# HITLER, DUCE MAY SPLIT EUROPEAN AREA

# Washington Scene ...

By David Lawrence (Copyright, 1938.)

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



gaining 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 way for general recognition of retained indefinitely thereafter unless the supreme court of the United States should say otherwise.

For many years it was considered of legal existence. invalid for the states to pass minimum wage laws where it was intended to safeguard the health of women and children. Recently this was 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

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 interestate commerce. In the labor relations cases, the supreme court defined interstate commerce so broadly that strikes in industries producing goods moving across state lines were declared to have an effect on interstate commerce. Is the desire to increase purchasing power or rather failure to increase it by paying higher wages an "effect on interstate commerce" within the meaning of the term 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 regu-

lation of interstate commerce itself. The doctrine that congress may actually prohibit the passage of goods 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 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 is far different from the house bill that may be passed on May 23. The latter represents many concessions by the

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## 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 air-

Relative humidity at 5:30 a. m. 91 per cent | Sunday night. Relative humidity at 5:30 p. m. 50 per cent feet—At 5:30 a. m. ......26.42 inches -At 5:30 p. m. .........26.38 inches Delane O'Dell, 13 a grade school stu-Character of day ......Cloudy dent. Sunrise today ......4:49 a. m. Moonrise today at ...........2:45 p. m.

STATE WEATHER REPORT. minimum temperatures and precipitation in the following cities for the last 24 hours ended at 6 o'clock Sunday night re- to take them up on a short flight.

73 had consented to act on the jury. Salt Lake City ...... 66 Spokane ..... 60

VITAL STATISTICS

BILLINGS, MONTANA, MONDAY, MAY 9, 1938.

PRICE FIVE CENTS.

# BRITAIN DROPS ITS FIGHT ON ETHIOPIA

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.

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

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 pro-

An unanimous vote in the council w ld 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 weeklong session summarizing the viewpoints of those nations favoring rec-

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

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. lems were on the league council's for degrees expected to participate.

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### Three Are Killed In Airplane Crash In Colorado Section

Ordway, Colo., May 8.—(P)—Two auditorium Friday evening. men and a 13-year-old boy were killed when an airplane crashed into a field

The victims, all of Ordway, were: Jo Williams, 35, owner and pilot of the plane; Ross Malone, 35, laborer; ning,

owned the plane about six months. the temple. He obtained a license a month ago, were friends of Williams and he agreed

Dr. Morris Hershman, the child's+

Dr. Hershman and Hoffman said

Dr. Irving S. Cutter, dean of the

JURY OF 12 IS TO DECIDE

FATE OF STRICKEN INFANT

CHICAGO, May 8 .- (A)-A jury of 12 men-nine doctors and

three rabbis—was selected Sunday to decide the "death or

blindness" dilemma confronting the family of baby Helaine Colan.

maternal grandfather, and Attorney Northwestern university medical

Samuel Hoffman, acting as the fam- school, would serve as jury chairman

They planned to meet Monday Masonic hospital, Dr. Sanford Gifford

morning, examine the 5-week old of Northwestern university, Dr. Max

child suffering from glioma and de- M. Kulvin of Hines Veterans' hos-

cide whether to operate for removal pital, Dr. E. V. L. Brown of Billings

of the eye, use X-ray treatment in hospital, and Dr. Robert H. Goode, all

life or let nature take its course, ers and Dr. Theodore Stone. Chicago

ily spokesman, announced the 12 men and the other members would be:

### 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 highlypaid 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.

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 approxi-A large list of other difficult prob- mately 350 members and candidates ing a new and better world order." The reunion sessions will start he was returning to the capital from here with a reception for Masonic a vacation at sea, was read by Secre-

> sonic temple at 9 a. m. Monday. Following the close of Scottish rite in the Americas." work Thursday evening, Al Bedoo | Apparently referring to his admin-Shrine temple will hold its twenty- istration's program of reciprocal tarfirst ceremonial session Friday, with iff reductions, Mr. Roosevelt declared the program opening at 1 p. m. in "The government of the United the temple and being climaxed with States is pledged to a course of intera street parade of nobles and novices national economic cooperation and to the Midland Empire fairgrounds will spare no effort in loyally con-

Scottish rite work on the initial day will be in charge of the Billings near Ordway in southeastern Colorado Lodge of Perfection. Ineffable de- economic problems offers one of the grees from the fourth to the four- practical approaches to the task which teenth will be received by a class of the world must undertake. candidates during the day and eve-

between Ordway and Pueblo, had at noon and dinner at 6:15 p. m. in

to take passengers on nonpaying will be the traditional banquet in Helena, May 8.-(AP)-Maximum and flights. Malone and the O'Dell boy the temple at 6:15 p. m. Thursday, (Continued on Page 2, Column 3.)

Dr. Maurice H. Cottle of Illinois

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The class picture will be taken at of nations can enjoy prosperity and noon Monday and during each day of plenty when a large part of the world Williams, who operated a truck line the reunion, luncheon will be served is in economic distress."

Climaxing the Scottish rite event prepared to accept and act upon these

### Hull Broadcasts His Words to South America; Tariff Washington, May 8.—(P)—President

Roosevelt looked over the troubled international scene and called Sunday for "a joint effort in construct-

A message from the president, while

visitors and candidates in the Ma- tary of State Hull in an international broadcast on "economic cooperation

tinuing on that course." He added:

"Cooperation in the solution of "There is a general and growing realization that no nation or group

The nations of the western hemisphere, the president commented, are conclusions, as is evidenced by the resolutions of recent inter-American

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### **Murderer Commits** Suicide at Prison

San Quentin Prison, San Rafael, Cal., May 8 .- (U.R)-Prison officials said Sunday night that Westley 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 Apri 9. He was sentenced from Los Angeles to a life term for murder.

KILLED TWO MEN.

which some doctors said would end brain specialists; Dr. Harold N. Waite, of trying to fleece him in a \$45 poker is a sacred historical shrine.

X-ray specialist, and Rabbis A. E.

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. TTASHINGTON, May 8.—(A) VV 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.

Th 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 na ion would be confronted with price-depressing" surplus of between 75,000,000 and 450,000,000 bushels of wheat, compared with 378,000,000 in 1933, the highest on record.

Growers could comply with or ig nore 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 Slashing Move Cited the opinion, however, that low prices at harvest time would cause growers

> It is quite probable, Bell said, that (Continued on Page 2, Column 2.)

# IADAN DEDONTO

Guerrillas Beaten at Nantungchow;

Shanghai, May 8.—(A)—Japanese military authorities Sunday reported

a smashing victory over a Chinese guerrilla force participating in an ap- Man Pays Burial parently 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 Kweichow and Uynnan, provincs heretofore relatively indifferent to the war, had lined up their vast area and resources in support of The Japanese said reinforcements crushed the Chinese guerrillas who taker in Princeton. Max Lowe said had attempted to cut off Nantung- he was the former Princeton resi-

(At Peiping, Japanese-held north (Continued on Page 2, Column 8.) over the money.

Yangtze river.

is 60 miles north of Shanghai on the

### 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.

Seattle, May 8.—(AP)—A bizarre

"Mother's day" appeal went out Sun-

aged convict, to her life-termer son,

De Casto Earl Mayer, begging him

to disclose all the details of the sup-

sertedly confessed during the week

bery, dismembered his body and

officers Sunday at the state prise,

refused however, to reveal any infor-

Detective Captain Ernest Yoris and

King County Prosecutor B. Gray

Warner said the convict met all que-

At the same time State Parole

Board Chairman William J. Wilkins

credited Mrs. Margaret Helen Thomp-

son Padelford Fawcett, Mrs. Smith's

livery to Mayer. Yoris went to the

state prison at Walla Walla to re-

turn Mayer here for the institution

James McCauley did not give details

of the crime, saying he would reveal

details "to the proper authorities."

He admitted verbally, McCauley said,

that the facts of the crime were

an into a confession.

of murder charges.

ries concerning disposition of the body

with "what good would it do me to

mation concerning Bassett's body.

day from Mrs. Mary Eleanor Smith,

### Aged Woman Convict Pepper, Hill Primary Writes Entreaty to Victories, C. I. O. and Confessed Slayer A. F. L. Are Given as of Bassett Sunday. Cause for Stampede.

Washington, May 8 .-- (U.P.) -- Administration forces Sunday night threw their full support behind a drive to force enactment of a wage-hour bil 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 past." stear collering 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 Demto "see the necessity of producing ocrats and Republicans of the house rules committee which kept the measure pigeonholed until it was pried loose 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, Demo-

crat, 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: See New Threats. She also said that active support by the American Federation of Labor

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## Bill of 40 Years Standing Sunday

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

The man asked Lowe if he were related to E. W. Lowe, once an underchow, important supply base for dent's grandson and the stranger 10,000 Japanese fighters. The town 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

### VANDALS DAUB PLYMOUTH ROCK, HISTORICAL SHRINE, WITH RED

Plymouth, Mass., May 8.—(P)—A | task of removing the brilliant hue.

buffalo gun, after suspecting them desecrated what to most Americans school children's gifts of pennies.

In their next breath they called out and slid down into the pit where the bargo on arms shipments to Spain. day morning conference with senate Martin was a Spanish-American war police to track down the vandals, and rock stands at high water mark, to workmen to begin immediately the daub the rock with brushes.

Los Angeles, May 8 .- (U.P.) - Wesley shocked Plymouth citizenry awoke Just a year and a week ago, red Martin, 64, who killed himself in Sunday and found the famous rock- paint was found on the rock, and San Quentin prison Sunday, was con- on which the Pilgrims reputedly first was blamed first on communists who victed here two months ago of kill- set foot in the new world settlement were celebrating May day. But Philip after his nine-day cruise, received re- had been "about as impersonal toing two men in a poker game at his | -covered to its base with bright red | Frankfield, secretary of the communist party in Massachusetts, denied Martin pleaded self-defense in re- When town officials—some of them members of his party were guilty. sisting the state's contention that he descendants of the Pilgrim colonists John W. Scanlon, caretaker of the trip-marked Saturday night by a remortally wounded Lloyd Lansing, 29, -recovered from the shock they reservation on which the rock is the hope of having both sight and eye specialists, and Dr. Casius C. Rog- and Lawrence Wines, 32, with an old mouthed imprecations on those who housed in a stone portico built with jured seaman aboard a Norwegian time in three weeks to be brought up

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.) OME, 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 fuehrer 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

their guest to the Tyrrhenian coast

where two 23,000-ton condemned mer-

chantmen were sunk off Furbara and tons of bombs were dropped in a mock battle in which 400 airplanes A few miles away, at Santa Marnella, a valley was torn to pieces in

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

demonstration of various forms of

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

tator, Virginio Gayda, writing in II 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

posed murder of James Eugene Bas-"She expects only that her vital in-Addressing the 43-year-old habitual terests in the Danubian and Balkan criminal as "my darling boy," Mrs. regions adjoining Austria be recog-Smith suggested that only a full connized and respected by Germany as fession could "rectify the terrible Italy is ready on her part to recognize and respect parallel German in-

buried it piecemeal nearly 10 years ler's Italian tour which was unoffiago, Mayer sought to bargain with cially estimated to have cost Italy prosecutors over the still undiscov- \$30,000,000-including the highways, railway stations and public works Mayer, questioned four hours by erected for the visit. High fascist quarters Sunday made

cerning spheres of central European

it clear Italy's Easter agreement with (Continued on Page 2, Column 6.)

### Arrest Warrant For Archduke Is Issued in Vienna

Vienna, May 8 .- (AP)-Austrian German authorities issued a warrant cellmate, with having paved the way Sunday for the arrest of 20-year-old for police to maneuver the aged wom-Archduke Felix of Hapsburg, young-Mrs. Smith entrusted her fantastic er brother of Archduke Otto, pre-'Mother's day" missive to Seattle De- tender to the nonexistent Austrian tective Captain Ernest Yoris for de- throne.

He was accused of theft of \$900 worth of silverware and linen which the prosecutor charged he took as a cadet at the military academy at Mayer, in his confession to Warden Wiener Neustadt when he fled Aus-

Felix was believed to be staying with his mother, former Empress Zita, and Otto in Belgium. It was recalled "about the same," as disclosed in his that a warrant was issued recently for Otto's arrest on a charge of high (Continued on Page 2, Column 1.) | treason.

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

CHARLESTON, S. C., May 8.—(AP)—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 over- tary Hull's press conference Saturnight train run to Washington for day and he thought the state deers and departmental heads, the pres- tion completely.

and exchanging pleasantries about the could well be." tanker-he was asked about the re- to date on foreign developments. theorized the vandals climbed a fence | newed drive to lift the American em- | He will hold his customary Mon-

The president replied he had seen

conference with congressional lead- partment head had covered the situa-Hull had said the United States wards the Spanish situation as any-After greeting all with a handshake body short of a cigar store Indian

The president said he would see sponse to an S O S to aid an in- Secretary Hull Monday for the first

the ship's radio account of Secre- (Continued on Page 2, Column 4.)

Mrs. Fred Henderson, Comanche,

Reiterates Pledge

to Keep WPA Free

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 exist-

The works progress administrator

spoke over a nation-wide radio net-

ence of our form of government."

of Politics.

# Corporate Financing Hopes Tend to Bring Security Marts Upswing

Many Issues Lifted their youthful pastor was officially excused for "playing hookey" from to Record Peaks for Drive.

recovery sprouts attained a hardier university graduate who came here growth in the security market last | 11 years ago. week and hopes for broad-scale resumption of new corporate financing sibly in leaving my church to a sup- Fraternal Order of Eagles, in the Odd took root in bond circles.

Wall street observed with satisfac- claim that my fishing trip was a tion increasing evidence of improve- Christian observance of Sunday." ment in investment sentiment-a further advance in bonds to new highs for the April-May upswing, wholesome recreation, complete un- the national observance in his Mothpreparations for corporate financing selfishness and rest from work. and a shift of buying into electric utility shares.

modernization program, the biggest ing 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 up more than a yea ago. Providing the recovery holds, bond men confidently expected un- Abramowitz, the family's spiritual adderwriters to go ahead with the plans announced last week and to hasten cago Hebrew Theological college, and preparations for additional large- Samuel C. Cohen of New York, execuscale borrowings to take advantage of tive director of the United Synagogue a briming reservoir of idle dollars in of America, in session here. banks and other institutions.

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mother's confession, which the warden previously had announced. Mrs. Smith confessed, McCauley said, that her son posed as a prospective purchaser of Bassett's car, lured him to their home near here, slew him with a hammer.

She told Yoris 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. Bassett." 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 thorized after June 15 if the price get right with God," thus setting trend continues downward. Loans and Mrs. Fawcett worked on Mrs.

the parole board in fixing her sen-

cases during her life as an adven- 1,287,374 and 2,289,000; Wilkins said some of the notes held 3,179,151 and 4,879,000;

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 exnaval officer in return for a promise of immunity from a death sentence. The confessed killed also indicated

he would ask that rewards for the recovery of Bassett's body be paid

there?" he asked Warner.

Mayer, and said he would immediately poker game recently. against the man. Warner will de- the police have no reason to detain P. P. Coulter, R. C. Dillavou and A. E. mand death by hanging for Mayer the squire. and his mother, Mrs. Mary Eleanor Smith, his confessed accomplice in ton's lawyer, Jerry Gesler, and Mrs. some, chairman; D. J. Brumbaugh, Warner pointed out that Mayer is

habitual criminal, and that another life term would mean nothing.

### Announcements

Dr. E. J. Blain will not be in his

office until May 14 .- Advertisement. fice from Saturday noon, May 7, until | ship. Thursday morning, May 12.-Adver-

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 in Mountview cemetery.

**GLENDALE HOTEL** 2111 N. 29th St. E. A. NODLER, Prop.

SMITH'S **Funeral Home** ESTABLISHED IN 1896

### Pastor Is Excused For Fishing Trip By Congregation

Springfield, Vt., May 8 .-- (AP)-A ovial Methodist congregation of 500 cheered approval Sunday night when their youthful pastor was officially 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-New York, May 8 .- (P)-The spring old Rev. Lawrence Larrowe, Depauw

"I plead guilty to negligence posply pastor," he told them, "but I Fellows' hall in the evening. An ideal, common-sense Sunday, he said, consisted of church attendance,

The fish he caught on his expedition, he added, he gave to needy fam-Focusing the spotlight on the late lies. The congregation applauded. spring stir of activity in the capital Then the chairman, a white-haired market was United States Steel cor- high school principal named Robert poration's announcement of plans to Millett, challenged the church memmarket \$100,000,000 in debentures bers to tell what they had been doing choirs of the Congregational church. next month to complete its plant last Sunday when Larrowe was fish- A violin duet was presented by Chris

> Laughter resounded when several reading was given by Myrtle Pfaff. 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 by about 1,000 persons in the theater. secret vote in favor of the pastor.

viser; Solomon Silbert, president, Chi-

Dr. Hershman said Baby Helaine's distraught parents, Dr. Herman Colan, 30, a dentist, and Estelle, 23, agreed to the jury plan after long hours of family consultation.

He and Hoffman said Mrs. Colan has become seriously ill from the trying ordeal of trying to decide what should be done for her baby. Dr. Hershman added that if the ury decided for an operation it would

e performed "immediately." The glioma affecting the baby's eyes s a cancerous growth which spreads after having been closed when reports along the optic nerves to the brain, causing death. It has destroyed the sight in Helaine's left eye and im-

paired that in the right. two weeks ago when Dr. Hershman detected a flaw in the left eye, subsequently diagnosed as glioma.

the stage for a state officer posing would average not less than 60 cents a as a clergyman and confessor. Over bushel, compared with average local a period of a year, the "clergyman" market prices of \$1.18 a year ago. Should the 1939 wheat goal be set Smith until she was finally admitted at 50,000,000 acres allotments to maincriminating details of her son's jor producing states, compared with the department's estimates on the Wilkins said Mrs. Fawcett's help acreage seeded for this year's crop, would be taken into consideration by would be approximately as follows: Colorado, 1,203,699 and 1,806,000; Idaho, 809,283 and 1,293,000; Illinois, Mrs. Fawcett claims to have been 1,631,728 and 2,472,000; Indiana, married to three millionaires and to 1.351,976 and 2.035,000; Kansas, 10,have figured in French espionage 015,903 and 17,453,000; Minnesota, 1,550,686 and 2,720,000: in evidence against Mrs. Smith were 2,773,460 and 5,040,000; North Dakota, written to Mrs. Fawcett, whose coun- 7.545,084 and 10,025,000; Ohio, 1.496,sel to Mrs. Smith to "purge her soul" 375 and 2,418,000; Oklahoma, 3,433,resulted in letters callously recount- 427 and 5,959,000; South Dakota, ing her version of Bassett's fate and 2,676,322 and 3,701,000; Texas, 3,316,also linking Mayer with three other 992 and 5,315,000, and Washington, 1,530,004 and 2,295,000.

### British Gambler's Wife to Rush Here To Save His Money

Los Angeles, May 8 .- (AP)-Mrs. Lillian Clifton telephoned from her Thursday by the consistory. "There's still more than a thousand home in England Sunday asking podollars offered for the body, isn't lice to hold her husband, Squire work and W. B. Garrigus is master Harry T. Clifton, wealthy British of robes for the reunion sessions. The money, which would end the proce-Warner refused to bargain with landowner, who lost \$150,000 in a committee in charge of the class con-

already serving a life term as an sible by steamer and airplane. She and Clyde Moore. The refreshment

money would be appreciated. Last week Lew Brice, former stage dancer, who won the \$150,000 from Clifton, signed releases of all claims against two bank drafts which Clifton executed to cover his losses. Brice said he would leave the matter of Dr. Morledge will be out of his of- payment up to Clifton's sportsman-

### C. I. O. Wins Cannery Workers Election in make loans to businessmen. Pacific Coast Area which examiners will criticize. Sec-

Seattle, May 8.—(U.R)—The national Smith's funeral chapel. Interment labor relations board Sunday night eral deposit insurance corporations to announced the committee for in- look into their examining methods to dustrial organization's cannery work- determine if there are any types of ers and farm laborers union, local No. 7, had been chosen in a consent not be criticized. election as the collective bargaining agent for Alaska salmon cannery the reserve board favored slight re-

Robert M. Gates, acting regional director for the NLRB, said the desig- and the FDIC. They predicted a comnation of a bargaining agent settled promise would be worked out which a jurisdictional dispute that had would permit banks to make, without delayed operations in the Alaska criticism, loans up to approximately salmon industry for several weeks, five years. The industry is expected to get under way immediately.

The C. I. O. affiliate received 1,560 votes. The cannery workers and farm laborers' union, local No. 18.257, an American Federation of Labor unit, nue south reported to police his 1929 of expelling physicians engaging in workers were eligible to vote.

Programs Held by Adj. D. G. Rody, officer in charge. Churches, Lodge During Sunday.

Mother's day was fittingly observed in Billings Sunday at programs sponsored by the First Congregational church in the Fox theater in the forenoon and by Billings aerie No. 176,

At both services the principal speaker was the Rev. George S. Sloan, pastor of the church, who touched on the origination and the meaning of er'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

The cathedral choirs, consisting of about 50 vocalists of the five choirs of the Congregational church, also sang at morning services attended Also featured were numbers by a 130piece symphony orchestra made up of young musicians from Billings, Hysham, Park City, Laurel and other

communities in this area.

Worm and William Stapleton and a

Paul Enevoldsen 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 country. Ten years later, in 1914, President Woodrow Wilson issued a presidential proclamation asking its observance, which has been national the

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China city, all gates were reopened circulated that 13,000 Chinese irregulars were in the vicinity. (Although no guerrillas were to be

found just outside the city where The child appeared normal until 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 north-

ern and southern sections of the Tientsin-Pukow railway despite steadily increasing force on both sides. In the opinion of these observers be the war emergency presents a tremendous added obstacle in the way

of Japan's announced determination o "chastise China." Munitions were said to be pauring over the Indo-China railway to the Chinese border where thousands of transportation. Uncounted junks leans. move along the nation's innumerable waterways bearing these war supplies to the Yangtze valley.

rite bodies-the Billings Lodge of Kadoen and the Billings consistoryattending the program.

Historical and religious degrees from the fifteenth to the eighteenth Kadosh will be in charge of philoficial degrees, the thirty-first and thirty-second will be conferred on

Elwood F. Kuschke is director of McFatridge. Composing the registra-Post said he offered to call Clif- tion committee are Joseph W. San-Clifton then declared she would hie Ralph F. Schofield, Roy Patterson, herself to Hollywood as fast as pos- Jess E. Sparks, Clifford D. Bowman intimated anything Los Angeles ommittee consists of Jesse I. Duncan, could do to help the squire save his chairman; Harry J. Stirrat and Richard J. Duncan.

### Business Loans Meeting to Be

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

retary Morgenthau, with this in mind, has asked the federal reserve board, comptroller of the currency and fedloans which have been but should

Usually well-informed persons said make preliminary study of it. laxation, but was having difficulty convincing the comptroller's office fication of the undistributed profits

### Coupe Stolen.

# Tales of the TOWN

ments, shoes, fuel and services, while South Broadway and Second avenue. transient men and woman 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

contributions of clothing, shoes, fur-

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and house leaders, a luncheon meettalk with Secretary Ickes and Harry L. Hopkins over the progress of the relief-public works program during his absence.

statement that he was gratified over day evening, starting at 8 o'clock, E. signatures to force a vote in the Sunday. house. In the same message he had expressed satisfaction with the progress of the relief-public works pro-

He 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, assailing the new lending-spending program as socialistic, by saying he had not seen a newspaper since last Tuesday. The Philadelphia retraced its north-

night to answer a call for aid for an injured seaman aboard the Norwegian tanker Marathon. Altogether, the Philadelphia, which

ern course about 50 miles Saturday

group, lost about five hours sailing giving the bill a favorable reoprt. The the awakening of China's southwest time Saturday night when she back- newspaper called on the voters to Great Britain and France) apparently younger persons if the higher rates tracked far off the mid-Florida coast "remember these names at the next has been dropped, at least momen- of pay are put in as a compulsory and sent a surgeon over the side to election" and listed the following: remove a steel splinter from a sailor's eye aboard the Marathon. he removed the splinter, left medicine Virgiania; J. Bayard Clark, Democrat, the four-power pact idea.

Congressional leaders admittedly were eager to learn just what the Dies. president would insist on from a

congress anxious to adjourn but more Mrs. Norton attempts to "railroad" the attentive to his leadership in view bill through in its present form the of the sweeping victory of Senator senate probably will amend it. The Pepper on a "support Roosevelt" plat- measure would establish a 40 cents slovakia. form in the Florida primary.

an agreement limiting general debate imum 40-hour work week after two to 10 hours. Even many opponents years. of revived public works spending conceded it would win approval by an The measure worked out by an ap-

Perfection, the Billings chapter of progress administration from next for the southern poor and would be Rose Croix, the Billings Council of July 1 to Feb. 1, 1939; \$1,000,000,000 a "chiseling employer's paradise." for public works, including \$750,000,-000 for grants and authority for \$250,-000,000 for farm security administration loans and grants to farmers; will be conferred Tuesday by the \$75,000,000 for the national youth Rose Croix chapter. The Council of administration, and \$25,000,000 for W. Bailey, Democrat, North Carolina, federal buildings.

The president's recommendation That proposal still is before the house banking committee.

The appropriations committee voted to make appropriations direct to U. A. W. Executive the agencies which will spend the sists of W. E. Boley, chairman; E. L. ating direct to the president for allo-Capt. F. H. Post told her, however, Marvin, vice chairman; H. T. Hedden, cation to the agencies. Mr. Roosevelt was said to have consented to this

up in the house before May 23, even 218 members signed Friday to take chief problem, said union sources. the measure from the rules committee. The committee had voted 8 to 6 against sending the bill to the Milwaukee convention last August, house floor.

Unless the rules committee should reverse its stand and thus allow ear- by the emergence of a third faction. lier consideration, it appeared certain adjournment would be delayed beyond the June 1 date which con- and until recently one of President gressional leaders had set previously. Homer Martin's strongest supporters. Conducted Today gressional leaders had set previously. little likelihood of a reversal. The house will complete debate Monday on a bill to create an inde-

The senate may act on the tax re-Banks don't like to make loans vision 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 Major changes which the bill would make in existing law include madi-

### Yale Hits Medics.

and capital gains taxes.

New Haven, Conn. May 8 .-- (AP)the American Medical association and and other principal cities. Paul G. Perry of 3415 Fourth ave- local medical societies for their policy investigation of the association.

More than 2,200 persons, including niture and other articles to be dis-Billings families and transients, were tributed among the needy, pointing given assistance at the local Salva- out that present supplies are low. tion Army citadel during March and Clothing and shoes can be distributed April, it was indicated Sunday in a only as they are donated to the Salreport of army activities issued by vation Army, they said. Contributions will be collected if army head-Families received emergency aid in quarters are notified at 4659, or can the form of groceries, furniture, gar- be taken direct to the local citadel at

> 1 1 1 high school band presented a concert Sunday afternoon for officers and enrollees at the Ballantine civilian conservation corps camp.

The one-hour musical program, presented under the direction of Charles R. Cutts, band leader and supervisor of music in local schools, was sponsored by members of Shining Mountain chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, several of whom were guests at the camp with band Following the concert, the D. A. R.

group and band members were dinner guests of camp officers and enrollees.

A former banking house has become a local dwelling house. The frame building, at one time occupied by the Belmont State bank matter were distributed to prisoners at Belmont, about 50 miles northwest and inmates of city and county insti- of Billings, in Golden Valley county, was recently moved to a site near the Army officers appealed for more Billings Rod and Gun club grounds Great Britain did not weaken the east of the city and remodeled into a

The sign, "Belmont State Bank," painted on one side of the structure, till appears on the renovated resi-

Robert Fifield, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Fifield of 1001 North Thirtyfirst street, is among 32 cadet cavalry officers at the University of Arizona who will receive reserve commissions as second lieutenants in the United States army on June 1, at the annual ing with Secretary Morganthau, and versity. Fifield graduated from the the present frontier between Ger- the dangerous implications of be-Billings high school in 1932.

Members of the board of trustees of school district No. 2 will hold their He had no comment on the wages May session in the administration and hours bill status beyond his radio offices at 2716 Montana avenue Monthe obtaining of sufficient petition L. Marvin, district school clerk, said

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bill, facilitated its chances. The C. I. O. began to carry out its reprisal threat Sunday when the C. would make a friendly gesture per- radically, the law will result in a left here the morning of April 30 and I. O. News listed names of five Demotook the president as far as Som- crats and three Republicans on the many." brero sland, east of the Virgin islands rules committee who voted against Representatives E. E. Cox, Democrat, fluence scheme. Georgia; D. J. Driver, Democrat, Ar-A message said the doctor stated kansas; Howard W. Smith, Democrat, and instructions for treatment until North Carolina; J. Will Taylor, Re-Chinese civilians take care of their the sailor reached port at New Or- publican, Tennessee; Carl E. Mapes, Republican, Michigan; Donald H. Mc-Lean, Republican, New Jersey, and

Dies, undaunted, warned that if per hour maximum wage after three The lending-spending program will years in industries engaged in income up in the house Tuesday under terstate commerce and create a max-

The Texan claimed that northern industries, because of higher living costs and wages, would go "scot free" under the bill, which, he said, propriations subcommittee would pro- discriminates against the south. He vide \$1,250,000,000 to run the works argued that it would boost prices also

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 Josiah new deal critic shares his view.

### **Body Meets Today** On Factionalism

the one before the house.

Detroit, May 8 .- (AP)-The international executive board of the The wage-hour bill cannot come United Automobile Workers union ply to the Anglo-French military (C. I. O.) will meet here Monday with under the successful petition which factionalism within the union its recently. The factionalism tangle, straightened out temporarily in the U. A. W.

has come to light again in recent aggressors." months, these sources say, marked Richard T. Frankensteen, energetic young vice president of the U. A. W. is recognized as head of the third Lewis avenue, was injured Sunday group. The older factions are the afternoon when the motorcycle he "Progressives," headed by Martin, and was riding and a car driven by Bruce the "Unity" group, headed by Walter Cook of 216 Avenue D collided at pendent regulatory body for civil avi- Reuther, president of the big Detroit Division street and Clark ave ue. west side local.

> Frankensteen became apparent re- for severe cuts and bruises on his cently when the U. A. W. president legs, arms and body, it was reported. publicly chided his subordinate for advancing a plan of his own for end- ing north on Division street in his ing factionalism without consulting

### French Parade.

Paris, May 8 .- (A)-France's semifascist parties, encouraged by the pact. collapse of the people's front government, paraded Sunday in Joan of Arc day celebrations, With tricolor banners flying and with palms ex- Mrs. C. M. Wood of 1214 North Thirtended in stiffarm salutes, the nationalists who had been under a cloud during the leftist regimes of The Yale Law Journal appearing Leon Blum and Camille Chautemps Monday carries an article criticizing marched through the streets of Paris

got 1,307 votes. The NLRB con- model coupe was stolen Sunday night group practice, the "stubborn intol- one equipped with a blower device to ducted the election in Seattle and while parked on Montana avenue be- erance" of organized medicine and provide air to the carburetor at high Portland last week. A total of 4,500 | tween Twenty-ninth and Thirtieth | suggesting a possible congressional altitudes at the same pressure as

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After reading the message, Secretary Hull said "The United States is making its contribution through the policy of negotiating reciprocal trade agreements, Thirty-two members of the Billings 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 wellbeing everywhere, for social stability within nations, and for durable peace

among nations than expanding inter-

national trade, functioning on the

basis of mutual advantage, fair deal-

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Italo-German working agreement. Mussolini Saturday night at the state dinner given to Hitler pledged gave their blessing to the proposal. fidelity to the Rome-Berlin friendship and the fuehrer guaranteed position of the A. F. of L. was worn "for all time" the Alpine border be- away, the measure was blocked, hence tween the two countries.

Hitler was said to have a free hand in Czechoslovakia, so far as Italy is a majority of both houses and can things and were willing to submit to concerned, and in return he promised put through or block any bills af- anything in the way of a change." to respect Italian interests in the Danubian and Balkan regions.

While the contents of their bargain feel, of course, that they can hold gradually were being disclosed, some the proposed legislation within limmembers of the German delegation its now and in the future, but they described Hitler's solemn guarantee of are not aware, it seems to me, of finds any evidence that this policy is many and Italy as "a colossal sac- stowing such power on the federal dence," he said. This renunciation of the south the supreme court upsets the pro-

Tyrol-the region where many Ger- posed law, it will have amended the mans live and which Italy got as constitution as surely as if a direct part of the World war settlement- proposal to that effect had been the Germans said they could ex- adopted. Mr. Roosevelt said in 1937, plain only on the grounds that Mus- when the bill to pack the supreme solini's reported assurances of a free court was up for passage, that he hand for Hitler in Czechoslovakia wanted to obtain favorable decisions must have been very far-reaching. These Germans-minor members of tices accepting his interpretation of the German delegation-indicated the constitution as it would be unthey hoped against hope until Hitler necessary to go through the custom-

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 maximum hour bill if it should beterrific among the Italian Tyrolese, come law. If the final draft of the much against the wishes of the Ger- measure doesn't alter very much ac-

Mussolini might yet cede the Ger-

reprisals against those opposing the man government. "These families of German tongue and business, it will not increase purand blood fully expected Mussolini chasing power. If it does alter them mitting them to rejoin greater Ger- huge displacement of workers now neutrality. Mussolini's cherished four-power of men and women of advancing

> pact plan (among Italy, Germany, years who will lose their jobs to tarily, in favor of a sphere of in- minimum. For the employers will in Hitler, an exponent of treaties be- and they will naturally seek to intween two nations, never did like crease production. They will do this

> The regrouping of forces which bor, men rather than women in certhe nazi and fascist leaders hope will tain types of work and women income was expected by informed quar- stead of men in other types, thus ters to involve Czechoslovakia, Yugo- bringing about a shifting of employslavia, Bulgaria, Hungary and Ru- ment in a year of depression and The program as pictured here was:

> Mussolini will not oppose Hitler in has nothing to do with health. It is anything he wants to do in Czcho- a means of increasing pay for all In Yugoslavia and Bulgaria, Musso- a health measure, overtime would lini's political influence will be para- be forbidden altogether. It also re-

> mount with a division of trade be- mains to be seen whether relief rolls In Hungary, their interests will be marginal workers are thrown out of more or less equal while Rumania work. would be brought into the constellation when 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 helium to Germany, has been omitted immediate pressure on his state as Poland did with her 10-year treaty tend a dinner at the German embassy guaranteeing Pomorze (the Polish Monday night honoring Dr. Hugo

SOVIET SEES ALLIANCE.

Moscow, May 8.—(R)—The official ington officials that the United Chairman Elbert D. Thomas, Demo- communist party newspaper Pravda States should sell helium for a new from the nineteenth to the thirtieth, for an enlarged slum clearance pro- crat, Utah, of the senate labor com- Sunday suggested the Rome talks be- zeppelin, the LZ130, successor to the Wednesday, while ceremonial and of- gram was not included in the bill. mittee, pledged every effort to har- tween Adolf Hitler and Benito Mus- doomed Hindenberg. monize the senate-approved bill with solini might be followed by an Italo-German military alliance. "These talks undoubtedly will prove

a new impetus to further developments of aggression and of Italian-German striving for a new redivision of the world," the paper said. Pravda reported rumors Hitler was insisting on "a formal military alliance" not only to attach Italy more firmly to Germany but also as a re-

conversations agreed on in London The general European situation was blamed by Pravda on the French and British governments because of their "retreat step by step before fascist

### Motorcyclist Hurt In Collision Here

Arthur Salsbury, about 20, of 536 Salsbury was taken to his home The split between Martin and following the collision and treated

Cook reported to police he was drivsedan and that Galsbury was riding the motorcycle east on Clark avenue when the two vehicles collided a. the 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 im-

Police listed as witnesses Mrs. Cook. Oran Hazelton of 217 Avenue D. Mrs. Frances Crosby of 216 Avenue D, and ty-first street.

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

# Washington Scene ...

By David Lawrence (Copyright, 1938.)

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into conference. The reason for this strategy is that if congress adjourned next month without passing a wage and hour bill t would be necessary to go through the senate again, and the chances of a filibuster there by southern senawould make doubtful passage ing and nondiscriminatory treatment." of any measure. There is still a work on "Politics and WPA," replying chance of a filibuster in the senate to a speech delivered by the former on a conference report. The senate president at Oklahoma City last

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of the supreme court through jus-

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its members believing it would never "I notice that the only living exget through the house. president of the United States says we are headed straight for fascism," The president is eager to get some bill enacted even if it sets standards Hopkins said. "He wants us to return to the polfor minimum wages and maximum hours that are not much different icies he pursued in 1930, 1931 and from those which prevail in most in- 1932. He wants, in some occult way, dustries and businesses today, his to go in for production and work and idea being to write the principle into yet to stop spending." Hopkins said Hoover recently relaw and give an argument for the coming congressional campaign. Mr. turned from visits to "several of the

passed the presnt bill with many of Thursday night.

Roosevelt was checkmated till the fascist nations" and should know "certain things which seem to have A, F. of L. and the C. I. O. both escaped him completely." "What he seems to have missed en-It is significant that, until the optirely," the Roosevelt leader said, "is the basic fact that fascism came to those countries because the masses proving what was said in these dispatches, that the labor groups have were not getting their fair share of

Hopkins reiterated his pledge that no person on WPA would be required The national labor organizations to make political contributions or support candidates of any political

not carried out to give me that evi-

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rose to speak Saturday night that ary process of amending the constitution. By the time the proposed ish loyalist government of continued man-speaking portion of South Tyrol minimum wage and hour law is Italian and German intervention on passed upon by the supreme court, behalf of Generalissimo Francisco Mr. Roosevelt may have had a chance Franco. to appoint more of his own justices. 2-China's appeal against Japanese

> invasion and asking aid from the 3—Chile's demand for league reform coupled with a smouldering 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"



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# 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 aded 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 yeil of mystery in the LaCasse and Larson cases would be lifted. In Idaho, authorities hoped for

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# SUICIDE ENDS

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

Deputy District Attorney Webb

D. Martin said the girl was shot by Walter Scheck, 24, who then turned the gun on himself. Dennis Carruthers of Wray, who

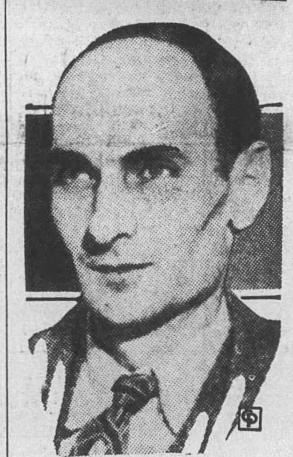
said he took Miss Veal to a dance at Olive lake upon the request of Scheck, witnessed the shooting, Martin declared. The deputy district attorney and

Sheriff Raymond Van Horn said Carruthers told them the shooting followed a three-hour argument during which Scheck repeatedly announced his intention of killing

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

in 1921





AND PRISON AGED Above are two pictures of the man who has been compared to the Bruebeard 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 citizens, 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."

# Skidmore Back 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

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.

MANILA, Dec. 12-(Monday)-(P)

-Relief workers reported today the

whole town of Camalig had been

buried in volcanic debris washed

from the slopes of the famous

Mayon volcano by flood waters in

mentioned no fatalities there.

Tagbilaran, in Bohol province, re-

tary epidemic and health officers

The typhoon was the worst in

several years. It snarled communi-

Patiently Awaiting His Master's

Release This Time From Hospital

ONLY A DOG COULD BE SO LOYAL.

last week's typhoon.

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

Asked whether Mayer's death would end the trial, Warner said: "We will go right on with it. 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 ported the beginning of a .dysenway for two weeks and attorneys were in conference at the time of moved to check the menace. his death to map plans for his defense tomorrow.

Defense Attorneys Milton Heiman cation lines in 15 provinces. 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 per-

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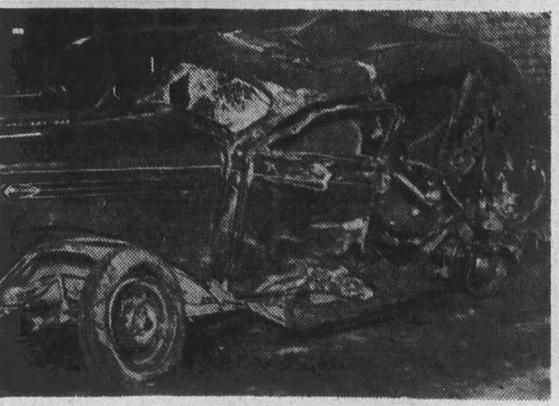
# CHAMBERLAIN'S CABINET SEEN NEW CONGRESS WITHOUT

Representative Fish, Republican, As a result, speculation here in- New York, said today President creased over the possibility that Roosevelt "faces the new Congress when the debonair diplomat sees without a single constructive pro-President Roosevelt this week, he gram to get back on the road to may be acting as an "unofficial" recovery except to spend more bil-

In a statement to the press, Fish ments for purposes of aggression or merely to put our people back to **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-(AP) 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 They asserted the town, which in the 1923-25 period. Making allow-1920 had a population of about ances for growth of population and 20,000, "completely disappeared," but industrial capacity, economists now Camalig stands at the foot of the place the "normal" figure-reprevolcano, the slops of which were senting a rate of industrial activity covered with a comparatively new at which unemployment would vir-

coat of debris from an eruption last tually disappear-at about 140. However, the 100-plus rating of . An overnight report of three more industrial output which the board fatalities brought the typhoon death reported represented a rise of about 25 points from the recession low of toll to 148. Many persons still were 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

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Boom 'Just Growed' on home, after which the youth started he was driving slowly at the time. Washington Consciousness, Observer Declares.

By KIRKE L. SIMPSON WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.-(AP)-Busy makers of democratic presidential booms and bcomlets 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 descernable 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 slate. It just "growed" on Washington consciousness, like Topsy.

Hull may be aware of it. Probably he is but does not take it sericusly 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 "onetrack 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.

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### NOTED HISTORIAN PASSES IN NORWAY

OSLO, Norway, Dec. 11.-(A)-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 activity. 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 occured 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

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 pa-

tients 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 Trtica, 328 East Woolman; Douglas Maempa, 2336 Pine; Pete Bracco, 230 Main street, Meaderwhom were in the sedan were members of Butte's younger set, all homeward bound at the time of the

One on Running Board Branter, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Branter, 1602 Warren avenue, the south side of the city, apparwas driving the coupe, traveling ently waiting for a long string of west on Front street. He and his cars to pass. Monroe said he was Branter home. They had just eaten second because of the glare of a midnight lunch at the Branter lights of approaching cars. He said out to take his friends to their

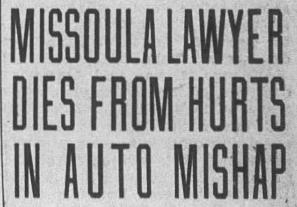
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# N MUNTH EQUAL TUTA FOR ENTIRE YEAR, 1937

The automobile deaths early vesterday 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 ratalities for the year 1937.



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

MISSOULA, Dec. 11.—(A)—Elmer E. Hershey, 76, prominent in the practice of law here for half & century, died early this morning as ville; Eleanor Judkins, 444 Ana- the result of being hit by a car on conda road. The 10 persons six of a city street Saturday evening. C. R. Monroe of Missoula, who police said was the driver of the car that crash, which police said was 12:11 struck Hershey, said that the elderly lawyer was standing near the center line of a residential street in companions were en route from the unable to see Hershey until the last Mr. Hershey suffered a skull fracture, brain injury, shock and internal injuries. He was taken to a hospital but failed to regain con-

> 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.

sciousness.



### JOINT MEETING OF LEGION AND AUXILIARY SET TUESDAY

Past Presidents and Com-

Plans are complete for one of the American Legion's and the aux- held after the dinner. Former and iliary's biggest events of the year present heads of the Legion and tomorrow night when the two or- auxiliary will pass in review and ganizations meet jointly. A 6 o'clock | be introduced. dinner at the Dutch Tavern for New candidates for the women's past presidents and past com- organization will be initiated by manders will open the evening's past officers. Mrs. Fred Lehn is

their contemporary Legion com- will serve. Mrs. Robert Pott, Earle Genzberger; have been invited.

Mrs. Joe Shugert, Ben Hardin; Mrs. Fred Lehn, Ross McGinnis; Mrs. manders Will Assemble Owen Smithers, Fred A. Lehn; Mis. Earl Miller, Oscar Dingman. Others for Dinner at 6 o'Clock; who will be present at the banquet are William Chapman, James Program Will Follow. Uncles, Al Livingston, Joe Toole and Horace Casey.

A short business meeting will be

chairman of the arrangements com-Past auxiliary presidents and mittee, on which all past presidents

manders follow: Mrs. Paul Lenz, Leu | Miss Catherine Lenz and Mrs Morrisey; Mrs. Louis Young, Joe Lorena Ross will give several vocal Knuckey; Mrs. Mel Hansen, Raiph selections, accompanied by George Rand; Mrs. Ralp Rand, Bion Hall; Dunkley. Many out-of-town visitors Mrs. Pat Whalen, Owen Smithers; from neighboring posts and units

### Welcomed Back on His Return to England. LONDON, Dec. 11.-(P)-Anthony

RETURN OF ANTHONY EDEN TO

Eden, who left the Chamberlain "appeasement cabinet" in February. likely will be welcome back into that

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

Belief Expressed That For former chief, Prime Minister Neville PROGRAM, Chamberlain, but instead made in mer Minister Will Be effect what was a "pro-government

emissary from the British govern- lions for armaments."

(Eden planned to go to Washing- added he believed in a strong naton Monday night and "hoped' to tional defense, but not in "spendsee President Roosevelt Tuesday or ing billions of dollars on arma-

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.-(A)-

This picture snapped yesterday & Australian shepherd, has been 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

his master's best friend. He has patiently awaited the end of his master's perplexing troubles. The dog has made the city jail

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# UNITED STATES AND ARGENTINA MANIFEST AGREEMENT AT PAN-AMERICAN MEETING

# 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

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 Cantilo, to be in agreement on most of the principles to be followed. The warm handshake, almost an

embrace, which Cantilo 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

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 nex road, an excellent highway, will be part of an eventual pan-American highway designed to link North and South Americas 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 Speeches and consultations during

the past few days have enabled delegates to form a fair idea of the probable accomplishments of the

1. 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 politica'

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.

2. 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 condemnchance of receiving approval. The United States delegation Are on Calendar 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 pan-American conference in 1943 for lack of unanimous consent. This, also, probably will be the fate of the proposal for an inter-Amer- tertained a number of friends Saturican court of justice.

# INUIANS PAY TRIBUT

Indian friends paid tribute today version to Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Petzoldt, who founded and conducted the Sunday from Chicago, where she FLAMES CLAIM THE Baptist mission on the Crow reser- visited at the home of her son-invation for the last 35 years.

Delegates from Sheridan, Wyo.; Newell Grey. Billings, Mont., and every part of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Platt and the reservation took part in serv- daughter, Marie, will leave Monday A refining tube at the Hancock Oil ices conducted at the Chivers Me- for New York city, from where they company plant at Signal Hill burst morial Indian church of Lodge will sail for Denmark to spend the

The Indians expressed their ap- W. C. Dalley has returned to his preciation by presenting the couple home in Denton, after a few days' with a blanket, and symbolic of visit at the home of his son-in-law their love of both spread it across and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Henry their shoulders.

The Rev. Chester A. Bentley, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Haffner spent Tuesday with Mrs. L. H. Hankinson. missionary pastor at the Crow the first part of the week in Butte agency, presided at the services and Mr. and Mrs. Bert LeDuc of Bel- is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs.

at a dinner following. Since coming to Lodge Grass in Haskell, 1903 Dr. and Mrs. Petzoldt 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 vesterday 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.

(Continued From Page One) a solution of the Randall disan-

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.

Gruelling 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 peniteniary cell a Washington state patrolman, posing as a clergyman, got an erratic con-

fession 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, after she was believed 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.

# ing racial persecution stands a good Numerous Parties

cial)-Mrs. George McPhail entertained the members of her bridge O'Mahoney, Democrat, Wyoming. 1921-Dave Randall of Pocatello, club Friday evening. Prizes were league of American nations prob- received by Mrs. Gayle Dunbar, ably will be held over for the ninth | first; Mrs. Winifred Jenkins, second, and Mrs. Spencer Heims, low. Kay Hammer was a guest. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Breslin en-

day evening at pinochle 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

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Barnes entertained at a dinner party Monday LODGE GRASS, Dec. 11.-(P)- evening. Covers were laid for eight, Three hundred grateful white and and afterward bridge provided di-

Mrs. Mamie Tibbs returned home law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs

holidays with relatives.

Wade. grade spent Sunday with Mrs. Lizzie | O L. Bryant.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Burow were in Butte. Butte visitors Tuesday. Mrs. John Zimmerman and Mrs. is visiting at the home of her son. | 1928—Mayer sentenced to life im- her confession

(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

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 s she claimed.

Ewing D. Colvin, recently defeated r the U.S. Senate, was prosecutor then Mayer and Mrs. Smith were arrested and brought back from Oakland, Cal.

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-detecting machine. This was one of the earliest attempts in the country to use results of a lie-detector as evidence

Had Influence. Mrs. Millicent Paddleford Fawcett former socialite and daughter of 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 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."

Authorities 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 leavest, I shall find another

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

"You will receive help.

"Prefer just cremation without box. Etcetera.' GLASS INDUSTRY

# IS BEING PROBED

glass container industry. Senator at Salt Lake City. committee chairman, has predicted Idaho, is reported missing. the glass industry investigation (Confronted with an explanation among automobile manufacturers.

# RETIRED MINING

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 11.-(A)-Benjamin MacReady, 87, retired conda is reported missing, mining operator, died at his home here 'ast night after a long illness, at Butte bank. 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.

# LIVES OF THREE

LONG BEACH, Cal., Dec. 11 .- (AP) 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 Mrs. Ronald Nixon of Glendive

Mrs. H. B. Chollar spent Tuesday Mrs. Abbie Ellison of Casper, Wyo., sett's car.

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 De Casto Earl His efforts to prosecute them for 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 furtive 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 son. 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 in-

December, 1916-Arrested at Seattle, charged with auto theft. 1917-Arrested at Seattle as fugi-

1917—Sentenced to Montana state penitentiary after grand larceny conviction at Bozeman 1920-Arrested at Anaconda, pre-

sumably for Butte. 1920-Arrested at Butte for investigation.

1920-Employed at Solduro, Utah. February, 1921-Mrs. Ernest La-Casse believed to have disappeared ent export freight reductions which on a visit to Skidmore's home in already apply to industry," he added Anaconda,

ported missing. April 19, 1921-Mayer's mother, would benefit the railways as well."

Mrs. Smith, is shot and wounded by Mrs. J. A. Hendricks of Sipe Springs, MARTIN FAVORED TO Texas, in argument over disappearance of Mrs. LaCasse. Mrs. LEAD REPUBLICANS Hendricks was the mother of Mrs.

July, 1921-Mayer, using the name Representative Maas, Republican, of D. E. Montaigne, is married to Minnesota, said today the Minne-WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.-(P)- Ruth Hardwick of Bannock county, sota Republican delegation favored The national economic committee Idaho, ceremony taking place at Representative Joseph W. Martin called witnesses today to hearings Colville, Utah. They were later di- of Massachusetts for leader of Re-THREE FORKS, Dec. 11 .- (Spe- tomorrow on patent practices in the vorced and the woman is now living

would demonstrate a use of patents of the disappearance of Randall. "in sharp contrast" to testimony Mrs. Smith, when questioned by that patents were exchanged freely Chief of Detectives Ernest Yoris of Seattle on May 24, this year, said: "Not that one, not that one," and refused to talk further.) October, 1921-Ole Larson draws

OPERATOR DIES \$750 from Anaconda bank in form of a draft, October, 1921-Ole Larson of Ana-

October, 1921-Above draft cashed October, 1921-Mayer wounded by Pocatello officers when he attempted to escape following arrest on auto

theft charge.

two years in Utah state penitentiary grand larceny in the same case. following conviction at Ogden of June 30, 1923-Sentenced to Colo- as a minister, gains confidence of

found in gravel pit 10 miles south Randall of Pocatello. 1925—Badly decomposed body of Bassett at Bothell, Wash. red-haired woman found on Carlson ranch near Bernice. Believed to be confesses Bassett murder and also

Mrs. Ernest LaCasse.

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

(Continued From Page One) What position the former foreign secretary might occupy in the cabinet is highly conjectural. Riechsfuehrer 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 Vis-

count Halifax in the House of Lords

when he said the diplomat crossed

the Atlantic with "the fullest assent

and approbation of the govern-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 dic-

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 refuse, fearing a repetition of the late Ramsay MacDonald's so-called 'treason" which led to the national

govenment 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 .- (A)-What amounted to almost diplomatic secrecy surrounded the program today Mrs. Dorothy LaCasse and Ole Lar- 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.-(AP)-Chaiman 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 agricul-

ture commodities. "This would be in line with presin a formal statement. "It would April 4, 1921-Mrs. LaCasse re- stimulate the exportation of farm products and, by enlarging traffic,

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11 .- (AP)publicans in the new House because Martin "has always shown a comprehensive grasp of western problems and an appreciation of the western viewpoint."

### GERMAN PLANE IS LIFTED FROM BAY

MANILA, Monday, Dec. 12 .- (AP)-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.

October, 1921-Mayer sentenced to in the same prison on a charge of her bedside. January, 1937-Joe McCauley, a Washington state patrolman, posing

rado state prison for grand larceny. Mrs. Smith when he visited her in September 5, 1923—A body is prison May 4, 1938-Mrs. Smith confesses of Dillon. Believed to be Dave to warden of Walla Walla prison

that her son murdered James E. May 7, 1938-Mayer purportedly Colo., died here last night of pneutwo Montana and one Idaho mur-

September 13, 1928-Mayer and his pleted eight years of her sentence pany, and of John Petrikin, Greeley, mother, Mrs. Smith, arrested at and was ready for parole but was Colo., banker. Oakland, Cal., in possession of Bas- detained by authorities of King county, Washington, as a result of

SECONDO 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

The Injuries.

Branter, Miss Fay and Miss Hugo.

Burke and Miss Melvin were be-

lieved to have died as the result

Were Roller Skating.

parents of the driver of the ccupe,

were at the bedside of their boy

yesterday. They explained that their

his friends to their respective

said last night from her hospital

Victims Born Here.

IN AUTO MISHAP

HARDIN, Dec. 11.-(AP)-William

Williams, 48, of Whiskey Gap, Al-

berta, Canada, died at a local hospi-

tal tonight of injuries he received

when his light truck crashed into

the rear of a school bus on the high-

way seven miles southeast of here

An attending physician said

death was due to a fractured skull.

the truck driven by her husband, is

still confined to the hospital with

scalp lacerations and chest injuries,

but is recovering satisfactorily, her

sons and three daughters.

Coroner J. W. Bullis said he was

Jap Mink ....\$350 up

Hudson Seal ..\$235 up

Persian Lamb. \$165 up

Silky Skunk .. \$165 up

Squirrel .....\$265 up

Caracul, from \$135 up

"Safari Brown" \$498

Alaskan Seal Coat

Thursday.

physician said.

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Branter,

of head injuries.

Dr. D. E. Hale and Dr. R. C. Mon-(Continued From Page One) various homes. Maempa, one of ahan arrived later. those not seriously hurt, was riding on the running board, it was reported. The party had intended to occupants of the front seat of the turn north onto Nevada avenue. coupe, were the three most seriously injured. Branter received severe

The sedan, driven by Burke, was head cuts and is suffering mostly going east. The cars met at a curve from shock, it was believed. Miss Naziism, against Communism, from in the street, the coupe hitting the Fay received severe head lacerasedan broadside, police said. None tions, her right ear being almost of the occupants could tell just severed. She also suffered severe why the accident happened or who body bruises and sprains. Miss Hugo was to blame. It was thought that has a crushed chest. Doctors said one of the drivers was blinded by several ribs were fractured. All three the other's lights. Police said there | were reported improving last night is no ice on the street, although the and it is believed they will recover. shoulders are in a slippery condi-

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 son and his companions had been the car. The others were either roller skating and came to the thrown clear the car or pinned un- Branter home for midnight lunch. der the wreckage. Police officers ar- After eating, their son left o take rived within one minute after a call had been received at head- homes. Miss Hugo, one of the girls

"It was the worst I ever saw," | bed that they intended taking Miss said Officer Tom Calpin, a veteran | Fay home first. The Fay home is on the force. "We heard moans, in the 900 block on Nevada screet groans and screams. The highway Had they turned into Nevada, as was wet with blood and gasoline. they intended, the wreck would not Glass and auto parts were strewn have happened. "We must have everywhere. The engines of both missed the corner," said Miss Hugo, cars had been driven back under "and went on by. The wreck octhe driver seats. Persons were lying curred about a block further on." all over the street. Burke looked like

he was dead under the wheel." oaded into the cars and rushed to the hospital where they were given he was a student at Butte Business A delightful program is being attention by Dr. R. E. Zimmerman, a hospital interne. Dr. R. C. Kroeze,

Mrs. Michael Melvin. Two brothers and three sisters survive, also, (Continued From Page One) The bodies of the two victims are Mr. Roosevelt had but to flick at the Daly-Shea mortuary. mental switch, he contended, and there it all was, ready for use or forwarding if the moment was op- CANADIAN DIES portune, 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 boomees 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.

### FAMED MOVIE STAR IS CRITICALLY ILL

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 11.— (UP) — Eva Tanguay, who once earned \$3,500 a week as the "I don't care" girl of the show world, waged a nip-and-tuck battle against death tonight.

Weak from stomach hemorrhages, she was believed dying last night October, 1921-Mayer visited in prisonment in Washington state but towards dawn she rallied and a Pocatello jail by Sheriff Chauncey penitentiary at Walla Walla as few hours later she was taking Beal of Anaconda. Mayer fainted habitual criminal. His arrest and nourishment. Her mind cleared and when led to believe that a murder conviction was in connection with she conversed at brief intervals with charge was awaiting him in Mon- the theft of Bassett's car. His Irene Castle McLaughlin, the formother was sentenced to 18 years mer dancing star, who remained at

### RETIRED SUGAR OFFICIAL PASSES

BILLINGS, Dec. 11. - (A) - R. Brucen Petrikin, 72, retired agriculture superintendent of the Great Western Sugar company refinery in Billings and formerly of Brush,

He is a brother of W. L. Petrikin, president of the board of directors May 9, 1938-Mrs. Smith com- of the Great Western Sugar com-Funeral services will be held here

Tuesday afternoon. Interment will

be in the family plot at Muncy, Pa.

BAR PRESIDENT URGES TOLERANCE Washington Attorney

Speaks on Special Network Used by Priest. WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.-(A)-Frank J. Hogan, the Catholic presi-

dent of the American Bar association, warned members of his faith today to oppose all forms of racial and religious intolerance. The widely known Washington attorney said Pope Pius had denounced antiSemitism as incom-

patible with Christianity, and

"He knows, and we know too, that one hate breeds another. Wherever Jews are persecuted, there too other creeds and races will sooner or later be persecuted. This was true of the Ku Klux Klan in our own country, The Klan whose hatred was not limited to Catholies, but included

Jews and negroes as well." Hogan spoke on the special radio network used by Father Charles E. Coughlan, immediately after a broadcast by the Detroit priest. In a manuscript given to newspapers beforehand, he said he spoke "to refute any idea that any one who preaches racial or religious intolerance speaks for the Catholic laymen or the Catholic priest."

PRIEST'S PLEA

DETROIT, Dec. 11 .- (AP)-The Rev. Charles E. Coughlin called upon Jews and gentiles today "to stand shoulder to shoulder against which it sprang, and against God-

In an address on an independent adio network the Royal Oak (Mich.) priest invited his audience to listen to a later one over the same stations by Frank J. Hogah, president of the American Bar association, whom he called "the engaged spokesman for the National

Jewish council.' Father Coughlin described Hogan as an eminent lawyer and "a mem-

ber of my faith.' "The Jews of America," said the priest, "cannot afford to be identified with Communism. Communism must be stamped out or a defense mechanism will be built up here in the United States like Nazilsm in

He declared "tolerance becomes an heinous vice when it tolerates

### CHRISTMAS PARTY IS SET WEDNESDAY

Extensive plans are being made for the Christmas party to be sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Francis Burke, driver of the sedan, Wars and its auxiliary Wednesday Calpin put in a radio call for was born in Butte 27 years ago. He night at 8 o'clock in the Patriotic another police car, an ambulance attended St. Ann parochial school hall of the courthouse. The party and a wrecker. The 10 victims were and graduated from Central aigh is for members of the organizations

school. At the time of his death and their children. College. He was a brother of Miss arranged. The hall will be decorated Mae Burke, Butte nurse, living at in gay yuletide colors. A large the Apex hotel. Other surviving Christmas tree will be lighted. Gifts members of the family include his will be distributed by Santa Claus

mother, Mrs. Bridget Burke, and to all the children. Refreshments will be served the adults. Miss Melvin was born in Butte 18 | The committee in charge is comyears ago. She attended St. Mary posed of A. W. Anderson, Santina parochial school and graduated Giop, Clyde Neighbor, Helen Bel-

### She was the daughter of Mr. and John Winne and Kate Hawes. FOUR ESCAPE IN AIRPLANE CRASH

DENVER. Dec. 11.- (AP) - After clipping tree tops for a block a plane bearing two Denver couples on a pleasure ride lost its motor and landed upside down on Seventeenth avenue parkway in an East Denver residential district early today.

Although the cabin plane was al-

most demolished, three of the oc-

cupants were walking about today.

The fourth, Ray Christian, 20, of

Denver, was taken to a hospital for

### observation. Mrs. Williams, 53, a passenger in NEW YORK POST'S

MANAGER PASSES NEW YORK, Dec. 11.-(P)-Jacob Omansky, 44, business manager of undecided about an inquest. Be- the New York Post, died of a heart sides his widow, Williams leaves two attack today while horseback riding

-Correction The Perfect Gift

in Central park.

from Butte high school last May, veal, William Roche, Lillian Kerr,



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# LIMA PARLEY MAPS AMERICAN PEACE SYSTEM

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

MRS. SMITH VIEWS BODY OF MAYER

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. -(AP)—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

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

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

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13. - (AP) -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 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

# (Continued on Page 2, Col. 1.) CITY SKATING RINKS TO BE

inside the baseball field will If Present Weather Continues Play Spots Will Be The Clark park hockey rink—the to Enjoy Winter Sports.

hockey on any other rink. If present weather conditions contique a large number of city-op- forcing necessary rules is asked. In F. Hughes, Francis Howard Keogh, past years complaints have been James F. Kane, Terrance F. Kelly, erated skating rinks in all sections of the city will be ready for use this week, it was stated yesterday by wood for fires. If this is done at Thomas Marinovich. John P. Mul-

use of children to give them an op- stated. portunity to practice before the an- Inasmuch as children, under the Jack Shea, Jeremiah Shea, William nual grade school ice carnival in new curfew law, are to be home at Shelton, Joseph Starcevich, James January. The carnival will be held 8 o'clock in the evening, the com- Kevin Thomas, Carl R. Turk. on Saturday and Sunday, January mittee expects the rinks will be clear 21 and 22, the parks and play- of all skaters earlier than in the committee has decided. past. Adults may skate until 10 Pupils of all of the public and pa- o'clock at night but after that time rochial elementary schools will flooding operations will start. compete.

"This year a large rink will be under the direction of Frank R. Curmaintained at Clark park. The area ran, city engineer,

Alarmed at Nazi Move T Proposed New Laws Would Make Position of Church

Vatican Is

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 con-

cordat with the Vatican. 2. Ban on religious propaganda in Germany whether carried out by special masses, processions or pilgrimages.

3. Immediate dissolution of re-

ligious 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 Ger-

mans to church or religious or-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 denomi-

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

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

LONDON, Dec. 13, - (AP) -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 associaation dinner, after they had read advance copies of the prime min-

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

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# PAROCHIAL HIGH SCHOOLS TO GRADUATE 139 PUPILS IN EXERCISES NEXT MAY

### Christian Brothers Has 61 Seniors in Class, Girls' for Stab Wounds Central 78, Increase

A man identified by police as Larry Williams, of 480 East Broadway, was taken to St. James hosschools - Christian Brothers pital late last night for treatment and Girls' Central-will gradof wounds he said he received when he was stabbed on East all of the present seniors suc-Broadway. Officers Elmer Powell cessfully complete the reand Del Rodda early this morning quired studies, it was anarrested a man who gave his nounced yesterday by princiname as Matt Sabbi in connecpals of the schools. tion with the stabbing. He was booked at the police station on than last spring when Christian assault charges. Brothers gave diplomas to 46 stu-

dents and 70 students finished at Girls' Central. This year there are 78 seniors in the class at Girls' Central and 61 READY FOR USE THIS WEEK at Christian Brothers. Commencement exercises will be held for the boys' school on Friday, May 19, and

flooded to provide an enclosed rink.

The rinks are to be maintained

for the girls' school on Friday, May 26, one week later, The tentative list of Christian Brothers' graduates follows: John only one to be operated by the city A. Bradley, Joseph H. Briney, Rob-Made Ready for Children | only the to be operated by the city | only the city avenue and east of Harrison avenue, augh, Walter L. Choquette, Earl D. It will not be permissible to play Coyne, Bernard S. Dennehy, Edward J. Fasso, James S. Hanley, Robert Co-operation of the public in en- E. Hannifin, John G. Hendra, Frank

Both of the classes are larger

made because skaters destroyed Frank T. Kiely, Thomas Kilgallon, fences and other property to obtain James F. Mahoney. John Lindquist, chairman of the any rink this year the rink will be holland, Kevin B. McCarthy, Wilparks and playgrounds committee. | closed for the season and skaters liam F. McKenzie, Thomas M. Paul, The rinks primarily are for the deprived of their privileges, it was John T. Prothero, Ralph J. Redfern, William T. Roose, Dennis M. Shea.

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,

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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 WILLIAM N'CHONE Her Companion in Prison; DIETTERN 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.—(A)—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, congressmanelect from the First Montana district, announced yesterday the appointment of Miss Betty Foot, Hel-Over Number Last Year. ena, as his assistant secretary. Dr. Thorkelson is scheduled to take Butte's two parochial high office for a two-year term the first

Miss Foot, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Foot, former resiuate 139 students next May, if dents of Helena, has been employed 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 Sacra-

DeCasto Earl Mayer, 44, the son and co-defendant, killed himself eral prisoner as soon as official the Americas by increased trade. Sunday by strangling on wads of notification of the circuit court's note to "Dearest mother" that he the U. S. district attorney's office three plans for a declaration calling was weary of life, but Prosecutor B. explained last night.

said, "I never knew that Earl was procedure. going to kill Bassett. And I never saw Mr. Bassett alive. It was always my custom to go into the kitchen when Earl brought men to the house on business, and I went in there when he and Mr. Bassett

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

his doom.

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

Kane died today in the prison hespital from infection caused by a jagged fragment of knife-blade imbedded ir 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 slavers-and paradoxically, the act that saved his life also sent him back to prison to

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 timestopping at a Manhattan tavern. While Kane drank, O'Hara went home and the killers, lying in ambush near the entrance, appar-

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.

ently mistook him for Kane.

Judgment Holding Himin

William McCrone, Butte saloon keeper whose appeal from a federal district court judgment holding him in contempt of court was dismissed in the Ninth Circuit court of appaper in the county jail. He left a action is received here, officers in

Grav Warner said he did it to cheat | McCrone's appeal in the contempt of court ruling was dismissed by the Mrs. Smith, interviewed later in circuit court in San Francisco yesher jail cell, said many details of terday on grounds that the appeal her original confessions were un- had been improperly filed as a true. She said Millicent Fawcett, criminal action. The court ruled her former prison mate to whom the appeal was a civil action and she made the first admissions, had should have been filed under rules "put so many words into my mouth." governing such procedure instead of "In the first place," Mrs. Smith under rules governing criminal

McCrone was ordered jailed for the Butte man to be held in [ail 'until such time as he purge himself of contempt and defiance of this court" by answering questions asked by a federal officer in connection with an investigation into the income tax return of an unnamed Montana individual.

McCrone had refused to answer questions asked by Paul W. DeFoe. Federal Internal Revenue Bureau inspector, and other federal officers on grounds that "an answer would tend to incriminate me. I will not be a witness against myself."

Several of the questions related identity of the person whose income Kistler. tax return was being investigated was not revealed, he is believed to be a prominent Montana public

Following the circuit court's decision yesterday, local U. S. attorneys said the affirmation of the federal district court judgment is interpreted to mean that anything Mc-Crone would say in answer to the George McKenzie Appoint- Weir. The sheriff-elect's appointees questions would not incriminate him in a federal court and that he would not be a witness against himself by answering the questions. Counsel for McCrone said they

would appeal the case "to the U.S. Supreme Court."

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

# PROJECTS TO AVOID WAR IN WEST TALKED

# Hull Says Short-Sighted Nationalism Is Forgotten

League of American Na- Moral and Spiritual Unity tions and Inter-American Court Among Subjects Discussed by Committees

LIMA, Dec. 13. - (A) - Nations of the western hemis- tary of State Cordell Hull dephere, spurred by what Secre- clared tonight that "excessive tary of State Cordell Hull and short-sighted national called a "grave world situ- ism" had subsided at the curation," took first steps today rent Pan-American conferto organize for peace in the ence "in the face of the grave new world and protection world situation." from the old.

"excessive and short-sighted nation- United States delegation made his alism," the nations plunged into dis- first comment on the 21-nation cussion of far-reaching projects be- conference since it opened. fore the committee on organization

The committee, meeting under the chairmanship of Alfranio de Mello Franco, former foreign minister of Brazil, reviewed proposals before it

under four headings: Peace Proposals.

Perfecting and co-ordinating inter-American peace instruments. court of international justice. Creating a league of American

trine of non-recognition of territory past.' intention was to refrain from taking declared his conversations with

minorities in Latin America any greater than ever before." Local Man's Appeal From special minority rights, such as Sudeten Germans demanded of Czecho- titude toward contemporary affairs slovakia, was referred to the com- and future prospects there are ex-Contempt of Court Denied mittee on international law. Brazil hibited broader visions and broader has large German and Italian views than sometimes prevailed in

Protest Air Warfare.

Mexico proposed a declaration against aerial bombardments in wartime, and the United States delepeals yesterday, will be returned to gation led in preparation of ecothe Silver Bow county jail as a fed- nomic proposals which would link The Argentine delegation, meanwhile, was attempting to co-ordinate

# ROLL CALL SHOWS CITY

A substantial increase over the contempt of court by U. S. District Butte quota of funds was raised Judge James H. Baldwin on April in the 1938 Red Cross campaign, it 23, 1938, whose judgment ordered 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 transacted a number of other re-elected for 1939.

ham, Eugene Carroll, W. J. McMa- due December 22. Bids for school to one Ron Pepple. While the hon, Ray L. Ruhle and Mrs. H. D.

Among Countries of the Western Hemisphere Is Stressed by Secretary. LIMA, Dec. 13.—(A)—Secre-

In a radio speech broadcast to Putting aside what Hull termed the United States the chief of the

Aware of Threat, He said American nations were "keenly aware of the threat to their principles and institutions which has arisen elsewhere in nations holding alien ideas which they seek to impose by force or extend by

deception." "Unless I mistake the prevailing attitude here, the American nations are determined to defend these in-2. Creating an inter-American stitutions and principles of their

own choice," he said. Hull expressed his "confidence that here at Lima we shall carry 4. Declaring an American doc- further forward the work of the

Speaking at the close of the first United States delegates said Hull's full day of active discussions, Hull a position on any continental de- representatives of other powers had fense plan until after full discussion given him "a clear impression that there exists among us a measure of A Brazilian proposal to deny alien moral and spiritual unity far

> "In our measurement of and atthe past," he continued. "I sense much less rivalry,

whether between countries or individuals, than in previous confer-

Hull said he was "absolutely con-(Continued on Page 2, Col. 6.)

# for an end to the Spanish civil war HEATING SYSTEM

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

The blanket re-election keeps the Four bids received on the Longfollowing men in office: President, fellow school job were referred to Jesse Newman; secretary, Col. D. G. the building and purchasing com-Stivers; treasurer, A. J. Davis; vice- mittee with full power to act, In chairman of the board, Paul Hudt- keeping with the school improveloff; and the following members of ment program a call for bids to the board of directors: James H renovate plumbing at the Webster Rowe, J. Fred Gamer, Joe L. Mark- school was ratified. The bids are

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### M'LEOD ANNOUNCES MEMBERS OF SHERIFF OFFICE STAFF

ed Undersheriff: Eight residents of Butte. Deputies, Jailers and Matron Also Given Posts.

of Sheriff-elect Al McLeod's force, Roberts street; Jerry Harrington, 18 was announced yesterday by Mr. O'Neil street, Walkerville; William McLeod, who will take office January 3, succeeding Sheriff Larry

all are widely-known and long-time George McKenzie, 2037 Whitman

avenue, was named undersheriff. Deputies are Arthur Dubie, 1601 South Gaylord street; Charles Brasier, 107 East Fremont street Neil Appointment of an undersheriff. Weston, 8 West Summit street, Ceneight deputies, three jailers and a terville; Max Webber, 324 West Mermatron who will form the personnel cury street; William Dalling, 2060

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# TEXTILE UNION

(Continued from Page 1) the second major defection from John L. Lewis' industrial union organization. The International Ladies' Garment Workers, represent-250,000 members, refused last month to join the C. I. O.'s permanent organization.

Sidney Hillman, chairman of the T. W. O. C., asserted he was not disturbed by Gorman's action. He said that authority to call a convention was vested in the union's executive board.

Gorman asserted the T. W. O. C. dence, R. I., superior court that the contract between the U. T. W. and C. I. O., which resulted in organization of the T. W. O. C., was in-

Gorman estimated that T. W. O. C. had collected \$500,000 from U. T. W. members since March, 1937. He ber 30, predicted "months, possibly years of court litigation before legal technicalities are settled."

# LABOR BUREAU IS SCORED BY DIFS

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your affection-there is no place in Normal gym. America for you.' Pro-Americanism Need.

January 2, the day before the new Janney, Ruth Koenig, Grace Knox, Congress convenes. In an interview Mary Ann Luebben, Hilda Long, earlier today, Dies said he would Maysel Mallon, Delia Marchessau, introduce legislation to recreate the Dorothy Mautz, Evelyn Meine, Beth committee and would seek a \$200,- | Naye, Evelyn Nissen, June Patrick, 000 appropriation for it. It received Regina Rebich, Clara Pahnish, \$25,000 from the last Congress.

the administration would exert all Avis Underwood, Alta Walker, possible pressure to prevent the Elaine Willey, Eileen Grimes, Dorocommittee's receiving authority to thy Ann Gosman, Margaret Markocontinue its work.

TRIBE TO MEET - Shoshone Tribe No. 1 will conduct its regular meeting at the hall, 19 East Quartz, tonight. Officers will be elected for the coming year. Plans will be formulated for the Christmas program and party scheduled for December 28. All members are urged to attend.



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# Dillon Bureau

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Beaverhead County Collects \$183,714 for First Installment.

DILLON, Dec. 13. - (Special) -First-half payments of the 1938 had been dissolved, basing his con- taxes totaled \$183,714.10, it was antention on a decision by the Provi- nounced today by County Treasurer Bertie Mathews, representing an increase of almost \$4,000 over the 1937 first-half payments. Delinquent tax payments amounted to \$8,800, a large number of property owners taking advantage of the tax moratorium which expired Novem-

> Delinquent taxes, amounting to \$13,077.32, show a decrease from the \$19,327 total of last year.

DILLON, Dec. 13. - (Special) -The Beaverhead county high school girls' drill team will make its first "I suggest that the honest and public appearance Saturday night decent thing for you to do is to book between intermissions of the Dillonan early passage to the country of Miles City basketball game at the

Miss Evelyn Rimel is directing the team, members of which include The Texan at the same time Margaret Ann Ames, Ruth Banning, and anti-nazism "and more about Crane, Betty Sue Crowe, Dorothy weekly dinner of the Dillon Rotary acquittal. pro-Americanism." There is a need, Davis, Ellen Faller, Virginia Fitz- club last night. Warden Theodore he said, for positive action to pro- simmons. Gloria Good, Evelyn Bergstrom was to have been present Gregg, Kathryn Hartwig, Mildred The committee's life will end Henningson, Shirley Hughes, Doris able to attend. Marion Seybold, Katherine Steele, At the same time, Dies predicted Maxine Wiant, Catherine Jackson, vich, Merle Schmittroth, Ethel Jean Curnutt. Catherine Spegar.

DILLON, Dec. 13. - (Special) the lodge, will be held Saturday night in the city hall auditorium. Top attendance at the ball has been under the 500 mark since the dance has become an annual event.

DILLON NOTES.

President Sheldon E. Davis of the 1 instead of June 1 as the project Normal College and George M. Gos- did not take possession of the alman, member of the state board of loted space until Oct. 1. The rent education, returned last night from is paid by the board of county com-Helena, where they attended ses- missioners, which also pays another sions of the state board and the \$100 a month for additional space university executive council,

Mrs. Mary Molleur is spending a few days in Butte, where she is attending meetings of the Daughters of the Nile

Professor Robert Clark of the Normal college faculty is the author of an article, "Again Those Lefthanders," in a current issue of the Journal of Education.

Mrs. Jess Ditty received word whooping cough and three scarlet this morning of the death of her fever, sister, Mrs. Ellen Dunnabeck, in Ashland, Wis.

### TUBERCULIN TESTS TO START AT SCHOOL

DILLON, Dec. 13. - (Special) -Dillon physicians, with the assist- was granted use of the new high ance of County Nurse Margaret school gymnasium for its home bas-Holloran, will begin tuberculin tests ketball games this season. The at the Beaverhead county high school has eight home games. Christmas vacation.

CHIMNEY FIRE-A chimney fire at 405 West Quartz was put out by cation committee Superintendent as from Butte. Quartz street firemen yesterday noon. No damage was reported.



DILLON, Dec. 13. - (Special) -The Women's Athletic association is now one of Montana State Normal college's largest groups, with a membership of 70, following initiation of 30 pledges last night. Following the initiation, members

of the association and the Kappa Zeta Nu sorority enjoyed a Christ-

Initiates last night were: Ruth Caldwell, Ranch Creek; Jean Mc-Leod. Butte: Nelly Vander Ark. Manhattan: Kathryn Goodell, Dutton: Selma Jahnke, Fort Benton; Grace Hammond, Fort Peck; Laura Hoekema, Manhattan; Alice Harris, Desta Fisher, Missoula; Madalyn latest statements. McDonnell, Manhattan; Dorothy Hagler, Helena; Ethel teau; Clara Whitehorn, Portage.

### PRISON OFFICIALS ADDRESS ROTARY

DILLON, Dec. 13. — (Special) — Two Montana state prison officials, William Coey, record clerk, and as a guest of the club but was un-

(Continued from Page 1) bus transportation for the next year will be due December 27.

The board voted to leave in the hands of the building and purchasing committee the decision on tearing down two old buildings at 429 and 431 South Arizona street which are the property of the school the stand.

O. R. Ashford jr., chairman of the Dillon Elks completed plans for committee, said the work would their annual charity ball at the start immediately. The buildings are desire the infliction of the death regular meeting of the lodge tonight. located on portions of the area penalty?" The dance, outstanding com- which eventually will be converted munity entertainment sponsored by into a war memorial park, if present

plans materialize. In accordance with the custom of paying employes before Christmas, 800 people and has never dropped trustees voted to meet December payrolls on December 22.

Rent Dates Fixed. A resolution was adopted making rent for the sewing room in the old DILLON, Dec. 13. - (Special) - Butte high school due as from Oct.

used in the building by the WPA. The Silver Bow county planning board was voted use of the school board room in the Administration building for its regular meetings on

Reports of the public school nurses, Bertha N. Johnston and Mary Wiegenstein, showed 106 cases of measles, 19 chicken pox, 20

The music department of the WPA recreation division was granted use of the old high school auditorium on Friday evening to stage a program of Christmas carols and

Central Games.

Christian Brothers' high school

school tomorrow morning, conduct- | A WPA project of \$21,423 for reing the tests earlier than usual this pairing and refinishing desks and year because of the fact that de- interior woodwork in schools, kalturned for WPA approval.

to attend the regional conference of | the carnival, said last night he ex- | Mount Moriah cemetery. at Salt Lake City, January 9 and night to attract one of the largest 10. Helen Laird was granted per- crowds of the carnival. mission to attend the textbook com- Last night's program was dedi- man & Reed funeral home from commission is now in session.

calendar year 1939.

Teacher association is to install at | tion inside the hall. the Garfield school.

Truck Purchased. Chevrolet truck for \$783. Bids on bers, beginning at 9 o'clock. the truck were received at a recent meeting and referred to the com-

mittee. Chairman Fred I. Root reported School Board association legislative committee which he and MisseMargaret A. Leary, district clerk, attended in Helena.

Among matters discussed were a proposed sales tax to replace real

FOOT SPECIALIST Wm. Thomason, Deer Lodge Arch Supports Made to Order In Butte at McManus Shoe Co.,

(Continued from Page 1) "I heard a noise and when I went dismissed from St. James hospital out into the front room I found Mr. today, it was announced last night. Bassett lying there dead. I never saw the body after that. I didn't riding in the Branter car, Miss see it when it was disrobed and if Margaret Fay, 907 Nevada avenue, at the plight of victims. Earl dissected it, I didn't see it." In the interview she repudiated doing well and will be released from German embassy announced: other details of the original confes- the hospital in a few days, attensions but made no effort to deny ants reported.

the slaying. Mrs. Smith appeared reconciled to her fate and to the death of her

"Maybe it's all for the best," she said, "It's all over anyhow. But I can't help wishing that I had had an opportunity to go on the stand and tell what this woman (Mrs. Fawcett) had done to me."

Statements Doubted.

Mrs. Smith said she was willing to Fairfield; Anne Clark, Butte; Doro- make another effort to find Bas- Senator Murray, Democrat, Monthy Schramm, Missoula; Lois Hall- sett's body, but expressed doubt she tana, predicted tonight that the new berg, Choteau; Lorraine Reiter, would be successful. Prosecutor Congress would overhaul labor, so-Froid; Marjorie Tubman, Rainville; Warner and Detective Chief Ernest cial security and farm legislation Emma Lou Johnson, Medicine Lake; Yoris said they probably would but would not be asked to enact any Rose Conwell, Red Lodge; Betty make no further efforts to find the new reform laws. Craver, Butte; Myrthel Nelson, body. Both said they were still im-Hamilton; Gertrude Dahlen, Kevin; pressed with truth of the original the vast program of legislation Ada Kolokotrones, Three Forks; confession, despite Mrs. Smith's which has been enacted during the

Johnson, Md., and Society Hill, S. C., answered prepared for the Washington Star's their appearance it caused a whis-Power; Helen McGovern, Glendive; "No" today when she was asked if radio forum Maxine Traver, Big Timber; Cath- she wanted the death penalty inerine Anderson, Belgrade; Mildred flicted on Mrs. Smith. The mur- no merit in contentions that a swing Mead, Chico; Doris Spoonemore, dered man, whose dismembered body to the right would put the New Maudlow; Mildred Harrington, Cho- never was found, was the son of Mrs. Bassett.

> Earlier she told reporters "I feel sorry for Mrs. Smith. I loved my son, and she loved hers." Mayer killed Bassett, the state contended, because he wanted Bas-

sett's automobile. Mrs. Smith changed her plea to guilty immediately after Judge called on the nation to talk less Betty Brown, Kathleen Buck, Jean Ben Kuhl, of the motor vehicle de- Chester A. Batchelor rejected a about anti-communism, anti-fascism Burch, Nena Casper, Emma Jane partment, were speakers at the motion for a directed verdict of Occupational Disease

Jurors Astonished.

The jury, locked up since Friday while attorneys argued the motion, glanced in astonishment at Mayer's vacant chair when Judge Batchelor announced as court reconvened: "The defendant, DeCasto Earl

Mayer, has died during progress of afternoon after members had visited the trial." He did not tell the jurors St. James hospital to view X-ray t was a suicide. Mrs. Smith sobbed that her con- held in the courthouse last week. ession last spring was not made

rible thing to my son," but the district court. court interrupted her.

Batchelor inquired. torney Milton Heiman and Warren chairman; Dennis McCarthy, former Hardy. She added, "and I hope secretary of the Butte Miners union, you'll be lenient." Warner summoned Mrs. Bassett to

"In view of the plea of Mary Eleanor Smith, and in view of the Mining Association of Montana and circumstances," he asked. "do you

Jury Decides.

"No," Mrs. Bassett replied in a low voice. "I'd be satisfied and content f she were to remain in prison." Despite her recommendation, and

the leniency plea of Prosecutor Warner, the jury still had the authority to send Mrs. Smith to the gallows or a prison cell for life. It voted life imprisonment after 19 minutes' debate.

they dismembered the body and she with egg noggs she made during the commission. Norman LeFever and butchery. She said they hid the Ed O'Byrne represented the miners dismembered body in the woods union at the hearing. north of Seattle.

Mrs. Smith also confessed helping Mayer dispose of the bodies of Dave Randall, in a gravel pit near Pocatello, Idaho, and of Ole Larson and Dorothy La Casse, near Anaconda.

Her confessions "broke" the Bassett case last spring as she was completing a five to eight-year term for larceny of Bassett's car. Her son was serving life imprisonment as an habitual criminal-for having three felony convictions on his record.

the National Occupation conference pected the dedication ceremony to-

mission meeting in Helena. The cated to the Elks, and a large crowd where the funeral will be held Mrs. Mary McCaughey, 509 West thronged the K. C. hall to partici- Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock, Maybelle Hogan was granted a pate in the festivities. The Elks Rev. H. W. Moehring officiating. In- ceeding to the Immaculate Concepteachers's leave of absence for the staged an outstanding demonstra- terment in Mount Moriah cemetery tion, parading through the streets Trustees agreed to install wiring of the city, serenading the K. C. for a stove which the Parent- hall and staging a drill demonstra-

Booths and other attractions are held each night on the lower two The building and purchasing com- floors of the building. Dancing is mittee reported it had purchased a held nightly in the council cham-

partments in the state superintendent's office-for health and phyon a recent meeting of the Montana sical education, the exceptional child and a correspondence study for those unable to attend schools. The Master. matter of asking the legislatiure for \$200,000 to operate the teachers retirement act and changing the hours for school elections also were

Final consideration will be given the proposals at the annual convention of the Montana School Board association in Livingston, January 13 and 14. Claims and accounts approved

are: Claims, \$5,911.59; janitors' pay

\$1.378; labor pay roll, \$202.64.

Melvin T. Branter, 1602 Warren lriver of one of the automobiles in Sunday morning's tragedy, will be Two other passengers who were

and Elsie Hugo, 2024 Elm street, are Two persons were killed in the

after midnight Saturday. They were

and Miss Rose Melvin, 18, of 209

Francis Burke, 27, of 2712 Walnut,

### Minah, in Walkerville. A REVISION OF LEGISLATION SEEN

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13. - (AP) -

"Some necessary amendments to past five years will, of course, be in Mrs. Marion Bassett of Annapolis, order," Murray said in an address

He added, however, that he found Deal program "under fire."

Board Concludes Series of Public Meetings.

A hearing conducted by the Occupational Disease commission here yesterday was concluded late in the pictures shown at a two-day hearing The meeting yesterday morning voluntarily and "it was such a ter- was held in department No. 1 of the

Members of the commission, all "Is your plea guilty?" Judge of whom were present, are, Dr. W. F. Cogswell of Helena, secretary of "Yes," she wept, leaning on At- the Montana State Board of Health, secretary; James J. Carrigan, general superintendent of mines of the Anaconda Copper Mining company; Carl J. Trauerman, president of the James D. Graham of Helena, presi-

The morning session was devoted to reading into the record a brief submitted by the Anaconda Copper Mining company. The brief was in answer to a brief submitted last week to the commission by a committee representing the Butte Miners union. The Anaconda company brief was submitted for the company by F. A. Linforth, assistant to Mrs. Smith had confessed Mayer the manager of mines of the comslew Bassett Sept. 5, 1928. She said pany. Mr. Linforth also told of conditions in the Butte mines, in reply kept her "poor boy's strength up" to questions by the members of the

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molition of the present high school soming walls, painting, laying side- lumbus councils from Anaconda and morning, William Arthur Lorenz, Cross cemetery. buildings will start during the walks, erecting fences and other Deer Lodge will sponsor tonight's age 52, of 2125 South Arizona work was approved. It will be re- session of the K. C. winter festival, street. The remains are at the Sherwhich is expected to attract large man & Reed funeral home from On recommendation of the edu- crowds from those two cities as well where the funeral will be held Thursday afternoon at 1 o'clock, Dr. Lowell W. Johnson was instructed Dr. J. J. Kelley, co-chairman of Clifford officiating. Interment in

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ANGWIN-The funeral of the late John Angwin will be held at 2 p. m. today at the Masonic temple, the Rev. E. J. Groeneveld officiating, under the auspices of Monitor Lodge No. 35, A. F. and A. M. Interment in Mount Moriah cemetery.

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(Continued from Page 1) explosion of man's inhumanity to

Baldwin spoke as "an ordinary Englishman shocked and distressed" Shortly before the dinner, the

"The German ambassador (Herbert von Dirksen) and members of the embassy staff and German accident which occurred shortly journalists sincerely regret that because of certain sentences in the prime minister's speech they should not attend the Foreign Press association's dinner in London to-

Nearly 500 other guests attended

the dinner, however, including the Italian ambassador, Count Dino Grandi. Invitations also were accepted by the ambassadors of Belgium, Brazil, France, Poland and the Soviet Union. (United States Ambassador Joseph P. Kennedy was en route home.) Loud and long applause rever-

berated throughout the huge ballroom when Chamberlain condemned the Nazi press.

Many banged the table tops with the fists, for as soon as word spread that the Germans had not put in pered sensation and all thoughts had centered on whether Chamberlain would go through with his anti-German comments.

The Italian embassy learned of the action of the German embassy in boycotting the dinner, but did not

follow suit. Dr. Stephan Litauer, president of the Foreign Press association, said ousting of the German journalists would be considered at the association's next meeting. In his speech the prime minister

reaffirmed his determination, however, to follow the path of "appease-The address had been keenly

awaited in diplomatic circles as a possible outline of Britain's course in the next 30 days when a visit by the prime minister to Rome is to be made. Admitting "checks, disappoint-

ments and setbacks" in his course, he added, "I am neither disheartened nor deterred by these passing

(Continued from Page 1) vinced" every American republic desires to live in peace and work in friendly co-operation with every other nation in the world. American republics, he asserted, do not seek dent of the Montana Federation of to impose their form of government or institutions on other peoples. "We do believe international re-

> lations can be conducted on a basis of peace, international law and order, an appreciation of each other's problems and recognition that the welfare of peoples is the primary concern of governments." Mentioning the ever-increasing interdependence of all nations, Hull

said, "Hence we do not seek a merely regional solution alone, but one broad enough to take into full account those world conditions and problems which materially affect success at Lima "we must have the regional welfare.

Welcome Co-Operation. tions and principles. We believe the | can be safeguarded against possible pricipal bases of this system are threat of armed force, anarchy and applicable to relationships among intolerance.' all nations and we eagerly welcome the co-operation of each and every country of the world in their sup-

Hull declared, however, that the

MELVIN - The funeral of Rose Melvin will take place this (Wednesday) morning at the family residence, 209 Minah street, at 9 o'clock. Requiem high mass will be celebrated in St. Mary's church at 9:30. Interment in Holy Cross cemetery.

BURKE—The remains of Francis T. Burke will be removed this McKenna, Robert J. McNulty, evening to the family residence, Michael D. O'Connell, Kingsbury Emil Guay, 1961 Silver Bow street; 2712 Walnut street, where the fu- W. Paull, Thomas F. Quinn, Fran- John Sodja, 927 East Galena; Wilneral will take place Thursday cis J. Rooney, Thomas D. Riley, bur J. Tonkin, 453 Ohio, and Wilmorning at 9 o'clock. Requiem high Jeremiah T. Riley, James J. Strait, liam Hastie, 2029 Oregon avenue. mass will be celebrated in St. Ann's William F. Sullaway, Bernard Members of the Knights of Co- LORENZ - In this city Tuesday church at 9:30, Interment in Holy Sullivan, Myles White.

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ATTENTION, Butte Pioneer club: M'KINNON-The funeral of the late Mrs. Lucy McKinnon will take William Whitmore are at the Sher- place this (Wednesday) morning from the residence of her mother, Woolman street, at 9 o'clock, protion church where solemn requiem high mass will be celebrated at 9:30. Interment in Holy Cross cemetery.

HENNELLY-In this city yesterday morning, Michael J. Hennelly, aged 54 years, died in a local hospital after a brief illness. The remains may be viewed in the Shamrock room of Duggan's Merrill mortuary until this (Wednesday) afternoon, when they will be removed to the family residence, 410 Garden street, quested to meet at the Masonic from where the funeral will take temple at 1:30 p. m. today to attend place Friday morning at 9 o'clock, proceeding to Sacred Heart church where requiem high mass will be celebrated at 9:30. Interment in St. Patrick's cemetery.

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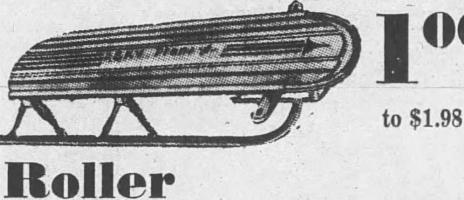
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fundamental principles for which Eileen Jensen, Mary Lou Kane, American nations fought in their Jessie Lee, Mary Phyllis Mack, Berstruggles for independence are now in other parts of the world "being subordinated to other philosophies or purposes."

He concluded by saying that for continued and increasing support of mary McManus, Rita McMillan, all our peoples, for it is only with | Eileen Mee, Evelyn Mooney, Dolores "We are establishing among our- that support that our freedom, our Morgan, Catherine Murphy, Jule selves a system of relationships individual liberty and the security Nevin Patsy O'Connor, Mary Ellen which is in accord with our institu- of our countries and our institutions O'Gara, Josephine O'Halloran, Rita

(Continued from Page 1) Daniel T. Mallov, Louis J. Moses, Jerry D. Murphy, Richard Murtha. Arthur E. McCartan, Donald W.

school who will receive their diplofully completed are: Gloria Anderson, Florence Appel, Marie Blackwell, Betty Bleichner. Agnes Buckley, Dolores Bugni, Sunti Butori, Cyrilla Calpin, June Cavanaugh, Ada Chaffin, Ruth Connors, Margie Cooper, Mary Rita Corbett,

Anna Lea Cote, Annette Cote, Jean Crofty, Jacqueline Cullerton. Margaret Darrah, Rita Delaney. Ruth Dwyer, Agnes Francy, Helen Frisbee, Nan Fritz, Mary Elizabeth Gleason, Marian Hale, Marian Hanley, Peggy Rose Hanratty, Isabelle Harrington, Rita Harrington, Mary Margaret Hennessy, Audree High,

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Mary Watling and Almarie Parker. SEVEN LEAVE HOSPITAL -Seven patients were dismissed yesterday from Murray hospital. They are Mrs. E. W. Carter, Livingston; Ross McGinnis, Montana hotel; Mrs. James Sullivan, 2107 South Dakota; Miss Mary Marivot was dismissed from Murray hospital yesterday.

Students of Girls' Central high TWO ADMITTED — Mrs. James mas if required studies are success- Archer jr., Silver Bow, and Fred Schmook jr., Garnett, were admitted yesterday to St. James hospital.



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