

EIGHTEEN KILLED AS AUTO BUS HITS CAR

THOMASON PLAYED AND EULOGIZED

Two Entirely Different
Pictures of Defendant
Drawn by Attorneys

JURY HEARS OPENING STATEMENTS TODAY

State Depicts Cowpuncher as Cowardly Murderer; Defense Pictures Him as Protector of Young Girl and Aged Grandmother; Deny Intent to Kill

Depicted first as a "cowardly murderer" and later as a "peaceable, kindly law-abiding old man," Wm. Thomason, cowpuncher and picture-show range rider, on trial for his life on the charge of murdering Velay Pearson, learned something this morning of the dramatics and extremes which accompany a sensational murder trial.

Harry Bolvin, deputy district attorney, labeled Thomason as one who deliberately, with malice aforethought, came to Chiloquin to murder Pearson and, having accomplished his objective, fled from the arms of the law.

Horace Manning, leading defense attorney, drew a word picture of what lay behind the entire affair. He charged the deceased Pearson with bringing the downfall of a beautiful young Indian girl, of knocking down Mrs. Elva Hall, a grandmother, on two occasions, and of threatening to kill Thomason. He denied that Thomason came to Chiloquin on the night of the killing to shoot Pearson and said only that Thomason shot when Pearson made a sudden move.

Both opening statements were dramatic in the extreme and held the large and colorful crowd of cowboys and Indians until the end.

Immediately thereafter the case got underway.

Frank Howard, first state's witness, identified a plat of the town of Chiloquin.

Ernest Wiley, forest ranger, said he had hunted for Thomason from November 27 to November 30. He admitted on cross examination that Thomason had sent word where he was but had warned authorities to not allow any of Pearson's friends to come along.

Rufus Hicks, Modoc Point, testified that he was with Pearson at the time of the shooting, that Thomason came up to Pearson and abused him and then suddenly shot him through the heart.

Opening statement of the state started after court convened.

Mr. Bolvin read the indictment, explained perfunctorily the state's charge, and then outlined the state's case against Thomason.

"The facts, gentlemen, are as follows," he said. "On the evening of the 27th of November, Velay Pearson, a young Indian girl, was shot and killed by Wm. Thomason, a cowpuncher and picture-show range rider, on trial for his life on the charge of murdering Velay Pearson, learned something this morning of the dramatics and extremes which accompany a sensational murder trial."

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N. Y. JURORS REFUSE TO COOPERATE

By SAM LOVE

United Press Staff Correspondent
NEW YORK, Jan. 22, (UP)—The Federal government's most publicized campaign to dry up New York's night clubs, got Helen Morgan down off her piano and give Texas Guinan a chance to say, "Hello, Rucker," to Warden Snooks of Atlanta, stubbed its toe and fell flat today.

It tripped on the American jury system.

A candid admission of failure in Mrs. Mabel Walker Willebrandt's plan to bolster the Volstead act by invoking the conspiracy laws was made in court by Special United States Attorney General Norman J. Morrison.

Morrison also got in touch with his chief, Mrs. Willebrandt, assistant United States attorney in charge of prohibition enforcement. He told Mrs. Willebrandt, in effect, that unless she could supply the juries as well as the evidence put before them, it was just a waste of time to bring Miss Guinan, Miss Morgan, and the remaining night club cases to trial as planned.

Morrison then told Federal Judge Edwin C. Thomas that the government despaired of obtaining conspiracy convictions in this district and would for the moment confine itself to the less sensational but more feasible method of pressing nuisance charges.

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FAIRBANKS HIT BY 14 SHOCKS

FAIRBANKS, Alaska, Jan. 22, (AP)—Fairbanks was recovering its composure today after a four hour reign of terror yesterday day during which fourteen distinct earthquake shocks rumbled and cracked through this little town. Frantic residents left beds which were rolling about on their casters and fled into the streets. The shocks lasted from 12:30 a. m. until 4:20.

The ground seemed to undulate in waves moving southwesterly. Heavy earth rumblings added to the general alarm. Damage was confined to broken windows and shifting of stocks on store shelves. Anchorage, Cordova, Menana and Curry also reported slight quakes.

NEW OPERATION WILL BE TRIED AT UNIVERSITY

CHICAGO, Jan. 22, (AP)—Surgeons of the University of Illinois college of medicine are to attempt a series of operations, such as never before have been attempted, in an effort to enable a five-year-old girl, born without feet, to walk, run and play.

Dr. Henry Bascom Thomas, professor of orthopedic surgery at the college, said it is hoped by the operations to form the muscles of the lower leg into substitutes for feet. A series of exercises is planned to follow the operations for the purpose of enabling the child to walk normally.

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PRESIDENT SIGNS PACT TO OUTLAW WARFARE



An historic scene that may have a tremendous influence on the future of world peace was enacted in the great East Room of the White House when President Coolidge, surrounded by cabinet members and Senate notables, signed the Senate's acceptance of the Kellogg anti-war treaty, thereby making it a law. In this picture President Coolidge is shown signing the document with the Kellogg pen, presented to the secretary of state of the city of La Haye, France. Seated, from left to right, are Vice President Dawes, President Coolidge, Secretary Kellogg, Secretary Mellon and Secretary of War Davis. Standing are Senator Borah, Senator Swanson, Senator Walsh, Vice President-elect Curtis. President Coolidge is said to regard the Kellogg anti-war treaty as the most important legislative document of his administration.

ROBBER FAILS TO FIND CASH

Footsteps of the lone robber, who attempted to rob the County Library some time during Monday night, were traced around the building and then lost in the other paths broken, leading to the high school, by officers this morning.

Discovery that the building had been broken into was made this morning, when the window glass of the door on the second story was found shattered.

The lone robber entered the building and searched about for money. However, he was disappointed, as no money is left in the building.

To gain entrance it was necessary to enter through the second story, as windows on the first floor are covered with iron bars.

No trace of the robber was found by the officers.

INCREASING OF JUROR'S FEES SOUGHT BY BILL

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 22, (AP)—Bills increasing juror's fees and granting the right of appeal from municipal court to circuit court unless the charter of the city explicitly prohibits such a repeal were introduced in the house of representatives Monday afternoon by Glen R. Metsker of Columbia county.

13-MONTH YEAR ADVOCATED AT STATE CAPITAL

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 22, (AP)—A 13 months calendar year is advocated by Representative Wilkes of Washington county in house joint memorial No. 1, introduced in the house of representatives Monday.

JUST 'RAMBLIN' AROUND

Some Interesting Observations About
The State Legislature Now in Session

STATE HOUSE, SALEM, Ore., Jan. 21.—By Mail.—With a light snow falling on legislators and the state house, with Willamette valley members shivering in the cold, and Eastern Oregon members chiding their brothers from the western part of the state for not being able to withstand the cold, Oregon's legislature convened in its second week here Monday.

In the senate Senator Al Norblad from Astoria presides, with a dignity the equal of Vice-President Dawes, while in the House, Ralph Hamilton's tall figure looms in a Lincoln-like manner behind the speaker's desk.

Both officers are good at their jobs. Each has had long experience in legislative work and the routine of business falls easily on their shoulders. Many of the old-time assistants are back on the job. John Hunt, chief clerk

of the senate, G. A. Goddard, of Pendleton, an able assistant, and Sergeant at Arms Bruce, all of whom have rendered long service to the state, are in their respective places.

Since Col. Mercer went to the Federal court as bailiff, the state senate has had to rely on ministers to act as chaplains. Some of the members insist they are trying out a number to see which one can say the word in the most effective manner. That is the man who will be retained. As yet no decision has been reached.

What is the atmosphere around the senate?

I would say it is very good, and that the intention of every member is to work earnestly according to his lights to help the commonwealth. The older men are very familiar. I have seen

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MORALS SHAPE BIG BUSINESS

NEW YORK, Jan. 22, (AP)—Owen D. Young, chairman of the board of the General Electric company believes morals shape "big business," and dishonesty is scarce enough to be new. The recent appointed unofficial American member of the committee of experts named to consider Germany reparations, spoke from the pulpit of the Park Avenue Baptist church last night on "What Is Right With Business."

"Our big business is no longer feared by the people," he said. "Exploiters no longer own the big concerns. Bankers no longer own them. Their shares are spread from one end of the country to the other. Broadly speaking the vast organizations are skilled hands and the roads are reasonably safe."

The danger today, Mr. Young believed, comes not from bad men in business or bad principles but from the difficulty of applying right principles to complicated situations. Our greatest risk is the mistaken judgment of good drivers where the traffic is heavy and the signals are complicated.

"By and large, looking over the quarter century with which I have been familiar I am pleased with the rapid progress which we are making toward the right in business," he said. "We are not perfect and never will be, but we are training our young men with a sense of their great responsibilities and we are providing them with experience from our own mistakes."

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BASIN COUPLE HURT IN CRASH

Suffering from broken limbs, internal injuries and severe cuts and bruises, as the result of a serious automobile accident on the Algonia road yesterday, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lord, prominent residents of Hillsdale ranch, are at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Walter Heller, of Melrose avenue.

En route to Klamath Falls yesterday, Mr. and Mrs. Lord, were leaving their ranch home, when a car owned by D. C. Smith of Algonia, approached. As the car came to the Lord farm, the man at the wheel, whose name could not be learned, threw on the brakes, the car skidding across the highway, crashing into the Lord car with terrific force, it was reported. Both cars were badly damaged in the crash.

Mrs. Lord received a broken right leg and internal injuries, a badly cut and bruised head and hands.

Mr. Lord received a broken left leg.

Two men and a woman driving in the other car were uninjured.

Mr. and Mrs. Lord have been prominent farmers of this country for the past 17 years. They own one of the finest potato ranches in the county, known as Hillsdale.

ST. PAUL'S TO MARK 3D YEAR JANUARY 25TH

St. Paul's Day, Friday, January 25, marks the third anniversary of St. Paul's Episcopal church in this city.

In observance of the event, Friday and Saturday of this week will be known as "Homecoming."

A special program and celebration will be enjoyed by the members of the church at the Parish House on Friday night at 8 o'clock.

Rev. J. Henry Thomas, pastor, urges all members to attend and has threatened to fine those not attending, who are unable to furnish some good reason for their absence.

On Sunday, special services will be held at the church. Special music is being arranged by the choir for the Sunday services.

YOUTH LAUGHS AT WARNINGS; DIES IN LAKE

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 22, (UP)—Winston Churchill, 26, laughed at the danger of death—and died.

The youth jeered at the warnings of friends that ice can Muddy take was dangerously thin. He tested their fears. The crash of breaking ice ended his laughter. His body was recovered today.

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FAIR BOARD ASKS HELP OF C. OF C.

Asking cooperation of the chamber of commerce as well as all civic organizations of the city in bringing about further development and growth of the Klamath County Fair, R. E. Bradbury, member of the board spoke before the directors of the chamber of commerce today.

Mr. Bradbury thanked the board for the splendid cooperation in the past and told of some of the plans which the Fair Board hoped to put over. He told of the potato situation in Klamath county opening up a new field and of the need for further advertising the fair.

"Anything that can be done to further advertise the resources of the county is of great importance," Mr. Bradbury stated.

Mrs. L. Parker, secretary of the board told of the plan to increase the livestock displays this coming year. It is understood that several large stock owners plan to bring purebred livestock here for display this fall.

The possibility of arranging fair dates so as not to conflict with the Lakeview Rodeo was brought before the directors by Roy F. Darlin.

"On a recent trip to Lakeview any number of Lakeview men asked my cooperation in getting the local fair board to arrange dates so as not to conflict with

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COPY OF BILL SENT TO MAYOR

Exact wording of the \$200,000 irrigation canal tunneling diversion project, introduced in congress by Representative R. A. Butler and Senator Frederick Steiwer, was known today when Mayor Walters received a copy of the bill from Mr. Butler.

It read as follows:

Authorizing the construction of a canal for the diversion within the city of Klamath Falls, Oregon, of the main canal of the Klamath project.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized to divert the channel of the main canal of Klamath project commencing at the portal of the existing tunnel at or near the junction of Prospect and Upham Streets in the city of Klamath Falls, said point being near engineers station numbered 66 X 00 and ending at the present channel at a point near

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PRINTERS AND EAGLES MEET THIS EVENING

Tonight at the Klamath Bowling Alley, the Eagles Lodge will play the Printers.

Following this game the Elks A team will play the Eagle Pool Hall team.

The opening game will start promptly at eight o'clock.

The public is invited.

LAKE SHORE INTERURBAN IN ACCIDENT

All of Dead Are in Bus;
Occupants of Street Car
Not Seriously Hurt

AMBULANCE RUSHED TO CRASH LOCATION

Bus So Completely Emashed That
Difficulty Was Experienced at
First in Determining the Exact
Number of Dead Beneath; Happened at Bad Crossing.

BELLEVUE, O., Jan. 22, (A.P.)—Eighteen persons were killed and eight were seriously injured today when a Greyhound company bus enroute to Pittsburgh was struck by a west bound Lake Shore electric interurban at a crossing a mile and a half east of here.

A number of others less seriously injured were taken to Bellevue hospital.

Officials at the funeral homes said it would be impossible to identify any of the dead for some time.

BELLEVUE, O., Jan. 22, (A.P.)—A number of persons, estimated at ten or more, were killed and several others injured today when a west bound Lake Shore electric interurban crashed into the Pittsburgh-Chicago bus of the Greyhound company.

All of the dead were in the bus, which was demolished when struck in the center by the electric car. The driver, who escaped injury, was believed to have been blinded by the snowstorm and failed to see the approaching car.

Four ambulances, all that were available here, were sent to the scene of the crash and began taking the dead and injured to the morgue and Bellevue hospital. The bus was so completely smashed that an undetermined number of bodies were still pinned underneath the wreckage two hours after the tragedy.

The interurban car was on top of the bus, which was lying in a ditch by the crossing.

CREAMERY SAFE YIELDS MONEY

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 22, (A.P.)—More than \$1,000 in cash was taken from a safe at a creamery here last night. The robbers carried the safe from the creamery office to the rear of the building where they punched it, using no explosives.

HOOVER TO ATTEND EDISON'S BIRTHDAY

WEST ORANGE, N. J., Jan. 22, (UP)—President-elect Hoover will attend Thomas A. Edison's 82nd birthday celebration at Fort Myers, Fla., February 11, Edison's secretary announced today.

Ninth Sewer Unit Will Be Built This Spring

Barring the chance of protests, the Ninth sewer unit comprising a district adjacent to California avenue will be constructed this spring—in fact, if no unforeseen obstacles intervene the project, involving an investment of about \$50,000, will be under way the latter part of March.

This became known last night when the city council passed a resolution announcing its intention to undertake the sewer construction and setting February 18 as the date when protests would be heard by the council.

"We are anxious," said Mayor Walters today, "to get the project under way as early as possible. The district would connect onto the California avenue trunk line."

The mayor said that the Eleventh sewer unit which comprises the last unit in Mills addition, is practically assured for this year, and that there is some talk about constructing the Twelfth sewer unit, in Hot Springs addition, this year also.

The council held a perfunctory meeting last night. Gasoline contract for the year was let to the Melroe service station and the prison meals contract to the K. Cafe.

An ordinance requiring sidewalk to be kept cleared of snow was passed to its final reading.

Poor Pa



"Mrs. Smith says she don't use a double boiler enough to justify her buyin' one, but she borrows curs so much that we'll have to buy another one for our use."

Sportsmen Fight Lower Limit, Shorter Season

Klamath sportsmen are opposed to any change in the deer season or in the limit for deer for the reason that the animals are increasing in Klamath woods and do not need additional protection.

This in substance, was the content of a resolution which was passed last night by the association and sent to the state legislature which is now considering a law designed to shorten the season ten days and reduce the limit to one buck each season.

J. Duke, president of the Oregon Bank and Trust company, and Marlon J. Barnes, district game warden, were named as a

committee to petition the game commission for permission to trap Hungarian partridges in counties where they are plentiful and transplant them to the Klamath country.

The trapping, it was pointed out, must be done during the period of snow.

Nominations for officers for 1929 were as follows: O. D. Matthews, president; Vance Hutchins, vice-president; Rex Lawson, Joe Olson, treasurer, and Nate Otterbein, secretary. Mr. Otterbein asked to be relieved of the duties but no other name was offered in nomination.

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