

Former Mayor Arrested in Klan Probe

MCKOIN TAKEN AT BALTIMORE

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 26.—The Baltimore police department received a telegram from Governor Parker of Louisiana this afternoon requesting the arrest of Dr. B. M. McKoin, former mayor of Mer Rouge, La., on a charge of murder.

Dr. McKoin is attached to the Brady urological clinic at Johns Hopkins where he has been since last October. Bastrop, La., Dec. 26.—The identity of the leader of the men who dynamited Lake LeFourche ferry...

Big Liners Perilled by Bad Storms

New York, Dec. 26.—Violent tempests of the sort known only to seasoned mariners of the north Atlantic, against the howling power of which huge ocean liners are but flimsy cockleshells, have raged through the past week, threatening smaller vessels with destruction, wrecking steamers' deck equipment; driving fast liners out of their usual lanes and striking terror to the hearts of hundreds of passengers, according to wireless reports received today.

Relentless gales, playing havoc with the schedules of the large steamship companies, described yesterday by officers of the Cedric, the Zealand and the United States, which arrived several days late after weathering the worst storms in their history, still are whipping the waters of the Atlantic to fury.

The Manchuria and LaSavole reported today they would arrive Thursday, two days late. The Niagara, due today, reported she will try to fight her way to port tomorrow. The Coronis reported from Halifax that she had been forced to put in there. The Mount Carroll is due here in London, tomorrow, both far behind schedule.

SHOTS MAN, THEN KEEPS LONG VIGIL

Keeps Watch Over Body Through Night Before Giving Herself Up.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 26.—A woman's story of a quarrel, a shot and her vigil from dusk to dawn over the body of the man she killed, was being checked up by the police department investigators here today. "I killed my friend," Mrs. Olive L. Jones, 32, pretty divorcee, announced when she entered police headquarters early Monday. She was disheveled and hysterical. The men on duty discounted her statement.

"Oh, he's dead. I shot him; you'll find him out there on the floor. I left him covered up with his own overcoat. I know he's dead. He hasn't moved for hours," she declared. This was the first intimation officials had that O. L. Black, sales manager for a Louisville automobile company, had been shot to death late Sunday afternoon in Mrs. Jones' apartment. Mrs. Jones said she fired in self defense.

Thirty Under Indictment In Vice Probe Will Enter Pleas In Court Tomorrow

All defendants named in Rock Island county grand jury indictments procured by Attorney General Edward J. Brannage who are in custody, or have furnished bonds, will be arraigned in the circuit court tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. There are 46 individuals named in 41 indictments, many of whom appear as defendants in several of the indictments. Thirty defendants are either in jail or are at liberty under bonds, and these have been notified by Special Prosecutor Charles W. Hadley to appear with counsel tomorrow morning and be prepared to enter pleas. It is believed that a number of the defendants, particularly in the disorderly house cases, will take this opportunity to plead guilty and pay fines.

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Today In City

Automobile of Howard M. Klove damaged \$1,000 in collision on Twenty-fourth street viaduct. Stolen automobile of Thomas Rosenfield located by radio and returned to owner. Rock Island postoffice does largest Christmas business in its history. Book of government whisky permits stolen from offices of Drs. E.H. Bradford and Harry Frey. Persons indicted by grand jury in vice probe will be arraigned in circuit court tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock and given opportunity to plead to charges against them.

IRA FRY HAS NECK BROKEN WHILE DRIVING 40 MILES AN HOUR ON COUNTRY ROAD

AUTO VICTIM



DRY AGENT IS KILLED; START CLEANUP DRIVE

Stuebenville, Ohio, Dec. 26.—A woman entered into consideration today in the killing yesterday of Charles ("Dixie") Blinn, prohibition officer, "the marked man" of the dry squad here. Police said Blinn was last seen leaving the home of Miss Lulu Lyle, Webster alley, about 10 p. m., and that shortly after that residents told of hearing shots near the house, and of seeing an automobile driven away from near the residence.

Victim, Pinned Under Machine, Meets Instantaneous Death.

Ira Fry, 425 Fifteenth avenue, East Mound, 2nd test foreman for the Root & Vandervoort Motor company, was instantly killed at 7:30 o'clock this morning when the test car in which he was riding turned over on the Hillside road on Monday. Daniel S. Smith of East Moline, foreman of the service department, who was driving the machine, was painfully injured. His left ear was badly lacerated and he was brained about the head and body.

The accident happened on the one-mile stretch of hard road. Smith was driving at the rate of 40 miles an hour, it is said, when suddenly the car hit a depression and went off into the dirt at the right side of the cement. The driver, according to his story, told after the accident, quickly turned the wheel in an attempt to right the machine. The automobile tumbled completely around, plunged across the pavement to the north side, where it struck a big object, either a stump or a stone, and turned over into a ditch. Fry was pinned under the car.

Dr. J. H. Fowler, who examined the man shortly after the accident, pronounced him dead. There were no marks on his body, and it is believed that his neck was broken. The body was removed to Angevine's undertaking parlors in East Moline and Smith was taken to the office of Dr. Fowler. After his injuries were dressed he was removed to his home.

George Walker, assistant to the president of the motor company, who was in another test car about one-fourth of a mile ahead of Fry and Smith, scented trouble when Fry and Smith failed to keep pace with him. Mr. Walker then turned his car around to investigate and found the rear machine in the ditch.

It is years with concern. The test car in which Fry and Smith were riding was stripped down to engine, chassis and seat and was used in trying the motors for speed and endurance. Fry was 33 years of age, having been born near Kalona, Iowa, in 1883. He started to work at the Root & Vandervoort plant, when he was a boy and had been employed there continuously for 15 years. He was an excellent mechanic and competent driver, and he had the confidence of the management. Every other employee in the plant knew Ira and he was universally respected. He was a member of the East Moline lodge of Masons. The widow, his parents, who reside near Kalona, Iowa, and a brother and sister, at home.

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FATTY BARRED AT IOWA CITY

Iowa City, Iowa, Dec. 26.—"Fatty" Arbuckle pictures will be barred from Iowa City moving picture houses, Mayor Emma Harvat announced yesterday. She is the only woman mayor in the state.

TO PROBE COAL RATES IN WEST

Green Bay, Wis., Dec. 26.—Dissatisfaction with the established coal rates coming simultaneously from the Illinois traffic bureau, the Lake Michigan Dock Operators, including those at Manitowish, Milwaukee and Green Bay, and the Northwest Coal Dock Operators' association, Minneapolis, will result in a general investigation of the coal rates in the western trunk line territory by the Interstate Commerce commission, in the opinion of W. F. Kavin, managing director of the Green Bay association of commerce.

CALL NATIONAL WOMEN'S MEET

Washington, Dec. 26.—More than 200 national organizations of women have been invited to send delegates to a women's industrial conference here Jan. 11 to 13, the women's bureau of the department of labor announced today. The speakers will include women employment managers and women workers, manufacturers and factory inspectors, public health experts, industrial statisticians, economists and government administrators. Invited national organizations have been invited, Mrs. Mary Anderson, director of the bureau, explained, because it was found impracticable to attend the list to local groups.

AUTO PLUNGES IN RIVER; 2 DROWN

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 26.—Miss Vera Jeffers, 23, and her cousin, Arthur Clark, 25, of Randolph, Iowa, were drowned last night when the automobile in which they were riding plunged into the Nishabotna river near Randolph, about 40 miles southeast of Omaha.

PARK MURDER IS A MYSTERY

Chicago, Dec. 26.—His throat slashed almost to the point of decapitation, Edward J. O'Day, 45 years old, of 3913 West Polk street, was found dead on a bench near a much traversed driveway in Douglas park yesterday afternoon. Failure to discover a knife or a weapon of any kind near the body convinced the police that the man was murdered. They are searching for a tall stranger who was seen with him on the bench earlier in the afternoon. That the murder could have been unguessed is considered remarkable by the police. The spot chosen for the crime is one of the most exposed in the entire park and the bench on which the body was found is near a skating rink, which was thronged throughout the afternoon. The bench also is in full view of a number of much used walks and of the boulevard, where a stream of automobiles is constantly passing.

THE WEATHER

Unsettled weather tonight, with probably snow. Wednesday generally fair and somewhat colder. Highest temperature yesterday 54; lowest last night, 35. Wind velocity at 7 a. m., 8 miles per hour. Precipitation, none. 12 m. 7 p. m. 7 a. m. yesterday. Today Dry bulb temp. 47 45 36 Wet bulb temp. 42 40 34 Relative humid. 63 60 57 River stage at 7 a. m., 2.2, a rise of 2 last 24 hours. Sunset today 4:35 p. m.; sunrise tomorrow 7:39 a. m. ANDREW HAMRICK, Meteorologist.

TURKS PROTEST ARMENIAN PLEA

Lausanne, Dec. 26.—(By the Associated Press.)—A vigorously worded protest against the decision of the near east conference sub-committee on minorities to permit the Armenian delegates to appear before the subcommittee and set forth their desires, was forwarded to the conference today by the Turkish delegation. Thus a new discordant note marked the resumption of the peace negotiations after the Christmas recess. The sub-committee on minorities had planned to receive the Armenian and Bulgarian representatives this afternoon, the Armenians to explain their demands for an Armenian national home, and the Bulgarians to set forth the position of the Bulgarian residents of eastern Thrace, which is passing to Turkish sovereignty.

KAISER DENIED BOND INTEREST

Brussels, Dec. 26.—(By the Associated Press.)—The decision of the lower Belgian courts that former Emperor William has no right to collect interest on British bonds has been sustained by the court of appeals in a decision handed down today. The court ordered a Brussels exchange broker to refund to the British bank involved several million francs paid on coupons which the bank later learned belonged to the ex-emperor.

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TUG LOST IN LAKE ERIE; 8 MISSING

Cleveland, O., Dec. 26.—The lifeboat of the Cornell which has been missing for six days with its crew of eight men, was found late today by searchling tugs between Long Point and Port Colborne, Canada, according to advices. The message gave no details as to whether any of the crew were alive, or had been found in the lifeboat. Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 26.—A vigorous search for the tug Cornell, which disappeared last Thursday, was continued today notwithstanding that the vessel with its crew of eight practically was given up as lost last night. Not all the families of the members of the crew had given up hope.

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Late Bulletins

Paris, Dec. 26.—(By the Associated Press.)—The allied reparations commission this afternoon for the first time in its history, declared Germany to be in voluntary default on one of her reparations obligations. Chicago, Dec. 26.—John F. Skipple today told Chicago police that Arthur Foster had confessed to him that he had murdered Mrs. Kate Hilschell Therrell, for whose body the drainage canal for weeks.

America is Ready to Enter World Economic Conference

Washington, D. C., Dec. 26.—Opposition to Senator Borah's proposal for an international economic conference is not aimed at the principle of a conference to restore economic normalcy in Europe and the world generally but at the timeliness of the measure. Administration senators who are lining up against the Borah resolution which would authorize the president to summon an international economic conference have been advised privately that the executive branch of the government already has been discussing the project with other powers and that action by the senate at this time might be construed as committing a course of action which it might otherwise be free to avoid. Carefully enough, Mr. Borah's proposal and the circumstances which surround it are almost identical with the situation which existed before Mr. Harding called the conference on Pacific problems and reduction of armament. The president was in negotiation with other governments when Mr.

'DIVINE SARAH' OUT OF DANGER LATEST REPORT

Paris, Dec. 26.—(By the Associated Press.)—The condition of Mme. Sarah Bernhardt showed further improvement this morning and her physicians said that they tentatively considered her out of danger. She asserted that if the actress' remarkable recovery continued there was a possibility that she might still appear in the new Guilty play as planned. Mme. Bernhardt was taken with a fainting spell during a dress rehearsal of the play several days ago and suffered a relapse on Sunday.

OFFICER RETURNED TO ANSWER CHARGE

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