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## 18 MONTHS IN SENTENCE ON H. G. WILSON

### Former Indian Agent Fails to Convince Court Act Due to Insanity.

### GUILTY PLEA HOLDS

### "I Don't Remember" Claim, Model Family Man Pose Does Not Impress Judge Bean.

PORTLAND, Ore., May 26.—Eighteen months in McNeill's Island penitentiary was the sentence imposed today by Federal Judge R. S. Bean upon Horace Greeley Wilson, who last week pleaded guilty to an indictment charging violation of the federal Mann act. Wilson was formerly Indian agent at the Klamath reservation, and his home recently was at Roseburg.

"Judge, I take an oath before God I never married that woman—If I did, I was crazy," said Wilson in a statement to Judge Bean.

A crowded court room, tense and silent, listened while Wilson pleaded. Wilson stood calmly before court and counsel and dramatically declared he was innocent of a crime to which a few days ago in the same court room he pleaded guilty.

"I do not remember a thing about what Mr. Stearns (government prosecutor) has said about marrying that woman, your honor," he continued, referring to Aletta V. C. Lindsley of New York City, with whom the government charged he went through a marriage ceremony.

"If I did, there is no question but that I was crazy. But I am NOT crazy now." He paused a moment. The crowd leaned forward to get every word. Judge Bean moved restlessly in his chair.

"There sits my wife and son and daughter—they can tell you whether or not I have been a good husband and father."

Every eye turned to the little family group sitting on the front row of the narrow seats on the east side of the hot court room.

"Mr. Stearns has said many things here, many things I know nothing about, nothing about at all, your honor," said Wilson.

"This is a very singular case," began Judge Bean, speaking very quickly and snappily. "The defendant evidently knew what he was doing when he pleaded guilty. And now he—"

Here Wilson raised his right hand and interrupted:

"May I say a word, Judge, just a word?" but the court continued:

"The defendant's entire conduct in this case has been very strange. He asked to have the case postponed which was once done, then upon the eve of trial, when the government had its witnesses all ready, he comes in and pleads guilty. The court can only recognize this plea, as the defendant did nothing when all was ready for trial but to announce it."

"His actions have been strange throughout. He has written letters to the judges, has sent in a petition, and now he comes and after pleading guilty, says he is not."

"The court will have to take the plea and pronounce a sentence that in his opinion is commensurate with the crime. Therefore, the judgment of the court is that the defendant be confined in the penitentiary at McNeill Island for a term of 18 months."

### Own Talk Hurt Wilson's Case.

As the judge spoke, Wilson stood erect and the color of his cheeks did not change. Deputy United States Marshal Arthur Johnson quietly told Wilson that he could chat with his family in the Marshal's office.

Assistant United States Attorney Stearns presented the case as fully as through presenting it to a jury.

"I wish to make a complete statement of this case, your honor," he began, speaking slowly and low, as if wishing to spare the prisoners' family as much of the details as possible, "because since the defendant entered his plea of guilty he has been announcing to people that he was innocent that he had to make a plea of guilty, because he had the

## Ruth Back to Uniform



Babe Ruth is practicing daily in the empty Yankee Stadium, New York, to shake off effects of his long illness, and get in shape to rejoin the Yanks late in May. Note in this new photo the thin waist-line that used to be known for its corpulence, and the thinned ankles.

government was forcing him to trial.

"He caused to be printed a long statement in the Roseburg News-Review in which he made the declaration of innocence that he had talked about."

Stearns then read the article and told of Wilson's courtship with Aletta Lindsley, a divorcee. A photograph showing the two together at Reno was shown to the court. A love letter that Wilson was alleged to have written the woman after having attended church in Pendleton, was read.

A large bundle of letters Wilson is said to have written her was displayed, as well as many telegrams. Stearns told of Wilson's having been entertained in the home of the woman's mother in New York and sister in Pittsfield.

### Divorce Life Deceives Victim.

He was kept from getting a marriage license in Gotham, said Stearns, because the New York law requires that one show proof of divorce five days before a license will be issued. Wilson claimed that he was divorced.

"They went to Alexandria, Va., where they went through a marriage ceremony. Miss Lindsley believing Wilson was legally free to marry her. The minister who performed the ceremony, was brought to Portland as a witness and identified both parties here," Stearns continued.

The trips the two made as man and wife to New York, Pittsfield, Chicago, Minneapolis and Portland, were recounted, and papers from hotel registers show they lived for a time here at the Congress Hotel, said Stearns, and then took to house-keeping apartments at the Sovereign.

"During this time Wilson made numerous trips out of town, telling Miss Lindsley that he had to go on business," continued the deputy district attorney.

"It has since been discovered that he visited his wife and children in Roseburg during this time."

### Ten Room Club Exposes Crime.

"One day Miss Lindsley went into a downtown tea room for lunch. She was seated at a table alone. In a few minutes another woman sat at the table and, noting Miss Lindsley looked ill, spoke about it. The conversation continued and Miss Lindsley asked the woman where she was from."

"Roseburg," was the reply.

"Well, then you must know my husband; he lived there many years."

"Who is your husband?" "Horace Greeley Wilson."

Stearns told of a gasp of surprise and the statement that there must be some mistake.

"Why, you surely are mistaken," the stranger is said to have declared.

"Mr. Wilson was there at the time. He seemed very happy with his wife and children."

It was some time before Miss Lindsley recovered from the shock Miss Stearns. When she did, she wired Wilson at Roseburg to come back at once. He did. When he was confronted with the startling news, he is said to have replied:

## ATTORNEYS FOR SHEPHERD TO BE INVESTIGATED

### Letter From White, Missing Witness, Tends to Show Shady Practice.

### FLIGHT WAS FORCED

### Attempted Jury Tampering Arouses Prosecution and Steps Taken to Check It.

CHICAGO, May 26.—The discharge of a juror, breaking the first panel obtained in the trial of William D. Shepherd, charged with murder and jury tampering charges, brought a double sensation in Judge Thomas J. Lynch's court in the criminal courts building today.

"We have information that should be investigated, before a jury is sworn in on this case," former Judge Robert E. Crowe, state's attorney, declared in answering William Scott Stewart, chief defense counsel, who demanded that Judge Crowe be stopped from further inquiry as to possible jury tampering.

Harold Pillar, 22, the youngest man on the jury, a member of the first panel of four, the only jurors thus far sworn in, broke the panel today when he confided to the court, in the presence of the defendant Shepherd, and the attorneys in the case that he had an opinion in the case and was opposed to capital punishment.

When examined for jury service, Pillar had not said he would not subscribe to capital punishment, but apparently conscientious scruples led him overnight to divulge his belief. He first spoke to a bailiff and then was called into chambers by Judge Lynch, who also summoned the defendant and counsel.

Pillar said he had reached an opinion and wanted to inform the court that he could not believe in capital punishment. He then was discharged, leaving only three jurors in the box.

The second high point was recorded, when Attorney Stewart appealed to Judge Lynch to call a halt to State's Attorney Crowe's jury tampering inquiry. Stewart asserted that every day the newspapers were coming out in bold headlines referring to the tampering charges and that if this continued it would be virtually impossible to obtain a jury. He asserted that Judge Crowe was conducting a newspaper campaign as an aid to his political ambitions.

State's Attorney Crowe said that he had certain information that made it necessary in his opinion that the tampering investigation should be completed before a jury should be sworn in to hear the evidence in the case.

Judge Lynch, however, agreed with State's Attorney Crowe that the court was not being interfered with by action of the state's attorney's men in questioning the veniremen, who had been excused from jury service, in an attempt to learn whether anyone had sought to influence him.

CHICAGO, May 26.—W. W. O'Brien and W. S. Stewart, defenders of William D. Shepherd, now on trial for the murder of William N. McClintock, have been put under investigation by State's Attorney Crowe in his efforts to determine whether there have been attempts to "fix" prospective jurors in the Shepherd case.

An inquiry into all cases conducted by Shepherd's lawyers in the past six months was ordered by the prosecutor after receipt of a letter from Robert White, missing witness, which contained charges that he had been forced by defense attorneys to make an affidavit in behalf of Shepherd.

White, claimed also by the state as an important witness, wrote from Philadelphia after several days disappearance declaring he had been forced to flee for his life. A detective was sent last night to return White here for the trial.

The state's attorney said he would call for questioning on the basis of White's letter, every man who has served during the past half year in any case defended by Stewart and O'Brien. Mr. Crowe said he was particularly interested in one case in which Stewart accepted the last four jurors tendered without questioning. The attorney made a similar offer in the Shepherd case a few days ago.

Mr. Crowe announced that even the wives of jurors in the Stewart-O'Brien cases and members of their families would be interrogated.

## MEDFORD MAN WHO "SPANKED" WIFE FACES CORONER'S JURY FOLLOWING CHARGE THAT HE CAUSED HER DEATH

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) MEDFORD, Ore., May 26.—Official investigation into the cause of the death of Mrs. Emma Murphy, who died last Friday, and whose husband, Omar W. Murphy, faces a manslaughter charge in connection therewith, was launched last night with the calling of a coroner's jury.

Doctors R. W. Clancy and F. G. Thayer testified that they had cared for Mrs. Murphy in her last days, and both said the post mortem revealed "nothing seriously wrong."

Dr. Clancy testified that during her last illness, Mrs. Murphy was unable to sit up and complained of aches and pains. The day before she died she was placed in a wheel chair at the hospital, he said, but had asked to be returned to bed. The physician described bruises on the hips, and lower lumbar regions and said that Murphy had talked

to him about his wife's illness, and insisted, "that he had only spanked" when shown the bruises. King testified that Murphy told him he had "spanked" his wife, and she was "lying in bed for sympathy." Both described in detail the extent of Mrs. Murphy's injuries, and that they had arranged to have her moved to the hospital. Mrs. King testified that her sister told her that he believed had caused the death of his wife. "Papa don't hurt mamma—" had saved her life. No ball has been fixed for the accused man.

David King, a brother, and Mrs. Julia Smith, a sister, testified that when they asked Murphy about the affair, he insisted that he "only spanked her." Mrs. Smith testified that Murphy told her at the bedside of his wife, "that he got so darn mad, I did not know what I was doing," and was "not surprised" when shown the bruises. King testified that Murphy told him he had "spanked" his wife, and she was "lying in bed for sympathy." Both described in detail the extent of Mrs. Murphy's injuries, and that they had arranged to have her moved to the hospital. Mrs. King testified that her sister told her that he believed had caused the death of his wife. "Papa don't hurt mamma—" had saved her life. No ball has been fixed for the accused man.

## HOLD UP MEN GET OVER \$100,000 IN JEWELRY, GEMS

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) CHICAGO, May 26.—Diamonds and jewelry of an estimated value of between \$100,000 and \$150,000 were taken by three robbers who held up three employees of the Adolph Gaseman Loan Bank in the heart of the downtown district today.

The vaults had been opened and the employees were arranging the window and show cases, displaying when robbers entered, drawing their revolvers.

"March back there boys," one of the robbers commanded and sent the employees to a rear room where they were bound.

Then the robbers helped themselves to the diamonds and jewelry and escaped.

Gaseman said he had insurance of about \$75,000.

## VOLCANO ADDS TO HAVOC IN JAPAN

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) TOKYO, May 26.—Dispatches from the Nichi Nichi correspondent at Kagoshima report the explosion of Mount Suwayashima, an active volcano, on Oshima Island. The eruption sent huge rocks tumbling down the mountain crushing a number of dwellings at the base. The inhabitants fled to Nabashima Island.

The volcano first belched forth it sent up a terrific roar which served as a warning to the inhabitants of the islands, and

gave them opportunity for flight. The Nichi Nichi correspondent says the volcano activity started Saturday.

## FIFTY MILLIONS IN JEWELRY EXHIBITED BY RUSSIAN GOVT

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) MOSCOW, May 26.—Foreign ministers and ambassadors stationed here today saw the Russian crown jewels.

In order to remove the belief abroad that the crown jewels had disappeared or been reduced in number the soviet government invited all foreign diplomats to visit the state vault where these treasures are stored.

The display was dazzling. The estimated value of the collection was given as the equivalent of \$50,000,000.

## Spanish Crown Prince Picks Bride at Home, Madrid Hears



The Prince of Wales is away from home, but the matrimonial tce is buzzing around European courts more busily than ever. The crown princes of Italy, Spain and Belgium are expected to be early bridegrooms. In Madrid it is reported that Senorita Christina Atiega, daughter of the Duchess de Infantado, will wed the heir to the Spanish throne (inset)

## BALDWIN FOUND GUILTY; EMERY MOTION DENIED

### Effort to Have Indictment Set Aside in Check Case Meets Failure.

### PLEADS NOT GUILTY

### Trial Will Start Tomorrow Morning—Timber Case Heard in Circuit Court Today.

### SENTENCE DELAYED.

Judge Hamilton announced this afternoon that Baldwin's sentence will be delayed until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. The postponement became necessary when Attorney Hermann, counsel for Mr. Baldwin, announced that he would offer a motion for a new trial. As there was no time this afternoon to consider such a motion, Judge Hamilton ordered a delay until tomorrow morning.

Jess Baldwin, charged with being intoxicated at a Dixonville dance, was found guilty by a circuit jury yesterday. Baldwin stood on the charge, claiming that he had not been drinking prior to the flat encounter in which he is alleged to have engaged. The jury in the case took only one ballot, returning a verdict of guilty within a very few minutes from the time the case placed in their hands. Judge Hamilton fixed 2 o'clock this afternoon as the time for passing sentence in the case. This was an appeal from the justice court, Baldwin having been found guilty in that court where he was sentenced to thirty days in jail. He took an appeal from the conviction, entering a plea of not guilty. The case attracted a great deal of attention and the court room was crowded during the trial.

The motion of Loyal Emery to quash the indictment against him was overruled this morning by Judge Hamilton. Emery is accused of issuing a check without having sufficient funds in the bank to meet the amount for which the check was written. The check was dated "191" and the bank had been filled out with a "4" but the state contends that the check was issued on November 23, 1924, although the date appearing upon the face of the check was 1911. Emery's attorney filed a motion to have the indictment set aside, claiming that the check was so old that it was outlawed, but Judge Hamilton claimed that the indictment set forth the date upon which the check was claimed to have been drawn and issued, and the actual date is a matter to be determined by the facts in the case. A plea of not guilty was entered and the case will come to trial tomorrow morning, according to present arrangements.

A civil suit, George P. Hewitt against the American Timber and Land Company, occupied the attention of the court this afternoon. The case is one in which the plaintiff is suing upon a promissory note in the sum of \$29,000 alleged to have been given in settlement of claims. The company claims that the note is not valid, and the genuineness of the signature is called into question. This is a jury case, and it involves the testimony of a large number of witnesses and much lengthy review of the company's books and business transactions. It will probably take considerable time.

### INTENSIVE CAMPAIGN AGAINST RUM RUNNERS

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) WASHINGTON, May 26.—Extension of the operations of the dry fleet to the west coast and the governing movement upon liquor law violators up the inland rivers is planned by prohibition officials. Commissioner Haynes asserted today that "many problems were being worked out," which he declined to discuss on the grounds that "a little premature publicity might destroy months of planning and hard work."

### Fire Department Called

The fire department was called out this morning for a woodshed fire at 915 South Rose street. The fire originated in some old rubbish in the shed and burned an old mattress, some fruit and stored household goods. The fire was extinguished by a garden hose following the arrival of the fire department.

## Judge McCamant Gets Appointment



WASHINGTON, May 26.—Wallace McCamant of Portland, Ore., was appointed today circuit judge in the ninth judicial circuit.

Judge McCamant is a former associate justice of the Oregon supreme court. He is a personal friend of the president and has long been prominent in republican politics in his state. In the 1920 republican national convention he upset the plans of the party chiefs by placing Mr. Coolidge in nomination for the vice-presidency at a moment when the delegates were in a mood to disregard the advice of their leaders and throw an overwhelming block of votes into the Coolidge column.

The vacancy on the circuit court to which Judge McCamant was named resulted in the retirement of Judge Erskine M. Ross.

## NEW CHAMBER COMMERCE MAN COMING SOON

### Lincoln Antles of Bend, to Reach Roseburg About Middle of June.

### TO TAKE VACATION

### Resigns Present Post and Will Leave About June 1 From Gets Secretary From Klamath Falls.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) BEND, Ore., May 26.—Lincoln Antles, who has been secretary of the Bend Commercial Club for four and a half years, has resigned to accept a similar position with the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce. Antles came to Bend from Denver and has previously been secretary of the commercial club at Grand Junction, Colo.

L. K. Cramb, recently of Klamath Falls, was last night appointed secretary of the Bend Commercial Club at a special meeting of the board of directors. He will take over the work hereafter.

Antles was to have gone to Roseburg June 1 but because of a misunderstanding as to the date he had made plans for a brief vacation and business trip and may not be able to get to Roseburg before July 1, but hopes to be there by June 15, he said this morning.

Mr. Antles, who was selected secretary of the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce is one of the best known commercial secretaries in the state, and is expected to be of much assistance to the local club in its work. He was engaged immediately following the resignation of Will E. Holbein, who was called east by a court action, and who is now engaged in newspaper work in Seattle. The members of the Chamber of Commerce here are waiting anxiously for his arrival in order that the important work which is being held up pending his coming may be disposed of without longer delay.

The Chamber of Commerce feels fortunate in securing a man of his ability and believes that he will be able to accomplish a great work. He has not only had experience with the Bend Chamber of Commerce, but has on frequent occasions been called to Portland to aid the State Chamber of Commerce, particularly in the land settlement campaign, which is now one of the most important projects before the state.

## LACK OF NEWS OF AMUNDSEN WORRY CAUSE

### Continued Absence of Any Information Subject of Speculation.

### LONDON OPTIMISTIC

### Belief Prevails There That Explorers Landed to Await Moderation of Weather.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) LONDON, May 26.—Increasing anxiety was felt here today regarding the fate of the Amundsen-Ellsworth flying expedition to the North Pole.

Optimism continued to prevail in many quarters and some felt that the lack of news from him merely indicated that he is waiting favorable weather conditions for his return to Spitzbergen.

Nevertheless the general feeling was less confident and more fears were felt that some mishap had left Amundsen and his companions without the use of their flying boats somewhere in the vast stretches of ice in the Polar basin. The anxiety was increased by reports from Spitzbergen this morning that the weather in the north has changed for the worse.

The possibility of Amundsen having continued his flight to Alaska was discounted by some Arctic experts here. They said the distance for such a flight would require too much expenditure of gasoline.

It was pointed out that if Amundsen encountered storms in the vicinity of Danes Island upon his return flight he might land either in Northern Spitzbergen or change his course and find safety in Franz Josef Land. In the latter event it might be some time before Amundsen could communicate with the outside world because Josef Land is composed of many small islands with no habitations except in the most southern part.

LONDON, May 26.—Grettit Alarsson, the young Icelandic who planned to race Captain Amundsen's expedition to the North Pole, using a blimp or non-rigid airship, is quoted by the Daily Express today as saying that the Polar expedition had been entirely changed by Amundsen's continued absence. He added:

"It is not a question now of who is to be the first to reach the Pole by air, but who will be the first to reach Amundsen." The competitors in this race, he said, would be the American explorer, Commander Donald MacMillan and himself.

He confirmed the report from Liverpool yesterday that his supply ship, the Icelandic, might leave Liverpool for Spitzbergen without the blimp, which would be the first of the expedition to the North Pole, in time to be of possible assistance to Amundsen. When his airship is ready Alarsson will fly from Liverpool to Spitzbergen, saving 10 days.

Alarsson's plan would be to make straight for the pole from Spitzbergen and thence to Cape Columbia, keeping a lookout for Amundsen's base. He does not believe he would be able to pick up the party if he found them but he could supply them with food and other stores.

NEW YORK, May 26.—While tentative plans for relief expeditions are discussed, previous Arctic explorers are convinced of the ability of Captain Roald Amundsen and his five companions to return safely from their airplane flight to the North Pole.

Amundsen, his American financial backer, Lincoln Ellsworth, two pilots and two mechanics left Kings Bay, Spitzbergen, last Thursday at 5:15 a. m. or 11:15 a. m. on Saturday.

"Nobody in Norway is anxious regarding the fate of Amundsen," Dr. Egidio of Nansen, famous Arctic traveler, is quoted by a Copenhagen newspaper.

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## The Weather

Highest temp. yesterday 77

Lowest temp. last night 44

Fair and Mild Tonight and Wednesday.

