

AUTO MYSTERY MURDER BARED

Bloodstained Los Angeles Car Found in Ohio

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Dec. 15.—This clue to the owners of the blood-spattered automobile found last night was furnished today by John Pfing, police lieutenant.

Pfing said two young men appeared at an automobile repair shop Tuesday and inquired the price of a set of automobile curtains. They had a machine of the same make as found last night. The men said they had driven from California.

Police doubted today that Mrs. Clara Phillips was a passenger in the automobile when it reached Cincinnati. She would have chosen a larger and stronger automobile to cross the desert, they say.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 15.—The automobile belonging to Walter Phillips, found in Cincinnati a battered and bloodstained condition, has no connection with the Clara Phillips case, it is believed by authorities here it may reveal a new and baffling murder.

Walter Phillips, 33, a bricklayer, and his wife, left here in the machine for Denver, Colo., August 11. Later they intended to drive back to New York, where Phillips' parents lived, while his wife was going to Philadelphia for a visit, her parents living there.

They had trunks forwarded to Denver by friends. Mail forwarded them at general delivery, Denver, which they had given as forwarding address, was returned here.

During the year that Phillips lived here, Mrs. Phillips worked in a department store. The couple got along well and had no domestic difficulties, neighbors said.

CROOKS ARE ROUNDED UP

Arrested in a sweeping roundup of criminal suspects late Thursday night, John A. Saleen, 25, engineer, was being held in the city jail Friday by Captain of Detectives Charles Tennant. Saleen will be investigated in connection with the robbery of the U. S. Savings Bank, Lehigh, Pa., near his home Wednesday night by a lone bandit, whose description fits Saleen, the police declare.

Patrolmen J. E. Prince and P. F. Dorian arrested Saleen at Westlake, near Virginia st. when they found him to be carrying a large caliber automatic pistol which was fully loaded.

Nearly a dozen other men were arrested in the police roundup and were being held on open charges Friday for investigation in connection with recent holdups and burglaries.

Farm Credit Bill Goes to Senate

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The first farm credit measure was brought before the senate today when the agriculture committee decided to report favorably the Norris bill.

The measure provides for establishment of a \$100,000,000 government corporation to supply cheap credits to farmers, in an effort to alleviate the present distressing agricultural situation.

The P. E. F. class of the First Baptist Sunday school has been particularly commended by Community Chest officials for their work in raising more than their quota in the Chest drive.

The class took part in the September drive and later volunteered for duty during the drive now closing, and has been prominent in church activities.

Christmas Time is Baking Time

PANTRY shelves fairly groan under their burden of pies; cake boxes are filled to overflowing and the cookie jar is packed to the top against the children's home-coming. The first rule for baking is to be sure your ingredients are right—then go ahead.

Nucoa

The Rich Spread for Bread

should head your ingredient list. To cakes, Nucoa gives wonderful richness and delicacy; for pastry, it is the perfect shortening, insuring crispness and flakiness; creamed with sugar and flavored, it makes the most delicious hard sauce you ever tasted. And on the Christmas table, it is the perfect spread for bread or rolls.

N. B. Home-made candies are an ideal Christmas gift. Make them with Nucoa for purity, healthfulness and goodness. Cream Nucoa with sugar, flavor for the hard sauce for the Christmas plum pudding.

TWO SETS OF PEARLS FOR ONE LADY

"Jim says he's giving his wife two sets of pearls for Christmas—that is, one set and one string."

The boys in the office were talking over holiday shopping.

"You don't say! What's the idea?" "Oh, he's still sentimental, you know. He and Madge were married, not quite a year. She's been having her teeth fixed at his expense, and he says they're all finished now but the polish. He says after a Pioneer Dentist polish they'll look like pearls. He's a great advocate for the Pioneer Dentist, you know. He and Madge are in the same building, and he declares their low prices are making it possible for him to get the string of real pearls for his beloved Madge."—Advertisement.

Astoria Now Past Crisis; Rebuilding to Be Rushed

ASTORIA, Ore., Dec. 15.—This stricken city today has passed the crisis in its affairs and is looking toward the future with renewed hope.

Sufficient money has been made available for the rebuilding of the city thru the promise of Portland business men yesterday that investment bankers in the state's metropolis will, without profit, underwrite the refinancing of the devastated city.

If, on top of this promise of funds from Portland, the United States government should rush thru the McNary or the Hawley bills, the former of which appropriates \$3,000,000 and the latter \$1,000,000 for Astoria rebuilding and rebuilding work, the work of rebuilding the devastated area would be greatly lightened and the ultimate completion of the new Astoria would be brought much nearer.

The work of clearing the city site and of taking care of those who lost their all in the fire has become now a matter of routine. The established system runs itself and there is no lack of supplies.

Merchants learned today that they will not be pressed for bills due for merchandise destroyed by fire, and that new stocks of goods will be forthcoming from wholesalers on generous credit. Wholesale houses almost "to a man" have assumed this liability. Much private reconstruction will be backed by Portland bankers and business men, and the banks here will be accorded every sort of encouragement and co-operation looking to their resumption of normal business and prosperity.

Every effort will be made to keep the destroyer Yarrowbrough in the port until the necessity for trained guardsmen shall have been removed. The craft has been tied up here since the fire, and its crew has been doing guard duty at the bank vaults. Astorians want the craft to remain for the balance of the winter.

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what was meant by the cartoon which appeared in Wednesday's Star, showing him with a "pot of vice" in his hand.

Brown said he had asked for an opportunity to address the Young Men's Republican club in reply to Reveille's charges. He declared, in answer to the assertion that practically all the law enforcement of the city fell on a little group of federal officials, that 75 per cent of the federal dope cases are prosecuted with evidence obtained by the police.

In addition to the three clergymen who testified Thursday, Ann S. Allen, general secretary of the Y. M. C. A., was also before the grand jury.

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strings attached—I would accept it. But I wouldn't under any circumstances try to stay on as a holdover.

The new commissioners have a perfect right to do what they please in the matter. If my office has stood the test of efficiency and honesty, it would naturally be expected that the appointment would be offered me again. But it's for the commissioners to decide whether the office has stood that test.

A canvass of the three members of the incoming county commission showed an apparent deadlock over the welfare department.

Frank H. Paul, commissioner-elect from the South district, said that he advocated a change "because employees of the department have been playing too much politics"; William A. Gaines, commissioner-elect from the city district, said he "hadn't considered the matter yet," while Tom Dobson, hold-over commissioner from the North district, declared himself to be emphatically opposed to any change in the present welfare administration.

Paul said that W. W. Finch, superintendent of the county home, and his wife, who had worked against him in both the primaries and the final election, and that they "need a little chastisement."

He said that, until he read The Star's editorial, that he had not known that Collins was connected with the department at all, but that he now thought Collins was "eligible for permitting the Finches to play politics."

Dobson, on the other hand, declared that the welfare department had been highly efficient under Collins, and that he would greatly regret any change.

Many Tenants Break Leases

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Hundreds of tenants, finding there is now an abundance of apartments, have repudiated leases made before October 1.

Ye Olde Curiosity Shop

No other in U. S. like it. Brass Candelabras, Candlesticks, Ambers and Coral Beads, Cameos, Indian Moccasins, Beads and Baskets; Cloisonne, Pillow Tops, Totem Poles, Alaska Ivory Curios, Agates, Sea Shells, odd Jewels. Local Souvenirs for Christmas.

111 RAILROAD AVE. Colman Dock

BOY COASTER FIGHTING DEATH

Sled Victim Has Chance for Life

After a fairly restful night Charles C. Smith, 13, 506 N. 72nd st., was reported to be holding his own in the Columbus sanitarium Friday. Smith received possible fatal injuries Wednesday night when his sled struck a telephone pole near his home, throwing him head first against the pole and inflicting a skull fracture.

Smith is the seventh casualty from snow accidents within the past week, in which two boys were killed and five injured.

Action to set aside certain streets for coasting was reported to be under consideration by Mayor E. J. Brown Friday. Auto traffic will be stopped within certain hours and the streets turned over to juvenile coasters.

Police were called to several districts Thursday night to stop coasting on dangerous streets. At Eastlake ave. and Harrison st. several coasters refused to obey the orders of Motorcycle Patrolmen G. C. Jensen and H. B. Newell, and a quarrel ensued, which was broken up by the police station.

"The experts just opened my safe," Elksaron explained. "Everything is hunky-dory." "How much is there?" one wide-eyed guard asked. "Oh, about \$25,000 worth."

CAR TRANSFER ACTION FRIDAY

Whether the Fitzgerald carfare ordinance will specify free transfers or a transfer costing one and a quarter cents in addition to the five-cent straight cash fare is expected to be determined by the council finance committee Friday afternoon.

Since asking the council last Monday to delay action on the bill for one week, in order give full consideration to his plan for charging for transfers, Mayor Brown has suggested two forms of transfer charges.

First, to sell transfer tokens at six and a quarter cents, the token to be good for one full ride and a transfer for five cents, a full ride and transfer to cost a nickel and one cent.

The bill will call for a five-cent cash fare with free transfers, unless the finance committee amends it to conform with the mayor's suggestion.

"I can cut \$400,000 from the railway's overhead expense next year, and the revenue from the transfers will enable us to make the railway pay, I am sure," Brown said Friday.

SEEK TO PROVE RELATIONSHIP

Gracie Sattig, daughter of the late G. W. Carmack, discoverer of the Klondike gold fields, and an Alaskan Indian princess, won the first round of her fight to obtain a share of Sattig's \$100,000 estate, when Mrs. Marguerite Sattig was deposed as administratrix by Superior Judge Dykeman, late Thursday.

Evidence was introduced by the girl's attorney to the effect that Carmack had admitted to the 1913 census taker that Gracie was his daughter by his first wife, Mrs. Marguerite Carmack married the aged prospector in Olympia, Wash., in 1910.

Prominent Golfer Dies During Play

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15.—Funeral services for Faxon D. Atherton, golfer and member of a prominent California family, were announced today for tomorrow morning at St. Dominic's church here. Atherton dropped dead on the golf links of the San Francisco Country club here late yesterday—death preventing him from winning the 15th hole in a closely contested match in which he was engaged.

He was a brother-in-law of Gertrude Atherton, writer.

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budget. "They only allowed me about \$21,000 that is really at my disposal," he asserted, "as against \$471,000 for the North district. I doubt very much whether I will be able to keep up all the roads with that money—I'll just have to do the best I can."

"Of course, this shortage of funds means that there'll have to be serious retrenchments. I'll have only one supervisor, instead of three, and I'll cut out all 43 road bosses. Doing away with all many positions means that the men I do employ must be efficient—and in view of this I think I have a perfect right to exercise my own judgment in making the appointment."

The office pays \$2,000 a year. Hamilton was long a power in King county politics, but has been in obscurity for a number of years. He was county commissioner and chairman of the board for one term—at a time when the county administration was charged with many gross extravaganzas. One specific accusation against him was that he built the Des Moines highway at a cost of hundreds of thousands of dollars to benefit his own firm; a recall movement was started but it was blocked by legal action.

Identify Dead Girl 7 Times

HULL, England, Dec. 15.—A young woman found dead in Old Harbour has been identified as seven different persons.

AND THE TEACHER, ALMOST. Willie had a new puppy and a great opportunity to get home early seeped to present itself when his teacher announced that as soon as the language pupils could hand in their papers showing how they had used the list of words she would write upon the board they might be dismissed.

In a remarkably short time Willie was on his way rejoicing and his surprised teacher was reading: "The camel, leopard, elephant, tiger, actor, lady, year, zebra, patriot, soldier, sailor king and queen all died."—Los Angeles Times.

Two Departments Get \$33,500,000

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The state and justice departments appropriations bill, carrying approximately \$33,500,000 for the operation of the two departments for the coming fiscal year, was passed yesterday by the senate.

The measure provides an increase of a little more than \$15,000 over the bill passed by the house.

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money from Germany and other debtors, the threatened invasion of the Ruhr valley by France, the coming of the British debts commission to discuss refunding of the war debt, Clemenceau pleading for this country to return to Europe—all these have served to bring the situation to a climax.

Within the last few days the British and German ambassadors here have laid before Secretary of State Hughes the situation involved in the collapse of the London conference of premiers and Germany's close proximity to a complete collapse, made more serious by the French threat to invade the Ruhr.

Details of the action that seems imminent cannot be revealed at the present time. Diplomatic quarters that are ordinarily closely informed on all important developments believe that an economic conference in Washington is a probability.

Regarding reports that a loan of \$1,500,000,000 to Germany was under contemplation, it was officially stated today that such action by the government is out of the question. J. P. Morgan and other international bankers have informed this government that they are ready to extend loans to Europe only after a settlement of the reparations questions assures economic progress in the Old World. A big loan under present conditions is impossible, Morgan is said to have declared.

Whatever comes, however, these will be the policies that will form the basis for action by the United States:

1.—The German reparations problem must be settled, and settled immediately, for this is the root of the trouble in Europe today.

2.—Germany must be made to pay to the utmost of her ability, but the indemnity figure must not be fixed beyond her capacity to pay, and the present reparations that Germany has been ordered to pay—12,000,000,000 gold marks, or more than 30,000,000,000 American dollars, is too much.

3.—Drastic actions of coercion, such as a march by French army into the Ruhr valley, would only defeat their own purpose, retard construction and throw Europe again into a turmoil.

4.—While the present reparations figure must be reduced to a point consistent with Germany's capacity to pay, the figure also must be definitely fixed before Germany can return to work, and any help be offered, such as an international loan.

5.—Accompanying a definite settlement of the German reparations problem there must be a willingness on the part of European nations mostly concerned to reduce their armies.

COL. HARVEY WILL RETURN

LONDON, Dec. 15.—Ambassador George Harvey returns to Washington December 23 to advise and confer with President Harding regarding possible American intervention in Europe.

This was the understanding in London today, following Harvey's announcement that he had been called to Washington.

The American ambassador will sail on the Berangia a week from tomorrow to report directly to the president upon the general reparations and economic situation. He will tell Harding of Anglo-French divergencies and confer on the subject of American intervention, based on the outcome of the premier's conference which is to be resumed at Paris January 2.

CANCEL DEBT, ALLIES URGE

PARIS, Dec. 15.—France and England are in accord on the question of asking the United States to participate in readjustment of international debts on a basis laid down privately at the London premier's conference, it was semi-officially announced today.

It is understood the American government will be asked:

1.—To reduce rates of interest on capital loaned.

2.—To increase delays already consented to for definite settlement.

3.—To co-operate in helping nations "which suffer most from the war."

France is to cancel the obligations of her debtors among the small nations which fought on the allied side in the war and England will cancel the French debt. America, it is said, will be asked to "mitigate France."

Reparations Message Heard

LONDON, Dec. 15.—Reparations difficulties can only be overcome by "patient and sincere co-operation between nations primarily affected."

King George declared in his message proroguing parliament, read in the house of lords today.

The lord chancellor read the king's message, which dismissed the lords and commons until February 13.

Referring first to the Turkish peace conference at Lausanne, his majesty said:

"We earnestly trust a solution can be reached shortly."

About reparations, King George's message said:

"The task of restoring conditions favorable to the economic stability of Europe continues to give us deep concern. The difficulties are great and complex and can only be overcome by sincere co-operation between those nations primarily affected."

Regarding enactment of the Irish bill, "It is our earnest hope this act may mark inauguration of a period of prosperity and concord both for Ireland and Great Britain."

Hart Will Claim \$5,000,000 Saved

Approximately \$5,000,000 has been saved to the state since April 1, 1921, because of economies in force under the civil administrative code, according to the report that Gov. Louis F. Hart will make to the seventeenth legislature, at Olympia on January 8.

"On December 9, 1920, there was an overdraft on the general fund of a little more than \$1,000,000," said the governor, "and on December 9, 1922, there was a cash balance of \$2,400,000, and \$1,500,000 in bonds."

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Girls' Coats Special, \$7.50

—sizes 8, 10 and 12 years. Well-tailored Coats of heringbones, chevots and heather mixtures. Belted models—lined throughout with sateen. In browns, blues and grays.

Wool Dresses Special \$18.95

—Poiret Twill Dresses of unusual quality, for this low price. In navy, black and brown—styles for street, business and afternoon wear. Sizes for misses and women—16 to 42.

Corduroy Robes, Special \$3.45

—of wide-wale silk-finished corduroy—all new, wanted shades. Neatly trimmed; pockets and girdles.

Corduroy Robes, Special \$6.50

—well tailored of corduroy, lined with silk. In coral, Victory red, navy, wisteria and rose.

Silk Petticoats, Special \$3.95

—regular and extra sizes—taffetas, satins and jerseys—regularly priced \$5. Pleated, scalloped and ruffled flounces in plain colors, two-tones and combinations.

Silk Bloomers, Special \$1.50

—of splendid wearing silk jersey, in double elastic ruffled knee style. Many colors to choose from. Regular price \$1.95.

Apron Dresses, Special \$1.49

—convenient, easy-to-slip-on styles. Of Amoskeag ginghams in small and block checks. Also Percales in new polka dot patterns. Trimmed with braid, organdie and contrasting trimmings.

Silk Blouses, Special \$4.75

—Overblouse, Tuck-in and Jacquette models, in Georgette, Crepe de Chine and Satin. Beaded, embroidered and lace trimmed—regular \$5.95 Blouses. Popular colors. Regular and extra sizes.

Clearance of Trimmed Hats, \$1.95

40 WOMEN'S HATS in a good assortment of colors and shapes. 15 CHILDREN'S HATS, in beaver, tan, brown, red, black and navy.

Knit Bloomers, Special 25c

—for women and children. Elastic at waist-line and knees. Women's sizes in pink and white. Children's sizes in pink.

Sateen Bloomers Special, \$1

—of soft finished sateen, in black, white and flesh—cut full and roomy. Elastic at waist-line and knees. Sizes 25, 27, 29.

Nainsook Gowns Special \$1.00

—of dainty blue and pink nainsook, trimmed with lace insertions and edgings, and wash ribbons. Cut generously full.

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OLD PRISONER GIVEN PARDON

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 15.—Jesse Webb, sentenced to death 11 years ago for the murder of W. A. Johnson, a rancher, in the Grand Central hotel, Portland, was on his way to Seattle today, a free man.

Webb's commutation of sentence to life imprisonment in 1911, was followed yesterday by his receipt of a full pardon from Acting Governor Ritter upon recommendation of Circuit Judge Morrow, of Portland.

Webb is 53 years old and his health is broken. He is said to have been one of the most model prisoners ever an inmate of the big gray house.

From Seattle, Webb will go to fill a job offered in one of the larger eastern cities.

WARSHIP ARMOR FOR JAP ROADS

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15.—Japan is doing something akin to beating swords into plowshares in buying the armor plate from American warships now being dismantled and turning it into paving blocks for muddy Japanese streets.

Quantities of this material, it was learned today, are being shipped from San Francisco to Tokyo.

Victims' Home Is Fired by Slayer

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Mr. Anna Cataldo, 30, and her son, Fred, 9, were murdered at their Coney Island home early today by an unknown assassin, who stabbed them to death and then set fire to the house, according to police reports.

WOULD DELAY ARMS PARLEY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—High officials of the administration do not look with favor at this time on the provision inserted in the naval appropriations bill by the house appropriations committee, asking President Harding to call a new international conference with a view to imposing limitations on aircraft, submarines and small auxiliary vessels.

One prominent government official stated that he believed this government should await action on the Washington arms conference and the treaty by France and Britain.

At the same time it was said the president and his advisers are in sympathy with the move and in proper time may take steps to extend the work of the Washington conference.