

KILL CHICAGO SLEUTH; GANG LEADER SLAIN

Two Deaths Dampen Hopes of City in Cleanup Drive.

By United Press
CHICAGO, Dec. 1.—Thomas Geary, detective, was shot to death today as he sat in a saloon, said to be owned by Representative Lawrence C. O'Brien.

Geary was killed by Thomas J. Mullarkey, bartender, with a revolver the bartender snatched from the holster of Patrolman Edward Johnson, who sat by Geary, Johnson said.

Mullarkey had been drinking, Johnson said, and had quarreled with Geary. Mullarkey suddenly reached across the bar, seized Johnson's gun and shot Geary in the head, Johnson said.

The killing of Geary followed closely the assassination of Joseph Martino, 45, Sicilian chief of a Chicago Heights alcohol ring who was shot down as he stood near his saloon in that suburb by a gang in a curtained car. He fell before a barrage of machine gun and pistol fire.

Dampens Clean-Up

Martino was under indictment on a charge of giving a government agent a bribe. It had been reported he was about to turn government's evidence in the Chicago Heights liquor conspiracy cases now pending.

Fearing exposure, the liquor gang killed him, Donald A. Kooken, special prohibition agent, said.

The two killings somewhat dampened the hopes of law abiding residents of Chicago in their drive against crime and vice.

A scheduled police shakeup further raids against saloons and vice resorts, naming of a new federal prohibition squad leader, proximity of the date when new state's attorney will take office and general indignation over the grand jury report Friday were listed by reform leaders as hopeful signs of a real cleanup.

Five hundred police officers and men are due to be shifted and several officers are slated for the ax, it was learned at police headquarters.

Swanson Refuses Comment

That the federal government will take a hand in the activities in Washington of Alexander G. Jamie as chief of the special agents' unit here, Jamie succeeds George "Hard Boiled" Golding, who was removed recently after spectacular raids in which his men shot two persons and were arrested by city authorities.

Jamie will attempt to dam Chicago's liquor flow by breaking up big conspiracies rather than by arresting small offenders.

The report of the November special grand jury denounced the police department, laying the blame for crime and vice conditions on district commanders and Michael F. Hughes, former commissioner of police. He was the only one of Mayor William Hale Thompson's appointees to be named in the report.

John A. Swanson, state's attorney-elect, who takes office Monday, refused to comment on the jury report, but said, "My actions will speak for themselves."

HOLDUP WITHOUT GUN FAILS; STORE BUSY

Woods Ponders Ruse's Disappointment in Los Banos Jail.

By United Press

LOS BANOS, Cal., Nov. 30.—Andrew M. Woods has thirty days in which to ponder over his faux pas in attempting to get away with an old-fashioned bluff in this cow town. Andrew will do his cogitating in jail, where he was ordered by Justice Thomas after committing his indiscretion.

Woods entered a cigar store and with his right hand in his pocket in a menacing attitude, loudly ordered customers and proprietor to "stick 'em up." He then demanded harshly that the cashier hand over \$200, "and make it snappy."

No one paid the least heed to bring the bold intruder and political discussions calmly continued.

There seemed nothing else to do, so Woods turned and walked out. He was arrested a few minutes later. No weapon was found on his person.

LUNA'S TIME ERRATIC: NEEDS GOOD CLOCKER

Scientist Says Moon Doesn't Always Stick to Rail Schedule.

LONDON, Nov. 30.—Astronomers need the help of horologists to check the gains and losses in time made by the moon. Luna is not always up to the second on our clock, Sir Frank Dyson stated before the British Royal Astronomical Institute.

The moon was thirty seconds slow on astronomical time in 1630, Sir Frank said, but made up the half minute by 1730. By 1775 it was nearly 30 seconds ahead, and then started to lose again, and was back to the time of the rotating earth by 1865. From 1876 to 1897 the moon lost 15 seconds, but regained 11 seconds between 1897 and 1918.

"We should like half a dozen clocks in the best observatories," Sir Frank said, "which could be trusted to keep time to one second a year."

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We Could Eat Forever

A pajama dinner-dance given by the younger set at an exclusive Indianapolis club lately started something other than the wagging of tongues among the older generation. It's got to be so much the thing that Miss Beulah Hyde of L. S. Ayres & Co. calmly demonstrated a peach satin crepe and black velvet creation, while the announcer boldly declared they were for dinner wear only.



Nevada Builds Gas House Where Killers Will Die

Structure is Rushed to Be Used in January Execution.



NEA Service Writer
CARSON CITY, Nev., Nov. 30.—A new "gas house" or taking human life is being completed at the Nevada state prison here.

And already, a prisoner has been received who will be first to die in the new structure, unless his appeals upset his death sentence.

The prisoner is Robert F. White. He was sentenced to die Jan. 3, 1929, following conviction on a murder charge at Elko. Instead of the gallows on the electric chair, Nevada uses lethal gas for executions.

The old gas house, in which two prisoners met their death, was a temporary structure, and was torn down in a recent remodeling. Plans were made for replacing this with a small one-story structure.

This will be rushed to completion for the date set for White's death. It also may house the cells of condemned prisoners as well as the death chamber.

Despite nation-wide comment when the gas-death method was introduced in Nevada, the state is continuing this method of execution. The condemned man is strapped to a chair placed in an air-tight room. Through tubes in the walls of the room, hydrocyanic gas is forced into the death chamber from a small steel tank equipped with a hand pump.

In the two previous executions, death was almost instantaneous. George John, a Chinese, was first to die by gas. Three years ago, Stanko Jukich was executed in the same manner.

White, who is at the prison now under death sentence, was convicted of killing Louis Lavall, an Elko gambler. Lavall's body never was found, but authorities charge White burned the body after killing Lavall.

And while carpenters, cement mixers and chemist are rear ing the "gas house" in which the state declares White must die from lethal fumes, the condemned man is carrying on a determined court fight for his life.

Photoengravers' union members today made their annual \$2 contribution to support of fellow members afflicted with tuberculosis. Beneficiaries receive \$15 weekly.

BOOST AL FOR 1932

Preamble of Resolution Attacks Klan and Anti-Saloon League.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—The Al Smith Democratic Club here voted last night to "foster and animate a nation-wide movement to bring about the nomination and election of Alfred E. Smith in 1932." A preamble in which the Anti-Saloon League and the Ku-Klux Klan were attacked, prefaced the resolution.

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- Kills Rabbits in Cellar.
- TRAFALGAR, Ind., Dec. 1.—Two rabbits which had been living in the cellar of Mrs. Hesper Richardson's home here are no more. Mrs. Richardson, a cousin of Sergeant Earl Hulstad, "flying cop" of the Indianapolis police force, killed the rabbits with rifle shots. She is an expert marksman.

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REVAMPED SHIP INSPECTION MAY BE QUIZ RESULT

Vestriss Probe Will Lead to Reorganization, Hopes U. S. Chief.

BY HARVEY FERGUSON
United Press Staff Correspondent
NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—The local United States steamboat inspector service may be reorganized and strengthened as a direct result of the government's inquiry into the sinking of the Lamport & Holt liner Vestriss.

Dickerson N. Hoover, supervising inspector-general of the service, is expected to conclude today his investigation of the inspection given the Vestriss' lifeboat by local men and he intimates it would call for a strengthening of the service.

Examine Sister Ship

Charles H. Tuttle, United States attorney, reviewing the evidence in his separate inquiry before Francis A. O'Neill, United States commissioner, called attention to the fact that testimony of steamboat inspectors conflicted. One local inspector, Tuttle said, had certified he lowered and raised lifeboats of the Vestriss a few days before she sank—when, as a matter of testimony, he had not actually done so.

The court may reconvene for the recall of previous witnesses for added information on Wednesday, Tuttle said, and it will meet then in any event to receive the report of two nautical advisers—one for the United States and one for Great Britain—who were to examine the Vauban, sister ship of the Vestriss, today.

Outlines Causes of Tragedy.

Tuttle drew six possible causes for the loss of life in the Vestriss sinking:

1. Placing of passengers, including women, in lifeboat No. 8, which witnesses agreed had a six-inch hole in its lower side.

2. Lowering of lifeboats from the high port side, when starboard lifeboats had capacity for all on board.

3. Failure to launch the first two portside lifeboats after they had been filled with women and children.

4. Launching of the motorboat, lifeboat No. 1, without anyone in it who knew how to run the program for the session.

Questions Still Remain.

5. Unseaworthiness of the lifeboats and insufficiency of their equipment.

6. The apparent failure to have an officer in charge in each lifeboat when launched.

Questions that still must be settled by inquiry he said were:

Actual cause of the loss of the vessel.

Actual cause for the delay in sending out the SOS.

LOTS OF TURKEYS

Dressed Birds Offered at Market.

Rush Promised by Finds in Vicinity of Ontario Lake.

By Times Special
TORONTO, Nov. 30.—Pickle Lake, located about 100 miles north of Sioux Lookout, Ontario, in the vicinity of Lake St. Joseph, promises to be the scene of a rush of prospectors next spring, according to C. Price-Green, commissioner of natural resources of the Canadian National Railways. A representative of the Northern Aerial Minerals Exploration Company makes the statement that this will prove to be the outstanding gold discovery of the 1928 season.

It is said that the "break" extends over a distance of five miles.

Four miles north of Mace, in the township of Steel, near the Quebec boundary, another interesting discovery has been made, says Price-Green. There are four "breaks" said to aggregate some 15,000 feet in length in all, carrying copper, zinc and precious metals.

The property will be developed under the name of "Marbanc mines."

Thieves removed a battery, tire and bag of tools from the garage of Harry Shannon, 4930 Brookville road, Friday night, police were told today. R. M. Ragsdale of Golden Hill reported the title card stolen from his car, which was parked downtown. Edwin Stephenson, 3820 East Fall Creek boulevard, told police his license plates, No. 48-414 were missing when police recovered his car, which had been stolen.

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Funeral services for John Buehler, 78, of 2106 North New Jersey street, director of H. Lieber Company, were to be held today at 2 p. m. at the Flanner & Buchanan mortuary, the Rev. Frank S. C. Wicks, pastor of All Souls Unitarian church, officiating.

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