

BOY'S SANITY IS FOCAL POINT

YOUNG FARMER TELLS OF SLAYING ENTIRE FAMILY

CONFESSES SLAUGHTER TO LAWYER

Says Eldest Son Killed Accidentally And Then Quarrel Followed

PARENTS KILLED AS THEY SOUGHT SONS

Babies Were The Last Victims Of North Dakota Tragedy

WILLISTON, N. D., Dec. 12. (AP)—Charles Bannan, 22 year old farmer today confessed his attorney A. J. Knox said that he killed six members of the Albert E. Haven family on their farm near Schafer on the morning of February 10 last.

Knox said Bannan declared he alone was responsible for the wiping out of the family and absolved all persons he had mentioned previously in several conflicting stories.

State's attorney J. S. Taylor who was skeptical of some admissions made by Bannan and said he would not accept the story without verification.

According to Knox, Bannan said the body of Mrs. Haven, which has not been recovered, is buried in a cave on his mother's farm near the Haven tract, and a searching party was dispatched to the place. Four bodies and parts of a fifth already have been found at Bannan's direction, on the Haven farm.

According to the story which Knox said Bannan told him, the slaying arose out of a dispute with Daniel, 13 year old Haven boy, over some chores about the barn. Bannan, the story goes, accidentally shot the Haven youth with a rifle when he fired to frighten the victim.

Leland, 15, was killed next after another quarrel, Knox said. Bannan revealed and he then shot Mr. and Mrs. Haven when they came to the barn to investigate the absence of their sons. Frank to this time, Bannan said, he went into the house and shot the three year old child and then crushed the skull of the three months old girl with the rifle butt.

Knox said Bannan told his gruesome story in the presence of his mother, Mrs. Charles F. Bannan, a school teacher, and Rev. J. K. Myers, a minister.

Confirmation Of Hoover Appointee Will Be Opposed

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13. (AP)—Notice was given today by Senator Robinson, of Arkansas, the democratic leader, that he would oppose the confirmation of Frank R. McNeinch, of North Carolina, as a member of the power commission.

Democrats, including Senator Robinson, content McNeinch's appointment violates the spirit of the law requiring appointment of two of the minority party to the commission, because McNeinch voted for President Hoover in the 1928 election. He was named as a democrat.

Murderess Faces Court



Here are the first pictures taken at the trial of Mrs. Pearl O'Loughlin, wife of a Denver city detective, convicted of murdering her 10-year-old stepdaughter, Leona. Above Mrs. O'Loughlin is shown in the courtroom conferring with her attorneys, John W. Shireman, left, and John M. Keating, below. City Detective Lee O'Loughlin, husband of the accused woman, is pictured as he watched the trial. With him is Mrs. W. W. Williams of Carmel, Ill., aunt of the slain girl.

Brave Dog Gives Life To Save His Master

MOULTRIE, Ga., Dec. 13. (AP)—Byrd Franklin is alive but his dog is dead.

The dog—a breed of bulldogs that knows no fear, gave his life to prevent a bull from goring Franklin to death.

Franklin was driving the bull from a field near here when the beast suddenly turned and with a toss of horns buried him to the ground.

The bull charged with lowered head and Franklin helplessly awaited the attack. A second before the bull reached him, Franklin's dog leaped and gripped the enraged animal's nose. He clung there until Franklin reached a nearby fence.

The bull eventually shook the dog loose, and gored and trampled it to death.

Franklin was injured badly, but doctors said today he would recover.

PORTLANDERS PAYING MORE TODAY FOR GAS

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 13. (AP)—The retail price of gasoline was raised 2 1/2 cents today by most of the large oil companies, making the retail price 22 1/2 cents a gallon.

There were many independent stations, however, selling motor fuel from 17 to 20 cents.

HEAR OF NEW WITNESS IN BOWLES CASE

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 13. (AP)—Police detectives were believed today to have found a new witness in the Bowles murder case—a witness so important that the grand jury investigation of the case was adjourned while a check was made by the district attorney.

This morning police detectives, the district attorney and a deputy attorney, with a court reporter, interviewed a woman and three men whose names were not disclosed. These persons are understood to have corroborated the "tip" received yesterday, and to have divulged the name of the important witness.

First degree murder is charged to Nelson C. Bowles, millionaire, and Irma Louche Paris, in connection with the stabbing of Mrs. Leone Bowles.

When the clue to the identity of the witness reached the courtroom yesterday, adjournment of the grand jury session was announced immediately, and the district attorney, with a deputy, spent the rest of the day tracing the report.

Houston Was Not Scuffling Prior To Fatal Attack

Contrary to the original report, Merle Houston who was stricken suddenly Friday afternoon, was not scuffling with one of his employees. He was alone in his place of business when the seizure came, and walked to the end of the building to summon aid.

Weather

The Cyclo-Stormograph at Underwood's Pharmacy registered a decided upturn in the barometric pressure last night and a clear cool day is the prospect for Sunday.

The Thermos recording thermometer registered maximum and minimum temperatures today as follows:

High 35
Low 27
Forecast for next 24 hours: Fair and cool with moderate winds.

OREGON: Fair tonight and Sunday but cloudy in the northwest portion; cooler in the east portion tonight. Gentle variable winds off shore.

CARTER IS SCHEDULED FOR TRIAL

First Degree Murder Case Is Called For 10 A. M. Monday

IS SECOND MURDER CASE WITHIN WEEK

Defendant's Wife Died Of A Fractured Skull After Beating

Owing to the fact that the Nacker murder trial will not be completed before Monday, the trial of LaVern Carter, also charged with first degree murder, and scheduled to begin Monday at 10 o'clock, will probably not be held until Tuesday. Confirmation of this could not be obtained late this afternoon, due to the fact that Judge Duncan is out of the city today.

The trial of LaVern Carter, charged with murder in the first degree in connection with the severe beating administered to his wife, Annette Carter, the night of September 6, and her death a few hours later, is scheduled to begin in circuit court at 10 o'clock on Monday.

RELIEF BILL IS AGREED ON

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12. (AP)—Conferees on the \$118,000,000 Emergency Works Bill reduced the total appropriations today to \$116,000,000 and restored the house provision to permit the president to use the specified sums interchangeably.

The conferees also eliminated the senate amendment requiring that local labor be employed on all relief projects.

The reduction in total appropriations was brought about by cutting down from \$5,000,000 to \$3,000,000 the senate amendment for work on unreserved public land interchangeably.

The senate had struck out the house provision allowing the president to shift funds from one project to another if found warranted. President Hoover said this action would freeze the appropriations and hamper administration even though it did relieve him of great responsibility.

The conference agreement cannot be taken up in the senate until its conferees are formally appointed. They met in advance of appointment to speed action.

Contest Is Filed Against Seating Gene Hammond

A suit contesting the election of E. M. Hammond, chosen director of the Klamath Irrigation board November 12 to succeed H. H. Folsom whose term had expired, was filed in the circuit court Friday. Plaintiffs in the case are U. E. Reeder, Percy Dixon, J. R. Elliott, Earl Mack, H. E. Wilson, Ira Owen, B. W. Short and A. L. Durant.

Defendants are the Klamath Irrigation Board and its directors who are J. L. Jacob, S. P. Dehlizer and H. H. Folsom.

E. M. "Gene" Hammond was elected director of the Klamath irrigation district by a majority of 55 votes over Henry Semon, Henley farmer, who was his opponent. He polled 249 votes to Semon's 194. Hammond's term begins January 1, 1931.

The complaint states that many persons not legally entitled to vote at irrigation district elections were permitted to cast ballots at the November 12 election. It also states that those "pretending to be judges" did not earnestly endeavor to prevent fraud.

Among other things the complaint charges that the order for an election was not entered into the minutes of the board of directors of the irrigation district. It is also alleged that proof of posting of notices of election at the various polling places in the district had not been filed with the directors.

The complaint continues to list several alleged legal technicalities which were not put into effect at the water users election.

The Klamath irrigation election polled the largest vote ever recorded in a Klamath county water users election in the recent election.

A Power That Never Fails In A Crisis

NEW YORK, Dec. 13 (AP)—Editor and Publisher, newspaper weekly, looks for "an improved business condition in 1931, led by a liberal and intelligent use of newspaper advertising. It possesses a power which has never been known to fail in a crisis when used by intelligent men."

NORBLAD GIVEN DISCRETIONARY RIGHT BY COURT

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 12. (AP)—It is discretionary with Governor Norblad whether he calls a special election in Marion county for the election of a state senator to succeed the late Senator Lloyd T. Reynolds, says a supreme court opinion yesterday.

The opinion, written by Justice Bean and concurred in by all members of the court, denies to George Putnam, publisher of the Capital Journal, a writ of Mandamus compelling the governor to call an election.

The suit was started after Norblad announced that he would not call an election, but would recommend that the legislature, as an emergency measure on the first day of the session, seat the republican candidate who was the "runner-up" in the May primaries. This would be F. W. Settlemier of Woodburn.

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Stock Mart In Another Slump Today

NEW YORK, Dec. 13 (AP)—Unnerved by fresh breaks in some of the commodities, the stock market, which has lately been undermining its wooden floor, took a decisive plunge today.

U. S. Steel, American Telephone and other prominent issues broke through recent resistance points. Numerous losses ranged from 1 to 4 points, with a few wider and the list as a whole reached a new low since 1927.

The market sold off rather sharply in the first half hour, met support for time, but sank further in the last half hour. Trading was moderately active, sales for the day suggest aggregating 1,536,000 shares.

GOES HOME FOR HIS LAST SLEEP

SALISBURY, N. C., Dec. 13. (AP)—Lee Slater Overman came home today for his last long sleep.

A special train bearing the 76-year-old senator's body from Washington, where he died early yesterday, after more than fifty years in the service of the state and nation, arrived here at 9 a. m.

With bowed heads his neighbors who knew him as a kindly friend stood as the gray casket, banked with yellow chrysanthemums and red roses, was lifted from the train and carried to the First Methodist church for the funeral rites this afternoon.

A flag escort from the local post of the American Legion led the slow march from the railway station.

Delegations from the house and from the senate, where Overman served for 27 years, accompanied the body from Washington.

Nebraska Farmer Denied Charge He Kidnaped Teacher

FORT MORGAN, Colo., Dec. 13. (AP)—Melvin G. McClanahan, Mitchell, Neb., farmer pleaded not guilty when arraigned in justice court here today on a charge of abducting Miss Edith Harriott, school teacher, missing from Wiggins, Colo., since November 16.

Justice A. V. S. Sanders ordered McClanahan bound over to the Morgan county district court on bond of \$1000. The next session of the court begins February 14.

ARMY WINS OVER NAVY SCORE 6-0

STECKER'S 50-YARD DASH IN LAST PERIOD IS DECIDING FACTOR

CHARITY PROFITS TO TUNE OF \$600,000.00

Colorful Crowd Of Over 70,000 Witness Nip And Tuck Game

TANKEE STADIUM, New York, Dec. 12. (AP)—A sensational 57-yard dash by Ray Stecker, cadet half back from Hazleton, Pa., today gave the Army a last period victory over the Navy, six to nothing, in a hard-fought gridiron battle before 70,000 spectators, who contributed \$600,000 in gate receipts to the unemployed.

Stecker's long run on a reverse play that broke off Army's left tackle, put a sensational finish to a defensive struggle that lasted well into the final period. The rangy Army star was shaken loose by fine interference, but personally shook off or outran a half dozen.

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EUGENE HEARS BARK OF GUNS

EUGENE, Dec. 13 (AP)—Two shooting scrapes lined Eugene's streets last night.

Ray Norman, lumberjack, stepped out of a cafe late in the evening and saw two officers approaching.

"Don't come any closer or I'll shoot," he shouted, displaying a revolver.

The police walked toward him and the man fired four wild shots. A bullet from a police revolver struck him in the arm and he submitted to arrest. Officers said he was intoxicated.

One hour or so later James O'Brien, stage driver, was walking home when a man reached out from the darkness and muttered: "I'm going to eat you tonight, fella!"

O'Brien kicked the man in the face and fled. A second man appeared and shot at the driver who returned the fire.

A bullet burned through O'Brien's overcoat but he was unharmed.

LATE NEWS

WHEAT PRICE STABILIZED
PENDLETON, Dec. 13 (AP)—The price of wheat over the northwest is being stabilized, starting today, by the authority of the federal farm board and the national grain corporation, an announcement of Henry Collins, district manager of the grain corporation, stated. Stabilization was being made on the basis of 68 cents a bushel for May options at coast points.

POLICE QUELL INDIAN RIOT
BOMBAY, India, Dec. 13 (AP)—Police wielding their sticks on stubborn crowds of Indian nationalists today sent 75 persons to hospitals, 20 of them being detained for treatment. In an area directly in front of an opera house, the nationalists congregated and the police repeatedly charged them before dispersing the gathering, injuring 30.

CONGRESS TO GET HISTORIC BIBLE
WASHINGTON, Dec. 13 (AP)—Ceremoniously, the Guttenberg bible, highest-priced book in the world, tonight was to take its permanent place in the library of congress. Invitations have been issued for the event. A solid mahogany case, carved after a design by Michael Angelo, awaits the bible, now locked in the librarian's vault.

MORRISON NAMED SENATOR
SALISBURY, N. C., Dec. 13 (AP)—Governor Gardner late today appointed Cameron Morrison of Charlotte, United States senator from North Carolina, to succeed Senator L. S. Overman, who died early yesterday.

The Nightly Argument

AUNT HET
By Robert Quillen



"Jane doesn't brag about her then. She didn't know till after she got married that tables was supposed to have any cover except oil cloth."

POOR PA
By Claude Callan



"Our youngest daughter-in-law had a big cry yesterday an' it giv' Ma the blues. Ma got to thinkin' of the days when she was happy like that."