

NEGRO DENIES CONFESSION IN QUESTIONING

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through several cars after the fugitive but found nobody. Wilson along with a dining car waiter, Robert Funches, were held as material witnesses when the train reached Klamath Falls in southern Oregon late Saturday night. They were returned here and have been incommunicado in the Linn county jail. Both were questioned exhaustively during last night's conference.

Mrs. James' husband had been separated from her during the trip south and he was riding in a preceding section of the train far ahead at the time of the killing. He was informed of the tragedy at Klamath Falls, returned to Eugene — where his wife's body had been taken from the train — and claimed it. He left last Sunday with it for Norfolk.

KESTERSON OPENING CHANGED TO FEB. 8

Irving E. Kesterson, general manager of Kesterson Lumber corporation, announced today that the company will resume operations at its plant on Cumberland road, weather conditions permitting, on February 8 instead of February 15 as previously scheduled.

The decision of the company to move forward the starting date one week, Kesterson said, resulted from a desire to cooperate with war production board officials, to meet lumber needs in the war program.

Operations will begin on a one-shift basis at 7:30 a. m. February 8, Kesterson stated, with another shift to be added in the near future.

Potatoes

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 27 (AP-USA)—Potatoes: 3 Idaho, 1 Oregon arrived; 19 broken, 38 unbroken cars on track; Klamath Russets No. 1, \$2.75-85, No. 2, \$1.70-75, eggsize \$1.75; Idaho Russets No. 1, \$2.65-75.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 27 (AP-USA)—Potatoes: 13 Idaho, 1 Oregon arrived; 4 by truck, six cars diverted; 16 broken, 42 unbroken cars on track; market steady, Idaho Russets No. 1, mostly \$2.65-70, one car \$2.75.

FOLKES WORRIED OVER NAIL TEST

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Martha James was killed which he had not made on questioning here last Saturday.

A closer check of the statement made here by M. H. Hughes, porter on death car D, immediately showed a discrepancy between his and Folkes' statements, officers said.

This discrepancy, according to Deputy Sheriff Jack Franey, was in particular that Folkes failed to mention a pertinent fact — that he had passed through the death car, smoked a cigarette, and returned to the diner which immediately followed the death car and on which he was second cook.

In so doing, he twice passed lower berth 13 some time previous to the slaying of Mrs. James.

Franey pointed out that Folkes also neglected to mention that he had been up drinking — a statement he made to Los Angeles officers. His statement given here said he had gotten up early and gone to work in the galley of his diner.

Hughes' statement

In his statement, Folkes said that while working in the diner, Private Harold Wilson came through the car and asked him, Folkes, if he had seen a man follow the car. Folkes answered that he had not, and when the marine told him that a murder had been committed, Folkes asked the marine if he had been drinking.

The porter, Hughes, in a statement here, related that Folkes had come into the smoking room at the front end of the death car and had a smoke, leaving in the direction of the diner prior to the slaying of Mrs. James.

Close to Scene

A navy petty officer said also that a man with a cook's cap had stopped by the smoking room, his statement coinciding with that of the porter.

Folkes, by his own statement, was up and close to the scene of the murder.

Deputy Sheriff Franey said that by the time the marine ran to the rear car and returned, Folkes, had he been the murderer, would have had ample time to dispose of a weapon.

A point which may be in Folkes' favor, however, was that the description of the murderer, given by Private Wilson who was in upper berth 13, did not seem to fit the description of Folkes.

A development which occurred here, and which attracted attention to the dining car crew, was a report by a local woman that on January 11 she was accosted by a dining car cook while riding car D of the West Coast from Portland to Klamath Falls.

This woman told her story to the office of District Attorney L. Orth Sisemore after hearing of the train killing.

She said the cook stopped her as she was returning to her berth from the rest room late at night on January 11.

She said that he invited her into the diner to eat, and when she refused, forced her into the car. She asserted he brandished a knife and made improper advances toward her, after forcing food and drink on her.

Later, she said, he came to her berth and persisted in annoying her, asking her if she was going to "tell on" him.

Whether the cook in that incident resembled Folkes has not been determined, District Attorney Sisemore said Wednesday.

ALL-AMERICAN ATTACK HITS GERMAN SOIL

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a two-night lull in offensives over the continent.

The RAF has been over Germany 13 times this month. The industrial Ruhr valley has been bombed nine times and Berlin twice, on the nights of January 16 and 17.

The United States army air force in this theater started the new year with a heavy raid on St. Nazaire on January 3. The most recent Flying Fortress raid was a one-two battering of Lorient in cooperation with the RAF January 23.

SGT. DEBOY HELD PRISONER OF JAPS

The name of Tech. Sgt. Lloyd E. Deboy, son of Mrs. Glenna May Deboy of Summer Lake, Lake county, was listed among 11 Oregonians held prisoners of war by the Japanese in the Philippine Islands and Formosa. The war department Wednesday announced 459 American soldiers were held by the enemy including 327 officers and 129 enlisted men.

Next of kin have been notified in each instance, it was said. The name of Staff Sgt. Herbert F. Dorr, husband of Mrs. Iva Dorr of Ashland, also appeared in the list.

Stalingrad Nazis Given 'Few Days' Before Annihilation

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tirely according to plan" — a phrase used by the Germans recently in acknowledging withdrawals. The Germans reported fierce fighting in the North Caucasus and along the lower Don, and said "an attempt made by the enemy to prevent construction of a new defense position west of Voronezh and to break into German lines . . . was repulsed with high casualties."

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Japs Attack US Recon Mission Over Wake Island

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have been destroyed. All U. S. planes returned.

"South Pacific: (All dates are east longitude).

"2. On January 26th: "At dusk a formation of Flying Fortresses heavy bombers (Boeing B-17), heavily bombed the Japanese airfield at Ballale island in the Shortland islands and started fires in the revetments. Weak anti-aircraft fire was encountered."

MRS. BIEHN, 55, PASSES TUESDAY

Mrs. Charles Biehn, 55, for the past 50 years a resident of Klamath Falls, died late Tuesday afternoon following a lengthy illness. Mrs. Biehn was born in Long Creek, near Baker, Ore., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Anderson who settled 50 years ago in the Spencer Creek section of Klamath county.

Zora Ella Anderson and Charles Biehn were married in 1907. They have made their home in this city for many years. Biehn is a long time employe of Martin Brothers mill.

Mrs. Biehn is survived by her husband, Charles, 2708 Kane street, six sons, Roland Everett and Marion Elliott, both of this city, and four in the service, Harold Glenn, US naval air station, Upland, Calif. Zone; Sgt. Robert Eugene, Hill field, Ogden, U.; Aviation Cadet Martin Wesley, Rankin field, California, and Pvt. Howard Leon Biehn, Camp Tanforan, San Bruno, Calif. Father of the boys expressed the hope that at least one of the four would be able to get leave to attend final rites for their mother. Funeral announcements will be made by Whitlock's.

DIRECTOR NAMED

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 27 (AP)—Appointment of Dr. Clark Kerr of Seattle, former University of Washington professor of labor economics, as regional director of the wage stabilization for the war labor board has been announced. His headquarters will be in San Francisco and Washington, Oregon, Arizona, Nevada and California are included in his territory.

QUICK ACTION SEEN ON FDR, CHURCHILL TALK

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out from the deliberations to award decorations to US troops, ride a jeep to review troops in the field, and eat army rations of ham and beans.

Highlights

The timing of the meeting was particularly fortunate from an allied standpoint, with German troops reeling in soviet Russia and Africa, with Italy having just been stripped of its last symbol of African empire, and with Japan being smashed in New Guinea.

Here are the highlights of the conference which Roosevelt and Churchill, in a Sunday summary, agreed was unprecedented and will affect the course of the war:

One—Military and civil leaders of both nations agreed on a 1943 plan designed to retain the initiative in every war theater.

Two—Roosevelt and Churchill, perhaps in anticipation of axis peace feelers, agreed that peace can come only through unconditional surrender of the three major axis partners.

Three—Generals Giraud and De Gaulle met for the first time under sponsorship of the president and prime minister to negotiate for an effective union of their two forces.

Four—Stalin was kept informed. Churchill and Roosevelt disclosed they had offered to meet the Russian leader — whose armies have dealt such prodigious blows to the Germans — at a point "very much further to the east." But it was pointed out that because of the big red army winter offensive Stalin was unable to leave the country. The two allied leaders also communicated with Chiang Kai-Shek and "have apprised

him of the measures which they are taking to assist him in China's magnificent and unrelenting struggle for the common cause."

Five—Maximum material aid to Russia and China will be one of the prime aims of the US and Britain.

Churchill flew from Britain in an American four-motored Liberator bomber, the same aircraft he used for his August trip to Cairo and Moscow. Capt. William Vanderkloof of Sarasota, Fla., and the same crewmen of the previous flight, again were recruited.

U. S. Clinches Hold in Valley

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between Mareth, just south of the Gulf of Gabes. It would place the axis armies in the jaws of a trap being devised by the pursuers of Rommel and by the allied forces pointing toward the coast from at least two points in the interior of Tunisia.

OBITUARY

ZORA ELLA BIEHN

Zora Ella Biehn, for the last 50 years a resident of Klamath county, Ore., passed away in this city Tuesday, January 26, 1943 at 5:45 p. m., following an illness of four months. She was a native of Long Creek, Ore., and at the time of her death was aged 55 years 10 months and 5 days. Surviving are her husband, Charles Biehn of Klamath Falls, Ore.; six sons, Roland Everett and Marion Elliott Biehn, both of this city, Harold Glenn, US naval air station, Upland, Canal Zone, Sgt. Robert Eugene of Hill Field, Ogden, U., Aviation Cadet Martin Wesley, Rankin field, Calif., and Private Howard Leon Biehn of Camp Tanforan, San Bruno, Calif., one brother, Chester Anderson of Rosemead, Calif., one sister, Mrs. Bertha McGilvary of Port Orchard, Wash., and three grandchildren. The remains rest in the Earl Whitlock funeral home, Pine street at Sixth, where friends may call after 12 noon Thursday. Notice of funeral to be announced later.

LT. SHAW GETS DFC FOLLOWING DARING FEAT

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PORTLAND, Jan. 27 (AP)—The parents of Lieut. Robert D. Shaw, former Whitman college baseball star, expressed surprise today on learning of the Distinguished Flying Cross awarded him in England yesterday.

They said the lieutenant, a pilot, recently won the order of the Purple Heart for taking over the controls of a damaged Flying Fortress on a raid over Europe and flying it safely to a base in England, although he was wounded. The cross was an additional award for the feat.

Albert Shaw said a letter from his son arrived Monday telling of the exploit.

The lieutenant's wife, the former Patricia Gallagher, lives at Klamath Falls with her mother, Mrs. Francis R. Olds.

VESSEL SUNK

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 27 (AP)—A small British merchant vessel was torpedoed and sunk by an enemy submarine late in December in the South Atlantic off South America and survivors have been landed at Miami, the navy announced today.

Private Arrested On Rape Charge

MEDFORD, Jan. 27 (AP)—Camp White military authorities announced today that Private Frank Carlos had been arrested on a charge of attempted rape of a 14-year-old girl. He will be tried by a military court.

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