Shipyard Worker Tells Of Murder

BREMERTON, Wash. (AP) — A shipyard worker who said he felt "mad at the world" has confessed slaying an elderly widow here, Police Chief Charles Lewis said Sunday.

Lewis said LeRoy N. Alter, 22, who came here a year ago to work in the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, admitted in a signed statement he attacked Mrs. Pauline K. Dahl, 82, with his fists and a knife last Friday night.

Mrs. Dahl's body was found in her blood-spattered house here early Saturday. Alter, arrested on a Bremerton street several hours later, broke down after hours of questioning and told officers he "went crazy" after a round of the taverns and attacked the woman.

Alter could give no reason for the attack. Patrolman Eugene O'Brien, the arresting officer, quoted the shipyard worker as saying, "I felt like I was mad at the world . . . I must have been crazy to have done a thing like that."

Lewis said Mrs. Dahl lived in a small rented house on the property where Alter had an apartment.

The police chief said Alter, in his statement, said he had five teeth pulled Friday and started drinking.

Alter told of two visits to Mrs. Dahl's home, Lewis said. The first time he grabbed her and choked her when she answered the door, then "sort of blanked out" until he found himself in his room.

Lewis said Alter told him he returned to the Dahl house 15 minutes later, "grabbed her and beat her . . . it seems like I went crazy and I struck her with a knife."

Another round of the taverns followed and Alter was picked up by O'Brien on Saturday. Lewis said bloody clothing worn by Alter was found later at a cleaning establishment here.

Revision Of T-H Law Abandoned

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican congressional leaders said after a White House conference Monday they have abandoned "temporarily at least" any plan to revise the Taft-Hartley labor law at this session of Congress.

The announcement was hardly a surprise. Such legislation had generally been considered dead since the Senate voted last Friday to send President Eisenhower's proposed changes back to committee. Democrats voted solidly for recommittal and were joined by three Republicans and the Senate's lone independent, Sen. Morse of Oregon.

Sen. Knowland (R-Calif), the Senate Republican leader, told newsmen after Monday's White House session that it was the concensus of all who attended that there should be no further effort at this time to revive the revision bill.

Joining in the decision, he said, were Sen. H. Alexander Smith (R-NJ) and Rep. McConnell (R-PA), chairmen of the Senate and House Labor Committees respectively. Both attended the meeting.

Asked whether that meant the bill has been abandoned for this session, House Speaker Martin (R-Mass) replied:

"Not necessarily. It means that we have abandoned it temporarily at least."

Both said the leaders decided to go ahead with other sections of the administration's legislative program.

Martin said the House plans to act this week on three bills dealing with the administration's health, education and welfare program.

Knowland said he looks for Senate action about Wednesday on a bill carrying funds for the Post Office and Treasury Departments, the first of the regular money bills to come up for a Senate vote.

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ESCAPES

WASHINGTON (AP)—Col. John M. Johnson, 72, chairman of the Interstate Commerce Commission, escaped with minor injuries when an auto in which he was riding overturned yesterday at nearby Bethesda, Md.

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