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MURDER SUSPECT IS GRILLED

Die; 100 Hurt In Ship Disaster

CONVICTS RUN UNTRUSTED TO PORTLAND BELIEF

City Detectives Believe Trio Has Trapped Net Around Portland and on Way To Canadian Border

PORTLAND, Aug. 18.—(United News)—After a vain search for 24 hours, Portland police Tuesday night had three escaped convicts, who broke through police lines Monday night, had outwitted them and are somewhere in the Puget Sound country, heading for the Canadian border—their ultimate goal. Admission was made by scores of detectives and they were called out of their beds early Tuesday, when it was received here that Tom Murray, Ellsworth James Willos, had reached the city and abandoned Broadway and Couch streets. All rooming houses and hotels, as well as every place where ex-convicts and their ilk are wont to frequent, were searched, but no trace of any of the trio. Likewise pool rooms and saloons were not their haven. The police believe, to Washington, where they had fled from the man-hunters who had dogged them for nearly a week.

Big Majority Is For S.P. Terminal

EUGENE, Ore., Aug. 18.—After an election campaign the most extensive in the history of the city, a \$175,000 bond issue, proposed for the purchase of land to be used as a terminal site for the Southern Pacific railway was overwhelmingly carried by a vote of 4,024 to 297. The proceeds of the bond will purchase 209 acres of land northwest of the city to be used for terminals, shops and yards for the new Klamath-Eugene-Natron cut-off.

TOM MURRAY IS A NICE BOY SAYS LITTLE ISABELLE

OREGON CITY, Ore., Aug. 18.—(United News)—Isabelle Newman, wide-eyed and pretty girl of 15, is telling her friends about the most thrilling playmate she ever had. He was Tom Murray, desperate murderer and escaped convict from the Oregon penitentiary. While hundreds of law enforcement officers were scouring the state for a trace of Murray and his pals—James Willos and Ellsworth Kelly—little Isabelle was playing with Murray in her own home. "Of course I was afraid of him at first," she said, remembering how the three convicts, with four hostages, awakened her parents and demanded to be hidden for an entire day. Was A Nice Boy "But he was nice to us, even if he was a bad man." The guests at the Charles Newman farm house were probably as strange a company as has ever been assembled. The convicts early Monday morning held up four Monitor, Ore., youths, stole their automobile and then kidnaped them to prevent them from spreading the alarm. The youths were Leo Wilde, Joe Lichts, Lawrence Jacobs and Otto Lucht. Over the highways this strange seven sped during the night and dawn found them at the Newman farm. They entered the house, awakening Newman and his family and demanded shelter. There they stayed until late Monday. (Continued On Page Two)

Klamath Holdup Trio Confess To Portland Police

3 Youths Not To Be Tried Here Unless Released On Similar Charges In Rose City

Forty-five minutes after a confession to the hold-up of a garage in Portland by the three youths who are said to have committed a similar robbery in Klamath Falls, August 14, Fred Morley, special state agent was in communication with L. V. Jenkins, Portland chief of police, comparing details which proved the three men identical to those wanted in Klamath county. According to a wire received yesterday by Morley from Chief Jenkins, "have three men in custody for three stick-ups here. They have given signed confession your garage holdup night of August 14. Stopped at the Ray hotel in your city, room 5, under name of George Reynolds. Will be prosecuted here, car recovered, L. V. Jenkins." The three men were traced by Morley to the Ray hotel where, with George Reynolds, they registered as F. W. Carson and H. Myers.

Hid In Ray Hotel

According to the landlady of the hotel, the three young men came from Bend to Klamath Falls, rented a single room which they held for two days without appearing. Becoming alarmed the woman forced her way into the room and found that it had not been inhabited with the exception of some one lying across the bed. Following the theft of the car from Walker and subsequent hold-up, wires were sent out to Portland, Seattle, Tacoma, Wenatchee, Yakima, Spokane and Ellensburg to chiefs of police by Morley whose efforts were immediately rewarded. Numbers and description of the car accompanied all messages. According to Morley a warrant will be sworn out against the three men by Paul Johnson, owner of the garage where the hold-up was staged in case they are freed in Portland courts. In that event they will be returned to Klamath for trial.

SEARCH BEING MADE FOR POISON PLOTTER

With a view to locating L. E. Perkey, from whose letters threatening Mrs. Perkey are said to have been received, District Attorney Elliott will communicate with authorities at Pocatello, Idaho, where the man is believed to be living. Perkey, according to information furnished Elliott by Mrs. Perkey, has written that he will come to Klamath Falls and do away with his wife. A warrant charging him with threatening to take Mrs. Perkey's life has been issued.

Geese Flocking To Tule Lake Country Early This Season

Shades of good hunting! And the season not so far away. Sighs and groans at the thought of waiting for the official pop of the first shotgun. Geese are plentiful in the Tule Lake district, according to W. C. Dalton who announced that flocks of the migratory birds had wended their way into the lake bed with apparent intentions of getting a good fat start on the hunting season which opens October 1. Hunters of Klamath county are already oiling up the guns, in disuse for the past year, and with fat geese in the offing, interspersed with a peg now and then at a deer, the winter should be welcomed pleasantly by sportsmen.

650 PASSENGERS PANIC STRICKEN WHEN EXPLOSION ROCKS BIG SHIP

NEWPORT, R. I., Aug. 18. (United News)—Twenty-six persons are dead and more than a hundred others, many of whom are suffering from painful burns which may prove fatal, are being treated at local hospitals, from a terrific boiler explosion aboard the excursion steamer Mackinack, a few miles off this port early Tuesday evening.

Of the more than 650 passengers aboard the ship, which was enroute from Newport to Pawtucket, at least 200 were burned by the steam, which flooded the ship following the explosion.

Three died before they could be given medical attention, and 16 died at the naval hospital, where more than 100 were taken for treatment. Physicians at the naval hospital state that at least 15 more are in a critical condition from horrible burns.

Scores See Flare

The explosion occurred soon after 6 p. m., a few minutes after the Mackinack left her dock for Pawtucket. Scores of persons along the Narragansett bay witnessed the disaster. Small craft from the harbor and naval stations immediately went to the Mackinack's assistance, and aided in landing the injured and getting them to hospitals.

Officers and seamen from the naval training station performed yeoman service in the rescue work, and helped calm the great panic which began when the boilers gave way. Yachts in the harbor of the famous society resort also gave aid to the stricken pleasure seekers.

Cause Not Known

The cause of the disaster was still undetermined late Tuesday night.

An SOS message from the ill-fated steamer gave first news of the disaster. It read: "Boiler explosion on the excursion steamer Mackinack of Pawtucket, off training station at 5:50 this afternoon, with seven hundred passengers on board."

The explosion occurred a short while after more than 600 passengers, including scores of women and children, left Newport bound on the return trip to Pawtucket.

The Mackinack had reached a point abreast the naval training station here when, entirely without warning, the explosion rocked the frail river craft, sending a black cloud of smoke and steam high into the air, which for a few minutes completely enveloped the boat.

Navy Helps Victims

Small boats, manned by hospital attendants, immediately put off from the naval station here, and aided in rescuing several score of the passengers who had leaped into the water. So far as was known at naval headquarters, no one was lost either in the immediate explosion or in the efforts to quit the vessel. Ambulances from the naval hospital and from Newport General hospital were rushed to the government dock off the naval station, and received the injured, who were able to bear transportation to hospitals. Others were treated on the scene by naval and civilian physicians.

GAME LITTLE YANK FLAPPER FAILS TO SPAN CHANNEL AFTER HARD TRY

BOULOGNE, France, Aug. 18. (United News)—Gertrude Ederle, failed in her attempt to swim across the English channel Tuesday after the greatest nine hour swimming feat to which the capacious old channel ever had been submitted. The American girl collapsed and abandoned the attempt during a storm six and one-half miles from the English coast. When the tug Lamornie landed her at Boulogne, Miss Ederle was semi-conscious. Without tears or other display of emotion, the game girl went immediately to sleep. She would not say whether or not she would attempt the swim again, but another attempt is regarded unlikely because autumn is but a few days away in the channel latitude, and even in summer the water is cold. The American girl collapsed

and sank during a storm six and one-half miles from the English coast. She was pulled aboard the tug Lamornie in a semi-conscious condition, where she was revived and was able to say that she remembered starting to cry for no reason that she could offer unless it was fatigue. While crying, Miss Ederle said she swallowed considerable salt water. This hurried the collapse. She felt no warning before her strength failed nor did she remember sinking but she certainly was completely unconscious. Miss Ederle took her defeat in a sporting manner. She said she was disappointed, but that she would not seek excuses in the roughness of the sea or the haze. The game girl went immediately to sleep on arriving at Boulogne where crowds had gathered at the quay and provided a royal welcome.

Tornado Strikes In Illinois; Loss Is Big

MURPHYSBORO, Ill., Aug. 18.—Exactly five months after a cyclone wrecked this town and killed 226 people here, a second twister spread havoc Tuesday, unroofing new buildings and destroying part of the reconstruction work already done. First unofficial estimates were that the damage exceeded \$250,000. No lives were reported lost. A temporary roof on the Washington school was blown more than 200 feet and a wall of the building collapsed.

WIRE FLASHES

52 DAYS WITHOUT FOOD CLEVELAND, Aug. 18.—Withered almost to a skeleton Alexander Varga, advocate of health by starvation has rounded out his 52nd day of abstinence from food. Varga is a physical culturist and a well read dietician. He started abstaining from food to cure attacks of fever which had become almost chronic. He is 36 years old.

PANHANDLER MURDERS

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Aug. 18.—An armless panhandler has confessed to the Philadelphia police that he kicked Miss Florence Kane to death in Brooklyn several weeks ago in revenge for a beating inflicted upon him by the girl's brother, a police detective.

JAZZ GIRL TO JURY

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 18.—The Dorothy Ellington case is expected to go to the jury late Wednesday. Rebuttal witnesses were called Tuesday and final arguments will be made Wednesday afternoon, no morning session being planned.

PLANE DISASTER

VICTORIA, B. C., Aug. 18.—A hydroplane, thought to be from Seattle, was sighted by the steamer Everett at 7:45 Tuesday night, turned turtle off the west end of Discovery Island. According to the report from the Everett, the occupants of the wreck and signalling for help. Two launches were reported on the way to the rescue of the aviators.

BANDITS BURN VICTIM

MODESTO, Calif., Aug. 18.—Highwaymen who robbed James Manning of \$75 also stripped him of his clothes and tossed him bodily into a blazing bon-fire, the police reported Monday. Manning, a 45 year-old ranch foreman, probably will die as a result of his burns, physicians said. The attack occurred in a lonely region called "the jungles" near here.

MEXICAN LODGED IN JAIL MAY BE ALGOMA SLAYER

Bunkie Of Slain Man Too Drunk To Recall What Occurred; Twenty Shots Fired; Aliens Won't Talk

Luz Laucedo, about 40 years of age, a Mexican, was lodged in the county jail by Sheriff Burt Hawkins last night, as suspected murderer of Valentino Navarro, a countryman, who was mortally wounded in a knife fight at Algoma early yesterday morning.

Laucedo, unable to express himself well in English, insisted as best he could, that he was innocent of any crime, and declared that, drunk Monday night, he could recall but little of what had happened. Sheriff Hawkins based his action in arresting Laucedo on information that the two laborers had left their common bunkhouse together Monday evening, and had drunk from a common bottle. It was his opinion that Navarro's wounds were suffered in a drunken brawl, which subsequently took place.

Although Navarro's death was caused from cuts by a knife, several shots, perhaps 20, were fired in Algoma about 3 o'clock—the time when the fight is believed to have taken place. No one was hit by a bullet. The identity of the persons engaged in the gun play is not known to officials.

Laucedo and Navarro both were employed as section hands by the Southern Pacific company in its camp just a short distance from the mill of the Algoma Lumber company. Navarro, it was said last night, was reputed to be a "bad" man, and was arrested and tried in Klamath Falls on at least one occasion.

Stolidly Denies Guilt

His black mustache parted above tobacco-stained teeth, his dark eyes flashing, Laucedo shook his head violently when officers intimated that he was guilty of the crime. Talking through an interpreter a part of the time, and occasionally attempting to explain for himself, he was an animated figure as he endeavored to make it clear that a mistake had been made.

"I was drunk—I know nothing of it," is what the accused man continued to say in Spanish.

An interesting sidelight on the case of the fatal stabbing was furnished by David R. Vandenberg, former Klamath deputy district attorney, who is familiar with the reputation of the dead man. Navarro, he said last night, was taken into custody June 25, following a knife fight, and subsequently admitted his guilt in the district attorney's office. Vandenberg said Navarro swore vengeance on the group of Mexicans with whom he had been fighting. Laucedo was not one of them. Later these men informed Vandenberg they feared Navarro, and declared that he was a dangerous man.

Mexicans Won't Talk

Attempts on the part of Sheriff Hawkins to question the Mexicans at Algoma yesterday, met with little success, as all seemed afraid to give any information to the officers. Hope that something more definite may be learned today was expressed last night by officials.

Sheriff Hawkins made a careful search of the bunkhouse in which Laucedo was quartered, and found no weapon. There was no gun or knife on the suspected man's person, but he had changed his clothes prior to the sheriff's arrival.

Mexican Is Held

Navarro, about 25 years of age, (Continued on Page Two)

COUNTY COURT TO ASK STATE FOR A BETTER HIGHWAY

Plans for the perfection of the Klamath Falls-Lakeview highway and The Dalles-California highway will be brought before the state highway commission which meets in Bend the early part of next week, by Judge R. H. Bunnell and Commissioner Burrell Short, who are leaving tomorrow for the north. Before continuing to Bend several days will be spent in that section of the highway north of Klamath county, south of Crescent, where 15 miles of widening of the right of way is being submitted.

Judge Bunnell and Commissioner Short plan to investigate the manner in which the work is being produced and the rapidity with which it will be completed in order to be saved from the fall rains and snows.

A telegram from H. E. Allen, president of the Bend chamber of commerce to the Klamath organization was read during the directors meeting yesterday at noon in which Allen stressed the fear felt by the Bend district to the effect that Klamath would not complete her share of the work.

According to Judge Bunnell last night, "our sister county can not realize the work which we are going through in comparison with the small amount which has been necessary for them to produce."

Time Limit Parking Law Goes in Effect At Dawn Tomorrow

Reasonableness is to temper justice meted out to motorists who at first violate the city's new parking laws, according to Municipal Judge Lem L. Gaghagen. The ordinance, passed July 20, becomes effective Thursday morning.

Chief of Police Loucks announced that offenders will be taken into court, there to explain—as motorists are wont to do—why any such violations occurred.

The ordinance, in part, reads:

"No automobile or other vehicle shall park on Main street from Second to Eleventh streets, or on Fifth, Sixth, Seventh and Eighth streets, between Pine and Klamath avenue for a longer period at one time than two hours, from 5 a. m. to 6 p. m. But from 6 p. m. to 1 a. m. there shall be no limit on time of said parking on said streets."

There is to be no parking on Klamath avenue, Main and Pine streets or crossing or intersecting streets from Second to 11th inclusive from 1 a. m. to 5 a. m.

No automobile or other vehicle is to park in front of any theater or motion picture show on any of the streets mentioned.