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MINERS DRIFTING BACK TO PITS

'Obsession' Forced Air Shot, Dr. Sander Claims

Explanations Of Injection Given By Star Witness

Patient Already Dead, Accused Asserts

Manchester, N. M., Mar. 6—(UP)—Dr. Hermann N. Sander calmly testified today that an "obsession" forced him to pump air into a cancer patient he believed already dead.

"Something snapped in me," was Dr. Sander's explanation of the air injection that brought him to trial charged with the "mercy murder" of the patient Mrs. Abbie C. Borroto, 59.

Was Already Dead

Dr. Sander, testifying as his own star witness, maintained Mrs. Borroto was dead of cancer when he plugged his hypodermic needle into her arm. Thus, he contended, he could not have killed her to spare her further suffering.

"It was just the appearance of her face and the remembrance of her long suffering that might have touched me off and made me do something that doesn't make sense," he said.

"It was an irrational behavior and I don't think I can explain it. . . I was obsessed to do it."

Dr. Sander began his dramatic testimony with a statement that the novel "Magnificent Obsession" by Lloyd C. Douglas inspired him to become a physician.

That was under the friendly questioning of his counsel who drew from him the assertion that Mrs. Borroto was dead when he entered her Hillsborough county hospital room last December 4.

Atmosphere Changes

The atmosphere changed about an hour and a half later when the state's chief prosecutor, Attorney General William L. Phinney, began his cross-examination and asked his boyhood chum questions designed to send the latter to prison for life.

But Dr. Sander maintained his position that "I knew she was dead" when he injected air into Mrs. Borroto's arm.

"You had an obsession to inject air into the veins of this poor, dead soul?" snapped Phinney to the physician who once was his pal.

"That's right," said Dr. Sander.

"And you can't tell us why?" persisted Phinney.

"That's right," repeated the accused doctor.

Finally, however, Dr. Sander amplified his answer by adding that "the very fact she was dead gave me assurance I could do her no harm."

Under direct examination, Dr. Sander said "I never had any intention to kill Mrs. Borroto. . . I never told anybody I killed Mrs. Borroto."

KING GEORGE OPENS BRITISH PARLIAMENT

London, March 6—(UP)—Prime Minister Clement Attlee said today his government intends to put into effect a law nationalizing iron and steel despite the laborites' bare seven-vote majority in commons.

"There is nothing to be done in the matter immediately," Attlee told the new house at its first business session. "But that statute is on the statute books, and our purpose is to give effect to acts passed by parliament."

His statement indicated the government intended, as sketched in King George's speech a few hours earlier, to introduce no "contentious" legislation at this session.

London, Mar. 6—(UP)—King George VI formally opened parliament today with a promise that the labor government would pick up all controversial legislation during the coming year.

No "contentious" portions of the labor government's socialist program will be brought before parliament unless full employment and Britain's national well-being are threatened, the king said.

Nationalization Unmentioned

The king's speech, written for him by Prime Minister Clement Attlee's labor government, skipped all direct mention of such controversial labor government proposals as nationalization.

Attlee campaigned on a promise to continue nationalization. His majority in commons was so slight, however—seven seats—that he and his cabinet agreed to call a halt to the nationalization program.

The king's speech was extremely short and was one of the least informative to be delivered to the opening of parliament in many years.

It reflected the precarious position of the labor government and its determination not to clash in commons with the opposition over controversial legislation.

In the field of foreign affairs the only notable mention involved the problem of atomic energy.

Churchill Ignored

The king ignored Conservative Leader Winston Churchill's election campaign appeal for Britain to take the lead in arranging another Big Three meeting with Premier Josef Stalin of Russia.

He said the labor government would do everything within its power to reach an agreement on the tremendous problem of atomic energy.

In general the king's speech was routine, indicating Attlee's determination to carry on with a "caretaker" government program only.

At only one place did the king—speaking for the labor government—threaten to proceed with controversial issues.

"In view of the restricted time available and the heavy volume of financial business to be transacted, my government proposes only a limited program of legislation for the present session," the king said.

Delake, Ore., Mar. 6—(UP)—Laymen and experts measured, felt and sniffed at a 22-foot "sea monster" today but nobody could offer a name for the mysterious blob of marine flesh.

Sighters, whalers, biologists and deep sea fishermen examined the 1,000-pound "thing" as it lay beached and chained to a piling near the point where it was washed up Saturday.

Nobody had any idea what it was.

It appeared that the experts would have to identify the thing in a hurry. It was beginning to smelt.

Monster Has Tail

The "monster" had a 6-foot tail protruding from its six-foot-long body. A half-dozen or more smaller "tails" radiated from the body.



END OF COAL STRIKE SADDENED ONE—Although happy the coal strike is over, Clint Conger expresses sadness as he ponders what to do with eight tons of high-grade coal, which is only slightly less expensive than gold. Conger trucked the coal to Cleveland from Pomeroy, O., a distance of 250 miles, only to be greeted by Clevelanders reluctant to pay the \$30-a-ton he asked because end of the strike promised more and cheaper coal. He wouldn't say what the coal cost him—just "plenty."

Air Force Considers Dropping B-52 Jet Bomber From Plans

Washington, Mar. 6—(UP)—The air force disclosed officially today that it is considering dropping the B-52 Boeing jet bomber as successor to the B-36 in its heavy bomber program.

No Decision Reached

No decision has been reached, the air force said. It said, however, that studies are being made to determine how the Convair B-36 may be beefed up and altered in design and power.

In response to reporters' inquiries, the air force issued this statement:

"As part of its continuous review of existing and planned programs, the air force is examining the B-52 along with other things the plans for the B-52."

"No decision has yet been reached whether the B-52 will be dropped from its present position as the planned successor of the B-36. Studies are being made to determine the extent to which the B-36 may logically be expected to develop with changes in design and power."

"In addition to its other responsibilities the air force has an obligation to maintain to the fullest extent practicable the health of the air craft industry. The Boeing company of Seattle, which develops the B-52, will continue as a vital part of the industry in air force planning regardless of the decision which may be reached on the B-52."

Meteor Explosion Possibility Checked

Eugene, Ore., Mar. 6—(UP)—Oregon scientists today were checking the possibilities that it was a meteor explosion that shook the Eugene area Sunday morning.

But Eugene police expressed opinion that it was a man-made blast at a rock quarry near Fernridge lake, 10 miles west of here.

Dr. J. Hugh Pruitt, University of Oregon astronomer, said he was checking the possibilities that the explosion, felt for a 40-mile radius, was caused by an exploding meteor. At Oregon State college in Corvallis, 40 miles north of Eugene, scientists were studying the Oregon State seismograph to see if the blast was recorded on the instrument.

The explosion shook Eugene about 11:50 a. m. Sunday and reports of similar shocks came from communities as far as 20 miles in all directions from what was believed the center of the explosion.

LeBrun, Twice French President, Succumbs

Paris, Mar. 6—(UP)—Albert LeBrun, 78, one-time farm boy who twice was elected president of France, died today of pneumonia.

Death came at 7:30 a. m., Paris time, in his home here.

He had been in retirement since 1944.

LeBrun had been seriously ill at his home for the last 10 days and is survived by a son, Jean LeBrun, and a married daughter, Mme. Jean Freyssinard.

LeBrun was one of the few statesmen ever to be elected president of France twice. But he did not finish his second term because the Germans interned him in 1942. Since the war, he has spent much of his time in a Paris nursing home.

Two State Hospital Patients Are Sought

Salem, Ore., Mar. 6—(UP)—A state hospital patient who was committed when he was 15 after killing a Pendleton taxicab driver was sought by state police today.

He walked away from the hospital here Sunday night while he was on ground parole.

Ervin Embysk, now 28, was committed to the hospital here in 1937 from the Eastern Oregon state hospital at Pendleton, where he was confined after confessing to the killing of Howard Gwin, 28-year-old taxi driver.

Embysk had engaged Gwin to drive him to Pilot Rock. On the way, Embysk shot the driver twice with a .22 caliber revolver, then robbed him of \$5, state police said their records show.

Hospital attendants said Embysk was regarded as harmless. He had been a ground parolee for several years and allowed to roam the institution and its grounds at will.

Eugene Harshberger, 26, received from Portland in 1931 also walked away from the hospital while he was on ground parole Sunday night.

Embysk said he, also, was regarded as harmless. The hospital said both were still missing today.

Two Holdup Men Slain In Portland

Portland, Ore., Mar. 6—Two holdup men were shot and killed last night when they attempted to loot a Portland grocery store.

Eugene Archibald, 60, father-in-law of the owner of the store, came out shooting from the rear of the store when he heard his daughter, Mrs. Laurie Behrens, 25, tell two strangers that her father and husband were in the kitchen.

"Leave enough money so we can open in the morning," Mrs. Behrens said in a raised voice.

One of the holdup men, later identified as Henry Douglas Smith, 36, scurried toward the rear of the store. Archibald shot him twice and he fell on the kitchen floor.

Stepping into the store section, Archibald encountered the other man, Jay, W. Harris, 25, of West Linn, Ore., who had a pistol pointed at Archibald. Both men fired. Harris was hit in the head and Archibald was wounded in the wrist.

Washington, Mar. 6—(UP)—President Truman told congressional leaders today he will send congress this week about a half-dozen new plans for reorganizing government agencies.

FULL PRODUCTION EXPECTED WITHIN NEXT 24 HOURS

Pittsburgh, Mar. 6—(UP)—Signing of a new wage-boosting contract sent more than 175,000 United Mine workers back to work in the nation's soft coal pits today and full production was expected within 24 hours.

The back-to-work movement gained momentum by the hour as local unions met for formal action on the settlement. In keeping with UMW tradition, thousands of the miners refused to work until UMW President John L. Lewis' telegrams announcing the agreement arrived.

With the reopening of the mines, railroads and heavy industry, hard hit by the coal shortage, started the climb back to normal. U. S. Steel, which had cut Pittsburgh district operations to 53 per cent, brought its coke production back to normal and turned on the heat in eight of the 14 blast furnaces banked.

Mine field stores were jammed with miners' wives stocking up their depleted pantries. Credit, which some companies had cut off to strikers, automatically was restored.

A bread truck operator in the Waynesburg, Pa., district said his supplies were exhausted long before he had completed his round. Stores reported they had sold out of sandwich meats.

In western Pennsylvania, 12,500 of the district's 50,000 miners returned. Operators said the number will swell to 25,000 by night and full production will be reached tomorrow.

About 25 per cent of central Pennsylvania's 55,000 miners were working and the remainder were holding strike-ending meetings. West Virginia reported 95,000 of its 118,000 miners back.

Illinois' 24,000 UMW members were returning. Reopening of mines in Kansas and Missouri awaited signing of a district contract.

Jones & Laughlin Steel Corp., which operates three mines in western Pennsylvania, employing 4,500 men, reported its men didn't show up.

"They've called a meeting for this afternoon and we expect to get on the 'cat eye' shift tonight," A J & L official said.

Sid Grauman Dies At Hollywood Hospital

Hollywood, Mar. 6—(UP)—Famed Hollywood Showman Sid Grauman, 70, died yesterday at Cedars of Lebanon hospital of a heart ailment.

Grauman, who immortalized the foot and handprints of screen stars in cement, died almost alone after being in the hospital 11 days. Only his physician, Dr. Myron Prinzmetal, and his secretary, Gertrude Skalk, were present.

He had no close relatives. Funeral arrangements were incomplete.

Born Sidney Patrick Grauman in Indianapolis, Ind., he came to Hollywood when it became the center of the budding movie industry.

Precinct Workers to See Election Here

Both democratic and republican party workers today were swarming much of their attention from candidates for public office to the need for precinct committeemen and women to handle electioneering at the grass roots level. Friday is the filing deadline for both candidates seeking nomination to county, state, and national positions for those running for efficiency and effectiveness.

She said she appealed to all "loyal and interested republicans" to make themselves personally responsible for seeing that candidates are filed by March 10 for the offices of precinct committee man and woman in every precinct in the county.

Said "Educational"

Mrs. Kelly characterized the precinct jobs as essentially educational in nature. "If the precinct posts go unfilled," she said, "there cannot be a campaign based on full and adequate information on candidates and issues in the coming general election."

She pointed out that committeemen and women were responsible for the personal contact of every voter in their precinct to see that they voted and that they were informed about the offices and issues at stake before they marked their ballots.

A list of candidates for precinct posts who have filed their intention to seek election so far as published on page five of today's Mail Tribune.

Census Exams To Be Held Again Tuesday

Due to a stenographic error in typing examination notices, exams for jobs as 1950 census enumerators in this area will be held again tomorrow on the same schedule as they were run today.

The exams were officially scheduled and announced for today in the courtroom of the federal building (post office) but a number of notices were mailed to applicants ordering them to appear for examination Tuesday.

In order to resolve the confusion, Guy D. Corliss, assistant district supervisor, bureau of the census, said this noon that he will conduct the examinations again tomorrow at 9 a. m., 10:30 a. m., 1:30 a. m. and 3 p. m.

By noon today, 51 applicants had turned in examinations. Corliss said. Fifty-five enumerators are required for the job. In order to make the eligible list applicants must make a grade of 10 or above. Successful applicants will be chosen from those with the highest grades above 10. Final appointments will not be known until all exams are graded in from seven to ten days.

Virus Pneumonia Fatal To Edgar Lee Masters

Melrose Park, Pa., Mar. 6—(UP)—Edgar Lee Masters, 80 poet-author, of "Spoon River Anthology," died early today in a convalescent home. He was stricken with virus pneumonia three days ago.

Masters, one of the nation's best known poets, had been more or less an invalid since an attack of pneumonia in December, 1943.

His second wife, Ellen, 30 years his junior, was with him when he died. He also is survived by their son, Hillary, 21, a Washington newspaper man, and two children by his former marriage.

School Merger Revote Scheduled Tonight

Central Point, Mar. 6—(UP)—Qualified voters in Consolidated school district No. 6 and Tolo district No. 98 will ballot from 7 to 9 p. m. today on merger.

The elections constitute revotes which were made necessary by a bonding company's interpretation. District No. 6 residents will vote at the Central Point school gymnasium and Tolo patrons will ballot at a garage on the Richard Savage farm.

Bidault Ends Filibuster By Asking Confidence Vote

Paris, Mar. 6—(UP)—Premier Georges Bidault suddenly silenced a four-day communist filibuster in the national assembly today by demanding a vote of confidence on powers to imprison communist strike agitators in chains.

At the same time a strike on the Paris bus and subway systems, called by communist union leaders, closed virtually all bus lines and 12 of the city's 15 subway lines.

The demand for a vote of confidence automatically ended four days of riotous assembly debate on the government's anti-sabotage bill. Debate was marked by bloody fist fights when communists attacked right-wing deputies.

Medford Polio Victim Removed To Eugene

A 12-year-old Medford girl suffering from polio was taken to Sacred Heart hospital, Eugene, Saturday evening by Perl ambulance, the ambulance service reported.

The girl's doctor here said that the disease was in an early stage but that she was "very sick."

The case is the second one this year in Jackson county according to the county health office.