

SUN MOUNTAIN WRECK FATAL

Lodi Kidnaping Stirs Coast



Alice Devine, 17, daughter of a Lodi, Calif. fruitgrower, whose kidnaping and escape have provided the west coast with a flurry of excitement reminiscent of the early 'thirties.



Newspaper representative examined woodpile where ransom note was said to be found by girl's father.



Here is the Lodi home of Mr. and Mrs. John Edward Devins, parents of Alice.

Instigator Of Portal Pay Suit Idea Had Communistic Affiliation, Charge

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23 (AP)—Chairman J. Parnell Thomas (R-N.J.) of the house committee on un-American activities declared today the man who got the idea for portal pay suits and the lawyer who brought the one sustained by the supreme court "both have long records of communist affiliation."

Georgia Bank OK's Thompson

ATLANTA, Jan. 23 (AP)—M. E. Thompson announced today he had been recognized as "acting governor" of Georgia by the Fulton National bank of Atlanta which cashed "without question" the first executive check drawn since he took office.

Thompson said the check, for \$50, was for postage and had been presented in person by Phil Landrum, Thompson's secretary of the executive department. It was drawn against approximately \$97,000 which was turned over to Thompson by retiring Governor Ellis Arnall.

Herman Talmadge, rival "governor" by virtue of election by the Georgia general assembly, said yesterday in a news conference he expected to have custody of the executive funds in time to meet his payroll February 1, Thompson said today: "I think this answers Mr. Talmadge."

that Ben Riskin, former research director for the union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers, is credited in the union's official publication with "concocting" the idea for the claims. Thomas identified the attorney who brought the original action in the Mount Clemens Pottery company case as Edward Lamb of Toledo. This was the action upheld by the supreme court, with the result that other union claims totaling more than \$4,000,000,000 have been filed. Expanding his remarks for the record of congressional proceedings, Thomas said the April-May issue of the magazine "The New Order" lists Riskin as an associated editor. The magazine, he said, is the official publication of the International Workers Order, which he called "one of the outstanding communist fronts in the United States."

Voting Age Cut Beaten

SALEM, Jan. 23 (AP)—The Oregon senate killed 21 to 8 today a proposed constitutional amendment to lower the minimum voting age from 21 to 18. The action was taken after the house election committee recommended 4 to 1 that the resolution, which would have been referred to the people, be defeated.

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KLAMATH FALLS, OREGON, THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 1947

(Telephone 8111)

WEATHER

Max. (Jan. 23) 48 Min. 32
Precipitation last 24 hours Trace
Stream year to date 1.50
Last year 8.54 Normal 6.93
Forecast: Partly cloudy today, light and Friday, morning fog; little temperature change.

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By FRANK JENKINS

AS related here yesterday, Governor Warren told the newspaper men of California at Santa Cruz of his program for bringing California's highways up to modern standards—meaning by that not merely the standards of today but those of ten or a dozen years hence.

That raises an interesting question: What will the standards of ten or a dozen years hence be? Prophecy is dangerous. But it is reasonably safe to predict that what we have now will be utterly inadequate for our needs a decade from now.

OUR immense present mileage of two-lane highway, for example, its PRESENT capacity is strained. It isn't so bad on the long straightaways—such as are found on Highway 99 south of Redding. Where there is visibility for miles ahead, slow-moving fast-moving traffic can get along together. But on curves and hills it is another matter. There the faster vehicles pile up behind the slower ones and, as mentioned so often in these chronicles, sooner or later somebody decides recklessly that he might as well be dead as jammed up like this and pulls out to pass.

Far too often, the traffic figures disclose, he winds up dead. The pity of it is that SO OFTEN he takes some innocent party along with him to the hereafter.

THE slower-moving traffic on hills and curves is apt to consist largely of trucks. Much as we are in a hurry to get somewhere, we have to admit that the country simply couldn't get along without them. So we must learn to get along WITH them. The four-lane highway is the best system yet devised for getting along with them.

ANOTHER problem of the future (not so much a highway problem as a city street problem) is where are we going to park our cars? Especially in the business districts of our towns and our cities.

Already parking places are practically non-existent in congested areas everywhere. In the old days, you could run into a parking lot or a garage if you could endure the pain of plunging up. Now, in the larger cities invariably and in the smaller ones frequently, these places are filled up.

The parking meter isn't a solution of the parking problem. It is merely a source of added revenue (usually badly needed) for the municipalities.

THIS much is becoming evident: If people can't find a place to park their cars in the older, established business districts, they will roll out to the outskirts and do their shopping there, where parking space is available.

If the mountain won't come to Mahomet, Mahomet will come to the mountain. That is the way it works. One can't help noticing the number of business places

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Girl Absolves Ex-Convict

Search For Abductor Redoubled

LODI, Calif., Jan. 23 (AP)—Alice Dean Devine today met and exonerated Earl Shelton, a San Francisco ex-convict and studio operator, in her kidnaping, and search was redoubled for a smooth-talking, middle-aged man who held her a day and demanded \$10,000 ransom.

"This is not the man," declared the pretty and popular 17-year-old Lodi high school student upon confronting Shelton.

Her mother, Mrs. John Edward Devine, who said she had seen the man who sent for Alice Dean to have her picture taken Monday night when the girl disappeared, joined in exonerating Shelton.

The girl returned home Tuesday night unharmed except for minor bruises and told police she had freed herself from rope bonds and escaped from an auto court in the absence of her captor.

Meet On Road
Shelton, 40-year-old operator of a photographic and modeling studio in San Francisco, came to Lodi voluntarily with Lodi Police Sgt. Pat Coon last night to be cleared by the girl. She earlier had said his picture "looked like" her kidnaper.

He met Alice Dean and other members of the wealthy Devine family secretly on a rural road west of here and confronted her in the glare of automobile headlights. Shelton said late in the interview he departed soon after for San Francisco. He was not under arrest or detention in the case. Earlier his explanation of his whereabouts was backed up by 30 models who said they were taking a dancing lesson from him Monday at the time of the girl's disappearance.

Garssons And May Indicted

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23 (AP)—Attorney General Clegg announced today the indictment of former Rep. Andrew J. May (D-Ky.) and three officials of a wartime munitions combine on charges of conspiring to defraud the government.

Clark said those named with May in the indictment, returned by a grand jury here, are:

Henry M. Garsson, Murray Garsson and Joseph F. Freeman, all former officers and employees of the Erie Basin Metal Products, Inc., Elgin, Ill., and of Batavia Metal Products, Inc., Batavia, Ill.

He said one count charges that May, wartime chairman of the house military committee, "did agree to receive" from these firms "a total of \$53,634.07."

Bilbo Improving After Operation

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 23 (AP)—Senator Theodore G. Bilbo (D-Miss.) a patient at Touro infirmary, was reported still improving today, following his operation of last Monday.

It was the second operation the senator has undergone here for removal of a malignant growth from his mouth.

Diamond Studded Watch Is Clue In Mysterious Death

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 23 (AP)—An \$1,800 diamond-studded wrist watch was sought today as police attempted to unravel details of the slaying of a ship captain whose body was found Tuesday at the base of a 50-foot cliff over which he had been thrown injured but alive.

Three men are charged with first degree murder in the death of Capt. Frank B. Tatum of Billerica, Mass., who owned the watch.

Detective Chief James Purcell said John Snyder, 20, one of the suspects, was reported to have worn the watch last week after Tatum disappeared but before his body was found. Frank David, held as a material witness, was quoted by Purcell as saying he received a package

from Snyder to hold for Patrick Raymond, 40, another of the men charged, who claimed it Monday. The third man charged with the slaying is Harold E. Sehorn, 25.

Also missing, Purcell said, is a cameo ring. Raymond has refused to talk about the watch and ring, Purcell said, and aside from saying he and Tatum had a fight after which the mariner left Raymond's small, unlicensed night spot, has disclaimed knowledge of the slaying.

Purcell said Snyder and Sehorn told him they pushed the groaning captain over the cliff in the fashionable west hills after he had lain unconscious in a back room of the club following the fight.

Collision With School Bus Smashes Coupe



This coupe, driven by J. L. West, skidded on the icy Lakeshore drive pavement early this morning and smashed into the front of a city school bus loaded with youngsters. West, slightly injured, was fined for having no operator's license. There were no serious hurts among the bus passengers. At the extreme right is Deputy Sheriff Jack Franey, and in the center are Herald and News Reporter Hale Scarborough, Ambulance Driver Harold Fly and Sheriff Lloyd Low.

Butter Price Skid Slated

Local butter and egg prices continue to reflect the general downward trend with further declines slated for Klamath housewives Friday when butter will go to 67 cents wholesale, a drop of two cents a pound.

Local fresh eggs have declined from four to six cents a dozen, depending on the size, this week. All storage eggs have completely disappeared from the markets and quotations are for fresh eggs only.

Further declines are expected in the butter market as the make of butter for the nation continues more than 35 per cent ahead of last year. Eggs show just the opposite trend with a 26 per cent drop in production this year for the state of Oregon over the same period of last year. Egg prices will continue down but will surely not go as low as last year.

PORTLAND, Jan. 23 (AP)—The wholesale price of butter here was 66 cents a pound for top grade today and the trade said retail prices would range from 69 to 72 cents.

Knife Slayer Draws Life

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 23 (AP)—A second degree murder verdict with a mandatory life sentence was returned against Armando Joseph Grieco, 22, late yesterday in the knife slaying of his wife after a cafe argument.

Judge Frank L. Lonergan said he would sentence the Fort Lewis soldier Saturday.

The jury of six men and six women debated six hours after hearing defense attorneys argue Grieco was temporarily insane when he chased his wife around a cafe counter, stabbing her eight times with a kitchen knife. The youth said he had tried to persuade her to obtain a divorce earlier that day had found her in the company of a sailor.

Snow Falls In Park Area

Several inches of wet, soggy snow lay today on top of 72 inches of packed snow at Crater Lake national park, the Thursday morning radio report advised, and skiing today was not considered good. It is warmer in the park than it has been for some time with minimum temperatures at 30 both yesterday and this morning, and a maximum of 40 degrees.

Snow plows were busy scraping the highways of ice and snow which thawed considerably Wednesday. Medford high school students were enjoying the winter season at the park this week as it is "between semesters" at the school.

Children Unhurt As Auto Crashes Into School Bus

A city school bus with between 25 and 30 youngsters aboard collided with a passenger coupe early this morning a mile outside the city limits on Lakeshore drive, bashing in the front end of the car and slightly injuring the driver, J. L. West of 2236 Home.

Children Unhurt
There were no injuries among the school children although a Conger school boy, Allan Hough, bumped his head on the bus dashboard.

West, a carpenter employed by Bob Oliver at his Lakeshore ranch, said he was driving not faster than 35 miles an hour out Lakeshore when his car began

to skid on the icy pavement around a curve. The school bus, coming toward town, was slowing down for a stop just around the curve. The bus driver, Vernon B. Dennis, 615 Market, said that he was slowing down for the stop.

West's coupe, in a skid, was on the wrong side of the pavement and hit the heavy bus head-on. The impact wedged the vehicles together and the bus went forward 14 feet after the crash, jamming the coupe into a guard post.

West, alone in the car, was bounced around in his seat and his forehead smacked. The steering wheel was bent.

British Police Search Killer

MANCHESTER, Eng., Jan. 23 (AP)—Two Scotland Yard homicide investigators joined the hunt for the slayer of 10-year-old Sheila Gowrie today after noting similarities between the death of Manchester's "Little Red Riding Hood" and Norma Dale, four, who was found murdered on a Yorkshire moor last September.

The right shoe was missing from each body. Both like the girls died of strangulation. The body of each had been carried from the scene of the crime.

The body of the Gowrie child, slain while carrying a gift of food to her grandmother, was found huddled against the back door of her home yesterday. Unlike Norma Dale, she apparently had not been raped, police said.

Detectives discovered Sheila's missing right shoe in a back yard two doors from the Gowrie home.

Capone Recovers After Stroke

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Jan. 23 (AP)—Al Capone continued to show such improvement today that his physician said it was "no longer an emergency" and the family could leave if it desired.

After a morning visit to the ex-mobster's Palm island villa where Capone suffered an apoplectic stroke Tuesday, the physician said barring unforeseen complications Capone should recover.

Police Enforce Card Provision

City police decided today to begin a rigid enforcement of a state law which requires that registration cards be visibly displayed inside automobiles, and parked cars found without registration in sight can be towed in to the station and the owner fined in court.

South Sixth Phones Quit

Five cable crews of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company were up to their ears in work today attempting to re-establish service to approximately 2700 telephones in the South Sixth street district and toll service to outlying sections, disrupted late Wednesday night.

Charles Seavey, manager of the telephone company, said today that water in the cables on S. 6th near the viaduct had crept back into the cable in the ducts and this is thought to be the cause of service elimination. Two local crews, two from Medford and one from Eugene, were at work today attempting to establish the cause and if there is water in the cables it will mean tearing up the street to get at the source.

It will probably be 48 hours before total service is restored if there is water in the cables, Seavey advised.

All lines from Vine south, and from Market east, are affected, according to Seavey, and toll service to Merrill, Junction City, Lakeview and Bonanza is all out. Some Tulelake circuits are out but it was possible for The Herald and News to get a call through to Tulelake this morning.

"We are doing everything possible to get service back on a normal basis," Seavey said today. "We sent for two cable crews from Medford and one from Eugene, to help us out and they arrived this morning to assist the Klamath Falls crews. A 400-pair cable and a 600-pair cable and the toll cable are involved."

Bill Would Bar Minors From Bar

SACRAMENTO, Calif., Jan. 23 (AP)—Both food and minors would be excluded from bars under a bill for a constitutional amendment introduced in the senate today by Senators H. E. Dillinger (D), Placerville, Chris N. Jespersen (R), San Luis Obispo, and Earl Desmond (R), Sacramento.

Regular restaurants and dining rooms could serve drinks with a 15 cent food order.

Price Stabilization Aim Of Diversion Of Spud Surplus

TULELAKE, Jan. 23—Tulelake Potato Growers last night heard an explanation of the government's potato price support program from four representatives of the California state office of the production and marketing administration, field service branch.

William Page of Berkeley explained that there are two outlets into which the government is distributing potatoes—one to federal, state, county and city institutions, and the second for livestock feeding. He said that the latter use for inferior grades is being stressed and the government expects to use many Tulelake spuds for that purpose.

Page added that the basic motive of the entire potato support program is to stabilize the potato price by diversion of the surplus.

With Page were Norris Chambers and Mr. Gale, both of the

Body Pinned In Truck On US 97 North

A relief driver of a Pacific Coast Motor freight truck-trailer was killed instantly this morning, crushed in the sleeping compartment of the big machine, when it overturned near Sand Creek on Sun mountain, 50 miles north of Klamath Falls.

The body of the fatality man, identified as George Wallace White, 25, Portland, remained in the mangled cab section at an early hour today as wreckers attempted to right the truck.

White's death today was Klamath county's second traffic fatality of the year—1947. Driver of the truck, Walter Coleman, 27, Clifford hotel, Portland, was uninjured.

Hits Ice Patch
Coleman told state police and The Herald and News reporters, that White had crawled into the sleeping compartment a few minutes before the accident when they stopped the truck on the summit. Two miles from the Sand Creek state highway patrol office, Coleman said he hit an icy stretch and the trailer skidded. Coleman strengthened the machine out by pulling over to one side, hitting a two-foot snowbank but then the big truck shot across the highway and overturned on the right hand shoulder after sheering off several good size jackknives. The accident occurred about 9 a. m. today.

Balsiger's wrecker was called from Klamath Falls but due to the position of the truck-trailer and the size of the machine, it was necessary to place a second call for another wrecker. Those at the scene said today it was probable that White's body could not be moved for some time. Only the man's hand protruded from the sleeping compartment and it may be necessary to cut the metal sections away from his body. White's wife will have charge of the remains.

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