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Officers Sentenced To Serve Jail Term

Sheriff and Justice of Peace at Corpus Christi, Texas, Are Convicted of Peonage

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas, March 12, (U.N.)—Sheriff Raymond Teller and four other men, two of them officers of Willacy county, were sentenced to prison today for violation of the peonage act. Sentences were pronounced by Federal Judge Hutcheson.

Sheriff Teller, the court ruled, must spend 18 months in the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas.

Frank Brandt, formerly a deputy of Teller, was sentenced to a year and a day on each of two counts, but the terms are to run concurrently.

Brandt was also fined \$500 on each count.

Justice of the Peace Dodd was given four months in jail and was fined \$1000. The others sentenced were farmers. Cliff Stockwell was given 90 days and a fine of \$500.

Carl Brandt was given 30 days and a fine of \$1000. Four other farmers were acquitted.

Charges brought by several persons that officers and cotton planters had entered into a conspiracy to enslave vagrant prisoners in the county jail were responsible for the indictments.

England and Japan Invited to Disarm

WASHINGTON, March 12. — (U.N.)—America's latest move to curtail small, but deadly warcraft took formal shape today when the government invited Great Britain and Japan to sit with the United States around a Geneva conference table soon to work out a new naval limitation plan.

The two foreign nations were formally asked by the state department to join this new attempt at furthering world peace. Having already verbal assurances that these two great naval powers were agreeable to joining America in a new disarmament attempt, the United States government sought to make these assurances binding by extending written invitations.

School Bond Vote Occurs Tomorrow

A bond election of great importance faces the voters of Klamath Falls, Plevna, Altamont and Algonia school districts when the fate of the proposed Union high school will be decided Monday at various polls in those sections of Klamath county.

The Union High board seeks \$300,000 for the construction, furnishing and laying of sidewalks of the building on the Hot Springs court house site that was recently purchased at a cost of \$60,000.

Polls will be open at Fremont school from 2 o'clock until 7 o'clock Monday and voters of this district are urged to cast their ballot for the school.

Wanted Man Taken in Record Period

Exactly six minutes after he received a call from Chilcquin that Perry Walker was wanted on a bad check charge, Pat Winfrey, good natured cop, had Walker behind the bars of the city jail.

The call came in at 5:25 yesterday afternoon and at 5:31 Pat clamped an accommodating hand on Walker's shoulder and marched him to the city housego.

Walker is alleged by Chilcquin merchants to have passed \$200 in worthless checks in pool halls, clothing stores and other business houses in the reservation city.

As the charge involves a felony, Walker will be taken before Justice of the Peace W. H. Barnes Monday morning. Walker is about 30 years old, well dressed and of pleasant mien. When arrested he was walking toward the police station, and, as Pat put it, "walked right into us."

HI-JACKERS WORRY MANY BOOTLEGGERS

SEATTLE, March 12, (U.N.)—Using ammonia sprays and tear gas, a ruthless gang of hi-jackers, at times posing as prohibition officers, has created havoc among Seattle's bootleggers. Robbings and beatings have occurred almost nightly, it was disclosed by the police.

Some of the bootleggers, driven to desperation, have appealed to the police for aid, even though their operations are outside the law. Dry officers, investigating the "reign of terror," have found it difficult to trap the hi-jackers or obtain evidence which might lead to their prosecution.

Defendants Plead to Charges Before Judge A. L. Leavitt

Domingo Patron, Charged With Murder of Fellow Countryman, Will Be Last Tried; Attorney Appointed.

Domingo Patron, charged with the murder of Jesus Munos, fellow Mexican laborer, on January 30 in his cabin near Modoc Point, was granted until Wednesday at 10 o'clock in which to enter his plea, according to Circuit Court Judge A. L. Leavitt yesterday.

D. E. Van Vactor and D. R. Vandenburg were appointed attorneys for Patron and Mrs. Emil Evans Prominac interpreter. Patron cannot speak a word of English, nor can he understand the language.

K. Q. Ayer, charged with larceny by bailer, entered a plea of not guilty. He is represented by W. A. Wiest.

James Cushman and Bob Moore, charged with larceny, and James Stanley Howard, receiving stolen property, were granted until Tuesday morning in which to plead.

Love Chandler and George Prime, charged with larceny, and Roy Doane, possession of a still, are out on bonds, and were not notified that they were to be arraigned. They will appear Monday or Tuesday.

According to District Attorney William Duncan, the cases will probably be tried in circuit court in the following order: State vs. Roy Doane; State vs. Bob Moore and Jim Cushman; State vs. James Stanley Howard; State vs. O. L. Chandler and George Prime; State vs. K. Q. Ayer; State vs. Domingo Patron.

Dick Zadra Held in Bonds \$1000

Dick Zadra, alleged to be implicated in the sensational rum-running case in which Rev. M. L. Petelle is charged with transportation and possession of intoxicating liquor, will be arraigned Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the justice court of Jacksonville.

Zadra was unable to give \$1000 bonds and is held in the Jackson county jail at Jacksonville.

Lou Mueller, deputy sheriff, and L. O. Shirley, federal prohibition agent, who filed the charges, returned yesterday from a trip to Weed and Jackson county.

Utah Senator Is Barred From Hayti

WASHINGTON, March 12. — (U.N.)—Senator William H. King, democrat, Utah, on tour in the Caribbean, has been barred from Hayti as an undesirable.

Action was taken by President Borno of the black republic.

It is believed to be the first case in which a United States senator has been excluded from a friendly country.

Hannibal Price, Haytian minister here, made public a letter here tonight from Foreign Minister Leon announcing the exclusion on the ground that King is the United States "agent of the worst elements of disorder of Haytian politics," and that his presence there would provoke disorder.

Continue Timber Cutting Contract

WASHINGTON, March 12, (N.N.)—Congressman Shinnott was today advised by the commissioner of Indian affairs that under a ruling just made by the comptroller general it will not be necessary to suspend cutting of timber under contract on the Klamath reservation, which it was feared would result from failure of deficiency appropriations for payment of government scalars and inspectors.

It is held that the expense may be paid from the receipts of sales and that cutting need not be interrupted.

Pneumonia Threatens Alfonso Of Spain

Physicians Remain at Bedside and Morphine Injections Given That Rest May Follow

MADRID, March 12, (U.N.)—King Alfonso was suffering from pneumonia tonight, but his physicians were remaining at the royal bedside, in the belief, careful attention would avoid complications.

Morphine injections were given the king in order to relieve his suffering and sleeplessness.

Alfonso is 41 years old, born and proclaimed king May 17, 1886, his father having died before his birth. The seriousness of the potentialities of Alfonso's illness were enhanced by the ill health of the Prince of Asturias, Alfonso's eldest son and heir. The prince is 20 years old, but never has been robust.

Assessment Rolls in Hands Sheriff

The total amount of money to be collected upon taxable property in Klamath county for the year 1926 is \$1,164,592.11, according to Sheriff Hawkins, who has completed the compilation of figures and statistics following a careful check of the assessment rolls.

Tax statements are practically completed, according to the sheriff's office, and all persons may now pay their taxes. The first date of delinquency for the first half is May 5, 1927, the second half, November 5, 1927, according to Garrett Van Eper, deputy.

More than 9000 statements have been prepared by the office showing the approximate number of taxpayers to total \$500.

The heaviest taxpayers in Klamath county are the Central Pacific Railroad company and the timber owners. It was stated from the tax collector's office.

It is estimated that 75 per cent (Continued on Page Six)

Many Submit Bids to Run Poor Farm

When Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fryrear resigned their office as caretakers of the county poor farm there were eleven men in Klamath county who submitted bids to the county court asking for the job.

J. H. Short is apparently the lowest bidder, according to the county clerk, who filed the bids yesterday. The contract will be awarded Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

The following submitted bids: George Reed, F. B. Southwick, C. W. Jenkins, Tom Story, Joseph McGrath, G. J. Sparks, F. A. Waters, John O'Connor, Ed H. Owen, William M. Brotherton, J. H. Short.

Girl Bank Robber Is Facing Death

SAN MARCOS, Texas, March 12, (U.N.)—Seemingly at ease and unconcerned over the fact that a possible death sentence hangs over her head, Mrs. Rebecca Bradley Rogers, 21-year-old former university student, arrived here today in preparation for her trial Monday on charges of robbery with firearms.

A possibility that the trial of the girl will not be started Monday was seen in the announcement by John Cofer, attorney for Mrs. Rogers that he will ask a continuance as soon as court opens on the grounds that Otis Rogers, husband of the girl, cannot appear at the trial.

Rogers is suffering from tuberculosis which developed shortly after the girl was arrested, but in case the continuance is ruled out, the defense will plead insanity, Cofer said. Under the Texas law, the jury in the case, if it finds Rebecca guilty of robbing the Farmers National bank of Buda, Texas, on December 11 last, can recommend death as punishment. Shortly after the robbery, Rebecca Bradley, a stenographer in the office of Dan Moody—then attorney general and now governor of Texas—was arrested. Subsequently it developed that the girl had been secretly married to Rogers.

PANAMA CANAL IS FULL OF BUSINESS

SAN PEDRO, Calif., March 12, (U.N.)—A total of 1202 tankers, carrying 7,117,498 tons of oil, passed through the Panama canal in 1926, according to figures made public here today.

The vessels paid tolls amounting to \$6,447,000, or 23 per cent of the total tolls for the year. The record has been beaten only twice. In 1923, 1740 tank steamers passed through the "big ditch," while in 1924 there were 1320.

Three Murderers Saw Way Out of Will County Jail

Joliet Prisoners Create Reign of Terror; One Is Shot, Another Captured, and Third Still At Liberty.

CHICAGO, March 12, (U.N.)—The romantic heart of the Latin, plus the caution of the criminal, combined to give three Mexicans a short lived liberty, the United Press learned tonight.

A series of Spanish airs on a guitar and a mouthorgan silenced the rasping of saw on the iron bars and thus allowed the three—all held in the county jail at Joliet pending execution for murder—to have a short taste of freedom. Robert Torres said tonight in a dramatic recital of the escape.

Torres was captured this morning in Chicago after one of his fellow plotters, Gregorio Rizo, had been shot and dangerously wounded, and another, Bernardo Rios, had managed to escape a police cordon. Police expect the arrest of Rios momentarily.

In the capture two police officers and a taxicab driver were wounded. One of the officers may die.

Portuguese Flyer Fails in Flight

BOLOMA, Portuguese Guinea, W. Africa, March 12, (U.N.)—Sarmiento de Beira, Portuguese round-the-world flyer, tonight was believed to have failed in his effort to fly from here across the South Atlantic to Port Natal, Brazil, in a non-stop flight.

A wireless dispatch from Bubaque today said the Portuguese plane had alighted at one of the islands of the Bissagos archipelago, which lies directly west of Portuguese Guinea, and less than 100 miles off the coast.

The archipelago is composed of 16 large islands.

Beires left here at 6:30 p.m. (G.M.T.) yesterday, en route for Port Natal, which is approximately 1600 miles away. Nothing was heard of the Portuguese plane until the receipt of the wireless dispatch from Bubaque.

Little Tot Lost Found by Winfred

Unconcerned and as happy as a lark, three-year-old Catherine Riley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Riley of Wantland avenue, was restored to her parents yesterday afternoon by Police Officer "Pat" Winfrey, after an absence of nearly three hours.

The Riley family came to the business center of this city, and upon entering a store the little girl remained outside and her presence was not missed by her mother for several minutes.

A search was started for Catherine, but she apparently had dropped from sight as though the earth had opened and swallowed her. Frantic, the mother appealed to genial Officer "Pat" Winfrey, who (Continued on Page Six)

Woman Dead Result Airplane Accident

CONNELLSVILLE, Pa., March 12, (U.N.)—Injured when the airplane she was riding crashed to the ground, Pauline Reynolds, 22, died while being removed to a hospital, from a broken neck.

The accident occurred near Scottsdale this afternoon.

Carl Strickler, a local aviator, who was piloting the plane, escaped uninjured.

Barcelona Shaken by Strong Quake

BARCELONA, Spain, March 12, (U.N.)—A sharp earthquake shock occurred here at 8:36 tonight, causing intense excitement. The earthquake, of short duration, shook houses, dislodged light articles of furniture, started lamps swaying and stopped many clocks.

Murder Of Babies By Couple Is Possible

Confession of L. A. Man Proved; Search Being Made for Trunk That May Hold Bodies

LOS ANGELES, March 12, (U.N.)—A black, ironbound trunk which may contain the bodies of a score of murdered infants, became the object of a quest here tonight in connection with the sensational Moneta baby farm probe.

Meanwhile murder charges loomed, following the revelations of Clarence Hines, in which he accounted for fourteen "unwanted babies," many of them infants of unwedded mothers.

According to a confession made by Hines late today after a severe grilling by deputy sheriffs, the babies were "bought and sold" by his wife, Mrs. Minnie Williams (Continued on Page Six)

Gold Boom Grows at Weepah Camp

TNOPAH, Nev., March 12, (U.N.)—Excitement at Weepah, scene of the greatest modern gold rush in the history of the west, was at high pitch tonight. With actual digging on the claims of Frank Horton, Jr., and Leonard Taylor, who discovered the strike, under way, it became known that the ore assayed a much richer quality than at first anticipated.

"It would be impossible to fix the value of the gold taken out at this time," Frank Horton, Sr., said. "Some of it samples \$20 a pound and some \$40 a pound, but it is all handpicked and should average high."

Armed guards on watch day and night, kept curious prospectors and tenderfoot alike at a safe distance from the "damp" piled high with the rich ore.

"This hell-roaring gold camp will need he-men, men who are dead (Continued on Page Five.)"

Chehalis Man to Hang for Murder

CHEHALIS, Wash., March 12, (U.N.)—Emmett Bailey was convicted of first degree murder by a jury here today, and it was recommended that the death penalty be inflicted.

Bailey was charged with murdering his former wife, Mrs. Erma Skinner. The woman was shot January 30, in her home in Centralla, where Bailey was a roomer.

It was contended by the defense that the shooting was accidental. Bailey asserted he took the rifle to unload it, and it was discharged by accident, fatally wounding Mrs. Skinner.

Petelle Case Has Interested Weed

According to the following from the Weed Press of Friday, March 11, California, officers had a man under surveillance in Weed for a couple of days following the finding of the Rev. M. L. Petelle's overturned automobile on the Pacific highway early Friday morning, March 4. The article touching upon the presence of the man follows:

"The car belonging to Rev. M. L. Petelle of Klamath Falls was found wrecked in the Siskiyou mountains with 60 gallons of whiskey and personal effects of the minister. Prohibition officers who happened along claim they recognized the preacher escaping from the wrecked car and a search was made for him.

"The day following the wreck a man appeared in Weed and was spotted by officers as the missing minister, but if he was his actions were anything but that of a brother of the cloth. After being here two days registering at different hotels under different names, two men from Klamath Falls came and got the man. The preacher when next heard of had arrived there and surrendered, claiming he had been at Tennant and had loaned his car to unsuspected bootleggers."

LOSES MISTRESS; LITTLE DOG DIES

WOODLAND, Wash., March 12, (U.N.)—Another of those questions that develop between man and domesticated animals, came to a tragic end here when Laddie, a bolle, died of a broken heart.

Two years ago, Laddie, then a pup, was presented to the 2-year-old daughter of J. W. Cheever, a farmer. A warm affection sprang up between them. Recently Cheever and his family moved to California, and Laddie was given to a friend.

But the dog, presumably grieving over the loss of his "pal," refused to eat and kept returning to his old home. Tempting food failed to attract him. The faithful dog wasted away until he died.

Middle West Is Covered Deep by Great Snowfall

Worst Storm in Quarter of Century Hits Colorado and Is Followed by Blizzard; Few Trains Operating.

DENVER, March 12, (U.N.)—Much of Colorado, Wyoming, Nebraska and Kansas was buried under several feet of snow tonight, following the worst blizzard of the season.

Highways were blocked, trains stopped, wires down, towns isolated and hundreds of motorists marooned.

What was described as the heaviest snowstorm in 25 years, struck Holyoke county. Two men believed lost were found safe in cabins today.

Some 200 motorists were marooned on the Denver-Colorado Springs highway. Thirty more were unable to proceed near Pueblo.

Twenty-five children from outlying districts spent last night in school houses when drifts made it impossible for them to reach their homes.

Turricane wind whipped the snow into railroad cuts completely tying up traffic. Snowplows and hundreds of shovelers worked tonight to clear the tracks. Trains were expected to proceed before morning.

DODGE CITY, Kas., March 12.—Heavy loss in livestock in western Kansas is feared today with reports of the blizzard in that area. (Continued on Page Five.)

Isolation Home Is Ready for Business

The Klamath Falls isolation hospital stands completed, ready to receive the first patient who must be excluded for a brief period from association with his fellow men.

According to Dr. G. S. Newsum, county health officer, the isolation hospital is complete in every detail, and cots, stoves, baths and other accommodations have been installed in the small house.

For the first time in many years, Klamath Falls has a fit place to leave the sick suffering from communicable diseases.

Three Gangsters Killed in Chicago

CHICAGO, March 12 (U.N.)—Familiar faces were brought into familiar places today as Chicago police rounded up all known gangsters and gunmen in an effort to solve the city's latest bootleg murders.

Three men, all known by authorities to have been participants in Chicago's illicit liquor trade, were shot to death last night in the latest outbreak of violence since opposing gang leaders signed a truce last autumn.

For more than four months the rival gangs had gone about their dealings in alcohol, gin, wine and whiskey, just outside the vision of authorities. Each gang remained within the boundaries laid down under the terms of the truce; their paths never crossed and guns were gathering dust.

Mysterious Death of Woman Probed

EUGENE, March 12, (U.N.)—Mrs. Jean Stamper, 35, was killed near here today in a mysterious automobile accident.

She is thought to have fallen or jumped from a car driven by J. H. Pittman and fractured her skull.

Pittman, who is being held pending an investigation, said the car got in a rut and started careening across the highway. It finally struck a telegraph pole and then Pittman discovered that Mrs. Stamper was not in the machine.

She was found lying on the highway. Both are residents of Eugene.

Cruising Contract Declared Not Legal

District Attorney Wm. Duncan Holds That Old County Court Exceeded Its Authority

Under an opinion submitted yesterday by District Attorney William Duncan to the county court, touching upon the validity of the contract signed by the former county court with Edgar & Cullison for the cruising of Klamath county timber, the same is held void.

"The timber cruising contract is void for two reasons," stated Duncan last night in discussing his opinion. "First, because there are no funds on hand with the process of collection to make the payment contractive. Secondly, because it is contrary to public policy for a county court about to retire from office to make contracts which are to be carried out during the incumbency of a new court for the reason that it is tying the hands of the new court."

In preparing his opinion, which is to be followed by a voluminous brief, Duncan points out that the supreme court would decide that the basis to be used in computing the six per cent increase should be the amount of the tax roll. "If there is any question as to the validity of a tax levy it should be set (Continued on Page Five.)"

Americans Plan to Evacuate Shanghai

SHANGHAI, March 12.—(U.N.)—Plans for the rapid concentration, and if necessary, evacuation of Americans in Shanghai have been perfected and today the American colony here is ready for whatever may be the outcome of the demolitory civil war which has been in progress on almost all sides of the city.

Today was expected to bring disorder and perhaps violence in Shanghai, but sundown found the city calm, although two platoons of the British Durham battalion here had their first taste of action against Chinese soldiers in a momentary difficulty at one of the border bridges linking the foreign settlements with the native areas.

You Can Now Walk on Fremont Bridge

Residents of Klamath Falls will be able to walk over Fremont bridge today, according to County Engineer Joseph Jensen, who announced yesterday that slab on the bridge was completed Saturday afternoon by Joe Rocco who holds the contract for the bridge.

There is still to be placed the handrails on the bridge, which will guard the edges.

"The Fremont bridge will be ready for final acceptance April 1, although the handrails will be in place within three or four days," Jensen stated.

The bridge has cost Klamath county in the neighborhood of \$30,000.

Nevada Gambling Almost Assured

CARSON CITY, Nev., March 12, (U.N.)—Upon the shoulders of Nevada's state senators today, rested the decision as to whether the commonwealth will return to the wild days of '49 in the matter of gambling, and make money out of it.

In a sudden spurt in the other direction from the general tendency toward "blue law" enactment, the lower house of the legislature late yesterday adopted by a 20 to 14 vote a bill to throw gambling wide open in Nevada on a high license basis.

The measure went at once to the upper house, where debate on it started today. If it passes and is signed by the governor, the measure will tend to bring back the wild boom days of frontier life and mining camps, those opposed to it declare. The senate must take action by Thursday.