

### AUTO REGIMENT WILL ADD PUNCH TO U.S. DEFENSE

#### Smaller, More Mobile Contingent to Have Semi-Automatic Rifles—Mules, Horses Due for Discard

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—(AP)—A new streamlined infantry regiment, smaller but far more mobile and harder hitting than either its world war counterpart or the regiment of today, has received war department approval.

Moving by motor truck and armed with semi-automatic rifles, it is intended to become a major unit in the high speed army on wheels which is being developed to keep pace with post-war trends.

While officials made public details of these plans today, Secretary Woodring reported to President Roosevelt national defense requirements may hasten construction of a third and possibly larger set of locks for the Panama canal.

His report followed closely his recommendation to Mr. Roosevelt that the canal be made "impregnable."

Current surveys, which will be speeded up, contemplate new facilities costing \$150,000,000 or more, to be ready about 1960. Begun in 1936, the surveys were ordered by congress to meet expected increased demands from merchant craft and warships of larger size and from a greater flow of traffic.

Officials who told of the new infantry plans said three of the new regiments will undergo field tests for a year in Texas as a part of a projected smaller infantry division.

At full war strength, the new unit has 2,411 officers and men, contrasted with the world war's 3,742 and the present 3,009. Whereas the 1917-18 regiment was armed with 3,200 Springfield, single-shot rifles, and the existing regiment has 1,882 such weapons, the new organization will have 1,492 semi-automatic rifles, giving triple fire power. It also will have heavier and more numerous machine guns and auxiliary weapons.

Animals to be discarded. The horse and mule have been

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marked for eventual complete discard. The world war regiment had 399 animals while the present full-strength outfit has 457. The new unit will depend on 141 more vehicles of various types for movement of men and material.

Squads have been increased from eight to twelve men. Until the Garand semi-automatic shoulder rifles are ready in greater quantities, each squad will have a Browning machine gun. The army now has only about 8,000 of the new semi-automatic, although production has been speeded up. They fire eight shots without reloading.

The reorganization, officials said, was the result of years of study and tests, and was in line with recommendations of numerous experts, including Gen. Malin Craig, chief of staff, and Maj. Gen. George A. Lynch, chief of infantry.

### UNCLE SAM SEEN DUE TO QUIT ROLE OF SANTA CLAUS

BALTIMORE, Dec. 2.—(AP)—A warning U. S. cities must soon expect to see "Uncle Sam lay down the role of promiscuous Santa Claus to local governments," was sounded today before the National Municipal League.

Thomas H. Reed, former University of Michigan professor and consultant on governmental problems, coupled his warning with criticism of the new deal for its tendency "to pauperize local governments and make them dependent."

"For several years now, the goose has hung high in Washington and local government officials have worn out the highways and rails going after their respective slices," asserted Reed, who also is director of studies for the Republican party program committee.

End in Sight "The end of national extravagance... is sufficiently imminent for planners to begin to take thought of what is going to be done when cities and other units have to live strictly within their own resources again."

"The habit of being helped has been growing on local government. Can it shake it off? Or will it sit down and cry for Santa Claus and his bag-full of projects?" Communities with large dealings through WPA will be hardest-hit when federal lending-spending programs halt, Reed predicted. Thousands of communities, he asserted must "clinch up their belts" when the WPA no longer seeks "common labor" projects.

Punished in Writing OTTAWA.—(UP)—Roger Sarault, 16, probably will not ride his bicycle on the city sidewalks any more. He was brought into court on charges of riding his bicycle on the sidewalk in the Eastview section of the city. Magistrate Lester Clayton punished him by making him write "I must not ride my bicycle on the sidewalks" 1000 times.

Cakes of salt were once used for money in Ethiopia and Tibet.

### JURY IS SELECTED TO TRY SUSPECTS IN BASSETT CRIME

#### Eight Men and Four Women Sworn in—Death Penalty Will Be Asked for Woman and Man Claimed Son

SEATTLE, Dec. 2.—(AP)—A jury of eight men and four women was sworn today after counsel examined a venire of 93 to hear the 10-year-old first-degree murder case against Decasto Earl Mayer, 44, and Mrs. Mary Eleanor Smith, 73.

They are accused of butchering James Eugene Bassett, 35, Annapolis, Md., Sept. 5, 1928, to get possession of his blue roadster. He disappeared while negotiating its sale. His body was never found.

Judge Chester A. Batchelor ordered selection of two alternate jurors to prevent mistrial by illness or disqualification of any of the twelve.

Prosecutor B. Gray Warner said he would ask the death penalty for the bespectacled old woman and the gaunt baldish habitual criminal he said is her son. Warner said the state does not concede the blood relationship.

SEATTLE, Dec. 2.—(AP)—A one-time socialite with a colorful international background, who will play a big part in the current James Eugene Bassett slaying trial today.

She is Mrs. Margaret Helen Toomey Teal Paddelford Robertson Fawcett, by her own admission and recollection. Her attorney, Roy Bullack, ordered her not to talk of the murder case.

But she did reveal a colorful career which, now, at the age of 55, finds her serving a prison term at the state penitentiary at Walla Walla for defrauding a Seattle dress shop, with about five years still to serve.

Two Daughters She has two daughters. One is to obtain permission of county jail authorities to have her pet Pekinese dog, Ming Toy, in her cell. The dog, she said, cost \$400 and was obtained from Barbara Hutton Haugwitz von Reventlow, the Woolworth heiress.

With such a tony background, Mrs. Fawcett said she did not feel she could enter jail. Her cell is to be a luxurious county jail office. Her other desire is to obtain her freedom in return for her efforts in persuading Mrs. Mary Eleanor Smith to confess Decasto Earl Mayer and Mrs. Smith killed and dismembered Bassett here ten years ago.

By her own story, Mrs. Fawcett was born in Kansas City, Mo., the daughter of A. McKinney, life insurance executive. She said she was married first in St. Paul, Minn., in 1914 to William Charles Toomey, financial secretary to James J. Hill of railroad fame, and often traveled with her husband about the country in Hill's private railroad car.

Weds. Producer She said Toomey died in 1906 and the next year, in Boston, she married Ben Teal, whom she described as a New York and London theatrical producer. By him, she said, she had three children, whom she named as prominent in Rome, London, the Riviera and Argentina.

She said Teal died in 1917 and the next year she married George E. Paddelford, now of Honolulu, a petroleum company executive. She said she received a million dollar settlement at their divorce in 1923, but litigation followed.

Two years later, in Cairo, Egypt, she said she married Howells E. Robertson, vice-president of an English tobacco company. A month later he died in a motor accident between Cairo and Alexandria.

In 1931 at Nassau in the Bahamas, she married John C. Fawcett, vice-president of a Brooklyn, N.Y., dental manufacturing firm, and brother of a New York supreme court judge, she said. She left him and went to Europe shortly after their marriage, but she is still his wife, she declared. (Newspaper files record Fawcett's announced efforts to obtain an annulment.)

Confidence Woman Later she served a sentence at San Quentin prison and articles referred to her as a "clever confidence woman." This she denied.

"The only occasions on which I have been sentenced to prison were when a technician on a bank overdraft caused by San Quentin incarceration about eight years ago, and my present term."

(Teahachapi prison records show she was received at San Quentin prison April 11, 1929, on fictitious check charges.) Nevertheless, it was as a "confidence woman" of another sort that she won the confidence of Mrs. Smith in prison and finally eked out the confession.

"My heart went out to Mrs. Bassett (mother of the slain man) and her family and I thought that what I was about to do was the only thing to do," Mrs. Fawcett said. She was imprisoned largely because of her dog. Seattle police circulars told of a woman traveling with a red Pekinese and Mrs. Fawcett was arrested at Pueblo, Colo., with the animal. But she bears no malice toward the pet. In prison she kept it in her cell and fed it milk from a medicine dropper and now she does the same whenever county jail authorities permit her to be with it.

### C.T. STEWARD TO SPEAK AT TEACHER MEETING

"Are present day progressive teachers preparing their pupils to successfully use mathematics in modern

business," is a question which C. T. Steward, former mathematics teacher in Medford high school and at present a successful business man in Medford, will answer when he speaks to the Jackson county upper grade teachers' council at 11:15 a.m. Saturday in the county court house auditorium.

Mr. Steward will point out the weaknesses and deficiencies of present mathematics courses and teaching techniques, and will suggest practical and constructive remedies in this field of teaching.

### WESTERN OREGON IS BUFFETED BY VIOLENT BREEZE

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Inventory at the C. D. Johnson Lumber corporation when tops of lumber piles were stripped off, forcing workers to shelter.

Trees Uprooted At Marshfield, trees were falling, but no serious damage was reported. Trains ran on time, although communication lines were down part of the morning. Three ships and the coast guard cutter Pillsaki stood by outside the entrance to Coos Bay, unable to cross in.

Wind and rain lashed Port Orford, in a more exposed position on the coast highway south of Marshfield. Travel was reported getting toward California, however.

A terrific lightning storm crackling over Tillamook last night killed a calf, lamed another and shattered the windows of the home of H. E. Breneman. Approximately 1.76 inches of rain fell.

More than an inch of rain fell on Portland during the night and morning. Wind velocity reached 30 miles at 6 a.m.

Storm warning flew along the coasts of Oregon and Washington tonight.

### SLAYERS OF WARDEN FIRST EXECUTED IN QUENTIN GAS ROOM

SAN QUENTIN, Cal., Dec. 2.—(AP)—California used the lethal gas chamber for the first time today when Albert Kessel, 29, and Robert L. Cannon, 30, died together for slaying Warden Clarence Larkin in a futile attempt to escape from Folsom prison September 19, 1937.

Cannon was the first to be led into the little execution chamber and Kessel was supported by guards. Cannon smiled and appeared interested in his surroundings as he watched the guards make the death preparations.

Kessel nodded grimly when Cannon smiled at his partner in death and said a few words.

It required about a minute and a half for guards to strap the two convicts into the chairs. Little white sacks of cyanide, beneath the chairs, dropped into sulphuric acid when levers outside the chamber were pulled, and white vapor started to rise.

Cannon shook his head and gasped for breath, while Kessel's head dropped down as if he were about to sneeze.

Then Cannon threw back his head and looked straight at the ceiling. Within a minute, Kessel's head fell forward and his whole body quivered, his head moved slowly from side to side and finally stopped. Neither man uttered a sound. Their faces became pasty.

Dr. Leo L. Stanley, prison physician, pronounced them dead 16 minutes after they entered the cell.

### WEATHER CAUSES CANCELLATION OF PLANE SCHEDULES

#### One Southbound, One Northbound Flight Held Up by Elements — Deny Trouble On Flight Yesterday

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 2.—(AP)—Reports of cancellations of all north coast service were denied today by United Air Lines officials who also said rumors that their Medford-Oakland airline was in trouble yesterday afternoon were unfounded.

One southbound and one northbound flight were cancelled today because of the weather but officials at Portland said the cancellations were only for those two trips and that other trips were on schedule unless weather interfered.

Reports from Santa Rosa, Medford and Eureka that the soundbound plane which left Medford yesterday at 4:10 p. m. was in trouble were blamed by the airline on apparent misunderstanding of heavy terms by amateur radio operators.

The plane veered from its normal course and skirted a snowstorm only to run into squalls near Santa Rosa. The pilot, following customary procedure, asked that the Santa Rosa field be lighted in the event he should decide to land. However, he did not find this necessary and continued on to Sacramento without further incident.

While United attributed the service cancellations to the weather, postoffice men said it was unusual to cancel trips so far in advance as was done this time. All northbound and southbound trips were cancelled up to southbound trip 6 due from Portland late tonight, following the landing of yesterday afternoon's ship at Sacramento. There was no definite word available here this afternoon on tonight's plane.

It was reported on good authority that the civil aeronautics authority began a check of the ranges in northern California after yesterday afternoon's plane landed in Sacramento 25 minutes late. The ranges are checked periodically but special significance was placed on the current check-up. Pilot of the Medford-Sacramento plane that crashed into the sea Tuesday morning said he was unable to get his bearings because several radio signals were coming in too clear simultaneously.

The southbound plane yesterday afternoon arrived at Medford municipal airport at 4:17 and left at 4:31. It arrived at Sacramento at 8:56, 25 minutes later than normal time of two hours for the hop.

Max C. Henne, United manager here, was the only passenger who boarded the ship at Medford. No passengers got off here.

It was learned this afternoon that a United plane was dispatched from Oakland late last night to check the course from Medford to Sacramento. The plane circled over Medford shortly after midnight and headed back for Oakland. While no company report was issued on the flight, it was understood the ship had no difficulty staying on its course.

### CHORUS GIRL LOBBY PHASE IN PROBE OF MAIL FRAUD CHARGE

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—(AP)—Federal authorities today delved into the alleged "chorus-girl lobbying" of William P. Buckner, 51, dapper New York financier whose rush to woo movie star Loretta Young bogged down under a \$100,000 mail fraud charge as he arrived on the liner Queen Mary last night.

A tab showing Buckner had paid the U. S. government \$750 for a reversed telephone call from Miss Young in Hollywood, late last night, lay on the desk of Asst. U. S. Atty. William P. Maloney as federal agents questioned the youthful promoter.

Styling himself Miss Young's "very good friend" Buckner was reported to have talked in subdued tones to the west coast screen star.

Charles T. Murphy, chief attorney for the Securities and Exchange commission in New York, said Buckner was questioned about a "beauty lobby" in Washington, D. C., an enterprise which ran up a \$5,000 bill at the Hotel Carlton there while cer-

tain members of congress and others were entertained with the aid of five chorus girls from a New York night club.

### MONOPOLY PROBERS TOLD INTERVENTION NEEDED SOMETIMES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—(AP)—Dr. Willard Thorp, department of commerce economist, told the federal monopoly committee today some economic situations "have sufficient public importance to warrant government intervention of one kind or another."

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