

HAWAII MURDER SUSPECTS PLAN INSANITY PLEA

Four Americans Will Claim Emotions Were Stirred to Point of Violence.

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HONOLULU, Territory of Hawaii, Feb. 9.—An American society matron, her navy officer son-in-law and two enlisted men, alleged "honor slayers" of an Hawaiian youth, will answer the charge with a defense of "alarm clock insanity," the United Press learned from an authoritative source today.

"Alarm clock" insanity, it was explained, is a form of paranoid or emotional insanity.

Faced with a web of circumstantial evidence beginning with the kidnaping of Joseph Kahahawai, defendant in an attack case involving Mrs. Thalia Fortescue Massie, and continuing to the discovery of his body, the defense is prepared to reveal all the facts in the case it was learned.

Because of the difficulty of refuting the mass of circumstantial evidence, it was understood the defendants, Mrs. Grace Fortescue, New York and Washington society

leader; Lieutenant Thomas H. Massie, E. J. Lord and Albert Jones would base their fight for freedom on "alarm clock" insanity.

The term is used to describe insanity at the time a crime is committed. It is a legal interpretation of the so-called unwritten law.

A legal expert of the territory explained that persons normal under all other circumstances and at all other hours of the figurative "alarm clock" immediately become violently insane when the deadline hour of their emotions is sounded by the alarm.

This figurative alarm clock might possibly be set off by the slightest word of gesture, after which the person subject to such type of insanity becomes violent and vents his emotions without restraint or thoughts of consequences, as a normal person in sound sleep might and sometimes does react to an alarm clock summoning him from slumber.

Alienists, it is expected, will play a prominent part in the trial of the four on charges of second degree murder of Kahahawai, now tentatively set for March 10.

They will explain in detail, it was understood, the symptoms of this disease and the possible bearing it would have in a series of events such as affected the Massie and Fortescue families.

When the "alarm" sounded the slayer gave way to emotional insanity and shot the youth, according to the explanation.

All events preceding the slaying it was anticipated, will be introduced as having a direct bearing on the case.

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MOUNTING COST OF GOVERNMENT HAS NEW FOE

State Association for Tax Justice Is Headed by Will G. Irwin.

Reduction of public expenditures to a level consistent with the impaired taxpaying ability of industry, farming, business and the wage-earner is the goal of the Indiana Association for Tax Justice, organization of which was announced here today by Will G. Irwin, Columbus manufacturer.

The association, of which Irwin is president, has opened offices at 301-05 Peoples Bank building. Officers, besides Irwin, are Alfred E. Weston, La Porte, vice-president; George P. Torrence, Link Belt Company official, secretary; Arthur V. Brown, Union Trust Company president, treasurer, and Joe Rand Beckett, attorney, executive secretary.

Formation of the organization will include establishing of units in every important center of population in the state, and it is expected units eventually will be formed in every county seat. Several units now are in process of formation in upstate cities.

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which will be opened to taxpayers of every class, has for its goal:

1. Immediate, emergency reduction of 1932 public expenditures to permit every unit of government to close the current fiscal year without a deficit despite reduction in revenue through tax delinquencies.

2. Concentration at once by citizens and public officials upon reduction to rock bottom of local government budgets in 1933.

3. A comprehensive program of legislation designed to assure a greater degree of economy through-out public administration for consideration by the next session of the legislature.

"Indiana faces a critical tax situation. Its symptoms, causes and inevitable consequences are becoming increasing apparent. Every class of taxpayers must prompt and material relief from existing tax burdens," Irwin stated.

"Acting as citizens alive to the dangers of continued drift under present conditions, a broadly represented group of men has formed this association.

"We have one central purpose: 'To arouse sentiment which will demand, and assist, in bringing about, less public spending and lower taxes.'

"Before courageous men in public office can pass laws to enforce policies of economy, or can frame budgets that eliminate appropriations for other than the most vital services, they must be assured by a stable, unmistakable and sustained public opinion that their hands will be upheld and that they will not be crucified for their trouble," Irwin said.

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PUPILS VICTIMS OF GRIP WAVE

Respiratory Disease Spreads Affects City Schools.

An epidemic of a respiratory disease about which Dr. Herman G. Morgan, city health officer, last week issued a warning, today had spread into ranks of Indianapolis school children, it was reported by school officials.

The epidemic, Dr. Morgan had said, was grip. He asserted last week that those persons suffering from colds should stay in bed.

Today it was reported from school No. 70 by Miss Mabel Keller, principal, that in the 4A-5B class of forty-one pupils, thirty-two of the children were absent. Twenty-five had remained at their homes, while

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seven others were sent home by nurses.

The attack of colds also has made inroads into the teachers' ranks, it was revealed. The week previous, thirty-four elementary teachers had been reported absent, and last week the count mounted to sixty absent. In the high schools, the toll increased from eleven to twenty-three.

General Crowder came to Havana

GENERAL CROWDER ILL

Retired High Army Officer in Grave Condition at Havana.

By United Press

HAVANA, Feb. 9.—Major-General Enoch H. Crowder, 72, U. S. A. retired, is reported in a grave condition today.

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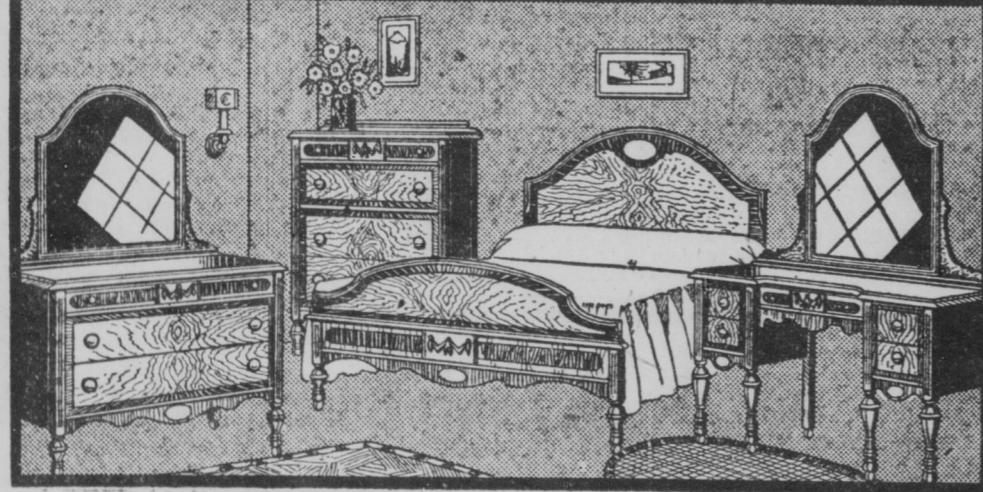
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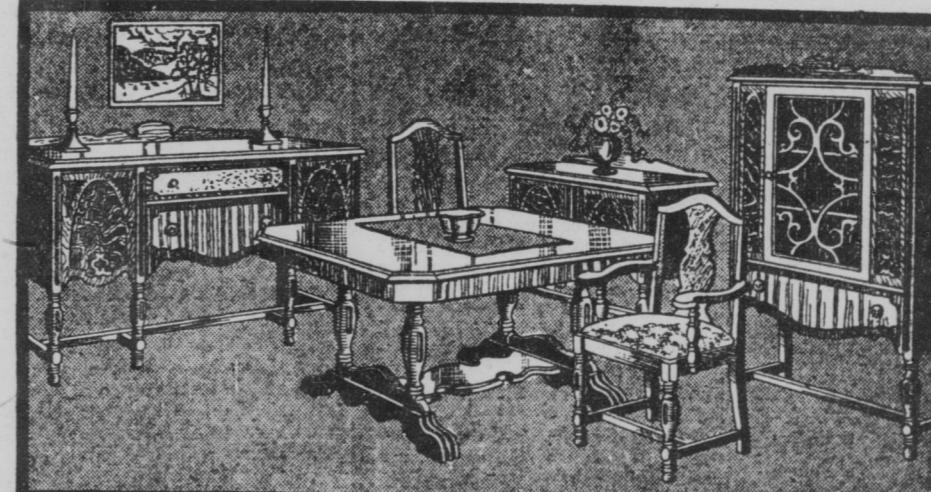
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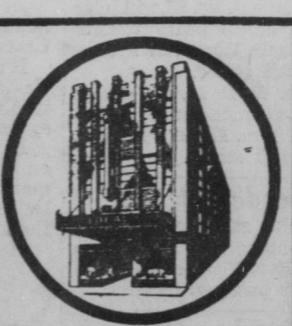
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