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FOUR CHILDREN ARE BURNED TO DEATH

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

SISTERSVILLE, W. V., Dec. 19.—Four children were burned to death, a woman seriously injured and two others slightly hurt today in a fire that destroyed the home of Mrs. Olive Jones at Stanley's Run, Ohio, about five miles from here. The dead are Louise Jones, 11; Hazel Jones, 17, daughters of Mrs. Jones; Alice Myers 4, Hazel Myers 2. The latter were the granddaughters of Mrs. Jones with whom they were spending the night.

Mrs. Jones arose early this morning and poured oil in the kitchen stove.

Soon there was an explosion and the children and Mrs. Jones rushed upstairs where they were trapped by the flames. The other children of Mrs. Jones leaped from the second story window and escaped with slight injuries.

FAMILY IS BURNED TO DEATH IN FIRE

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

LA GRANDE, Dec. 19.—Mr. and Mrs. Will Church were burned to death in their home in the west part of the city in a fire which started at 3 o'clock this morning. The cause of the fire had not been determined this morning.

An early surmise that an overheated stove was the cause was discredited by Fire Chief C. O. Murchison. Mr. Church was United States commissioner here and was prominent in fraternal circles.

The fire trapped Mr. and Mrs. Church who were sleeping upstairs. When found he was lying in a sleeping porch with one arm outstretched, as if he had opened the door from the hallway to the sleeping porch in an attempt to escape. Mrs. Church was found near her husband. The house was only partly burned.

Neighbors who were awakened by screams turned in the fire alarm. When the firemen arrived the interior of the house was a mass of flames. It was then believed that Mr. and Mrs. Church were not in the house, and friends tried to locate them at a hotel or home of some friends. Finally Captain Paul Hathaway, United States army instructor, and Arthur Kerr, an old friend of the family told searchers that they had spend the evening at the Church's home, leaving about 12 o'clock. Then a search of the burned house was made, and the bodies were found. Many times during the fight to control the fire the firemen had been within a few feet of the bodies, but intense heat and thick smoke prohibited chance of discovery.

The bodies were burned almost beyond recognition.

Residences close to the Church home were saved by the diligent work of fire fighters.

Church was son of J. N. Church, one of the outstanding pioneer business men of Union and Wallowa counties who practically founded the city of Enterprise, Oregon.

WOMAN IS FINED

Vera Senseny, who a few days ago was arrested on a charge of larceny, today paid a fine of $100 when she entered a plea of guilty to a charge of prostitution. According to police officers Owen Reddy visited the woman's apartment, and while there a $600 diamond ring disappeared. He made a complaint against her, charging larceny. The ring reappeared in the hands of a local attorney, and was returned to its owner, and the larceny charge was amended to the one to which the woman pled guilty.

MRS. BRUMBACH'S FUNERAL TO BE HELD TOMORROW

The funeral of Mrs. A. Brumbach, who passed away Wednesday night, will be held at the Roseburg Undertaking Parlors Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock with Rev. McCullagh of the Presbyterian church, officiating. Interment will follow in the Masonic cemetery.

IDAHO HANGS FIRST MAN SINCE 1909

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

BOISE, Idaho, Dec. 19.—Idaho's first execution since 1909 took place this morning at 12:20 o'clock when Noah Arnold, negro, was hanged for the murder of William A. Crisp, in July 1923, when Arnold, in company with Mike Donelly, now serving a life sentence for his participation in the crime of holding up the store of which Crisp was proprietor. Crisp was shot when he resisted Arnold's efforts to take a watch from the aged grocer's pocket.

SLAYER OF 26 YOUTHS TO DIE ON THE BLOCK

Wholesale Murderer, Who Startled Germany by Terrible Deed, to Die.

TO BE DECAPITATED

Tells Court He Is Willing to Fate Death and Would Rather Die Than Enter an Insne Asylum.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

HANOVER, Germany Dec. 19. Fritz Haarmann, the "wholesale murderer" whose trial for the slaying of 26 persons has stirred all Germany, was sentenced to death today.

The extreme penalty was also ordered in the case of his accomplice, Hans Grans.

Haarmann was found guilty of murdering 24 young men, the crimes extending over a period of six years.

His co-defendant was condemned for inciting murder in one case.

"I go to the decapitating block joyfully and happily," Haarmann declared to the court. Then he pleaded:

"Don't send me to the insane asylum. I would rather not live."

Grans' attorneys reviewing the case resented the charge that such an affair was possible only in Germany, as claimed by some of the newspapers.

"A long chain of cases leads from Gilles De Retz via Landru, Loeb and Leopold to Haarmann," he declared.

The attorney pleaded that Haarmann was the "master mind" in the series of murders and that Grans was but his tool, who did not know the real purpose of luring the young men into Haarman's room.

Haarmann, addressing the jury, showed no remorse for his gruesome deeds.

"Were I set at liberty, I would murder again," he said.

"Why I kill is a mystery to me," he remarked. His plea was full of recriminations against his dead father and his friend Grans.

"In Grans' hands I was soft as wax," he said, "but I needed him, as I was alone in the world."

Claiming his condition was a morbid one, Haarmann said:

"How I got into this condition, I don't know. I simply saw that in the morning there was a corpse next to me, but not in all cases." He declared a large proportion of his potential victims escaped.

"I never acted with premeditation, I don't understand why my victims did not ffer resistance," were other declarations.

Fritz Haarmann, a Hanover butcher, was shown at his trial to be a criminal degenerate who lured men and boys to his lodgings and then killed them by tearing their throats with his teeth and sucking their blood.

The crimes were committed in his room in the top story of a decrepit tenement house facing the river Leine, and the bodies were disposed of by throwing them into the stream. Many human bones were found when the body of the river was dragged after his arrest early last summer.

The testimony at the trial which aroused intense horror throughout Germany was revolting, much of it to the extent that witnesses were heard behind closed doors. Among the allegations was that the murderer as a butcher had offered his customers human flesh for consumption.

Haarmann confessed to slaying 15 youths between the ages of 15 and 22, but declared he could not remember the exact number or the names of his victims. The crimes were spread over a period of several years.

COOS RIVER FREEZES

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

MARSHFIELD, Ore., Dec. 19.—Both branches of Coos River froze over Wednesday night for the first time since 1888.

Mrs. Nellie Hamer and Mrs. Roe McFall arrived in this city Wednesday to spend a short time visiting. They are from Albany.

Mrs. F. A. Lasher was in this city yesterday shopping and visiting with friends. Mrs. Lasher is from Sutherlin and returned home last evening.

DAMSEL WILL NOT DO ORIENTAL DANCE

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

OMAHA, Dec. 19.—Dorothy De Vere's Oriental dance will not take place at the Christmas pageant to be given by the choir of the Hanscom Park Methodist Church tonight, Walter B. Graham, director of the choir announced today.

Church parishioners were shown photographs of a pose in Miss De Vere's dancing skirt and decided that the costume to be used by the dancer was not quite proper for a church entertainment and voiced their protests to Mr. Graham.

Miss DeVere had ordered her costume from New York and the garment was to arrive this morning. She offered to change the costume, but Mr. Graham announced "the dance is dead."

KID M'COY ON STAND TELLS A SUICIDE STORY

Declares Mrs. Mors, With Whom He Was Living, Killed Herself.

WITNESSED HER DEATH

Tells Court He Grappled With Woman in Effort to Stop Her Attempt at Suicide.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 19.—Kid McCoy, ex-pugilist, on trial here for the murder of Mrs. Theresa W. Mors last August, took the witness stand today in his own defense, denied brokenly that he killed her, declared that he loved her and dramatically gave his version of her death. He said it was suicide.

To a court room packed with spectators and unusually still, the former prize ring dandy told his story.

Women sobbed and the prisoner himself seemed at time almost overcome by his own recital.

"Did you love Mrs. Mors?" the attorney queried.

"Yes," McCoy replied.

"Did she love you?"

"Yes."

"Did you kill her for her jewels?"

"That is absurd," McCoy stammered brokenly.

After identifying safe deposit boxes, seized and opened by officers as his own and explaining that some of Mrs. Mors' jewels found in them had been placed there at her request, McCoy described the scene in the apartment where he and the woman had been living as man and wife on the night of August 12, last.

"We returned to the apartment about 10:30 p. m.," he said. "Mrs. Mors complained of her feet being sore and I took off her shoes. I mixed one or two drinks and made some sandwiches. She said the sandwiches were too large, so I got the butcher knife and she cut them.

"Then she fell into a reverie, toying with the knife. She said things were "in a terrible state," due to Mors" actions toward her and the government investigation of the Mors jewels. (several of the lots of jewels later were seized as smuggled property.) I suggested that I should go to New York until this blew over. Then she said: 'Norman would you leave me?'

"I explained that it would be only for a couple of weeks but she jumped up, screaming that she was 'going to end it all,' and pointed the butcher knife at her breast holding it with both hands. She drove it in and the blade buckled at the hilt, cutting her on the wrist as well as on the breast. I grappled with her and the knife flew up and cut her lip."

This recital marked the first explanation of the various cuts found on Mrs. Mors' body besides the pistol bullet hole in the head.

McCoy then described how the woman, still holding the knife in her right hand, grabbed a pistol from the table with her left, how he held to her knife hand with his left and struck her left arm with his right to knock down the pistol.

"But just then it exploded," he continued, "and a moment later I felt her body sag."

He said he tried to staunch the flow of blood and when he realized she was dead he kissed her on the lips, lifted the body from the couch to the floor, folded the arms, placing his own picture over her heart and covered the corpse.

Afterwards, he said, he lay down beside the body and intended to kill himself with his own pistol, but he did not and declared he did not know why he failed to end his own life, then he added, he became dazed and he "didn't remember."

MAN WOUNDED BY NEGRO IS BETTER

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

OMAHA, Dec. 19.—Wm. Danbaum, Omaha chief of detectives who late yesterday was shot and seriously wounded by a negro who had barricaded himself in his home where he was later killed and whom officers sought to arrest on a warrant charging a statutory offense, early today was resting comfortably in a local hospital, where it was said he had a slight chance for recovery.

Danbaum was shot several times about the head and face, while leading more than two scores of officers in an attempt to capture the negro, Frank Myler, and Thomas Ryan, another detective was hit by a glancing bullet when he ran to his fallen chief. Ryan was saved from possible serious injury by a "bullet proof" vest he wore.

SOLDIERS OF FORTUNE UNFORTUNATE

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 19.—How twenty venturesome young Americans who left here last May to seek thrills and take motion pictures of wild animals and strange people in out of the way nooks of the orient had to give up their romantic expedition without having seen a single wild animal out of captivity or glimpsed any out of the way place but Singapore, was revealed by several of the party who returned yesterday, begrimed from stoking in coal holes or greased with much dishwashing in galleys. Head of the party, Carl Winther, said to have been a Danish baron, said the adventurers planned to strike out from Singapore in search of an "ape man" with whose haunts Winther had become familiar in previous travels and after photographing this missing link they hoped to reach the island of Bale, where, they were told, they might witness the inhabitants' quaint custom of "burning a thousand babies" to propetiate their Gods.

Hotel bills and other unexpected expenses at Singapore ate up all the expeditions funds, however, and before the motion picture cameras and other equipment had been confiscated as security for debts. Fever-ridden and "broke" the adventurers were stranded for months in Singapore, finally making their way back to the United States singly or by twos and threes. Most of them worked from port to port at menial tasks aboard steamers, those who arrived yesterday and told the tale being the last of the returning expedition.

LARGEST PEACE TIME SUPPLY BILL GIVEN TO CONGRESS

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The largest peace time supply bill ever presented to congress—a measure carrying more than three quarters of a billion dollars for treasury and postoffice department activities during the coming fiscal year—was reported today by the house appropriations committee.

The total is $763,180,522 or $11,890,614 more than for the current year, but approximately $12,000,000 less than budget estimates.

Of the combined total, $126,911,707 would go to the treasury and $636,268,415 to the postoffice department.

Included in the treasury item is $11,000,000 for enforcement of prohibition—$783,120, more than recommended by the budget, but $241,770 less than the total available this year. The bill carries $20,597,835 for the coast guard, which is being used to prevent liquor smuggling.

Among the postoffice department items is $2,600,000 for the transcontinental mail service—$150,000 less than the amount granted for this year.

The Pythian Sisters are planning a Xmas party Monday evening, December 22 for all the knights, their families and children. There will be a short program, and a Christmas tree with gifts for all. Refreshments will be served. Each member is requested to bring a gift for the tree.

CLEAVER RAIDS BRITISH SHIP AND IS NABBED

Takes Liquor Stores But Is Arrested by U. S. Deputy Marshals.

TREATY IS VIOLATED

Britishers Claim Action of State Prohibition Agent Illegal—Pierce Makes No Comment.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

PORTLAND, Dec. 19.—Cleaver stated this afternoon he seized liquor from the British steamer London Merchant, because complaints reached him that liquor from the vessel was being peddled.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 19.—Regardless of whether he turns back the liquor he seized aboard the British steamer London Merchant, State Prohibition Officer George L. Cleaver will still face charges of violating the international treaty regulations, United States District Attorney John L. Coke, announced today.

Cleaver was arrested by Deputy United States Marsals late yesterday, but was given until today to raise $1500 bail.

Coke said he had no alternative but to prosecute.

Sheriff Hurlburt, custodian of the seized liquor asked Coke what he should do with it, inasmuch as the ship from which it was taken would clear Saturday.

Coke's advice was to give it back to Cleaver.

The raid on the London Merchant was made Wednesday night by Cleaver and some thirty deputies and policemen.

Furness Withy and company, owners of the ship, through their local attorney, Rogers MacVeagh have demanded the return of the liquor, which is claimed to be a part of the steamers lawful stores.

The matter has been referred to British Consul Bell, who will report it to the British ambassador at Washington.

Captain Anderson of the London Merchant, says Cleaver went to him Wednesday about 8:30 p. m., presented his card and said he had come to take all the liquor on board. The captain declared Cleaver did not show a warrant or give any authority for the raid other than that he was state prohibition commissioner and that he had a large force of deputies present.

MacVeagh declares that the treaty of May 26, 1924, with Great Britain provides that liquor may be brought into American ports in bond as ships stores, but a manifest must be made out and given to customs officers within twenty-four hours after the ship arrives.

"Captain Anderson complied with all these regulations," says his attorney. Collector of Customs McFarland can see no reason for Cleaver's raid.

United States Commissioner Frazier, set tomorrow at 10 a. m. for Cleaver's preliminary hearing.

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 19.—Governor Pierce refused today to comment on the arrest in Portland of George L. Cleaver, state prohibition commissioner on a charge of unlawfully raiding a British ship and confiscating liquor that was in the custody of federal customs officials.

"I have absolutely nothing to say," said Pierce, "until I have ascertained all the facts in the case. I have asked for all the facts."

"Have you asked Cleaver for the facts?" he governor was asked.

"I have asked for all the facts," he repeated. "You may say that I believe in the enforcement of all law, against rich and poor alike."

VICTIMS GET AID

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

MARION, Ill., Dec. 19.—Five women, direct and indirect victims of anti-Klan warfare were each presented with $2,500 payable in monthly installments at a meeting of the Klan here last night. They were Mrs. S. Glen Young, wife of the Williamson county liquor raider, blinded by anti-Klan bullets in an attempt on her husband's life, and others of Herrin, made widows by anti-Klan bullets during the Herrin riots. Glen Young spoke at the meeting, saying "I am going to raid as long as I am in Williamson county."

BANK IS ROBBED AND TOWN BURNED

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

FORT WORTH, Tex., Dec. 19.—Bank robbers set fire to the town of Valley View early today after wrecking a state and national bank and carrying away two safes.

The banks were the First National and the Guaranty and the business section was wiped out by the fire. No accurate estimate of their loss was obtained but the fire damage was estimated at $100,000. The safes weighed four thousand pounds each.

WOMAN DENIES SHE POISONED HUSBAND

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

MOUNT VERNON, Ill., Dec. 19.—With defense counsel for Lawrence M. Hight, who is on trial with Mrs. Elsie Sweetin for the murder by poison of Mrs. Anna Hight and Wilford Sweetin, ready today to present physicians to testify in defense of his client, new interest in the case was aroused. Mrs. Sweetin, the principal witness yesterday denied Hight had suggested that she poisoned her husband and declared the confession in which she had admitted the crime was untrue.

"I did not give Wilford poison, Hight did not give me any poison," she testified. She pictured herself as a woman greatly sinned against and blameless. She denied she had ever expected the former pastor to make love to her and reiterated that her confession was untrue.

Mildred Hight, 16, called in defense of her father, related the incident mentioned by state witnesses when the body of Sweetin left Ina.

It was that as the train passed the Sweetin home, Hight waved to Mrs. Sweetin, who was standing on the front porch of the Sweetin cottage.

Miss Hight testified she had waved to Mrs. Sweetin, but that she did not see her father in the seat ahead, do any waving. Mrs. Sweetin told the jury Hight had both before and after her husband's death sought to make love to her, but that she had repulsed and tried to avoid him. She denied that Hight suggested that she poison her husband and denied she had done so.

She denied she had ever been with Hight in her cottage at the Bonnie camp meeting.

MOUNT VERNON, Ill., Dec. 19.—The trial of Lawrence M. Hight and Mrs. Elsie Sweetin for the alleged poison murder of her husband, Wilford Sweetin, entered a new phase today when Attorney Nelson Layman representing Hight began an attempt to show his client suffered from mental disorders and therefore was not entirely responsible for all his actions. Alienists were present at the opening of court.

The first witness was Dr. H. W. Walker, Creal Springs, Ill., who said he was a cousin of Hight. He said Hight's father's mind was bad seven years and entirely gone six months before his death. He told of an uncle of Lawrence Hight who died in an insane asylum. He also mentioned members of Lawrence Hight's family on his mother's side who were of unsound mind at their death.

He said the father of Lawrence Hight beat his son, then 14, with hickory sticks until the blood flowed down his back.

WILL PREACH AT GLIDE ON SUNDAY

James McClintock, well known Roseburg boy, who is studying for the ministry, will speak at the Glide church on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. The entire community is invited to attend this meeting and hear the sermon by Mr. McClintock.

PRESIDENT OF LABOR UNIONS IS ELECTED

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—William Green of Ohio was today elected president of the American Federation of Labor.

The election of Mr. Green was unanimous. The keynote of his administration he said, "would be constructive progressivism."

In a formal statement, Mr. Green said that he would carry out the policies of Samuel Gompers.

James F. Noonan, president of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, was elected eighth vice-president to fill the vacancy on the executive council caused by Green's prolation.

ROSEBURG HAS WARMEST CLIME OF ALL CITIES

Maintains Record When Other Towns Report Zero and Sub-Zero Weather.

21 DEGREES ABOVE

Eugene Has 4 Above—Official Forecast Shows Little Relief in Sight From Cold Snap.

MERCURY STILL LOW

PORTLAND, Dec. 19.—The official weather forecast for Oregon, issued today is as follows: "Continued cold. Zero temperature in the east portion, moderate to fresh easterly winds."

Roseburg last night maintained its place as the warmest spot in Oregon with an official weather report. At 11 o'clock last night the weather bureau thermometer stood at 21 degrees, according to Wm. Bell, the local meteorologist. During the early part of the morning the mercury started upward and stood at 23 at the time of the 5 a. m. observation. The barometer fell slightly this morning and the wind shifted to the east. The weather prediction for continued fair and cold weather over Saturday, but old-timers predict a snow if the wind shifts further to the east.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 19.—While the Pacific Northwest continued to freeze today and the official forecast issued this morning was for continued cold, a storm "somewhere in the North Pacific area," indicated in reports to the weather bureau, may cause a change in the forecast before the day is over, according to E. L. Wells, local observer. This was the only ray of hope for relief from the frigid spell which has prevailed here this week.

Portland's minimum temperature early today was 13 above zero, two degrees higher than yesterday's minimum. Below zero readings continued in eastern Oregon, Baker reporting 20 below this morning, and Umatilla 4 below. Temperatures in western Oregon included:

Salem 7 above, Albany 6 above, Eugene 4 above, Roseburg 22 above.

Eugene Has 4 Above

EUGENE, Ore., Dec. 19.—Eugene is gripped today in its fifth straight day of cold, and, according to weather officials, will continue to shiver. Last night the temperature dropped to 4 degrees above zero, two degrees warmer than the night before, at 8 o'clock this morning the mercury stood at six degrees above.

The wind is still coming from the northwest, the strongest indication of continued cold. The sky is clouded today, however, in contrast to the clear skies of the past two days.

Four Below in Pendleton

PENDLETON, Ore., Dec. 12.—Clear, cold weather was again in order in Pendleton with the thermometer reading four below as a minimum last night. Since the beginning of the cold snap the maximum temperature in this city has been 10 above.

Salem Bitter Cold

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 19.—Salem yesterday experienced the coldest sustained temperature of the season when the thermometer registered a maximum of 19 degrees above for the twenty-four hour period ending at seven o'clock this morning. The minimum for the period was 7 degrees above, one degree above the record of 6 degrees for the week. The temperature was rising slowly this morning although it hovered closely about 15 degrees.

Warmer In Washington

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 19.—With increasing cloudiness and slowly rising temperature predicted for tonight and Saturday the cold snap which has been broadcasting ship around the sound region for the last five days is believed to be broken.

Last night the lowest temperature was 15 degrees above zero. A minimum temperature of 20 degrees accompanied by strong southeasterly gales, is predicted

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