

## CONVICT WIDOW FOR MURDER OF THIRD HUSBAND

Mrs. Fannie Soper must pay Extreme Penalty in the Electric Chair

### TRIAL COMES TO END

Jury of Farmers Find her Guilty—Evidence is all Circumstantial

ELIZABETHTOWN, N. Y., Nov. 20. (AP)—Mrs. Fannie Soper, thirty-two and a widow at 49, has been convicted of the murder of her husband, Henry Soper, a deputy sheriff of Hoquet, and faces execution.

A jury, largely of farmers, yesterday returned a verdict of murder, first degree, after having listened for 10 days to a trial which has attracted wide attention in the Adirondacks.

**Sentence Mandatory**  
Sentence to death in the electric chair is mandatory.

If Mrs. Soper is put to death she will be the fourth of her sex from whom the state has extracted the extreme penalty.

Henry Soper was shot twice in the head as he slept in the kitchen of his Hoquet farm house after a hard morning's work in the potato fields.

**Widow's Defense**  
Mrs. Soper maintained that a stranger came to the door, asked admittance and was permitted to enter the room in which her husband rested, then the widow maintained she heard two shots, found her husband dead and saw the stranger disappear in an automobile.

The prosecution basing its case largely on circumstantial evidence, contended that Mrs. Soper did the shooting, attempting to prove thru testimony of an expert, that the two bullets were fired from Soper's own revolver which the widow attempted to keep from investigators.

## FIGHT IS ON TO RETAIN ONE EYE OF ROAD WORKER

Small Hope Held for Remaining Eye of George Lapowt, Russian Laborer

With one eye gone, Klamath eye specialists are leaving no stone unturned in their efforts to save for George Lapowt the sight of his other eye. Lapowt was the victim of a dynamite explosion near Bonanza yesterday morning, while he was working on road construction. But there is little hope held out for Lapowt's sight. It is true that he can distinguish light from dark, but it is feared that the concussion of the charge plus rocks and dirt which lodged in the remaining eye, will induce permanent blindness.

The two employes of the California Oregon Power company, H. Westfall and Robert B. Mahan, who were painfully hurt shortly before noon yesterday, when their drill exploded a charge of dynamite which had not entirely exploded the day before, are rapidly recovering from the effect of their experience.

A strange coincidence lends interest to yesterday's accidents. For over a year not one serious accident has occurred from dynamite explosions within the boundaries of Klamath. Then, within the same hour, on the same day, two dynamite explosions occurred in different parts of the county, severely injuring three men.

## Seek Men to Fight Raging Brush Fire

SANTA BARBARA, Calif., Nov. 20. (AP)—A call for more men to fight a raging brush fire in the lower Ojai, 35 miles from Santa Barbara, which has cut off the two main power lines of the southern California Edison company, leaving Santa Barbara, Montecito, Goleta, Carpinteria, Summerland and other smaller districts without light or power since last evening, was sent out by the power company this morning.

## Inquest Over Tragic Death Is Held Today

Miss Mable Lawver Killed in Auto Accident Yesterday

An inquest, to determine the cause of the tragic death of Mabel Lawver, aged 19, resident of Sprague river, opened this afternoon at 2:30 p. m. at Whitlock's funeral home.

Until the verdict of the coroner's jury is returned, no charges will be filed against Ted Jackson, alleged driver of the ill fated automobile that turned turtle on The Dalles-California highway three miles south of the city. District Attorney Elliott said this morning.

Jackson, from observations made by officers shortly after the accident, is believed to have been intoxicated. If prosecuted and convicted on the charge of intoxicated driving, which caused the death of another, Jackson faces a maximum sentence in the state penitentiary of five years.

**Others Are Held**  
Henry Sanchez, Mexican of Chiliquin, and Alvin Willis, young Indian of Sprague river, were held in jail today pending the outcome of the trial.

## Tuel Is Given Five Years In State's Prison

Local Burglar Is Sentenced at Prineville

BEND, Ore., Nov. 20.—John Tuel, indicted by the Crook county grand jury for burglary not in a dwelling, entered a plea of guilty before Judge T. E. J. Duffy, at Prineville yesterday and was sentenced to 5 years in the state penitentiary. He will leave Prineville in charge of a deputy sheriff.

Tuel, who is under indictment for burglary in Klamath county was arrested in Bend, November 12, charged with entering and burglarizing the Nolan Pool hall in Prineville early that morning.

## Queen Mother Passes After Long Illness

Widow of King Edward VII Dies This Afternoon

SANDRINGHAM, Eng., Nov. 20. (AP)—Queen mother Alexandra, widow of King Edward VII and mother of King George V, died late this afternoon at Sandringham House. Queen Alexandra passed to rest amid the peaceful rural surroundings which she loved so well. Since Thursday morning, when the doctors' announcement gave it patent that the aged queen was in a critical condition, the hamlet of Sandringham and its tiny neighbors, Wolferton and Dersingham, which claimed her for their very own, have waited heavy hearted for the end.

Throughout the long hours little groups lingered, wet eyed, at the portals of the royal residence, hoping against hope for some word that their beloved mistress would survive. Within a few days, December 1, the Queen mother would have celebrated the 81st anniversary of her birth and all the inhabitants had been preparing in elaborate fashion to celebrate the event at Sandringham House. A bulletin signed by the attending physician, Dr. F. J. Williams and Sir Thomas Horder, said: "Her Majesty, Queen Alexandra, passed away at 6:25 o'clock. The King, Queen and members of the royal family were present."

## CAPTAIN FOLEY EXONERATED AT NAVAL INQUIRY

Officer Finds he did not try to Sway Testimony of Mrs. Lansdowne

NOTHING IMPROPER Did Nothing Improper in Connection with Shenandoah Probe, is Decision

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20. (AP)—Captain Paul Foley was exonerated today by the Shenandoah naval court of inquiry of Mrs. Margaret Lansdowne's charge that he sought to sway her testimony.

The court held that Captain Foley, its former judge advocate, was not guilty either of seeking to cause false testimony to be offered before the court, or of seeking by "improper means to influence" the widow of the Shenandoah's commander.

**The Decision**  
The decision, read by Rear Admiral Hilary P. Jones, president of the court, follows:

"It appearing to the court after a careful consideration of all evidence adduced and of record in that connection that the defendant, Captain Paul Foley, United States navy, late the judge advocate of this court, is not guilty of seeking and endeavoring to cause false testimony to be offered before this court, and is not guilty of seeking and endeavoring by improper means to influence a witness about to testify before this court, and it further being a matter of judicial notice of this court that it was an obligation imposed by lawful regulation upon Captain Paul Foley as judge advocate to make preliminary examination of witnesses to be examined before this court, and it further appearing to this court upon consideration as aforesaid that the said Captain Foley has in no wise been guilty of improper or unethical conduct as such judge advocate, and all of the evidence known to the court having been adduced before it and made a part of its record.

**Held Hameless**  
"It is hereby adjudged and ordered that the said defendant, Captain Paul Foley, United States navy, is not guilty of the matters and things alleged against him. "Said defendant is hereby discharged and released from further attendance upon this court."

## Hyman Huntley Seeks Divorce

Man Acquitted of Murder Sues His Wife

MEDFORD, Ore., Nov. 20.—Hyman Huntley, acquitted by a jury last Saturday of a first degree murder charge for the stabbing to death last September of Jesse James Gibbs, Thursday filed a suit for divorce in the circuit court against his wife, Hattie Huntley. Huntley names Gibbs as the co-respondent and attributes his family troubles to the dead man.

"Up to eight months ago," the complaint alleges, "plaintiff and defendant were happy in their married life, when the defendant became infatuated with Jesse James Gibbs, and conducted herself in a disgraceful, improper and indecent manner with said Gibbs."

## Kills Wildcat Along Highway

One of the largest wildcats on display in Klamath Falls is to be found in the Klamath Hardware company window today. Dr. Roseman of Corvallis killed the animal in the early hours of this morning near Grants Pass on his way here to hunt ducks in the Tule lake section. The front wheels of the physician's car passed over the neck of the animal at it attempted to cross the main highway and was apparently blinded by the lights of the car. He plans to take it back to Corvallis and have it mounted.

## Poor Kiddies Of Klamath Falls Will Have Real Christmas This Year; Santa Claus Fund Started

Boxing Promoters Will Stage Benefit Card to Aid Fund—Everybody Can Help Santa Claus Editor in Giving Youngsters Real Happiness

A lot of little youngsters who have been looking with wistful eyes in the gaily decorated store windows and wondering if Santa Claus is going to visit them this Christmas are not going to be disappointed.



For the Santa Claus editor of the Herald has too much faith in humanity. He knows there are scores of people here in Klamath Falls who will welcome the chance to brush back the tears of disappointment from some wondering-eyed youngster and assist him in bringing cheer and sunshine and happiness into the homes which Santa Claus might otherwise forget.

First response to the appeal of the Santa Claus editor was made today by John Sylvester and Jack Meehan, who promote the boxing cards for the municipal boxing commission.

"A boxing benefit to make it a real Christmas for the poor youngsters?" they exclaimed. "We're tickled to death to do it. We'll arrange a cracking good card for early next month and donate 10 per cent of the receipts to the Christmas Kiddies fund. We know the boxers will be glad to cooperate with us. If we can do anything within our power to make life happier for the unfortunate tots of the city, we will be glad to do it."

That is the sort of spirit that will make this Kiddies Christmas fund a real success. It is the sort of spirit which the Santa Claus editor expects to get from kind-hearted persons throughout the city.

Arrangements have been made with the Christmas Chest investigating committee to get the names and ages of all deserving poor children in the city; the unfortunate kiddies of families who will receive assistance from the Christmas Chest fund. The report of this committee will guide the Santa Claus editor in making out his Christmas list.

The Evening Herald is in hearty sympathy with the Christmas Chest idea and will give freely of its space to assist that commendable movement. But all of us know that it is not a real Christmas for the little tots unless they get a toy of some kind; a horn, perhaps, or a drum, for some hopeful lad, or a doll, a set of dishes or some other gift dear to the mother-heart of the little girls.

The Christmas Chest will take complete care of the material needs of the deserving poor families. It will supply them with food and clothing and wood and other vital necessities. But the Evening Herald, through its Kiddies' Christmas fund, will go a step further, and bring laughter to the eyes and joy to the hearts of these youngsters whom Santa Claus might forget.

Do you want to help the Santa Claus editor in making this a happy and never-to-be-forgotten Christmas for the poor youngsters of the city? Can't you feel the spirit of Christmastide—the joy in knowing that you are helping some unfortunate child on Christmas eve?

Those of you who want to assist in this work can mail your checks to the Kiddies' Christmas fund in care of the Evening Herald. It isn't so much the amount you give; it's the satisfaction in knowing that you are assisting a Santa Claus who too often forgets.

## TIDAL WAVE Student Sent To Prison For Two-Year Term

Mexico City, Nov. 20. (AP)—Dispatches from towns near Zihuatanejos, the Pacific coast port which has been inundated by a tidal wave, say that the wave was 25 feet high. It swept suddenly over the little port, which was submerged for two hours. No estimates of the number of deaths are available. The tidal wave, which occurred Tuesday is believed to have been caused by a volcanic disturbance somewhere in the Pacific, although this theory cannot be confirmed. There is still no communication with Zihuatanejos and no direct reports have been received from there.

## FLASHES

ITALIAN LOAN SOLD  
NEW YORK, Nov. 20. (AP)—The \$100,000,000 Italian loan offered through a national-wide banking syndicate headed by J. P. Morgan and company was sold before noon today with an indicated oversubscription.

DIVORCES OSBORNE WOOD  
WILMINGTON, Del., Nov. 20.—(AP)—Mrs. Katherine Thompson Wood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry B. Thompson of Wilmington, today was granted a divorce decree from her husband, Osborne C. Wood, son of Governor General Wood, of the Philippines.

FOOTBALL STAR DIES  
SEATTLE, Nov. 20.—Fred Westrom, 22, for three years, up to this season, an end on the University of Washington football team, died suddenly today at Albany, Ore., it was reported here. Westrom was returning to his home in Everett, Wash., from Berkeley, California, where he witnessed the University of Washington-California football game last Saturday.

WATER BONDS SOLD  
SALEM, Ore., Nov. 20.—State Treasurer Kay today sold \$103,020 Oregon irrigation district interest bonds to the Anglo-London-Paris company of San Francisco for a premium of \$1013. The bonds bear 4 1/2 percent interest. There were two bidders.

## Tin Hing Guey Cafe Is Closed

A pad lock was placed on the front door of the Tin Hing Guey, Chinese restaurant at 3 o'clock this afternoon, following the alleged sudden disappearance of Henry On, manager.

According to information which could be gleaned from the excited Orientals, Henry On has been out of the city for the past few weeks. He returned some time last night, and between 4 o'clock this morning and the time the day shift went to work, is alleged to have taken what currency there remained in the safe, amounting to approximately \$600. It was said he left a note to his employees stating he had taken the money and left the city again.

On was indebted to local merchants in the sum of \$1500. A meeting of the creditors will probably be held within the next few days at which the disposition of the restaurant will be discussed. It is probable, one of the creditors admitted today, that the restaurant would be reopened, under the direction of the creditors.

## Mother Of War Hero Donates Encyclopedia Set To Legion

Mrs. D. C. Shidler Offers Valuable Books For Memorial Building; Is First Gift To Post Library; Son, Charter Member, Here

She wanted to do something for the American Legion Memorial building, did Mrs. D. C. Shidler of this city. She wanted to do it quietly, unostentatiously. So she did it. "It" is a complete United Encyclopedia set, which will grace the library in the Memorial building, on the corner of Fourth and Klamath. Mrs. Shidler has informed officers of the American Legion that as soon as the building is completed the valuable set of books may be moved from their new home to the legion building. Mrs. Shidler has a warm spot in her heart for the local legion post. It finds its source in a certain

## 1730 INCREASE IN POPULATION FOUND IN CITY

School Census Shows Amazing Expansion of Klamath Falls in Past Year

CITY IS AT 10,000 MARK

County Districts Also Show Large Increase, in Numbers

Klamath Falls, in the past twelve months, has enjoyed an increase in population of 1730.

Klamath county as a whole has increased by approximately 2920.

Present population of Klamath Falls is estimated at 10,000.

This estimate of the population increase in Klamath Falls and Klamath county is based on the school census, made public today by County School Superintendent Fred Peterson. The census, on a 4 to 1 ratio has proved a correct indicator of population. The school census which is an annual affair, takes in every boy and girl between the ages of 4 and 20 years of age.

Unchecked reports of the census in Klamath Falls, give a total of 2490 between the ages of four and 20, which is an increase over last year of 433 and an increase over 1923 of 672. Multiplying the increase by four, utilizing the one to four ratio, it is deduced that the population of Klamath Falls is at this time in the neighborhood of 10,000.

**Year's Increase**  
By the same token, the increase in the past twelve months is found to be approximately 1730 and in the past twenty-four months an increase of 2648.

By 100 per cent, the 1924-1925 increase of population in Klamath Falls, exceeds any preceding year, according to the records. The highest previous record was 1923-24, when the increase was over 200.

**Estimates too Low**  
The census figures show, beyond a doubt, that the population estimates of Klamath Falls have been far underestimated. Heartfelt boosters have been hesitant to even mention 5,000.

Nor is this all. Klamath is noted for its transient population, which comes and goes with the high or low tide of the lumber business. This type are naturally not included in any estimate of population, due to the difficulty in estimating their number.

**TO REPRESENT BONANZA**  
Roy Kilgore of Bonanza has been chosen by the scouts of Bonanza to represent them at the Portland conference of Boy Scouts.