

LUMBER CONTROL MAY BE TIGHTENED

Washington, Dec. 21—(U.P.)—The war production board said today that tighter controls may have to be placed on lumber distribution to meet essential war and civilian needs.

WPB's lumber and lumber products division said action is being considered to offset decreased lumber production which, from now to mid-March, is expected to be "substantially below" last winter's.

Officials of various lumber industry advisory committees told the WPB that the most severe drop in production this winter is anticipated in the Pacific northwest.

Closing time for Sunday Too Late to Classify 5:30 Saturday afternoon—Please remember.

WOMAN SUSPECT IN MURDER CASE

Los Angeles, Dec. 21—(U.P.)—Mrs. Louise Peete, middle aged housekeeper convicted of burying a wealthy mining executive in a cellar crypt a generation ago, today was booked in Lincoln Heights jail on suspicion of murder in the death of a woman believed to have been her benefactor.

The charge was made a few hours after the decomposed body of a woman, believed to have been Mrs. Margaret Logan, 60, was found in an 18-inch grave in a flowerbed in the backyard of the Logan home.

Mrs. Logan was last seen by neighbors on June 1, police reported.

While the advanced stages of decomposition made immediate identification impossible, police indicated they were convinced the body was that of Mrs. Logan, who had given Mrs. Peete a job and a home since she was paroled from Tehachapi institution for women.

EX-ACTRESS DIES

Hollywood, Dec. 21—(U.P.)—Funeral services will be conducted Friday for Merna Kennedy, former actress who was launched in a film career by Charles Chaplin in "The Circus."

History Of Events Leading Up to War Published by House

Washington, Dec. 21—(U.P.)—The house foreign affairs committee has just published what it believes to be the most complete chronological history yet compiled of the march of events leading up to World War II.

Entitled "Events Leading Up To World War II," the volume contains 421 pages and is available for 50 cents at the government printing office in Washington.

Beginning with the famous "Mukden Incident" of September 18, 1931, when an explosion on a railway north of Mukden touched off a Japanese attack on Manchuria, the volume carries through the war up to September 29, 1944, on which date it records the beginning of the second phase of the Dumbarton Oaks parley.

THE GRANGE

Central Point Grange met in regular session Dec. 15. Lecture hour consisted of group singing of Christmas carols and a skit, "To All People," presented by the juveniles assisted by Mrs. Leo Potter. A Christmas gift exchange was enjoyed.

Home Economics club will meet Dec. 27 with Mrs. B. R. Elliott. Gifts will be exchanged and secret pals revealed.

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AL CAPONE GANG VERDICT UPHELD

New York, Dec. 21—(U.P.)—The conviction of six alleged members of Al Capone's gang and one union business agent on charges of extorting more than \$1,000,000 from the motion picture industry was unanimously upheld today by the United States circuit court of appeals.

Louis Campagna, Paul De Lucia, Phil D'Andrea, Frank Maritote, Charles Gioe, and John Rossell were sentenced to 10 years in prison and \$10,000 fine each after their conviction last December 31. Louis Kaufman, former business agent of a Newark, N. J., local of the Motion Picture Operators union was sentenced to seven years imprisonment.

Judges Learned Hand, Thomas W. Swan and Charles Clark ruled that the men's trial, which

was highlighted by the testimony of previously convicted William Bioff, was "impartial . . . and that no honest jury could have failed to convict them."

FIVE COMBAT PILOTS DIE IN NIGHT CRASH

Malden, Mo., Dec. 21—(U.P.)—Five combat training pilots, all second lieutenants, were killed late last night when a C-47 transport plane crashed and burned on a thickly wooded mountain top near Ironton, Mo. Officials at the Malden Army air base said today.

Public Relations officers identified the dead as James E. Gibson, 21, Seattle; Julian Kaufman, 22, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Clinton R. Olges, 21, Louisville, Kentucky; Harold Silverstein, 29, Cincinnati, and Edgar Lougee, 21, Durham, N. C.

WEATHER

Northern California—Cloudy with occasional rain today, tonight and Friday with greatest amounts north portion. Cooler today.

'KILL CRAZY' BOY TELLS OF MURDER

Dixon, Ill., Dec. 21—(U.P.)—A 15-year-old boy, who said he was "kill crazy", confessed to police today that he slashed his five-year-old niece to death and left a butcher knife sticking into her mutilated body.

Norman Burton told authorities at Princeton, Ill., that he killed his curly-haired niece, "but I don't know why."

After the slaying at the girl's farm home three miles north of Ohio Village, Ill., yesterday, the boy walked and hitch-hiked about 13 miles to Princeton, where his mother and father live. He spent the night in the City Park, although temperatures were far below freezing. At 7 a. m. he went to the home

of his father, Charles, and told him of the tragedy. The father took him to the Princeton sheriff's office.

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