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LATEST BY WIRE

ORMISTON AGAIN INDICTED

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 15. (U.N.)—A twenty four page document, one of the longest true bills on record in Los Angeles county, in which is contained an indictment against Kenneth G. Ormiston, will be filed against him today. Ormiston, who is the wisp radio man, was returned by the county grand jury here Wednesday. Bail was set at \$10,000.

GREAT WILL CONTEST

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15. (U.N.)—Attorneys from all parts of the United States gathered here tonight for the opening Thursday of the bitter fight between several groups of claimants of the \$300,000,000 estate of the late Mark Hopkins, transcontinental railroad builder and California tycoon.

MYSTERY OF THE SEA

PORTLAND, Dec. 15. (U.N.)—A mystery of the sea, involving a Danish steward and a Chinese cabin boy, will be probed Thursday when the Danish steamer Parata docks at Astoria from Australia. On board the ship the body of H. A. Anderson, steward, rests in a sealed casket. He died under mysterious circumstances several days ago, after being taken suddenly and violently ill.

FIVE DAYS FOR TRAINERS

LONG BEACH, Cal., Dec. 15. (U.N.)—Five young men who strolled nonchalantly along the beach here, attired only in nature's clothing, police say, must spend five days in the local battle for "lewd conduct and indecent exposure."

VALE PROJECT RECOGNIZED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15. (U.N.)—More than \$1,000,000 in the aggregate for the Vale reclamation project will be available in the coming fiscal year, as the result of an additional \$100,000 voted today.

TAX BILL IN SENATE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15. (U.N.)—The democratic campaign for tax reduction spread into the senate today with demands there that republicans override the mandate of the house ways and means committee against a cut at this session and join the minority party in a non-partisan bill.

ENTER CATHOLIC CONFLICT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15. (U.N.)—The Catholic church in this country has entered the conflict over the Mexican government's church laws through a pastoral letter of the Catholic episcopate of the United States denouncing the laws as defying the principles of American liberty.

EMPEROR JAPAN IMPROVED

TOKIO, Dec. 15. (U.N.)—Physicians attending the emperor of Japan, who is dangerously ill at the imperial palace in Hayama, were encouraged in their fight to save the ruler's life today.

INSURED IN FALL

THE DALLAS, Dec. 15.—Stanley Mathison of this city was in a critical condition at the Mid-Columbia Hospital here today as the result of a 29 foot fall last night at the Libby McNeill and Libby cannery, where he was a foreman.

STUDENT DRINKING PARTY

EUGENE, Dec. 15. (U.N.)—Six Springfield high school students, three girls and three boys have been suspended following an alleged liquor party held in a vacant house outside the city, it was announced here Wednesday.

DETECTIVE'S WIDOW HELD

OKLAHOMA CITY, Dec. 15. (U.N.)—The widow of Luther Bishop, the detective, who mixed gray matter with gunpowder in solving many of Oklahoma's most baffling crimes, sat in a cell in the county jail tonight, accused of shooting him to death with his own guns as he lay asleep beside her. She was denied bail.

MARY SPAN SUES

NEW YORK, Dec. 15. (U.N.)—Mary Span, who was the original Cinderella when Edward W. "Daddy" Browning set out to play fairy godfather to some good little girl, has added to the aged and wealthy rector's woes by serving him with summons and complaint in a \$500,000 damage suit, the Daily News states in a copyrighted article.

BIG WILL CONTEST

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 15. (U.N.)—Further contest of the will of Miss Emma E. Dickinson, prominent foreign missionary, which disposes of an \$880,000 estate, will be made by Frank B. Moore, of Coldwater, Michigan.

YELLOW TICKET CASE

PORTLAND, Dec. 15. (U.N.)—Further postponement of the "yellow ticket" trial was obtained by defense attorneys Wednesday.

OIL JURY IS IN DEADLOCK

County Court Fixes Tax Levy of 20.05 Mills on Property

County Levy is 14.20 Mills and 5.85 Mills for State Purposes; of Total Taxable Property Amounting to \$30,251,328.90 State Will Receive Sum of \$176,611.49; Balance to County.

The levy on taxable property in Klamath county for 1927 will be 20.05 mills, it was announced at a late hour yesterday afternoon, telling the amount to be raised in the county on taxable property and the levy in mills in various phases of county and state taxation. The state levy is 5.85; the county levy, 14.20.

According to the report signed by County Judge R. H. Bunnell and County Commissioners Charles Martin and Burrill Short, and handed to the county clerk, the state tax calls for \$176,611.48 and valuation on the tax rolls of Klamath county is \$30,251,328.90. A tax of 5.85 mills will be levied on all taxable property in the county for this purpose.

Current expense fund: County found it necessary to raise the sum of \$128,786, therefore 4.26 mills tax will be levied.

County school fund: Set at \$115,797.71, tax of 3.53 mills levied.

High school fund: Set at \$63,753.79, tax of 2.11 mills levied.

County library fund: Set at \$2,500, tax of .08 mills levied.

Bond sinking fund: Set at \$10,000, tax of .34 mills levied.

Market road fund: Set at \$43,000, tax of .12 mills levied.

County road equipment: Set at \$5,000, tax of .25 mills levied.

Jail construction: Set at \$25,000, tax of 1.16 mills levied.

County fair fund: Set at \$22,688.50, tax of .75 mills levied.

City of Merrill, from the certificates of the city recorder of the City of Merrill, it appears necessary to raise \$2,258.50 for city purposes, and it is therefore ordered that tax sufficient to raise the said (Continued on Page Four)

Flapper Bandit's Husband Stricken

AUSTIN, Texas, Dec. 15. (U.N.)—Otis Rogers, who came to the rescue of his alleged flapper bandit wife, Rebecca Bradley Rogers, was taken to a hospital here today in an ambulance under mysterious circumstances. Those who caught a fleeting glance at him said he was lying with his face to the wall in the hospital's infirmary and his body was shaking with deep, wracking coughs.

Dr. Joseph G. Eckhard, attending physician, refused to divulge the nature of the youth's ailment. He said Rogers had requested him not to make public any information.

Mrs. Rogers, who was released on \$5,000 bond yesterday on charges in connection with a sensational bank robbery, accompanied her husband to the hospital in an ambulance.

Girl Bank Robber Accused of Arson

AUSTIN, Texas, Dec. 15. (U.N.)—Rebecca Bradley Rogers, out on bond in connection with bank robbery charges, was rearrested here late this afternoon at the bedside of her sick husband on charges of arson and rushed to Round Rock, Texas, Williamson county, to appear before a justice of the peace.

The charges grew out of the burning of a vacant building adjoining a bank here last Friday. It is alleged by bank officials that Mrs. Rogers appeared in the bank shortly before the fire and attempted to gain the confidence of bank employees and when the fire appeared ran into the bank, giving the alarm.

The employees had become suspicious, it was claimed by officers who came here today for Mrs. Rogers, and they did not leave the building.

Before her departure from Austin late this afternoon Mrs. Rogers announced she would apply for a writ of habeas corpus to secure her release at Round Rock.

Otis Rogers, young husband of the co-ed is suffering from an attack of bronchial trouble in a local hospital, where he was rushed today.



Patrick J. McDermott, on trial for murder of Editor Mellett of Canton, Ohio.

Underworld Was Alive With Big Talk of Murder

Trial of McDermott on Charge of Killing Editor Mellett of Canton Bring Out Testimony Damaging Defendant

CANTON, O., Dec. 15. (U.N.)—Big talk in the Canton underworld, where the denizens told "whoppers" to bolster their reputations as bad men, came out in the Don R. Mellett murder trial Wednesday, when the prosecution's "mystery witness" took the stand.

He was William Botzler and his testimony was damaging to Pat McDermott, charged with first degree murder of the vice crusading editor on orders of men higher up in the underworld.

Botzler said that he was intimate with McDermott for five days ending with the murder night, when he had supper with McDermott.

"He showed me the Canton Daily News, I think it was," Botzler said. "He pointed to an article in the paper and said 'those are the kind of guys I associate with.'"

"Pat went out to get some wine, but he did not drink because he (Continued on Page Four)

Wild West Negroes Cause Manhunt in City of Chicago

CHICAGO, Dec. 15. (U.N.)—A concentrated man hunt was on here Wednesday for two negro bandits who staged a "wild west" hold-up at a correspondence school, killed a policeman and set a south side neighborhood throbbing with excitement as they dodged to escape through traps set by ten squads of policemen and detectives.

Patrolman Julian Bonfield was shot and wounded fatally when he confronted the two as they fled from the University Conservatory, a small order music school after they had robbed and locked 29 employees in the basement.

Police had been summoned by another employe while the robbery was in progress. Bonfield was the first to arrive.

Shortly after Bonfield had been shot down, automobile and bombing squads took up the chase.

The squads bombed cellars and roofs with tear gas and poured a fusillade of bullets into one basement where the fugitives hid temporarily, but the two managed to slip through the net and escape.

Many Salesmen Visit This City

Long considered a rich potential trade territory for Portland and other northern cities, Klamath Falls, distributing center for the entire southern Oregon basin, has been the focus of attention since the inception of the new Cascade line of the Southern Pacific.

Best proof of this is seen in the constant arrival here of new faces from Portland and Seattle, representatives of business firms in those cities.

Among those more recent sales representatives who have visited Klamath Falls for the first time, is C. E. Putman, of the Coast Cedar Shingle company, Portland, who arrived here yesterday for a few days' survey of this city.

Fall-Doheny Jury is Unable to Agree; is Locked Up for Night

Justice Hoehling Decides to Allow Lawyers and Defendants to Go Home for Night After Jury Had Deliberated for Seven Hours Without Showing Any Signs of Reaching Agreement.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15. (U.N.)—Without having reached a decision the Fall-Doheny jury was put to bed tonight at 10 o'clock. It had been out seven hours.

Justice Hoehling decided that the jury would be some time in agreeing and decided to allow the defendants and lawyers, who have been under a heavy strain for days, to go home for a full night's rest.

PRONOUNCED DEAD, MAN IS REVIVED BY BOSTON COP

BOSTON, Dec. 15. (U.N.)—William Spooner, 62, owes his life to the skepticism of Patrolman Frank Donovan. After a physician had pronounced Spooner dead from illuminating gas Donovan decided to use a pulmonary anyhow, and Spooner revived.

Col. Green Case Is Now Almost Ready For Jury

Number of Character Witnesses Testify for Army Official Charged With Illegal With-drawal of Liquor.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15. (U.N.)—The case of Colonel Ned M. Green, deposed federal prohibition administrator, accused of withdrawing liquor for personal use, moved nearer the jury room today as an imposing array of character witnesses testified for the defense.

Colonel Andrew S. Rowan, who carried the "message to Garcia," declared from the witness stand that the defendant was one of his closest friends and that Green was "of the highest integrity, truthful and sober."

Colonel J. L. Dodge, an army man for 21 years and provost marshal of the American army of occupation in Germany, testified that he had known Green for 26 years and found his character highly praiseworthy.

Dodge also gave testimony which directly refuted one of the strong points in the prosecution's case. The witness described the champagne dinner served in Green's hotel rooms, but declared prosecution (Continued on Page Six)

Justice Emmitt Busy on Docket

A general clean-up of all cases on the justice of the peace books was started yesterday by Justice R. A. Emmitt, who has scheduled five cases, and arranged for at least a dozen more to be heard before he steps out of office and relinquishes the docket to W. R. Barnes, justice-elect of the Linkville district.

A number of the cases have been left over from the memorable raid of August 26. There are a few of these out on bonds who are in various parts of the coast that must be communicated with before further proceedings can be taken.

"I want to leave the docket clean when I step out of office, for Judge Barnes, and the only way to do it is to try these cases as quickly as possible," the justice stated.

Following are a few of the cases set by Emmitt yesterday: Thursday, December 16—Birdsell Ladd, charged by prohibition officers with having three gallons of liquor in his possession.

Friday, December 17—F. B. Price vs. S. W. Kessler, civil case.

Saturday, December 18—C. A. White, charged with transportation and possession of intoxicating liquor on the Dalles-California highway, near Crescent.

Monday, December 20—A. Martindale, trespassing on another's property. The jury on the Martindale case last week failed to agree.

Tuesday, December 21—Dean Upton, charged with driving while intoxicated. Upton is alleged to have (Continued on Page Four)

Great Christmas Tree Will Stand On Walnut Street

Thousand Colored Lights Will Add Yuletide Brilliance to Occasion; Labor Unions to Sponsor Undertaking

The biggest Christmas tree in the southern Oregon basin will blaze with all the glory of Yuletide in this city Christmas eve, according to present plans of the Building Trades Council of Klamath Falls.

A committee of representatives from various unions in the council has been appointed and held the first meeting last night at the local labor temple to put finishing touches on the commendable plans that are destined to show local kiddies that the Christmas spirit pervades throughout this city.

The big tree—and it will be as large as can possibly be handled by trucks and men—is to be located in the center of the intersection of Ninth and Walnut streets, where a thousand colored lights will throw a circle of Yuletide brilliancy over the upturned faces of the hundreds of children who will probably gather for the big time.

Part of the committee's work will be to raise a fund of about \$250 from the various unions of the Building Trades council, to be used for purchasing the small presents, candy and nuts, that are to be distributed.

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Great Northern Buys More Land

Outgrowth of a recent visit to Klamath Falls by officials of the Seattle, Portland & Spokane railroad who were here ostensibly for a survey of the local territory, became known here yesterday when it was announced that an option has been acquired on the sole remaining tract of land that will give the Great Northern railway a full right of way into this city.

The option purchased by A. J. Wither, chief engineer of the S. P. & S., and other officials of this auxiliary of the Great Northern, is for \$500, and applies to about two and a half acres on the west shore of Lake Ewanna, now owned by Mrs. Ella B. Lewis.

The option will expire December 15, according to Mrs. Lewis, who last night confirmed the sale of the option. The Lewis tract represents the final link in a right of way 300 feet wide, that has been acquired by the Great Northern in the past few months, along the west side of the lake.

This move is held as further evidence that railway heads during recent conferences relative to extension of the Oregon Trunk into Klamath (Continued on Page Four)

Storm Breaking In This Section

Breaking up of the recent cold weather that for several days held the entire Northwest in the icy clutches of winter has extended to Klamath Falls and the Southern Oregon basin, as evidenced by a steadily rising mercury at the local reclamation bureau, official weather station for this city.

While the thermometer experienced a sensational drop to the zero region, during the fore part of the week, negotiations at the reclamation office show that the mercury rose to 18 degrees above by Tuesday afternoon.

Still on the climb, the temperature reached 35 above zero yesterday about midday, when slushy streets and drying sidewalks indicated a distinct relief from the cold of the preceding day.

The lowest recorded temperature from 4:30 Tuesday afternoon to the same time yesterday, was 18 above, which is declared to compare favorably with the mildness of last winter.

That Klamath Falls is destined to become an air mail base in the not too far distant future, may be seen from a statement made to the Sacramento press in that city early this week, by W. Irving Glover, second assistant postmaster general in charge of U. S. air mail, who passed through Klamath Falls recently enroute for Cheyenne, Wyoming.

In a between-trains interview in Sacramento, Glover said: "I have planned changes in the air mail route from Portland south, and instead of flying down the coast, the planes will come through central Oregon and into Redding, California, when the new route is inaugurated. That will give better flying conditions, and will probably cut down flying time."

Glover's remarks in Sacramento bear out an earlier statement in The News, relative to the outcome of a conference in Portland between the air mail director and Vern C. Gorst, president of the Pacific Air Transport company that holds the contract for delivering (Continued on Page Four)

Farmers Held For Robbery of Bank

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 15. (U.N.)—David and Roy Harding, farmers living near Blair, Neb., were arrested in a rooming house here late today, charged with robbing a bank at Modale, Iowa.

Officers, who said the pair were counting over the loot when they broke into the room, recovered \$3,150.

According to officers the men confessed to the robbery, and said that, after walking across the frozen Missouri river from Iowa, they had continued on foot 25 miles into Omaha, where they caught a taxicab at the outskirts of the city.

Detective Harry Bufford saw the two alight from the taxicab and trailed them to their room. Both denied they had any accomplice.

New Yorker Says Klamath is Safe

Identified with the growth of Klamath Falls for the past 15 years, Mr. and Mrs. L. Engel have returned to this city from their home in New York City, for a brief business trip.

Engel expresses unlimited faith in the continued development of this region and continues to add to his already large holdings in local real estate. Besides considerable Main street property, the New Yorker controls a great deal of residential property in Klamath Falls.

While the Engels have not made this city their home, they have spent much time here during the past 15 years and declare Klamath Falls the potential metropolis of this section of the west.