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Weather News
February 20, 1945
Max. (Feb. 19) ..... 44 Min. 25
Precipitation last 24 hours ..... .00
Stream year to date 6.86
Normal ..... 7.63 Last year 4.72
Forecast: Clear and warmer.

...y's News

By FRANK JENKINS

...R marines have cut clear ...ross tiny Iwo Jima (not ...than 3 miles wide) and ...taken the southernmost of ...land's two completed air... (the Japs had a third under ...truction.)

...Japs say this morning we ...at least 20,000 men ashore, ...with tanks.

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...a tough battle—the tough... ...General Holland Smith ...in the marine corps' 168-... history.

...e-Admiral Turner, who ...anded our amphibious ...at the Tarawa landing, ..."Iwo is as well a defended ...on as exists in the world ...It is small, but is better ...ded and better organized ...efense than any island with ...I am acquainted."

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...T gives an idea of the im...rtance attached by the ...to this little volcanic fly... ...in the Pacific. Not only ...part of the inner defenses ...e Jap homeland. It is an ...ation post on the route of ...B-29s from the Marianas to ..., reporting when the big ...e are coming and enabling ...ps to get set for the attack. ...addition, Jap fighter planes ...from the island's airfields ...ack our Superforts as they ...From these same fields, ...they are in our possession, ...edium bombers, fully es... ...d by fighters, will be able ...ack the Jap mainland. ...importance justifies the ...for it that we are making.

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...defending Japs, holed up ...the island's caves and ...are using mortars heavily ...defense. The mortar is ...of the favorite Jap weapons, ...the little yellow men use ...effectively.

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...RE closing in on the suicide ...Japs in Manila's old walled ...our artillery battering down ...ns of the walls to make ...hes for our tanks and in...

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...CE last Friday, when our ...rrier planes started their ...on the Tokyo-Yokohama ...we have destroyed more ...700 enemy planes—rough... ...alf of Japan's total plane ...uction in a month.

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...RE is nothing big or new ...day on the European fronts. ...the west, the Canadians ...consolidating their positions ...repulsing vicious German ...erattacks—as many as half ...ten in a day. At the far ...ern end of the western ...our 7th army is attacking ...strongly, as is Patton's 3rd ...just north of the 7th. ...flooded Roer is still re... When it returns to its ...it seems likely that the ...1st and 9th and the British ...armies, which have been ...d and ready for some time, ...resume their drive across ...Cologne plain toward the ...of Cologne and the Rhine. ...dams at the headwaters of ...Roer have apparently been ...ynamited, so that another ...can't be built up to be ...d on our men when they ...e across the Roer valley.)

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...RMAN reports today indicate ...hat Konev, after having ...held up by German counter... ...ks, has resumed his push ...rd Dresden and Berlin. ...e counterattacks checked ...failed to stop him, evidently. ...ccow speaks today of hold... ...positions on the Oder-Spree ...(southeast of Berlin) and ...ing out "what may be some ...e most important consolida... ...of this phase of the war." ...means, one guesses, that ...v and Zhukov have been ...g their armies firmly to... ...r in preparation for the big ...t push on Berlin. ...rmally the point where two ...es join is a weak spot, and

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...amath Indians ...rt in Action

...e names of two Klamath In... ...men are listed among those ...ded in action in the Euro... ...theatre.

...t. Rudolph A. Crain, 25, ...and of Naomi Jackson ..., box 122, Chiloquin, was ...ded while serving with the ...d States army infantry ...al weeks ago but official ...ncement was made Mon... ...y the war department. Pvt. ...graduated from St. Mary's ...l at Huber, Ore., attended ...quin high school and en... ...in the infantry October 6, ...He has two young daugh... ...Juanita, 6, and Janice, 4.

...t. Larson Lee Jackson, 22, ...army paratrooper, was ...ded in action in Europe ...is now in a hospital in ..., according to information ...his mother, Mrs. Pearl ...e Jackson, Beatty. Larson ...enlisted in the paratroops ...1943. He is a graduate of ...y grade school, attended ...za high school and was ...ated from Chemawa Indian ...l at Chemawa near Salem. ...one of a large family and ...one brother in the service, ...d Jackson, United States ...

Guarantee of Water Sharply Challenged By Basin Spokesmen

Strong opposition to the diversion of water from the Klamath basin to the Central Valley watershed was voiced by both Oregon and California interests represented at a hearing conducted here today by the U. S. engineers.

Spokesmen from both states challenged the theory that any watertight guarantee could be given to Klamath basin interests that irrigation in this basin would receive the minimum flow of water in circumstances where the supply of water was insufficient for both this basin and the diversion program.

Klamath basin people emphasized the importance of agricultural expansion in the future of economy of this basin, with an industrial decline in prospect, and argued that there will be ultimate need for every drop of water in the Klamath watershed.

The American Legion hall was jampacked for the hearing, which is the first of three to be held by the engineers on a forthcoming report covering the use of waters in the entire river basin from its origins in Oregon to its mouth in California. Other hearings will be held this week at Yreka and Eureka.

Colonel Kenneth M. Moore, district U. S. engineer at San Francisco, presided at the hearing, and at the outset the engineers explained three possible schemes for Klamath watershed development. No. 1 provides for diversion of 600 second feet of water into the Central Valley project with a new storage reservoir on Sprague river and other developments downstream; No. 2 provides for the Sprague reservoir and downstream developments but no diversion; No. 3 leaves the upper area much as it is, but pertains to development on the Trinity river, with a diversion from that area into the Sacramento watershed.

No. 1 Scheme Hit

Expressions at Tuesday's hearings were aimed chiefly at the No. 1 diversion scheme, subject of a brief submitted by the Klamath county chamber of commerce and concurred in by some 30 Klamath basin organizations. Frank Jenkins was the principal spokesman for the chamber in the morning session. Others who trained guns on this proposition included A. M. Thomas, speaking for the Enterprise Irrigation district, and Senator Randolph Collier of California, chairman of a California senate committee investigating the studies being made by the engineers.

The question of a guarantee of full irrigation use of the water in this basin came up early in the hearing, when Colonel Moore stated that the plan contemplates removal only of "surplus water" from the Klamath area, and that in case of a shortage, the diverted water would be dim-

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REDS STRIKE ALONG BERLIN, DRESDEN LINE

By WILLIAM L. RYAN
Associated Press War Editor

The German high command said today that Marshal Ivan S. Konev's first Ukraine army had smashed deeply into nazi lines on a 65-mile front extending 50 to 60 miles from Berlin and Dresden, and the push for those two cities appeared to be underway again.

Canadian troops in the west repelled five vicious nazi counterattacks in the Moyland sector two miles northwest of Calcar. Seven miles southwest of that objective, Scottish troops virtually have cleared Goch, desperately defended road center and north Siegfried bastion, after 24 hours of fierce fighting.

Apparently Marshal Konev

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HOUSE PARALYZED BY READING RULE

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR.

SALEM, Feb. 20 (AP) — The Oregon house of representatives was almost paralyzed today when Rep. M. James Gleason, Portland democrat, went into the second day with his demands that the state constitution be observed by having the reading clerk read in full all bills on final passage.

Gleason's maneuvers, an attempt to get the house to reconsider its passage yesterday of a bill creating the office of election registrar for Multnomah county, had the support of Rep. Jack Bain, another Portland democrat, although the other seven democrats on the floor gave Gleason no active support.

The overwhelming republican majority, seeking to find a way to avoid reading of the bills, postponed action until tomorrow on a bill to create a state department of veterans affairs, and until Thursday on a measur to place the state fish commission on an appropriation basis.

The house virtually killed, with only seven dissenting votes, a bill by Rep. John R. Steelhammer, Salem republican, to compel law enforcement officers and tax commission employes to make reports to the governor on illegal gaming devices. The action was taken when the house accepted a majority report of the house judiciary committee recommending that the bill be defeated.

LEADERS MEET ON STRATEGY AGAINST JAPS

FDR, Churchill Hold Separate Meet In Alexandria

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 (AP) President and Prime Minister Churchill have conferred anew on strategy for crushing Japan in the Pacific where Russia officially continues her role as a "neutral power."

The latest Roosevelt-Churchill meeting took place in Alexandria, Egypt, after conclusion February 11 of the historic Big Three conference at Yalta, Crimea, on the Black sea.

No Meeting

But another meeting planned by Mr. Roosevelt during his trip to see Churchill and Marshal Stalin did not come off—General Charles de Gaulle, president of the provisional government of France, reported that official business would not permit him to meet the president at Algiers, French North Africa.

In his first official comment on De Gaulle's rejection of his invitation, Mr. Roosevelt said:

Questions Pending

"Questions of mutual interest and importance to France and the United States are pending. I wanted very much to see the general before leaving for home."

The whole dramatic story of the president's journey through the Middle East after the eight-day Yalta conference was told today in a lengthy dispatch released by the White Ho...

Aboard a United States man-of-war in Great Bitter lake in the Suez canal, Mr. Roosevelt received three storied rulers of eastern countries—King Farouk of Egypt, Emperor Haile Selassie I of Ethiopia and King Ibn Saud of Saudi Arabia.

Short Confab

The Roosevelt-Churchill conference at Alexandria lasted less than four hours. The official statement said this meeting "permitted new and important discussions of at least one subject which they could not take up before. That had to do with Japan and the war in the Pacific where soviet Russia is a neutral power."

Churchill, the account continued, told Mr. Roosevelt "in

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Officers Freed From Nazi Prison, Say More on Way

By DANIEL DE LUCE

MOSCOW, Feb. 20 (AP)—Five more U. S. officers—liberated by the red army from German prison camps in Poland—joined three already in Moscow today and declared many others were on the way.

The five are Capt. Frank Olevsky, Camden, N. J.; Capt. Eugene Witt, Richland, Mich.; 1st Lt. Bill Everett, Sweetwater, Tex.; 2nd Lt. Alvin G. McCormick, Livonia, N. Y., and 2nd Lt. James F. Schildt, Long Island City, N. Y.

Many Freed

The swift red army advance freed many U. S. officers and men from nazi prison camps despite German attempts to take prisoners from threatened areas.

Numbers of British and Canadian soldiers were also understood to have reached the Moscow area.

(In London, War Secretary Sir James Grigg said he had heard that 1400 British empire soldiers had been liberated, but that he had received nothing official from the Russian government yet.)

Enjoy Hospitality

The eight American officers now in Moscow were enjoying the city's hospitality. They went to the ballet, and were guests of Ambassador W. Averell Harriman at lunch in Spasso house today.

Freeing of the Americans was disclosed by Maj. Gen. J. Russell Deane, chief of the U. S. military mission in Moscow, who said he had ordered an army detachment to proceed to Lublin—where some of the liberated prisoners have assembled—to begin measures for their repatriation. Other groups of prisoners are known to be sheltered in Praga and farther west.

The total number of men freed was not estimated, but between 200 and 400 officers alone are reported among the Americans now in the care of the Poles and the Russians. Most of these gained their liberty in the confusion of the German evacuation of Stalig Oflag 64 at Szubin, near Bdygoscz.

Minimum of 240,000 Key Men Qualify for Deferment

By KARL R. BAUMAN

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 (AP)—A minimum of 240,000 men under 30 who hold key jobs in war industries stand to be deferred from the draft.

The original announcement of a new deferment program said only "a very limited number" of younger men would qualify, perhaps not more than 120,000.

30 Per Cent

A selective service official acknowledged today, however, that the program allows the deferment of at least twice that number, or 30 per cent of all men under 30 who were classified 2-A or 2-B as of January 1.

On that date, 4,198,000 men were in the two classes, which covered deferments in occupations other than agriculture, but only about 810,000 were under 30. The 30 per cent formula thus allows the deferment of upwards of 240,000 men 18 through 29.

In addition to the 30 per cent to be certified for deferment by 15 government agencies covering all fields of war production and war supporting activities, local boards still may defer workers they regard as essential.

Some of the government agencies interpreted the new procedure as meaning they could apply the 30 per cent to the total number of occupationally deferred workers, regardless of age. Since men over 30 are not now being drafted from key jobs, this theory would have permitted the deferment of a vastly larger number of younger key men.

Selective service said today, however, the 30 per cent rule applies only to workers under 30. Thus, it was explained, war industries could lose up to 70 per cent of their deferred men under 30.

Bulletin

BULLETIN

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Guam, Wednesday, Feb. 21 (AP)—Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced early today that American marines on Iwo Jima had made slight gains north of the southern airfields on Tuesday afternoon and by 6 p. m. (local time) were consolidating their positions in the face of heavy mortar and artillery fire and some rocket fire.

Grand Jury Report Asks Drug Clamp

In a sweeping investigation of law enforcement agencies in Klamath county, the grand jury late Monday afternoon recommended a clamp placed on administration of habit-forming drugs in city and county institutions, and criticized the sheriff's office for failure to serve a bench warrant "recently issued."

Recommendation that "druggists use more care in the re-filling of prescriptions containing drugs," and that the drugs be administered only upon direct order of the physician, came about following a lengthy investigation by the grand jury of drugs issued to the city police department.

District Attorney Clarence A. Humble stated Tuesday that a "huge amount of a questionable habit-forming drug" had been received by the city police department. How this drug is to be dispensed was set forth in the text of the grand jury report, along with a recommendation that the county health officer establish a book in which all institutions should keep a record of the use of such drugs.

Matrons Needed

Members of the grand jury, investigating the conduct of the city police department with reference to arresting women, recommended that the city administration make available "at once" two or more matrons, so that there will be a matron on duty at all times. The jury continued to recommend that a matron be present at all times when women prisoners are questioned.

Low Replies

In response to the criticism of his office, Sheriff Lloyd L. Low said Tuesday afternoon that the grand jury's recommendation that a member of his office be in the courtroom when the warrants were issued, was a recommendation which he himself made to that body.

"I asked the grand jury to recommend that a member of my office should be advised when the grand jury is ready to report, whether it be day or night," Low said. "If this had been policy in the past, the warrant referred to in the report would have been served if the defendant could have been found."

The jury recessed from Monday night until March 19, at 10 a. m., when that body will reconvene. Following is the text

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BYRNES DECREES MIDNIGHT CURFEW

By The Associated Press

A midnight curfew decreed by War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes will go into effect Monday on all bars, night clubs, road houses — all night life, public or private, from New York's carriage trade gay spots to the myriad juke box places in the nation's small towns.

Byrnes' "request," having the effect of an order and backed by the disciplinary powers of four war agencies, was directed last night to "all places of entertainment."

Reaction Differs

Reaction among entertainment leaders ranged from enthusiastic assurances of support to declarations such as "we're ruined" and predictions of a return of the speakeasy.

The text of the Washington announcement said:

"Director of War Mobilization and Reconservation James F. Byrnes announced today that he is requiring all places of entertainment to close by 12 o'clock midnight each day, effective February 26.

"By closing at '12 o'clock mid-

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Diversion Issue Set for Program

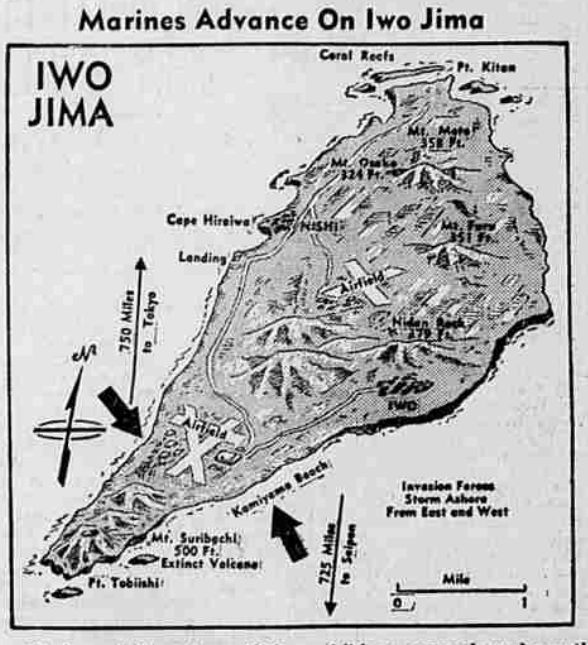
The Central Valleys diversion issue will be the subject for discussion tonight at 7:30 o'clock at the question and answer Town Hall program sponsored by the Klamath junior chamber of commerce. The session will be held at the Willard hotel, is open to the public, and will be broadcast over KFJI.

Purpose of the program is an attempt to formulate definite public opinion on the proposed diversion issue.

Authoritative persons will be present at the Town Hall to present their views. Randolph Collier, state senator from California who heads a three-man committee on the proposed project, will be one of the foremost speakers.

Interested persons in the Sacramento and Central Valleys areas have been expressly invited to attend by the Jay-cees, and Tulelake, Merrill, Malin, and Dorris, Calif., as well as other outlying towns, will be represented.

Marines Advance On Iwo Jima



Marines of the veteran fifth amphibious corps cleared a path across the island from the northern slopes of Suribachi to the northern edge of airfield number 1 despite fierce Japanese resistance. Unconfirmed Tokyo reports claimed that 1500 marines had been killed and 2000 more wounded in the first days of the invasion.

Davig Freed as Grand Jury Returns Not True Bill; Four Secret Indictments Issued

Archie Ole Davig, held since mid-January in the county jail in connection with the murder of John Rathiel Ewing on January 12, was released from custody Monday night when the grand jury returned a not true bill on the grounds of insufficient evidence to hold Davig to answer to the indictment at this time.

The jury, in its report to Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg, returned four secret indictments, one not true bill, and six true bills.

Workman Arrested

Of the secret indictments, one became known today with the arrest of Frank J. Workman, charged with giving away writings of obscene character. Workman was lodged in the county jail Monday night following his arrest by sheriff's officers. He is an employe of Moeller's greenhouse.

True bills were returned against the following:

Edward William Goedert, charged with sodomy.

Samuel F. Ashwell, charged with larceny by bailee.

Herbert Daniel Stevens, charged with robbery, not being armed with a dangerous weapon.

Dennis Samuel Gathwright and John Doe, charged with possession of stolen property.

Doyle Cline Lilly, charged with grand larceny.

John Hayter, charged with assault, armed with a dangerous weapon.

Jury Recesses

The grand jury made its report at 5:30 p. m. Monday. It will recess until March 19 at 10 a. m.

Called as witnesses in the Davig case, in which a not-true bill was returned, were Dr. J. A. Beeman, state criminologist, Dr. George H. Adler, J. E. Franey,

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HOWITZERS SHELL INTRAMUROS WALLS

By FRED HAMPSON

MANILA, Feb. 20 (AP) — American heavy howitzers tore holes in the thick outer walls of Manila's Intramuros (walled city) today to clear the way for tanks and infantrymen determined to wipe out the last major Japanese strongpoint in the capital and free 7000 civilian hostages.

It was possible some of the civilians already had reached freedom by risking heavy enemy fire to slip into the waterfront area and escape in small boats.

Shell Walls

While 11th airborne and first cavalry Yanks entered extensive Fort William McKinley, at the southern outskirts of the capital, 37th division troops wheeled big howitzers over pontoon bridges spanning the Pasig and began shelling medieval Intramuros walls 40 feet thick at the base.

By noon yesterday a considerable portion of the outer wall had been breached, but further pounding will be necessary before tanks and troops can move in.

Gird for Assault

The 37th division and elements of the first cavalry were girding for a final assault on the spot in which the cornered Japanese are determined to make a bloody final stand.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur, announcing continued mopping up of Japanese on Corregidor and Bataan, also reported the capture of Fort McKinley, but officers were hesitant to claim the complete capture of the fort until mopping up of the adjacent area is finished.

NIGHT ATTACK BEATEN OFF BY DEVILDOGS

Toughest Battle In 168 Marine Years Told by Smith

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, GUAM, May 20 (AP) American marines seized the southern airfield on southern Iwo Jima today after smashing through Japanese defenses as "fanatically defended as any in the Pacific," Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced.

Veteran marines mowed a path clear across the island extending in an irregular wedge shape from two and a half miles long on the east coast to 1000 yards on the west.

Newly captured territory reaches from the northern slopes of Suribachi, Japanese volcano fortress on the southern tip of the island now cut off from the northern defenders, to the northern edge of prized Motoyama airfield No. 1.

Attack Repulsed

Last night a battalion of Japanese attacked in full strength down the runway to the southern edge of the air strip, but the 27th marine regiment beat it back fiercely and drove off the Japanese remnants.

Sporadic artillery and mortar fire fell on American beaches on both sides of the island throughout the night but U. S. forces continued to unload more supplies, reinforcements and artillery.

Continue Bombardment

American night fighters broke up several Japanese air attempts to counterattack, while Pacific fleet units maintained a continuous bombardment of the highly prized airdrome island 750 miles south of Tokyo.

Territory captured by the veteran fifth marine corps in two days of fighting represents about one quarter of the eight square mile island.

Second Release

The communique was the second somber-toned release issued by advanced Pacific fleet headquarters tonight on the toughest battle in the American marines history.

In his first report today Nimitz said American losses in smashing across the southern end of the island were relatively light but were heavier on the northern flank of the original beachhead where the Yanks battered up unprotected slopes to envelop the airdrome.

"The fight is the toughest we've run across in 168 years," Lt. Gen. Holland M. Smith, commander of marine corps forces in the Pacific, told Associated Press Correspondent Morrie Landsberg aboard sea forces standing off the island.

Pour Ashore

Landsberg reported thousands more marines were pouring

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Damage Suits Settled Here

The combined damage suits brought by George Hixson and Clara McPherren, vs. Manson James Young, was settled out of court early Tuesday. The jury, chosen Monday, was dismissed until February 26, when members will be called to serve in the case of State vs. Baker.

Hixson had brought suit for $15,000 against Young, and Mrs. McPherren, as administratrix of the estate of W. H. McPherren, was suing for $10,000 damages. The settlement was not made known.

Juvenile Purse Snatchers Held Here by Authorities

Two teen-age boys were in custody of juvenile authorities today, admittedly the pair who successfully snatched one woman's purse, and made two other attempts immediately after their first try.

One 14-year-old, and one boy, 15, were picked up early Monday evening by Faye Lucas, deputy juvenile officer. The two at first denied implication in the purse snatching episode, but later admitted their part.

First Attempt

Their first attempt was made last Wednesday night when they grabbed a purse from Mrs. Kathryn Hankins, Evans apartments, as she entered the apartment house. The purse contained $80 in currency and approximately $1000 in bonds, Mrs. Hankins informed city police. A second attempt was unsuccessful when the two, the next night, tried to take a purse from Mrs. Frank Olson.

The 15-year-old admitted he tried the next purse theft by himself but was unsuccessful when Dolores Harris foiled his attempt.

Spend Loot

County Juvenile Officer Harold Hendrickson said that the boys denied $80 was in Mrs. Hankins' purse, and that only "$40 or $50" was in the pocketbook. They spent all but $2.22 of the loot, part of it going to buy lunches, gym shoes, corduroys and for amusement. The bonds were recovered, cached in an alley in the rear of Fluhrer's bakery. Mrs. Hankins' purse was also found in the alley in the rear of Hershberger's cafe.

Hendrickson said the two told him that at first they planned to throw the purse and contents, other than the cash, into the canal. Later they decided to return the bonds by mail.

From Good Home

The juvenile officer reported that the 15-year-old boy comes from a good home and that the youth has had no previous juvenile record. The 14-year-old, on the other hand, comes from a broken home and has been on informal probation for petty theft.

Both boys will be given a hearing in juvenile court within a short time, but Hendrickson said that he intended making further investigation of recent unsolved cases in his files, before the two appear.