

# WAIT BATTERED BY HURRICANE

## In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

There has been another big penitentiary riot — this time in South Dakota. It has quieted down after 23 hours of turmoil and disorder. Fortunately, there was no bloodshed. (The dispatches reported that the only casualty was a convict who got hold of a bottle of hair tonic and drank it and died as a result.)

As these words are written, Governor Sigurd Anderson has just announced that he will order an investigation into the riot's causes.

I hope, while he's at it, he does some delving into what might have happened if all the inmates of the South Dakota prison had been constructively employed at regular hours, with their earnings (less board and room and such) deposited to their account to be paid to them when discharged so that they would have a nest-egg with which to start life anew after having paid their debt to society.

I think we need to do some thinking along that line. These prison riots are getting TOO NUMEROUS. Their frequency suggests that something is gravely wrong with our prison system.

Oregon's board of agriculture is making a study to determine cost figures before setting up a price schedule for milk sold at farms in gallon jugs. This morning's dispatches say that more than 20 gallon-jug dairies are now operating in the state, and some of them admit that they sell below present milk control prices.

At the election next month, there will be a measure on the Oregon ballot to repeal the Oregon milk control law. I'm going to vote against it. As I remarked in this space a few days ago, nearly everybody in these modern days has some sort of price control for his services, and if anybody is entitled to price support it is the hard-working dairyman — who works from dawn to dark, seven days a week.

Be it a public health and PURE MILK are all bound up together. If the public health is to be guarded adequately, we must have strict standards of milk sanitation. Proper milk sanitation costs money — and a lot of it.

If we permit milk produced under unsanitary conditions to come into competition with milk produced under strict sanitation rules, the unsanitary milk will run the sanitary milk a hard race.

If the public health is to be protected, we must ENFORCE strict milk sanitation. If we are to do that, it seems to me, there must be price protection for milk.

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## Latourette Rules On KF Legal Tangle

While Andrew Joseph Bushman, 54-year-old alleged sex offender, still languished in the county jail Wednesday after seven months of legal battling, new complications were added to the case.

Chief Justice Earl Latourette of the Oregon Supreme Court, who was confronted with a series of motions and counter motions involving the constitutionality of the state change of judge law, tossed the issue back to Judge David R. Vandenberg for a decision.

Late Tuesday the case was brought before the Klamath Falls jurist again.

Judge Vandenberg upheld a motion filed by Defense Attorney George Proctor to strike an affidavit of prejudice which was filed by District Attorney Frank Alderson. Alderson stated in his affidavit that Judge Vandenberg was prejudiced against the district attorney and a fair trial could not be obtained in his court.

In allowing the motion to strike the affidavit of prejudice, Judge Vandenberg said the law under which it was filed had been repealed in 1947. Therefore, the court held the affidavit was irrelevant and immaterial.

Vandenberg then overruled a defense motion opposing a change of judge in the Bushman case. As a result, if Bushman is ever actually tried, the action will be heard by Circuit Judge Ralph M. Holman of Oregon City who has a general assignment in Klamath County.

Proctor said Wednesday that he still maintains the change of judge law is unconstitutional. He is planning further moves in the case. According to Proctor, under the change of judge action, his client has been denied his constitutional right of a speedy trial. Bushman has been indicted three times on the same set of facts.

Circuit Court Clerk Charles DeLap said Wednesday that he had been notified by Judge Holman that an indictment returned by the county grand jury against Lenton Holmes, 18-year-old Arkansas cotton picker, had been dismissed.

According to DeLap, Judge Holman dismissed the indictment on a motion of Defense Attorney U. S. Balentine when it was found that Holmes had pleaded guilty in Klamath Falls Municipal Court to a charge of vagrancy based on the same facts included in the grand jury indictment. Holmes was indicted on a charge of entering an automobile with intent to steal.

Sheriff Murray Britton said Holmes will be returned to the city jail to complete a 30-day vagrancy sentence.

## DA To File Charge On Curley Coon

District Attorney Frank Alderson said he will file a homicide charge late Wednesday against Florin M. (Curley) Coon, 51-year-old barber, whose wife was found Tuesday apparently beaten to death in the Greer Hotel.

Alderson announced the charge would be filed after an autopsy performed by Dr. George H. Adler, county coroner, showed the woman, Lily Nyquist Coon, 50, came to her death as the result of injuries to the brain and certain abdominal organs.

Mrs. Coon was found dead in the hotel room after her husband had called Dr. Adler and said she was very drunk. Coon told Dr. Adler he was going to take his wife to Hillside Hospital immediately for treatment for alcoholism.

While he was waiting at the hospital for noon and his wife to appear, Dr. Adler said he was notified by Police Chief Orville Hamilton the woman was dead.

City Detective R. N. Adkins, who investigated the case, said he had been informed by Dr. Adler that the woman died sometime early Tuesday morning, several hours before Coon phoned for medical aid.

Coon told the Herald and News that he and his wife had been drinking heavily and that they engaged in a fight. Coon said the woman fell on the floor and he lifted her to the bed.

When police were called to the hotel by the manager of the place, they found the woman's nude body lying on a bed. The body was covered with bruises and black and blue marks.

Chief Hamilton said as soon as a warrant is served on Coon, he will be transferred from the city to the county jail.

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Here are the highlights of the harrowing story told by Menasco to Sgt. Tichenor and District Attorney Frank Alderson:

Sunday at about 2 a. m. Menasco and his wife were driving along a dirt road near Beatty in a pickup truck. Menasco noticed another pickup with two men and a woman in it following his car.

When Menasco stopped to ask directions, he said one of the men in the other car yelled "Let's get them!" Menasco sped away under a hail of bullets. At the foot of the hill, he said one of the rear tires on his truck was punctured by a bullet. He and his wife leaped from the truck and took refuge behind a log in a clump of brush. He declared the men kept firing into the brush until dawn.

Once during the night, Menasco said, the other pickup left with one of the gunman and the woman. He said the man who remained at the scene started yelling to the Menascos to "Come out."

"We kept very still," Menasco explained. "Finally after daylight the truck with the two other persons in it returned. They picked up their companion and drove away."

Sgt. Tichenor said Menasco got a good look at one of his assailants and later identified him as Anderson through police photographs.

Sgt. Tichenor said a statement was obtained from Scott implicating himself and Anderson in the shooting affray.

Last July, Anderson figured in a shooting at the Halfway House in Bly. He was reported to have slashed the throat of Alfonso Torres, Mexican lumberjack, who is held in the county jail on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon.

Anderson said he attacked Torres with a knife after the Mexican critically wounded Leon Jenkins, Weyerhaeuser Timber Co. employee, in the Halfway House barroom.

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