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### A JOURNALISTIC MARTYR

**ASSASSINATION** of Don R. Mellett, publisher of the Canton, Ohio, Daily News, again demonstrates that criminals, in addition to being cowards, are almost invariably creatures of low mentality and weak reasoning powers — says the Portland Telegram. Mr. Mellett was murdered because of activities against the gambling element in Canton. He had received frequent warnings of the fate which was planned for him, but declined to abandon his fight against the gamblers. A spectacular tragedy of this nature is often a more powerful influence for reform than all of the publicity which the dead publisher could give the evil which he was fighting.

The Canton gamblers have killed Mellett but they have undoubtedly awakened a public sentiment that will avenge the death of the brave journalist in a manner far more drastic and effective than any punishment which might have followed the bloodless warfare which was being directed against the criminals.

The silenced voice of the murdered Mellett is a more powerful plea for the cause for which he died, than any that he could have made while living and the jeopardy in which his murderers have placed themselves will be increased accordingly.



By CHARLES P. STEWART

WASHINGTON—Pennsylvania and Illinois are normally so strongly Republican that a Democratic nomination to the United States Senate in either one of them generally is a mere gesture.

Due, however, to the activities of Senator Jim Reed's slush fund investigating committee, the sentiment among Democrats in congress is that George Brennan stands a reasonably good chance of election in Illinois this year and that William B. Wilson is at least a possibility in Pennsylvania.

Of course, so far as Illinois is concerned, this is conditioned on the testimony the Reed committee succeeds in digging up. That there was widespread corruption in connection with the Republican senatorial primary in Pennsylvania has been

shown already. That the Illinois Republican senatorial primary was just as bad, or worse, has only been charged, not established.

Assuming that the committee does establish the substantial truth of the Illinois charges made by Senator Caraway, there are various reasons why politicians think more of a lift will be given to Brennan, in that state, than they believe has been given by Wilson in Pennsylvania.

For one thing, Illinois is not so rock-ribbed a Republican state as Pennsylvania. While Republican most of the time, the Sucker State always is a little doubtful; the Keystone state almost never the least bit so.

Then, too, prohibition, from all indications, will be the main issue in both states, and, according to the political sharks' calculation, it will be a good issue for Brennan and a bad one for Wilson.

This is on the theory that both states are wet. Election may prove one or both of them to be otherwise. Nevertheless, such is the "dope," here in Washington.

### Ask \$100,625 for Him



When Bob Moses Grove, sensational Mackian finger, cost the lean and lanky Mr. Connie Mack \$100,625 it was thought the high price for baseball players had been reached. But along comes Otto Borchert, owner of the Milwaukee Brewers, asking even more for his youthful centerfield phenom, Fred Schulte (pictured above). Borchert has placed a figure of \$100,625 on the youngster's services—and only a year ago Schulte was just a semi pro pastime on the sandlots of Iowa.

## MINISTER SAYS HE KILLED TO SAVE OWN LIFE

### Fort Worth Slayer Released on \$10,000 Bail Following Gun Play

PORT WORTH, Texas, July 19. —(AP)—The First Baptist church is in possession of evidence that there was a conspiracy to kill the pastor of the church, declares a brief statement issued today by J. J. Mickle of the church and Searchlight staff.

Dr. J. Frank Norris, the pastor, shot and killed D. E. Chipps, lumberman, Saturday.

The minister said he shot in self defense.

"When the proper time comes," the statement concluded, "this evidence will be proven by unimpeachable witnesses."

After giving the statement, Mickle, who described himself as a former United States secret service and newspaper man, intimated that there were three principals in the alleged conspiracy.

"They sacrificed the best man of the three," he declared.

"You mean Chipps?" he was asked.

"Yes," said Mickle and declined to say any more.

Rev. Mr. Norris preached to overflow audiences Sunday as his attorneys drafted a self defense plea

for presentation before the grand jury Tuesday.

Using as his text "There is no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus," Dr. Norris refrained from any direct mention of the shooting, but told his congregation that his faith was stronger than ever. Neither did he mention numerous messages from his friends in various parts of the country offering aid and quoting passages of Scripture similar to his text. Dr. Norris accepted converts as usual, his only show of emotion coming when many of his morning audience assembled near the pulpit to express sympathy.

Released on \$10,000 bond shortly after the shooting, Dr. Norris made a statement to authorities declaring he shot Chipps in self defense. Chipps, according to Dr. Norris, came to the First Baptist church study and threatened his life unless the pastor discontinued remarks about Mayor H. C. Meacham and other city officials. Chipps, the pastor said, took exception to the stand he had taken on the administration of city finances.

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## INSPECTOR TO QUIZ SUSPECT

MALONE, N. Y. July 19. (AP)—Acting on orders from the post office department at Washington a postal inspector from New York City was on his way here today to question a man arrested Saturday near Gabriels, suspected of being Roy D'Autremont, sought in Oregon for attempted train robbery. Captain C. J. Broadfield of Troop B, state police, said that since his arrest the suspect has become sullen and would give the troopers no information.

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**WINS NET TITLE**  
LA GRANDE, Ore., July 19, (AP)—Jack Ahearn, of Milton, Oregon, last year's title holder, won the Union county tennis championship at Union, Oregon yesterday by defeating Jean Taylor, of La Grande, 6-1, 6-4. Ahearn didn't lose a set the entire day.

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