

DOCTOR'S SLAYER HALTS MURDER TRIAL

City Tax Rate to be Reduced

Hayes Is Hopeful
Slash Of One Mill
May Be Realized

This Would Make Tax Rate of 30½ Mills—No Fears
For Welfare Department—Old Age Compensation Is About to Start

Reduction of the tax rate for 1938 is virtually assured, The Democrat learned today. The city administration headed by Mayor Frank Hayes is hopeful of setting up a tax rate of 30 1/2 mills, a reduction of one mill from the 1937 tax rate. Mayor Hayes, interviewed by The Democrat, said he was unable to give any assurance as to the amount of the tax rate drop, but that he felt certain that a decrease would be made. Preliminary figures for the 1938 budget were to be discussed at a meeting of the board of finance at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Executive Secretary Thomas P. Kelly, asked if present economic conditions would not make necessary an increase in the welfare department appropriation to meet the year, said that he believed the beginning of old age unemployment compensation by the state after the first of the year would lessen demands for welfare department assistance. He said it appeared that the welfare department appropriation for next year would be approximately the same as for this year, which was \$374,810.

This year's budget included appropriations of \$6,401,188.37. To reduce the tax rate a full mill, appropriations for next year would have to be cut approximately

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P. O. RECEIPTS
MUCH LARGER

November Record Is
Greater Than In Same
Month of Last Year

Postal receipts in November were larger than in the same month last year, Postmaster Charles A. Babington revealed in his monthly report today. Receipts last month totaled \$44,463.26, as compared with \$43,885.05 for November of 1936.

The gain in receipts is considered especially noteworthy since it came during a month of local business depression, with factory employment declining. The gain over the same month last year was \$67.34, or 1.38 per cent.

330,000 in 11 Months
Total receipts for the first 11 months of this year are approximately \$300,000 ahead of the same period last year. Consequently, it is expected that postal receipts are anywhere near normal the complete 1937 total will far exceed that of 1936. Last year's receipts, incidentally, were the greatest since the post office had been since the depression that began in 1929.

Last Month's Receipts
Last month's receipts were divided as follows: stamps, \$34,976.90; second class, \$340.30; metered permit matter, \$7,150; non-metered permit matter, \$3,065.81; box rents, \$8.34; miscellaneous, \$18.97; telephone, \$4.17.

Postmaster Babington expressed himself as highly pleased with last month's post office receipts. Early Christmas business at the post office has been heavy, with the real rush to come later in the month.

TWO NAVY FLYERS
FELL INTO OCEAN

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 2.—(U.P.)—Navy aviators, coast guard cutters and land parties began searching at dawn today for two Navy flyers whose plane crashed in the ocean off Virginia Beach last night.

Officials at the Hampton Roads Naval Air Base said there still was a "definite possibility" that Cadet James J. Jones of Washington and Mechanist Troy W. Blanton of Lafayette, Ala., were alive. Officials said the flyers might have leaped from the plane before it crashed. Weaving life enjoyed since they drifted into the swampy land along the Virginia coast, or might still be bobbing about in the Atlantic near Virginia Beach, Navy men believed.

19 More Days to Buy
Christmas Seals

Did you know...
that Wilhelm Konrad Roentgen, a professor at Wuerzburg, Bavaria, discovered the X-ray in 1895?

Senate's "Big Shot"



John N. Garner discovers one way for the vice president of the United States to become a "big shot" despite the obscurity of his job—by turning his trusty double-barreled shotgun in the direction of death. He is trying out the sights before setting forth to the hunting grounds at St. Marys, Pa., with a group of senators.

Southbury Bund Mess
Takes On New Activity

Heinz Greis, Chairman of New Haven Chapter Makes
Protest—New Milford, Representative Citron of
Middletown Voice Opposition to Bund

While Heinz Greis, janitor at Yale university and chairman of the New Haven chapter of the German-American Bund, protested that no activity of military nature is planned at the 178-acre Kettletown camp, 121 of New Milford's 4,700 citizens (1930 count), spread a petition today asking the government to prevent establishment of the Southbury Bund enterprise.

And Representative William M. Citron of Middletown, wrote to Governor Cross from Washington, (copy to The Democrat), praising the resolution paralleling the New Milford document which was devised at Southbury by newspaper reporters and George A. Holmes, erstwhile Pittsford, N. Y., resident, who is speaker tonight at a meeting here sponsored by members of Washington camp, Patriotic Order of Sons of America, at Lord Kitchener post rooms, Scoville street. The theme of tonight's meeting will be, "Americanism versus Nazism."

Meanwhile, at Southbury, First Selectman J. Edward Geer and his associates, continued plans for the meeting of the coming commission December 14 at which Southbury residents will have opportunity to pass upon by-laws drawn up by the newly-formed commission and the town officers remained reticent over possibility that these by-laws will "exclude a camp" more apologetically, the German-American Bund camp at Kettletown.

Denies Hitler Connection
Mr. Greis, from his "office" at Timothy Dwight college, Yale, denied that the German-American Bund is directed or controlled in any way with Chancellor Adolf Hitler of Germany. He remarked that the Bund requires all members to be American citizens, at least to have taken out first citizenship papers. He said that there would be no military activity at the Kettletown.

Overcome yesterday by monoxide gas from an oil burner were Mrs. Simone Dido, 30, Fred Lajoie, 10, and Ronald Lajoie, 5, who live together in a two-story, four-room house.

They were revived at St. Vincent's hospital after the 10 year old boy crawled to a window and called for help.

CRAZY MAN HAD
HELD OFF POLICE

Boston, Dec. 2.—(U.P.)—Captured only after police discharged five tear gas bombs and one tear gas bomb, Ernest Zeoli, 44, was confined to Boston Psychopathic hospital today.

Armed with a cleaver, he stood off police for 45 minutes last night until, weakened by the gas, he toppled from a coping over the front door of his home to the cement sidewalk and was captured.

His six children had escaped by leaping from the coping into a fire net.

Zeoli, a former inmate of Boston state hospital, was to have been returned today at request of his wife.

FLOOD DAMAGE
SUITS APPEAR
IN HIGH COURT

They Had Been Thrown
Out Earlier By Court
of Common Pleas

WOODBIDGE, NEW
HAVEN INTERESTED

Sidney S. Platt of South-
bury Brought Suit to
Lawyers in Case

Two cases involving alleged damage by flood on the Housatonic river in March, 1936, thrown out by the court of common pleas, finally marked "special" on the docket of the Superior Court, were at long last in the court of Judge Edwin C. Dickinson today. A jury was being impaneled. First, the two cases are those of John M. Beaton, New Haven, for \$2,500, and of Jennie Drapau, of Woodbridge, for \$5,000, both naming the Connecticut Light and Power Company as defendant. On March 12, 1936, it is alleged that the Stevenson dam overflowed and sections of the crib washed down river, striking various cottages and causing great damage thereto. Several similar suits have been entered and await trial.

Eight jurors had been passed by J. Warren Upson, of Bronson, Lewis and Bronson, for the plaintiffs; by Attorneys Walter F. Torrance and John E. Thoms, of Carmody and

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EDW. MORIARTY
HELD FOR THEFT

Former Resident Here Is
Accused of Rolling Farm
Hand For \$20

Edward Moriarty, a former resident of this city, but who gave his address to police as 88 Charter Oak avenue, Hartford, was bound over to superior court today on a charge of theft from person, when arraigned before Judge John P. McGrath in city court. He is held in bonds of \$1,000, pending the superior court trial.

\$20 from Farmhand
Moriarty took \$20 away from William Balmon, a South Britain farmhand on Monday night, according to the testimony of Patrolman Jerry Kenney, who with Patrolman Anthony Stango arrested the accused. Moriarty denied having had \$20 on that night, but Howard Saunders, night clerk of the Bank Hotel, where Moriarty was arrested, testified that Moriarty showed him a \$20 bill and said, "If I had anything small I'd give you a tip." Police have been unable to recover the money.

2 o'clock in Morning
The theft took place at about 2 o'clock in the morning, after Balmon had spent several dollars on drinks for Moriarty and some other friends. Balmon took the money from his pocket to show it to Moriarty and the latter wrested it from him, dropped a \$1 bill on the sidewalk, and ran from the scene. Steve Fotos, night man at the Coney Island lunch, Grand street, testified that he had seen the two men together after 1 o'clock.

W. J. TRACY DIES

Bristol, Conn., Dec. 2.—(U.P.)—Funeral services will be held tomorrow for William J. Tracy, 68, president of the Connecticut Baseball League from 1906 to 1910, who died late last night of a heart ailment. He leaves his widow, four sons and a daughter.

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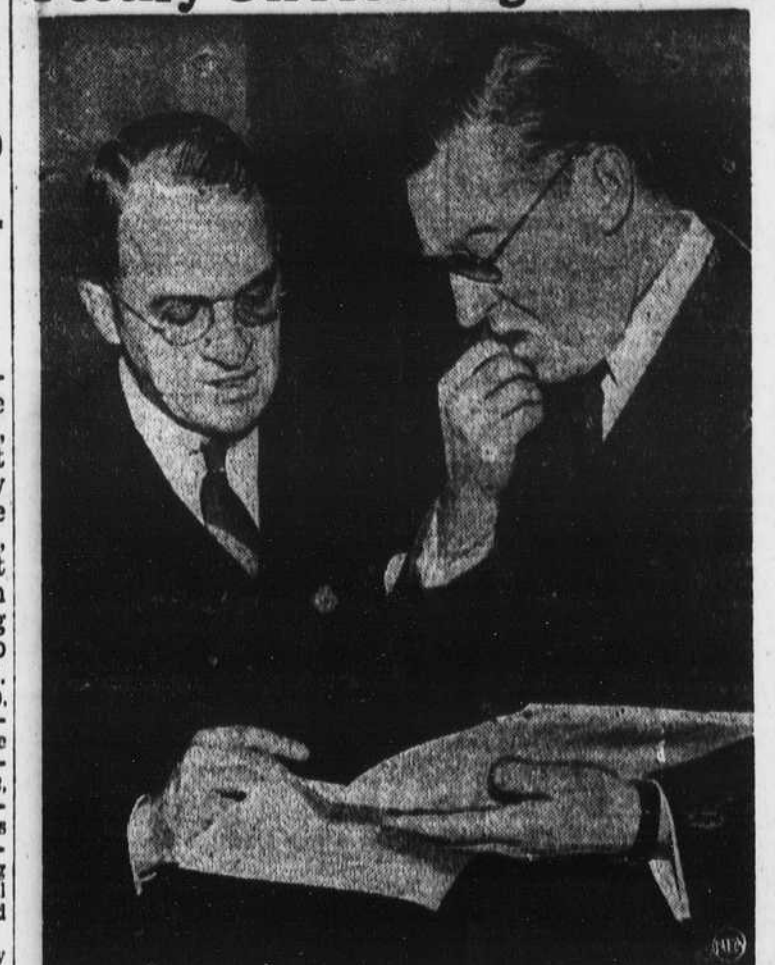
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Paul Nathaniel Dwyer
Pleads Guilty--Surprise
To Crowded Court Room

Testify On Housing Finances



Lower interest rates on housing mortgages are impractical, Stewart McDonald, federal housing administrator, told the committee conducting public hearings on the Steagall Housing Bill, because the government agency was not lending funds, only guaranteeing mortgages. Private financing required the higher rates, he said. McDonald, right, is pictured with Theodore B. Nielson, FHA comptroller, at the hearing.

Adolf Hitler Tries To
Pacify Japan, China

Attempts to Accomplish What Most Powers Failed to
Do — His Ambassador Is Now Confering With
General Kai-Shek, Chinese Dictator

By EDWARD W. BEATTIE
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
Shanghai, Dec. 2.—(U.P.)—Important political developments, possibly involving the initiation of peace negotiations between Japan and China, were reported today in dispatches from scattered parts of China.

Foreign diplomats here attached considerable importance to the visit in Nanking of Dr. Oscar P. Trautman, German ambassador to China. Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek, China's dictator, has remained in Nanking although most of the government departments have been moved further inland, to Hankow, Changsha and Chungking.

Before Capture of Nanking
The diplomats considered it "not improbable" that such an effort, at least by a foreign power and perhaps by the Chinese themselves, would be made before the Japanese capture Nanking.

They pointed out that it was typical of Adolf Hitler, for domestic as well as foreign propaganda purposes, to want to succeed in mediation efforts where the democracies had failed.

The German ambassador has left Hankow, about 350 miles up the Yangtze river from Nanking, aboard the Chinese customs river boat Hsiao-shing and is due at Nanking soon. His mission ostensibly was to seek an agreement between the Chinese and Japanese for the neutral zone in Nanking which all combatants would respect. Usually business sources pointed out, however, that such a mission was not important enough to require the presence of a diplomat of ambassadorial rank.

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Judge Emory Closely
Questioned 18-Year-Old
Youth About Plea

QUICKLY SENTENCED
TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT

Dwyer Had Killed Dr. Littlefield, His Wife in
Roving Auto Trip

South Paris, Me., Dec. 2.—(U.P.)—Eighteen-year-old Paul Nathaniel Dwyer's murder trial ended abruptly today when he pleaded guilty. Superior Judge George L. Emery immediately sentenced the former Hebron Academy student to life imprisonment—the mandatory penalty—for the murder of Dr. James G. Littlefield, 66, of South Paris. Dwyer also strangled Mrs. Littlefield but was on trial charged specifically only with the doctor's murder. A packed courtroom witnessed the surprise ending of the trial, which came at 10:04 a. m., soon after the case reopened to rule third day. The pale defendant showed no emotion as he changed his plea to guilty, nor was he outwardly affected when the judge immediately imposed the life sentence.

Yesterday the confession made by Dwyer following his arrest at North Arlington, N. J., October 16, was read to the jury. It was in that confession that Dwyer was found at the wheel of an automobile that contained the bodies of his victims.

Surprise Begins to Break
Dwyer had been brought into the courtroom at 9:30 o'clock, the scheduled hour for opening.

He took his usual seat. Twenty minutes later Defense Counsel E. Walker Abbott and Peter

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WAGES, HOURS
BILL COMES OUT

Long Battle to Get It From
Committee Was
Won Today

By JOHN R. BEAL

Washington, Dec. 2.—(U.P.)—The administration today won its fight to free the wages-hours bill from the house rules committee which pigeon-holed the measure last August. A total of 218 representatives signed a petition decharging the rule committee from further consideration of the bill and automatically bringing it up for floor consideration December 13.

The petition to break the rules committee impasse was filed Nov. 16 by Chairman Mary T. Norton of the house labor committee. Work by house whips and labor supporters completed the petition with only 48 hours to spare if the bill was to be acted on at the special session.

The drive to obtain petition signers gained last minute momentum under a threat by wages-hours backers to sabotage cotton provisions of the farm bill unless southern representatives ceased their opposition to the labor bill.

Fish Starts Fight
The petition was completed in the midst of a house fight precipitated by charges of Rep. Hamilton Fish, R. N. Y., of anti-labor bias by adherents of the labor measure.

Fish introduced a resolution call-

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