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BOYS DRAGGED AT END OF LASSO

STATE TO SHOW JUDD MOTIVE IN TRUNK DEATH

Arizona May Rest Its Case Tonight, Says Prosecutor

Baggagemen Tells Of Revolting Find In Girl's Luggage

By GEORGE H. BEALE United Press Staff Correspondent PHOENIX, Ariz., Saturday, Jan. 23. (U.P.)—The state of Arizona was expected to reveal today the motive it claims prompted 26-year-old Winnie Ruth Judd to turn into the slayer of her one-time friend, Agnes Anne Lerol.

MOTIVE CLAIMED And this development, should it be forthcoming, promised to furnish the highlight of the prosecution's attempt to prove the attractive nurse guilty of first degree murder.

Since Mrs Judd first surrendered to the charges that she killed Mrs. Lerol and Mrs. Lerol's room-mate, Hedvig Samuelson, the missing part of the state's case has been a motive.

Knowing that not to be able to show one would further a defense plea of insanity, County Attorney Lloyd Andrews said in his opening address to the jury that he would do so.

His only hint was to tell the jurors that the state would produce evidence to show that five weeks before the slaying there was an incident between Mrs. Judd and Mrs. Lerol and Miss Samuelson, for whose death Mrs. Judd may be placed on trial later.

That Andrews might reach this point at today's session was indicated in his admission that the state expected to finish this afternoon.

The state planned to start this morning's session with a further account of what was revealed when baggagemen traced to Mrs. Judd was opened in Los Angeles to reveal the two bodies.

GRUESOME FIND The state got into this first when Arthur Anderson, Southern Pacific district baggage agent in Los Angeles, took the stand.

He explained to the court that he had refused to turn two trunks over to Mrs Judd unless she first would open them if he detected an offensive odor coming from them.

He said that at the time he believed they held deer being shipped illegally from Arizona to California. When she failed to return with keys to the trunks as he said she promised, he called police.

"Police opened the larger trunk," he said, "and we saw some bed clothing and what appeared to be a human body. They threw back the clothing and there was the rest of the body."

This body, the state claims, was that of Mrs. Lerol.

"Then they opened the smaller trunk," Anderson continued, "and we saw some bed clothing. Police pulled that back to show parts of a body."

BODY IN SUITCASE They were portions of the remains of Miss Samuelson, according to the state, and the rest were in a suitcase that Mrs. Judd carried from Phoenix to Los Angeles.

Mrs. Judd, pale as usual and nervously twisting a handkerchief, appeared not at all concerned about Anderson's recital.

Just as she has from the opening of the trial Tuesday, she sat in her chair and counsel table, surveying the courtroom and apparently not hearing anything that was said.

Detective Lieut. Frank Ryan, of Los Angeles, who opened the trunks and aided in the subsequent investigation, was expected to elaborate on Anderson's report at the opening of court today and then the state was expected to run its remaining witnesses through in quick fashion.

MAY FINISH TODAY County Attorney Andrews said he should finish by the time the court adjourns at 4 p. m. this afternoon unless legal arguments develop.

Even so, he said, he should conclude by noon Monday, when Mrs. Judd will begin the double defense of insanity and self defense.

VISITING SON Mr. and Mrs. Harry Duffill of Los Angeles arrived yesterday for a short visit with their son, Attorney Albert Duffill. They plan to leave for Los Angeles today.

Ruth Judd Smiles In Face Of Noose



Winnie Ruth Judd, above, on trial for her life in Phoenix, Ariz., on charges of killing two girl friends, whose bodies were shipped to Los Angeles in Mrs. Judd's luggage. Her husband, who has stood by her throughout, is shown with her as they awaited selection of a jury. Right, Mrs. Judd is shown smiling—one of the first smiles that has crossed her countenance since her surrender three months ago.



DOWN TO HEAD LAS VEGAS C. OF C.

James W. Down, Las Vegas garage man, was elected president of the Chamber of Commerce here yesterday.

Directors elected are: Laws, legislation and education, Fred S. Alward; commerce, Frank Beam; manufacturing and industrial relations, W. R. Bracken; business and living conditions, Dr. J. D. Smith; real estate, O. A. Kimball; aviation, E. W. Graciny; entertainment and housing, Andy Rafael; publicity and statistics, C. P. Squire; hotels, C. K. Ryser; transportation, James Cashman; mines and mining, C. D. Baker; federal, state and municipal affairs, R. G. Taylor; agriculture and horticulture, E. G. McGriff; audit and finance, W. J. Flowers; streets and highways, A. R. Thompson; membership, O. K. Adcock and K. O. Knuds; recreation and power, S. R. Whitehead; national parks and monuments, A. C. Grant.

According to Chamber of Commerce by-laws, his votes are decided by the membership at the annual meeting which is scheduled for February 3, the date new officers and directors start serving.

The advisability of holding an annual meeting this year may be decided at the regular meeting next week, it was announced by Secretary Nye Wilson.

WALLACE IS HELD GUILTY Found guilty of a possession of liquor charge, William Wallace will be sentenced today at 4 p. m. in the city court.

Court observers say that he will probably appeal his case to test the constitutionality of the new city law giving city police jurisdiction outside of the city.

Wallace's establishment was in North Las Vegas. The case has attracted considerable attention and it is indicated that the fight is not yet finished. Roger Foley is counsel for Wallace.

MAY SUSPEND PAY ON NEVADA LANDS WASHINGTON, Jan. 22. (U.P.)—The senate today called upon the interior department to suspend its requirements for payment by white settlers in the Pyramid lake Indian reservation of Nevada pending congressional investigation.

The action taken by the adoption of a resolution by Senator Oddie, authorizing the committee on public lands to inquire into the fairness of appraisals made on the lands of white settlers in the reservation.

SERUM HELPS SCHOOL GIRL No new cases of meningitis were reported yesterday, according to city health officials, who state the situation seems to be well in hand and quiet.

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The three other cases are said to still be in critical condition.

BULLET SCARRED CAR NEWEST CLUE IN KIDNAP CHASE

DENVER, Jan. 22. (U.P.)—A bullet-marked automobile tonight provided a clue in the hunt for Benjamin P. Bower, wealthy bakery official, held by kidnapers for \$50,000 ransom.

The car, stolen near the desolate spot where the two kidnapers abandoned an automobile in which they carried Bower from his home, was found near Loveland, 65 miles north of Denver.

Its rear window was smashed. A bullet had pierced the windshield. The machine itself was a wreck.

The discovery and the mysterious bullet hole increased fears that Bowers, known as a stern boss, was killed for revenge by a former employee.

The only answer to the windshield bullet hole appeared to be that a man had been shot inside the car and the bullet, after passing through his body, went through the windshield.

Detectives and fingerprint experts sought to find whether a fingerprint could be found to tally with one taken from the automobile of Mrs. Hugh Winbourn, used by the kidnapers who took Bower from his home.

A single thumb print resulted in tracing the Fleagle bandit gang who robbed a Lamar bank, and detectives hoped this clue might bring capture of the kidnapers.

Meanwhile, Art Taylor, ex-convict and former driver for Bower's company, a blond woman said to be his wife, and Kenneth Coffman, former inmate of the Nebraska reformatory, were questioned.

Taylor was said by police to have attempted to "organize" the baking industry.

MYSTERY GIRL FOUND DEAD IN L. A.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 22. (U.P.)—A beautiful, unidentified blond woman died tonight of injuries believed to have been incurred when she fell or was thrown from a speeding automobile.

The girl, about 20 years old, was found unconscious at the edge of Slauson avenue, near the Fox Hills Country club, and was taken to a hospital by passing motorists.

Although a fractured skull was said to have caused her death, authorities ordered an immediate autopsy in an attempt to determine whether she had been slugged, thrown from a car, or hit by an automobile.

No identification marks were on her clothing or in two women's purses which were found near the road. In each of the girl's shoes was a \$1 bill.

Her red corduroy skirt and jacket were rumpled and torn, as though she had slid along the ground after falling or being thrown from a car.

Earl W. McGary and H. E. Waldworth, who found her, could throw no light on the mystery.

TO SENTENCE DRIVER TODAY

O. J. Rushton will be sentenced today in Judge Ryan's court on a charge of permitting a motor vehicle to stand on a highway, to which he pleaded guilty yesterday morning. Rushton, while allegedly intoxicated, left his car standing on the Boulder highway.

It was hit by another car, the accident resulting in the death of James A. Reed last Sunday morning. It was first believed that a charge of manslaughter would be brought, but finally decided that the charge would not stand and the lighter indictment brought.

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HIDDEN GOLD IS OBJECT OF HUNT BY LEGLESS BOY

HOT SPRINGS, N. M., Jan. 22. (U.P.)—A legless young American, Robert Ward, Jr., is putting his cunning against that of Pedro Navarro, long dead bandit king, for his share of \$7,000,000 in bar gold.

Ward said he and a companion, William Douthit, 25, discovered the tremendous fortune in gold last fall in a cache in the Saballo mountains, 20 miles south of here.

The gold according to legend was stored in the cache by Navarro, a notorious bandit after he and his band robbed a Spanish pack train which was transporting the gold from Santa Fe, N. M., to Mexico City, in the days when Spain ruled the southwest.

The trail in those days was known as the Jornada Del Muerto—Journey of Death. Many travelers were robbed and slain, or perished of thirst while attempting to pass through the desolate mountains.

Many prospectors have spent years attempting to find Navarro's gold cache. More than a score of deaths have been attributed to fruitless searches for the bandit's wealth.

Ward said he and Douthit found, in addition to the gold bars, which were stacked in rows, their luster dimmed by the long years under ground, five human skeletons, several old forges and an old style forging hammer.

Ward said they removed a small portion of the gold at that time and started to Las Cruces, N. M., when they were kidnaped by Indians who learned of their discovery. They were held prisoner for two days and were then released 50 miles from the nearest town.

Ward said he was unable to start searching for the cache again until just recently because of lack of funds. This week he obtained the money and today sought the entrance to the cave.

Sheriff Tom Kinney of Sierra county and U. S. Marshal C. P. Casner of Deming, aided by 25 men, kept would-be spectators a mile away from the scene of the search. Four trucks were kept in readiness to haul the gold to Las Cruces in event Ward is able to rediscover the fabulous fortune.

HADLEY ARRESTED FOR UTAH POLICE

A. P. Hadley was arrested at 3 a. m. yesterday by the sheriff's office on complaint of the National Auto Theft bureau, charging him with embezzlement at Salt Lake City.

At Los Angeles Clarence Krantz, believed a companion of Hadley, was also taken into custody. Both men are accused of taking a car from the Utah city and probably will be charged with violation of the Dyer act.

FINANCE BILL PASSED, TO BEGIN AT ONCE

Measure Is Signed By Garner, Curtis; To Speed Work

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22. (U.P.)—President Hoover's \$2,000,000,000 reconstruction finance corporation, intended to be the decisive administration attack against the economic depression, was ready for inauguration tonight.

DIFFERENCES IRONED OUT A final conference report on the corporation bill, ironing out senate and house differences, were approved in congress today without record votes, to half filled chambers.

The house began consideration of the report at noon, and it was approved at 1:25 p. m. It was sent to the senate at once by messenger. He appeared at the glass door of the center senate corridor, was greeted by Vice President Charles Curtis as presiding officer, and handed over his report to a senate clerk.

Within five minutes the senate was considering the report, and after a few critical speeches from progressive members, who agreed with Senator Henrik Shipstead of Minnesota that it was "only a shot in the arm," the report was adopted listlessly at 2:53 p. m.

After formal enrollment, the final bill was sent to Speaker John Cawley for his signature, then to Vice President Curtis at the senate office building. He received special permission to sign it after the adjournment of the senate for the day.

TO ORGANIZE QUICKLY Designed to make liquid the billions of dollars in "frozen" credits that are impeding industry, and to bring out from safety deposit boxes and home hiding places the \$1,100,000,000 of hoarded money, the corporation is expected to be in operation within a week or ten days.

Its purpose is to strengthen the weak spots in industry, and by its very size to instill national confidence in the future of the nation.

President Hoover's words in his message to congress proposing it, describe the corporation's function.

"To facilitate exports by American agencies; make advances to agricultural credit agencies where necessary to protect and aid the agricultural industry; to make temporary advances upon proper securities to established industries, railways, and financial institutions which can not otherwise secure credit; and to make such advances will protect the credit structure and stimulate employment."

DAWES AT WORK At the head of the corporation, greatest of its kind ever conceived, will be Charles G. Dawes, former vice president, soldier, ambassador, banker. Dawes resigned today as ambassador to Great Britain. He has begun already his work as corporation president.

With Eugene Meyer, governor of the federal reserve board, who is chairman, and Ozden L. Mills, undersecretary of treasury, an ex-officio member of the board.

Four more directors will be appointed by the President. The board is designed to be non-partisan, and to this end it will include three Democrats. In order to insure against concentration of representation, two of the four appointed directors are to be from the same federal reserve district.

The corporation, briefly, will lend money to stabilize on ample security which is frozen at present. That is, security on which the holders can not realize because of the stagnant credit situation.

Its capital will be \$500,000,000, and congress is scheduled to appropriate this \$500,000,000 within the next few days. In addition, the corporation may float bonds, debentures or notes to an amount of \$1,500,000,000 additional. These will be guaranteed by the United States government, and will be gilt edge securities.

HONOLULU JURY DELAYS HONOLULU, T. H., Jan. 22. (U.P.)—A surprise move by the Oahu grand jury caused consternation here tonight and delayed the return of indictments asked against Mrs. Grace Hubbard Fortesque, Lieut. Thomas H. Massie and two navy enlisted men until next Tuesday, at least.

FROM RENO Col. J. C. Scruggan and Pat Mooney, both of Reno, are business visitors in Las Vegas today.

TO VISIT FATHER Gwendolyn Theiss of Los Angeles arrived here last night from Long Beach to visit her father, Walter H. Theiss, of The Age staff.

HELEN HORDEN MEDIN SINKING Special to The Age LOS ANGELES, Jan. 22. With her life hanging in the balance, Helene Horden Medin underwent a delicate and exceptionally unusual spinal drainage operation yesterday in a daring attempt to save her.

Following confirmation yesterday by two more specialists that she had spinal meningitis, the second operation was ordered as a desperate attempt against terrific odds.

The operation involves drainage of spinal fluid and reopening the brain for drainage. Her recovery is said to be very doubtful.

Helene Medin left Las Vegas a few days ago for a mastoid operation in Los Angeles.

Bed Warmer Defective, Mother Says; Sues Dallas For Damages DALLAS, Tex., Jan. 22. (U.P.)—Mrs. Bonnie Payton, Alta, N. M., today filed a claim against the city of Dallas for \$10,000 for injuries sus-

One Lad Injured As Horseman At Ranch Uses Rope

ITALIAN KNIGHT



President Harry Scott of the General Steamship Co. in San Francisco became "Sir Harry" when he was inducted into the Italian Ordini della Corona d'Italia. The honor was conferred by Consul General Ludovico Manzini of Italy at the request of King Victor Emanuel for Scott's work in enhancing friendship and trade relations between the United States and Italy.

No Charges Placed By Officers; Case In Fathers' Hands

Lassoed and dragged on the ground, three youngsters were skinned and bruised, one of them suffering numerous lacerations and cuts yesterday afternoon, when Darrel Burgess, of the Pastime club, is reported to have found them mistreating a pony on the Old ranch.

RIDING PONY According to reports gathered from the youngster who was most severely injured, his parents, the attending physician, Dr. Forest Mildren, and others, the boys were playing and riding on an old pony.

Although they had been warned by posted signs to keep off the ranch, they had slipped in to play with the horse when Burgess is alleged to have found them.

Reports vary as to whether the boys' wrists were tied before or after dragging, but all stories coincide that Burgess lassoed them, "took a dally" around his saddle horn with the end of the lariat, and, with his horse, dragged the youngsters through the dirt.

NOT RANCH HAND The boy most severely hurt is Joe Smith, aged 13, son of a Las Vegas barber, J. E. Smith.

Burgess is not connected in any way with the ranch, located at the north edge of Las Vegas. He is said to have several horses "boarded" at the place. According to reports, employees of the ranch were horrified at the punishment meted to the boys.

No charges had been filed in connection with the incident at a late hour last night, but it was indicated that a complaint would probably be brought this morning.

Probation Officer John Cahlan stated last night that his office would not prosecute the case, but had turned it over to the boy's father.

VETS IGNORE UNION EDICT

CHICAGO, Jan. 22. (U.P.)—World war veterans defied the livery car chauffeurs' union today and carried a former comrade's body to its grave on a borrowed artillery caisson rather than bow to the labor men's ruling that all vehicles in funeral processions must be in charge of union drivers.

The union had warned that the funeral would be stopped if private cars tried to get into the procession, but the war veterans found a way to ignore the order.

The funeral was that of Saul Weiner, a veteran killed Tuesday by bandits in a holdup. Members of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars posts borrowed a caisson from army officials, placed Weiner's body on it, lined their own privately driven autos up behind the caisson and started for the cemetery. Not a union man was at the wheel of any vehicle in the procession. A firing squad—men in uniform, with guns (maybe empty and maybe not) up their shoulders, marched behind the caisson. There was no trouble.

DISEASE HITS FLOODED AREA

GREENWOOD, Miss., Jan. 22. (U.P.)—Flood fighters face the menace of disease tonight in their efforts to aid thousands of homeless men, women and children in the flood districts of northern Mississippi.

Red Cross workers reported disease had broken out in the towns of Crowder, Webb and Sumner, concentration points for refugees owing to breakdown in the sewerage systems of the towns.

The situation was made worse by a threatened shortage of drinking water. Many wells in the district were boarded up after relief workers discovered they had been contaminated by overflow waters of the Tallahatchie river and its tributaries.

Four coast guard boats from the Gulf of Mexico were used tonight to carry physicians, medical supplies, food stuffs and clothing to remote sections of the flood area where hundreds have been marooned for days.