

ORTIZ CLAIMS HE SHOT IN SELF DEFENSE

ASA KEYES PLAYED IN STATEMENT

District Attorney Claims Former Prosecutor Accepted Huge Bribes

VETERAN SPEAKS ON OWN BEHALF TODAY

Says "It's One Thing to Make These Allegations But Another Thing to Prove Them"; Testimony is Damaging to Famous District Attorney.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 10. (AP)—Asa Keyes, former district attorney of Los Angeles county on trial for bribery and conspiracy in office today was slated to hear state's witnesses testify alleged overt acts against him. Yesterday, the veteran lawyer listened with bowed head while his successor, Byron W. Pitts, delivered a scathing denunciation of his former chief in an opening statement.

Pitts' statement to the jury, which lasted an hour, painted Keyes as "Associate, confidante and receiver of money and costly gifts," from Julian Petroleum, defendant in the case. The district attorney's voice broke the silence of the court room as Pitts heaped one charge upon another in outlining what the state expects to prove.

The state will show, Pitts said, that Keyes received \$126,000 for obtaining dismissal of charges against Ed Rosenburg. He listed payments of \$27,500 from Jack Bennett to Ben Getzoff, former tailor, claiming that Getzoff told

DREW ELECTED BY ASSOCIATION

Charles Drew, prominent Klamath farmer, was elected president of the Klamath Falls National Farm Loan association at a meeting held in the office of Mrs. L. B. Hague, Willis building.

D. Ellis Young was elected treasurer, and Mrs. L. B. Hague, secretary and treasurer. The directorate of the association is composed of Mr. Drew, Mr. Young, U. E. Reeder, A. L. Marshall and E. E. McClay.

The important appraisal committee is composed of Roy Nelson, A. R. Campbell, Bruce Haddis and W. H. Blackman. Mr. Drew and Mrs. Hague were elected to be delegates to the farm convention this winter.

General conditions of the association was declared to be excellent. Over a period of 11 years during which over \$400,000 was loaned out, it has become necessary to foreclose on one loan.

FIND LOST WITNESS OF STATE

CHICAGO, Jan. 10. (AP)—Miss Lorraine Irwin, one of the missing witnesses in the second trial of Dr. Amante Rongetti, accused of the murder of Miss Loretta Enders, 13, by performing an illegal operation, was taken into custody today and hurried to the Criminal Courts building.

The girl, formerly a nurse in Dr. Rongetti's hospital, she was found after one of the prosecutors received an anonymous telephone call, giving her address.

Miss Irwin appearing as a court witness testified she was present when Miss Enders was operated upon by Dr. Rongetti but did not see what was done. Judge Robert E. Geitzel explained to the jury that the woman was called as a court witness because both state and defense had rested their cases. When her statement was finished, Walker Butler, assistant state's attorney, began his closing argument.

CATTLEMEN TO MEET FRIDAY

To approve a final program of legislative relief to submit to the state legislature at its coming session, the Oregon Wool Growers association and the Oregon Cattle and Horse Raisers association will hold a joint meeting tomorrow evening in Pendleton, C. A. Henderson, county agent, will be formally represented at the session. Primary objective of the proposed laws is to obtain relief from cattle stealers in the Klamath basin.

Mr. Henderson returned from Medford last night where he attended the dairy conference and also conferred with J. D. Mickle, state dairy and food commissioner. Mr. Mickle was in sympathy with the Klamath plan of relief which will be submitted at the meeting tomorrow evening.

MURDERER WILL DIE FOR CRIME THIS EVENING

HUNTSVILLE, Texas, Jan. 10. (AP)—Hanging a last minute reprieve, deemed unlikely, Floyd Newton Byrnes, San Angelo hatchet slayer, will go to the electric chair in the penitentiary here shortly after midnight today.

Governor Moody said he had no intention of interfering with the execution of the man who confessed to the murder of three members of a family by whom he was employed as chauffeur.

BANDITS SCOOP UP CASH FROM BANK; ESCAPE

BAKERSFIELD, Jan. 10. (AP)—Charging into the First National Bank of McFarland this afternoon two bandits armed with pistols jammed D. Billings, cashier, against a wall, forced two customers to lie on the floor, scooped up \$1,100 in gold and silver and escaped westward in a large gray automobile.

STEEL WILL BE RELAYED ON O.C. & E.

Klamath Falls - Sprague River Section Will Be Improved This Year

CONSTRUCTION WAS CHECKED BY WINTER

Joint Owners of Former Strahorn Line—the Great Northern and Southern Pacific—Plan to Complete Rebuilding of Line East of Klamath Falls.

When the icy grip of winter relaxes and there is a fair degree of assurance that warm weather will not be sandwiched in between recurring cold waves, one of the major projects involved in the reconstruction and extension of the Oregon California and Eastern railroad will begin—the re-laying of steel between Klamath Falls and Sprague River, 49 miles.

This was revealed today by N. H. Hogue, general manager of the line, jointly owned by the Southern Pacific and Great Northern railroad companies.

The railroad—formerly known as the Strahorn line—was extended 24 miles from Hly to Sprague this year, and also the re-laying of the Klamath

WHALEN TELLS CLEAN UP PLAN

NEW YORK, Jan. 10. (AP)—Night clubs and cabarets featuring revues of scantily clad girls have been proscribed by police commissioner Whalen.

He stated his policy as an answer to editorial criticism of his drive under which more than 900 liquor raids have been made and at least 20 places wrecked by "strong arm" squads for reopening after raids. The statement said:

"I have noted the comment of some of my friends, the editorial writers. They are needlessly alarmed that I am going too fast. For their information let me again repeat the policy of the police commissioner:

"To maintain a speed in police activity that will keep the vicious criminals in jail where they belong, or keep them broke paying for lawyers and bondsmen.

"There will be no let-up in police activity against the crime-breeding speakeasy dispensing poison liquor.

"Every dive of this character will be put out of business and kept out of business.

"This also applies to the so-called high class speakeasy restaurants and cabarets that parade nude women for the edification of their patrons."

Famous Flyers Plan Non-Stop Journey Encircling World

WICHITA, Kansas, Jan. 10. (AP)—The most daring project of aviation—an attempted non-stop flight around the world—

which heretofore had been regarded as beyond the realm of possibility, today appeared near realization within the present year.

Furthermore announcements of projected flights, made here and in Paris yesterday, suggested the possibility of a race to realize that dream of all endurance and distance fliers. Both flights would be refueling ventures and were suggested by the sustained flight of 150 hours made by the American army monoplane Question Mark in California.

From a sick bed here where he is recovering from severe illness and an operation, Col. Arthur C. Goebel, noted distance and speed pilot, announced that he intended to be the first to take the air in an effort to girdle the globe without a stop. He tentatively set August or September for the flight, which he said would be west-to-east from Wichita to Wichita.

Almost simultaneously it was revealed in Paris that the latest project of the Fokker aviation firm was a non-stop flight in the same direction from Paris to Paris, possibly in June, when it would be believed the best weather would be encountered.

Both projects call for refueling planes at intervals along the 24,000 mile route.

Colonel Goebel, an outstanding pilot who won the Dole air race to Hawaii in 1927, and who holds the non-stop transcontinental flight record, said such a flight would require a great deal of financial backing and a real airplane.

Frank Phillips, Bartlesville, Okla., oil man, who backed Goebel's "Woolarc" in the Dole flight was suggested as one of

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Klamath Union High Meets Traditional Rival Friday

The "dope sheet" swings towards Medford in the annual basketball clash between Klamath Union high and Medford high in this city Friday night.

But, as the past football season revealed, the "dope" is wrong just about as many times as it is right—witness New York U's defeat; Notre Dame's victory over Army; Oregon's triumph over Oregon State; Washington University's victory over Washington State; U. S. C.'s win over Stanford.

And so it is that Klamath high, the admitted "under dog," go into the fray Friday evening with every hope of kicking over the "dope" bucket and attaining an unexpected victory over the fast Pear Pickers.

Klamath high has a good team. That has been demonstrated already this season by two quick victories over Grants Pass high last week-end. However, if the advance information is correct, Medford's quintet is as good or better than last year's aggregation—last year the Medford team was runner-up for the state championship and was defeated by Washington in the championship game only after two play-offs.

The all-star player, Melvin, and Morgan, another flash, are back on the team.

Klamath's team will line up (Continued on Page Two)

KING BETTER ENGLAND HAPPY

LONDON, Jan. 10. (AP)—There was gratification both at Buckingham Palace and generally today that King George's physicians had been able to report a slight gain in his strength.

As persistence of extreme weakness continued to be the main hindrance to his recovery, this gain was welcomed everywhere with comments of satisfaction. It was felt that if the gain were maintained, it would remove the chief concern of the physicians and stimulate the rate of progress which has been distressingly slow.

PERMITS GAIN FIRST 9 DAYS OF NEW YEAR

Building permits, reaching a total of \$20,515 for the first nine days of January, are recorded at the office of Police Judge, Balentine.

A permit was granted late yesterday for a residence in Hot Springs to cost \$5,000.

During the month permits for small dwellings have brought the total past the \$20,000 mark.

LIQUOR VENDOR IS FINED \$100

"Guilty" was the plea entered by R. Kelley, alleged bootlegger when brought before Police Judge Balentine this morning, charged with possession of liquor.

Kelley was fined \$100 or 50 days in the city jail. He paid the fine.

Arrest of Kelley was made last night at 9 o'clock by Keith Ambrose, chief of police, as Kelley was leaving 335 Commercial with a gallon of liquor in his possession.

CALIFORNIA OIL WELLS BELCH FIRE

Entire District of Whittier Lighted Up By Huge Blaze

LOSS ESTIMATED AT 1 MILLION DOLLARS

Sea of Green Mud Belched Up by Catlaw Wells Makes Fire Control Attempt Difficult This Morning; Two Burning Wells Are Two Hundred Feet Apart.

WHITTIER, Calif., Jan. 10. (AP)—While pillars of flames from two gigantic oil gushers in the Santa Fe Springs field were shooting 150 feet in the air today, cement was being forced down adjacent oil wells in an effort to prevent the fire, which already has caused damage estimated at \$1,000,000 from spreading to thickly studded neighboring derricks.

The whole district was lighted up by the fires and the roar and vibrations from the two burning wells shook buildings for a mile around. The Los Angeles fire department, called to the scene sprayed water on the main pumping station of the General Petroleum Oil company, several hundred feet away, and on cottages of employees to prevent the spread of the fire.

A sea of green mud belched up by the two outlaw wells from the 3500 foot level, have made streets surrounding the conflagration (Continued on Page Four)

IDENTIFY BOTH BANK BANDITS

SEATTLE, Jan. 10. (AP)—Two bandits slain yesterday in an attempted holdup of the loan office of Barto and company here, were identified as James E. Fare, 24, member of the crew of a city fireboat, and Robert Byrnes, alias Burns, an ex-convict. Thomas C. Barto, manager of the loan office, was wounded by the same bullet that passed through and killed Byrnes. James Dodson, cashier of the company was slugged by Byrnes but managed to shoot him fatally.

Fare, the fireman bandit, had been in debt to Barto & Co., and was believed to have joined with Byrnes, a professional gunman, in the holdup possibly for revenge.

The heroines of the attempted robbery were Mrs. Martha O. Cannon and Mrs. Robert L. Simpson, whose work at the bank was interrupted by the entrance of the bandits and who ran to spread the alarm which brought more than 100 policemen to the scene.

FARM TRACTOR SCHOOL TO BE HELD IN CITY

Announcement of a tractor farming school to be held here on January 23 has been made by J. W. Keras, dealer of farm implements.

Plans are now being completed for the school which will consist of three sessions arranged for morning, afternoon and evening.

During the morning session pictures will be shown at the Liberty theater. In the afternoon the demonstrations will be given on tractor operation and the use of power machinery at the Keras warehouse on South Sixth.

The evening session will be devoted to lectures on the most efficient methods of utilizing tractor power on the farm.

The school is put on by the Rumley factory specialists, without cost, according to Mr. Keras.

Anyone interested is invited to attend the sessions.

FALO ALTO, Calif., Jan. 10. (AP)—The brightest student to graduate from Stanford University tonight recommended a game day or bridge or an interesting magazine story as the proper preparation for college examinations.

Arthur Fleming Scotten of Pasadena was still in a pleasant mood from the announcement Tuesday that he had attained a goal thousands of others had sought—a perfect mark in every subject of a four-year course which he completed in three and a half years.

Scotten claimed the title of "grind" could not be applied to him.

"It's just as easy to fail by

SENTENCE GOLDBERG TO PRISON

PORTLAND, Jan. 10. (AP)—Fred Goldberg, arrested as an "instructor" in an alleged school in which young girls were persuaded to become users of narcotics, was sentenced to a five-year term in McNell federal prison when he entered a plea of guilty in federal court here today.

Goldberg, an admitted addict, had been convicted of narcotics violations on several previous occasions, and has served one sentence of three years at McNell and another of two years in the county jail.

The "narcotic school" was uncovered here on November 29, last, when federal and local officers found two girls of 18 years in Goldberg's company. Goldberg was quoted as confessing he planned to provide additional customers for his smuggled narcotics by this means, and in that way to guarantee a supply for himself and to provide revenue from the counterband.

FIND BODY OF INSANE FATHER

LONG BEACH, Cal., Jan. 10. (AP)—Joseph W. Duer, Long Beach mail carrier sought for 14 hours by police as the murderer of his two infant daughters, was found early today hanging by a rope from a rafter of the garage at his home, where the double slaying took place. Immediately after smothering the two children with a solution of acid and ether while they slept, the father went at once to his garage and committed suicide, police believe.

COPCO SCORES VICTORY OVER BOWLING TEAM

In a hard fought game, played last night at the Klamath Bowling Alley, the Copco team defeated the K. Sugarman team 19 points.

Because of the keen interest in the game, K. Sugarman has challenged John Boyle of the California-Oregon Power company to play a game, at any time Mr. Boyle will set.

The lineup for last night's game follows: Sugarman's team, Babe Green, Lou Langworthy, Jim Webb, Val Valenti and Pete Propst.

Copco team: Maurice Leslie, Roberts, Bill McMillan, Farley and M. Green.

O. TATE VISITS KLAMATH FALLS

O. F. Tate, secretary of the Oregon State Retail association, and a noted business authority, passed through Klamath Falls this morning for Chiloquin where he will be present at the charter ceremony of the new Chiloquin Lions club.

"Just dropped in to say hello to you and to a few merchants in the city," said Mr. Tate.

DEFENDANT TELLS TALE TO JURORS

Takes Stand On Own Behalf in Circuit Court This Morning

CLAIMS SLAIN MAN HAD KNIFE IN HAND

Testifies He Shot Over Loera's Head First But Finally Shot Directly at Him When He Drew Knife; Interpreter Necessary to Secure Testimony.

Fate of Alberto Ortiz, Mexican, charged with murdering Bonifacio Loera, Mexican, on July 22, on The Dallas-California highway in Alameda, neared a jury this afternoon.

At press time, the defense was making its final argument before the jury and only the final statement of the state and the judge's instruction were necessary before the case went to the jury.

Ortiz, speaking in broken English, admitted on the witness stand this morning, that he had killed Loera but claimed that he had shot him in self defense.

Ortiz said that he had had some trouble with Loera the night before when friends had to take Loera from his bunk house. At that time, the defendant said, Loera was drinking and was armed with a knife. The following morning the two men engaged in an altercation over \$10 which Ortiz owed Loera.

Ortiz had declared he would not repay the money until pay day.

According to Ortiz' statement, Loera pulled a knife during the (Continued on Page Four)

CATCH SLAYER; BODY IN AUTO

HARRISONVILLE, Mo., Jan. 10. (AP)—After riding around all night in a motor car with the body of Clay Branch, a neighbor he is alleged to have killed, Prentiss Bullard, 33, farmer of Kingsville, Mo., was captured today and taken to Warburg where he was charged with murder.

The arrest and finding of the body resulted from a search started after F. W. Walker, 21, also of Kingsville, had reported the killing yesterday on a highway near Lone Jack, Mo.

Walker said the three were returning from Kansas City and that Bullard and Branch had engaged in an argument. Bullard from the rear seat of the car fired two bullets into Branch's head, while the latter was in the front seat, Walker said.

Poor Pa



"I don't dare say it in no many words, but I've dropped my hints to let each one of our daughters-in-law know that she's my favorite."

French Girls Advised To Marry At Age Of 16

By Ralph Heinzen
(U. P. Staff Correspondent)
PARIS, Jan. 10. (UP)—A storm of protest has greeted suggestions by Professor Pinard, of the University of Paris, that French girls marry at the age of 16 and boys at the age of 21, or as soon thereafter as they can find suitable mates. Pinard is the arch foe of race suicide in France.

The most prominent women of France have joined in the attack on Pinard's suggestion, declaring that youthful marriage will ruin the race. Far better, they insisted, to wait until boy and girl have grown wise in years,

marrying when the woman is at least 21 years old and the man five years older.

"By marrying young," said the noted professor, "girls have a greater chance to have more children and that is what France needs."

"In the orient no one is astonished to see girls of 12 or 13 years entering harems."

"For state reasons, we have seen European princesses marry kings or heirs to thrones at an even more tender age. From a physiological point of view, a girl of 16 years is at the right age for motherhood. It is best that

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Aunt Het



"Nature saves the best stock. Thieves don't have children as a rule, and I never knowed a preacher to have less than seven."