SF Bank Teller Admits Hoax in Holdup Report

San Francisco –(UPI)– Joseph F. Pearce faced a charge today of faking a holdup at a bank as a teller and opening an account with half the loot reported missing.

FBI agents said Pearce, 25, admitted the holdup he reported March 31 was a hoax, but he denied he had taken the $2050 missing from his cage.

Pearce was fired from the job he held for two years and arraigned yesterday on a federal complaint charging him with filing false information and withholding material facts from the FBI.

A spokesman for the U.S. attorney's office said agents worked for weeks on the assumption Pearce had been robbed of 20 hundred dollar bills by a well-dressed man in his late 40s. However, they became suspicious when none of the 25 persons in the bank at the time of the alleged holdup remembered seeing a man fitting the description given by the teller. When it was found that Pearce had quietly opened an account, depositing $1,000, agents questioned his story.

At his arraignment Pearce steadfastly denied taking the money. He said he had been saving money in a fruit jar at home and decided to put it into the bank.

4-H Club News

Eagle Point Ranchers

The Eagle Point Ranchers met May 25. The meeting was called to order by Francis Huffman. Patsy Sutton took roll call.

A sheep-shearing and field day was planned for June 13, starting at 1 p.m. at Danny Burrils home. All members are asked to be present.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Huffman and Mrs. Adamson.

Next regular meeting will be June 8 in the agriculture building in Eagle Point, at 7 p.m.

Gordon DeHaas, Reporter

SPACE MONKEY DEAD—Able, one of the little monkeys fired into space aboard a Jupiter rocket last week, has died, the Defense Department has announced in Washington. The seven-pound Rhesus monkey died at the Army Medical Research Laboratory in Fort Knox, Ky., during an operation for removal of an electrode.

Scandinavian Plane Ordered To Land at Baghdad Airport

Rome—(UPI)—The pilot of a Scandinavian Airlines System plane forced to land in Baghdad said today there was "no real explanation" for the incident, the second in a month.

The airliner, an SAS DC-6 flying over Iraq from Tehran, Iran, to Beirut, Lebanon, was ordered by radio to land at Baghdad Airport Tuesday. There were 58 persons aboard.

Permitted To Continue

Iraqi officials held the plane for an hour and 15 minutes before permitting it to continue.

Capt. Ake Lennart Berglund, pilot of the plane, said he saw no Iraqi fighter planes in the air when he received the radio order.

An Alitalia DC-6 carrying 17 passenges was forced by Iraqi jets to land at Baghdad Airport May 6. That airliner was held for 27 hours before it was allowed to proceed.

Most passengers aboard the SAS airliner said they were not worried about the incident and it had caused them little inconvenience. The plane was two hours late into Rome, the next stop after Beirut.

Crossover Confirmed

Berglund said he had radioed as usual to confirm permission to fly over Iraqi territory before he entered the country from Iran.

"Baghdad airport confirmed by radio I could cross over Iraqi territory," he said.

"It was not until I was flying over Baghdad that they demanded I land. After we landed they gave no real explanation for the incident.

"However, there seemed to be some doubt in their minds that we had the proper permission to cross Iraq.

28-Year-Old Mother Has 13th Child

Hawthorne, Calif. – (UPI) – The admiring group of 12 children gazing at the newborn child of 28-year-old Mrs. Alicia Garnica today had a right to be proud – they were the baby's brothers and sisters.

The petite, 100-pound, 5-foot housewife from nearby Lawndale, gave birth to a 6-pound, 11-ounce daughter yesterday at Hawthorne Community hospital. It was her 13th child in the past 15 years. There were no multiple births.

Her husband, Gene, 43, a truck driver, took it all in stride. "That makes a baker's dozen," he said.

Mrs. Garnica said she and her husband were married when she was 13 and have had a child almost every year since.

The other children are: Gloria, 15; Robert, 13; Irene, 12; Romona, 11; Martha, 10; Gene, 9; Ellen, 7 Carroll, 5; Anna Marie, 6; Alicia, 3 Marcelino, 2, and Lydia, 1.

Boy Sucked Through Irrigation Pipe

Pharr, Tex. – (UPI) – Giant pumps sucked a teen-age boy nearly a quarter-mile through a 14-inch irrigation pipe to his death yesterday.

Agapito Saurez, 14, died from drowning. His body had little skin left from scraping sides of the pipe.

Firemen shut off the pumps and recovered the body from an outlet..

The youngster was playing with two companions near the intake pipe in an irrigation canal that fed water into the system. The other two boys said they grabbed him by his hair, but were unable to hold him.

Hatfield Defends Number of Vetoes Against Charges

Salem–(UPI)–Gov. Mark Hatfield today defended himself from charges made by State Rep. Ed Whelan (D-Portland) that he vetoed too many bills.

"The assaults that are being made upon my vetoes by the inner circle of the AFL-CIO in the Portland Labor temple are but a coverup for their own shortcomings in the legislative session," Hatfield said.

The governor vetoed 23 bills.

Most Important Omission

"Other than dodging the tax and revenue problems, the most important single omission of the 1959 Legislature was the way in which proposals that would have helped the rank and file laboring men and women were ignored," Hatfield said.

"I refer to secret ballot, audit of funds and other anti-coercion measures. Rather than facing up to labor-management problem the whole matter was foisted off on an interim committee," Hatfield continued.

Whelan sponsored 94 measures. "That I did not automatically accept each of these has disturbed him," the governor said.

Loran Stewart Heads Oregon Industries

Portland – (UPI) – Loran Stewart, Cottage Grove lumberman and former state repsentative, Tuesday was elected president of Associated Oregon Industries, Inc.

George L. Wollenberg, general manager of Sears, Roebuck and Co. here, was named vice president.

The group represents 590 business and industrial firms in the state.

The town of Andover, Mass., was purchased from the Indians for about $30 and a coat.

Extra $140 Million To Strengthen Army, Marine Corps Sought

Washington–(UPI)–Rep. Daniel J. Flood (D-Pa.) urged the House today to override the Eisenhower administration and vote an extra $140 million to strengthen the Army and Marine Corps.

A hot floor fight loomed over the proposal as the House prepared to wind up debate on the $38,848,339,000 defense appropriation bill and begin voting on amendments.

Amendments Fail

Another controversy was sure to develop over an amendment by Rep. William E. Minshall (R-Ohio) to wipe out the $200 million remaining in the bill for procurement of the Air Force Bomarc missile.

Both Flood and Minshall failed to get their amendments adopted when the House Appropriations Committee approved the bill. Committee leaders as well as administration forces were expected to oppose the proposals on the floor.

Indications were that the House would pass the bill and send it to the Senate by nightfall, although lengthy debate on amendments could delay final action until Thursday.

Less Than Request

As written by the Appropriations Committee, the bill carried $399,861,000 less than President Eisenhower requested. Though the committee made major charges in some of the President's proposed programs it did not appear that the administration would seek to alter the bill in the House.

Flood said he would offer a series of amendments which would add enough cash to finance a 900,000-man Army and Marine Corps of 200,000 men. He indicated he would attempt to make the increases mandatory.

Congress voted extra money last year to forestall a cut in the Army from 900,000 to 870,000 men by next June 30, but the administration has gone ahead with the reduction anyway. The Marine Corps is being trimmed to 175,000 men.

Five Missing in Mississippi River Boat Trip Found

Memphis, Tenn.– (UPI) – Two men and five children, missing and feared drifting in the Mississippi were found safe near Memphis Tuesday night.

Bill Urdak, 28, his two children, Johnny 3, and Michele, 6, Army M/Sgt. Virgil Green, 28, of Ft. Benning, Ga., and his three children, Billy 12, David, 10, and Diane, 8, had been sought by nearly 30 boats that scoured the river below Memphis.

The men said they put their 14-foot motorboat in McKeller lake intending to reach the river channel and go up river to land at the Memphis waterfront. Their wives drove to the landing place.

Beached in Inlet

Urdak and Green said that as they reached the main channel the boat's motor began missing and they turned into an inlet and beached their craft.

They said they hailed passing boats but no one heard them. Urdak was fully clothed. The rest wore only bathing suits, but life preservers helped them keep warm.

The men's wives waited three hours at the landing, then called police, who alerted the Coast Guard and city marine rescue squadron.

A search boat found the men and children after a two-hour hunt.

G.P. Woman Arraigned on Murder Charges

Grants Pass–(UPI)–Mrs. Frances McCurdy, 49, Grants Pass, was arraigned in Circuit Court Tuesday on first degree murder charges in the butcher knife slaying of her son and daughter 11 years ago.

The woman recently was released from the state hospital at Salem, and two indictments against her were returned by the Josephine county grand jury.

The McCurdy children, Pamela, 11, and Paul, 9, were killed with a butcher knife in a Grants Pass motel. The mother was arrested later in Portland, charged with murder in the death of the boy and subsequently committed to the state hospital.

Said Unable To Plea

Mrs. McCurdy's attorney, Gene Brown, told the court Tuesday that his client still was "unable" to enter a plea. He also said she appeared to be under the jurisdiction of the state hospital yet and filed for dismissal of the charges.

Circuit Judge Edward C. Kelly postponed a decision until June 15. District Attorney Max McMillin filed for dismissal of the original indictment against Mrs. McCurdy, returned in 1948, and Judge Kelly postponed a ruling until June 15 so arguments could be heard.

Grange News

Lake Creek Grange

Lake Creek Grange is sponsoring a dance Saturday, June 6. Refreshments will be served by the REC. Everyone is invited to attend.

A potluck supper will be served before Grange meeting June 13. All members having had a birthday during the months of April, May and June will be honored. The supper will start at 6:30 p.m.

Wall Street Chatter

New York – (UPI) – Moody's Stock Survey says stocks remain dearly priced and should be bought only with caution and discrimination.

There is nothing as yet to indicate that the over-all market has reached an important top, or that many individually attractive issues, with strong technical price patterns, which are still lagging behind the broad advance of the past year, will not soon begin to more fully discount their brighter prospects apparent for the next 6 to 12 months, according to Hayden, Stone & Co.

Sandy Man Dies In Highway Crash

Oregon City–(UPI)–Lawrence B. Finley, 59, Sanday, was dead on arrival at Oregon City hospital late Tuesday after his car collided with the trailer of a logging truck on the Mt. Hood loop highway near Cherryville.

State police said Finley's auto apparently went out of control on a curve.

Driver of the truck was James William Yelton of Clackamas.

Bache & Co. holds that the market's recent behavior indicates that although the averages were going forward an internal correction was taking place in the market as a whole, and looks for a continuation of this action.

Softness in United Aircraft, says W. E. Hutton & Co., reflects the general uneasiness about the earnings outlook for the big aircraft companies, where profits from missiles and electronics are not compensating for the loss of manned aircraft business.

Diamond Gardner expected to earn $2.30 a share in 1959 on a 5 per cent rise in sales, against $1.92 a share in 1958, according to Reynolds & Co.

Poor's investment advisory survey thinks a further rise is likely in auto parts stocks, and mentions such issues as Kelsey-Hayes, Bendix Aviation, Borg-Warner, Dana Corp., Eaton Mfg., Electric Storage Batatery, Federal-Mogul-Power, Gould-National, Libby Owens-Ford Glass, Raybestos Manhattan, and Stewart-Warner.

Brooklyn Union Gas this year probabaly will earn around $3.60 a share, against $3.17 in 1958 with a dividend boost likely, says Green, Ellis & Anderson.

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