



DENIES URGING 'MERCY MURDER'—Reginald Borroto (left), accompanied by his attorney, J. Murray Devine, leaves court in Medford, N. H., where he denied he ever pleaded with Dr. Hermann N. Sander, to end his cancer-tortured wife's suffering. Borroto was the state's eighth witness in the "mercy murder" trial of Dr. Sander, charged with slaying Mrs. Abbie C. Borroto, 59.

Question Of Air Injection Presents Big Problem In Dr. Sander's Trial

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Manchester, N. H., Mar. 3.—(U.P.)—It was a bigger question than ever before today as to why Dr. Hermann N. Sander injected air into the veins of Mrs. Abbie Borroto.

His defense counsel has announced the doctor will go on the stand in his own defense and will testify that he was "sure" his patient was dead when he injected the air.

Then why the injection? And why the notation on the progress report that she died 10 minutes later?

No Ill Effects

Meanwhile, in Baltimore, Dr. Harry M. Robinson, a physician and professor of dermatology at the University of Maryland, said he is willing to have air injected into his veins—perhaps not 40 cubic centimeters, Robinson said that he has injected 10, 20 and 30—and perhaps more—to patients in presence of students, and that none of the patients had any ill effects. He said he was confident that many patients had received air with no ill effects during blood transfusions.

Pathologists, however, say that the lethal dose of air depends on the condition of the patient, and whether the air is given rapidly. Mrs. Borroto was in a dying condition when she received the air injections, but the defense now maintains that she did not receive 40 cubic centimeters.

Question Grows Bigger

The question of why Sander injected the air and made the notation grows bigger as the defense presents its case. Around Manchester, there is some feeling that Dr. Sander did it well knowing that it would bring "mercy killing" out in the open for great public discussion. In that, he appears to have succeeded if that was the intention.

Trial observers have been of the opinion that Sander would have to go on the stand to clinch the defense contention that Mrs. Borroto was dead before the injections were made.

It was felt in Manchester that

even though the jury were convinced Mrs. Borroto was dead and that no murder was committed, the jury would want an explanation of the injection. And that would have to come from Dr. Sander in person.

Three Holdups Net Money In Portland

Portland, Ore., Mar. 3.—(U.P.)—Three holdups last night, one by an unidentified, apologetic man, netted robbers an undetermined sum of money, city and county police reported today.

County police said a man between 21 and 25 years of age held up a tavern and apologized to the manager and his wife as he scooped \$57 out of the cash drawer.

"I need it for my wife and six kids, and your insurance will cover the loss," he said.

The loss was covered by insurance, police said.

In a related double robbery, one man robbed a service station of an undetermined amount of money. Then he and his accomplice stepped across the street and stole another sum of money from a grocery store.

None of the robbers was captured.

Bad Knee Cause Of Man's Broken Arm

Salem, Ore., Mar. 3.—(U.P.)—Because of a bad knee, L. M. McComber went to the hospital with a broken arm.

McComber, who lives in Salem, was going to enter a veterans' hospital in Portland today for treatment of his knee. But it gave out on him Thursday night and he fell at his apartment, breaking his arm. He was taken to a hospital here where his condition was reported good.

NEW SPEED MARK

Miami, Fla., Mar. 3.—(U.P.)—Delta airlines claimed a new commercial speed record today for a DC-6 with 37 passengers aboard which made it from Chicago to Miami in three hours, eight minutes and 48 seconds.

Portland Aviators En Route To Havana

Jacksonville, Fla., Mar. 3.—(U.P.)—Eighty small airplanes from Portland, Ore., climbed into the murky sky today en route to Havana, Cuba, on a 7,500-mile round-trip from the west coast city.

The group of airplanes, carrying some 250 persons, arrived here yesterday from New Orleans. The flight is called "the world's most ambitious air tour," Chamber of commerce officials and local aviation followers entertained the visitors with a cocktail party last night.

Included in the group is Oregon State Sen. Angus Gibson, 81, a World War I fighter pilot who learned to fly all over again three years ago.

The fliers brought along members of their families. One had his two-year-old child and another his 83-year-old father.

Navy and coast guard surface craft will form a protective chain along the 90-mile overwater flight from Key West to Havana tomorrow. The group will spend the night in the Florida Keys.

Only One-Seventh Of Winter Pears Unsold

Less than one-seventh of the 1949 pack of the nation's winter pears remains unsold and most of these are Medford anjous, the Oregon State college extension service reported today.

"Very few northwest winter nells pears have moved but California is nearly clean of all varieties, the extension service said.

Pear auctions have turned weaker during the last 10 days but shipments are beginning to taper off. Only 94 cars were billed the past week and of these, 66 were from Oregon.

The United States department of agriculture reports fancy Oregon anjous hit a peak in the New York auctions on the 16th of last month when 1,000 boxes averaged \$5.36. Offerings increased last week and the average for 2,900 boxes sold on the February 26 was down to \$4.21. Some recovery was shown the last two days of the month when averages for fancy anjous climbed to \$4.45 a box. Comice also shared in the slump.

Missionary Killed In Freedom Attempt

Rangoon, Burma, Mar. 3.—(U.P.)—Police reported today that Miss Selma Maxville, 67-year-old California missionary, has been killed along with 12 rescuers who attempted to release her from a kidnapper.

Miss Maxville, a Baptist missionary who has spent 40 years in Burma, was abducted by insurgent bandits while riding in her car about 100 miles east of Rangoon.

The bandits demanded \$4,000 ransom. The Rev. G. A. Soord, head of the Baptist mission, said he was unable to pay it because mission policy forbade use of mission funds for ransom.

A group of Burmese natives who were friends of Miss Maxville organized a rescue party and succeeded in freeing her from the bandit hideout. However, the party of 15 was ambushed while making their escape and all but three killed. Miss Maxville was killed by machinegun fire.

Barrymore Daughter Weds Young Writer

Hollywood, Mar. 3.—(U.P.)—A daughter of the late John Barrymore disclosed today she was married secretly to a young writer because her mother objected.

Dolores Ethel Blyth, 19, daughter of Barrymore and actress Dolores Costello, and Thomas Alexander Fairbanks, 24, were married in San Bernardino, Cal., yesterday morning.

They returned here to stay temporarily at the home of Fairbanks' father.

The bride said they hoped to keep the marriage a secret because her mother objected to the romance.

"After our families get together, we hope to have a church wedding," she said.

Highway Association Man Dies In Eugene

Eugene, Mar. 3.—(U.P.)—Harvey Blythe, 47, died here last week. He was manager of the Oregon U. S. Highway 99 association.

For many years he was a member of the University of Oregon faculty as an instructor in military science.

In addition to his work with the 99 highway group, Blythe was a member of the national executive board of the Boy Scouts of America and of the Oregon Trail council.

Blythe was well-known in Medford, where he was a frequent visitor in behalf of the highway association.

Firemen Arrive Blaze Before It Gets There

Williamstown, Mass., (U.P.)—Firemen set some sort of record when they reached the scene of a fire before the fire itself got there.

The firemen were waiting at the railroad station when a freight train arrived with a blazing box car.

The fire had been noticed by a resident of Hoosick Falls, N. Y., 206 miles back on the train's route, and railroad officials telephoned ahead to give the alarm.



Sir Harry Lauder Laid To Rest Beside Mother In Family Burial Plot

Hamilton, Lanarkshire, Scotland, March 3.—(U.P.)—The bagpipes were silent and the gray skies dripped rain on the "Bonnie Banks o' Clyde" while Sir Harry Lauder was laid to rest.

The kilted minstrel with the sparkling wit was buried beside his mother yesterday in the austere burial place of his family, less than a mile from the banks of the river Clyde which he immortalized in the song "Roamin' in the Gloamin'."

Likened To Burns, Scott

Humble miners in shabby raincoats jostled shoulders with Scottish peers as the Rev. T. F. Harkness Graham likened Scotland's greatest minstrel to Robert Burns and Sir Walter Scott, the poets of the past.

"His popularity was world wide" said the pastor while the organ swelled in the familiar melody of "The End of the Road," one of the 150 songs Sir Harry wrote.

It was raining as Sir Harry's neighbors gathered at Bent cemetery to pay their last respects to the world-renowned minstrel who died Sunday at the age of 79.

Flowers ranged from a great sheaf of arum lilies and iris, the remembrance of wartime Prime Minister Winston Churchill and his wife, to a bouquet of violets sent by a child admirer of the Scottish minstrel.

Hymn Repeated

Services were held in Cadzow parish church before 800 members of the congregation and other guests. Mourners joined in hymns and some repeated the lines of Lady Grizel Baillie's ballad:

"O' we're young as we ance ha'e been
We sul ha'e been galloping
down on yon green
And linking it over the lily
white lea,
But we na my heart light I
wad dee."

bride-buying is an accepted custom, a girl must hide her head in shame unless she earns something for papa. In the society of the Kaffirs, members of the Bantu races of South Africa, a girl who is not bought with cattle is dubbed an "old cat" by her campfire sisters. An "old cat" down there adds up to one word—"worthless."

Fire-water Used

With the Kuki-Lushai people of Assam, India, a young man is expected to give a few gourds of fire-water to his sweetheart's parents when he calls to ask her to be his own.

If the folks accept him, he moves in on the girl's father and goes right to work. He becomes a servant in the household for three years. Then, if he has kept his nose dry, clean, and has otherwise behaved, he is free to wed. But another two years of servitude is required before he can go into the woods and cut down the material for his own thatch hut.

In Alaska, the situation is different. A hopeful suitor of the Kenai doesn't bother to ask for parental consent. He slips silently into the old man's igloo and begins to cook, clean and take care of steaming up water for the baths. If he does a good job, he is allowed to work on for a year, then he can marry the girl and start igloo-inhabiting on his own.

All of which makes America a wonderful country.

We fellows expect, by tradition, to have the papa-in-law foot all of the bills for the wedding, give us a set of sterling and maybe a new house for a wedding present and to leave us forever alone once we settle down.

A Nichols' Worth of— Comment On This and That

By HARMAN W. NICHOLS
United Press Feature Writer

Washington, Mar. 3.—(U.P.)—This won't set very well with our lovely women folks, but you've got to face the facts.

The National Geographic society says that American brides come cheap—on a down payment basis, that is—compared to their less civilized sisters in the grass skirt sets in primitive lands.

If the American lover has \$2 or so in his jeans he can buy a marriage license and trot his girl off to the altar. There, after pledging to love, honor, and obey, he can slip the parson whatever he can afford and be away on his honeymoon.

But that's not so in other lands.

The N.G.S. has looked into the matter and comes up with some interesting data.

Take New Guinea. There the native swains find a price tag of \$800 on their lady loves. True, they can go into the woods and pluck a few wild flowers and maybe spear a wild boar for the wedding feast, but there still remains the original cash outlay.

Looks Control Price

In Nigeria, the high cost of brides is causing a fine old to-do. Among the Ibo-speaking people of the country, a shapely, pretty gal may win her pappy as much as \$250, while the parents of a homely girl with skinny pipes and buck teeth would have to be satisfied with three mangy goats.

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Shasta Dam Water Mark Reaches All-Time High

Redding, Cal., Mar. 3.—(U.P.)—The water mark in Shasta dam was expected to reach the 3,000,000 acre-feet mark today, an all-time high for this date.

The mark would be 600,000 more acre-feet than last year at this time.

The all-time capacity mark was reached last June 1 when it stood at 3,807,700 acre-feet of water.

NEW LEAGUE FORMED

Salem, Ore., Mar. 3.—(U.P.)—A planning committee of the Oregon Mint Growers association met here Thursday and formed the Oregon Essential Oil Growers league, a research and educational group.

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