

# CONFLICT HALL IN MASS MURDER



### News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—At last a competent new deal authority has decided who is paying the bill for the farm program.

Hidden down in the government brief in the Rice Millers' case before the supreme court is the unadvertised pronouncement, signed by Attorney General Cummings. The brief declares that "processing taxes are usually either passed on to the ultimate consumer or back to the producer."

A particular study of the rice processing tax, it says, showed that the rice tax has been "in part taken out of the producer and in part passed on to the consumer."

In other words, Cummings' verdict is that the farmers themselves and the city consumers are paying for the farm program.

Other new deal authorities have been asserting that the rich packing and food companies footed the bill.

Only a chosen few were permitted to squint at these written secret ballots by which the Republican national committee chose Cleveland as the convention city. Those who did saw something which made the eyebrows stand up straight.

The ballots disclosed that committeemen from the south voted unanimously behind the leadership of the late Senator Charles McNary, Hoover's good friend and postmaster general, Walter Brown.

In fact, before the balloting began, advocates of other cities ran into that same inside situation. As they tell it, Mr. Brown had the southern "delegates" all wrapped up in his vest pocket. They wondered whether this means that Mr. Brown would also control these sections at the convention. There have been many rumors that he and other Hoover workers have been striving in that direction.

Not only from this development, but from others, the late Republican authorities have concluded that Messrs. Hoover and Brown will exert a major convention influence over the large voting bloc of southern delegates. The tip on the inside is that these delegates will be uninterested, will probably not vote for Hoover or McNary, and will follow the leadership on the platform and in choosing the candidate.

The inside reason why Postmaster General Parley cannot make up his mind about choosing Philadelphia as the Democratic convention site is this: Business men in the City of Brotherly Love...

## WOMAN ACCUSER GIVEN FREEDOM; APPEAL PLANNED

### Death Penalty Is Recommended in Jury's Verdict — Prisoner Takes Fateful Words With Slight Smile

COURTHOUSE, PORT ORCHARD, Wash., Dec. 19.—The Erland's Point mass murder trial jury today convicted Leo Hall of first degree murder with the death penalty recommended, and acquitted Peggy Peterson Paulos, his co-defendant and accuser.

Hall took the verdict smiling slightly. He glanced at the ceiling and then leaned forward to whisper to his brother, Augustus Hall at the council table.

Mrs. Paulos, a handkerchief to her face, kept her eyes downcast.

Verdict incomplete

The jury entered the courtroom with a verdict which was handed to Superior Judge H. G. Sutton at 11:03 a. m.

Glancing at the verdict, the judge told the jury he could not accept it as "you have not filled out one of the blanks. You know which one I mean."

Within five minutes after going back to the jury room, the jurors returned with the verdict which Mrs. Rena M. Osburn, clerk of the court, read.

Hall was surrounded by deputy sheriffs and state patrolmen.

When he was taken from the adjoining jail to the courtroom he was double-handcuffed to one deputy.

Mrs. Paulos and Hall were specifically charged with the murder of Eugene Chenevert, one of six persons beaten, hacked and shot to death the night of March 28, 1934, in the Frank Elider cottage at Erland's Point about seven miles from Bremerton.

To Jury Yesterday

Judge Sutton gave the case to the jury at 4:47 p. m. yesterday. At 9 p. m. the jury asked permission to suspend deliberations. The jurors resumed work at 8:15 a. m. and at 9:30 a. m. sent out word a verdict had been reached.

Court attaches called Judge Sutton and state and defense attorneys.

Everett O. Butts, Hall's attorney, said an appeal would be taken, if a motion for a new trial were not granted.

"We're going to appeal all the way," Butts said.

Judge Sutton did not immediately set a date for sentencing Hall.

The slaying victims were Frank Elider, middle-aged retired grocer, Mrs. Anna Elider, Eugene A. Chenevert, ex-prizefighter and rodeo performer, Mrs. Peggy Chenevert, Fred Bolcom, beer parlor bartender, and Magnus Jordan, retired seaman.

Had Varied Career

Hall, who studied for the priesthood at Brantville, Ont., as a youth, has followed various occupations, such as boiler maker, coal miner and a dry dock employe. He has been a senator at large of some prominence. He has been twice married and twice divorced.

Mrs. Paulos, 27, is the mother of a nine-year-old son by a previous marriage. She was born in West Virginia but came west as a child.

The case was "broken" last October when Mrs. Paulos went to Attorney Ralph H. Hays, former congressman, with a confession of having committed Hall unflinchingly during a holdup at the Elider home, during which Hall committed the slaying. She was also charged with first degree murder, for having admitted being at the scene.

## Kidnap Victim Found Dazed, Bound in Ditch

### Embarrassed



Status of the marriage of Hon. L. Loomis, Jr., wealthy and socially prominent young New Yorker, to 18-year-old Laura Hampton Hozer (above), winner of a California beauty contest, was a matter of conjecture and statements, Loomis said "I can not remember anything about it." Miss Loomis replied, "It's causing me a great deal of embarrassment."—(Associated Press Photo)

## LEAGUE COUNCIL FORMALLY DROPS PLAN FOR PEACE

### No Immediate Prospect Oil Embargo on Italy—Laval May Follow Hoare in Resigning Amid Criticism

LONDON, Dec. 19.—(AP)—The house of lords gave a vote of confidence to the government without a division today at the conclusion of the debate over the Franco-British proposals for ending the war in East Africa.

A vote was expected in the house of commons about 11:30 p. m. (6:30 p. m., eastern standard time).

By Devon Francis

Associated Press Staff Writer

The Franco-British plan for settlement of the Italo-Ethiopian war was formally eliminated today by the council of the league of nations as a basis for discussion.

Instructing its committee of 13 to proceed with attempts at conciliation, the council sent to its archives the formula of Premier Laval of France and Sir Samuel Hoare of England, who retired yesterday from his post as British foreign secretary because of popular displeasure with the plan. A member of the league council said there was no immediate question of imposing an oil embargo on Italy.

Feared League Collapse

Defining his participation in preparation of the plan, Sir Samuel told the house of commons today that Britain's recent foreign policy was based on the fear that the league of nations might collapse—not on fear of "any Italian threat."

"If the Italians attacked us," said Hoare, speaking merely as a member of the house, "we would retaliate and, judging from past history, we should retaliate with full success."

Hoare, who like Prime Minister Baldwin had arrived in the house of commons without being given any applause, was cheered at the end of his speech.

The resignation of the foreign secretary was followed by a report from Paris that Premier Laval might also bow out amid the storm of criticism against the proposal for Ethiopian peace.

In London the life of the Baldwin government is more than a month old, apparently hung in the balance.

Bitter Fighting

Italian and Ethiopian troops fought bitterly today for the possession of land which, in European repercussions, had precipitated a crisis in one government and a near-collapse in another.

Hundreds were reported dead in sanguinary engagements.

The most ambitious Ethiopian assaults on east Africa's northern front since the start of the war were repulsed by the Italians, said dispatches from Asmara, Eritrea, and the fascist black-shirts retaliated with vigorous counter-movements.

The Ethiopian commander on the west bank of the Takkeze river, Ded-jamatch Ayale, claimed a major victory for his forces near the Holy city of Aksum. He reported to Emperor Haile Selassie, who is at Dessay, that the Italians had fled in disorder "leaving the battlefield strewn with dead."

## Scared "Stenog" Finds Grand Jury In Festive Mood

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Dec. 19.—(AP)—The phone rang on the desk of Miss Ruth Snell, stenographer in the county auditor's office.

"This is the grand jury room," said a stentorian voice. "We wish Miss Ruth Snell to report to us immediately."

Miss Snell, quivering, walked in timidly.

"We want to ask you a few questions," said the foreman. "Do you swear to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth?"

"Y-yes," she stammered.

The 18 jurors looked solemn. The foreman rose and said:

"What do you want for Christmas, young lady?"

Miss Snell was unnerved—so the jurors presented a gift of money.

## NATIONAL CONTEST TO BE CONDUCTED FOR CAPITOL PLAN

### Reconstruction Commission Votes to Hire Widely Noted Architect to Aid in Conducting Contest

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 19.—(AP)—The Oregon capitol reconstruction commission voted today to engage some nationally prominent architect to help conduct a nation-wide contest to determine the best design for Oregon's new capitol to replace the burned structure.

The subcommittee of T. H. Banfield, Dr. H. H. Olinger and W. H. Lake was instructed to communicate with six or more noted architects and ask each if he would be available to come to Oregon as technical advisor of the commission in conducting the contest.

The advisor would survey the accommodations required in the new structure, what site it would be for the \$2,000,000 allocated, and outline rules for the design contest.

The commission would appoint from its personnel a jury to decide the contest winner.

Take Three Months

It was estimated the cost of an advisor would range from \$3,500 to \$5,000 and the contest would require three months.

Commissioner Banfield, chairman of the subcommittee, said C. C. Hockley, state PWA administrator, advised that the government would not object to the extra time for the contest provided the contest is open to all architects in the country.

Banfield said he desired the best capitol possible, and did not believe it would be possible to construct a capitol and a library building both for the \$2,000,000 provided.

The library would cost at least \$400,000, he said.

Commissioner Sawyer said he knew a library building was needed badly, but suggested it was the capitol which burned. The consensus was that the library should be forgotten for the present unless capitol estimates showed a surplus available.

Approve Grant Contract

The commission approved the contract for and acceptance of the \$150,000 federal grant, as drafted by Ralph E. Moody, assistant attorney general. Each member of the commission signed the contract which was delivered to Hockley for transmission to Washington.

The grant money is to be sent to the state treasurer, in allotments as the work progresses. It will be audited for disbursement by the secretary of state. The first allotment will be 15 per cent of the total and will cover preliminary architectural work.

Federal funds are to be used for construction purposes only. The commission must pay its overhead and operating expenses out of state money.

The commission instructed Secretary Alton J. Bassett to employ a secretarial assistant acceptable to the commission.

The commission was unanimous in approving the architectural contest with the help of a noted architect.

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## MILNE ABDUCTORS GAIN NO RANSOM; G-MEN HAVE CLUE

### Eyes and Lips of Scion of Wealthy Family Sealed With Adhesive Tape When Youth Found by Autoist

By LEO W. SHERIDAN (Copyright, 1935, by Associated Press.)

DOYLESTON, Pa., Dec. 19.—A picked detail of federal agents sprang today to a grim search for abductors of Caleb J. Milne, fourth, scion of a wealthy textile family, who was found dazed and trussed in a roadside ditch, his eyes and lips sealed with tape.

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## JESSE STOWELL FOUND DEAD IN CABIN AT B. F.

Jesse J. Stowell was found dead in bed in his cabin in the Butte Falls district yesterday morning. Death was attributed to natural causes. He had been suffering from a heart ailment for several months. Funeral services will be announced through Per Funeral Home later.

MONMOUTH, Ore., Dec. 19.—(AP)—Business houses closed here this morning while ground was broken for the new \$85,108 administration building of Oregon Normal school.

## CCC MAN INJURED IN AUTO SMASHUP SUES FOR \$10,000

All auto crash on the Butte Falls Prospect road between a forest service truck carrying CCC enrollees to a fire lookout station and a logging truck is made the basis for a \$10,000 damage suit filed in circuit court yesterday by O. P. Ruoho, 44, CCC enrollee, against Robert D. Chamberlain, logging operator.

Ruoho claims that as a result of the accident he sustained a broken leg, and further alleges that while convalescing from the broken leg he used a pair of crutches which were too short, causing a nerve injury to his right arm and subsequent paralysis that hinders the use of his right hand.

The complaint alleges that, with a group of CCC workers, Ruoho was proceeding to the Fredenburg fire lookout station on the south fork of the creek. Near the fork bridge, it is alleged that the Chamberlain truck came around a mountain curve at a speed in excess of 15 miles per hour, the overhanging logs of the overloaded truck sideswiping the forest service truck. Ruoho avers he was thrown to the floor of the truck by the force of the impact and his leg broken.

The complaint further alleges that the logging truck was being operated in a negligent manner, at a reckless speed, and failed to give half of the road to the approaching truck.

The accident occurred about 8 o'clock in the morning on August 15 last.

## TEMPERATURES DROP AS WEATHER CLEARS

Fair weather tonight and tomorrow with some fog and no change in temperature was forecast today by the meteorological bureau.

Clearing skies were brought by a high pressure area that moved eastward from the Pacific. Lower temperatures accompanied the change in weather, the mercury this afternoon at 42 degrees being six degrees below the mark at the same hour yesterday. Low this morning was 22 as against 26 yesterday. The lowest temperatures registered here in some time.

## Income Shares

Maryland Funding, bid 17.34; asked 18.75.

Quarterly Income shares, bid 1.46; asked 1.61.

## Heavy Swells Hit California Coast

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 19.—(AP)—Heavy ground swells rolled in on southern California beaches today, causing damage in at least two places.

The giant waves destroyed a boat landing in Portland, Ore., and so crippled the pier that it was closed. Two hundred feet of a pier at Ventura were smashed.

From Santa Barbara to San Diego came reports of high swells although the tide was about normal.

## Order 25 Autos For State Cops

SALEM, Dec. 19.—(AP)—The state board of control, in a short session here this noon, authorized the purchase of 25 new automobiles for the state police department. The total cost of the police machines would be about \$10,000.

The board also considered the matter of providing more space for the public utilities department, which will increase its force the first of the year for enforcement of the motor transportation act.

## Whiting Expects Recorder's Job, Defense Avers

A bombshell was exploded at the Ashland recorder hearing before the city council last night when testimony was introduced to show that J. Q. Adams' job was sought by W. S. Whiting, Portland accountant, in the listing reports that outlined the bringing charges of carelessness and inefficiency against Mr. Adams.

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## STORES OPEN LATE MONDAY EVENING

To accommodate late Christmas shoppers the stores of Medford will remain open until 8:30 Monday night and until 8 Tuesday evening, it was announced today. As usual, the shops will be open until 8:30 Saturday.

Only four days remain for Christmas shopping and merchants today urged patrons to complete their purchasing as far as possible this week end so that good service may be maintained and clerks themselves may enjoy the holiday.

## ELKS EXPECTING THROG TONIGHT

One of the largest throngs in recent years is expected at the Elks annual Christmas tree celebration to be held in the temple tonight at 7 o'clock. Extensive plans have been made for the affair and the committee in charge anticipated a large fund for the purchase of Christmas baskets for needy families.

Because of the long program of entertainment prepared, the celebration is scheduled to start promptly at 7 o'clock. Members were urged again today to be at the temple not later than that hour.

## Dismiss Action Against Klinge

An order dissolving further action in the case of C. E. Klinge, local resident charged with issuing checks with insufficient funds, was filed in circuit court yesterday. The charge was filed last summer and has since been pending.

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## Byrnes Says Bonus Bill Will Pass Next Session

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—(AP)—Senator Byrnes, (D. S. C.) predicted today that the bill he and Senator Steiwer (R. Ore.) have introduced for cash payment of the bonus in 1938 would pass as the coming session of congress even if vetoed by President Roosevelt.

His prediction was made shortly after Speaker Byrnes of the house told reporters he believed both house and senate would dispose of the bonus issue by February 1.

Byrnes made his statement at the White House after explaining the provisions of his bill to the president. He would not say whether he thought the measure might meet a presidential veto.

Explaining his bill to newspapermen, the senator said it would provide a 27 per cent cash payment immediately but that veterans holding their bonus certificates for two more years would get the full face value.

"I am satisfied that the bill I have described can secure a two-thirds vote in the senate," Byrnes said. "We have an agreement in the steering committee that the finance committee will be requested to report a bill within two weeks after congress meets."

"The senate should act on it first and if it is passed by more than two-thirds the house will take it."

Byrnes said he had discussed the measure with many veterans who were satisfied with it. The bill makes no attempt to prescribe any specific method of financing the cash payment and thereby avoids some of the controversies—such as those over currency expansion—which have marked former attempts to legislate on bonus payments.

## Successful Year For Wool Growers

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 19.—(AP)—The Pacific Wool Growers' Co-operative said today final returns to producers offered proof of an unusually successful season. Growers were paid around 29c a pound for three-eighths and quarter-blood wools which comprised about 57 per cent of the cooperative's 1935 receipts, and 50c a pound for long combing wool.

Major Carson II, Portland's mayor, Joseph K. Carson, was 44 years old today. He was to observe the day by attending a dinner tonight with a group of friends also celebrating birthdays. Carson was born in Lincoln county, Kentucky, December 19, 1891.

## Turk Mart Firm Today In Frisco

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 19.—(AP)—The Turkish market today showed decidedly firmer undertone on small tons and hena. Hens were quotable from 28 to 29c and available supplies were not heavy at those prices.

Small tons also were fully steady. Larger sizes dragged. Prices, other than the advance on prime hens, were unchanged.

## Foreign Silver Holds Tailspin

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—(AP)—Reiterating that the treasury still is buying silver, Secretary Morgenthau said today the government has taken all of Mexico's newly-mined output the past year—about 72,000,000 ounces.

"I have bought silver every day this week, including today," Morgenthau replied to press conferences questions about slumping world prices for the metal which brokers attribute to treasury policies.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—(AP)—Foreign silver dropped another 2 cents today to 53 1/2 cents an ounce, a decline of 1 1/2 cents in the past fortnight.

## Highway Engineer Hurt In Smashup

KLAMATH FALLS, Dec. 19.—(AP)—C. C. Seely, resident engineer for the state highway department, was injured when his car turned over on the Lakewick-Klamath highway. A tire went soft and the car struck a snowbank.

The injuries were not serious.

EUGENE, Ore., Dec. 19.—(AP)—The Eugene Lions club, making a drive this week for clothing and toys to bring Christmas cheer to needy children, had about 15,000 articles today. Last year only 12,000 articles were collected and distributed.

## Voter Registration Deadline Is Dec. 31

Final date for voters to register for the special state election next January 31 is December 31, according to the county clerk's office. The student fee change in the date of primary elections and sales tax to provide funds for old age pensions will be voted upon.

Citizens who have not voted in two years, changed their addresses from one precinct to another, have changed their names by marriage or are new residents of the state and county are required to register.

## Side Glances by Tribune Reporters

Tigerment Bill Bowerman hearing a sign of relief that Vern Van Dyke has finally been able to secure a pair of size 13 basketball shoes to ensue the ample feet of Bob Hayes.

Bill Gates so excited about the kid party he's arranging that the committee members are planning on setting aside four places for him at the table.

Freddy Jamerson emerging from a clan game with somebody else's shirt covering his messy charms.

Bob Spaulding being hard put to defend his slum naver, Spaulding against the wolves who were admiringly supporting S. M. D. for the Rose Bowl right in front of him.

Bob Mattingly looking nervously out of the window as his boss, Bobbie, says to a group of friends also celebrating birthdays. Carson was born in Lincoln county, Kentucky, December 19, 1891.

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