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## OPEN JACKSON MURDER TRIAL AT LEBANON

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### ARGUE OVER PROCEDURE

Ira Holmes and Elza Rogers, Defense Counsel, to Attack Confessions.

#### BULLETIN

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## On Trial for Lives



Louis E. Hamilton



Charles Vernon Witt

Charged with the murder of Lafayette A. Jackson, head of the Standard Grocery Company, last May, Charles Vernon Witt and Louis E. Hamilton went on trial at Lebanon today. Selection of a jury was delayed by the defense motion to try Witt first.

## MARKET RIGGED TO AID FOREIGN LOANS, CHARGE TO SENATE

### Horse Cents

KALAMAZOO, Mich., Jan. 11.—Bureau City efficiency experts, seeking something to reduce the city's operating cost, have found it. They are going to discontinue three watering troughs for horses—and save \$305.

## HOOVER CALLS CREDIT PARLEY

Amendments Fail to Meet President's Approval.

#### By United Press

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—A special conference on his emergency financial legislation was called today by President Hoover at the White House.

While congress pressed forward with the \$2,000,000 reconstruction finance corporation bill, the President called in Senators Carter Glass (Dem., Va.), and Frederic C. Walcott (Rep., Conn.), Governor Eugene Meyer of the federal reserve board and Ogden Mills, undersecretary of treasury, for a prolonged discussion of the general economic situation.

Mr. Hoover was understood to be not entirely reconciled to certain amendments which have been added to the two billion dollar credit project, which had the right of way in congress as the new week began.

Senator Glass, first to emerge from the surprise meeting, which began at 8:30 a. m., said that, while he could not disclose details of the conversation, it had concerned "certain difficulties which the President called us in to assist in ironing out."

Meanwhile, the senate worked today under an agreement to pass the measure by tonight, while the house began consideration of a similar bill.

## PREDICT AUTO RISE

Studebaker, Oakland Motor Chiefs Optimistic.

#### By United Press

NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—Automobile executives attending the thirty-second annual show today, such as Albert Russell Erskine, president of the Studebaker Corporation, and I. J. Reuter, president and general manager of the Oakland Motor Car Company, are prepared for a rise in motor car sales this year.

"Many of the existing cars, numbering 6,000,000 are practically worn out and must be replaced in 1932 through sheer necessity if normal transportation requirements are to be met," Erskine said.

Reuter thinks a rise is ahead because "the let-down in business has covered a two-and-a-half year period and the longer the curtailment lasts the more certain we are that a turn for better is at hand."

## THIEVES ESCAPE WITH \$16,577 IN CIGARETS

Identity of a gang of thieves who chiseled their way into the Hamilton-Harris &amp; Co. tobacco warehouse, 384-98 South Senate avenue, Saturday night, hauling away \$16,577 worth of cigarettes, remained unknown to police today.

The burglars broke a hole through two walls thirty inches thick to gain access to the second floor of the warehouse. Two trucks of the Gordon Furniture Company warehouse, adjoining the tobacco warehouse, were stolen to haul away the booty.

Detectives investigating the burglary said the thieves apparently were familiar with the layout and alarm system.

The thieves first pried open a rear door at the Diamond Truck Company, 378 South Senate avenue, and then tore away a section of the stairway wall to enter the Gordon warehouse. A hole large enough to permit passage of cases containing 10,000 cigarettes each then was cut in the wall of the tobacco warehouse.

Two hundred forty-five cases were pushed through the hole into the Gordon warehouse, where they were loaded on the stolen trucks.

The trucks later were recovered. One was found at Sumner avenue and Illinois Central railroad, and the second at Harding street and Troy avenue.

Edward W. Harris, president, said the cigarettes were not insured.

Yegmen who worked the combination of a large safe at the Hampden Printing Company, 117 West Georgia street, Saturday night, stole \$25, but overlooked several valuable pieces of jewelry, police were informed.

## Laurence Dennis, Expert on South America, Reveals Business Practices.

#### By United Press

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—Charges that banking houses floating foreign loans in the post-war foreign financing era, "rigged" the market before putting out new issues were voiced before the senate finance committee today by Laurence Dennis, expert on South American finances.

Dennis formerly was in the diplomatic service, but resigned in 1927 to become associate with J. and W. Seligman & Co., New York bankers, who made heavy loans to South America.

The bankers, he said, as a rule believed they were acting ethically. "One thing they did which was wrong," he continued, "was to rig the market for selling of these bonds. They would bid up the issues of other bonds of the same country before putting the new bonds on the market. They would rig them up three or four points. That practice has been a legal fraud from the queen's bench in England. I do not think it is a legal fraud here."

Loans Called Absurd

Dennis declared that it was "absurd" for American bankers to loan money to South America since the world war.

He also said: "That he believed holders of Peruvian bonds 'in two or three years, will be very happy to make an agreement for 5 or 10 cents on the dollar.'"

"That Bolivia used some of the money derived from American loans for purchase of arms."

That he had predicted when they were made that a series of Peruvian loans would be in default within five years. The loans have been defaulted.

That \$1,500,000 of the money loaned Bolivia was used for military purposes in the Chaco—a region involved in a dispute between Bolivia and Paraguay.

Arms Are Purchased

"That only \$2,250,000 of a \$23,000,000 Bolivian loan was used for public works, and that \$3,904,000 was used for making up deficits and paying back salaries of officials."

That \$5,081,000 was sent to Victor of London, as payment on a contract for the purchase of arms.

The Bolivian minister, before the hearing started today, gave out a memorandum from his government to the state department saying that his government had every intention to pay back the money it had borrowed.

Dennis said the department of finance of Bolivia was in chaos and had not been "audited since the war."

Senator Johnson (Rep., Cal.) read at the opening of the hearing a letter of S. Parker Gilbert, reparations expert, dated Paris, Nov. 3, 1926:

"I constantly am amazed at the recklessness of American bankers floating German loans," Gilbert stated. He pointed out that the Versailles treaty gave priority to reparations. The letter was addressed to Paul Cravath.

Ex-President of France III

NICE, Jan. 11.—Paul Painlevé, former French president, was suffering today from an attack of laryngitis.

## DOCTOR URGES BEER TO CURE INTEMPERANCE

Senate Committee Is Told That Two Quarts Daily Is Safe to Drink.

### TONIC, HE DECLARES

Favorable Effect on Youth of Nation Seen If Brew Is Legalized.

#### By United Press

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—Dr. William Gerry Morgan, former president of the American Medical Association, told a senate committee today that the average man or woman safely could drink two quarts of beer daily.

Morgan appeared before the committee in behalf of the Bingham 4 per cent beer bill, which he said would curb intemperance among young and old. He said that reasonable quantities of beer had no deleterious effects on the human system.

Senator Hatfield (Rep., W. Va.) cited statements to the contrary by Dr. William H. Welch of Johns Hopkins hospital, Baltimore.

Dr. Morgan replied that Welch's inquiry was made some time ago and that Welch later had told him he "felt the conclusions might be materially altered" if the inquiry were repeated under present conditions.

Viewed as Food

Dr. Morgan said the "Germans consumed beer because they liked it," and because it had a normal laxative effect.

Hatfield, who also is a physician, asked Dr. Morgan if a beer drinker should operate a buzz-saw, a typewriter, an automobile or other machines. Dr. Morgan said he believed that would be all right.

"I look on beer as food because of its vitamin content, and because for persons who temporarily have lost their appetite it serves as a tonic," Dr. Morgan said.

"I do not believe beer would be intoxicating in any amount in which it might be taken."

Would Help Youth

"If 4 per cent beer were legalized, I believe it would have a very favorable effect upon the youth of the nation."

"I have had ample opportunity to observe conditions throughout our country, visiting every state in the last two and one-half years. I have been impressed with the seeming increase of the use of intoxicating liquors. Liquor can be purchased without any great difficulty in every city and town I have been in."

He said that at banquets many of the younger men and women had liquor on the hip and produced their flasks.

## ARREST MRS. GANDHI

Mahatma's Wife, Aid Held for Revolt Activities.

#### By United Press

BOMBAY, Jan. 11.—Mrs. M. K. Gandhi, wife of the Mahatma Gandhi, and Miss Patel, member of a family prominent in support of Gandhi's independence program, were arrested today.

The nationalist civil disobedience campaign took a new turn when brokers at the cotton seed and bullion share markets decided not to transact business until Gandhi is released from prison at Poona.

Nationalist volunteers presented bullion safe deposits to prevent the export of gold.

## BOOTH TO PHILIPPINES

Major-General Hines Is Relieved of Island Command.

#### By United Press

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—Major-General Ewing E. Booth, commanding the first cavalry division at Ft. Worth, Tex., was assigned by the war department today to command the Philippine department of the army.

He will succeed Major-General John L. Hines, who was ordered to Washington for duty in the office of the chief of staff. Hines is to retire shortly.

## Cardinal Calls Crooning Imbecile, Immoral Slush

BOSTON, Jan. 11.—Radio crooners are "whiners, crying vapors to impossible tunes in the basest appeal to sex emotion," according to William Cardinal O'Connell, archbishop of Boston.

The dean of the Roman Catholic hierarchy in America told 3,000 men of the Holy Name Society Sunday that no "true American man" would practice crooning. He said those who practice this base art, of course, aren't men.

"I like to use my radio when weary," the Cardinal said. "I can't turn the dial without hearing those whiners. If you will listen closely when you are unfortunate enough to get one of them, you will discern the basest appeal to sex emotion in the young. They are not true love songs. They profane the name. They are ribald and revolting to true men. If you will have music, have good music, not this immoral, imbecile slush."

The prelate's attack on modern trends in music was contained in a sermon on the effects of the depression and was prefaced by the remark, "I desire to speak earnestly against a degenerate form of singing, which is called crooning."

Rudy Vallee, Russ Colombo, Bing Crosby and Nick Lucas are among the better known radio crooners, but Cardinal O'Connell mentioned no names in his attack. Crooning lifted the radio singers from obscurity to national popularity with its fabulous wages in money.

From radio, the cardinal turned to the theater, which he said had degenerated into the presentation of "low-down, disreputable misrepresentation of the human race."

## GIRL'S BODY FOUND IN RIVER; MURDER THEORY IS PROBED



Miss Mary Watts

Possibility of Suicide Pact With Former Husband Also Investigated.

An ex-convict and a Negro are sought by detectives this afternoon in connection with the mysterious death of Miss Mary Watts, 20, of 513 South Senate avenue, pretty divorcee, whose body was found in White river near the Raymond street bridge Sunday.

Authorities clung to the theory that Miss Watts probably had committed suicide, although Mrs. Arveta Wilson of the Senate avenue address, mother of the young woman, told detectives her daughter's ex-husband often had threatened her life.

Investigation revealed that John Foist, ex-convict and former husband of the young woman, had talked recently about a double suicide of the couple.

Foist, 29, of 1342 Silver street, was released from the state reformatory last October after serving a liquor transportation conviction of one to two years.

Police did not begin dragging the river for Foist's body after Mrs. Eva Reddy, mother of Foist, told of the suicide conversation, but said they would wait until further investigation had been completed.

The Negro sought is Raymond Humphrey, 332 West McCarty street, at liberty under \$1,000 bond on a vagrancy charge, after he is alleged to have attempted to attack Miss Watts Jan. 3.

Humphrey is to face trial on the charge before Municipal Judge Clifton R. Cameron Thursday.

Foist and Miss Watts last were seen at 6 Saturday night by Russell De Hoff, Wyoming and West streets, who said he and a girl companion had spent the afternoon with the couple. He said he and his companion left Foist and the young woman at the residence of George Rottger, 1250 Bridge street.

Body Found in River

De Hoff told officers he was to meet Foist and Miss Watts at 10 Saturday night at Senate avenue and South street, but he arrived late. He said De Hoff's cap was in his car and he knew nothing of their whereabouts after he left Rottger's home.

Miss Watts' body was found by two men who investigated an object they saw hanging to a cable on a dredging machine in White river.

Fully clothed except for her hat, the young woman's body was unidentified until this morning.

Mrs. Mary Pottsie, 333 Parkway avenue, aunt of the young woman, identified the body at the city morgue.

Mrs. Wilson said Foist often had threatened to kill her daughter before and after their divorce.

## DAWES-HOOVER RIFT DISCOUNTED

Friends Scoff at Reports of Break.

#### By United Press

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—Reports that Charles G. Dawes of Chicago announced his intention to resign as ambassador to Great Britain to be free to run for the presidency have caused more surprise than concern at the White House.

Reports of rift between the President and his ambassador at the Court of St. James were ridiculed by persons close to Hoover.

It was emphasized in a statement on Dawes' abrupt announcement of his intended resignation that his action had been the subject of discussion frequently since Dawes' return a few days ago from London.

Furthermore, friends of both Hoover and Dawes said Dawes and the President long have been close personal friends, and it indicated there was no reason to believe anything has occurred to impair that friendship.

Dawes came directly to the White House when he arrived from London, and was a guest of President and Mrs. Hoover. He was offered and accepted the chairmanship of the delegation to the arms conference at Geneva. This and other contacts with the President were cited to refute reports of a break.

## MERCURY WILL RISE

Warmer Weather Predicted for Tuesday.

#### By United Press

Warmer weather visited Indianapolis today and forecast for Tuesday calls for a further boost in the mercury.

Temperatures of 15 and 20 predicted for Sunday failed to materialize, with the mercury dropping only to 24 over the week-end. Coldest of the season and year '31 Saturday morning, when the thermometers slipped to 20.3.

Unsettled weather is expected to accompany the temperature rise.

Hourly Temperatures

6 a. m.	30	10 a. m.	34
7 a. m.	30	11 a. m.	36
8 a. m.	31	12 (noon)	38
9 a. m.	33	1 p. m.	41

## U. S. ACCEPTS JAPAN'S PROGRAM OF APOLOGY

4. The Japanese consul general at Harbin is to apologize to Chamberlain. This already has been done.

After studying Japan's offer, made in addition to an apology expressed by Japanese Ambassador Debuti here, Stimson called his reply to the Mukden consulate.

When this program has been carried out Stimson said, the Chamberlain incident will be closed.

As a gracious gesture, Stimson informed Japan that the United States would not ask for punishment of the major-general in command of police at Mukden, where the incident occurred.

Japan's program to compensate for the attack was submitted to the American consul general at Mukden and communicated to Stimson. It follows:

1. The interpreter who attacked Chamberlain has been dismissed. As he was a former army officer he will be tried by court-martial for his offense.

2. The two policemen who participated in the attack will be punished.

3. Major-General Ninamiya, commanding the Mukden police, and his subordinate officers are to be given disciplinary punishment.

## CINCINNATI CHILD SLAYER REVEALS GUILT TO POLICE

Criminology Crank Breaks Down After Days of Grilling, to Confess Brutal Murder.

## GHASTLY STORY RELATED BY FIEND

Victim Killed Slowly as He Kept Her Captive in Cellar; Thought He Could 'Get Away With It.'

#### By United Press

CINCINNATI, Jan. 11.—A horrible story of how he kidnaped 6-year-old Marian McLean from her play and took her to a musty cellar, where he slowly killed her, was told today by Charles Bischoff, 45, an eccentric whitewasher whose hobby was studying crime.

Bischoff, in his stolid manner, told interviewers of the gruesome events which caused the child's death, of leading her to the cellar of his home, where he made brutal attacks upon her, of watching her slow death, and of hiding her body until he feared his house would be searched.

After nineteen days of steady questioning since Marian's body was "discovered" by Bischoff in the cellar, on Dec. 22, Sheriff Asa Butterfield and Prosecutor Robert Gorman announced they had broken Bischoff's claim of innocence and secured his written confession that he killed the little girl "in a fit of insanity."

Bischoff asked leniency. He said he didn't mean to kill the child. His story was at times incoherent.