

MAYOR WALKER UNDER FIRE

HOLD TWO
IN BROOKS
GIRL QUIZ

Man Held in Oklahoma
Has Long Record
of Crimes

FIND SHOP WHERE
TIRE WAS RETREAD

Criminologists Arrive In
San Diego to Work
On the Case

SACRAMENTO, Cal., March 13. (AP)—Gerald Davidson, held by police in Oklahoma City, Okla., as a suspect in the Virginia Brooks murder case at San Diego, was believed today by experts of the state bureau of criminal identification to be the man listed in records here as Wenzel A. Krejci, with a dozen aliases.

A telegram received by Clarence S. Morrill, bureau chief, from Clarence Hurt, night chief of police at Oklahoma City, said finger print classifications and other data indicated Davidson was the man listed here. His record includes sentences in San Quentin and Folsom prisons on burglary charges, and he also has a criminal record at Toledo, Ohio; St. Louis, Mo., and Denver, Colo.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., March 13. (AP)—With two suspects held in widely separated cities and criminologists arriving from Sacramento and Los Angeles to aid them, local officers today increased their efforts to identify the fiendish slayer of Virginia Brooks.

The shop in which a tire on the killer's automobile had been retreaded was found and an effort is being made to trace all tires handled recently by the shop. The design used checked with the plaster cast made of an imprint left in the soft soil of Camp Kearney Mesa, 15 miles north of here, near where the 19-year-old school girl's dismembered body was found in a sack Tuesday.

Through this tire identification one suspect was arrested yesterday but released after he had made satisfactory explanations to police.

Jerry L. Davis, 21, shepherd, sentenced at Salinas, Cal., for burglary, was being closely questioned after he had urged his speedy transfer to San Quentin prison. He said he had herded sheep on the mesa where the girl's body was found. A lock of hair was forwarded here for comparison with strands found in Virginia's left hand.

Gerald Davidson, 50, was re-arrested in Oklahoma City, after (Continued on Page Two)

Fire Department
Institutes Move
To Clean Alleys

A campaign to clean alleys in business and residential districts is being instituted by the local fire department, according to an announcement made today by Fire Chief, E. A. Taylor.

Cooperation of business men is asked by the fire chief in cleaning alleys, doing away with refuse and trash which might become a fire menace.

The city street department is cooperating in this campaign, and will clean all alleys in the business district twice monthly.

A daily patrol of alleys in the city will become a part of the routine of firemen on duty from now on, according to Chief Taylor.

Friday
The 13th Is
Not So Bad
After All

NEW YORK, March 13. (AP)—This is the second Friday, 13th, of 1931. Another will be along in November.

For hundreds of years Friday has been considered a hoodoo, and the same is true of the 13th. When they both fall on one day, superstitious people throw up their hands in horror.

But history records good things have happened on these days as well as ill.

Here are some events that befell on Friday.

Columbus set sail, sighted land, started back to Spain, and returning, discovered the mainland, all on Friday; John Cabot started his journey of discovery; the Declaration of Independence was signed; Cornwallis surrendered; Melendez founded St. Augustine; the Mayflower made land; the first emigrants reached Plymouth Rock; the airplane Bremen flew the Atlantic; Shakespeare, Napoleon, Blumark, Bismarck, and Washington were born; Christ was crucified; Fort Sumter was bombarded; the Battle of Waterloo was fought; Joan of Arc was burned; Lila and Caesar were assassinated.

As for the 13th:

The National Anthem was born; American troops took St. Mihiel; Richard Wagner, who had 13 letters in his name, was born in 1813, composed 13 famous operas, presented the first on March 13, and died October 13.

At Long Island University Professor Philip D. Jordan of the philosophy department gave a class of 83 sophomores a quiz on superstition.

Fifteen acknowledged they felt nervous about Friday the 13th, 53 said they were afraid to walk under ladders, and 46 were not fond of black cats. Only three felt entirely free from superstitions.

"Three times a bridesmaid, never a bride," was believed by two young women in the class.

SHIPMENTS OF
LUMBER SHOW
AN INCREASE

SEATTLE, March 13. (AP)—Current business was 13.77 per cent over production and shipments were 2.9 per cent over for the week ending March 7, 224 mills in the Pacific northwest reported to the West Coast Lumbermen's association here today.

A total of 345 mills reporting to the association operated by 39.13 per cent of their capacity compared with 39.09 per cent the previous week and 70.34 per cent during the same week last year.

New rail business received during the week was about 2,500,000 feet over the volume reported the previous week. Domestic exports gained about 12,000,000 feet, the export market increased 1,000,000 feet and the local demand went up about 2,500,000 feet.

Inventories were reduced 5.52 per cent from January 1 to February 1 and now are lower than at this time last year. During the past 14 weeks orders have averaged 13.27 per cent over production.

FIRE DAMAGES
HISTORIC CHURCH

BALTIMORE, March 13. (AP)—Historic Westminster Presbyterian church, on the grounds of which is the grave of Edgar Allan Poe, was damaged by fire today.

Starting from a defective furnace, the flames wrecked the pulpit, destroyed the organ and damaged a portion of the balcony.

MODERN
LIBRARY COME
EUGENE, ORE.
J. HEAD
INVOLVED

Pres. Western Mortgage
Co. Is Charged With
Abstracting Funds

AMOUNT IS SAID TO
BE AROUND \$300,000

Complaint Also Alleges the
Company Has Long
Been Insolvent

PORTLAND, Ore., March 13. (AP)—Charges that C. H. Farrington, president and former director of the Western Bond & Mortgage company has abstracted more than \$300,000 worth of the assets of the company, were made in a complaint filed in federal district court today by John Brockie, Rupert, Idaho, stockman and stockholder in the mortgage company.

The complaint charges that for years past the Western Bond and Mortgage company has been insolvent, but that Farrington by manipulation of allegedly worthless and questionable securities, concealed its condition from stockholders and creditors of the firm.

Others Named

Named as defendants, besides Farrington and the Western Bond Mortgage company, are E. F. O'Flynn, W. E. Johnson, Ben Walling, the Laurel Investment company, the Western Guaranty company and the Beacon Investment company.

Brockie demanded a complete accounting of the affairs of the company, appointment of a receiver and restitution by the other defendant companies to the Western Bond & Mortgage company of its securities, alleged to have been exchanged for worthless and questionable paper.

Brockie's complaint declares that last year three clerks employed by the Western Bond and Mortgage company incorporated (Continued on Page Two)

JEWELS WORTH
\$750,000 GONE

PALM BEACH, Fla., March 13. (AP)—A statement from the office of the sheriff of Palm Beach county this afternoon said jewels estimated to be worth \$750,000 to \$750,000 were stolen last night or early today from a safe in the Palm Beach store of Charlton & Co., New York jewelry firm.

Officials said the loss might run to \$1,000,000.

The building had been unlocked and the safe opened.

Sheriff R. C. Baker, police and insurance detectives are investigating a story by Otto Wegener, New York and Palm Beach, manager of the store, that he was kidnapped in front of his hotel last night by four men, who forced him to give them the keys to the place and the safe's combination.

Freight Train Is
Wrecked at Keddle

KEDDIE, Cal., March 13. (A. P.)—Crashing into a slide at mile post 203, near here, a Western Pacific freight train was derailed early today.

Two hundred forty-five hogs were killed when five cattle cars were wrecked, and 140 more ran loose in the hills. No humans were injured.

The train, No. 201, was bound for San Francisco from Reno.

All passenger trains over the line were blocked at the scene of the wreck. Passengers were transferred over the slide and the trains backed up over the runs they had just made.

Weather

The Cyclo-Stormograph at Underwood's Pharmacy shows the barometric pressure taking an upward trend and good weather for tomorrow is probable.

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

It All
Happened On
Friday, the
13th

SAN FRANCISCO, March 13. (AP)—An apple peddler at Fourth and Market streets cast an eye at the calendar and then noted several ladders leaning against a theater at that corner.

"Nobody," mused the apple vendor, "is going to walk under a ladder on a day like this." He arranged them so pedestrians would have to pass immediately before the apple box.

Many an apple was sold.

KANSAS CITY, March 13. (AP)—Robert E. Lee James, former police captain, told his employer yesterday that "Friday the 13th has always been my lucky day."

He fell dead in a street car this morning.

CHICAGO, March 13. (AP)—Alfred Maase of Philadelphia, leaped or fell to death from a room on the 19th floor of the Y. M. C. A. hotel today.

Maase registered at the hotel March 9, and asked for the highest vacant room in the building.

WASHINGTON, March 13. (AP)—Edward E. Denison, former representative from Illinois, was acquitted today of charges of liquor possession.

HIGH SCHOOL
WILL PRESENT
FREE CONCERT

As a "thank you" courtesy to people of Klamath Falls who have assisted the high school in many ways, the K. U. H. S. band department has already been rehearsing its annual concert at the school auditorium this evening.

The program will start promptly at 8 o'clock, and no seats are guaranteed to those who have not obtained tickets.

The supply of tickets has already been exhausted but others will be admitted and an attempt will be made to find places for them.

Those in charge of the presentation of this program include Mrs. Madge Hampton, director of the glee club; John Stovall, band leader, and Harry Borel, director of orchestra work.

The opening selection will be numbers from the Suite "Atlantica," given by the school orchestra. This will be followed by two vocal numbers by the girls' elementary glee club. The elementary band will be next on the program. Others to give numbers will be the boys' glee club, girls' sextet, mixed chorus, the advanced band, girls' advanced glee club, boys' quartet and the combined girls' glee clubs.

Accompanists will be Marjorie Manthe for the advanced glee club, Mildred Fraser for the elementary glee club, Fred Johnson for the boys' glee club and Elsie Eschebeck, orchestra. Each of the accompanists is a high school student.

The music department has worked many weeks in preparation for this excellent program and promises to be the finest of its kind ever given in the city.

Members of the honor society will usher guests to their seats.

FILM OPERATOR
BURNS AT POST

WEWOKA, Okla., March 13. (AP)—While spectators witnessed a flickering drama of the screen at a theatre here last night, Harold E. Brough, operator, chose death in a battle with fire in his small film room.

Toward a burning film roll out a window Brough had a chance to flee the flames that licked at the walls of his cubbyhole. He decided instead to try to stamp them out, and fumes from the burning celluloid overcame him.

Hours later his burned body was recovered lying face down. The film remaining in the projector continued to show on the screen a few minutes, while spectators filed out in an orderly manner.

REFORM WORKER DIES

PITTSBURGH, March 13. (AP)—Rollo H. McBride, 72, nationally known prison reform worker and superintendent of the Parole of the Ways Home here, died at his home last night.

McBride established the first parole for released prisoners in the United States in Chicago in 1909.

Jean Doyle
Is On Trial
For Slaying

SALT LAKE CITY, March 13. (AP)—Jean Doyle went to court today for the second day of her trial on a charge of murdering Sam Frank, Memphis jewelry auctioneer, with an increased guard, due to reports that an effort might be made to spirit her away.

G. W. Carlisle, chief deputy sheriff, said he had received a tip, an attempt to kidnap the defendant would be made during her trial. He said there is a popular belief that the woman is shielding the real slayer of the jewelry salesman, and referred to reports after her arrest that attempts were afoot to kill her to prevent her "aqualing."

The state exercised the first of its ten peremptory challenges of veniremen today when it barred Alonso Hutchinson, a grocer of this city, who is the father of seven daughters.

MANY HURT AS
CAR RUNS WILD

YONKERS, N. Y., March 13. (AP)—A woman was reported killed, the motorman probably fatally injured and at least a score of persons were hurt when a trolley car ran away here today, jumped the track and crashed into a building.

The motorman, Frank Murphy, stuck to his post. It required almost an hour to extricate him from the wreckage. A woman apparently of about middle age was believed killed in the crash.

The trolley car ploughed through a store to almost its entire length and so weakened the building that fear was expressed that it might collapse.

Aged Indian
Found Guilty of
Slaying Another

BUFFALO, N. Y., March 13. (AP)—Nancy Bowen, 65-year-old Seneca Indian woman, today was sentenced to imprisonment for one to ten years for manslaughter, first degree, in connection with the slaying of Mrs. Clothilde Marchand, wife of Henri Marchand, an artist, in Buffalo, last March.

Nancy, who freely admitted the killing but declared it had been done because she believed Mrs. Marchand was a "white witch," pleaded guilty Tuesday to the manslaughter charge which was reduced from one of murder.

The effect of the sentence was to set the aged Indian woman free immediately, the judge stipulating that the year she has already been held in jail since her arrest should be counted on her prison sentence.

Ashland Planing
Mill And Sheds
Claimed By Fire

MEDFORD, Ore., March 13. (AP)—The planing mill and equipment, and lumber sheds of the Moon Lumber company, near Ashland, was destroyed by fire early today. The origin of the blaze had not been determined.

Firemen saved the main sawmill plant. The planing mill will be rebuilt and spring operations are expected to start April 15.

Texas Pool Must
Be Pro-rated Says
President Hoover

WASHINGTON, March 13. (AP)—President Hoover said today that negotiations looking to reduction in imports of oil will have little effect on the oil situation unless the east Texas pool shall be pro-rated on the same basis as other new pools.

He made the statement after Secretary Wilbur had announced all importing companies except one had agreed to limit imports.

The oil conservation board is now carrying on negotiations for a limitation of imports.

Snow Drifts Block
Roads in New York

ROCHESTER, N. Y., March 13. (AP)—Huge snow drifts piled up by a stiff northwest wind, today blocked all except main highways in western New York, upset the schedules and resulted in the derailment of a locomotive near Canadawaga.

Coming as the aftermath of a record four-day snowfall, highway forces were faced with the task of keeping roads clear in the face of a thirty-five mile wind which swept snow back on the roads as fast as they were plowed.

LINES ARE
DRAWN FOR
CAMPAIGN

Progressives Make Bid
to Democrats for
Roosevelt

HOOVER AND YOUNG
UNSATISFACTORY

Norris Says Third Party Is
Entirely Out of the
Question

WASHINGTON, March 13. (AP)—Senator Norris, Republican, Nebraska, chairman of the progressive conference, said today the only hope for a liberal presidential candidate is in the Democratic party.

In a conference with newspaper men, Norris reiterated the formation of a third party was impractical.

He conceded the renomination of President Hoover by the Republicans and said the progressives' only hope was in the Democratic party.

Norris did not mention any particular candidate, nor did he give definite assurance that he would support any specific Democratic nominee. He said, however, that if the Republicans renominated Hoover and the Democrats named Owen D. Young the progressives would have nowhere to turn.

In his concluding address to the progressive conference yesterday, Norris suggested the need of another "Roosevelt" in the White House. He said later, however, that in making that statement he had not thought of Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt of New York.

Nevertheless there was a discussion of Roosevelt as a New York.

UNCLE SAM IS
LIFTING BAN
ON CLASSICS

WASHINGTON, March 13. (AP)—Five literary classics once tabooed by Uncle Sam have obtained official sanction in this country under liberalization of censorship effected by the 1930 tariff act.

The Arabian Nights, the Memoirs of Cassanova, Rabelais' "Gargantua and Pantagruel," the Decameron of Boccaccio, and Apuleius' "The Golden Ass" have been recognized by the treasury as classics, and admitted for importation. Under this decision, faithful and unexpurgated translations have a clean bill of health.

Certain editions, as those containing illustrations deemed obscene, still may be excluded.

Soon the admissibility of books dealing with birth-control is to have a test in a New York federal district court. Marie Stopes' British viewpoint in "Married Love" is the point of contention and the outcome will set a precedent.

The third class of forbidden reading, sedition material, seems to have dropped out of the export trade. Customs bureau officials say their only recent experience with it involved soviet posters which were found innocuous.

TULSA SHAKEN
BY EXPLOSION

TULSA, Okla., March 13. (AP)—Tulsa and its environs were shaken early today by the explosion of 400 quarts of nitro-glycerine stored in a magazine two miles west of Red Fork, near Tulsa.

Scores of windows were broken and thousands of persons were alarmed by the shock. Officials of the American Glycerine company, owners of the explosive, said no watchman was on duty and that no lives were believed to have been lost.

They expressed the opinion a gas leak might have been responsible.

A hole 20 feet in diameter and more than six deep deep was blasted from the earth. Trees near the scene were torn into ribbons. Small bits of the steel house which covered the explosive were found miles distant.

The explosion was heard at Vinita, Okla., more than 45 miles away.

Canada's First
Lady to Marry

Miss Mildred Bennett, sister and hostess of Canada's premier, R. B. Bennett, and therefore "First Lady" of the Dominion, is to marry W. D. Herridge, K. C., it is reported at Ottawa. Herridge, who has been called "the Colonel House of Canada" because of his confidential relations with the government, is soon to become minister to Washington.

CHINESE SAYS
HE'S INNOCENT

SAN FRANCISCO, March 13. (AP)—Lui Fook, elderly Chinese houseboy, dramatically denied from the witness stand here today that he killed his mistress, Mrs. Rosetta Baker.

Ignoring an interpreter through whom he had answered all previous questions, Lui jumped to his feet in response to a question from one of his attorneys, and said:

"Why should I kill my mistress? She was kind to me. She laughed and joked with me."

Previously, with much arm waving, Lui had described the finding of Mrs. Baker's body in her apartment, December 8. He was emphatic in his statements and descriptions.

Also with gestures, he related his claims that police had struck him and one had threatened to shoot him unless he confessed.

"I say when they hit me I am old, 61 years old," he testified through his interpreter. "I say 'you got gun and can shoot me if you want. If I kill my boss-mistress, then I'm satisfied if you hang me.'"

PROMINENT BRITISH
IS CRITICALLY ILL

TILFORD, Eng., March 13. Philip Snowden, British chancellor of the exchequer, passed a very bad night and was not so well today. He is suffering with cystitis and a minor operation is contemplated.

Mrs. Snowden read him scores of messages of sympathy coupled with congratulations, for 26 years ago today the chancellor and Ethel Annika were married.

LATE NEWS

TRUCK DRIVER FATALITY HURT.

PORTLAND, March 13. (AP)—Ralph Collier, 34, was fatally injured here today when he was thrown from the driver's seat of his truck and pinned under the machine after it was overturned in a collision. Helen Code, 20, the driver of the other car involved, was taken to a hospital with minor head injuries.

SENIORS THREATEN "WALK-OUT."

ST. PAUL, Minn., March 13. (AP)—More than 100 seniors at the University of Minnesota farm school today threatened to "walk out" of commencement exercises March 25 unless 13 of their fellow class men, suspended for liquor drinking, are allowed to graduate. The thirteen were among seventeen students at the school involved in suspensions.

MIOCENE SPECIMEN IS UNEARTHED.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., March 13. (AP)—The finding of another specimen of the stegomys, a gacale-like camel of the miocene era which was very graceful and probably very fast, was announced at Harvard University today. The skeleton was found at Agata Spring, Neb., by Erich Schlaikjer, a member of a research expedition last summer.

EXPERTS AID IN BROOKS CASE.

SAN DIEGO, March 13. (AP)—Arrival of outside experts to aid in solving the slaying of 10-year-old Virginia Brooks was awaited by police today, while deputy sheriffs were reported to have under surveillance the son of a wealthy manufacturer who is asserted to have known the Brooks girl before she disappeared.

BRITAIN PROPOSES FINAL DRAFT.

WASHINGTON, March 13. (AP)—Great Britain has proposed that a committee representing the five power signatories to the London naval treaty be formed to draft the French-Italian agreement in final form. The British government, through the British ambassador here, has invited the United States to be represented.

SERIOUS
CHARGES
ARE MADE

N. Y. Civic Committee
Will Appeal to Gov.
Roosevelt

INCOMPETENCE AND
NEGLECT CHARGED

Committee Representing
Half Million People
Demand Cleanup

NEW YORK, March 13. (A. P.)—John Haynes Holmes, clergyman and chairman of the City Affairs committee, a citizen's organization, announced today he would file with Governor Roosevelt specific charges against Mayor Walker, involving "incompetence, gross neglect and indifference to the welfare of the city."

Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, vice-chairman of the committee, said he favored waiting until the mayor returned from California and that a decision would be made by the committee today. Newspapers predicted the charges would be filed at once.

A committee of the directors of the Greater New York Federation of Churches, representing 475,000 members in seven Protestant denominations, has adopted a resolution demanding a non-partisan, city-wide investigation "that shall reveal both the innocent and the guilty." Copies were sent to Governor Roosevelt and members of the legislature.

Checks Mailed To
Cover Bonus Loan
Total \$40,358,811

WASHINGTON, March 13. (AP)—Brigadier General Frank T. Hines, administrator of veterans affairs, told President Hoover today the veterans bureau had exceeded all expectations in issuing checks for loans authorized by the last congress.

Within the first week closing March 7, the bureau had received \$46,793 applications and had mailed 165,766 checks totalling \$40,358,811.

It is expected, the administrator told the president, that the output will increase at least fifty per cent this week and shortly reach a peak of at least 200,000 per week.

Committee Agrees
On Tax Measures

OLYMPIA, Wash., March 13. (AP)—The conference committee on the personal and corporate income tax bills reported to the house and senate it had reached an agreement on the measures. Both houses were to act on the two measures before midnight.

The emergence of the income tax bills from conference leaves seven measures to be disposed of before the 1931 legislature will adjourn its 1931 session.

The Nightly Argument

AUNT HET
By Robert Quillen



"Henry claims he's the boss, but I've got by his wife in church an' no man bosses a woman that smart boss."

POOR PA
By Claude Callan



"Our daughter Betty never disputes anything her beau says, but I think she'll change if they marry. I know her mother has changed a lot in that respect."