

WOMAN REVEALS WIERD ROMANCE IN CONFESSION

Chicago Wife Admits Plotting Murder of her Paralytic Husband

INVOLVES EX-CONVICT Bitter Triangle with Underworld Character Causes Slaying Pact

CHICAGO, Dec. 31. (AP)—In the forty-four years of their married life her 65 year old paralytic husband's one kind act was to buy her ice cream once, while John Walton Winn, a former convict, loved her and waited 15 years for him to die.

Forced To Kill

Winn, at a pistol's point, compelled Edward Goff to kill Nusbäum with an axe, Goff said in a confession.

Winn, 37, was arrested in Crown Point, Ind., and brought to Chicago early today. Held also were Goff, Mrs. Delilah Martin and Marion Stringham.

First accusation against the grandmother came from her oldest son, Roscoe, father of eight children, his son Lloyd, 20, was then under arrest after police found a part of the grandfathers skull and blood stains in an automobile Lloyd was driving.

Reveals Love Affair

In efforts to shield his son, Roscoe told of the love affair of 15 years duration between his mother and Winn.

Unemotionally and without regret the police said, Mrs. Nusbäum told how she and Winn had planned for a long time to kill her husband, after a stroke of paralysis had failed to be fatal.

Several months ago, she told police, she had persuaded her husband to put title to his property, valued at about \$50,000 in joint tenancy with her so it would pass to her at his death.

Winn served a penitentiary sentence in 1914 for robbery.

Julius Mueller Services Held

Boy Scouts of troop No. 1 this morning attended the brief funeral service for Julius Mueller, scout master for that troop, who was electrocuted at Merrill last Tuesday evening. Services were held at the Whitlock chapel with Rev. Simmons of the First Baptist church officiating.

Immediately after the ceremony the body was taken to the Southern Pacific station, where it was shipped today to his former home at Marysville, California, for burial. A surviving brother, William Mueller, accompanied the body.

The death of Julius Mueller cast a pall over scout activities as he had been one of the most ardent boy scout workers in this section during the past year.

Kelly Denies Convict Plea

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 31. (AP)—Circuit Judge Kelly today denied the motion in arrest of judgment filed by Judge Will R. King to save Ellsworth Kelly and James Willos from the hangman's noose, and refused to take cognizance of a similar motion in the case of Tom Murray. Refusal to hear the plea in Murray's case was based on the ground that his case is now before the supreme court. It is understood that the state will resist the motion for arrest of judgment before the supreme court on the ground that such a motion must be filed within one day. In addition the state will resist the contentions on their merits if necessary.

New Year Will Be Ushered In At Pine Tree

Midnight Matinee Promises to be Real Event

If you want to give the new year a noisy welcome—

If you want to enjoy a splendid vaudeville program—

If you want to be warm and comfortable—

If you want to have the time of your life—

Then, you can do and have all these things tonight at the Pine Tree theatre, where the annual New Year's midnight matinee will be staged by Manager Harry Poole.

There'll be all sorts of noise making paraphernalia, and there'll also be punch, cigarettes and other features that are so necessary in welcoming a new born babe little Miss 1926.

The vaudeville actors have promised they'll put on a lot of extra features in order to give the jubilant crowd a real run for its money.

The fun will start at about 11 o'clock and will end only when the new year has been properly and thoroughly introduced to the merry-makers.

A special New Year's day matinee will be held at the Pine Tree tomorrow afternoon starting at 2 o'clock, with a complete vaudeville program as well as the usual pictures. At the Liberty theatre the usual afternoon matinee will be held.

Paroled Youth Tries To Kill Mother, Sister

Clarence Davis of Yreka Runs Amuck At Home

(Special to The Herald)
YREKA, Cal. Dec. 31.—Clarence Davis, aged 20, who was under parole to his parents following his conviction this fall on several robbery charges, ran amuck at the family home near Orofino yesterday and shot at his mother after attempting to choke his sister, according to a report to Sheriff Calkins.

The youth was captured early today in a mountain ravine where he fled after the trouble. He had a loaded revolver and a large quantity of ammunition with him but was trapped by Under Sheriff Pitz, Constable Whible and Traffic Captain Dutro before he could bring the weapon into play. His parole will be revoked and he will be forced to serve his penitentiary sentence.

The youth became enraged at his younger sister over some trivial matter and was choking her when his mother rushed from the house and attempted to stop him. According to Mrs. Davis, the boy then whipped out his revolver, took a shot at her and then fled into the mountains.

Mayor Hylan Quits Office

NEW YORK, Dec. 31. (AP)—The eight year regime of John F. Hylan, as mayor of New York City has ended.

At midnight last night, one full day before his term was to have come to its conclusion, Mr. Hylan stepped out of office, having resigned in order to protect his pension rights as a public officer. With him resigned also Richard E. Earhart, police commissioner.

Mr. Hylan is eligible to retire on a pension of \$4205 a year and Mr. Earhart on \$5000.

AUTHORIZES RETURN

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31. (AP)—Secretary Kellogg announced today that President Coolidge had authorized General Pershing to return to the United States for medical and dental treatment.

VIENNA, Austria, Dec. 31. (AP)—A dispatch from Oedenburg, in Bargaenland West Hungary, says the dam at Kleinraab, on the Raab river, burst last night menacing 33 villages.

THE SEASON'S GREETINGS

Before the coming of another dawn a new year will have been ushered in on the never-ending cycle of time. So far as the Klamath country is concerned, the new youngster will be born with the proverbial silver spoon in its mouth. With the coming of more railroads, 1926 undoubtedly will mark a new era in the development of this "Empire Awakening."

When Father Time draws the shades tonight and writes "finis" to mark the passing of the old year, there should be no regrets so far as we of Klamath are concerned. Development has been ours. We have had our full meed of prosperity. We have not all agreed, to be sure, but we believe that all of us have been working toward the same goal—a bigger and a better Klamath.

The Evening Herald looks forward to the new year with no misgivings. As we look on into the future with eyes of optimism we see before us a new and brighter epoch for this Klamath country of ours.

It is with this thought that the Evening Herald desires to remind its friends and readers that the golden days of opportunity lie ahead, and with the sincere wish that the coming year will be kind to you, each and all, we extend the season's greetings.

PROSPERITY FOR 1926 PREDICTED BY SEC. HOOVER

Commerce Secretary Warns Americans Against Reckless Optimism

FARMING IMPROVES All Lines of Activity Have Shown Advancement During Past 112 Months

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31. (AP)—The prosperity of 1925 should continue through 1926, in the opinion of Secretary Hoover, unless "reckless optimism" is permitted to outweigh ordinary caution.

Economic prospects both for this country and the rest of the world, he believes, now are more favorable than for a long time past. In a statement the secretary pictured fundamental changes as favorable, but he expressed concern over others, including the possibility of extension of speculation into commodities and the extortion by foreign governments fostered monopolies dominating our raw material imports.

Exports Higher

The most encouraging factor looked, he declared, "increased productivity, due to freedom and continuing forces—such as the culmination of education, the advancement of science, skill and elimination of waste. Other favorable indications he listed were that stocks of commodities are moderate; there is employment for practically every one; real wages are at a high level; savings are the largest in history and capital is therefore abundant, and the whole machinery of production and distribution is operating at a higher degree of efficiency than ever before.

Exports Higher

"The United States has produced and consumed more goods in 1925 in proportion than ever in its history," he said, adding that the country's foreign trade was "exceptionally satisfactory." He predicted that exports for 1925 would total around \$4,900,000,000, or about seven per cent more than for 1924, with imports approaching \$4,200,000,000, about 17 per cent higher.

The secretary judged agriculture as improved over its condition of two years ago, but still leaving farmers with much accumulated debt and lacking stability because of unsolved market problems.

EXPLORES TO LEAVE

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 31. (AP)—The Detroit Arctic expedition will leave here for the west coast on a special car January 20 enroute to Point Barrow, Alaska.

U. S. Weather Report

Oregon—Cloudy tonight and Friday, normal temperature, moderate easterly winds.

NO HERALD TOMORROW

There will be no publication of The Evening Herald tomorrow afternoon, which is New Year's.

NEW YEARS 1926

(The following was written by George F. Cochran, Sunday editor of the Lakeland (Fla.) Ledger when asked by Earl Mullen, publisher, to write something for New Year's expressing the newsbays' position on the paper.)

- It takes a million.
- More or less.
- And a lot of men and women—
- More'n you'd guess—
- And ever thought of aid to get a newspaper made.
- And ready for the folks to read the news;
- But it 'ud all be in vain.
- Just about.
- If one little link in the chain
- Dropped out—
- The carrier boy—
- That's me—
- Don't you see
- And it's New Year's time—
- Don't you see?

Tomorrow and Saturday you will have a chance to make a boy happy without any great effort. On that day your carrier will call on you for your subscription. Have the money ready for him, so that he will be able to finish his collecting before noon. Better still, have a check for \$6.50 ready for him, and that will pay your subscription for a whole year. You will make a material saving, will not be bothered with a collector each month and at the same time enable the carrier to earn a good commission. Supposing you write that check now, so that it will be ready Saturday when the boy calls?

The collections for December were practically 100%. It was the best month of the year and if you knew how your carrier appreciated your cooperation he would never have to make the second call on you for your subscription. Start the New Year right by making your carrier happy, either by paying for the year in advance or having the money for the month ready for him when he calls.

Condition Is Still Serious

The condition of Rev. W. E. Bobbitt, pastor of the First Christian church of this city, who has been confined to a hospital at his old home in Woodland, California, for many weeks, is unchanged.

This is the word received by friends here from Mrs. Bobbitt today. His condition is critical and the first of the week he was forced to return to the hospital from his home, following a serious relapse.

His many friends in Klamath Falls are hoping his condition will turn for the better, although much concern is shown over his present condition.

INDIANS WIN

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PROHIBIT SLEUTHS TO PUT DAMPER ON NEW YEAR'S

Tonight Will be "Dry" Celebration in Many Big Eastern Cities

TO HALT VIOLATIONS Police to be Stationed in Many Cafes to Stop Sale of All Liquor

NEW YORK, Dec. 31. (AP)—"Hip pocket" revelers in Boston, Philadelphia, New York and Atlantic City will receive special attention from law enforcement agents after the liberty bell breaks its 90 year silence at midnight to welcome the New Year by radio.

In Atlantic City each night club will have one detective assigned to it to uphold the Volstead act.

A New Stunt

Police and prohibition officers in evening attire will mingle with the New Year's revelers in Philadelphia and keep a diligent lookout for prohibition law infractions, according to director of the public safety Eallott.

In New York 150 federal prohibition agents will be scattered throughout the city to preserve the liquor laws.

Mingle With Crowds

"Hip pocket" violators will receive especially attention from agents who will mingle with the guests at the various entertainments.

Police women in evening clothes will augment efforts of the dry operators.

The liberty bell, which in 1775 tolled the dawn of a new era in the history of nations, at midnight will ring in the new year and the dawn of the Philadelphia Sesqui-Centennial celebration. The tones will be broadcast across the continent through radio station WIP.

Portland Business Man To Locate Here

J. Weiner of the Portland Woolen Mills store arrived in the city last evening for the purpose of looking over business conditions in Klamath Falls, with a view to locating here with a branch store.

Mr. Weiner is one of the prominent business men of the northern metropolis and expresses himself as very much impressed with Klamath Falls.

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Farmers Want To Pay Taxes On Time Plan

Federated Clubs to Discuss Installment Feature

Klamath county farmers want to pay their taxes on the installment plan.

At least, they want a complete investigation of tax laws to determine whether or not some change in the tax laws can be made in order to help them pay their taxes.

Under the present law the taxes are paid in two annual installments. If the taxpayer hasn't enough money to pay his taxes the sheriff refuses to accept a part payment. The farmers believe they should be allowed to pay what they can and then complete their payments at some later date without being subjected to the various penalties for non-payment.

TO GET REFUNDS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31. (AP)—Refunds totaling \$151,885,415.60 were given to federal tax payers during the last fiscal year by the treasury department.

Local Offices To Stay Here

Highway Tangle is Explained by C. C. Seeley

Klamath county will not lose its local office of the state highway commission, and the entire force of highway workers, with the exception of Division Engineer Kelly, will remain in this city and continue to maintain the offices at the court house.

This explanation was made today by C. C. Seeley, resident engineer for the highway commission in Klamath county. Mr. Seeley will remain on the job as heretofore and will continue to have complete charge of highway maintenance work in Klamath county. The only difference is that he will report hereafter to the division office at Bend instead of to the division office which formerly was maintained here.

In other words, the only change made by the new order of the state highway commission will be the discontinuance of the division engineer's office here. This will remove just two employees of the highway commission from Klamath Falls, the division engineer and his office assistant.

Severe Storm Hits Britain

LONDON, Dec. 31. (AP)—Great Britain was struck by another western gale last night bringing heavy rain storms, which further raised the waters of the already swollen rivers. In London two men were killed and eight injured when a chimney crashed into the dormitory of a Steyne workshop. More than 100 telegraph and telephone lines were down in the country. A mail train crashed into fallen trees at Berwyn, Wales, but only the locomotive was damaged.

Floods Continue To Wreak Damage

PARIS, Dec. 31. (AP)—The floods in Central Europe continue to spread notably in eastern Hungary. There the river Theiss is 28 feet above normal level at Tokay, famous for its wines. The devastation by the waters is being added to by ice jams forming at Bridges. These great masses of ice are being demolished by artillery shell fire but with some damage to the bridges; thousands upon thousands of persons driven from their homes are flocking to cities which are above flood level.

APPOINTMENT MADE

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 31. (AP)—Dr. C. J. Smith, of Portland was today appointed by Governor Pierce as a member of the industrial welfare commission for a three year term, beginning January 1. He succeeds G. Y. Harry of Portland.

COUNTIES WILL URGE CONGRESS FOR TAX MONEY

Funds Lost From Reversion of O. and C. Grant Lands to be Sought

PLANS ARE OUTLINED W. A. West Takes Lead Here in Movement to Get an Appropriation

Six Oregon counties, including Klamath, will make a determined effort this year to procure from the federal government several million dollars which the counties have lost in taxes since thousands of acres of land under the Oregon and California railroad land grant reverted to the government in 1916.

Tentative plans for the campaign to procure what county officials believe a just award from the government were made known today by Attorney W. A. West, who for the past four years has handled all tax and land matters for the Klamath county court.

Plan Conference

Following an extended correspondence with County Judge Hartzell of Jackson county, Mr. West announced today that plans are being made to hold a tax conference between the county officials of the six counties either the first or third week in January, at which time it is believed definite steps will be taken to prosecute the claim against the government.

The six counties affected are Klamath, Jackson, Josephine, Douglas, Lane and Linn. The money lost in taxes by these counties since 1916 is said to total close to \$10,000,000.

Big Sum Lost

When the Southern Pacific was forced to turn back to the government the lands under the old O. and C. land grant, Klamath county had 42,873 acres taken from the tax rolls. This land was valued at the time at approximately \$423,490. Jackson county had 442,000 acres removed from the tax rolls, while Lane county had 300,743 acres taken from the rolls of taxable property.

Investigation shows that for three years prior to the reversion of these lands to the government the Southern Pacific company had failed to pay taxes on the acreage so affected, and when it again became government property, congress reimbursed Jackson county in the sum of \$240,000 in 1916 for these unpaid taxes, while Lane county was reimbursed by the government in the sum of \$275,975. So far as is known, Klamath county was never reimbursed.

West Confident

Following a complete investigation into the matter, Mr. West feels confident that a vigorous campaign on the part of the counties affected will result in procuring an appropriation from congress to pay these counties the sums lost in taxes during the 10 years intervening since 1916.

When the conference of county officials is held within the next few weeks, Mr. West will represent the Klamath county court, and at that time will lay before the county officials a proposed plan of action to be followed.

Complete Probe

It is his belief that several months should be devoted to a minute investigation of all county, state and federal records, and that pamphlets should be printed giving congress complete and accurate data of the entire tax question. Then would follow conferences with the Oregon (Continued On Page Six)

PLAYFUL COPPER FINDS STRANGER IN WRONG HOUSE

Des Moines, Iowa, Dec. 31. (AP)—When Patrolman George H. Koppel, in playful mood staged a make-believe raid on his own home yesterday, he found a surprise in the form of a stranger who, in his absence, he says, was making himself perfectly at home. Patrolman Koppel has filed a petition for divorce.

Mrs. Koppel denies any impropriety.