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EARTHQUAKE ROCKS NORTHWEST

Hovel Scene of Armistice Day Shooting



This dug-out in a bank by the side of the old Midland road was the scene of a shooting early Armistice day afternoon which brought death to Zeola Williams, 40, and sent her husband, Earl Williams, 44, to the county jail where he is held on an open charge. The negro couple lived for several years in this hovel which was supported by timbers, debris and corrugated iron. Williams maintained his wife ran from the shack when it caught fire. Late Monday it was still smoldering. Mrs. Williams died of wounds from a 12-gauge shotgun just a few minutes after being admitted to Hillside hospital.

IN THE DAY'S NEWS

By FRANK JENKINS
GOVERNOR OLSON announces today that he will submit a new "50-at-60" pension plan to a special session of the California legislature to be called soon.

By "50 at 60" he means a pension of \$50 a month to all (presumably needy) persons 60 years of age or older, living in California.

(THE governor, of course, is trying to make peace with the ham-and-egggers whose votes elected him but who were angered by his rather mild opposition to ham and eggs No. 2.)

CALIFORNIA, paying a maximum pension of \$35 a month to needy aged past 65, is already the most generous of the states. If it raises its pension and lowers its age limit, it must face the probability that it will attract the bulk of the needy aged in the entire country.

It may be that a special session of the legislature will be willing

to do that. But it seems unlikely. It looks like a political gesture on Olson's part.

BRITAIN and France, cautiously answering the peace suggestion put out by Holland and Belgium, indicate that their war aims call for restoration of Poland, Czechoslovakia and Austria.

France says: "The injustices imposed on these three small nations must be rectified before peace can be re-established."

It sounds high-minded and idealistic, but don't take too much stock in it. Britain and France are fighting for the preservation of their empires, which are threatened by Hitler.

Poland, Czechoslovakia and Austria were NOT parts of the British empire or the French empire. Britain's and France's interest in them lies in keeping them ENEMIES of a LIMITED

POLITICIANS START OPEN CAMPAIGNING

Garner Boosters, Republicans Get Drives Into Motion

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13 (P)—Open campaigning by Garner-for-president boosters and republican discussion of a short, intensive drive for the presidency set the 1940 political ball rolling today, ending the truce which prevailed during the neutrality debate.

A prediction the republican national committee would give serious consideration to limit of its major campaign to eight or nine weeks came from Senator McNary of Oregon, the minority floor leader. Under such a plan, the presidential nominee and party orators probably would not begin their speechmaking until September.

Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich.), a potential candidate for the presidential nomination, has expressed the belief a rapid-fire campaign through September and October would be better than one started

NEGRO HELD IN GUNSHOT DEATH HERE

Two Stories Told Police by Negro After Fatal Shooting, Fire

The shot-punctured body of Zeola Williams, 40, a negro, lay in a mortuary and her common law husband, Earl Williams, 44, answered questions from his cell in the county jail Monday as an aftermath of an Armistice day tragedy at their rural hovel.

Mrs. Williams died Saturday afternoon a few moments after her husband brought her to the Hillside hospital. Her death was attributed to wounds received from a 12-gauge single barrel shotgun.

Williams was placed in the county jail by Deputy Sheriff Jack Franer, after the negro had been taken over the scene of the tragedy at the Williams place near the old Midland road.

Sheriff's officers said Williams by Monday had changed his story. Saturday he asserted that the gun went off in the hands of Mrs. Williams, but Monday he said it discharged accidentally in his hands as he started from the Williams hut, which he said was on fire.

Williams' second story was that he had used the gun like a stick over his shoulder, carrying wood and sagebrush, from the nearby hillside to the hut. He said there was one shell in the magazine and two in his pocket when he carried in a load of wood.

He said he laid the gun at the

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Man Killed by Alaskan Wolves

KETCHIKAN, Alaska, Nov. 13 (P)—A searching party returning from Thorne lake, Prince of Wales island, said today members determined that Christ Kolby, missing since last spring, had been killed by wolves.

His hunting knife was missing from the skeleton but the searchers pondered why his .375-caliber magnum revolver still was fully loaded. Then examination disclosed its mainspring had been broken, leaving the lone man weaponless.

German Steamer Sends Out SOS

LONDON, Nov. 13 (P)—A Reuters (British news agency) dispatch from Reykjavik, Iceland, tonight said that the 6038-ton German steamer Parana had sent out an SOS reporting she was attacked by a British destroyer.

The account received no immediate verification from the admiralty.

Tree Chopper Hurt in Tiff With Bear

MEDFORD, Nov. 13 (P)—Attacked by an enraged black bear, he thought he had killed with a bullet from his rifle, John Wall, 21, escaped death or serious injury Sunday afternoon, Wall related today.

Wall, with his brother Albert, and William Milhoan of Central Point, were cutting Christmas trees at the Blue Ledge mine in the upper Applegate country, when John Wall spotted the bear on a ledge 75 yards away.

Taking careful aim, Wall fired a shot, and the bear, a medium sized brute, dropped to the ground, apparently hit in a vital spot.

Wall rushed to the spot, and

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FINNS GIVE UP MOSCOW PARLEY

Negotiators Deadlocked on Question of Navy Base for Russia

HELSINKI, Nov. 13 (AP)—The Finnish foreign office announced today that its delegation in Moscow would leave for home tonight, suspending the lengthy negotiations by which Russia has been seeking concessions from Finland.

Previously Foreign Minister Elias Erkkila had said that only "last minute" modification of soviet demands for territorial concessions could prevent recall of the Finns from Moscow.

The negotiations were initiated October 7 after Russia had won concessions from Latvia, Estonia and Lithuania, strengthening

Baby Dies, Seven Badly Burned as Fire Levels Home

COLVILLE, Wash., Nov. 13 (P)—A baby was burned to death and seven others of the Victor Hadson family of ten injured, three critically, in a fire which destroyed their 16 by 24-foot shack at Orient, 30 miles northwest of here early today.

A girl, 21-months old perished and three sisters, Eileen, 8; Merna, 11, and Leona, 16, were all critically burned. Hospital attendants said there was scant hope Merna would survive, and the other two had but an even chance for life.

Both the parents, a brother, Howard, 14, and another sister, Bernice, 9, received less serious burns.

Reports at the hospital were that the fire started about 1:30 a. m. from an overheated stove and spread so rapidly the family had to escape by battering a hole in the wall.

ALLIES DEMAND GERMANY FREE LITTLE NATIONS

Reply to Netherlands Appeal for Peace States Terms for Armistice

By The Associated Press
Britain and France today indicated their war aims against Germany called for restoration of Poland, Czechoslovakia and Austria—the three states which have fallen before German expansion.

This indication came in British and French replies to the mediation offer from Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands and King Leopold of the Belgians.

France stated unequivocally "the injustices" imposed on the three small nations must be rectified before peace could be re-established.

The British reply, outlining allied war aims in broader terms, was interpreted by authoritative London sources as meaning the same thing.

Such terms from the allies would mean that the Netherlands-Belgian mediation offer would meet with success at present. Adolf Hitler reportedly has stated restoration of Poland could not be considered.

German political quarters in Berlin accused Britain and

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Prominent Screen Director Killed As Auto Plunges

HOLLYWOOD, Calif., Nov. 13 (P)—George Nichols Jr., 42, prominent motion picture director, plunged to his death early today when his parked auto slipped off a mountain lookout point and rolled 500 feet to the bottom of a canyon.

His sister-in-law, Miss Acta Barnett, 25, who had been seated with him in the auto, was thrown clear of the hurtling car about 300 feet from the bottom. Her skull was believed fractured, police investigators said. She lay unconscious for several hours before crawling to the top of the mountain and staggering more than a mile along the road to call for help.

Nichols was under contract to R.K.O. studio, where he has directed numerous important pictures, including several starring Ann Shirley. He was to have reported at the studio today to resume work on a film starring Richard Dix and Chester Morris.

Nichols, who was born in San Francisco, was the son of a successful director and the only member of the film colony to have been successively an actor, cameraman, film editor and director.

Strange Acts Follow Quake In Northwest

SEATTLE, Nov. 13 (P)—Right at the height of the near-panic following last night's earthquake, one patron yelled above the hubbub in the Olympic hotel's jammed lobby:

"I'm from Los Angeles! Everybody stand in the doorway!"

Shouted another: "I'm from Chicago. What the devil should I do?"

It broke the tension, but Seattle's telephone switchboards, local and long distance, were swamped more than an hour by calls to friends and relatives with assurances of safety.

SEATTLE, Nov. 13 (P)—The Northern Pacific railroad's Salmon Bay cantilever bridge awayed so badly in last night's temblor that Operator Oscar Wickstrom fled to the ground, expecting the bridge to fall. It is so delicately

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PLANE ATTACKS PROVE FAILURES

Nazis Driven Off Shetland Islands, Paris by Anti-Aircraft

LONDON, Nov. 13 (P)—The admiralty announced tonight German aircraft made two attacks on the Shetland Islands today but "were driven off by anti-aircraft gunfire."

"The bombs dropped did no damage," the communique said. Reports from the Shetlands, however, said some bombs falling on land shattered farm house windows.

The islands are north of Scotland.

Four planes were said to have participated in the raids and to have escaped without being hit.

PARIS, Nov. 13 (P)—Shrilling air raid sirens sent the civilian population of Paris to cover early

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Youth Wounded in Murder-Suicide

SALEM, Nov. 13 (P)—Robert Selvester, 21, who was shot in the chest near Detroit early Saturday was "holding his own" today, a Salem hospital physician said.

Selvester was shot by Raymond Reid, 25, who killed Mrs. Mildred Rice, 31, of Idaho and then committed suicide, sheriff's deputy Roy Newport said. Mrs. Rice, widowed mother of an infant son, attempted to leave Reid's automobile and enter one driven by Selvester, Newport reported.

District Attorney Lyle Page said no inquest would be held.

DAMAGE SMALL AS MOVEMENT SCARES PEOPLE

Windows Break, Buildings Crack in Area's First Important Temblor

SEATTLE, Nov. 13 (P)—An earthquake, sharp in 15 years seismographic records here, was believed by University of Washington geologists today to have centered 50 to 80 miles east of west of Seattle, probably in the Grays Harbor area, on the southwest coast.

Prof. George E. Goodspeed said the most severe shock came 10 seconds after the quivering earth jarred the seismograph needles into action at 11:47 p. m. It lasted 30 to 40 seconds and was followed by lesser tremors until 12:08 a. m. He laid it to slippage in one of the state's several active fault lines. He said after-shocks were extremely unlikely.

SEATTLE, Nov. 13 (P)—An earthquake, described by University of Washington geologists as apparently the heaviest in their seismograph's records, rocked large areas of the Pacific northwest shortly before midnight last night. The seismograph registered the shock at 11:47 p. m.

Today officials and businessmen in Portland, Tacoma, Seattle, Vancouver, B. C., and other cities surveyed damage caused by the shock that lasted for approximately one minute.

The damage, however, is not expected to be high, consisting mostly of cracked walls in some buildings, broken water mains and broken power lines.

A check by state and other officials indicated no one was injured.

In Seattle a near panic was averted in one theatre when patrons, alarmed as a heavy glass chandelier in the center of the ceiling began to sway, rushed toward the exits. Calm headed patrons and others quieted the throng and they fled from the theatre in orderly fashion.

Other Seattle theatres reported

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25 YEARS AGO TODAY

By The Associated Press

Nov. 13, 1914—Ypres in flames, British warships bombard Zeebrugge.

Klamath Tramples Lava Bears 21-0 in Armistice Day Game



The Klamath Falls Pelicans ended the regular schedule of football games for the season Saturday at Bend when they defeated the Bend Lava Bears 21-0 in an Armistice day game witnessed by the largest delegation of Klamath fans ever to make the trip for the annual contest. In the picture on the left, Pelican

fullback, is shown plunging over for one of the Klamath touchdowns following a fluke play in which Klamath Falls recovered on the Bend four-inch line after a punted ball touched the shoe of one of the Bend players. Mayer (48), Troutman (50) and Ferneau (51) are the three Bend players standing with their backs to

the camera. The center picture shows Chambers, Lava Bear half, being brought to the ground after running off a gain. The picture on the right shows the end of a long Pelican run with Curry (55) and Hudson (60) of the Bend eleven closing in on the ball-carrier. A special train carried the Klamath fans to the game.