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FRANTIC SEARCH FOR AMELIA TURNS TO NEW AREA OF SEA

Luckett Goes On Trial; Jury Being Chosen

Defense Counsel Aims at Filling Box
With Men; Quick Selection Seen;
Opening Statements Wed.

Dr. T. O. Luckett went on trial before Superior Judge Vaughn N. Thompson Wednesday morning charged with performing an abortion in his El Centro office.

At noon the prosecution had once indicated it was satisfied with the jurors, and defense counsel predicted that a jury be selected and opening statements would be made before the end of the day's session.

As the morning session drew to a close, it was apparent that Defense Attorneys Lee Nuffer and Herbert L. Isagi were attempting to fill the jury box with men. In sharp contrast was the attitude of Darwin H. Wolford, deputy district attorney, who passed peremptory challenge at 11:20, indicating he was satisfied with the jury as then constituted. The defense, however, challenged another prospective juror, and the prosecution took up its next challenge by dismissing the next venireman called.

Seated beside the prosecuting attorney throughout the session was John R. Ronan, Los Angeles, special agent for the California medical board. His presence denoted sharp interest in the case of medical authorities.

Loitering outside the courtroom was Bob Davis, former Mexicali saloon operator, whose presence has become almost a foregone conclusion at all major criminal trials in Imperial county.

No indication of the line defense tactics will follow was given in questions asked prospective jurors. The state, on the other hand, intimated that it will rely partly on expert medical testimony in its effort to convict Dr. Luckett of performing an illegal operation. Wolford declared that several physicians will be called as witnesses.

Dr. Luckett, sitting beside his attorneys, took no part in the morning's proceedings. His wife, Mrs. Lucille Luckett, made a co-defendant with him in a grand jury indictment, was not in the courtroom. Her trial, separated from that of her husband, will begin in October.

Dr. Luckett and Mrs. Luckett are charged in an indictment returned May 12 with performing an abortion on a 17-year-old girl. The girl, along with the man said to have been responsible for her condition, probably will be witnesses.

RAMBLING REPORTER Says:



A Matter of Contrast—

After Owen Wray called for the finger bowl at a dinner party recently, he immediately became absorbed in the conversation and when Owen becomes absorbed—he is absorbed. Absent-mindedly he dipped his fingers into what, out of the corner of his eye, looked like the finger bowl. It wasn't. It was a bowl full of honey.

New Parking Method—

If you can't get the hang of this parallel parking business, take a tip from the chap who was driving the car Dave Taylor was riding in Tuesday afternoon. He wanted to park in front of the Barbara Worth hotel, but there was only one parking place, one car removed from the hotel loading zone, and it was a fairly tight squeeze. So he just drove into the loading zone, pushed the other car up into the vacant space, and was legally and comfortably parked.

It's a good gag—if the other car's owner doesn't see you. As she did, in this case.

New Cooler Worries—

In the county court house, the outside of which looks like it's plastered all over with individual bee-hives, these desert coolers have brought a new worry. The county employees are wringing their brows over the report that water from the coolers has seeped down under the foundations of the court house—and that they're liable to find themselves in an upstairs basement at any time.

It's the Climate—

A. M. Mealey has new proof that there's none like the climate of Imperial Valley. Mealey had a pretty strenuous time, lugging a basket of tomatoes into El Centro Wednesday from the ranch northwest of Seely—and you wouldn't wonder if you could see the tomatoes. It took only five of them to fill the basket, and the five weighed seven and a half pounds. It was difficult to convince RR they weren't cantaloupes, or watermelons masquerading under a tomato skin.

You Can't Win—

When Deputy Sheriff Bob Parrish took a Mexican to the Brawley justice court for kidnapping his four-month-old son, born out of wedlock, from the mother who had left the Mexican a week or so earlier, Constable Bill O'Brien couldn't see the justice of it.

"First," said Bill, "they bring 'em in for non-support—and then they bring the min for trying to support their offspring. There ain't no justice."

BOY INJURED IN CAR CRASH AT HOLTVILLE

HOLTVILLE, July 6.—Manuel Cervantes, 14, was in the Valley hospital here tonight suffering from severe head injuries and possible internal injuries after an automobile in which he was riding overturned north of here.

The youth was riding with Macasio Hernandez, 28, who was driving when their coupe struck a soft shoulder and upset. Hernandez was uninjured. Highway Patrolman Tillman Daley investigated.

Waiting .. Waiting ...



Waiting, waiting, waiting. George Palmer Putnam, publisher and husband of Amelia Earhart, and Mrs. Frederick Noonan, a bride of three months and wife of Amelia's navigator, keep unending vigil at Oakland airport awaiting definite word that Amelia's plane and its occupants are found.

CHILD SLAYER FAINTS, DRAGGED FROM COURT

Inglewood Killer Repeats Confession Before Grand Jury; Indicted; Burst Into Tears As He Tells Story

LOS ANGELES, July 7. (UP)—After telling a grand jury of housewives and businessmen how he garroted three little girls and ravished their bodies, Albert Dyer, 32, was under indictment today on three counts of first degree murder. Twenty deputy sheriffs guarded against a lynch attempt as the WPA school crossing guard repeated his confession substantially as he told it before, to the Los Angeles county grand jury at last night's extraordinary session.

One of the five women jurors asked him why he picked such young victims as the three school girls, Jeanette Stephens, 9, Madeline Everett, 8, and her sister, Melba, 7. "I wanted some young girls," he is reported to have replied.

Bursting into tears as he told of the killings, Dyer related how he lured the girls to the Baldwin Hills on the pretext of hunting rabbits, strangled them one by one with ropes, and then violated their bodies.

The dark, lean-faced little man was before the jury about 50 minutes. Five minutes after he stepped out, the true bill was returned and the jury called in investigators who had worked on the case to congratulate them.

Manacled to deputy sheriffs and surrounded by guards, he was hustled through the corridors to Judge Thomas L. Ambrose's court. Asked whether ready for arraignment, he replied:

"Your honor, I plead guilty."

The judge explained this was impossible until he was represented by counsel. District Attorney Buron Pitts said Dyer had no funds and suggested that the public defender represent him.

"Yes, your honor," Dyer squeaked in a high voice. "I have no money. I'm a WPA worker."

Judge Ambrose remanded him to jail without bail until arraignment and plea tomorrow morning.

The confessed slayer, who had appeared badly frightened from the moment he walked out of the jail elevator for the evening's program, slumped in a faint.

Two deputy sheriffs dragged him into the prisoners' room where he was revived a few moments later. Without a word, Dyer put his hands

C. I. O. TOOL OF COMMUNIST PARTY, THOMPSON CHARGES

John L. Lewis' labor union organization, the Committee for Industrial Organization, is a tool of the Communist party, Superior Judge Vaughn N. Thompson reiterated Wednesday in a comment upon a July 3 bulletin issued by the Associated Farmers of California, quoting his opinions as expressed in a naturalization hearing here.

"It is my purpose," Judge Thompson told the Associated Farmers in a letter accompanying a transcript of the naturalization hearing, "not to grant citizenship to any person who has any connection with, or belief in, any 'ism' as opposed to true Americanism, when any such connection or belief is to be continued."

Speaking of legal requirements that the court must take notice of current happenings in ruling on citizenship applications, Judge Thompson said:

"... when the activities of Communists during the intervening years, down to the present time, under the name of C.I.O. or under any other guise, is so plain and pronounced in carrying out the program to overthrow the United States government by force and violence, the court is impelled as a matter of law to take judicial notice of such fact."

Is Amelia Clinging to This Lifeboat?



Among the equipment carried by Amelia Earhart on her globe-girdling flight was this tiny rubber, air-inflated lifeboat. Now with her plane forced down in the vicinity of Howland island, in mid-Pacific, the lifeboat may figure in the safety of America's famed flyer and her pilot, Frederick J. Noonan.

Big Battleship Steams at Top Speed to Help

U. S. S. Colorado Ready to Send Planes
To Join in Hunt; Efforts Shifted
To Phoenix Islands Sector

SAN FRANCISCO, July 7. (UP)—Carrying three airplanes, the big battleship Colorado was steaming at top speed today to start a combined air and sea search in a new area—the Phoenix islands—for Amelia Earhart and Fred Noonan. The Colorado, ship of hope to a despairing world awaiting word of the lost fliers, was due to reach Winslow Bank, on the north edge of the Phoenix group, at 6:30 P.M. this evening.

Daylight and visibility permitting, Captain Friedell, the Colorado's commander, planned to catapult his three planes and start an air search immediately upon arrival at the Bank, which is 280 miles south-east of Howland Island.

Miss Earhart and Noonan, her navigator, have been missing since last Friday when they overshot Howland in their round the world plane on a flight from Lae, New Guinea.

The planes aboard the Colorado are two seaters. They are able to fly 200 miles from the Colorado and back again.

Captain Friedell plans to deploy them spokewise from the ship.

The coast guard cutter Itasca and the Navy minesweeper Swan were expected to reach the Phoenix area later today after a futile search north, northeast and west of Howland Island.

Additionally the airplane carrier Lexington and four destroyers were

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WORK TO BEGIN WITHOUT DELAY ON RURAL LINE

Work will be started without delay on 600 miles of rural electric lines under contract between the federal government and the Imperial Irrigation District, John M. Carmody, administrator of the Rural Electrification administration, notified Evan T. Hewes, district chairman, Wednesday.

Returning to Chairman Hewes the executed agreement under which REA will advance \$700,000 for the network to carry current to country homes in the district not now served with electricity, Administrator Carmody said:

"It is our wish to cooperate with you in every way possible in expediting the beginning of construction and the completion of the project. To this end you will receive the assistance of our engineering, legal and utilization divisions and you will receive from them advice as to further procedures necessary on your part."

Transfer of the REA 2.77 per cent revenue bonds approved in the June 16 election is being arranged as rapidly as possible, Hewes said. Deposited with the Bank of America National Trust and Savings association, the bonds will be sent to Washington for delivery to REA as the government advances funds for the rural project.

FILM STAR INJURED IN STUDIO FALL

HOLLYWOOD, July 7. (UP)—Alice Faye, 20th Century Fox star, fell down a flight of 14 steps on the "In Old Chicago" set today and was rushed unconscious to the emergency hospital on the lot.

PALESTINE RIOTING FEARED BY BRITISH

LONDON, July 7. (UP)—British authorities have ordered designated troop units to be ready for duty in Palestine if disorders result from publication this evening of a Royal commission report on Palestine, it was understood today.

Further, in the belief that the Palestine situation is connected with the entire Mediterranean problem, secret service men are ready to arrest any anti-British agitator—and suspects are under surveillance now.

The report of the Royal commission is to be broadcast this evening.

It is understood that it will recommend partition of Palestine between Jews and Arabs, with a small

RIOT AT FORD PLANT DESCRIBED BY VICTIM

Strikers Carry Protests to F.R.

CLEVELAND, July 7. (UP)—Additional workers poured into steel mills in the smoky valleys of Industrial Ohio today to step production to near normality, while determined strikers protested to President Roosevelt against national guard protection for returning employees.

Workers here filed for a second time through protecting militia and police at three vast Republic Steel Corp. plants, their numbers swelled by 400 additional men.

It was indicated in Washington that Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins had been asked to call a conference of governors of the seven states affected in the steel workers' organizing committee drive for signed union contracts.

BOY HUNTER ACCIDENTALLY SHOT DEAD

TUCSON, Ariz., July 7. (UP)—A gay overnight camping and rabbit-hunting party ended in tragedy today when Harry Martin, Jr., 14, was shot accidentally and killed by one of his youthful companions.

Undersheriff John C. Devine reported three youngsters—Martin, his brother, Donald, 12, and Harry Brimmer, 16—had camped overnight in the Rillito river bed 10 miles northeast of Tucson and were preparing to hunt rabbits for breakfast when Harry was shot by young Brimmer.

Union Man Tells How He Was Set Upon By Mob; Auto Brotherhood Barred From Meet by Labor Board

DETROIT, July 7. (UP)—The national labor relations board today denied the Ford Brotherhood of America, Inc., the right to intervene in the hearings against the Ford Motor company on charges of violating the Wagner labor relations act. John T. Lindsay, presiding at the hearing, turned down the petition of the independent union of Ford workers which had sought not only the right to participate in the hearing, but to represent all Ford workers in Detroit in collective bargaining.

Three hours before the second day of the labor board hearing got under way, the United Automobile workers union had cancelled a projected march upon the Ford River Rouge plant to distribute copies of the union's newspaper to Ford workers.

U.A.W. officials called off the projected march on the Ford plant when organizational Director Richard T. Frankenstein received an unsigned telegram warning him that a riot would occur when the union delegation arrived at the plant.

A previous battle between union members and Ford employees on May 26 resulted in the beating of 15 U.A.W. members who had sought to pass out union newspaper at the plant. This battle formed the basis for the labor board hearing against Henry Ford.

Eight of nine defendants arrested in the riot stood mute today when arraigned in Common Pleas court before Judge Ralph W. Liddy. Six were released on \$500 bond and two were released without bond, to appear for examination July 14.

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