

SENATE DELAYS BILBO SEATING

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McComb Slayer Pleads Guilty

Yancey Gets Life Term For Murder

Don Yancey, 35-year-old ski repairman and ex-soldier, was sentenced to life imprisonment this morning after pleading guilty to second degree murder in the shooting death of Mary L. McComb, Klamath county librarian, 20 days ago.

Yancey went before Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg with an offer to plead guilty if the charge was reduced to second degree murder, and the plea was allowed. He had been indicted for first degree murder.

J. H. Napier, representing the district attorney's office, agreed to the lesser charge.

Yancey, dressed in a green sweater and army khaki pants, stood before the bench with his attorney, J. C. O'Neill, and answered the few questions put to him very quietly. He said nothing when sentence was passed. In asking that he be al-

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Co-Ed Missing, Parents Argue

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 3 (AP)—The parents of a 20-year-old co-ed and a 42-year-old ex-convict who disappeared together New Year's Day disagreed sharply over the couple's intentions today as police searched for them.

Said Robert N. Hemming, father of Robert H. Hemming: "I'm convinced it was not an abduction, but that she went of her own free will. I'm sure Robert will marry her as soon as he can. He is free to do so, as he is divorced."

Said Prof. E. E. Kimberly of Ohio State university, after receiving a report that his daughter Mary Virginia had declined to part company with Hemming: "If that is true, I am convinced that my daughter has been doped." He strongly challenged any hint that the pair might have eloped.

The couple was last seen when they appeared at the home of Hemming's cousin in Lakewood, a suburb of Cleveland, late yesterday.

Weather Man Continues To Bombard Basin With Cold

Below freezing temperatures prevailed throughout the Klamath basin during early Friday morning hours, and although CAA reported 8 degrees above zero at Klamath Falls, the Southern Pacific gave an unofficial reading of zero.

Other SP temperature readings included 8 below at Mowich, 4 below at Modoc Point, 6 below at Lenz and Chemult, and 2 below at Kirk. It was 1 below at Gerber dam, according to the U. S. bureau of reclamation, and an unofficial source advised it was 4 below at Tulelake.

The weatherman promised continued "clear and cold" for the Klamath basin as well as the rest of the nation. Throughout the country bitter cold struck both north and south. The mercury dropped to more than 30 below zero at Bemidji, Minn., near the 30 below mark at Pembina, N.D., and from 15 to 20 below in parts of South Dakota. The coldest

Sentenced



DONALD F. YANCEY

Antarctic Plane Lost

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3 (AP)—A PBM Mariner seaplane with eight persons aboard is overdue on an exploratory flight from the navy's Antarctic expedition, the navy reported today.

The plane took off from the seaplane tender USS Pine Island at 5:45 a.m. (EST) December 30.

It was scheduled to return at 3:45 p.m. the same day, but had sufficient fuel for 11 additional hours of flight.

The last report from the plane was received at 7:25 a.m. (EST) on December 30 at which time it was about 250 miles south of the Pine Island.

Previous reconnaissance flights had reported open water in that area and the navy expressed hope the plane had made a safe landing. Search and rescue operations have been hampered by bad weather.

One of those reported aboard the plane is Capt. Henry Howard Caldwell of Loomis, Calif.

He commands the USS Pine Island. He is an Annapolis graduate and a war veteran. His wife, Dorothea, resides in Norfolk, Va.

(The only other westerners aboard were from California also: James Haskin Robbins, San Diego, and Owen McCarty, Sonoma.)

Joe Martin Elected To Speaker Job

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3 (AP)—Triumphant republicans quickly elected Joseph W. Martin of Massachusetts speaker of the new house today but senate organization for the 80th congress stalled in debate over seating Theodore G. Bilbo of Mississippi.

Martin, first republican to take over the house gavel in 15 years, was elected 244 to 182. In a keynote speech he called upon democrats to cooperate with his party in handling such postwar problems as labor laws, taxation and government economy.

The house then was ready for business with two major bills—a tax reduction measure and a comprehensive labor bill which would outlaw the closed shop and force arbitration of disputes in essential industries—already in the legislative hopper.

But at the other end of the capitol, an exceptional and wordy wrangle over permitting Bilbo to serve a third term delayed organization of the senate after only one new member—Baldwin of Connecticut—had taken the oath.

Bilbo, in brown suit and red tie, walked up to the bar with a democratic colleague, Overton of Louisiana, to take his oath. Promptly, Senator Taylor (D-Ia.) objected and offered a resolution to block the Mississippian pending a further inquiry.

Senator Ferguson (R-Mich.) was ready with a similar resolution from the republican majority already committed against Bilbo. But many of those republicans had not yet taken the oath and consequently lacked a vote. And in opposition to the re-

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Warehouse Completed

The huge homoja-like building that loomed into being last month on Spring street is the new storage warehouse of the O.K. Transfer company.

The pre-fabricated, all-steel building was purchased in December from the army supply division at Niles, Calif., by Al Vincez, owner-manager of the transfer company, and erected in three weeks.

Vincez originally purchased one of the government Butler buildings for a warehouse but was so long in getting the release and delivery that he made the deal through Niles for the building which resembles an airplane hangar or large homoja hut. Such buildings are available for civilian purchase, Vincez stated, and advised there is no trouble in acquiring them.

The warehouse is concrete and steel constructed and absolutely fireproof, according to Vincez. It is 40 feet wide by 240 feet long, and has a floor space of 9000 square feet. The building is in use now and visitors are welcome to inspect it.

WEATHER

Max. (Jan. 2)..... 34 Min..... 6
Precipitation last 24 hours..... .00
Stream year to date..... 3.74
Last year..... 7.37 Normal..... 4.72
Forecast: Clear today, tonight and Saturday; slightly higher daytime temperature, little change at night.

Mississippian's Oath Blocked Idaho Demo

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3 (AP)—The senate voted today to delay the seating of Sen. Theodore G. Bilbo (Miss.) This left the way open for newly-elected republicans to take control of the senate.

The vote was 38 to 20. The vote came on a motion by Senator Taft (R-Ohio) to withhold action indefinitely on two proposals—one by Senator Taylor (D-Idaho) to deny Bilbo a seat while the rules committee looks into his qualifications and the other by Senator Overton (D-La.) to seat Bilbo while charges against him are heard.

Secretary Leslie L. Biffle, presiding over a senate still technically under democratic control, ruled that the effect of Taft's motion was to clear the senate's docket for other business.

This happened in quick succession: Under alphabetical procedure, Senator Baldwin (R-Conn.) was sworn, the first of those elected November 5. Bilbo's name came up next, and he walked to the rostrum, with Senator Overton (D-La.)

Senator Taylor (D-Idaho) promptly objected to Bilbo taking the oath. He offered a resolution to bar Bilbo from membership pending further inquiry into his qualifications by the senate rules committee.

Taylor then swung into an hour's speech denouncing the southerner, whose relations with war contractors have recently been under investigation. He contended among other things, that Bilbo "conspired" to prevent negroes from voting.

Bilbo listens. As Taylor talked Bilbo sat down next to him to listen. Packed galleries watched the tense scene on the floor.

When Taylor concluded, Overton offered a substitute resolution to seat Bilbo "without prejudice" as to the senate's future action on any ouster case against the Mississippian.

Senator Elmer Thomas (D-Okla.), a Bilbo supporter, immediately demanded a roll call to determine whether a quorum, or majority, of the members was present. This was regarded as a time-consuming device.

The call showed 52 senators present.

Several republicans, including Taft of Ohio, sought a chance to speak, but retiring Senate Secretary Leslie Biffle, who presided, recognized Overton, who began a formal address in support of his resolution.

Train-Truck Wreck Fatal

ALTURAS, Calif., Jan. 3—Robert Vermillion was killed about 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon when the logging truck he was driving was struck by a Southern Pacific engine.

The fatality occurred on a crossing about six miles north of Canby, Modoc county, on the line between Klamath Falls and Alturas.

Roy Jerome, engineer, and Albert Coffman, fireman, escaped injury. Vermillion's truck was carried about 150 feet and he was pinned under the burning gas tank which exploded, burning him to death.

Mr. Vermillion served in the navy during the war. He leaves a wife and two children.

Junior Herald And News Sings Swan Song Saturday

Junior H-N will sing his swan song Saturday, and the Herald and News will reappear in full size pages, with advertising, Monday afternoon.

The paper's advertising department is back at work today, preparing ads for publication Monday. Classified ad users are invited to phone in their ads now, for publication the first of the week.

Advertising will be on a restricted basis, through January at least, as dictated by a scanty newsprint inventory. Regular display advertisers have been given quotas for the month, and classified ads will be printed in small, 6 point type. Aside from the type size, there will be no restrictions on "want-ads."



SENATOR BILBO