

Chicago Beer Baron Riddled by Bullets; Investigation Ordered

Chicago—(U.P.)—Police feared today that a new Chicago beer war may have claimed as its first victim, Alex (Louie) Greenberg, financial genius and brewer king of the Capone crime syndicate.

Four bullets ended Greenberg's rags-to-riches career as he stepped from a restaurant Thursday night. His wife watched in horror as the underworld multi-millionaire staggered after his two assassins, only to crumple in the middle of a dingy street.

Greenberg, 64, was the guiding force behind the Canadian Ace Brewing Co., which traces its origin straight back to the heyday of Al Capone and the bloody beer wars of Chicago's prohibition days.

Tavern owners on Chicago's South Side have been complaining recently that Canadian Ace representatives were returning to the "muscle" tactics of the roaring 20s to push their product. An immediate investigation was started to determine whether these strong arm tactics, which triggered the beer wars of 30 years ago, had resulted in Greenberg's assassination.

Roundup and Inquest
A roundup of known underworld figures was ordered and an inquest was scheduled for later today.

Police were also mindful that Greenberg was the fifth underworld figure connected with a \$2,000,000 shake-down of the movie industry to meet a violent death.

Only last month pudgy Willie Bluff, key witness in the conviction of four top underworld figures in the 1943 trial, was blown to pieces by a dynamite blast at his Phoenix, Ariz., home. Greenberg was also a prosecution witness in the trial and at least one of the defendants threatened at the time to "get him."

Two other members of the group Charles (Cherry Nose) Gioe and Frank Maritote, were cut down by gangland guns in

Chicago within a few days of each other in August, 1934. Both had served prison terms for their roles in the giant shake-down.

Richest of All
Greenberg, the richest of the lot, was killed after he had eaten a meal with his wife Pearl, 43, at the Glass Dome Hickory Pit restaurant, located close to the Canadian Ace headquarters. Mrs. Greenberg had just entered their car when two men

slipped up behind her husband. She heard him exclaim "No!" a second before two shots ripped into his body.

Greenberg held on to life, grabbing the open car door and dragging himself erect. He stumbled after the fleeing men until he reached the center of the street.

The gunmen wheeled and fired three more shots. Greenberg went down and his slayers darted up an alley.

Oregon Payroll Gains Shown in First Half

Salem — (U.P.)—Curry, Hood River and Jefferson counties led in payroll gains for the first half of 1955, according to the State Unemployment Compensation Commission.

Sherman county added to its 1954 increase to stand second only to Curry county in the two-year advance, complications completed of reports of some 18,000 employers showed.

Multnomah county, which has about 45 per cent of Oregon's payrolls, gained 6.1 per cent up to June 30 while the remainder of the state had an increase of 7.7 per cent.

The total was \$648,296,000

compared to \$606,298,467 for the same period last year and \$622,206,355 in the first half of 1953.

With lumber and plywood production expanding steadily, Curry county firms reported \$4,708,944 in payrolls up to last June 30, compared with \$3,286,523 the previous year and \$2,711,924 for the same period of 1953.

Expanding construction was the principal reason behind gains reported from Sherman and Jefferson counties. New coverage from co-operative canneries was mainly responsible for a 38.9 per cent rise in Hood River county. Other counties increasing more than 15 per cent this year included Benton, Wallowa and Wheeler.

Most consistent gains for the early part of 1955 came from populous western Oregon areas in the fir timber belt. Lane in second place reported payrolls of \$55,678,771, up 7.0 per cent. Douglas maintaining third position gained 13.1 per cent to \$33,072,342. Coos in fourth place had \$27,883,506, up 6.8 per cent. Marion gained 8.8 to hold fifth. Jackson stayed sixth, up 11.5 per cent to \$21,080,435. Linn held seventh with \$20,337,065, up 8.1 per cent. Clackamas, Josephine, Yamhill, Washington and Columbia counties also had good gains.

Losses Reported
Union, Malheur, Umatilla, Crook and Harney counties were among eastern Oregon counties paying out more wages than in early 1954.

Losses came from Baker, Gilliam, Grant, Klamath, Lake, Morrow and Wasco counties. In the latter case most of the big dam construction payrolls were reported by firms across the Columbia river in Washington, resulting in a drop of \$628,673 in the first half of 1955. Only eight of Oregon's 36 counties failed to gain this year.

Adrian Boy's Death Declared Accidental

Nyssa, Ore.—(U.P.)—A Malheur county coroner's jury yesterday ruled that Harvey C. Harrell, 15, Adrian, died of accidental gunshot wounds.

The high school freshman was shot in the stomach Nov. 27 while at the home of a friend.

Education Pamphlet Introduction By Dr. Elmo Stevenson

Ashland—Dr. Elmo N. Stevenson, president of Southern Oregon college, has prepared the introduction and a section on "Oregon's Beauty" in a new state department of education publications, "Conservation Education In Oregon Schools."

The publication points out that as much as 100 tons of top soil, enough to fill two boxcars, is washed away per acre of land in some sections of the state in a single storm. It also points out that more than \$100,000 was spent in 1953 by the state highway department to clean up roadside litter.

Recognizes Problem
Dr. Stevenson, in the publication's introduction, states that "Oregon recognizes its conservation problems and is doing something about them. The state's entire economic structure lies close to the proper utilization and development of its natural assets."

He pointed out that farming, lumbering, fishing, mining and tourist trade have reached the point where careful and wise development are necessary to improve our present productive capacity.

Public schools of Oregon, the publication states, should not ignore the importance of conservation problems.

The purpose of the booklet, Dr. Stevenson said, is to assist teachers by pointing out "the wealth of information available on conservation education."

Cuban Uprisings Linked To Pattern

Havana, Cuba — (U.P.) — Two weeks of bloody student uprisings appeared today to follow the pattern of the student riots that deposed Cuban Dictator Gerardo Machado 22 years ago.

Since the disorders against President Fulgencio Batista first flared Nov. 27, more than 300 students have been arrested and over 100 persons injured.

Anti-government demonstrations have been staged by the students in Havana and dozens of other cities across the island. Observers said that Batista's political opponents are sponsoring the student riots. The government has denounced the demonstrations as "Communist and politically inspired" and has warned they will be suppressed.

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Ex-Salem Man Held for Murder

Weiser, Ida. — (U.P.) — A former Salem, Ore., man was held here today on a second degree murder charge in connection with the death of his 14-month-old stepson.

Kenneth Dean Ahrenkiel, 26-year-old laborer, was arrested by county authorities yesterday and charged in a complaint filed by District Attorney Kent Power.

Ahrenkiel's stepson, Steve Bickley, was dead on arrival at a Weiser hospital late Monday night. County authorities ruled death was caused by repeated blows to the head.

Ahrenkiel, who came here from Salem, Ore., with his wife and stepson about 30 days ago, was arraigned in county probate court yesterday. He waived a preliminary hearing.

Power said Ahrenkiel, who was bound over to district court for trial, would be arraigned "in a few days." He was held in lieu of \$5,000 bond.

Job Sale Hearings Called Premature

Washington—(U.P.)—Sen. Olin D. Johnston's office today labeled premature the announcement that his Civil Service committee plans hearings on the reported sale of government jobs in five states.

The office said the committee will decide whether to hold hearings after its members receive and evaluate reports from investigators.

Earlier, a spokesman said the staff was investigating the reported "sale" of federal positions. He said investigators had prepared cases involving jobs in Texas, Missouri, and Montana, and were investigating reports from Alabama and Oklahoma.

Burglars Enter Halsey Bank; Robbery Foiled

Albany, Ore.—(U.P.)—Burglars entered the state bank at Halsey south of here before opening yesterday but failed to crack the safe, police reported. Employees said they found a hole in the roof and a small hole drilled in the vault. Police said the burglars apparently found the vault too tough.

TOO COLD

Reno, Nev.—(U.P.)—The U.S. Weather Bureau in Reno received an anxious call Thursday from an official of Pacific Fruit Express who wanted to know if the temperature was expected to rise above 10 degrees in north central Nevada.

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