

HITLER, DUCE MAY SPLIT EUROPEAN AREA
BRITAIN DROPS ITS FIGHT ON ETHIOPIA

The Washington Scene . . .

By David Lawrence

Washington, May 8.—Unless the American people by petition tell the members of congress otherwise between now and May 23, the federal government will assume authority to regulate wages and hours throughout the United States.

It is true the proposed law concerns only the minimum wages and only the maximum hours of business, engaged in interstate commerce, but, if the congress today has the constitutional authority to fix minimum wages, it can fix all wage rates and all wage standards and thus make labor unions and collective bargaining wholly unnecessary as is the case in fascist Germany.

Likewise, if congress has the authority to fix maximum hours, it can fix the rate of overtime. Tentatively, the rate of time and a half has been written into the proposed law, but another congress can diminish the rate or increase the rate for overtime pay as it sees fit.

Thus, the whole power to regulate wages and hours, which hitherto has been considered to lie outside the province of the federal government, would be assumed by congress and retained indefinitely thereafter unless the supreme court of the United States should say otherwise.

For many years it was considered invalid for the states to pass minimum wage laws where it was intended to safeguard the health of women and children. Recently this has been changed, but there has never been any approval by the supreme court of a minimum wage law of the states applying to men and women alike nor has there been any approval of a federal law governing minimum wages.

It is supposed, however, that the new deal will contend that a federal minimum wage and hour law is merely a part of the congressional power to regulate interstate commerce. In the labor relations cases, the supreme court defined interstate commerce so broadly that strikes in industries producing goods and services for interstate commerce were declared to have an effect on interstate commerce. Is the desire to increase purchasing power or pay failure to increase it by raising higher wages an "effect on interstate commerce" within the meaning of the test used in the decisions on the Wagner labor relations act? If it is, then the federal power to regulate wages and hours will be defended on the ground that it is a proper regulation of interstate commerce itself.

The doctrine that congress may actually prohibit the passage of laws in interstate commerce as a means of achieving regulation has been upheld, so, strictly speaking, the legal theory back of the proposed reform is that any producer who doesn't pay the minimum wage or who fails to observe the maximum hour scale will not be allowed to move his goods to market.

Apart from the constitutional question involved, the economic effects of the proposed legislation have scarcely been debated. The senate passed a bill last year which was different from the house bill that may be passed on May 23. The latter represents many concessions by the

(Continued on Page 2, Column 7.)

I Notice in The Gazette

THE WEATHER.

LOCAL WEATHER REPORT.

Data for 24 hours ending at 5:30 p. m. yesterday, furnished by United States weather bureau station at municipal airport.

Temperature at 5:30 a. m.	33
Temperature at 5:30 p. m.	53
Maximum	54
Minimum	33
Mean temperature	42
Relative humidity at 5:30 a. m.	91 per cent
Relative humidity at 5:30 p. m.	50 per cent
Precipitation	0.00
Barometric pressure at elevation of 3570.49 feet—At 5:30 a. m.	28.42 inches
At 5:30 p. m.	28.38 inches
Character of day	Cloudy
Sunrise today	4:49 a. m.
Sunset today	7:31 p. m.
Moonrise today	2:45 p. m.
Moonset today	2:06 a. m.

STATE WEATHER REPORT.

Helena, May 8.—(AP)—Maximum and minimum temperatures and precipitation in the following cities for the last 24 hours ended at 6 o'clock Sunday night reported here were:

	Max.	Min.	Prec.
Butte	48	30	.03
Helena	54	30	.00
Bozeman	55	30	.00
Conrad	44	20	.07
Great Falls	44	20	.07
Glendive	51	32	T
Great Falls	52	31	.00
Lewistown	51	27	.01
Malia	51	31	T
Poplar	54	27	T
Stanford	58	32	.02
Cherone	54	28	.00
Missoula	58	38	.00
Polson	58	38	.00
Boise	68	44	.00
Boston	68	50	.01
Chicago	58	32	.00
Galveston	76	64	.00
Jacksonville	68	52	.20
Kansas City	64	40	.00
Los Angeles	80	62	.00
Minneapolis	62	34	.73
New York	62	57	.00
Omaha	60	34	.00
Portland	66	40	.00
San Francisco	64	50	.00
Seattle	60	32	.03
Spokane	66	42	.08
Williston	54	38	.00

VITAL STATISTICS.

BIRTH.

Mrs. Fred Henderson, Comanche.

HAILE SELASSIE TO BATTLE FOR THRONE MONDAY

Will Demand Hearing Before League of Nations Meeting at Geneva During Day.

ANGLO-ITALIAN ACCORD AWAITS

Recognition of Il Duce Victories in Africa Must Occur Before Withdrawal.

By WALLACE CARROLL.

United Press Staff Correspondent.

GENEVA, May 8.—(U.P.)—Great Britain Sunday night abandoned her move to seek a resolution from the league of nations council which would open the way for general recognition of Italy's north African conquest and, in effect, vote Ethiopia out of legal existence.

Britain's retreat from her plan came a few hours after the arrival here of the British foreign secretary, Viscount Halifax, for the council meeting at 5 p. m. Monday.

A fight by Haile Selassie, deposed negus of Ethiopia, to regain his throne in a direct challenge to British diplomacy and sharp opposition from China, Soviet Russia and several Latin American nations doomed the proposal.

An unanimous vote in the council would be necessary for a resolution releasing league states from their 1936 pledges not to recognize Italy's Ethiopian conquest.

As a result, Britain will be satisfied with a statement by the president of the council at the end of the week-long session summarizing the viewpoints of those nations favoring recognition.

Armed with this statement, the British government—and perhaps France—will proceed to recognize Italian sovereignty in north Africa and thus fulfill London's principal pledge on the new Anglo-Italian treaty of friendship.

Until such British recognition is forthcoming the pact will not go into effect and Premier Benito Mussolini will make no move toward withdrawing his troops from Spain.

Selassie, who announced from his exile in England that he is sending representatives to Geneva Monday and will demand to be heard, will be allowed to sit in the council deliberations without opposition, now that there will be no resolution on which he certainly would cast a negative vote.

It was revealed simultaneously that several prominent Britons, led by Economist Sir Norman Angell, will aid Selassie as technical advisor in his fight before the league council.

The British secretary, Viscount Halifax, will make his first appearance before the council.

A large list of other difficult problems were on the league council's agenda, including:

1.—The denunciation by the Span-

(Continued on Page 2, Column 8.)

Three Are Killed In Airplane Crash In Colorado Section

Ordway, Colo., May 8.—(P)—Two men and a 13-year-old boy were killed when an airplane crashed into a field near Ordway in southeastern Colorado Sunday night.

The victims, all of Ordway, were: Joe Williams, 35, owner and pilot of the plane; Ross Malone, 35, laborer; Delane O'Dell, 13, a grade school student.

Williams, who operated a truck line between Ordway and Pueblo, had owned the plane about six months. He obtained a license a month ago, to take passengers on nonpaying flights. Malone and the O'Dell boy were friends of Williams and he agreed to take them up on a short flight.

(Continued on Page 2, Column 8.)

JURY OF 12 IS TO DECIDE FATE OF STRICKEN INFANT

CHICAGO, May 8.—(P)—A jury of 12 men—nine doctors and three rabbis—was selected Sunday to decide the "death or life" dilemma confronting the family of baby Helaine Colan.

Dr. Morris Hershman, the child's maternal grandfather, and Attorney Samuel Hoffman, acting as the family spokesman, announced the 12 men had consented to act on the jury.

They planned to meet Monday morning, examine the 5-week old child suffering from glioma and decide whether to operate for removal of the eye, use X-ray treatment in the hope of having both sight and life or let nature take its course, which some doctors said would end with death.

Dr. Hershman and Hoffman said Dr. Irving S. Cutter, dean of the

ARE GLAMOUR GALS SLIPPING?



Some glamour gals of the movies are not so alluring at the box office—that's the sensational charge made by an Independent Theater Owner association advertisement in the current issue of a Hollywood trade paper. And among those named are such "favorites" as Joan Crawford, top left; Kay Francis, top right; Mae West, lower left, and Greta Garbo, lower right. Headed by Harry Brandt, owner of a string of New York City theaters, the association declared that many highly-paid and contract-tied stars are losing box office appeal, because they are not given the right kind of vehicles. Association officials said the advertisement should not be considered a personal attack on the stars.

(Continued on Page 2, Column 8.)

SCOTTISH RITE BODIES OF AREA TO MEET TODAY

Approximately 300 Members Expected In City to Attend Four-Day Gathering

Masons from Midland Empire communities will gather here Monday for the opening of the four-day thirty-second reunion of Billings Scottish rite bodies, with approximately 350 members and candidates for degrees expected to participate.

The reunion session will start here with a reception for Masonic visitors and candidates in the Masonic temple at 9 a. m. Monday.

Following the close of Scottish rite work Thursday evening, Al Beddo Shrine temple will hold its twenty-first annual session Friday, with the program opening at 1 p. m. in the temple and being climaxed with a street parade of nobles and novices to the Midland Empire fairgrounds auditorium Friday evening.

Scottish rite work on the initial day will be in charge of the Billings Lodge of Perfection. Ineffable degrees from the fourth to the fourteenth will be received by a class of candidates during the day and evening.

The class picture will be taken at noon Monday and during each day of the reunion, luncheon will be served at noon and dinner at 6:15 p. m. in the temple.

Climaxing the Scottish rite event will be the traditional banquet in the temple at 6:15 p. m. Thursday.

(Continued on Page 2, Column 8.)

ROOSEVELT ASKS JOINT TRY FOR PEACE IN WORLD

Hull Broadcasts His Words to South America; Tariff Slashing Move Cited

Washington, May 8.—(P)—President Roosevelt looked over the troubled international scene and called Sunday for "a joint effort in constructing a new and better world order."

A message from the president, while he was returning to the capital from a vacation at sea, was read by Secretary of State Hull in an international broadcast on "economic cooperation in the Americas."

Apparently referring to his administration's program of reciprocal tariff reductions, Mr. Roosevelt declared: "The government of the United States is pledged to a course of international economic cooperation and will spare no effort in loyally continuing on that course."

"Cooperation in the solution of economic problems offers one of the practical approaches to the task which the world must undertake."

"There is a general and growing realization that no nation or group of nations can enjoy prosperity and peace unless a large part of the world is in economic distress."

The nations of the western hemisphere, the president commented, are prepared to accept and act upon these conclusions, as is evidenced by the resolutions of recent inter-American conferences.

(Continued on Page 2, Column 8.)

Murderer Commits Suicide at Prison

San Quentin Prison, San Rafael, Cal., May 8.—(P)—Prison officials said Sunday night that Wesley C. Martin, 64-year-old convict, leaped to his death late Sunday from the second tier of a cell block. He fell 35 feet to a steel floor.

Martin entered San Quentin April 9. He was sentenced from Los Angeles to a life term for murder.

KILLED TWO MEN.—Los Angeles, May 8.—(P)—Wesley Martin, 64, who killed himself in San Quentin prison Sunday, was convicted here two months ago of killing two men in a poker game at his home in Wilmington.

Martin pleaded self-defense in resisting the state's contention that he mortally wounded Lloyd Lansing, 29, and Lawrence Wines, 32, with an old buffalo gun, after suspecting them of trying to fleece him in a \$45 poker game.

Martin was a Spanish-American war veteran.

(Continued on Page 2, Column 2.)

BUMPER WHEAT CROP MAY MEAN DRASTIC SLASH

One Third Cut in Acreage for 1939 Will Be Sought by AAA if Output High

OFFICIALS SEE HUGE SURPLUS

Forecast Yield of About 1,000,000,000 Bushels This Year; Planting Is Large.

By OVID A. MARTIN.

WASHINGTON, May 8.—(P)

If present prospects of a bumper wheat crop materialize, growers will be asked to make this fall the most drastic reduction in plantings ever proposed under the administration's crop control programs, officials of the agricultural adjustment administration said Sunday.

The 1939 wheat program—which must be announced by July 15, under terms of the new farm act—may call for a 37.5 per cent reduction in the acreage seeded to the bread grain this season, they said.

Growers who this season planted approximately 80,000,000 acres would be asked to reduce their operations to about 50,000,000 acres, the smallest since before the World war.

While the nation normally needs but 750,000,000 bushels annually to supply domestic and export requirements, agriculture department crop experts said, present prospects point to a harvest of between 925,000,000 and 1,000,000,000 bushels this summer. In addition, a surplus of 200,000,000 bushels from last year's crop is expected generally.

Thus, AAA officials said, the nation would be confronted with a "price-depressing" surplus of between 375,000,000 and 450,000,000 bushels of wheat, compared with 378,000,000 in 1933, the highest on record.

Growers could comply with or ignore next year's allotments—but only those who complied would be eligible for maximum federal benefit payments and wheat loans.

If the 1939 goal is placed at 50,000,000 acres, allotments would be 12,500,000 acres less than distributed among growers for the 1938 crop.

Some officials said they anticipated complaints from wheat farmers similar to those made recently by corn growers, who protested against allotments which averaged 19 per cent smaller than last year's plantings.

E. J. Bell, an AAA economic advisor for the wheat region, expressed the opinion, however, that low prices at harvest time would cause growers to "see the necessity of producing less next year."

It is quite probable, Bell said, that federal loans on wheat will be as large as last year's.

(Continued on Page 2, Column 2.)

JAPAN REPORTS SMASHING WIN

Guerrillas Beaten at Nantungchow; See New Threats.

Shanghai, May 8.—(P)—Japanese military authorities Sunday reported a smashing victory over a Chinese guerrilla force participating in an apparently coordinated effort to break Japan's hold on north China.

The victory was announced by the Japanese while the embattled defenders themselves received welcome news that Kwelchow and Uynnan, provinces heretofore relatively indifferent to the war, had lined up in support of the Chinese cause.

The Japanese said reinforcements crushed the Chinese guerrillas who had attempted to cut off Nantungchow, important supply base for 10,000 Japanese fighters. The town is 60 miles north of Shanghai on the Yangtze river.

(At Peiping, Japanese-held north)

(Continued on Page 2, Column 2.)

VANDALS DAUB PLYMOUTH ROCK, HISTORICAL SHRINE, WITH RED

Plymouth, Mass., May 8.—(P)—A shocked Plymouth citizenry awoke Sunday and found the famous rock—on which the Pilgrims reputedly first set foot in the new world settlement—covered to its base with bright red paint.

When town officials—some of them descendants of the Pilgrim colonists—recovered from the shock they mouthed imprecations on those who desecrated what to most Americans is a sacred historical shrine.

In their next breath they called out police to track down the vandals, and workmen to begin immediately the

(Continued on Page 2, Column 2.)

MOTHER ACCUSES SON OF MURDERS



MRS. MARY ELEANOR SMITH photographed with her son, Earl de Casto Mayer, in Washington state penitentiary at Walla Walla, where she accused him of the murder of four persons, whose bodies he buried. The murders enumerated by Mrs. Smith date back to 1921, the most recent being that of James Eugene Bassett, a naval officer, in Seattle 10 years ago. She said two others were killed in Montana, the fourth in Idaho. Mayer is in prison at Walla Walla, having been sentenced for grand larceny after the state was unable to prosecute him for Bassett's murder, because the body could not be found. The mother was removed to Seattle last week. Mayer later admitted the Bassett slaying.

(Continued on Page 2, Column 5.)

ADMINISTRATION GIRLS FOR WAGE, HOUR BILL FIGHT

Pepper, Hill Primary Victories, C. I. O. and A. F. L. Are Given as Cause for Stampede.

Washington, May 8.—(P)—Administration forces Sunday night threw their full support behind a drive to force enactment of a wage-hour bill before congressional adjournment and predicted, due to apparently crumbling opposition, that it will pass.

Opponents, whose cause was weakened when Senator Claude Pepper, Democrat, Florida, a wage-hour advocate, was overwhelmingly renominated in the Florida primary, conceded that there is little chance to prevent frightened house members from steering the measure through and only an outside gamble that an effective filibuster can be organized by southern Democrats in the senate.

Representative Martin Dies, Democrat, Texas, one of the southern Democrats and Republicans of the house rules committee, which kept the measure pigeonholed until it was passed by a petition of 218 representatives, said that the only issue now is whether the house will be able to amend the bill into a "constitutional and workable proposition."

He conceded that passage of the bill, when it reaches the floor May 23, is "certain" but warned that it will head into a stiff fight in the senate where southerners also are irked over failure of the bill to include differentials favoring the south.

Chairman Mary T. Norton, Democrat, New Jersey, of the house labor committee, attributed the stampede Friday to sign the petition to the renomination of Pepper and the nomination of Senator Lister Hill, Democrat, Alabama, another advocate. She also said that active support by the American Federation of Labor

(Continued on Page 2, Column 5.)

Man Pays Burial Bill of 40 Years Standing Sunday

Evansville, Ind., May 8.—(P)—Max Lowe, a funeral director, was called to his office Sunday by an elderly stranger.

The man asked Lowe if he were related to E. W. Lowe, once an undertaker in Princeton. Max Lowe said he was the former Princeton resident's grandson and the stranger pulled a tattered piece of paper and a \$100 bill from his pocket.

"Your grandfather buried my wife more than 40 years ago and the bill was never paid," he said as he handed over the money.

(Continued on Page 2, Column 5.)

F. D. R. RETURNS TO STATES, DUE IN CAPITAL ON MONDAY

CHARLESTON, S. C., May 8.—(P)—President Roosevelt returned from a 3,000-mile vacation cruise in the West Indies late Sunday and at a press conference aboard the U. S. S. Philadelphia indorsed the restatement by Secretary Hull of America's neutrality stand in the Spanish civil war.

Before leaving the ship for an overnight train run to Washington for conference with congressional leaders and departmental heads, the president, tanned and in a cheerful mood, gave a 15-minute cruise, received reporters in the admiral's cabin.

After greeting all with a handshake and exchanging pleasantries about the trip—marked Saturday night by a response to an S. O. S. to aid an injured seaman aboard a Norwegian tanker—he was asked about the renewed drive to lift the American embargo on arms shipments to Spain.

The president replied he had seen the ship's radio account of Secretary Hull's press conference Saturday and he thought the state department head had covered the situation completely.

Hull had said the United States had been "about as impartial as possible" toward the Spanish situation as anybody short of a cigar store Indian could well be.

The president said he would see Secretary Hull Monday for the first time in three weeks to be brought up to date on foreign developments.

He will hold his customary Monday morning conference with senate

(Continued on Page 2, Column 4.)

ITALIAN AERIAL DISPLAY PUT ON FOR NAZI LEADER

Bargain to Divide Central Section, Balkans Seen as Outcome of Parley.

ITALO-GERMAN PACT REMAINS

Say Recent Agreement With Britain Will Not Weaken Rome-Berlin Axis.

(By The Associated Press.)

ROME, May 8.—A bargain to divide central Europe and the Balkans into Italo-German spheres of influence appeared Sunday night to be the major outcome of Adolf Hitler's \$30,000,000 visit to Italy.

This was indicated strongly by high fascist quarters as the fuhrer spent his final day here watching the Italian air force display its knowledge of how to make war from the skies.

King Vittorio Emanuele and Premier Benito Mussolini accompanied the fuhrer to the Tyrrhenian coast where two 23,000-ton condemned merchantmen were sunk off Purbura and tons of bombs were dropped in a mock battle in which 400 airplanes took part.

A few miles away, at Santa Marinella, a valley was torn to pieces in a demonstration of various forms of shelling.

The warplane maneuvers rounded out the exhibition of Italy's armed might for the fuhrer. He witnessed naval maneuvers Thursday and an army parade Friday.

Monday morning Hitler will leave for Florence and after 10 hours there, to be devoted chiefly to seeing the city's art treasures, he will entrain for Germany.

King Vittorio Emanuele, writing in Il Voce d'Italia, declared foreigners who believed Italy was attempting to get concessions in return for acquiescing to Austro-German union were "on the wrong track."

"Italy does not ask anything," he said.

"She expects only that her vital interests in the Danubian and Balkan regions adjoining Austria be recognized and respected by Germany as Italy is ready on her part to recognize and respect parallel German interests."

Gayda's significant comment concerning spheres of central European influence came near the end of Hitler's Italian tour which was unofficially estimated to have cost Italy \$300,000—including the highways, railway stations and public works erected for the visit.

High fascist quarters Sunday made it clear Italy's Easter agreement with

(Continued on Page 2, Column 6.)

Arrest Warrant For Archduke Is Issued in Vienna

Vienna, May 8.—(P)—Austrian German authorities issued a warrant Sunday for the arrest of 20-year-old Archduke Felix of Hapsburg, younger brother of Archduke Otto, pretender to the nonexistent Austrian throne.

He was accused of theft of \$800 worth of silverware and linen which the prosecutor charged he took as a cadet at the military academy at Wiener Neustadt when he fled Austria March 11.

Felix was believed to be staying with his mother, former Empress Zita, and Otto in Belgium. It was recalled that a warrant was issued recently for Otto's arrest on a charge of high treason.

(Continued on Page 2, Column 1.)

Corporate Financing Hopes Tend to Bring Security Markets Upswing

BOND CIRCLES ARE IMPROVING
Many Issues Lifted to Record Peaks for Drive.

New York, May 8.—(P)—The spring recovery sprouts attained a harder growth in the security market last week and hopes for broad-scale resumption of new corporate financing took root in bond circles.

Wall Street observed with satisfaction the increasing evidence of improvement in investment sentiment—a further advance in bonds to new highs for the April-May upswing, preparations for corporate financing and a shift of buying into electric utility shares.

Focusing the spotlight on the late spring stir of activity in the capital market was United States Steel corporation's announcement of plans to market \$100,000,000 in debentures next month to complete its plant modernization program, the biggest industrial loan for that purpose since depression cut the props from under the new securities market in 1930.

Speculation for the rise in stocks, taking a cue from the trend in the bond market, lifted many issues to new peaks for the current recovery. The best gains were in utility and aircraft shares. The power group, long neglected, came into favor on rumors of moves for a lasting peace in the controversy over federal regulation of the industry and promotion of hydro-electric plants.

Counting the United States Steel issue, June and midyear corporate financing approximating \$200,000,000 came into sight, pointing to the biggest run of offerings since the capital market froze over more than a year ago. Providing the recovery holds, bond men confidently expected underwriters to go ahead with the plans announced last week and to hasten preparations for additional large-scale borrowings to take advantage of a brimming reservoir of idle dollars in banks and other institutions.

Pastor Is Excused For Fishing Trip By Congregation

Springfield, Vt., May 8.—(P)—A jovial Methodist congregation of 500 cheered approval Sunday night when their youthful pastor was officially excused for "playing hockey" from church last Sunday to go fishing.

The parishioners packed their little mountain church for a special evening hearing of an anonymous complaint against the minister, 34-year-old Rev. John L. Brown, a Dartmouth university graduate who came here 11 years ago.

"I plead guilty to negligence possibly in leaving my church to a supply pastor," he told them, "but I claim that my fishing trip was a Christian observance of Sunday."

An ideal, common-sense Sunday, he said, consisted of church attendance, wholesome recreation, complete unselfishness and rest from work.

The fish he caught on his expedition, he added, he gave to needy families.

The congregation applauded.

Then the chairman, a white-haired high school principal named Robert Millett, challenged the church members to tell what they had been doing last Sunday when Larrow was fishing.

Laughter resounded when several admitted they had gone fishing.

The church's 38 trustees, most of them elderly and serious-faced, then retired to consider the case, and returned in a few minutes with a 37-1 secret vote in favor of the pastor.

MOTHER'S DAY OBSERVED HERE
Programs Held by Churches, Lodge During Sunday.

Mother's day was fittingly observed in Billings Sunday at programs held by the local Salvation Army, the local Congregational church in the Fox theater in the forenoon and by Billings aerie No. 176, Fraternal Order of Eagles, in the Odd Fellows' hall in the evening.

At both services the principal speaker was the Rev. George S. Sloan, pastor of the church, who touched on the origin and the meaning of the national observance in his Mother's day sermons.

Other churches throughout the city included the Mother's day theme in their programs.

At the Eagles' program Sunday night, the musical features included numbers by the Priscilla and Pilgrim choirs of the Congregational church. A violin duet was presented by Chris Worn and William Stapleton and a reading was given by Myrtle Pfaff.

The cathedral choir, consisting of about 50 vocalists of the five choirs of the Congregational church, also sang at morning services attended by about 1,000 persons in the theater. Also featured were numbers by a 130-piece symphony orchestra made up of young musicians from Billings, Hysham, Park City, Laurel and other communities in this area.

Paul Eusevier directed the orchestral numbers while Mrs. H. R. Best directed the choral presentations.

The Mother's day idea was launched in 1904 by Frank Hering, past president of the Fraternal Order of Eagles at Indianapolis, Ind. The Eagles' lodge fostered the plan and urged its general adoption throughout the country. Ten years later, in 1914, President Woodrow Wilson issued a presidential proclamation asking its observance, which has been national the last 24 years.

Tales of the TOWN

More than 2,200 persons, including Billings families and transients, were given assistance by the local Salvation Army citizens during March and April. It was indicated Sunday in a report of army activities issued by Adj. D. G. Rody, officer in charge.

Families received emergency aid in the form of groceries, furniture, garments, shoes, fuel and services, while transient men and women were housed and fed. A total of 486 destitute persons were outfitted with clothes, 955 were provided sleeping accommodations and more than 2,300 meals were provided transient men and women. Local persons receiving similar aid numbered 170.

Reports on character building and evangelistic activities were outstanding for the period as compared with previous years, Adjutant Rody said. A total of 3,800 adults attended army services and more than 1,000 children were given practical training and instruction in Sunday school, club, music and other classes.

The army's social service department was active in providing temporary work for 415 men and 32 women, the adjutant's report stated. Members of the women's home league and officers visited 469 homes, and 530 periodicals and other reading matter were provided to prisoners and inmates of city and county institutions.

Army officers appealed for more contributions of clothing, shoes, furniture and other articles to be distributed among the needy, pointing out that present supplies are low. Clothing and shoes can be distributed only as they are donated to the Salvation Army, they said. Contributions are notified at 4559, or can be taken direct to the local citadel at South Broadway and Second avenue.

ROOSEVELT ASKS FOR PEACE TRY

(Continued from Page 1.)

After reading the message, Secretary Hull said:

"The United States is making its contribution through the policy of negotiating reciprocal trade agreements. The people and the government of the United States are determined to carry this policy vigorously forward."

"It is our firm conviction that there is not in the world today a more potent force making for economic well-being everywhere, for social stability within nations, and for durable peace among nations than expanding international trade, functioning on the basis of mutual advantage, fair-dealing and nondiscriminatory treatment."

The Washington Scene ...

By David Lawrence (Copyright, 1938.)

(Continued from Page 1.)

administration just to get the bill into conference.

The reason for this strategy is that if congress adjourned next month without passing a wage and hour bill it would be necessary to go through the senate again, and the chances of a filibuster there by southern senators would make doubtful passage of any measure. There is still chance of a filibuster in the senate on a conference report. The senate passed the present bill with many of its members believing it would never get through the house.

The president is eager to get some bill enacted even if it sets standards for minimum wages and maximum hours that are not much different from those which prevail in most industries and businesses today, his idea being to write the principle into law and give an argument for the coming congressional campaign. Mr. Roosevelt was checkedmate by the A. F. of L. and the C. I. O. Both gave their blessing to the proposal. It is significant that, until the opposition of the A. F. of L. was worn away, the measure was blocked, being proving what was said in these dispatches, that the labor groups have a majority of both houses and can put through or block any bills affecting their welfare.

HOPKINS HITS BACK AT HOOVER

Reiterates Pledge to Keep WPA Free of Politics.

Washington, May 8.—(P)—Harry L. Hopkins taunted Herbert Hoover about the 1932 bonus army eviction Sunday night and charged that such policies, not those of the Roosevelt administration, struck at "the existence of our form of government."

The works progress administrator spoke over a nation-wide radio network on "Politics and WPA," replying to a speech delivered by the former president at Oklahoma city last Thursday night.

"I notice that the only living ex-president of the United States says we are headed straight for fascism," Hopkins said.

"He wants us to return to the policies he pursued in 1930, 1931 and 1932. He wants, in some occult way, to go in for production and work and yet to stop spending."

Hopkins said Hoover recently returned from visits to "several of the fascist nations" and should know "certain things which seem to have escaped him completely."

"What he seems to have missed entirely," the Roosevelt leader said, "is the basic fact that fascism came to those countries because the masses were not getting their fair share of things and were willing to submit to anything in the way of a change."

Hopkins reiterated his pledge that no person on WPA would be required to make political contributions or support candidates of any political party.

"I now want to invite anybody who finds any evidence that this policy is not carried out to give me that evidence," he said.

MOTHER LEADS WITH HER SON

(Continued from Page 1.)

mother's confession, which the warder previously had announced.

Mrs. Smith confessed, McCauley said, that her son posed, with prospective purchase of Basset's car, lured him to their home near here, slew him with a hammer.

She told Juries that portions of the body were buried in four places in northern King county, but was unable to recall the exact burial spots in two trips over wooded sideroads in the district.

"Never, never regret this step, Earl, my dear," Mrs. Smith wrote, "I fully believe you are not responsible and I will take my stand with you. My heart pleads for poor Mrs. Basset."

Wilkins said Mrs. Fawcett, serving a term of 15 years for defrauding a Seattle dress shop, won Mrs. Smith's confidence and "urged her to get right with God," thus setting the stage for a state officer posing as a clergyman and confessor. Over a period of a year, the "clergyman" and Mrs. Fawcett worked on Mrs. Smith until she was finally admitted, incriminating details of her son's acts, Wilkins reported.

Wilkins said Mrs. Fawcett's help would be taken into consideration by the parole board in fixing her sentence.

Mrs. Fawcett claims to have been married to three millionaires and to have figured in French espionage cases during her life as an adventuress.

Wilkins said some of the notes held in evidence against Mrs. Smith were written to Mrs. Fawcett, whose counsel to Mrs. Smith to "purge her soul" resulted in letters callously recounting her version of Basset's fate and also linking Mayer with three other asserted killings.

The sullen 43-year-old Mayer told King County Prosecutor B. Gray Warner at Walla Walla he would lead officers to the remains of the extra official in return for a promise of immunity from a death sentence. The confessed killer also indicated he would ask that rewards for the recovery of Basset's body be paid him.

"There's still more than a thousand dollars offered for the body, isn't there?" he asked Warner.

Warner refused to bargain with Mayer, and said he would immediately file first degree murder charges against the man. Warner will demand death by hanging for Mayer and his mother, Mrs. Mary Eleanor Smith, his confessed accomplice in killing Basset.

Warner pointed out that Mayer is already serving a life term as an habitual criminal, and that another life term would mean nothing.

JURY TO DECIDE FATE OF INFANT

(Continued from Page 1.)

Abramowitz, the family's spiritual adviser, Solomon Silbert, president, Chicago Hebrew theological college, and Samuel C. Cohen of New York, executive director of the United Synagogue of America, in session here.

Dr. Hersman said Baby Helaine's distraught parents, Dr. Herman Cohen, 30, a dentist, and Estelle, 28, agreed to the jury plan after long hours of family consultation.

He and Hoffman said Mrs. Cohen has become seriously ill from the trying ordeal of trying to decide what should be done for her baby.

Dr. Hersman added that if the jury decided for an operation it would be performed "immediately."

The gloma affecting the baby's eyes is a cancerous growth which spreads along the optic nerves to the brain, causing blindness. It has destroyed the sight in Helaine's left eye and impaired that in the right.

The child appeared normal until two weeks ago when Dr. Hersman detected a flaw in the left eye, subsequently diagnosed as gloma.

JAPAN REPORTS SMASHING WIN

(Continued from Page 1.)

China city, all gates were reopened after having been closed when reports circulated that 13,000 Chinese irregulars were in the vicinity.

(Although no guerrillas were to be found just outside the city where they had been reported in great numbers, apprehension persisted in Peiping. The irregulars were known to be in possession of some towns less than 20 miles away.)

Deadlock continued on the northern and southern sections of the Tientsin-Pukow railway despite steady increases in force on both sides.

In the opinion of those observers the awakening of China's southwest was the war emergency presents a tremendous added obstacle in the way of Japan's announced determination to "chastise China."

Visitors were said to be pausing over the Indo-China railway to the Chinese border where thousands of Chinese civilians take care of their transportation. Unaccounted junks move along the nation's innumerable waterways bearing war supplies to the Yangtze valley.

F. D. R. RETURNS TO U. S. SUNDAY

(Continued from Page 1.)

and house leaders, a luncheon meeting was held in the White House, and talk with Secretary Morgenthau, and with Secretary Ickes and Harry L. Hopkins over the progress of the relief-public works program during his absence.

He had no comment on the wages and hours bill status beyond his radio statement that he was gratified by the obtaining of sufficient petition signatures to force a vote in the house. In the same message he had expressed satisfaction with the progress of the relief-public works program.

Gold told the newsmen he had no idea when congress would adjourn. He excused himself from commenting on a speech before the United States Chamber of Commerce by Winthrop Aldrich, head of the Chase National bank, and the president of the National Industrial Conference board, by saying he had not seen a newspaper since last Tuesday.

The Philadelphia retrace its northern course about 50 miles Saturday night, and the Philadelphia, which left here the morning of April 30 and took the president as far as Somersboro land, east of the Virgin island group, where the president was to spend the night when he sailed back to the mid-Florida coast and sent a surgeon over the side to remove a steel splinter from a sailor's eye aboard the Marathon.

A message said the doctor stated he removed the splinter, left medicine and instructions for treatment until the sailor reached port at New Orleans.

Congressional leaders admittedly were eager to learn just what the president would do from an attentive to his leadership in view of the sweeping victory of Senator Pepper on a "support Roosevelt" platform in the Florida primary.

The lending-spending bill would come up in the house Tuesday under an agreement limiting general debate to 10 hours. Even many opponents of revived public works spending conceded it would win approval by an overwhelming majority.

The measure would be met by an appropriations subcommittee would provide \$1,250,000,000 to run the works progress administration from next July 1 to Feb. 1, 1939; \$1,000,000,000 for public works, including \$750,000,000 for grants and authority for \$250,000,000 for farm security administration loans and grants to farmers; \$75,000,000 for the national youth administration, and \$25,000,000 for federal buildings.

The president's recommendation for an enlarged slum clearance program was not included in the bill. That proposal still is before the house banking committee.

The appropriations committee voted to make appropriations direct to the agencies which will spend the money, which would end the procedure followed in the past of appropriation direct to the president for allocation to the agencies. Mr. Roosevelt was said to have consented to this action.

The wage-hour bill cannot come up in the house before May 23, even under the successful petition which 218 members signed Friday to take the measure from the rules committee. The bill has been voted 8 to 6 against sending the bill to the house floor.

Unless the rules committee should reverse its stand and thus allow earlier consideration, it appeared certain adjournment would be delayed beyond the June 1 date which congressional leaders had set previously. Committee members said there was little likelihood of a reversal.

The house will complete debate Monday on bill to create an independent regulatory body for civil aviation.

The senate may act on the tax revision bill drafted by a joint committee of senators and representatives appointed to compromise the differences between the measures passed by the two bodies.

However, Chairman Harrison, Democrat, Mississippi, of the senate finance committee indicated he might delay calling up the conference report until Tuesday so members might make preliminary study of it.

Major changes which the bill would make in existing law include modification of the undistributed profits and capital gains taxes.

CIRD FOR WAGE, HOUR BILL FIGHT

(Continued from Page 1.)

and the committee for industrial organization which threatened election reprisals against those opposing the bill, facilitated its chances.

The C. I. O. began to carry out its reprisal threat Sunday when the C. I. O. News listed names of five Democrats and three Republicans on the rules committee who voted against giving the bill a favorable report. The newspaper called on the voters to "remember these names at the next election" and listed the following:

Representatives: E. Cox, Democrat, Georgia; D. J. Davis, Democrat, Arkansas; Howard W. Smith, Democrat, Virginia; J. Bayard Clark, Democrat, North Carolina; J. Will Taylor, Republican, Tennessee; Carl E. Mapes, Republican, Michigan; Donald H. McLean, Republican, New Jersey, and Dies.

Dies, undaunted, warned that if Mrs. Norton attempts to "railroad" the bill through in its present form the senate probably will amend it. The measure would establish a 40 cents per hour maximum wage after three years in industries engaged in interstate commerce and create a maximum 40-hour work week after two years.

The Texas claimed that northern industries, because of higher living costs and wages, would go "scot-free" under the bill, which, he said, discriminates against the south. He argued that it would boost prices also for the southern poor and would be a "choking" employer's ploy.

Senator Tom Connally, Democrat, Texas, who led a successful filibuster against the antilynching bill, doubts that the wage-hour measure can be killed by that route. Senator Joseph W. Bailey, Democrat, North Carolina, new deal critic shares his view.

Chairman Elbert D. Thomas, Democrat, Utah, of the senate labor committee, pledged every effort to harmonize the senate-approved bill with the one before the house.

HITLER SEES AIR MANEUVERS

(Continued from Page 1.)

Great Britain did not weaken the Italy-German working agreement.

Mussolini Saturday night at the state dinner given to Hitler pledged fidelity to the Rome-Berlin friendship and the fuhrer guaranteed "for all time" the Alpine border between the two countries.

Hitler was said to have a free hand in Czechoslovakia as far as Italy is concerned, and in return he promised to respect Italian interests in the Danubian and Balkan regions.

While the contents of their bargain gradually were being disclosed, some members of the German delegation described Hitler's solemn guarantee of the present frontier between Germany and Italy as "a colossal sacrifice."

This renunciation of the south Tyrol—the region where many Germans live, which Italy got as a result of the World war settlement—the Germans said they could explain only on the grounds that Mussolini's reported assurances of a free hand for Hitler in Czechoslovakia must have been very far-reaching.

These Germans—minor members of the German delegation—indicated they hoped against hope that Hitler rose to speak Saturday night that Mussolini might yet cede the German-speaking portion of South Tyrol to his Nazi friend.

"I only hope there won't be many suicides in South Tyrol," one observed. "The propaganda since Anschluss (union of Austria and Germany effected March 13) has been terrific among the Italian Tyrolese, muting against the wishes of the German government."

"These feelings of German tongue and blood fully expected Mussolini would make a friendly gesture permitting them to rejoin greater Germany."

Mussolini's cherished four-power pact plan (among Italy, Germany, Great Britain and France) apparently has been dropped, at least momentarily, in favor of a sphere of influence scheme.

Hitler, on two occasions of treaties before a nation, never did like the four-power pact idea.

The regrouping of forces which the Nazi and fascist leaders hope will come as expected by informed quarters to involve Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, Hungary and Rumania.

The program as pictured here was: Mussolini will not oppose Hitler in anything he wants to do in Czechoslovakia.

In Yugoslavia and Bulgaria, Mussolini's political division will be paramount with a division of trade between the two.

In Hungary, their interests will be more or less equal while Rumania would be brought into the constellation which she composed her frontier and minority troubles with Hungary.

President Eduard Benes of Czechoslovakia was expected in Italian quarters to attempt to obtain an agreement with Hitler to ward off immediate pressure on his state as Poland did with her 10-year treaty guaranteeing Pomerania (the Polish corridor).

Hitler Sees Air Maneuvers

(Continued from Page 1.)

Mussolini Saturday night at the state dinner given to Hitler pledged fidelity to the Rome-Berlin friendship and the fuhrer guaranteed "for all time" the Alpine border between the two countries.

Hitler was said to have a free hand in Czechoslovakia as far as Italy is concerned, and in return he promised to respect Italian interests in the Danubian and Balkan regions.

While the contents of their bargain gradually were being disclosed, some members of the German delegation described Hitler's solemn guarantee of the present frontier between Germany and Italy as "a colossal sacrifice."

This renunciation of the south Tyrol—the region where many Germans live, which Italy got as a result of the World war settlement—the Germans said they could explain only on the grounds that Mussolini's reported assurances of a free hand for Hitler in Czechoslovakia must have been very far-reaching.

These Germans—minor members of the German delegation—indicated they hoped against hope that Hitler rose to speak Saturday night that Mussolini might yet cede the German-speaking portion of South Tyrol to his Nazi friend.

"I only hope there won't be many suicides in South Tyrol," one observed. "The propaganda since Anschluss (union of Austria and Germany effected March 13) has been terrific among the Italian Tyrolese, muting against the wishes of the German government."

"These feelings of German tongue and blood fully expected Mussolini would make a friendly gesture permitting them to rejoin greater Germany."

Mussolini's cherished four-power pact plan (among Italy, Germany, Great Britain and France) apparently has been dropped, at least momentarily, in favor of a sphere of influence scheme.

Hitler, on two occasions of treaties before a nation, never did like the four-power pact idea.

The regrouping of forces which the Nazi and fascist leaders hope will come as expected by informed quarters to involve Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, Hungary and Rumania.

The program as pictured here was: Mussolini will not oppose Hitler in anything he wants to do in Czechoslovakia.

In Yugoslavia and Bulgaria, Mussolini's political division will be paramount with a division of trade between the two.

In Hungary, their interests will be more or less equal while Rumania would be brought into the constellation which she composed her frontier and minority troubles with Hungary.

President Eduard Benes of Czechoslovakia was expected in Italian quarters to attempt to obtain an agreement with Hitler to ward off immediate pressure on his state as Poland did with her 10-year treaty guaranteeing Pomerania (the Polish corridor).

BRITAIN DROPS ETHIOPIA FIGHT

(Continued from Page 1.)

ish loyalist government of continued Italian and German intervention on behalf of Generalissimo Francisco Franco.

2—China's appeal against Japanese invasion and asking aid from the league.

3—Chile's demand for league reform coupled with a smoldering Chilean threat to leave the league.

4—Aid for Austrian refugees and complaints of Jews in Rumania.

5—Switzerland's request for league recognition of her right to "integral" neutrality.

WHEAT SLASHES ARE PREDICTED

(Continued from Page 1.)

thorized after June 15 if the price continues downward. Loans would average not less than 60 cents a bushel, compared with average local market prices of \$1.18 a year ago.

Should the 1938 wheat goal be set at \$0.000,000,000, compared with \$0.000,000,000 for the year 1937, the acreage seeded for this year's crop would be approximately as follows:

Colorado, 1,203,899 and 1,806,000; Idaho, 809,283 and 1,293,000; Illinois, 1,831,728 and 2,472,000; Indiana, 1,231,978 and 2,035,000; Kansas, 10,015,903 and 17,453,000; Minnesota, 1,287,374 and 2,289,000; Missouri, 1,550,686 and 2,720,000; Montana, 3,179,151 and 4,879,000; Nebraska, 2,773,480 and 5,040,000; North Dakota, 1,545,084 and 10,024,000; Ohio, 1,446,375 and 2,418,000; Oklahoma, 3,433,427 and 5,559,000; South Dakota, 2,676,322 and 3,701,000; Texas, 3,316,992 and 5,315,000; and Washington, 1,300,004 and 2,295,000.

SCOTTISH RITE TO MEET TODAY

(Continued from Page 1.)

with members of the four Scottish rite bodies—the Billings Lodge of Perfection, the Billings chapter of Rose Croix, the Billings Council of Kadosh, and the Billings consistory—attending the program.

Historical and religious degrees from the fifteenth to the eighteenth will be conferred Tuesday by the Rose Croix chapter. The Council of Kadosh will be in charge of philosophical and chivalric degree work, from the nineteenth to the thirtieth. Wednesday, when ceremonial and official degrees, the thirty-first and thirty-second will be conferred on Thursday by the consistory.

Elwood F. Kusche is director of work and W. B. Garrigus is master of robes for the ceremonies. The committee in charge of the class consists of W. E. Boley, chairman; E. I. Marvin, vice chairman; H. T. Hedden, P. P. Coulter, R. C. Dillavou and A. E. McPartridge. Composing the registration committee are Joseph W. Sanson, chairman; D. J. Brumbaugh, Ralph F. Schofield, Roy Patterson, Jess E. Sparks, Clifford D. Bowman and Clyde Moore. The refreshment committee consists of Jesse I. Duncan, chairman; Harry J. Strutt and Richard J. Duncan.

Business Loans Meeting to Be Conducted Today

Washington, May 8.—(P)—Heads of federal banking agencies will meet Monday to consider relaxing restrictions so as to encourage banks to make loans to businessmen.

Banks don't like to make loans which examiners will criticize. Secretary Morgenthau, in this line, has asked the federal reserve board, controller of the currency and federal deposit insurance corporations to look into their examining methods to determine if there are any types of loans which have been but should not be criticized.

Usually well-informed persons said the reserve board favored slight relaxation, but was having difficulty convincing the comptroller's office and the FDIC. They predicted a compromise would be worked out which would permit banks to make, without criticism, loans up to approximately five years.

U. A. W. Executive Body Meets Today On Factionalism

Detroit, May 8.—(P)—The international executive board of the United Automobile Workers union (C. I. O.) will meet here Monday with factionalism within the union its chief problem, said union sources.

The factionalism tangle, straightened out temporarily in the U. A. W. national convention last August, has come to light again in recent months, these sources say, marked by the emergence of a third faction.

Richard T. Frankenstein, energetic young vice president of the U. A. W. since last year's convention, last August, has come to light again in recent months, these sources say, marked by the emergence of a third faction.

The split between Martin and Frankenstein became apparent recently when the U. A. W. president publicly chided his subordinate for advancing a plan of his own for ending factionalism without consulting his chief.

Motorcyclist Hurt In Collision Here

Arthur Salsbury, about 20, of 336 Lewis avenue, was injured Sunday afternoon when the motorcycle he was riding and a car driven by Bruce Cook of 216 Avenue D collided at Division street and Clark avenue.

Salsbury was taken to his home following the collision and treated for severe cuts and bruises on his legs, arms and body. It was reported.

Cook reported to police he was driving north on Division street in his sedan, and that Salsbury was riding the motorcycle east on Clark avenue when the two vehicles collided. A. intersection about 2:20 p. m. According to Salsbury, his machine was struck broadside by the car and he was thrown several feet by the impact.

Police listed as witnesses Mrs. Cook, Oran Hazelton of 217 Avenue D, Mrs. Frances Crosby of 216 Avenue D, and Mrs. C. M. Wood of 1214 North Thirty-first street.

Nazis Snub Ickes.

Washington, May 8.—(P)—Secretary Ickes, who is holding up the sale of helium to Germany, has been omitted from the list of guests invited to attend a dinner at the German embassy Monday night honoring Dr. Hugo Eckener, German dirigible expert. Eckener arrived in Washington Sunday. He will try to convince Washington officials that the United States should sell helium for a new zeppelin, the LZ130, successor to the doomed Hindenburg.

Announcements

Dr. E. J. Blain will not be in his office until May 14.—Advertisement.

Dr. Morledge will be out of his office from Saturday noon, May 7, until Thursday morning, May 12.—Advertisement.

SMITH'S FUNERAL HOME.

RAMER—Services for Clarence Leroy, 7-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John G. Ramer, will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Smith's funeral chapel. Interment in Mountview cemetery.

GLENDAL HOTEL
211 1/2 N. 29th St.
E. A. NODLER, Prop.

SMITH'S Funeral Home
ESTABLISHED IN 1896

FOX TONIGHT AND TUES. **Broadway's Darling** The toast of the bright lights. hungry for Romance! **JOY OF LIVING** **Movie News, Novelty & IN WAR-TORN CHINA! INTERNATIONAL SETTLEMENT** **DOLORES DEL RIO**

ROAD 10-15 CONTINUOUS SHOWING STEWART NORTH OWNER **Theodora GOES WILDER!** **IRENE DUNNE CARY GRANT** **The Ambush Truth** **PLUS COLOR CARTOON SPORTS AND NEWS!**

BABCOCK Shows Continuous Daily 1 to 11 **LAST TIMES TODAY** **DOROTHY LAMOUR - RAY MILLAND** **"Her Jungle Love"** **LYNNE OVERMAN** **IN TECHNICOLOR** **—AND—** **MARY BOLAND - ERNEST TRUAX** **"MAMA RUNS WILD"**

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY **Wm. POWELL ANNABELLA in "The BARONESS AND THE BUTLER"** **—AND—** **LAFF-PACKED VACATION ADVENTURE** **YOU'RE ONLY YOUNG ONCE** **with CECILIA STONE CARMICHAEL PARKER MICKEY ROONEY** **DIAL 3815 For Feature Times**

10c "Where Everybody Goes" **15c**

FLY-AWAY BABY **GLENDAL FARRELL BARTON MACLANE** **PLUS** **Smith BALLEW in "HAWAIIAN BUCKAROO"** **NEWS**

Billings Club "MONTANA'S FINEST NIGHT CLUB" **ON N. 27TH STREET, TURN WEST ON RIMROCK ROAD**

METAL PRICES

Domestic Copper	11.25c
Export Copper	10.25c
Gold, world price	\$34.77
Silver	42 3/4
Zinc	4.50c
Lead, East St. Louis	4.60c
Lead, New York	4.75@4.80c

Montana BUTTE Standard

HOME EDITION

The Standard carries the most extensive telegraph news service in Montana.

VOL. LXXVI.—No. 65.

ESTABLISHED 1876

BUTTE, MONTANA, MONDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 12, 1938.

PRICE FIVE CENTS

TWO ARE KILLED IN BUTTE AUTOMOBILE CRASH

DeCasto Earl Mayer Chokes Self to Death

Mayer Death Ends a Long Crime Career

Convict Suicide Known in Twin Cities as C. C. Skidmore Was Suspected in Two Disappearances.

When C. C. Skidmore, tried in Seattle as DeCasto Earl Mayer, took the easy way out and strangled himself yesterday, he ended a career that is purported by authorities of the Northwest to have been one of wholesale murder, and according to Night Chief of Police Jack Duggan, as gruesome as the infamous Bluebeard of France.

Grim and cold-blooded in the murders he is said to have committed, the debonair Skidmore, known to hundreds of Anaconda and Butte residents, apparently took his own life rather than face trial for one of four murders he is accused by his own mother of committing.

With Skidmore's life went the secret of the graves of those four persons, local authorities believe. His mother, said to be deranged, by her son, has confessed participating in the murders, but has been hazy and erratic on details. Skidmore himself never admitted definitely any one of the four purported murders. Two of the murders were said by his mother to have been committed in a house in Anaconda. The bodies of the victims, Mrs. Dorothy LaCasse of Butte and Ole Larson of Anaconda, have not been found.

In Idaho Skidmore is accused of the murder of Dave Randall of Pocatello, whose body was never found.

In Seattle Skidmore with his mother, known here as Mrs. French, cosmetics peddler, was being tried for the murder of Eugene Bassett of Annapolis, Md.

Local authorities had watched the Seattle trial with keen interest, hoping in the end that the veil of mystery in the LaCasse and Larson cases would be lifted. In Idaho, authorities hoped for

(Continued on Page 2, Col. 2.)

MURDER AND SUICIDE ENDS DANCE PARTY

WRAY, Colo., Dec. 11.—(P)—The body of Miss June Veal, pretty 16-year-old daughter of R. E. Veal, Yuma county commissioner, was found today beside the body of her lover in an automobile parked on a lonely road near Wray.

Deputy District Attorney Webb D. Martin said the girl was shot by Walter Schack, 24, who then turned the gun on himself.

Dennis Carruthers of Wray, who said he took Miss Veal to a dance at Olive lake upon the request of Schack, witnessed the shooting, Martin declared.

The deputy district attorney and Sheriff Raymond Van Horn said Carruthers told them the shooting followed a three-hour argument during which Schack repeatedly announced his intention of killing himself.

Carruthers was not held and Sheriff Van Horn said there would be no inquest unless one was requested by Miss Veal's parents.

RETURN OF ANTHONY EDEN TO CHAMBERLAIN'S CABINET SEEN

Belief Expressed That Former Minister Will Be Welcomed Back on His Return to England.

LONDON, Dec. 11.—(P)—Anthony Eden, who left the Chamberlain "appeasement cabinet" in February, likely will be welcome back into that body.

Many British politicians reached this conclusion because in his avidly lead speech last Friday in New York he did not declare war on his

Skidmore Back in 1921



AND PRISON AGED Above are two pictures of the man who has been compared to the Bluebeard of France, C. C. Skidmore as he was known in Butte, and DeCasto Earl Mayer, under which name he was tried in Seattle when he took the easy way out, by strangling himself. Prison aged Skidmore quickly as the pictures show.

Father Coughlin Does Not Speak in Church Behalf

CHICAGO, Dec. 11.—(P)—Speaking in behalf of George Cardinal Mundelein, Bishop Bernard J. Sheil of the Chicago archdiocese, said in a radio (NBC) address today that "as an American citizen, Father Coughlin has the right to express his personal views on current events."

"But," the bishop added, "he is not authorized to speak for the Catholic church nor does he represent the doctrine or sentiments of the church."

Bishop Sheil said he was authorized to make the statement because Cardinal Mundelein had been "importuned by news commentators and correspondents from every section of the country in reference to broadcasts by Father Charles E. Coughlin of Detroit."

ACCUSED MURDERER USES NOVEL MEANS TO TAKE OWN LIFE

Convict Stuffs Paper Down Throat Then Lashes Mouth With Belt and Ties Hands in Suicide

SEATTLE, Dec. 11.—(AP)—DeCasto Earl Mayer, on trial for the murder of a Maryland man who vanished 10 years ago, killed himself in his jail cell today in what Prosecutor B. Gray Warner described as "the easy way out."

Jailers found the body of the convicted habitual criminal, who was accused of slaying James Eugene Bassett, Annapolis, Md., naval civilian employe, whose automobile Mayer had promised to buy.

Mayer, 44, had strangled himself by stuffing bits of paper down his throat, lashing his mouth shut with his belt strap, and then tying his hands so he could not ward off death if he had wanted to, jailers said.

The convict, who was serving a life term in the state prison when he formally was charged with Bassett's murder, was accused of hammering the man to death in a confession made by Mrs. Mary Eleanor Smith, another convict who represented herself as his mother. Both were on trial.

"The strength of the state's case became apparent to Mayer last week," Prosecutor Warner said. "He feared he would hang and took the easy way out."

Asked whether Mayer's death would end the trial, Warner said: "We will go right on with it. I have never had any doubt that he was guilty."

Defense attorneys said they might ask a continuance, depending on the condition of Mrs. Smith after she is advised of the death.

Hysterical sobs and disbelief were Mrs. Smith's reaction to the suicide. She was not told of Mayer's death for more than two hours after his body was discovered.

At her own request she was taken to the morgue to view the body.

Reaching out a hand in an attempt to touch the still form she sobbed.

"Why did you do it?" Body Is Found.

The body was found on the floor of the cell which he had occupied alone. Jailers found him about 4 p. m. M. S. T., when they brought food to him.

Dr. C. C. Tiffin, King county jail physician, said Mayer had been dead about an hour.

The trial of Mayer, and Mrs. Mary Eleanor Smith, 73, who said she was his mother, had been under way for two weeks and attorneys were in conference at the time of his death to map plans for his defense tomorrow.

Defense Attorneys Milton Heiman and Warren Hardy said they had intended discussing their plans with Mayer this afternoon.

Big Mystery. The disappearance of Bassett has become one of the Pacific Northwest's biggest mysteries. His body never has been found. His automobile was found in Mayer's and Mrs. Smith's possession in Oakland, Cal. Mrs. Smith recently completed a five-year larceny term in the state prison.

State patrolmen said they had obtained a confession from Mrs. Smith, implicating Mayer in the deaths of three or four other persons.

(Continued on Page 2, Col. 3.)

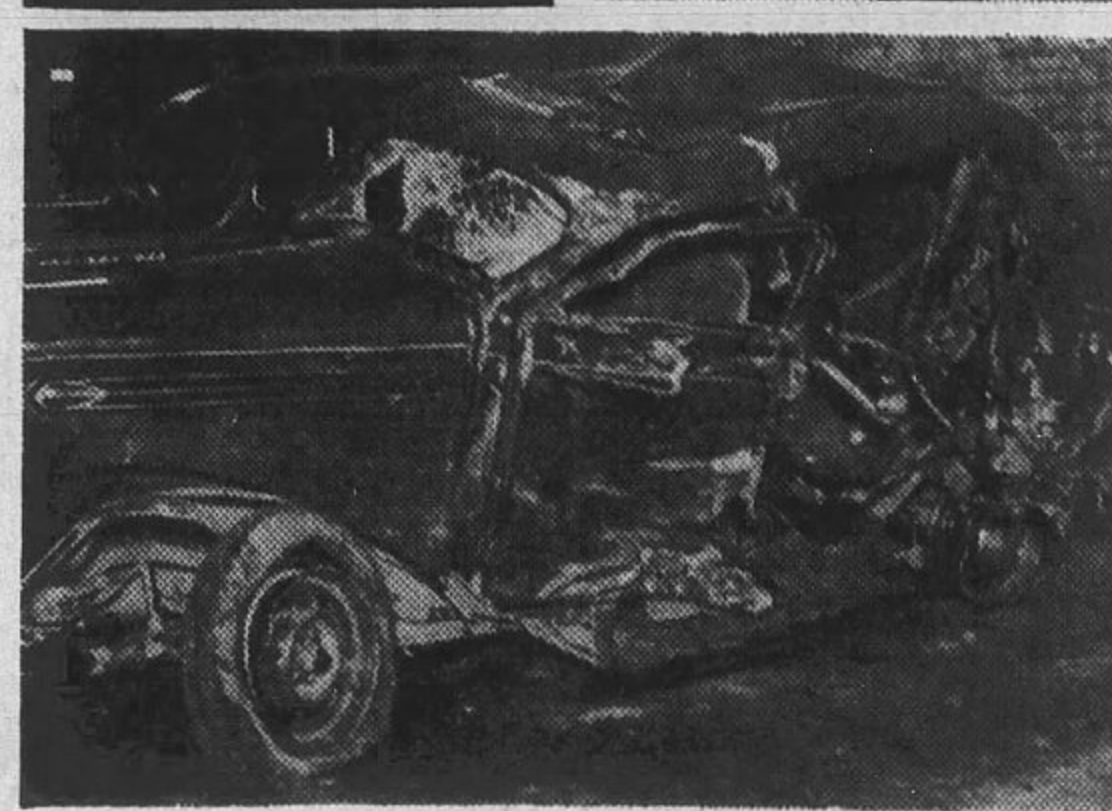
PRESIDENT IS FACING NEW CONGRESS WITHOUT PROGRAM, SOLON SAYS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—(P)—Representative Fish, Republican, New York, said today President Roosevelt "faces the new Congress without a single constructive program to get back on the road to recovery, except to spend more billions for armaments."

In a statement to the press, Fish added he believed in a strong national defense, but not in "spending billions of dollars on armaments for purposes of aggression or merely to put our people back to work."

(Continued on Page 2, Col. 5.)

BUTTE TRAGEDY VICTIMS



AND INSTRUMENT OF DEATH. Above are Francis Burke, 27-year-old Butte Business College student, and Miss Rose Melvin, 18, of Centerville, who met death in the automobile pictured here. The accident, termed by police as the most violent in many years, sent eight other young people, occupants of this sedan and a coupe, to the hospital. Three were still patients of the St. James hospital last night.

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION IN UNITED STATES IMPROVES, FEDERAL INDICES DISCLOSE

Index Passes 100, Regarded Normal of 1923-'25 Period; Rise of 25 Points From May Recession.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—(P)—The Federal Reserve Board announced today its index of industrial production had passed 100—formerly regarded as the normal level.

The figure of 100 on the board's index equals industrial activity of the 1923-25 period. Making allowances for growth of population and industrial capacity, economists now place the "normal" figure—representing a rate of industrial activity at which unemployment would virtually disappear—at about 140.

However, the 100-plus rating of industrial output which the board reported represented a rise of about 25 points from the recession low of last May, and showed American factories had reached the level of October, 1937, which was the second month in which the recession curtailed production. The recovery peak was 118.

Exact index figures for November.

(Continued on Page 5, Col. 7.)

HULL IS SEEN AS POSSIBILITY IN PRESIDENT RACE

Boom 'Just Grewed' on Washington Consciousness, Observer Declares.

By KIRKE L. SIMPSON WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—(P)—Busy makers of democratic presidential booms and booms for 1940 would be well advised, in the opinion of many politicians, not to overlook possibilities of the most unique of them all—that centering on Cordell Hull of Tennessee.

The Hull-for-President idea is an orphan child, so far as any discernible political leader parenthood is concerned. Nobody started it, from the white-haired beneficiary whose gentle dignity and mild manners cloak the real fire within the man, down through the political state. It just "grewed" on Washington consciousness, like Topsy.

Hull may be aware of it. Probably he is but does not take it seriously or even, perhaps ever think about it. As secretary of state he has given Washington a new demonstration of what President Wilson once described as his own "one-track mind."

In contrast, Hull's chief at the White House has exhibited a highly multi-track mind.

The late Louis Howe, Franklin Roosevelt's political Warwick, the king-maker, used to say of "the boss" that his habits of thought reminded him of a vast modern railway switching yard. Trainloads of ideas, statistics and historical backgrounds of problems came in, Howe said, to be sorted early for storage or early through-train forwarding.

(Continued on Page 2, Col. 6.)

NOTED HISTORIAN PASSES IN NORWAY

OSLO, Norway, Dec. 11.—(P)—Dr. Christian L. Lange, 69, who shared the 1921 Nobel peace prize with Hjalmar Branting of Sweden, died here today. He was a noted historian and represented Norway at the disarmament conference and a number of other League of Nations conferences.

WEATHER FORECAST. Montana and Wyoming—Generally fair Monday and Tuesday; warmer Monday.

THREE OTHERS GO TO HOSPITAL WITH INJURIES

Five Escape Hurts in One of City's Worst Accidents

What was described by police as one of the most violent and "sickening" automobile wrecks they had ever seen, claimed the lives of two young Butte persons early Sunday morning and left two in a serious condition in St. James hospital. Six others were hurt. The accident occurred on Front street, where it is intersected by Kaw avenue, when two cars rammed together.

The dead are Francis Burke, 27, of 2712 Walnut street, a student at Butte Business College, and Rose Melvin, 18, of 209 Minah street, a graduate of Butte high school, class of 1938.

Seriously injured are Melvin T. Branter, 18, of 1602 Warren avenue, driver of one of the cars; Margaret Fay, 18, of 907 Nevada avenue, a junior at Butte high school, and Elsie Hugo, 18, of 2024 Elm street, a senior at Butte high school. The three were riding in a coupe that collided with a sedan. They are patients at St. James hospital.

Burke and Miss Melvin, occupants of the sedan, died shortly before noon yesterday at St. James hospital. Five others were treated for minor injuries and dismissed. They were: Martin Stefonic, 2407 Elm; Helen Trica, 328 East Woolman; Douglas Maempa, 2336 Pine; Pete Bracco, 230 Main street, Meaderville; Eleanor Judkins, 444 Anaconda road. The 10 persons six of whom were in the sedan were members of Butte's younger set, all homeward bound at the time of the crash, which police said was 12:11 a. m.

One on Running Board. Branter, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Branter, 1602 Warren avenue, was driving the coupe, traveling west on Front street. He and his companions were en route from the Branter home. They had just eaten a midnight lunch at the Branter home, after which the youth started out to take his friends to their

(Continued on Page 2, Col. 6.)

FIVE CAR DEATHS HERE IN MONTH EQUAL TOTAL FOR ENTIRE YEAR, 1937

The automobile deaths early yesterday morning in Butte boosted the total of such fatalities within the city limits to five since November 1, compared to a total of five car deaths within the city area for the entire year of 1937, Night Chief of Police Jack Duggan said last night.

Since November 1 automobiles have been the instruments of death for a woman and man pedestrian, for a boy on a sled and the young man and girl in yesterday's tragedy, the night chief said.

The deaths brought the state total to 139 for the year compared to 160 automobile fatalities for the year 1937.

MISSOULA LAWYER DIES FROM HURTS IN AUTO MISHAP

Elmer E. Hershey, 76, Who Aided in Founding Montana University Is Victim.

MISSOULA, Dec. 11.—(P)—Elmer E. Hershey, 76, prominent in the practice of law here for half a century, died early this morning as the result of being hit by a car on a city street Saturday evening. C. R. Monroe of Missoula, who police said was the driver of the car that struck Hershey, said that the elderly lawyer was standing near the center line of a residential street in the south side of the city, apparently waiting for a long string of cars to pass. Monroe said he was unable to see Hershey until the last second because of the glare of lights of approaching cars. He said he was driving slowly at the time. Mr. Hershey suffered a skull fracture, brain injury, shock and internal injuries. He was taken to a hospital but failed to regain consciousness.

Mr. Hershey was born in Fremont, Ohio, in 1862. He came here in his early twenties, taught school at Stevensville for a period and then established a law office in Missoula. He was at one time a member of the state Legislature and was instrumental in founding the state university here.

12 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT

BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS

JOINT MEETING OF LEGION AND AUXILIARY SET TUESDAY

Past Presidents and Commanders Will Assemble for Dinner at 6 o'clock; Program Will Follow.

Plans are complete for one of the American Legion's and the auxiliary's biggest events of the year tomorrow night when the two organizations meet jointly. A 6 o'clock dinner at the Dutch Tavern for past presidents and past commanders will open the evening's activity.

Past auxiliary presidents and their contemporary Legion commanders follow: Mrs. Paul Lenz, Leo Morrisey; Mrs. Louis Young, Geo. Knuckey; Mrs. Mel Hansen, Ralph Rand; Mrs. Ralph Rand, Bion Hall; Mrs. Pat Whalen, Owen Smithers; Mrs. Robert Fott, Earle Genzberger;

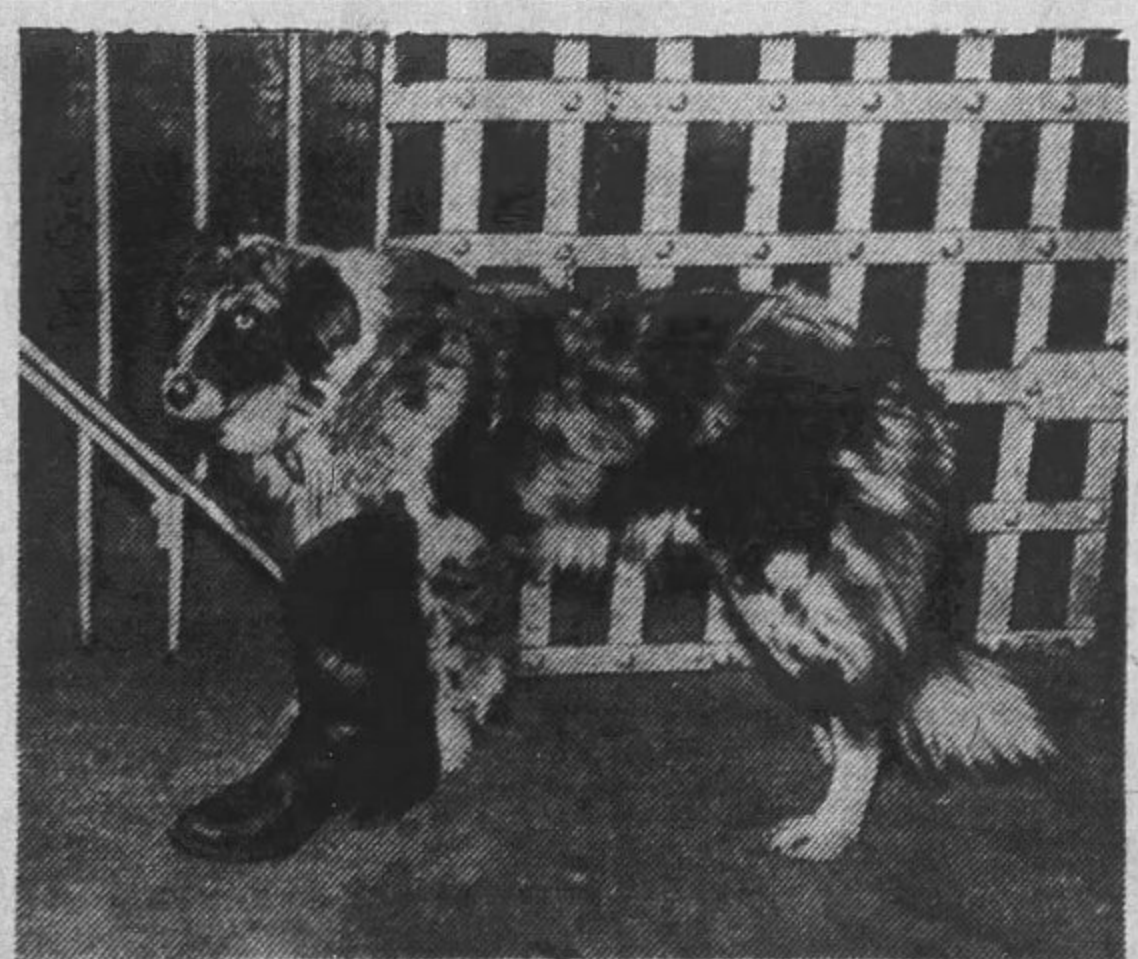
Mrs. Joe Shugert, Ben Hardin; Mrs. Fred Lehn, Ross McGinnis; Mrs. Owen Smithers, Fred A. Lehn; Mrs. Earl Miller, Oscar Dingman. Others who will be present at the banquet are William Chapman, James Uncles, Al Livingston, Joe Toole and Horace Casey.

A short business meeting will be held after the dinner. Former and present heads of the Legion and auxiliary will pass in review and be introduced.

New candidates for the women's organization will be initiated by past officers. Mrs. Fred Lehn is chairman of the arrangements committee, on which all past presidents will serve.

Mrs. Catherine Lenz and Mrs. Lorena Ross will give several vocal selections, accompanied by George Dunkley. Many out-of-town visitors from neighboring posts and units have been invited.

Patiently Awaiting His Master's Release This Time From Hospital



ONLY A DOG COULD BE SO LOYAL.

This picture snapped yesterday in the city jail tells more graphically than words the age-old story of the loyalty of a dog to his master. Though thick and thin, and this story is filled with thick troubles—this cowboy's dog, an Australian shepherd, has been his master's best friend. He has patiently awaited the end of his master's perplexing troubles. The dog has made the city jail

(Continued on Page 3, Col. 5.)

UNITED STATES AND ARGENTINA MANIFEST AGREEMENT AT PAN-AMERICAN MEETING

DELEGATIONS AT LIMA CONSULT ON POLICY PROGRAM

Many Delegates Pay Tribute to Liberator of Peru at Huara.

By ANDRUE BERDING.

LIMA, Peru, Dec. 11.—(P)—The north and south poles of pan-Americanism—the United States and Argentina—seemed in agreement today as the first week of the pan-American conference executive work opened with prospects of attaining outstanding accords for the preservation of peace and integrity in the new world.

The two nations whose disagreements in the past have marred several pan-American conferences appeared through their representatives, United States Secretary of State Cordell Hull and Argentine Foreign Minister Jose Maria Cantillo, to be in agreement on most of the principles to be followed.

The warm handshake, almost an embrace, which Cantillo gave Hull when the latter finished his speech yesterday was deemed by delegates today to be symbolic of a new feeling between the two countries.

Although today was a holiday, some work of the conference went on with delegations consulting among themselves and conferring with others.

Many delegates drove over the new highway to Huara to pay tribute to the liberator, San Martin, who proclaimed Peruvian independence from the balcony of a small house here in 1820. The significance of the drive was that the new road, an excellent highway, will be part of an eventual pan-American highway designed to link North and South America with a 10,000-mile band of cement.

A poll of individual members of most delegations disclosed widespread enthusiasm for a project to set up mediation machinery among the American nations to settle the civil war in Spain.

Although Mexican and Argentine delegates, sponsors of the plan, were reluctant to discuss it publicly, it was known they hope to present something concrete as soon as they are certain there will be no opposition.

It was believed, however, that such mediation would be attempted even if the United States declined to participate beyond expressing its approval.

Speeches and consultations during the past few days have enabled delegates to form a fair idea of the probable accomplishments of the conference.

In all probability a strong resolution will be passed proclaiming the American republics' determination to defend themselves against all aggression from without, whether by arms or political activities.

It will be the pan-American version of three musketeers' fighting motto, "One for all, all for one." Although it does not seem possible to reach a pact to this effect, indications were that the resolution would be stronger than appeared likely at first.

All existing instruments of peace signed at pan-American conferences probably will be unified into one fundamental document which would become a sort of constitution of the western hemisphere.

The Mexican code of peace toward this end may not be adopted because it goes beyond existing peace agreements by including an inter-American court of justice. In that case, the United States project, which simply would codify present agreements, stands a good chance of adoption.

3. Codification of the international law as among American states probably will be carried considerably further.

4. A Cuban resolution condemning racial persecution stands a good chance of receiving approval.

The United States delegation would have liked to see this resolution go further than condemnation and call for further assistance for German refugees.

A project sponsored by Columbia and the Dominican Republic for a league of American nations probably will be held over for the ninth pan-American conference in 1943 for lack of unanimous consent.

This also, probably will be the fate of the proposal for an inter-American court of justice.

INDIANS PAY TRIBUTE TO PASTOR AND WIFE AT COLORFUL EXERCISES

LODGE GRASS, Dec. 11.—(P)—Three hundred grateful white and Indian friends paid tribute today to Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Petzold, who founded and conducted the Baptist mission on the Crow reservation for the last 35 years.

Delegates from Sheridan, Wyo.; Billings, Mont., and every part of the reservation took part in services conducted at the Chivers Memorial Indian church of Lodge Grass.

The Indians expressed their appreciation by presenting the couple with a blanket, and symbolic of their love of both spread it across their shoulders.

The Rev. Chester A. Bentley, missionary pastor at the Crow agency, presided at the services and at a dinner following.

Since coming to Lodge Grass in 1903 Dr. and Mrs. Petzold have developed six churches for Indians and four for white men.

DeCasto Earl Mayer Takes Own Life in Seattle Jail by Choking Self to Death

LEFT TO FIGHT ALONE



MRS. MARY ELEANOR SMITH. With the suicide yesterday of her son, DeCasto Earl Mayer, in a Seattle jail, Mary Eleanor Smith whose supported confession resulted in a trial for the two on a charge of murder was left as a lone defendant to fight for her liberty in the courts.

DEATH ENDS LONG CAREER OF CRIME

(Continued From Page One)

a solution of the Randall disappearance.

By choking himself, Skidmore remains the enigma authorities here found him for the last 17 years, since the time when Mrs. LaCasse and Larson were reported missing.

Gruesome questioning of the stony-faced man, a prison sentence for life as an habitual criminal, the confessions of a conscience-stricken mother, and the Seattle murder charge failed to shake a word from the cruel lips of Butte's notorious Skidmore, a man who will go down in criminal history as Northwest's Bluebeard, officials said.

It was last May that the mystery shrouding the disappearance of the comely wife of a Butte man, and a grizzled quarry worker, was recalled. Then from the Walla Walla penitentiary came a Washington state patrolman, posing as a clergyman, not an erratic confession from Skidmore's mother.

She charged her own son with hideous murders in a house on East Commercial avenue, Anaconda. She told a sordid tale of the butchering of the bodies and the disposition of the mutilated forms in a ditch near Anaconda.

The attractive Mrs. LaCasse was last seen in February, 1921, as she was being driven to have visited at the Skidmore home in Anaconda. She was reported missing on April 4, 1921. Not long afterward Larson fell into the hands of Skidmore and his mother, never to be seen again.

The third disappearance linked to them was that of Randall, He dropped from sight at Pocatello, Idaho, in 1921, also. A body found near Dillon on Sept. 4, 1923, was believed to have been that of Randall. The badly decomposed skeleton could not be identified, however.

Numerous Parties Are on Calendar

THREE FORKS, Dec. 11.—(Special)—Mrs. George McPhail entertained the members of her bridge club Friday evening. Prizes were received by Mrs. Gayle Dunbar, first; Mrs. Winifred Jenkins, second; and Mrs. Spencer Heims, low. Kay Hammer was a guest.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Breslin entertained a number of friends Saturday evening at pinocle party. Mrs. Ralph Wilcox received high score for the ladies and Warren Dixon for the gentlemen.

The Rebekahs entertained at a no-host dinner Monday evening for candidates. Afterward a business meeting and initiation was held and plans were made for a Christmas party for the members and their families.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Barnes entertained at a dinner party Monday evening. Covers were laid for eight, and afterward bridge provided diversion.

Mrs. Mamie Tibbs returned home Sunday from Chicago, where she visited at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Newell Grey.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Platt and daughter, Marie, will leave Monday for New York city, from where they will sail for Denmark to spend the holidays with relatives.

W. C. Dalley has returned to his home in Denton, after a few days' visit at the home of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wade.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Haffner spent the first part of the week in Butte. Mr. and Mrs. Bert LeDuc of Belgrade spent Sunday with Mrs. Lizette Haskell.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Burrow were Butte visitors Tuesday.

Mrs. John Zimmerman and Mrs.

(Continued From Page One)

sons. She said in the confession that Mayer killed Bassett to gain possession of his automobile.

Mrs. Smith implicated Mayer in the deaths of Mrs. Dorothy LaCasse and Ole Larson in Montana 17 years ago, and Dave Randall in Idaho.

To Stand by Motion.

Hardy, who is defending Mrs. Smith, said he would stand by his motion of last week for dismissal of the case because of insufficient evidence. Superior Judge Chester A. Batchelor has the motion under consideration.

Mrs. Smith was not immediately informed of Mayer's death. Attorney Heiman said he couldn't "understand Mayer's death. Maybe that's what he meant last night. At the close of the trial Saturday Mayer said to me: 'Thanks a lot, Heiman. You did a swell job and put up a hard fight.'"

"I asked him what he was talking about. The case wasn't over yet, I told him. I said we still had a lot of fight left. Mayer then said: 'Well I just wanted you to know that I appreciate what you have done for me. Best of luck.'"

Bassett, 35, was the son of an eastern steel executive.

His mother, Mrs. Marian F. Bassett, of Annapolis and Society Hill, S. C., testified she had been widowed because her husband died of heartbreak over the disappearance of his son.

After Mrs. Smith's confession she was taken on several trips to identify hiding places but she contended the country had so changed in the decade she could not direct officers to find the remains.

Prosecution Claims.

The prosecution contended Mrs. Smith was not the mother of Mayer.

Swing D. Colvin, recently defeated for the U. S. Senate, was prosecutor when Mayer and Mrs. Smith were arrested and brought back from Oakland, Cal.

His efforts to prosecute them for murder on confessions he said he obtained through use of a "truth serum" and a lie-detector were blocked by absence of Bassett's body and by a court order preventing further use of the lie-detector machine. This was one of the earliest attempts in the country to use results of a lie-detector as evidence in court.

Had Influence.

Mrs. Millicent Paddock Fawcett, former socialite and daughter of a Kansas City, Mo., life insurance executive but now a convict under sentence for grand larceny, had an unusual influence over Mrs. Smith in the state prison.

Mrs. Fawcett, looking more like a dowager than a convict, testified at the trial that she stayed in a cell next to Mrs. Smith's and that it was she who aided the state to obtain Mrs. Smith's confession.

She said that Mrs. Smith detailed how Mayer beat Bassett to death with a hammer, after they talked about Mayer's contemplated purchase of Bassett's automobile.

The written confession was obtained by a state patrolman masquerading as a clergyman. Mrs. Smith said she confessed to "get right with God."

Autobius said Mayer left Mrs. Smith a note which read:

"Dearest Mother: 'Words are sometimes meaningless. I am tired and wish to: 'Depart from a place wherein is oppression; and leave the house to tell its builder's fate. And, for the place I leave, I shall find another land.'"

"Everything is all right with me and it will be easier for you in the future."

"Lovingly, 'EARL."

"P. S. 'You will receive help. 'Prefer just cremation without box. Etcetera.'"

GLASS INDUSTRY IS BEING PROBED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—(P)—The national economic committee called witnesses today to hearings tomorrow on patent practices in the glass container industry. Senator O'Mahoney, Democrat, Wyoming, committee chairman, has predicted the glass industry investigation would demonstrate a use of patents "in sharp contrast" to testimony that patents were exchanged freely among automobile manufacturers.

RETIRED MINING OPERATOR DIES

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 11.—(P)—Benjamin MacReady, 87, retired mining operator, died at his home here last night after a long illness.

Born in Brooklyn, N. Y., he began work in Denver at the age of 20 as a newspaper man. He had operated mines in Colorado, Nevada, Arizona and California. Funeral services will be held tomorrow, with burial in Glendale.

FLAMES CLAIM THE LIVES OF THREE

LONG BEACH, Cal., Dec. 11.—(P)—A refining tube at the Hancock Oil company plant at Signal Hill burst today, bringing flaming death to three workers.

The dead, all of Long Beach, are Homer Huffman, 44; William P. Hill, 35, and Walter Rohrig, 22.

Bert Terrant of Townsend spent Tuesday with Mrs. L. H. Hankinson. Mrs. Ronald Nixon of Glendive is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Bryant.

Mrs. H. B. Chollar spent Tuesday in Butte.

Mrs. Abbie Ellison of Casper, Wyo., is visiting at the home of her son.

1928—Mayer sentenced to life in

HIS FIRST VICTIM?



MRS. ERNEST LA CASSE

This attractive Butte woman is thought to have been C. O. Skidmore's first murder victim in 1921. Skidmore was accused by his mother of having murdered this woman and to have thrown her mutilated body in a ditch near Anaconda.

Mayer's Record

Police records of DeCasto Earl Mayer, who died in Seattle yesterday and who was linked with the murders following the purported confession of his mother in the Washington state penitentiary in Walla Walla last May, show he began his crime career in California at the age of 17.

The activities of the future Mayer were brought to light from the records at the Montana state prison in Deer Lodge, where he was committed in 1917 after a grand larceny conviction in Gallatin county, the Anaconda and Butte police departments and from the records of Sheriff Chauncey Beal of Anaconda at the time Mayer reportedly killed Mrs. Dorothy LaCasse and Ole Larson. Police records at Pocatello also aided in tracing the highlights of his career, which extended over four states in the West.

Mayer's record follows:

1912—Committed to Ione reformatory in California at age of 17.

1915—Served 60 days in California jail, charged with grand larceny.

1915—Arrested at Spokane. Charge and its disposition not known.

1916—Held at Kansas City for investigation.

December, 1916—Arrested at Seattle, charged with auto theft.

1917—Arrested at Seattle as fugitive.

1917—Sentenced to Montana state penitentiary after grand larceny conviction at Bozeman.

1920—Arrested at Anaconda, presumably for Butte.

1920—Arrested at Butte for investigation.

1920—Employed at Solduro, Utah. February, 1921—Mrs. Ernest LaCasse believed to have disappeared on a visit to Skidmore's home in Anaconda.

April 4, 1921—Mrs. LaCasse reported missing.

April 19, 1921—Mayer's mother, Mrs. Smith, is shot and wounded by Mrs. J. A. Hendricks of Sipe Springs, Texas, in argument over disappearance of Mrs. LaCasse. Mrs. Hendricks was the mother of Mrs. LaCasse.

July, 1921—Mayer, using the name of D. E. Montaigne, is married to Ruth Hendrick of Bannock county, Idaho, ceremony taking place at Colville, Utah. They were later divorced and the woman is now living at Salt Lake City.

1921—Dave Randall of Pocatello, Idaho, is reported missing.

(Confronted with an explanation of the disappearance of Randall, Mrs. Smith, when questioned by Chief of Detectives Ernest Yorl of Seattle on May 24, this year, said: "Not that one, not that one," and refused to talk further.)

October, 1921—Ole Larson draws \$750 from Anaconda bank in form of a draft.

October, 1921—Ole Larson of Anaconda is reported missing.

October, 1921—Above draft cashed at Butte bank.

October, 1921—Mayer wounded by Pocatello officers when he attempted to escape following arrest on auto theft charge.

October, 1921—Mayer visited in Pocatello jail by Sheriff Chauncey Beal of Anaconda. Mayer failed when led to believe that a murder charge was awaiting him in Montana.

October, 1921—Mayer sentenced to two years in Utah state penitentiary following conviction at Ogden of auto theft.

June 30, 1923—Sentenced to Colorado state prison for grand larceny.

September 5, 1923—A body is found in gravel pit 10 miles south of Dillon. Believed to be Dave Randall of Pocatello.

1925—Badly decomposed body of red-haired woman found on Carlson ranch near Bernice. Believed to be Mrs. Ernest LaCasse.

September 5, 1928—James E. Bassett disappears at Seattle.

September 13, 1928—Mayer and his mother, Mrs. Smith, arrested at Oakland, Cal., in possession of Bassett's car.

1928—Mayer sentenced to life in

RETURN OF EDEN TO CABINET SEEN

(Continued From Page One)

What position the former foreign secretary might occupy in the cabinet is highly conjectural. Reichsfuehrer Hitler and Premier Mussolini no doubt would consider it a direct affront if he should return to the foreign office.

But British cabinet positions are extremely elastic. Eden might return in almost any post and still, automatically, have an influential voice in foreign policy councils.

Eden's trip to the United States was accorded the government's blessing by Foreign Secretary Viscount Halifax in the House of Lords when he said the diplomat crossed the Atlantic with "the fullest assent and approbation of the government."

Some quarters even thought Eden might sound out the American executive on just what help Britain and France could expect from the United States if they did make a determined stand toward dictators.

A small dissident Tory group in England has been eager to hail Eden as its leader following his resignation February 20 from the cabinet in a break with Chamberlain over his policy of dealing with the dictators.

But the former foreign secretary scrupulously has shunned anything by word or deed that would bar return to the present government.

In numerous speeches he has called for national rejuvenation, combining "three essentials—unity, strength and a sense of justice."

He has called for more energetic action against poverty at home as well as for a militant stand against dictators abroad.

But he has not yet shown whether he plans to lead a national opposition against Chamberlain or to work from inside the conservative ranks.

If he should raise the standard of revolt on foreign policy, labor eventually might follow him. If his national unity policy should aim at including labor in an all-party government, however, labor might fear, fearing a repetition of the late Ramsay MacDonald's so-called "treason" which led to the national government in 1931.

If Eden stays inside the Conservative party to strive for its leadership, some observers believe in time he will succeed.

SCHEDULE SECRET.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—(P)—What amounted to almost diplomatic secrecy surrounded the program today of Anthony Eden, former British foreign secretary, and his party who slipped out of New York for an unannounced destination in the country as guests of an undisclosed host.

Eden was the guest of honor tonight at a dinner given by Hamilton Fish Armstrong, editor of "Foreign Affairs," for a small group of editors and journalists.

Eden plans to leave tomorrow night for Washington where he said he hoped to see President Roosevelt.

FREIGHT TARIFF REDUCTIONS URGED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—(P)—Chairman Jones, Democrat, Texas, of the House agriculture committee said today the interstate commerce commission should require railroads to make blanket reductions in export freight rates on agricultural commodities.

"This would be in line with present export freight reductions which already apply to industry," he added in a formal statement. "It would stimulate the exportation of farm products and, by enlarging traffic, would benefit the railroads as well."

MARTIN FAVORED TO LEAD REPUBLICANS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—(P)—Representative Maas, Republican, Minnesota, said today the Minnesota Republican delegation favored Representative Joseph W. Martin of Massachusetts for leader of Republicans in the new House because Martin "has always shown a comprehensive grasp of western problems and an appreciation of the western viewpoint."

Regardless of what meaning he reads into the many extraordinary and spontaneous demonstrations of his popularity at home, Hull alone of all the democratic presidential nominees has an immediate prospect of hearing opportunity knock on his door. He is dealing at the Pan-American conference at Lima with situations which could go far, if the administration's hopes for that gathering bear fruit, to put him in the front rank of democratic presidential nomination possibilities.

GERMAN PLANE IS LIFTED FROM BAY

MANILA, Monday, Dec. 12.—(P)—The German goodwill plane which made a forced landing on Manila bay and sank last Tuesday near the end of its non-stop flight from Tokyo was lifted from the water by a derrick today but it fell apart during salvage operations. The crew of five and one passenger escaped serious injury in the landing.

prisonment in Washington state penitentiary at Walla Walla. His arrest and conviction was in connection with the theft of Bassett's car. His mother was sentenced to 18 years in the same prison on a charge of grand larceny in the same case.

January, 1937—Joe McCauley, a Washington state patrolman, posing as a minister, gains confidence of Mrs. Smith when he visited her in prison.

May 4, 1938—Mrs. Smith confesses to warden of Walla Walla prison that her son murdered James E. Bassett at Bothell, Wash.

May 7, 1938—Mayer purportedly confessed Bassett murder and also two Montana and one Idaho murders to.

May 9, 1938—Mrs. Smith completed eight years of her sentence and was ready for parole but was detained by authorities of King county, Washington, as a result of her confession.

SECOND CAR IN CRASH



OCCUPANTS SPARED BY FATE. This coupe which figured in Butte's most serious automobile collision in years early yesterday morning was occupied by three young people, who narrowly escaped death. A fourth was on the running board when the machine violently collided with a sedan at Kaw avenue and Front street. Two occupants of the sedan were killed.

TWO ARE KILLED IN EARLY MORNING AUTO ACCIDENT

(Continued From Page One)

various homes. Maema, one of those not seriously hurt, was riding on the running board, it was reported. The party had intended to turn north onto Nevada avenue, police said.

The sedan, driven by Burke, was going east. The cars met at a curve in the street, the coupe hitting the sedan broadside, police said. None of the occupants could tell just why the accident happened or who was to blame. It was thought that one of the drivers was blinded by the other's lights. Police said there is no ice on the street, although the shoulders are in a slippery condition.

Thrown From Coupe.

Branter and his two girl passengers were thrown out of their coupe. Burke, who was driving his friends home in the sedan was so tightly wedged under the wheel that police had difficulty in removing him from the car. The others were either thrown clear the car or pinned under the wreckage. Police officers arrived within one minute after a call had been received at headquarters.

"It was the worst I ever saw," said Officer Tom Calpin, a veteran on the force. "We heard moans, groans and screams. The highway was wet with blood and gasoline. Glass and auto parts were strewn everywhere. The engines of both cars had been driven back under the driver seats. Persons were lying all over the street. Burke looked like he was dead under the wheel."

Calpin put in a radio call for another police car, an ambulance and a wrecker. The 10 victims were loaded into the cars and rushed to the hospital where they were given attention by Dr. R. E. Zimmerman, a hospital interne. Dr. R. C. Kroeze.

Francis Burke, driver of the sedan, was born in Butte 27 years ago. He attended St. Ann parochial school and graduated from Central high school. At the time of his death, he was a student at Butte Business College. He was a brother of Miss Mae Burke, Butte nurse, living at the Apex hotel. Other surviving members of the family include his mother, Mrs. Bridget Burke, and four brothers.

Miss Melvin was born in Butte 18 years ago. She attended St. Mary parochial school and graduated from Butte high school last May. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Melvin. Two brothers and three sisters survive, also.

The bodies of the two victims are at the Daly-Shea mortuary.

HULL MAY BE IN PRESIDENTIAL RACE

(Continued From Page One)

Mr. Roosevelt had but to flick a mental switch, he contended, and there it all was, ready for use or forwarding if the moment was opportune, for return to storage if not.

That certainly does not describe Hull. He is a one-tracker. The idea that beating down international trade barriers was the road to world peace and plenty came to him as a youthful vision. He has been working at its realization, at giving the "good-neighbor" foreign policy doctrine of the Roosevelt administration more than phrase-making values, ever since.

Regardless of what meaning he reads into the many extraordinary and spontaneous demonstrations of his popularity at home, Hull alone of all the democratic presidential nominees has an immediate prospect of hearing opportunity knock on his door. He is dealing at the Pan-American conference at Lima with situations which could go far, if the administration's hopes for that gathering bear fruit, to put him in the front rank of democratic presidential nomination possibilities.

Attending physician said death was due to a fractured skull.

Mrs. Williams, 53, a passenger in the truck driven by her husband, is still confined to the hospital with scalp lacerations and chest injuries, but is recovering satisfactorily, her physician said.

Coroner J. W. Bullis said he was undecided about an inquest. Besides his widow, Williams leaves two sons and three daughters.

NEW YORK POST'S MANAGER PASSES

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—(P)—Jacob Omansky, 44, business manager of the New York Post, died of a heart attack today while horseback riding in Central park.

BAR PRESIDENT URGES TOLERANCE

METAL PRICES	
Domestic Copper	11.25c
Export Copper	10.30c
Gold, world price	\$34.76
Silver	42 1/2c
Zinc	4.50c
Lead, East St. Louis	4.60c
Lead, New York	4.75@4.80c

LIMA PARLEY MAPS AMERICAN PEACE SYSTEM

Labor Department Failure to Deport Enemy Aliens National Scandal, Dies Says

TEXAN CALLS FOR ACTION BY OFFICIALS

Head of Investigating Committee, in Broadcast Address, Says Levers of Foreign Lands Should Leave.

TO SEEK MORE FUNDS

Predicts Administration Will Make Every Effort to Prevent Authorization for Continued Work.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—(P)—Representative Dies, Democrat, Texas, said tonight that "failure" of the Labor Department to deport Communists, Fascists and Nazi aliens "is becoming a national scandal."

The chairman of the House committee investigating un-American activities, made the statement in a radio address summarizing the work of the committee. Speaking directly to the Labor Department, with which he has been in frequent controversy, Dies said: Urges Deportations. "Let me urge that you promptly deport the Communists, Fascists and Nazi aliens in this country. A large part of the un-American activities in this country is carried on by these aliens. The failure to deport them is becoming a national scandal."

Dies made this suggestion to those persons who "think more of Russia, Germany, Italy or some other foreign country" than the United States.

TEXTILE UNION DESERTS C. I. O.; CONVENTION DUE

President of Group Says Court Decision Severed Ties With Lewis Faction.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—(P)—Francis J. Gorman, president of the United Textile Workers, broke definitely with the C. I. O. today and proposed that a convention be called as soon as possible to determine the union's future policy on affiliation. In a letter to 700 locals, claiming 100,000 members, Gorman said he had become a member of the A. F. L., criticized the policies of the C. I. O.'s textile workers organizing committee and asserted that all ties with the C. I. O. had been severed by a Rhode Island court decision. Should the union desert C. I. O. ranks for the A. F. L., it would be

CITY SKATING RINKS TO BE READY FOR USE THIS WEEK

If Present Weather Continues Play Spots Will Be Made Ready for Children to Enjoy Winter Sports.

If present weather conditions continue a large number of city-operated skating rinks in all sections of the city will be ready for use this week. It was stated yesterday by John Lindquist, chairman of the Parks and playgrounds committee. The rinks primarily are for the use of children to give them an opportunity to practice before the annual grade school ice carnival in January. The carnival will be held on Saturday and Sunday, January 21 and 22, the parks and playgrounds committee has decided. Pupils of all of the public and parochial elementary schools will compete. "This year a large rink will be maintained at Clark park. The area

Vatican Is Alarmed at Nazi Move

Proposed New Laws Would Make Position of Church in Germany Grave; Strict Religious Bans Seen.

ROME, Wednesday, Dec. 14.—(UP)—It was learned reliably today that the Vatican considers that the Catholic church has reached a position in Germany of such gravity that "the worst is expected momentarily."

This opinion is based on press reports of a new German law which has been drafted, embodying eight provisions of the utmost severity, and which the Vatican believes may be passed by the reichstag at any time. It was emphasized that the Vatican had not yet received official information regarding the reported pending anti-church legislation in Germany. However, last night's Osservatore Romano quoted the Luxembourger Wort, a Catholic conservative newspaper, listing provisions of the reported legislation as follows:

- 1. Abrogation of the 1933 concordat with the Vatican.
- 2. Ban on religious propaganda in Germany whether carried out by special masses, processions or pilgrimages.
- 3. Immediate dissolution of religious bodies whose members are guilty of immorality and confiscation of their possessions.
- 4. Correspondence between the pope and the German bishops to be examined by the German government before delivery.
- 5. Ban on religious orders teaching or helping the sick, which in the future would be done by government financing under control of the minister for church affairs.
- 6. Ban on contributions by Germans to church or religious orders.
- 7. Ban on priests baptizing Jews and on non-Aryan Germans becoming priests.
- 8. Church memberships to be declared spontaneously by German citizens, in default of which they would not be considered to be members of any religious denomination.

PAROCHIAL HIGH SCHOOLS TO GRADUATE 139 PUPILS IN EXERCISES NEXT MAY

Man Is Treated for Stab Wounds

A man identified by police as Larry Williams, of 480 East Broadway, was taken to St. James hospital last night for treatment of wounds he said he received when he was stabbed on East Broadway. Officers Elmer Powell and Del Rodda early this morning arrested a man who gave his name as Matt Sabbi in connection with the stabbing. He was booked at the police station on assault charges.

CITY SKATING RINKS TO BE READY FOR USE THIS WEEK

inside the baseball field will be flooded to provide an enclosed rink. The Clark park hockey rink—the only one to be operated by the city—will be located north of Grand avenue and east of Harrison avenue. It will not be permissible to play hockey on any other rink. Co-operation of the public in enforcing necessary rules is asked. In past years complaints have been made because skaters destroyed fences and other property to obtain wood for fires. If this is done at any rink this year the rink will be closed for the season and skaters deprived of their privileges, it was stated. Inasmuch as children, under the new curfew law, are to be home at 8 o'clock in the evening, the committee expects the rinks will be clear of all skaters earlier than in the past. Adults may skate until 10 o'clock at night but after that time flooding operations will start. The rinks are to be maintained under the direction of Frank R. Curran, city engineer.

CHAMBERLAIN TALK ANGERS NAZI CHIEFS

Ambassador and Other Representatives Refuse to Attend London Dinner to Hear Prime Minister Talk

SCORES GERMAN PRESS

Attack on Baldwin Draws Scathing Criticism of His Successor; Appeasement Plan to Be Followed.

LONDON, Dec. 13.—(P)—The German ambassador and German representatives protested by their absence tonight a speech of Prime Minister Chamberlain in which he roundly criticized the German press because a part of it had called former Premier Earl Baldwin a "guttersnipe."

The Germans sent their regrets just before the foreign press association dinner, after they had read advance copies of the prime minister's speech. Looking down on the dozen empty chairs and untouched plates and place cards, the prime minister followed word for word that section of his prepared address which said: "I must deplore the present tone of the German press which in one case has not scrupled to pour out its vituperation upon a most respected of our statesmen, himself but lately prime minister of this country, and in few cases shows any sign of a desire to understand our point of view."

Thus Chamberlain referred to the Nazi press attack on his predecessor, Stanley Baldwin, after a refugee fund appeal last Thursday in which Baldwin spoke of "an

Christian Brothers Has 61 Seniors in Class, Girls' Central 78, Increase Over Number Last Year.

Butte's two parochial high schools—Christian Brothers and Girls' Central—will graduate 139 students next May. If all of the present seniors successfully complete the required studies, it was announced yesterday by principals of the schools. Both of the classes are larger than last spring when Christian Brothers gave diplomas to 46 students and 70 students finished at Girls' Central.

This year there are 78 seniors in the class at Girls' Central and 61 at Christian Brothers. Commencement exercises will be held for the boys' school on Friday, May 19, and for the girls' school on Friday, May 26, one week later. The tentative list of Christian Brothers' graduates follows: John A. Bradley, Joseph H. Briney, Robert S. Campana, Robert J. Cavanaugh, Walter L. Choquette, Earl D. Coyne, Bernard S. Denney, Edward J. Fasso, James S. Hanley, Robert E. Hannifin, John G. Hendra, Frank F. Hughes, Francis Howard Keogh, James F. Kane, Terrance F. Kelly, Frank T. Kiely, Thomas Kilgallon, James F. Mahoney. Thomas Marinovich, John P. Mulholland, Kevin B. McCarthy, William F. McKenzie, Thomas M. Paul, John T. Prothero, Ralph J. Redfern, William T. Roose, Dennis M. Shea, Jack Shea, Jeremiah Shea, William Shelton, Joseph Starcevic, James Kevin Thomas, Carl R. Turk. Jack F. Burns, John P. Connors, Edward D. Corr, Patrick Dudley, William Fitzpatrick, James J. Harrington, Bertrand T. Jones, John Raymond Kelly, Edward D. King, Robert T. Lavelle, John W. Lohman.

(Continued on Page 2, Col. 7.)

MRS. SMITH VIEWS BODY OF MAYER



SUICIDE VICTIM IN CELL. "Why did you do it?" cried Mrs. Mary Eleanor Smith, 73, as she viewed the body of her son, DeCasto Earl Mayer, in the jail cell at Seattle where he had committed suicide. Yesterday Mrs. Smith pleaded guilty and was sentenced to life imprisonment for the murder of James Eugene Bassett, who disappeared 10 years ago in the coast city.

Mrs. Smith, Given Life Term, Says Her Confessions Untrue

Many Details Furnished by Her Companion in Prison; No Attempt at Denial Made

Mother of DeCasto Mayer Says She Never Saw Bassett Alive, Returned From Kitchen to Find Him Dead at Hands of Son.

SEATTLE, Dec. 13.—(P)—They called 73-year-old Mary Eleanor Smith, "the wolf mother" during the 10 years she savagely protected her son from murder charges, but she was a broken old woman today when she pleaded guilty and received life imprisonment for the 1928 slaying of James Eugene Bassett of Annapolis, Md.

THORKELSON NAMES MEMBER OF STAFF

Dr. J. Thorkelson, congressman-elect from the First Montana district, announced yesterday the appointment of Miss Betty Foot, Helena, as his assistant secretary. Dr. Thorkelson is scheduled to take office for a two-year term the first of the year. Miss Foot, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Foot, former residents of Helena, has been employed at the state board of health offices in Helena the last two years. Her father is a former Montana attorney general. At present he is a member of the United States Army engineers' legal staff. He was stationed at Fort Peck for some time, and now is located at Sacramento, Calif.

Gang Vengeance Striking Inside Walls of Sing Sing Clears Up Slaying Mystery

OSSINING, N. Y., Dec. 13.—(P)—Gangland-vengeance that reached even inside the walls of Sing Sing prison wrote a sequel today to the "mistake" murder of John F. O'Hara, 26, New York financial investigator, who was slain by near-sighted underworld executioners last November 18. Detectives said the killers never meant to "get" O'Hara. His slaying was a blunder. The intended target was Matthew J. Kane, 41, an ex-convict, who "knew too much." Kane died today in the prison hospital from infection caused by a jagged fragment of knife-blade imbedded in his neck. He was stabbed in a mysterious assault last Sunday, authorities disclosed. Five convicts were placed in solitary confinement in connection with the case. As Warden Lewis E. Lawes pressed an investigation, keepers said Kane "took the rap," in prison jargon, refusing to talk even when he knew he was dying. Twice marked for death, Kane escaped to live briefly on borrowed time through the error of his would-be slayers—and paradoxically, the act that saved his life also sent him back to prison to his doom. He had been released from prison six hours before the O'Hara slaying, on his pledge to go directly to the home of his mother, in the same apartment building where O'Hara lived. Instead, he violated his parole, and saved his life—for the time—stopping at a Manhattan tavern. While Kane drank, O'Hara went home and the killers, lying in ambush near the entrance, apparently mistook him for Kane. After the slaying of O'Hara, who left a widowed mother and a 16-year-old sister, Kane was picked up for parole violation and returned to Sing Sing.

PROJECTS TO AVOID WAR IN WEST TALKED

Hull Says Short-Sighted Nationalism Is Forgotten

League of American Nations and Inter-American Court Among Subjects Discussed by Committees

LIMA, Dec. 13.—(P)—Nations of the western hemisphere, spurred by what Secretary of State Cordell Hull called a "grave world situation," took first steps today to organize for peace in the new world and protection from the old.

Putting aside what Hull termed "excessive and short-sighted nationalism," the nations plunged into discussion of far-reaching projects before the committee on organization of peace. The committee, meeting under the chairmanship of Alfranco de Mello Franco, former foreign minister of Brazil, reviewed proposals before it under four headings:

- 1. Perfecting and co-ordinating inter-American peace instruments.
 - 2. Creating an inter-American court of international justice.
 - 3. Creating a league of American nations.
 - 4. Declaring an American doctrine of non-recognition of territory acquired by force.
- United States delegates said Hull's intention was to refrain from taking a position on any continental defense plan until after full discussion in committee. A Brazilian proposal to deny alien minorities in Latin America any special minority rights, such as Sudeten Germans demanded of Czechoslovakia, was referred to the committee on international law. Brazil has large German and Italian minorities.
- Protest Air Warfare.** Mexico proposed a declaration against aerial bombardments in wartime and the United States delegation led in preparation of economic proposals which would link the Americas by increased trade. The Argentine delegation, meanwhile, was attempting to co-ordinate three plans for a declaration calling for an end to the Spanish civil war.
- Report of Red Cross.** A substantial increase over the Butte quota of funds was raised in the 1938 Red Cross campaign, it was learned last night at a meeting of the Butte chapter of the American Red Cross. A sum of \$3,313.55 was raised; the quota was \$2,850. Chairman of the Board Jesse D. Newman presided at the session at which officers and directors who guided the Red Cross this year were re-elected for 1939.
- The blanket re-election keeps the following men in office: President, Jesse Newman; secretary, Col. D. G. Givers; treasurer, A. J. Davis; vice-chairman of the board, Paul Huidloff; and the following members of the board of directors: James H. Rowe, J. Fred Gomer, Joe L. Markham, Eugene Carroll, W. J. McMahon, Ray L. Ruhle and Mrs. H. D. Kistler.

REPORT OF RED CROSS ROLL CALL SHOWS CITY SURPASSED ITS QUOTA

A substantial increase over the Butte quota of funds was raised in the 1938 Red Cross campaign, it was learned last night at a meeting of the Butte chapter of the American Red Cross. A sum of \$3,313.55 was raised; the quota was \$2,850.

Trustees Approve Plans for Razing of Old Buildings Near New High School.

School trustees of district No. 1 at their regular meeting last night received bids to change the heating system in the Longfellow school, approved destruction of two old buildings on Arizona street and transacted a number of other matters. Four bids received on the Longfellow school job were referred to the buildings and purchasing committee with full power to act. In keeping with the school improvement program a call for bids to renovate plumbing at the Webster school was raffled. The bids are due December 22. Bids for school

M'LEOD ANNOUNCES MEMBERS OF SHERIFF OFFICE STAFF

George McKenzie Appointed Undersheriff; Eight Deputies, Jailers and Matron Also Given Posts.

Appointment of an undersheriff, eight deputies, three jailers and a matron who will form the personnel of Sheriff-elect Al McLeod's force, was announced yesterday by Mr. McLeod, who will take office January 3, succeeding Sheriff Larry Weir. The sheriff-elect's appointees all are widely-known and long-time residents of Butte. George McKenzie, 2037 Whitman avenue, was named undersheriff. Deputies are Arthur Duble, 1601 South Gaylord street; Charles Brasher, 107 East Fremont street; Neil Weston, 8 West Summit street; Centerville; Max Weber, 324 West Mercury street; William Dalling, 2050 Roberts street; Jerry Harrington, 18 O'Neil street, Walkerville; William

(Continued on Page 7, Col. 4.)

WEATHER FORECAST. Montana—Fair Wednesday and Thursday; warmer western portion Wednesday.

