

2 OFFICERS DIE FIGHTING THUGS TORTURING GIRLS

Detective and Sheriff Slain in Gun Battle With Frisco Toughs Submitting Young Women to Outrages.

San Francisco, Dec. 6 (United News).—San Francisco's effort to wipe out the so-called Howard street gang that has been submitting girls to horrible outrages, was climaxed Sunday by the killing of a detective and the sheriff of Sonoma county and the fatal wounding of another detective. The battle with the San Francisco toughs occurred in Santa Rosa, north of here.

The dead: Detective Sergeant Miles Jackson, of the San Francisco Police force.

James Petrey, sheriff of Sonoma county.

The wounded: Detective Sergeant Lester Dorman, probably fatally wounded. George Boyd, a member of the gang.

Jackson and Dorman had gone to Santa Rosa with two girls, Jean Stanley and Jessie Montgomery, who were found recently in a shack in San Francisco's south side. A gang of nine men, including several San Francisco looters, had held them prisoners there.

The plan Sunday was to have the girls identify three alleged members of the gang who had been traced to Santa Rosa.

Four of Gang are Held.

After Sunday afternoon's killings four of the gang were arrested.

Trailing the police machines were a long string of Santa Rosa autos loaded with angry citizens who declared their intention of avenging the death of Sheriff Petrey. The police entered a room back of the Tuscan hotel and faced the four men. These men fired point blank at the peace officers and Petrey, Jackson and Dorman dropped at the first shots. The firing continued for some moments when police reinforcements overpowered the gunmen.

Thugs Can't Obtain Lawyers.

Public indignation has been stirred as seldom before in San Francisco, by the story told by the two girls. Five arrests were made in the case prior to Sunday and the state of public feeling has been indicated by the fact that every attorney approached has refused to defend the prisoners.

WOMEN MOB AT JAIL; VIOLENCE IS FEARED

Santa Rosa, Cal., Dec. 6 (United News).—With every deputy sheriff and constable in Sonoma county mobilized in the county jail to protect the prisoners here following the murders of Sheriff James A. Petrey and Detective Sergeant Miles Jackson here Sunday afternoon, a crowd of 2,500 men and women massed around the jail Sunday night. All that was lacking to cause violence, it seemed, was a mob leader.

HARDING BACK IN WASHINGTON

Visits Senate Today—Won't Say Whether He'll Visit Wilson—Leaves Tuesday For Marion.

Washington, Dec. 6 (United News).—Wearing a woefully dirty collar, but looking otherwise keen and fit, President-elect Harding arrived back in Washington for the first time since early summer, late Sunday night.

Of his Senate colleagues, only Senator New, of Indiana, said to be the "original Harding man," was on the railroad platform to meet him.

"Hello, Harry," was the president-elect's first speech on landing in the city where he is to reign for the next four years.

"Hello, Harry," Mrs. Harding chimed in. Then both Mr. and Mrs. Harding were greeted by Mrs. Caroline Votaw, Harding's sister, with familiar embraces.

A small crowd greeted the Harding party with scattered handclapping.

May Address Senate Today.

Harding will visit the Senate Monday, but if called upon to speak says he will only "have a word or two" to say. He will not make any detailed statement of policy at that time, as to the talk that he might visit the White House at President Wilson's request.

"Haven't heard a word about it," is all he will volunteer.

He and Mrs. Harding will leave Washington on Tuesday for Marion. His morning, Monday, will be devoted to political conferences.

While making their brief stay in the capital, Mr. and Mrs. Harding are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edward B. McLean.

Ministers of the gospel, reduced in circumstances after having spent the best years of his life helping others, now faces a hard winter and wishes any kind of honest work to tide over a period of slack times. It is not from the London Times, but the New York Post.

KILLED BY BREAD MACHINE.

Globe, Ariz., Dec. 6 (Associated Press).—While cleaning the paddles of a dough mixing machine in a local bakery Friday, Joe Blessent, a baker, was drawn into the revolving paddles and instantly killed. A patron witnessed the accident and immediately turned off the switch controlling the machine, but not before Blessent's life had been crushed out.

The corn cob pipe is the latest pipe fashion in New York city.

LEADS CAMPAIGN FOR "BLUE LAWS"



Dr. Harry L. Bowlby, secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance, is perfecting a national organization to obtain the passage of drastic Sunday "blue laws" in all states in the United States. The closing of bathing beaches, pleasure resorts, movies, candy stores, tobacco shops and similar places on Sunday and the prohibition of golf, tennis, baseball and other forms of recreation on that day are sought.

CLARA HAMON KILLS HERSELF?

Suicide Version Seriously Considered and Another Theory is She Was Slain—and Robbed.

Ardmore, Okla., Dec. 6.—Has Clara Smith Hamon, alleged murderer of Jake L. Hamon, millionaire oil man and politician, committed suicide?

"While I will have no hand in prosecuting Clara Smith, no penalty is too severe for her, should she be caught," declared the widow.

"After I have grown old, she comes along with her beauty and gives me insults by parading with Mr. Hamon. If the world knew her as she is they would not continue to flaunt her name and picture before the public.

"I can bear the hardships of it all if they will call her by her right name instead of using the name of Hamon.

"She gives her age as 27 when she really is 32.

The death of Jake Hamon adds another link to the chain of tragedy that seems to have encircled the family for a generation. He is the third man of the family to die by a bullet in 30 years. His father was shot and killed in the streets of Sedan, Kan., back in the 80's. Fifteen years ago, in almost the same spot, Hamon's brother, Alonzo, was shot and killed in much the same manner.

D'ANNUNZIO COURTS DEATH, SAY FRIENDS

Urges Devoted Legionnaires to Die With Him and Tells Others to Leave City

Rome, Dec. 6 (United News).—A new manifesto by Gabriel D'Annunzio, so desperate in tone that his friends here believe he is actually courting a spectacular death, has been sent out from Fiume, causing a profound sensation in Rome.

Addressed to his followers, this manifesto calls upon all his legionnaires who are willing to die with him to declare their devotion—all others to leave the city.

But even if all his followers desert, the poet declares, he will hold out alone, to the death, against the world.

"The fatherland is endangered," he cries, "its cause is entrusted to us."

The Epoca, of Rome, claims information that the natives of Fiume are at odds with D'Annunzio, as they want to accept the settlement of the Rapallo treaty.

Should the D'Annunzio legionnaires refuse to get out of Arde and Veglia, the regency will eventually call forth armed intervention by Jugoslavia, a development which the leading Italians say must be prevented for obvious reasons.

Rome, Dec. 6 (United News).—The parliamentary delegation to confer with Gabriel D'Annunzio in an effort to dissuade him from his purpose, has arrived in Fiume.

AIR BRAKE INSPECTOR IS HELD FOR ROBBERY

St. Louis, Dec. 6 (Associated Press).—A federal warrant charging complicity in the mail robbery of a Missouri Pacific train here August 18, last, when \$35,000 in cash was stolen by two men, was issued today against Alfred A. Oliver, an airbrake inspector.

ANOTHER BANK CLOSED.

Bismarck, N. D., Dec. 6 (Associated Press).—Closing of the Citizens State bank, of Antler, in Bottineau county, due to depleted reserves, was announced last night by O. E. Loftus, state bank examiner. This is the 19th bank to close in North Dakota since November 15. Mr. Loftus said that plans are under way for reopening the closed institutions.

Recitals by famous musicians with the best seats selling at 50 cents will be introduced in Chicago this winter.

CONGRESS OPENS FINAL LAP OF SESSION TODAY

Likely to Be Notable For Appropriations Work—Wilson May Address Bodies Tuesday—Modify Dry Act?

BY LOWELL MELLETT, United News Staff Correspondent.

Washington, Dec. 6.—Washington becomes busy and important Monday; busy certainly—important, perhaps. With congress starting on the third and final lap of its 66th session, the town is sure to be busy. But its importance to the nation depends on whether or not those leaders who desire to have the three months chiefly devoted to the passage of the regular appropriation bills have their way. Bills and resolutions are ready in great number to commit the government to policies bearing on almost every phase of American life; the question is whether any of them have a chance for enactment or adoption.

Further in the direction of just being busy, the capitol will have an opportunity to welcome and acclaim Warren G. Harding, president-elect. A large part of Washington has wanted a republican president for eight years, so the welcome will be warm and the acclaim loud. It is expected to reach its crescendo in the Senate chamber when Senator Harding takes his seat and responds to the demand for a speech.

Will Wilson Appear? The even more dramatic episode of President Wilson's appearance before a joint session of the two houses will not come until Tuesday, if at all. Whether the president intends to abide by the advice of close friends and abandon his purpose to deliver his message orally, is apparently not to be so known until the House committee makes the customary call at the White House Monday afternoon to advise him that the congress is convened and ready to hear any message that he may have to deliver.

At that time he will indicate whether the message is to be delivered Tuesday in person or by messenger.

The desire to confine the session to appropriation bills is bound to meet with great resistance. Various issues have been coming to a head, through the conferences of Senate and House members on their legislative projects and it will be difficult to prevent consideration of these immediately.

Farm Problem Most Acute. The situation of the farmers, with vast crops on hand and no market for them, presents probably the most acute problem facing the lawmakers. With southern democrats and western republicans drifting together to support the demand for agricultural relief, it is likely that important action may be taken, although the only proposal on which much hope is pinned is that for the restoration of the war finance board to aid in establishing an export market for farm products.

Definite action looking toward reorganization of the government departments seems assured, though the action is likely to be limited to the appointment of a commission to take up the work of re-planning the executive branches. Appointment of such a commission would forestall passage of various bills now ready for introduction whereby new departments would be created or old departments abolished.

Offer Taxation Measures. Taxation measures in plenty are ready to be offered, but leaders in both houses are a bit chary on this general subject. All in all it probably is the largest question they have to handle, and they feel it is freighted with T. N. T. There is a disposition for this reason, to fend off various individual tariff bills seeking to aid specific industries and to get them together under the head of one bill which will present the administration's complete tariff policy. Actual enactment of any tariff measure, for that reason, seems another thing that will be willed by this congress to the one Harding is expected to call into session just after his inauguration.

How About Prohibition? So it is also with proposed legislation for reorganization of the diplomatic service, for aiding the merchant marine, for providing a national budget, for a soldier bonus, for softening prohibition and for hardening the same, and for most of those problems debated during the presidential campaign.

The third session of the 66th congress is likely to be notable for a lot of hard committee work on the appropriation bills and for continuous discussion, without action, on all the other issues that are properly up to congress for determination.

Out of the committee meetings and the debates may result crystallization of the republican party's policies, so enabling the next session to do the real work desired.

FOUR MEN BURIED ALIVE WHEN MINE CAVES IN

Quebec, Dec. 4 (Associated Press).—Four men were buried alive last night in the Federal asbestos mine at Robertson, Quebec, by a cave-in while working in a well 150 feet deep. Eight men were trapped when the earth slid, but four were rescued.

UNITED MINERS FIGHT OPERATORS TO FINISH

Indianapolis, Dec. 6 (United News).—The United Mine Workers of America, it was announced Sunday night, propose to carry on their struggle with the coal operators of Alabama and West Virginia "to a finish."

The executive board, it was said, has decided that the fight will be carried on until the operators recognize the principle of collective bargaining and the award of the United States bituminous coal commission.

'SAVE THE FARMER, GIVE HIM CREDIT, IMPROVE MARKET'

Extend Funds or Consumer Will Suffer, Declares Economist Outlining Report For Kansas Board of Agriculture.

BY BERNARD M. BARUCH

New York, Dec. 6 (United News).—Bernard M. Baruch, at the request of the Kansas state board of agriculture, has prepared a report for that institution, outlining remedies designed to ameliorate the plight of farmers throughout the country.

Baruch's Suggestions Summed Up. Briefly his recommendations may be summed up as follows:

1.—Creation of adequate, modern storage facilities under public supervision.

2.—Certification of farm products to grade and amount by licensed graders and weighers.

3.—Use of certificates, issued by graders and weighers, as well as the basis of financing.

4.—Reservation of a fair share of the credits of banking and financial institutions during certain period for crop movement.

5.—Collection and distribution to farmers of all market information through trained experts by the agricultural department, this information to be of the kind and character now in the possession of buyers and consumers of farmers' products.

6.—Creation of a new source of credit for the farmer, namely the private investor, by establishment of financing corporations to make loans on warehouse receipts.

On Buying and Selling. Baruch goes into the subject of operating in the buying and selling on the part of the farmer and his views are of interest both because of his international reputation as an economist and because of the present pressing problem facing the farmers of the country, say financiers and well-known farmers.

"The farmer," says Mr. Baruch, "now finds himself in the predicament of having a crop partially cut off from its normal market, former trade routes limited and unable to finance himself unless he is willing to sell his products at very great sacrifice, in many instances well below the cost of production. If necessary credit is not extended so that the farmers may secure a reasonable return for their efforts, they will suffer very severely and restrict their efforts. And the consumer, who is vitally concerned in the maintenance of a normal flow of products, will suffer in the end."

"Certain things must be done and the theory of my recommendations to the Kansas agriculture body is that in the marketing of his products, the producer must be placed on an equal footing of equal opportunity with the buyer."

Emphasizes Sufficient Warehouses. The cornerstone of the whole subject Mr. Baruch holds to be sufficient storage warehouses for cotton, wool and tobacco, or elevators for grain at primary points to carry the peak load in the distribution of the product. These storage facilities should be "preferably under private ownership" but in event private capital is lacking, "should be under state ownership" and, in all events, under state or federal supervision.

The weighing and grading of products, which Mr. Baruch terms "certification," he says should be so hedged about that underpayment overcharging and unfair grading will be avoided. The certification then "will be the basis of the sale, or, in case the producer does not wish to sell, it should be and could be made the basis on which he could borrow money until he is ready to sell."

Plan to Enable Borrowing. Because the farmer now is at a disadvantage because his products move to market when there is a great congestion both in the money market and traffic conditions, Mr. Baruch would have arrangements made whereby the farmer could "borrow a reasonable amount properly margined upon the products of his farm," thus enabling him to sell his products when the market will take them.

Mr. Baruch explains, he does not wish to question either the motives or usefulness of the factors now participating in the marketing of crops, "but unquestionably the farmer must be placed in a position to deal on an equal basis with those who buy and market his crops."

For example, he explains that bankers "can always obtain cheaper credit than the farmer." To change this he would eliminate the present custom of forcing the farmer to bid for his share of credit and have set aside for his use by the financial institutions a certain percentage of the credit facilities for movement of crops.

Loans on Warehouse Receipts. In connection with the establishment of necessary warehouse facilities, institutions or corporations could be established says Mr. Baruch, "to make loans on the warehouse receipts. They should be large enough and so offered that they would gain the confidence of the investing public. Their capital stock should be open to public subscription. They could be made co-operative but need not necessarily be so."

YOUNG MAIL ROBBER TO FEDERAL PRISON

Des Moines, Dec. 6 (United Press).—Keith Collins, member of the gang which robbed a Burlington mail car at Council Bluffs, Ia., of money and securities worth approximately \$5,000,000, left Des Moines today in the custody of federal officers for Fort Leavenworth, Kan., where he will serve a 15-year sentence in the federal prison for his connection with the crime.

JUDGE IS FACING TRIAL FOR MURDER



Chief Justice William H. McGannon, chief justice of the municipal court at Cleveland, Ohio, will be tried December 14 on a charge of second degree murder. He is charged with killing Harold C. Kagy, a garage man acquaintance, after an evening which the two and John W. Joyce spent together. Joyce recently was acquitted of the same crime. Judge McGannon was a witness at that trial. The judge declares that he was not with Kagy and Joyce when the former was shot, having left the two a few minutes before the fatal shooting.

AMMUNITION BOAT AFIRE; SIX INJURED

New York, Dec. 6 (United News).—

With a continuous rumble like the report of a six-inch machine gun, the ammunition barge, Massakan, tied up at the dock at Fort Hamilton, went up in flames Sunday night, shaking the earth for miles around and illuminating the sky with fireworks like those of an exploding ammunition dump at the front. The barge was moored only 100 yards from a large naval magazine.

Six persons were reported to have been injured.

Residents Fleo for Lives. The barge was finally driven onto the beach where two fire boats from a very discreet distance squirted streams into the open hatches. Two other barges which lay close by their burning one were set adrift with their cargoes of explosives and saved. The burning barge was said to contain six-inch shells.

The police lines about the fort were extended to keep people several blocks away. Residents of neighboring streets fled for their lives, fearing the fire would set off the magazine.

The pier was badly damaged. Two members of the Massakan's civilian crew are missing. About 10 persons were hit by flying shrapnel, five of them being occupants of an automobile which was struck by a descending shell.

Shell Plunges Through House. One 10-inch shell plunged through the roof and two floors of a workman's cottage, burying itself in the cellar floor. The family was in the house, but none was injured.

Col. Alfred A. Hunter, commandant of the fort, mustered the men on duty and led them as they tried to fight the flames with lines of hose. Continued explosions, however, forced the men back after several had been wounded by shrapnel. Charles Sorenson, a marine from Fort LaFayette, was wounded in the leg. Joseph Martin, private, third company, United States marine corps, also was wounded in the leg and an unknown woman walking in the street a block away, was felled by a shrapnel blow on the head and is in a serious condition.

The government's loss is estimated at \$100,000.

M. E. PASTOR DIES WHILE PREACHING

Rev. Francis A. Campbell, Pioneer Evangelist of Lincoln, Drops in Pulpit.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 6 (Special).—While preaching in a church in Sharon, near here, Rev. Francis A. Campbell, a pioneer Methodist minister and evangelist, 70 years old, dropped dead in the pulpit Sunday.

Rev. Mr. Campbell built the first cottage at University Place, Lincoln suburb, where he resided.

RUSSIAN POPULATION SHOWS MARKED DECREASE

Stockholm, Dec. 6 (Associated Press).—Preliminary returns of the Russian census shows decrease in the population of more than 19 per cent, compared with 1914, due to epidemics and war losses. Moscow's population has dropped 45 per cent, and that of Petrograd 71 per cent.

The Red Cross reports indicate that there are more than 500,000 orphans in Poland.

BUENOS AIRES DELEGATES PLOT WITH GERMANY

Agree to Help Teutons Enter League—French Would Then Leave—U. S. Absence Blamed For Row.

New York, Dec. 6 (Special).—

The reported withdrawal of Argentina's delegates from the League of Nations assembly came after they had been accused of having a secret understanding with Germany, of having pledged themselves to look after German interests and of having agreed to help Germany obtain membership in the league, says a cable received in New York city on Sunday from Geneva. Delegates from other nations, the cable continues, spotted this alleged conspiracy of the Argentine delegation, and forced the breach.

Buenos Aires, Dec. 5 (United News).—Argentina, as indicated by comment by its press, was both confused and irritated at the Geneva dispatches telling of withdrawal from the League of Nations assembly by the Argentine delegates.

In the silence of the government there was no indication as to how serious or far-reaching was the rift between the republic and the league.

La Prensa reported that Toledo Alvarez, Argentine minister to France, had resigned. This was interpreted in some quarters as possibly indicating this diplomat found his position untenable in view of his government's attitude.

Argentina Definitely Out? Belief was expressed by the Standard that Argentina was now definitely out of the league, while La Razon declared the delegates might withdraw from the assembly but that would not mean Argentina was withdrawing from the league.

La Epoca, the government organ, refused to print any of the dispatches from Geneva received Saturday and made no editorial comment.

LEAGUE LOOKING TOWARD UNITED STATES

Geneva, Dec. 6 (United News).—When the League of Nations assembly reconvenes on Monday the leaders must then decide whether the larger powers—England, France, Italy and Japan—are to retain control of the league, or whether the smaller nationalities are to exercise equal influence.

In taking action which will actually result in breaking the present control of the league, or possibly breaking the league itself, must pass on Argentina's demand for adoption of amendments, backed up by threat of her delegates to leave Geneva, and at the same time pass upon the proposal of Charles J. Doherty, Canadian delegate, to eliminate article 10 from the covenant.

The first Argentine proposal, to elect the council by the assembly, would mean placing control of the league in the hands of the smaller nationalities, as they have a majority in the assembly.

The proposal to admit all recognized states into the league, would mean the immediate admission of Germany. And to this France has declared she will never assent. Adoption of this proposal probably would be followed by the French delegation leaving the assembly.

There is no doubt that at this critical time, there is considerable looking toward America.

Absence of America from the league session here is regarded by many as the really basic cause for the Argentinian defection.

FARMERS MEET IN INDIANAPOLIS

W. P. G. Harding, Meredith and Geddes on Program—Report to Congress.

Indianapolis, Dec. 6.—Two thousand delegates and visitors representing organizations in 37 states are assembling here to attend the second annual meeting of the American Farm Bureau Federation which opens here Monday morning. Gov. W. P. G. Harding of the federal reserve board; Sir Auckland Geddes, British ambassador; Secretary of Agriculture Meredith; and prominent agriculturalists from many parts of the country are on the program.

Gray Silver, Washington representative for the federation, came from conferences with congressional committees and will take back to congress the crystallized sentiment regarding many farm problems that is expressed here during the first three days of the week.

FOUR OTHER STATES TO TRY INDUSTRIAL COURTS

Topeka, Kan., Dec. 6.—Members of the legislative bodies of four states—New York, West Virginia, Indiana and Montana—have recently written Governor Allen that they expect to introduce bills at the next sessions establishing a tribunal to settle industrial disputes modeled on the Kansas court of industrial relations. It was announced at the governor's office today.