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Man Admits Murder Attempt

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Police said Monday Victor Stoner, 24, has confessed he tried to kill Mrs. Florence Brown for a fee paid him by the woman's husband.

Dist. Atty. Thomas C. Lynch made public portions of a statement assertedly made by Stoner, a San Diego truck driver.

According to Lynch, Stoner told him he had Mrs. Brown bend down to help hold a cord on the floor, and then hit her with a hammer. Stoner said he used the pretext of fixing the television set to gain entrance.

Mrs. Brown is recovering from the attack, in which she nearly lost her life. It took place the night of Oct. 2.

Stoner was arrested last week in Spokane. He was flown here Sunday by Lynch and Police Inspector John O'Haire.

Brown, an attorney, was released on \$5,000 bail shortly after his arrest Saturday night.

Police Chief Michael Gaffney said he is ordering an investigation into the quick release of Brown, who was rearrested Sunday. The bail was rescinded.

The alleged death plot case is scheduled to reach a county grand jury Monday night.

Police said indictments will be sought charging Brown, Stoner, and Joe Tenner, San Francisco—accused of arranging the deal—with conspiracy to commit murder.

Police said Tenner allegedly first contacted Stoner, and conferences with Brown followed. Tenner was arrested in Sacramento.

Lynch said Stoner told him he worked for Brown as a handyman.

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Vets Mailbag

Persons who wish to send Christmas Gifts to patients in Veterans Administration hospitals are reminded by the VA that certain presents are inappropriate for medical reasons, and that certain others are not needed.

According to the VA, candies, cookies and other sweets are not permitted in the diet of diabetics, and that certain other foods are restricted according to the individual medical requirements of other patients. However, bulk gifts of Yuletide goodies and seasonal package foods are acceptable for distribution to patients, the VA said.

Since VA hospitals normally buy sufficient quantities of magazines, playing cards, puzzles and games, gifts of this kind are not in demand.

The VA is not permitted to make public the names of veteran-patients, so gift donors are requested not to ask for the names of patients for use in sending gifts and correspondence. The VA said such persons may send their gifts to the hospital managers for presentation to patients.

Because of numerous requests for a listing of Christmas presents that are considered most appropriate for veteran-patients, the VA suggested the following items:

Books of various kinds, on denominations of \$1 and \$5) which veterans can use in shopping at VA canteens. These books can be bought from the canteen or Special Service office at any VA hospital, domiciliary center or other sizeable VA installation. The purchaser should request the selling office to deliver the books.

Cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco and smoking utilities, such as lighters.

Sundry toilet articles, such as shaving lotions and hairdressing Stationery, fountain pens, automatic pencils, etc.

Handkerchiefs, socks and other suitable haberdashery.

New or selected phonograph records.

Cordon Says Republicans Will Maintain Power Dams

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. Cordon (R-Ore.), said Monday he expects Congress to continue appropriations for the construction of hydroelectric power dams already under way in the Pacific Northwest.

But whether any new construction will be started, he told a newsmen, must await determination of the economic policies to be followed by the incoming Congress and administration.

Cordon, third-ranking Republican on the Senate Appropriations Committee, said in his view it would be "asinine" for Congress not to continue the Northwest's present dam construction program in view of the money already tied up in it.

He noted that construction work on McNary Dam is nearly complete and ready for installation of generators. Chief Joseph and The Dalles Dams also are well along.

Thompson Up in U.S. Bank

E. H. (Tommy) Thompson, manager of the Klamath Falls branch of the U.S. National Bank since 1945, has been promoted to a position in "the official family" of the Ladd and Bush-Salem branch, the banking firm announced today.

Thompson was assistant manager of the Salem bank when he became manager here.

Thompson has a thorough background of experience in Salem banking circles. He lived in and around Salem for 37 years and entered the service of U.S. National here in 1921.

W. A. Huggins was transferred here from Portland to succeed Thompson.

The changes were necessitated because of the retirement of two veteran employees of the banking firm: David W. Evers, vice president and manager, and Linn C. Smith, vice president of the Ladd and Bush-Salem branch.

TONEY SERVICES

Funeral services for Mrs. Pearl Emma Toney, 54, were held in Medford Dec. 13. She died Dec. 10.

Mrs. Toney was the mother of two Klamath Falls residents, a daughter, Mrs. Carolyn Van Meter and Ray Dunn. Surviving also are the widower, Leo Toney and several other children.

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"The quicker we can complete these projects, the quicker the government starts getting back its investment," he declared, adding: "There's certainly no question of demand for the power."

Cordon said he personally is hopeful that an appropriation—possibly a half million dollars—may be made to complete the planning on Ice Harbor. He said he considers this Lower Snake River Dam to be the next logical project for basin development.

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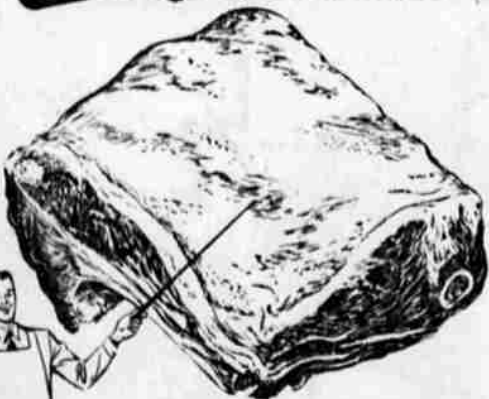
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