

YOUTH ADMITS SLAYING TRIO AT HERMISTON

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killed two neighbors, he said, but he expended the last of his ammunition in putting six bullets in Gorschuch's body.

Confession Signed

The chief was unable to explain Sota's reference to Mrs. Tobin's "finding out who I was." He said the youth did not elaborate, although he did say he formerly lived in California. Sota, after first denying all knowledge of the killing, signed a written confession, the chief said, admitting the killings and thefts from his victims.

He begged to be "taken straight to the penitentiary at Walla Walla," Kershaw said, rather than to be returned to Oregon to face friends and neighbors of his victims. However, he finally agreed to return to Pendleton with Sheriff Bob Goad and District Attorney A. C. McIntyre of that city and began the trip there in custody of the officers at 2 a. m.

Sota arrived in Kennewick at 10:30 p. m. Thursday and registered at the hotel under the name of Johnson. The Gorschuch automobile, a 1929 model, was discovered in the parking lot yesterday. Sota was arrested shortly before midnight and signed the confession two hours later.

The bodies of the three Hermiston victims were discovered yesterday morning by a neighbor who went to the farm to borrow eggs. Oregon officers immediately began a search for a youth who had been boarding at the farm, only a short distance from the war department's new ordnance depot, and who had told neighbors he was a secret service agent assigned to the strategically important defense area.

Two-party System Hit, Says Martin

RENO, Nev., Sept. 27 (AP)—Rep. Joseph W. Martin Jr., (R-Mass.) believes "the two-party system under which the American people have enjoyed more progress and more liberty than possible under any other system, is being subtly undermined."

"Whenever any administration can silence criticism, crush opposition... the American way is done," he told Nevada republican leaders here last night.

Martin, GOP national chairman and minority leader of the house, is on a swing of the western states marshalling party lines for the 1942 elections.

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to the street level—usually about a half dozen. In the better class apartments these steps are of white marble. In the poorer class districts they are of wood, painted white.

They are KEPT white. Obviously they are scrubbed several times a week—most of them every day.

Scrubbing these steps has been a tradition in Baltimore for generations.

If you pass through in the morning, you will be almost sure to note that some of them have been scrubbed more recently and more carefully than others. Baltimoreans tell you there is a reason for this.

The reason, they say, is SUPERSTITION.

Maybe some unscrupulous person with occult powers may have come around during the night and put a hex on your door. In that event, the thing to do is to scour your steps thoroughly and painstakingly, with water and plenty of soap.

Otherwise, something highly disagreeable might happen to you. You might be stricken with a loathsome disease. Or you might fall and break a leg. Or your boy friend might run out on you.

There are many things that might happen.

Of course you don't believe it—much. In this modern world, things like that just aren't.

Still, soap and water are inexpensive, and the steps do look a lot better after they have been freshly scoured.

Anyway, these white steps are kept amazingly clean as a whole, and some of them are undeniably cleaner than others.

EUROPE INVASION SAID NECESSARY

LONDON, Sept. 27 (AP)—Lieut. Gen. A. G. L. McNaughton, general officer commanding the Canadian corps in England, told a group of visiting Canadian editors tonight "there will have to be an invasion of the continent."

The Canadian corps, he told the newspapermen in a significant interview at his headquarters somewhere in England, "is a dagger pointed at the heart of Berlin—don't make any mistake about this."

These troops, he went on, are on call for "useful service," and the only qualification is that there be a useful objective and a proper time for action.

"I don't think you can bring a proud and well-organized nation to her knees with missiles alone," McNaughton said in predicting the continental invasion. "There is no better located spot than England, he went on, for an offensive action along the coast of Europe from Gibraltar to Spitzbergen."

He conceded, however, that a British invasion of the continent may not be attempted until after Germany tries to invade the British Isles.

Asked if more man-power were needed for the present dominions army overseas, the commander said there had been no shortage to date, that men had been brought over as fast as ships were available to carry them, and that as to the future, balanced and coordinated plans should be made for maximum effort through a long war.

ATTEND FUNERAL HYDE PARK, N. Y., Sept. 27 (AP)—President and Mrs. Roosevelt came to their home here beside the Hudson today after attending burial services for Mrs. Roosevelt's only brother, G. Hall Roosevelt, at Tivoli, N. Y.

Mother Dies — Mrs. R. C. Prudhomme left Saturday morning for Waterloo, Iowa, on receiving word of the death of her mother there.

665,000 REDS CAPTURED IN TRAP, REPORT

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fighting continued along the entire front, it was officially reported today.

The Russians said their troops scored successes on the central front, where a sustained counter-drive has been reported driving the Germans back to the west.

Earlier Russia dispatches indicated that the red army defenders of the Crimea had mowed down thousands of Germans at the approaches to that peninsula, where a sustained counter-drive has been reported driving the Germans back to the west.

The soviet mid-day communiqué announced that over 4000 officers and men of enemy forces had been killed on the approaches to Leningrad, and 66 aircraft and 34 tanks and other war material captured or destroyed.

ROOSEVELT LAUDS MASS LAUNCHING

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would have the United States tie up our vessels in our ports. That attitude is neither truthful or honest.

"We propose that these ships sail the seas as they are intended to. We propose, to the best of our ability, to protect them from torpedo, from shell or from bomb."

The day was designated "liberty fleet day" to mark the first launchings of emergency freighters in the maritime commission's vast construction program. Three of the "liberty ships"—sometimes called "ugly ducklings" because of their workaday design—were on today's launching schedule.

The first of the 14 cargo ships slid down the ways at 8:06 a. m. (EST) in the Sun Shipbuilding and Drydock company yards at Chester, Pa.

Mr. Roosevelt noted that the first of the liberty ships, built at Baltimore, was to be called the Patrick Henry, and he recalled that Revolutionary patriot's famous demand: "Give me liberty or give me death."

"There shall be no death for America, for democracy, for freedom!" the president proclaimed.

"There must be liberty, worldwide and eternal. That is our prayer—our pledge to all mankind."

Knox, Thomas Unite to Rap Neutrality Act

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of the foreign relations committee, told reporters.

Secretary Knox followed up his declaration that war was near with an assertion that "it is imperative that we take every necessary measure to preserve our foreign commerce and the lives of our merchant seamen from destruction by commerce raiders."

Discussing the navy's role, he added "we must hunt down enemy raiders and at the same time convoy our ships to protect them against such hostile craft as elude our patrols."

"The proportion in which the two methods might be combined is, of course, a military secret of the first importance. Suffice it to say that our naval experts are studying both offensive and defensive methods of protecting our shipping and, if necessary, will combine them into the most efficient system."

Read the Classified page.

No Time Will Be Lost For Series

NEW YORK, Sept. 27 (AP) Clinging to the National league pennant will allow the Brooklyn Dodgers to be reeled off without any time out for travel.

The schedule as announced by Commissioner Kenesaw M. Landis:

October 1 and 2 at Yankee Stadium.

October 3, 4 and 5 at Ebbets Field.

October 6 and 8 at Yankee Stadium.

The one-day intermission after the sixth game is to allow time for distribution of tickets for the seventh contest, if the series goes the limit.

All games will start at 1:30 p. m. (Eastern Standard Time).

MOTT FLAYS VOTE PROBE PROPOSAL

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complished by misrepresentation and misstatement. The public has been led to believe that members of the minority party have voted against national defense issues, when, in fact, the votes concerned methods and not issues."

The congressman declared that "four fifths of congress is in accord on the defense policy and that the only issue is on the methods to be used to gain the desired purposes."

He told the convention that the isolationists and interventionists represented two very small minority groups in congress and that neither had "contributed anything but noise to the national defense program."

Mott declared that in his opinion the proposal submitted to the convention was sponsored by a few adherents to the interventionist policy and he termed the signers "republican fifth columnists."

He directly attacked C. C. Chapman, editor of the Oregon Voter, who Mott said he believed to be the author of the proposal.

"The authors of this proposal know that such a resolution would never originate from a republican convention so they publish and circulate it in advance," the speaker said.

YOUTHS HELD ON BURGLARY COUNT

A charge of burglary not in a dwelling today held three youths in the Klamath county jail.

The trio, Frank Walters, 18, Hershel Phillips, 18, and Hugh McConnell, 20, were accused in a justice court complaint Friday of forcibly breaking a window and entering a Safeway store on South Sixth street. The incident is alleged to have occurred Thursday, Sept. 18.

The three waived preliminary hearing. Bond was set at \$2500 cash or \$5000 property.

Looking for Bargains? Turn to the Classified page.

SIGNS POINT TO CAUCASUS DEFENSE TRY

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that Britain was planning the fullest help for Russia:

1. General Sir Archibald P. Wavell, British commander in India, was reported about to meet Col. T. Novikov, Russian commander in Teheran, the Iranian capital.

2. Both General Wavell and General Sir Claude J. E. Auchinleck, British Middle East commander, have been in London in the past two months for conferences with Prime Minister Churchill and General Sir John G. Dill, chief of the British imperial staff.

3. The announcement that Capt. Oliver Lyttleton, British Middle East political and economic coordinator, is in London for conferences with Churchill and the cabinet.

4. Reports — unconfirmed but not denied — that British troops and supplies are being landed constantly at Bandar Shahpur, Iranian port at the head of the Persian gulf, and are moving swiftly northwards.

5. Appointment of a transport expert, Brigadier General Sir Godfrey Rhodes, as director of transportation through Iran. The railroads of Iran would play an important part in dispatching an expeditionary force to Russia's help.

AGED AID OUT IF CHILDREN CAN PAY

PORTLAND, Sept. 27 (AP)—The state public welfare commission reiterated Friday that no old age pensions would be granted to persons whose relatives could support them.

Commission members said several prominent persons had demanded that their aged parents be put on the rolls. Administrator Elmer R. Goudy replied that the least pressure was applied by really needy persons.

The commission reported that the old age pension burden continued to rise, however, with 21,416 cases in August compared with 18,748 a year ago. The cost increased from \$400,798 a year ago to \$463,510 in August and \$471,521 in September.

Oregon's total welfare program cost in August was \$691,780, of which 67 per cent was for old age pensions, 18.8 per cent for direct relief, 12.4 per cent for aid to dependent children, and 1.8 per cent for aid to the blind.

R. W. Field was appointed director of the division of accounts, audits and disbursements, succeeding R. W. Peters, who resigned.

An apparatus called "arresting device" is used on the decks of aircraft carriers to slow up and stop the landing craft.

Prisoner Spends 14 Years Freed On Legal Loophole

By GEORGE E. JONES

SEATTLE, Sept. 27 (UP) — John Blake is resourceful; more so in prison than out of it.

Sentenced to life imprisonment as a habitual criminal, he gains his freedom today because he devoted his 14 years in the Washington state penitentiary to ferreting out a legal loophole in his 1927 conviction.

No formal judgment was signed when Blake was sentenced. He scanned legal volumes, dozens of them, and in 1937 launched his fight for freedom. The supreme court recently upheld his contention.

Today Superior Judge Howard M. Findley said he had no course but to free Blake.

"Such a situation never before has arisen in this state," the bewildered jurist said.

State prison officials at Walla

Walla said it was the most polished jail break in the institution's history.

"I knew from the day I was given a life sentence that it was void," Blake said complacently. "But one good loophole does not deserve another, and I wanted to make my case airtight."

Blake is 42, slender and dark-haired. His life term followed a robbery conviction.

Blake "cased" the law more thoroughly than he ever did a prospective robbery. He drew up his own writ of habeas corpus; twice it was rejected by a federal district court, and twice by the Walla Walla superior court, before the state supreme court acquiesced.

Authorities then sought to have the dapper inmate resentence. Judge Findley refused. His conscience, he said, wouldn't permit such procedure toward a man who already had served 14 years of an illegal sentence. Blake spent his last night in King county jail; now he hopes to become a sailor because "I'd like to travel."

ARMY TESTS NEW SNOW TOBOGGAN

TACOMA, Sept. 27 (AP) — A motorized snow toboggan, capable of cruising 30 miles an hour and up a mountain slope with as much as a 30 per cent grade, has passed initial tests, the army said Thursday, and may prove a valuable addition to mountain fighting units in winter.

The toboggan consists of a sled capable of carrying three to four men, or several hundred pounds of baggage. It is powered by a 20-horsepower, two-cylinder motorcycle engine.

The snow sled is driven by a single, small, cleated track, which is in the center between the runners. A steering wheel operates two auxiliary runners at the front of the toboggan.

Capt. Paul R. Lafferty, assistant plans and training officer of the 15th infantry regiment at nearby Fort Lewis, said the sled could cruise at between 20 and 30 miles per hour on level, slopes as steep as 30 per cent by zig-zagging upward and across crusted snow, and could traverse the slope.

Supplies for ski troops, battling an enemy high in the snowy passes of a mountain range, can easily be carried to them. Or the sled can carry fighters up a mountain and even tow a nearly-developed trailer toboggan filled with soldiers and equipment.

The snow-traveling vehicle was developed by the army and forest service and tested by Captain Lafferty along with other army officers, forest service men and national ski experts. The army plans further extensive tests for the toboggans this winter in the Cascade mountains and on the slopes of Mt. Shasta, Calif., where the first tests were made.

Bread Rations Announced For Italian People

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on profits from the sale of business securities listed on stock exchanges was substituted for a previous scale running up to 50 per cent. A new brokers' surtax of four per cent, to be paid by the buyer, was imposed.

3. Certain shares of private companies were ordered registered to prevent evasion of a 20 per cent tax on their profits.

4. Partly for military security against air raids and partly to stimulate industrial development, plants are to be decentralized in zones of new hydroelectric power in southern Italy, Sicily and Sardinia.

5. Foreigners were allowed to buy clothing and other consumer goods on the same basis as Italians providing they have fixed residence in Italy.

6. Government and fascist party agents and representatives of public institutions are to see that private concerns operate "effectively."

7. The fascist party was given a voice in the filling of public offices to guarantee that appointees are good fascists.

Rear End Crash — H. W. Collins, 2227 South Sixth street, reported that his car tangled with one belonging to William Hallerman, 1945 Orchard, on South Sixth street Friday. No one was injured.

FLAVOR Counts! With beer, remember "Wieland Has the Flavor."

SHIP BUILDING UP FOR WEEK IN U. S.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27 (AP)

The navy hit its fastest ship-building pace since World War days this week with a program of six warship launchings in five days.

The new men-of-war — the Battleship Massachusetts and five destroyers — brought to 10 the total floated in the month, the best monthly performance since the start of the two-ocean construction program.

Launching of the destroyers Cowie and Knight at the Boston navy yard will climax the week's record performance. The destroyers Rodman and Hambleton will hit the water at Kearny, N. J., Friday.

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