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## Shepherd Is Found Guilty After Deliberation

### Defendant Goes Wild With Joy When Verdict of Not Guilty Is Read; Given Lib- erty on \$5,000 Bail and Returns Home; Prosecutor Crowe Silent on Verdict.

ANAL COURTROOM, CHICAGO, June 26—(United News)—William D. Shepherd was acquitted by a jury late today after he murdered Billy McClintock. The verdict was returned at 10:16, after the jury had deliberated for 41 minutes.

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Shepherd is liberated with the "hurrahs" of Shepherd's friends and relatives, who were the moans and groans of many who held the belief that Shepherd was guilty.

Shepherd may sign his own bond and go home tonight, according to the attorney Robert E. Crowe announced amidst the upsurge of cheering that no further charges against Shepherd were contemplated.

The coroner's jury had recommended that Shepherd be held for the murder of Billy's mother, Emma Nelson McClintock, but indictments have been returned on that charge.

Shepherd remained in the courtroom for many minutes after the verdict was read. Flash lights of cameras boomed and heavy blue smoke like a fog filled the courtroom.

Shepherd, smiling broadly, walked toward the jury box and gripped the hand of a juror. "Thank you gentlemen," he said to the jury.

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## COOLIDGE WON'T PERMIT LOWER U. S. PRODUCTION

### President Says U. S. Will Not Be Made "Goat" In War Payments

SWAMPSCOTT, Mass., June 26—(United News)—Coolidge has no sympathy with recent suggestions from abroad that this country curtail production and lower its tariff in order to assist Germany to pay reparations and other nations to pay their international debts. It was stated officially at the summer white house Friday.

The president regards such suggestions as a repetition of previous efforts to persuade the people of the United States themselves to pay the reparations cost or to cancel debts.

A suggestion of the ore discussed at White Court was recently made by Sir Joshua Stamp, British member of the reparations, in an address to the international chamber of commerce at Brussels.

Such proposals were described here as left-handed efforts to provide some way in which to make the people of the United States incur the major portion of the costs of the war. President Coolidge was said to feel the American people would not take kindly to these measures. He was said to believe that the United States must bear its share of inevitable post-war and burden, but to be certain that this government would never be a party to any plan which saddled upon it the payment of reparations or the cancellation of debts.

## KLAMATH RAILROADS DISCUSSED IN POST

In a recent issue of the Saturday Evening Post of June 15, a story concerning the developments in the vicinity of Klamath Falls was recounted in graphic form with a number of illustrations. The article was included in a story under the title of "Five Years After," by Edward Hungerford, well known to patrons of the Post.

The story includes the progress made by the American railroad under the workings of the transportation act of several years ago. Opening up the virgin territory from Weed to Eugene, east of Crater lake, was the main theme of the story.

## U. of C. Student Is Implicated in Plot Kidnaping Woman

SAN FRANCISCO, June 26—Bliss Baker of San Jose, senior at the University of California, is under arrest and a second conspirator who escaped is being sought in connection with an attempt to kidnap Mrs. D. C. Jackling, wife of the multimillionaire copper magnate.

Frank Leibowitz, a taxi driver, also was held for questioning. Mrs. Jackling received a telephone call Friday telling her that her sister, Mrs. Rudolph Spreckles, had been injured in an automobile accident and was in a hospital at San Mateo. Later her husband was handed a message by a boy informing him that his wife was being held for \$50,000 ransom.

Attempts to reach his wife failed, the telephone wires having been cut. The message instructed Jackling to have the boy give the money to a taxi driver in front of his office. A police car followed the taxi driven by Leibowitz to a road house where Baker was arrested.

## Jazz Is Good Tonic Says Musical Critic

SAN FRANCISCO, June 25.—Jazz has an important place in national affairs and cannot be ignored in the world of music, according to Mrs. John P. Coghlan, chairman of the convention of the California Federation of Music Clubs.

"Jazz is a good tonic when one is tired," she said. "It really goes back centuries into our lives and brings to the subconscious mind the sway of forms in barbaric dances and the beat of the tom-tom."

"But it can be too obstructive at times," she added hastily as the hotel dance orchestra broke into a synchopated strain.

## Speedy Trial for Dental Murderer



A speedy trial is predicted for Thomas H. Young, Los Angeles dentist, who killed his wealthy wife with a dental anesthetic. The body was found embedded in concrete in a well by police after a four month search for the missing woman. In his confession Young revealed that his step-son unknowingly helped conceal his mother's body.

## Klamath Cattle Raisers Expect An Organization

### Orderly Marketing System May Be Organized At Today's Meeting

Certain that Klamath county will respond in the same manner as California, Arizona and Nevada in the interests of the co-operative marketing system, H. M. Rice of San Francisco, secretary of the California Cattle Growers' association and Lewis M. Foulk, of Gazelle, prominent rancher and one of the directors of the association, arrived in the city last night in order to be present at a meeting of the Klamath cattlemen today at 2:30 p. m. in the chamber of commerce. W. C. Dalton of Malin, will be in the city today to take an active interest in the meeting.

The main purpose of the meeting is to enlist the services of Klamath and Lake county cattle growers in order to have them participate in the orderly marketing system, selling all cattle shipped from this section of the state to the San Francisco market in order to prevent a surplus from flooding the market, lowering the value to such a degree as to be detrimental to the stockmen.

Has Met Success. More than 2600 members have been signed up in Nevada, Arizona and California and the campaign is now being carried on strongly in Utah. Northern California cattlemen were practically unanimous in their decision as to enlisting in the work of the association.

The association has been in existence for three months and the system has been more than successful in that time. While in this section Klamath county and Lake county and the southern portion of Idaho will be visited in order to enlist the services of cattlemen of these sections.

## ROTARY MAY AID CAMPFIRE GIRLS

The Rotary club at their regular weekly luncheon at the chamber of commerce yesterday were entertained by short readings from Dr. Rea and Dr. Carter and a report from Rev. A. L. Rice on his recent trip to the Lake of the Woods with the Klamath Campfire Girls.

Rev. Rice suggested that the Rotary club back the girls for suitable summer camp at the Lake of the Woods or some other nearby resort since provisions have already been made to furnish the Boy Scouts with such quarters and the cause of the girls appeared to him as equally deserving.

Jack Kimball was called upon for suggestions on this point and he reported that this matter would certainly be arranged by next year.

## FIRES THREATEN FOREST IN N. W. IN HEAT HAZARD

### Fire Fighter In Grants Pass Hospital From Blaze Near Kirby

PORTLAND, June 26.—(United News)—Forest fires continued to threaten in the Pacific Northwest today, while low humidity and warm weather added to the danger. An area of 1200 acres was burned over by an uncontrolled fire near Morton, Wash., according to word from Raintier national forest to the district forestry office here. Only about 50 acres of the fire area was in green timber.

Eighty acres of timber was burned in the White Salmon river district in Washington. Joe Frank, fire fighter for the forest service, was overcome fighting a blaze west of Kirby, Ore., and was taken to a Grants Pass hospital. The fire near Kirby was reported under control.

## Navy Boat With 50 Aboard May Be Lost

WASHINGTON, June 26.—Eagle boat No. 9, with about nine officers and more than 50 men, mostly recruits, at a special two weeks' summer training cruise, is probably wallowing helplessly in a storm 200 miles east of the Virginia capes, according to reports to the navy from Norfolk.

Only one message has been received from the eagle boat, and that two days ago, when the vessel reported engine trouble in a heavy storm, and asked for assistance. The tug Kewaydin went out from Norfolk, but also developed engine trouble, and is now slowly returning to port.

The long interval of silence from the eagle boat's radio has caused some concern here, particularly as this type of light craft is unsuited to stormy seas. The crew had emergency rations so that they can remain out indefinitely unless the ship should founder.

## Men Arrested For Plotting To Kill Mother for Money

LONG BEACH, Calif., June 26.—Wallace C. Watson, 30, was arrested here, charged with plotting to poison his mother so he could secure possession of a \$70,000 estate.

The arrest came back when C. E. Shirley, a salesman, reported to police that Watson had offered him \$5,000 and jewelry if he would buy the poison for the asserted plot.

Shirley bought veronal, made an appointment to meet Watson and placed police in an adjoining room, where the conversation between the two men was reproduced by dictaphone.

## LINK RIVER DAM NEAR COMPLETION

The work on the fish ladder in the Link river dam is practically completed and in a very few days trout from the lower river with a hankering for the waters of Upper Klamath lake and its many inlets, will have no difficulty in making the trip over the big dam which has been considered somewhat of an obstruction to the upstream movement of the Klamath river game fish.

In connection with the fish ladder and dam, game warden Marion Barnes desires to warn all fishermen who have been guilty of fishing off the dam, that any one caught by him either on the dam or within the legal limit above or below, will be arrested and prosecuted. Reports have come in to the warden that fishing off the dam had become a rather common practice.

## Lower Klamath Lake Inspected By Soil Experts

### Several More Days Required For Making Tests; Final Decision In Wash'n.

The findings of four men—George C. Kreutzer of Washington, D. C.; W. L. Powers of Corvallis; G. E. Shaw and M. H. Lapham of Berkeley, Calif., who arrived here Wednesday night, will determine the fate of the 65,000 acre bed of Lower Klamath lake which lies in southern Klamath county, Oregon and northern Siskiyou county, California.

Shaw, Lapham, and Powers spent all day yesterday taking samples of soil in this great dried up lake bed, and Kreutzer will join them today in further investigations of this great body of land. The entire party left on their return trip at 6 o'clock this morning.

According to the three university soil experts who sweltered through a long hot day in the lake bed yesterday, there is nothing definite as yet to be given out. Samples of the soil are to be taken from all parts of the great partially reclaimed body of land and forwarded to the laboratories of the department of agriculture at Washington, D. C. The chemical tests of these soil samples coupled with the report and recommendation of these four men will finally decide whether Lower Klamath is to become a land of fertile farms or again be turned back to a nesting ground for water birds.

Several more days will be required in making a complete investigation of the great dried up lake bed.

## FIERCE FOREST FIRE IS FOUGHT

MODESTO, Calif., June 26.—A forest fire having already consumed 15,000 acres of timber, ranch and pasture lands between Sonoma and Knights Ferry is sweeping down on the Stanislaus river canyon, according to reports received here.

More than 500 men have been fighting the blaze all day with little success. The United States forest patrol has sent out orders to impress every available man into service.

Several large ranch homes, among them the holdings of the late Senator John B. Curtin are in the path of the flames.

## Klamath News Trip To Be Made Sunday

Everything is set for the first Klamath News Sociability Tour, which will be held Sunday. The start will be made at 9 o'clock a. m. from the Klamath News office and all who are interested in visiting one of the state's most unique spots are cordially invited to participate.

The trip to the Lava Caves is one that many of the old residents have never taken and it is expected that there will be a number of cars following the Chrysler, which the Howie Motor Co. will furnish as a pilot car.

Everyone should take a lunch, and as the section to be visited is very arid, a supply of water should also be taken.

## Youthful Designer Coming Back Here

Paul Keller, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Keller of Klamath Falls, will return home next Wednesday, following a year spent in New York and Chicago in the study of illustrating and ad designing.

According to Keller's parents a big Chicago firm has made the Klamath boy an attractive offer to take up advertising work with them. Mr. and Mrs. Keller have a great number of their son's latest drawings in both black and white and in colors which have been forwarded to them. It is possible that these drawings may be put on exhibition at the chamber of commerce, local authorities on art giving them an exceedingly high place for cleverness of design and perfection of detail.

## 16 BODIES YET REMAIN BURIED IN K. C. THEATRE

### 22 Seriously Injured Are Yet In Hospitals After Spectacular Fire

KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 26.—(United News)—Firemen digging tirelessly in the ruins of the old (Hills) theatre, destroyed by fire and explosion Thursday night, reached two charred bodies late Friday.

Whether additional bodies are in the smouldering wreckage is problematical. In a statement issued Friday afternoon Deputy Coroner Charles Nelson said he believed 16 bodies are still buried beneath the tons of debris.

"I base my estimate upon a check which indicated that many men were trapped in the building and are missing from their homes," Nelson said. "My check indicates six of the dead are negroes and ten are white men."

Most of Friday was spent razing bleak, smoke blackened walls that menaced the digging firemen. No moans were heard from the wreckage, leading to the belief that those entombed if any, have perished.

The damage to the theater building was estimated at \$150,000. Sixteen firms, occupying parts of the structure, or adjoining it, were either destroyed by fire or flooded by water.

Of the twenty-six persons known to have been injured, all except four have been released from the hospitals. These are in serious, but not critical, condition.

## Anti-Evolutionists Win Out In Oklahoma

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., June 26.—Oklahoma's strangest marathon—a desperate race by anti-evolutionists to stay the appeal of the state free text book law which forbade the teaching of the theory of evolution—was won by the anti-evolutionists late Friday, much to the discomfiture of the proponents of Darwinism.

The anti-evolutionists, with petitions bearing 25,000 names, the number required by law to stay the repeal and restore temporarily, at least, the anti-evolutionary measures erased from the statutes books by the disgruntled disciples of Darwin last spring.

The anti forces—protestant clergy and laymen—may now bide their time until August 1926, when, by virtue of their victory Friday, the citizens of Oklahoma by the public referendum will sustain or reject the appeal.

## 6,000 REBELS START FRENCH OFFENSIVE

FEZ, French Morocco, June 26.—Six thousand Rifian soldiers have begun an offensive against the French along an 80 kilometer line between Ain-Ma-Tour and Bel-Kassep.

A reserve of unestimated strength is supporting the attack, whose objective is an advance toward Fez in an effort to cut the route between Fez and Taza.

## SECRETARY TO ENJOY FORTNIGHT VACATION

Lynn P. Sabin, in company with Mrs. Sabin, will leave today for the north, where they will spend a fortnight visiting with friends and relatives. They will go as far north as Olympia, Wash., and return through Grants Pass and Forest Grove.

While on the trip, Sabin plans to attend a short course for secretaries in the school of business administration of the University of Oregon.

## PUBLISHERS LOSE IN \$6,000 LIBEL SUIT

VICTORIA, B. C., June 26.—A supreme court jury awarded \$6,000 damages to A. C. Dixon Friday afternoon in his libel suit against the Curtis Publishing company of Philadelphia and A. B. McDonald of Kansas City.

Dixon's suit was based on a story written by MacDonald and published in the Ladies Home Journal in June, 1924, supposedly revealing the inside story of the liquor business in British Columbia. The story stated that Dixon, a bartender, had sold liquor to small children.

The story caused wide resentment in the province when it was published.

## BIDS OPENED ON BIG BLY-BEATTY ROAD IMPROVING

Dunn And Baker Awarded Contract For K. F. Modoc Grading

PORTLAND, June 26.—(United News)—Because they exceeded estimates of the state engineers, all bids for the construction of the Crooked river canyon bridge in Jefferson county were rejected by the state highway commission today.

The low bid was from J. W. Sadler, at \$116,020. J. H. Walther, secretary of the Associated General Contractors, requested further consideration of the bids. Because of the unusual engineering conditions, he said the cost could not be compared with other bridges. The request was taken under advisement.

Among contracts awarded were the following: Josephine county—4.32 miles grading Redwood Junction-Wells Ranch section of Oregon Caves highway, J. C. Cinkald, \$25,000.

Klamath county—Grading 13.36 miles Deschutes county line, Crescent section, The Dalles-California, Newport Construction company, \$22,470; resurfacing 18 miles Klamath Falls-Modoc Point section of The Dalles-California highway, Dunn & Baker, \$57,392.

Bids were opened today on the following projects: Josephine county—O'Brien school house, George Ranch section of Redwood highway and Redwood Junction, Grayback Creek section Oregon Caves road, 20.42 miles gravel surface.

Klamath county—Bly mountain, Beatty section of Klamath Falls, Lakeview highway, 13.45 miles grading.

## REX LA PRARIE HANDS OUT BIRTHDAY CIGARS

In honor of the birth of Betty LaPrarie, born early yesterday morning to Mr. and Mrs. Rex LaPrarie, at the Klamath Valley hospital, Rex was busy passing out the cigars yesterday to his many friends who are interested in the first arrival in the LaPrarie family.

Mrs. LaPrarie will be remembered as Miss Dorothy McAbey of Klamath Falls before her marriage. Both mother and babe are doing well at the hospital and receiving their many friends.

Chamber Votes Confidence in Caillaux