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late Wednesday afternoon, after the house was actually fired.

Then leaving his home, which is located on the road leading into Chesapeake, and just a short distance beyond the Hampton Road intersection, going out of Fairmont and towards Chesapeake, and on the right hand side of the road, Yost came to this city.

Yost had armed himself with a .32 caliber revolver which was loaded to capacity, with six shells. He also had three additional shells in his pockets. Yost then came to this city and went to the office of Attorney Moroose.

At the office of the lawyer Mr. and Mrs. Yost and Attorney Moroose went into the private office and closed the door. Mrs. Joseph Corley, secretary to Attorney Moroose remained in the outer office where she was engaged in typing.

Suddenly Mrs. Corley was startled by the sounds of shots and of falling bodies in the private office. She ran into the next door office of Attorneys Ogden and Ogden and reported to Mrs. Okey Hawkins, the Ogden secretary, that some one was shooting in Attorney Moroose's office. Mrs. Hawkins telephoned the city police and reported there was a man with a gun in the office of Attorney Moroose.

Police Chief John R. Austin and Sgt. D. K. West of the city police department went quickly to the office. They found a number of persons in the hallway outside the Moroose office. Entering the office they pushed open the door to the inner office. There they found the body of Mrs. Yost lying on the floor. Nearby was Moroose, also lying on the floor and fatally wounded. In a chair sat Yost. He was leaning far to one side and blood was streaming from a hole in his head in an ever widening pool on the floor. A cigaret that was burned almost to his lips, was between his lips. He was unconscious. Between his feet on the floor lay the revolver.

An examination of the gun disclosed that it contained two empty fired shells and one loaded shell. Ambulances were called and firemen rushed to the scene with the emergency truck.

Moroose and Yost were rushed to State hospital in the ambulance and the body of Mrs. Yost to the R. Lee Harr Funeral home in Monongah.

County Coroner D. E. Kidd had been notified and arrived at the scene, and directed the removal of the body of Mrs. Yost. He is continuing an investigation and an inquest may be held later.

Just what happened in the office may never be definitely established but Mrs. Corley, in a statement to Police Chief John Austin related the events as she saw and remembered them.

According to Mrs. Corley, Mrs. Yost was the first to arrive at the office Wednesday morning. Mrs. Corley thought Mrs. Yost had an appointment with Attorney Moroose. A short time later Attorney Moroose came in and went into the private office.

In a few minutes Mr. Yost came to the office. Mrs. Yost appeared to be surprised to see him and Mrs. Corley did not think that Mr. Yost was expected. Mr. and Mrs. Yost talked together and while Mrs. Corley did not pay much attention

station, Mrs. Anderson is a daughter of Yost. The two wished to visit the Yost home and wanted the police to accompany them. Mrs. Anderson explained that her father had a small house dog and she feared it was locked in the house. Police Chief Austin and Sgt. West accompanied the two to the home. The house was closed but the dog was outside.

Entering the house Mrs. Anderson stated that some of the furniture was missing. Mrs. Anderson went into the basement and rushed back upstairs saying there was a fire in the basement.

Sgt. West went to investigate and found what later proved to be a fire bomb in the basement. Thinking it was an explosive bomb he rushed back upstairs and all left the dwelling. A call was sent to the city fire department and the emergency truck responded. Finding conditions serious, the firemen called for assistance and trucks from Central station responded.

The firemen extinguished the flames and the two fire bombs were then removed from the basement in custody of state police. Both state and county police had rushed to the scene after the local city police had called for assistance.

The fire bombs, non-explosive, were connected to alarm clocks, and were set to fire the building at 4 p. m. A pile of combustible material—paper, shavings and wood—had been piled in a corner of the basement near the furnace. This was connected with a fire bomb which was operated by a six volt automobile battery, wired to the inflammable material, and connected with one alarm clock.

Also set, and wired to an alarm clock set for 4 o'clock, was an ingenious trap consisting of a can containing kerosene oil with a wick attached, sitting on a pair of delicately balanced scales. As the kerosene burned down and lessened the weight on the scales, the reaction would trip the release set, in time, to the alarm clock to fire the shavings and wood.

Apparently the two fire traps functioned, but the fire had not gained much headway before the police arrived. Had no one visited the house it would probably have been destroyed by the flames.

A valuable speed boat owned by Yost was housed in a garage attached to the dwelling and was endangered by the flames. A rope was attached to the boat and the boat was pulled from the garage by the police cruiser car to a place of safety.

Fire Chief W. J. Morgan stated last night that when he and Mayor Albert F. Robinson reached the Yost house a considerable crowd had assembled. Fears that an explosion would occur kept the crowd back. Morgan called for volunteers to enter the building and a number of spectators offered their services. A booster line was carried from the pumper truck into the building and the fire extinguished.

Among those volunteering were volunteer firemen from Grant Town who carried the water hose into the house with the officers, helped remove the wires to the time bomb in the basement. Fire Chief Morgan praised the volunteers for

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Charleston Lawyer Not Aspirant To U. S. Senate Post

CHARLESTON, April 7 (U.P.) — Thomas C. Townsend, Charleston attorney long rumored a Republican aspirant to the United States Senate, said today he would not enter the race but would seek a seat at the GOP national convention.

Townsend's announcement appeared to have eliminated the last question mark in the senatorial race, leaving the Republican field to John Alderson Simms, of Charleston, and incumbent Sen. Chapman Revercomb, of Charleston. Three days remain before the filing deadline, however, and it is impossible to consider the field closed until after midnight Saturday.

Townsend, who is a general counsel of the United Mine Workers, said in his prepared announcement that "from time to time, there has been considerable speculation about my becoming a candidate for U. S. senator. I am truly grateful for the many voluntary assurances of support I have received.

"The times are critical, too critical for petty partisanship. My single purpose at the Republican convention, if the voters of my party choose to send me to it as one of their representatives, will be to support, work and vote for a candidate for president who will have the ability, courage and conscience to set this nation on a sane and secure course."

City Briefs

—The Rosy Future Homemaker's club of Fairmont is giving a party for new members and husbands in the K. of P. hall at 8 o'clock tonight. Mrs. Geraldine Belmear chairman, announced.

—Circle No. 5 of the First Methodist church will hold a rummage sale tomorrow on the property at the head of Main street. Miss Hazel A. Holt, leader, announced.

—Colonel Charles Robinson will show a movie "Preamble to Peace" at today's meeting of the Rotary club. The club meets at noon at the Fairmont hotel.

—"Preamble To Peace," a motion picture dealing with the military forces of the United States, will be shown at the regular meeting of the Fairmont Lions club Friday at 7 p. m., in the Fairmont hotel.

Russians May Seal Off Air Route To Allies in Berlin