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2 ROBBERERS GET \$116,250

Seven Employees Locked In Closets Of Arizona Bank

Garbage Can Used To Cart Away Loot

Phoenix, Ariz., Feb. 8.—(U.P.)—Two men held up the bank of Douglas, locked up seven employees and escaped with \$116,250 in cash they carried away in a large, sheet-draped garbage can.

The men casually carried the can down the street through work-bound pedestrians and escaped in an automobile with California license plates.

Police reentering the crime said the holdup men, one a Negro and the other a Mexican, forced their way into the bank by overpowering a janitor when he reported for work at 5:30 a.m. They stayed in the bank, binding other employees and locking them in closets as they came to work.

When the vault teller, James Wise, entered the bank at 7:40 a.m., they forced him to open the safe and hand over all the currency.

They locked Wise in the vault before fleeing.

Garbage Can Used Bank officials said the loot included \$3,000 in \$50 and \$100 bills. The rest was in denominations from \$1 to \$20.

The bandits scooped it all into a large garbage can to carry out.

Wise and other employees were freed when fellow-workers arrived for duty at about 8 a.m., minutes after the bandits made their get-away.

Janitor Clinton Wade said the men were standing on a street corner nearby when he arrived.

"They came up and pulled a gun. It looked like a .25 caliber automatic. They poked it at me and made me let them in with me," he said.

Nothing Unusual Wise, the vault teller, said he noticed nothing out of the ordinary as he entered the bank and walked down a main corridor toward his station.

"A man came out of a door. He was masked and wore gloves. He had a pistol and said: 'I want that vault door opened fast and no funny business.'"

"Another man was behind me and he had a knife which I could feel sticking me," Wise reported.

Wise said he opened the vault and handed over all the available small bills, as he was ordered.

It was just before 8 a.m. when the bandits left and made their way down the street through the ranks of pedestrians bound for their day's work.

Bridges Says Reds Didn't Run Strike

San Francisco, Feb. 8.—(U.P.)—Harry Bridges insisted at his perjury-conspiracy trial today the bloody 1934 West Coast maritime strike was led by the longshore union and not directed by communists.

The waterfront labor leader who rose to power during the protracted '34 strike, did not deny in so many words that the communist ran the walkout. But he did, through his own testimony and a table-full of minutes of union meetings, seek to show that the union's strike strategy committee planned the strike.

Story Summed Up (Big John) Schomaker, the government's key witness, testified earlier in the 50-day old trial that Bridges took his orders from Sam Darcy, then leader of west coast communists.

Attorney Vincent Hallinan summed up Bridges' side of the story when the prosecution objected to the detailed testimony by saying:

"Your honor, we are entitled to show that the 1934 strike wasn't run by a magic man named Darcy but by 3,000 dock workers."

"Oakland, Cal., Feb. 8.—(U.P.)—'Grandma' Margie Russell, a spry 88-year-old widow, was startled today by charges she stole two cubes of butter worth 38 cents.

A request that a petty theft complaint be dropped was granted by Judge Louis J. Hardy. The half-blind and nearly deaf old lady then signed an out-of-court settlement with owners of the Pay-Less market.

The settlement gave Mrs. Russell \$300 in return for her pledge not to sue for false arrest. It provided that the payment did not constitute an admission of liability.

Too Much Sunlight Kills Tiny Apple Tree

Sudbury, Ont., Feb. 8.—(U.P.)—Miners who found a three-inch high apple tree in the dark bottom of a 1,800-foot deep gold mine, today saw their baby tree die in the sunlight.

The miners found the tree two weeks ago and brought it to the surface, where they planted it in a pot. In spite of careful tending the tree withered and finally died, apparently because of too much sunshine.

COUNCIL TURNS DOWN SUNDAY LAW, HOUSING

Petitions for public housing in Medford, and for Sunday closure of new and used car agencies, were turned down by the city council at its regular meeting last night.

The council also passed an ordinance making unlawful the sale of goods from vehicles standing or parked on a street, alley or other public place.

On the public housing matter the council followed the recommendation of an advisory committee in rejecting the petition of the Medford central labor council. The labor council had asked the city to apply for 250 units under the Sparkman bill.

"Little Need" Seen Advisory Committee members Mark Goidy, Bruce Bauer, Robert Rucker and Charles Whillock said their study indicated that there is little need for such a program and that Medford would not qualify for the housing.

They said that the matter should be tabled. The council discharged the committee.

In turning down the auto dealers' proposal, the council pointed to considerable opposition indicated by two remonstrance petitions.

According to the street sales ordinance, "it shall be unlawful for any person operating or having control of . . . a vehicle standing or parked upon any street or alley or public place within the city of Medford to sell or to offer for sale therefrom any fruit or flowers, or meat, or poultry, or vegetables or other goods."

Jail, Fine, Possible The ordinance provisions do not include temporary or casual standing of a vehicle by a pedestrian going from place to place if the vehicle stands for less than 20 minutes. Penalty for violation is a \$100 fine or 40 days in jail or both.

The vehicles create congestion and a traffic hazard, it was said. Councilmen around Christmas time heard considerable complaints from owners of established businesses concerning the competition from street sales.

A petition requesting city inspection of meats was presented to the council and referred to the health committee. It is said to be backed by a large number of dealers and by the larger

meat markets.

The new councilman operates Miller Motor service at 127 Bartlett street. He has resided here since October 1925 and has been in business for himself for 18 years. Miller, who is 43, was born in Yakima, Wash., in 1906, and was educated in the Portland schools.

During the past year Miller has been a member of the city budget committee. He is a past president of the Medford Lions club and has served as scoutmaster for Troop 3, sponsored by the club. Miller is a Scottish Rite Mason and Shriner. He and Mrs. Miller have two children, Richard, a student at Southern Oregon college, and Marilyn, a high school junior.

Edward Pringle was named to replace Miller on the budget committee. He will serve for two years. A. R. Mann, Charles Cray and George Goodman were appointed for three-year terms on the budget committee.

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slaughtering firms here. A health committee spokesman said that the production and marketing administration livestock branch of the department of agriculture reportedly has threatened to remove federal grading unless proper state, county or city inspection is separately or jointly inaugurated.

"Protection" Said Need The local meatmen pointed to competition from graded meats shipped in from outside this area as well as to the need to protect the local consumer.

Councilmen, on approval of the planning commission, amended the present city zoning ordinance to provide for a half-story, 45-foot height limit on buildings in a Class 2 residential zone, to 80 feet. Councilmen Neil Davidson and Harold Frye dissented, Frye saying that the matter should be taken before the people.

The action prepares the way for Coates Construction company of Portland to build a seven-story, 50-apartment building at 10th street and Oakdale avenue.

S. E. Vermilyea, representative of the company, was at the meeting last night. He stated that the building to be erected under federal housing administration terms, is now in the planning stage. It is hoped to begin construction some time this spring. Off-the-street parking will be provided.

To Ask Bids The land appraisal committee was authorized to draw up specifications and ask for bids for use of a portion of the Camp White disposal area for grazing purposes. Cattle will not be permitted in a reserved area along Rogue river.

The land appraisal and building committees and City Recorder J. R. Woodford and City Attorney Frank Farrell, were delegated to review and bring in a recommendation on a new zoning ordinance which has been tentatively approved by the planning commission.

Senior Capt. Leo Weidner, on loan from Portland fire department as a consultant, told of plans to conduct firemen on familiarization tours through the town in order that the local department can be on the "offense" rather than "defensive."

The council turned down a request for a taxi stand at the Medical Center building because of current congestion during remodeling.

Discuss Time Change Daylight saving time was discussed briefly at the meeting and councilmen said that they would make no recommendations and pass no ordinances on the matter at present.

Councilmen continued their discussion on the advisability of allowing garbage cans to be placed in alleys. Legislation establishing new garbage collection rules and regulations was referred back to the streets and roads committee. The measure passed a first reading in January.

It was announced that the city offices will be closed on Monday, February 13, in observance of Lincoln's birthday.

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Long-Range Bomber Ends Record Flight

San Francisco, Feb. 8.—(U.P.)—A navy long-range Neptune bomber, capable of carrying an atomic bomb, completed a 5,069-mile non-stop flight from an aircraft carrier in the Atlantic to Mills field today after 25 hours and 59 minutes in the air.

The bomber, a P-2V, set a distance record for planes making a takeoff from a carrier. A sister ship, the Truculent Turtle, flew 11,256 miles non-stop from Perth, Australia, to the United States in 1946 but had the advantage of taking off from a long air strip instead of the short flight deck of a carrier.

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Federal Agents Arrest Two Men In New York City

Other Arrests Seen, Authorities Hint

New York, Feb. 8.—(U.P.)—Federal agents jailed two men with \$2,000,000 in illegal narcotics in their possession today, identifying them as the local agents of a nationwide drug ring.

Authorities hinted other arrests might take place in other cities, but refused to specify where, other than to say that the ring extended to Knoxville, Tenn., and New Orleans, La.

Arrested At Hotel Three New York detectives and two federal agents arrested Isidore Halitzer, 31, and Philip Shear, also 31, shortly before midnight at the midtown Hotel McAlpin.

"They had \$2,000,000 worth of heroin with them and in their plant in the Coney Island section of Brooklyn," one detective said. "We had been tracking them since November."

Officers linked the two to the arrest of Alfred San Antonio and Paul Grazi at La Guardia airport last January. They were picked up with \$300,000 worth of narcotics in their possession as they prepared to fly to Nashville, Tenn.

Trailed Yesterday New York Detective William Conroy said he and the other officers trailed Halitzer and Shear all yesterday evening.

He said in all they found 113-2/3 ounces of heroin in the possession of the two men.

Halitzer was arrested by detectives posing as hotel employees when he left a telephone booth in the Hotel McAlpin. Conroy said 13 ounces of narcotics were found in the booth.

Missing Search Plane Located; Survivors Seen Whitehorse, Y. T., Feb. 8.—(U.P.)—A wrecked U. S. air force C-47 carrying 12 Canadian and American airmen was sighted today on a mountain slope and RCAF officers said there were survivors.

The plane, missing since yesterday, crashed-landed on a shelf at the 7,000 foot level 85 miles west of here.

Survivors Seen "Some survivors were seen near the plane," the RCAF said. It was not known how many of the plane's occupants were alive.

A radio voice transmitter was dropped to the plane in order to obtain more details. The plane was reported overdue last night while participating in the two-nation hunt for a U. S. C-54 missing 13 days.

Search headquarters here said ground and air parties have been dispatched to the area to rescue the survivors. It was 38 degrees below zero in the area.

Pilots who spotted the plane said it did not appear to be badly damaged.

Second To Crash The plane was the second U. S. C-47 search aircraft to crash during the mammoth search for a lost transport and its 44 passengers. Nine days ago, a C-47 with six men aboard crashed landed south of here. None were killed, however.

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CAROL PAIGHT FREED—Carol Ann Paight, acquitted last night in the "mercy killing" of her policeman father, is shown above in three character poses taken during her trial in Bridgeport, Conn.

Carol Ann Wakes Up Smiling After 'Mercy Death' Acquittal

Stamford, Conn., Feb. 8.—(U.P.)—Carol Ann Paight, 21, who killed her cancer-tortured father and was acquitted of murder from a jury of parents, woke up in her rose and white ornate bedroom today, smiling for the first time in nearly five months.

She was free to marry her college sweetheart. But that won't be until she finishes college. She and the engineering student to

whom she is "unofficially engaged" both are seniors.

Girl Sleeps Late The slim girl with the long golden hair slept late today in the modest Paight home. But last night she was a worried frightened girl while the jury of nine mothers and three fathers deliberated for nearly five hours.

At 8:07 p.m., four hours and 51 minutes after they had received the case, they reported in superior court at nearby Bridgeport that they found her innocent.

That meant they had decided she was insane when she sent a bullet through the brain of her father, Stamford Police Sgt. Carl W. Paight, 52, last September 23, as he slept in his hospital bed. Less than two hours before the family doctor had told her and her mother that he had an incurable cancer and would die within two months.

Decline To Talk The defense pleaded insanity, and Presiding Judge John A. Cornell told the jury if they found the state had failed to prove Carol sane at the moment she pulled the trigger of her father's .38-caliber service revolver they must acquit her. The jury spent only two hours and 22 minutes in deliberations with- in the jury room. They declined, by agreement among themselves, to talk about what went on in that room.

After the verdict, State's Attorney Lorin W. Willis gave the permission of the state of Connecticut for her to go free. That indicated he would not file an appeal, although he can do so within 24 hours after the verdict.

Loses Nine Pounds Carol first was held under guard in the same hospital in which she had killed her father. On October 1, she was moved to the Fairfield county jail at Bridgeport, where the trial was held. Except for her appearances in court, the college zoology student has been in jail. She lost nine pounds.

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Shady Cove Man May Seek County Commissioner Job

Shady Cove, Feb. 8.—Sentiment favoring representation for the northern portion of the county on the county court became crystallized today with the announcement by a group of Shady Cove men that they had been attempting to persuade Lew Graves, 52, Shady Cove, to seek the republican nomination for county commissioner in the May primary election.

Incumbent Robert Lytle is from Ashland. It was pointed out by Commissioner L. G. "Shy" Morthland is a former Ashland resident, while County Judge J. B. Coleman is from Medford.

Is Undecided Graves said today that he is undecided as to whether or not he should become a candidate. But his friends point out that he is a retired businessman, would be able to devote full time to the job, and has an interest in the improvement and systematic maintenance of the county road system.

Graves has been a resident of the Rogue valley for about five years, half of the time in Medford and the last two and a half years in Shady Cove. A native Californian, he was a Standard Oil company representative for 20 years, and during the war was a superintendent for a shipbuilding and drydock concern. He is a veteran of World War I and is an American Legion member. His other affiliations include the Lions (he is a past president), the Masons, Footprinters international, and chamber of commerce work in California. He also has been in the building construction and real estate business, and was a gold dredge operator before the war.

Chose Oregon He said he chose Oregon in which to settle because of the "great future" he sees for the state, particularly the southern part. He owns business property in both Medford and Eagle Point.

Graves said his decision to become a candidate would depend upon sentiment from voters in Rogue River, Gold Hill, Shady Cove, Eagle Point, Medford, and other sections of the county.

Truman Would Enter Telephone Dispute Washington, Feb. 8.—(U.P.)—A high government official said today that President Truman will step into the telephone wage dispute unless it is settled before February 24—the new deadline for a nationwide strike.

This official said Mr. Truman, along with many other government officials, believes a telephone walkout would become immediately "just as serious as the coal strike now is."

The CIO communications workers had been scheduled to strike at 6 a.m. local time today, but it postponed the deadline for 16 days at the government's request.

England's Plan to Harness Atomic Energy Due Soon London, Feb. 8.—(U.P.)—The supply ministry reported today that plans for harnessing atomic energy to steam turbines will be submitted to the cabinet for approval in about two months.

Engines For Ships Two separate projects outlined for British atomic scientists will call for atomic engines for ships and for generating electricity on land. Scientists working on the projects believe they can complete their experiments successfully in about two years.

The word from the supply ministry, which controls atomic research in Britain, was the most promising yet to come from a responsible source on the industrial use of atomic energy.

The projects probably will be organized at Harwell, the British

atomic energy research center. No estimate was available on the cost.

The ship's engine project is aimed mainly at getting an atomic energy engine for the navy. Scientists long have regarded the use of atomic energy for ship propulsion as one of the more likely developments in the field.

Would Ease Dependence Success in development of atom-powered steam generating plants would ease Britain's dependence on coal, which is scarce.

Informants reported that neither of the two projects would involve any new principles. They said heat released by atomic energy would be used to heat boilers and produce steam pressure to drive steam turbines.

Resignation Bares Postage Stamp Deal

Washington, Feb. 8.—(U.P.)—Postal inspectors today investigated the case of Harold F. Ambrose, who was forced to resign his high post office job because of postage stamp deals with speculators.

The FBI had "no comment" on reports that it too is looking into the operations, which were said to involve huge sums of money.

Special Assistant Ambrose is a nephew by marriage of Sen. Joseph C. O'Mahoney (D., Wyo.) and until last month was special assistant to Postmaster General Jesse M. Donaldson.

Donaldson told the United Press last night that he demanded—and received—Ambrose's resignation from the \$10,000-a-year job on January 11. He said he accepted it "with prejudice—which is tantamount to removal."

Donaldson said that, at O'Mahoney's insistence, Ambrose came to him and made a clean breast of the whole affair. According to the postmaster general, here's the way the scheme worked:

Ambrose approached several "speculators"—Donaldson said they are "apparently gamblers"—and showed them a catalogue listing special commemorative stamps at higher prices than their actual value.

He told the "speculators" that, if they put up the money, he could buy the stamps and resell them to recognized dealers at an enormous profit. He mentioned a 50 per cent profit, and said he was to receive 25 per cent.

A few of the investors actually received the profit promised. But funds for the pay-off apparently came from "investments" of some of the later speculators and these wound up as heavy losers in the deal.

Donaldson told newsmen that Ambrose told him he worked the scheme for the past year and a half. But at no time, Donaldson added, did it involve either the use of post office department funds or the use of the mails to defraud.

Historical Society Invites Siskiyouans Members of the Siskiyou County Historical society have been invited to attend the open meeting of the Southern Oregon Historical Society, Inc., which is to be held in the old Jacksonville courthouse next Sunday at 2 p.m.

In a letter to the Siskiyou society president, Glenn Feustal, at Yreka, Cal., Secretary Venita Daley of the local group stated that the open meeting is being held so that the general public may inspect the repair work which has been under way for some weeks, preparing the old building for use as a museum.

The Sunday meeting will also be by way of commemorating Lincoln's birthday and the admission of Oregon to statehood, the latter event having taken place on February 14, 1859.

Health Bureau Okays Listing Of Addresses Portland, Ore., Feb. 8.—(U.P.)—The health bureau today approved the listing of addresses with names published in newspaper reports of vital statistics.

Dr. Thomas L. Meador, city health officer, said after consultation with State Health Officer Dr. Harold M. Erickson, that an earlier order banning the printing of addresses was rescinded.

WEATHER FORECAST: Partly cloudy to occasionally cloudy with showers tonight and Thursday. High above 4,000 feet. Mild temperatures.

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