slips down to Washington quietly about once a week, entering the White House through the residential door. His name does not get into the newspapers. He is still a leading adviser, but in an indirect sort of way.

There are dozens of college professors still roaming around town, but they are doing little work.

Wire  
Treasury Secretary Morgenthau is not only the No. 1 adviser but appears to be also No. 2 and 3. No one else sits on Mr. Roosevelt's knee any more.

The right-hand man, Louis Howe, is taking a rest at his home. He has done no advising recently and probably will not for some time. He was a philosopher with a sense of humor who did much to smooth off the rough edges around the White House.

The way things are working out now backstage, Mr. Roosevelt is a rather lonely judge and jury for his cosmopolitan crew of workers. They come trooping in to him every few minutes of the day trying to get him to do this or that about the particular subject on which they are working. They pull wires to get certain other workers to pull wires for them. The wires frequently become entangled.

Liberals  
The situation is illustrated by the condition of the liberals.

As they approach the first anniversary of the New Deal, March 4, they note that they have virtually driven the conservatives off the White House. Gone is Treasury Secretary Woodin. Gone is Secretary of War George Peek. The only conservative who has been able to evade the liberal lamination is Jesse Jones.

While in possession of the field, the liberals are unable to reap the fruits of their victory. They have split into many factions which are not harmonious. That is natural. To be a liberal a man must be an objector. When there are no conservatives to object to, the liberals must object to each other.

At any rate, all of them appear to be on the outside looking into the White House, rather than on the inside looking out.

Pressures  
Their main field of activity so far has been the AAA, but they have not been very active lately. Some say it is because Congress is in session and the AAA boys want to avoid any new policies until Mr. Roosevelt can get Congress off his and their necks.

General Johnson has been in and out of the good graces of the White House several times. At present he is in very, very good. Mr. Roosevelt trusts him implicitly. As one of his friends said recently: "If Johnson is NOT sincere, he is the best actor who ever inhabited the earth."

He and Mr. Roosevelt apparently have not decided what they are going to do with the NRA. That is why the two big meetings are to be held here shortly. They wisely set the "field day for criticism" before the assembly of business men, so they will find out how far they date to go.

Johnson has given business men good representation in the NRA and keeps a letter on the few liberals there. It is strictly a Johnson outfit, being neither liberal nor conservative.

Appearances  
All these New Dealers have been working much too hard the past year. From the White House down they are getting just a little touchy, and impatient about small things.

Mr. Roosevelt looks well. At least his smiling, pleasant mask has not cracked. Yet those who see him intermittently at 80 and 90-day periods have noticed that his tremendous labors of the past year have aged him. Look at a photograph of him at his latest, and compare it with his last; you will see the difference.

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### AMNESIA VICTIM MAY HAVE SLAIN UMPQUA FARMER

**Hammer Murder of Williams Believed Solved by Admission of Neighbor That Mind Blank at Times**

ROSEBURG, Ore., Feb. 23.—(AP)—A weird theory of homicidal mania which may contain the solution to the apparently motiveless hammer murder, February 7, of David M. Williams, elderly Rice Valley farmer, is under investigation here today, while Rollin Johnson, 36, neighbor and confidant of the slain man, is held in custody.

Upon his own suggestion, officers report, Johnson is being held for observation of his mental condition, after questioning has developed an apparent case of lapses of conscious mental control, during which, according to Johnson's own statements, as reported by District Attorney Guy Gordon, he may have committed two homicides.

Father-in-Law Slain  
Similarity of the murder of Johnson's father-in-law, F. J. Zimmerman, at San Jacinto, Cal., June 30, 1931, with that of the slaying of Williams, led the investigators, the district attorney reports, into a close examination of Johnson's personal history. In this examination, he states, it has been revealed that Johnson is reported to have suffered at intervals from periods of amnesia, during which he is reputed to have shown destructive tendencies.

Johnson, according to the district attorney, disclaims all knowledge of the murder of Williams or Zimmerman, yet today signed a statement that he is of the opinion that he killed both of them in fits of amnesia, as being subjected to an unreasonable, intense fear and a highly nervous condition. Because he fears another break in mental control, he has requested the officers, it is stated, to keep him in custody and under observation until his mental condition is determined.

Tried to Assault Officer  
Taken yesterday evening by state police and county officers who have been investigating the murder of Williams to the scene of the Rice Valley slaying, a spot regarding which Johnson claimed he had a mortal fear, he suddenly made a violent assault upon Al Lumsden, a state police investigator, but was quickly subdued.

Williams was killed February 7, his skull having apparently been crushed with a hammer or other such instrument in a surprise attack. His body was found the following morning by a searching party.

Because the murder of Williams was without apparent adequate motive, officers began an investigation on the theory that the slaying was the work of a maniac. District Attorney Gordon said this morning in a dictated statement, "In this connection residents of the community were subjected to an inquiry involving intimate personal history. This inquiry revealed that Johnson has a strain of insanity in his family, a grandmother having died in a Nebraska hospital, where a brother is now confined, and that he had been subject to periods of amnesia."

Case studied  
"Information that his father-in-law had been killed under circumstances very similar to those of the Williams murder, caused us to secure a transcript of the investigation of that tragedy, Johnson having been severely questioned but having been released."

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**LEOPOLD TAKES FATHER'S PLACE AS BELGIAN KING**

Former Crown Prince Acclaimed by Great Array of Foreign Representatives — Ceremony in Chamber

By ALBERT W. WILSON  
Associated Press Foreign Staff

BRUSSELS, Feb. 23.—(AP)—A new king of the Belgians, Leopold III, was enthroned today when the former crown prince took the oath to defend the constitution before both houses of parliament.

He officially became king, succeeding his father, the late Albert I, at the conclusion of the reciting of the oath at 11 o'clock this morning.

The 32-year-old monarch spoke the brief oath in French and repeated it in Flemish before the legislators and assembled dignitaries.

Acclaimed in Parade  
A splendid array of foreign representatives and diplomats in the lavishly decorated chamber of deputies cheered the new ruler with the same enthusiasm as did thousands of people who watched him on his ride to parliament from the royal castle at suburban Laeken.

Thousands of Belgians enthusiastically shouting "Vive le Roi" and waving the flag and handkerchiefs, hailed Leopold III on his triumphant ride.

Some sections along the brilliant route showed less enthusiasm than others, but there was no organized counter demonstration.

Scattered anti-royalist elements among the crowds which pressed in a solid, cheering, pushing throng along the streets, were drowned out in the roar of acclaims.

City Is Gay  
For the most part, Brussels was in a merry mood.

Leopold, himself, was serious and even grim as he saluted his subjects. Dressed for the first time in the full regalia of a lieutenant general, and wearing white gloves, he rode a brown horse, as did the entire gallant company.

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### BIG FIRMS POURED 'TERRIBLE' TOUTHYS VAST TOTAL INTO BOOM DAYS MART

**LOSE BRAVADO AS GUILT PRONOUNCED**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—(AP)—Statistics showing that a group of large corporations poured more than \$20,000,000 into the speculative boom market of 1929 were made public today by the senate stock market investigating committee.

The committee gave out the results of a survey showing that the selected group of corporations had almost a billion dollars in the market at one time—near the peak of the boom in the fall of that frenzied speculative year.

The twenty billion figure was a cumulative total of all monies advanced, with the amounts in at any time varying greatly.

The largest total during the period was \$17,672,520,000 for the Standard Oil company of New Jersey.

This apparently had a rapid turnover of loans, however, because the highest single day's advance was \$97,824,000, less than some of the others.

On the other side of the Capitol, the constitutionality of the Fletcher-Rayburn bill for regulating stock exchanges was challenged by Thomas B. Gay, counsel for the New York Stock Exchange.

Gay contended that however necessary the control of the so-called "abuses and conduct" of stock exchanges, congress was without constitutional power to do it because transactions were of an intra-state and not interstate character and hence should be controlled by the states.

CHICAGO, Feb. 23.—(AP)—Gone was the bravado of the so-called "Terrible Touthys" as they heard a verdict of guilty and penalty of 99 years.

Roger Touhy, known as the leader of the gang which once defied Al Capone, choked and clamped his handskerchief to his mouth.

Albert Kator and Gus Schaefer paled, but accepted their fate in a calmer manner.

The curly-haired Touhy was assisted to his feet, and the procession started back to their cells.

At the county jail, reporters closed in on the trio, but they refused to say anything.

Touhy threw himself down on his cot and groaned. Kator and Schaefer snarled feebly at reporters.

Later, the three seemed to accept their fate as the welcome alternative to death.

"They might as well have made it 100 as 99 years," said Kator, in a better humor.

In less than an hour, they were reported sleeping soundly.

The jury had decided on the guilt of the trio in less than four hours. It was reported, the remainder of the time occupied in agreeing on a penalty. Six jurors wanted to send them to the electric chair. The 99-year sentence was a compromise.

Factor, who with his wife, Bella, and son Jerome, also a kidnapping victim, was present in the courtroom, expressed his gratification at the verdict.

"This result is what a kidnapping victim may expect when he cooperates fully with the authorities," he said. "If every person kidnapped joined today with the police as I have done in bringing the criminals to justice, there would be no kidnapping menace today."

### 8 FEET OF SNOW ON M'KENZIE HIGHWAY

**GRAZING BILL HAS ROOSEVELT'S OKEH**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—(AP)—President Roosevelt's approval of legislation for regulation of public grazing lands was transmitted to the house public lands committee today by Secretary Ickes.

Testifying for the bill by Representative Taylor (D. Colo.), to set up a grazing administration under the interior for granting permits, the interior secretary read a letter from the President asking the favor of "principles of this bill" and authorizing him for Secretary Wallace to say so to the committee.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 23.—(AP)—The Rev. Peter Ansie, internationally known for his work in the interest of church unity and world friendship through the churches, died early today in a hospital here following two operations since January 7. He was 66 years old.

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Stormy Petrel of Yamhill Politics Will Seek Nomination On Anti-Sales Tax and Anti-Meier Platform

PORTLAND, Feb. 23.—(AP)—Upon the squared shoulders of Senator W. E. Burke of Yamhill county has been draped the mantle of "Progressive Republicanism" in Oregon.

Burke, stormy petrel of Yamhill and present antagonist of Governor Meier, whom he once supported wholeheartedly, was last night nominated by the so-called "Progressive Republican" party as its gubernatorial candidate for the May 18 primary election.

Through Burke the newly-organized group will make a bid for the support of the now scattered forces that four years ago rallied with wholehearted enthusiasm to the standard of the late Senator George W. Joseph.

Opposes Sales Tax  
A platform of public hydro-electric power development, and opposition to the state sales tax, the progressives will seek to put Burke in the governor's chair.

Senator Sam Brown, Gervais farmer, and announced candidate for the Republican nomination, was second choice of the Republican progressives. Third place went to Rufus Holman, state treasurer, whose entrance into the race for the governorship remains doubtful. Both Brown and Holman attended last night's meeting.

Senator Burke declared after the meeting that he was "happy" to announce his candidacy, although, he said, he had not harbored gubernatorial intentions until the endorsement was lent.

For Economy  
"Too much money is being squandered in public places," he declared. "All this comes out of the pockets of the people. I would stand for economy in all lines."

"I elected I shall try to carry out the principles for which I stood during my four sessions at the legislature. I will always be opposed to a sales tax of any kind and will do my best to have all the people of the state of Oregon enjoy the full benefit of the power developed at Bonneville."

The Burke-Progressive Republican campaign will be molded in a definite anti-administration cast, should Governor Meier seek re-election. From last night's developments it was assured the new party will not find itself lacking in Meier critics.

Meier, who had previously stated that in being formation of the progressive, he was "not looking in the mirror," may decide to run for congress from the third district, if current reports may be given credence. General Charles H. Martin is leaving his Washington congressional post to seek the Democratic nomination as governor, and it is said in some circles Holman is looking fondly toward this opening.

### SOLON DROPS DEAD AFTER LONG TALK

**WIFE OF VALLEE LOSES SKIRMISH**

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—(AP)—Rudy Vallee, orchestra leader, today was granted a temporary injunction, restraining his wife, Fay Webb Vallee, from suing him in California or anywhere else than New York for divorce and maintenance.

Supreme Court Justice Bernard L. Aldrich, who granted the injunction, said in his decision that Mrs. Vallee's California action was an obvious attempt to harass her husband.

In the California action filed in Los Angeles, Mrs. Vallee sought \$7,450 a month maintenance, as well as allowances for counsel fees and court costs. In a suit previously filed here she asked that a separation agreement, under which Vallee paid her \$100 a week, be set aside and that the orchestra leader be restrained from attempting to divorce her in any state except New York.

TULE LAKE DISTRICT SEKS \$45,000 LOAN

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 23.—(AP)—B. F. Hayden and Mayor F. E. McMurphy of Tule Lake, near Klamath Falls, Ore., today appeared before the regional advisory board of the public works administration in behalf of a \$45,000 loan to the Tule Lake irrigation project.

### 26 AGE PENSIONS GET COURT'S OKEH

**LAD SHOTS FATHER IN DEFENSE-MOTHER**

WENATCHEE, Wash., Feb. 23.—(UPI)—Lawrence Heller, 15, who shot his father in the back with a .22 caliber rifle when he feared his mother would be harmed, will not be prosecuted, authorities said here today.

The lad said his father was drunk when he returned home late yesterday and threatened to harm Mrs. Heller. The lad said he shot his father when he followed his mother into a barn, where she was busy with chores.

The older Heller was not seriously injured.

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### BROWN TESTIMONY MIXES FARLEY UP WITH MAIL PROBE

**CLANG OF SHOVEL SAD REMINDER OF STUDENT HOLIDAY**

They haven't "been working on the railroad all the live long day," but 34 Medford high school girls and boys are going to feel much as if they had when time to "hit the hay" arrives tonight. Their sudden descent from the white collar class into the pick and shovel gang this morning has put that kind of an ache in their bones and the holiday they took yesterday is going to be needed tomorrow for recuperation of physical resources.

For the inspiration which led them to celebrate George Washington's birthday, in spite of the fact that the Oregon legislature declared they shouldn't, wasn't interpreted as "patriotism" today by school officials.

That is why the shovel, once a novel instrument to many of the young intellectuals, will be a familiar tool tonight and the intricacies of the pick and shovel no more. Window washing, once the fine art of feminine fingers, returned to that of an act in their bones and the holiday they took yesterday is going to be needed tomorrow for recuperation of physical resources.

The 34 students, boys predominating two to one, were sentenced to eight hours of manual labor within the school grounds this morning.

The preparation of the grounds for planting of lawn and installation of sidewalks, started by CWA workers, offered a splendid opening for the crew. Trenches were being dug, dirt transferred as well as removed, and hands which failed to take up the shovel and the hoe, were guiding wheelbarrows about the job this afternoon.

Hands, which were eager this morning when the work boys were appearing on a lawn, were being taped for blisters at noon—but the work went on.

For, Principal C. O. Smith explained, "they cut knowingly." Just preceding their disappearance from the school halls, he had at public assembly explained that Washington's birthday was no longer a holiday. He had also made it plain to students that "the legislature, not local school officials, had brought about the change."

Considering that there are 650 students in high school, the number who observed "Honest George's" birthday was small, which fact, however, failed to influence the weight of the penalty inflicted.

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