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BEST FRIEND OF MURDERED MAN LOGGED IN JAIL

Intended to Run Away With Victim's Widow, Police Assert

WIFE HAS CONFESSED

\$2,000 Alleged Saved For Elopement - Hammer Used to Dispose of Husband

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

NEWARK, N. J., Nov. 5.—William J. Clark's best friend is in jail at Hillsdale, N. J., on suspicion of murdering him with a hammer, and Clark's pretty young widow has admitted, police say, that she and the friend had a \$2,000 elopement fund on deposit in a Newark savings bank.

Clark, a gold beater, died early yesterday after being beaten on the head at his garage with a stonemason's hammer. A few hours before the attack, according to Mrs. Clark's signed statement as given out by police, she had promised the friend, an unemployed, handsome young iron worker named Joseph H. Cowen, to follow him next week to Florida.

"He begged me to run away with him," police say Mrs. Clark told them. "But I refused. Monday he begged me to go to Miami with him that night. To stop his nagging, I half way promised to follow him next week."

She said, according to Hillsdale police, that Cowen had given her \$500 of the \$2,000.

"I did give her money," Cowen is quoted as saying, "but only to save for me."

Cowen has been a jewelry salesman and insurance agent. He was arrested four years ago charged with abandoning his wife and four-year-old daughter and is under bond to give them \$5 a week. Under New Jersey law he can be held on suspicion until five p. m. tomorrow. Police expect little from an examination of finger prints on the hammer as it had been handled by several persons. Clark was attacked when he got out of his automobile to open his garage door after spending Monday evening with friends. Mrs. Clark and her mother were in the car, but did not see Clark's assailant, they say. Samuel Clark, the murdered man's father, has asked police protection for his son's funeral today. Police say young Clark was a Ku Klux Klansman, and Klansmen are expected to attend the funeral.

UNIFICATION TWO METHODIST BODIES OKS IMPOSSIBLE

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

Tenn., Nov. 5.—Vote of three conference yesterday, the combined vote of 30 annual conferences in the Methodist Episcopal church, south, today stood at 2,968 favoring and 2,171 against unification with the Methodist Episcopal church, making final passage appear improbable.

Yesterday's votes were: East Oklahoma 140 for, 18 against; North Mississippi 43 for, 166 against; Louisiana 117 for, 74 against.

Three-fourths of the total vote in the southern church is required for unification to pass. The vote is now 836 below the required majority. Thirteen conferences are yet to vote, the total vote being expected to reach only about 8,000.

ARMISTICE DAY CLOSING IS URGED ON PORTLAND MEN

Kiwanis Club of Roseburg Asks Merchants of Portland to Cooperate With Legion

Urging Portland merchants to give support to the members of the American Legion in their plans for the observance of Armistice Day, the Roseburg Kiwanis Club in a resolution adopted today, declares that difficulties which have arisen in Portland between a few of the business men and the American Legion is not a local matter, but concerns the entire state.

"The Roseburg Kiwanis Club feels certain that it voices the sentiment of Roseburg and Douglas county in urgently requesting the merchant body of Portland to unconditionally cooperate with the American Legion for the observance of Armistice Day," the resolution declares.

A few years ago the boys were patted on the back and given promises of anything they might desire upon their return, the resolution says, but now protests are made and even closing the places of business and joining with them in the celebration of their victory.

The full resolution adopted by the club and submitted to the Portland business men through the Portland Chamber of Commerce, is as follows:

"The Roseburg Kiwanis Club feels certain that it voices the practically unanimous sentiments of Roseburg and Douglas County in urgently requesting the merchant body of Portland to unconditionally cooperate with the American Legion of that city for Armistice Day. We respectfully submit that, as we view it, the boys are not asking the impossible nor the unreasonable in asking this cooperation. Just a few brief years ago, we older ones were patting them on the back and promising them all that heart could desire when they returned—if they ever did return, and we folks down here feel that the faith should be kept with them. We also feel that this is not a local matter, peculiarly your own problem, but that it affects the entire state of Oregon as those boys belong to us as well as to you."

Chamber of Commerce Withdraws Recommendation of the Portland Chamber of Commerce that business houses and industrial establishments of the city remain open on Armistice Day was withdrawn at a meeting of the board of directors of the chamber yesterday.

Withdrawal of this resolution leaves the matter entirely with the individual business houses.

The original resolution favoring remaining open on Armistice Day (Continued on page 6.)

GREATER AID TO AIR CRAFT HELD FEDERAL DUTY

Investigating Committee Shows Why America is Far Behind Europe

NEW PLAN SUGGESTED

Government Should Put Air Service in Control of Civil Bureau of Aeronautics

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 5.—Creation of a bureau of civil aeronautics in the Department of Commerce, with broad powers to regulate and promote all civil and commercial flying in the United States, forms the central recommendation of the committee on civil aviation which was appointed by the Department and the American council last June to make an exhaustive study of the question.

The committee, of which J. Walter Drake, assistant secretary of commerce is chairman, declares in its report made available for publication today, that the possibilities which it sees for the development of commercial aviation in the United States can be realized only through a definite and continuing plan of government assistance for the industry.

Lack of this and of a definite legal status and government control for the industry, it found, have been the chief causes for its failure to keep pace with the development in Europe.

Supervised Routes Imperative.

In addition to its function of regulating air navigation, including licensing of pilots and inspection of planes, the proposed bureau would be authorized to "develop, establish or take over and maintain air routes and air navigation facilities."

The provision of essential air navigation facilities, such as properly marked airways for both day and night flying and emergency and terminal landing fields, the committee holds to be a "public responsibility."

Government aid is sought to take this form together with adequate provision for research work in aircraft design and use by the government departments and not that of a direct subsidy, which the report opposed as "unwise and unnecessary." In this connection, it declared the direct subsidies granted by European governments to civil aviation had not worked to the best interests of the industry.

In the legislation to create the proposed bureau, it was recommended that there be other provisions to put air navigation on the same footing as to legal requirements as other forms of transportation.

The committee recommended that the government engage in no non-military flying activities which can be "properly performed by private operation."

Better Conditions Needed.

Summarizing conditions in the industry, the report declared that "notwithstanding past and present handicaps, the industry has achieved and made progress creditable under the adverse conditions it has encountered. There is no doubt," it added, that "under really favorable conditions its greatest hopes will be realized."

The committee ascribed to the government's failure after the Armistice to "formulate and put into operation a continuing aviation policy." The fact that the 24 airplanes in the country in 1918 with a capital investment of more than \$22,000,000 have now shrunk in number to 14 plants, representing capital of about \$4,000,000. While these 14 plants, have an estimated annual capacity of 2,900 planes, even this rate of production could not be attained in an emergency, the report said, within four to six months.

Suggestion For Procedure.

Committee recommendations of the committee on the side of government aid were:

"That the government extend its use of aircraft in non-military activities to all practicable fields:

"That congress authorize a 'reasonable' use of army, navy and air mail fields for commercial aviation;

"That the proposed transfer to private operation as readily as possible all of its air mail services and turn them over to the proposed bureau of civil aeronautics with its airway equipment;

"That congress authorize government purchase of special types of civil aircraft and equipment, designed and constructed by private industry under the joint direction of the government and the industry" (Continued on page 2.)

Increased Tax Exemption Voted for Lowest Incomes And Children in School

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 5.—Wide-spread reductions in income tax rates were voted today by the House Ways and Means committee. The committee, which is drafting a new revenue bill, decided to recommend reduction of the maximum surtax rate from 40 to 20 per cent. Personal exemptions were increased from \$1,000 to \$1,500 for single persons and from \$2,500 to \$3,500 for married persons.

The normal rates were reduced from two per cent to 1-1/2 per cent on the first \$4,000 of taxable income; from four per cent to three per cent on the next \$4,000 and from six per cent to five per cent on taxable income in excess of \$8,000.

The committee also voted to extend to apply to children who are depts to apply to children who are in school up to 21 years of age. The present limit is 18 years in all cases.

The forty per cent maximum surtax rate now applies on incomes in excess of \$200,000 but the twenty per cent maximum set by the committee would apply to increases of over \$100,000.

The graduated scale of surtaxes applying on incomes is yet to be worked out.

The committee also voted to retain the present 25 per cent reduction for earned incomes up to \$10,000.

The increase in personal exemptions was estimated to remove more than one million persons from the income tax rolls.

The total reduction approved in these rates was placed at \$200,000,000 annually. Secretary Mellon had recommended a reduction of about \$140,000,000 in the revenue from income taxes.

WHITE MAN DENIES CHARGE OF HAVING KILLED AN INDIAN

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 5.—William H. Hart, a Umatilla cowboy, pleaded not guilty to first degree murder charges in federal court today and his trial was set for December 8.

Hart is accused of killing Matthew Shoeships, an Indian, on the Umatilla reservation September 10, 1924. Hart is a white man.

Shoeships, a prominent Indian, disappeared several days later. Hart found his body. Suspicion was directed against him because of known bad blood between the men.

GEN. WOOD'S SON NOT TO CONTEST SUIT FOR DIVORCE

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

WILMINGTON, Del., Nov. 5.—After a conference today between counsel for Lieutenant Osborne C. Wood, son of Major General Leonard Wood, and for Mrs. Katherine W. T. Wood, it was announced that the lieutenant would not contest the divorce action brought by his wife.

It was said amicable arrangements regarding the custody of the children, opportunities for Lieutenant Wood seeing them, and other points at issue, were agreed upon. The details are to be worked out later.

Lieutenant Wood, who came here last night, returned to New York.

PRISONER TAKEN AWAY

Chan Garner, federal prisoner, who has been held in the city jail since his arrest last Saturday by federal officers, who confiscated 101 gallons of alcohol, which he was said to have been transporting, was taken to Portland last night. He was arraigned before U. S. Commissioner C. F. Hopkins yesterday and waived preliminary examination and was bound over to the federal grand jury at Portland, his bonds being fixed at \$2,500.

KANSAS SATIRIST IS SEEKER OF ADVICE

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 5.—Apparently impressed by the multitude of advice-giving pamphlets issued by the agriculture department, Robert O. Deming of Oswego, Kansas, has appealed to the department for information on "how to put on a shirt, eat an apple, peel potatoes, adjust a dog collar, shovel coal, wash a dog and pick a chicken."

The department did have a bulletin on how to pick a chicken.

DOCTOR FACES MURDER CHARGE After Painlessly Killing Child Of 32 Who Never Grew From Infancy

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

LITTLETON, Colo., Nov. 5.—Little progress has been made up to now today in the task of selecting a jury to try Dr. Harold Blazer, aged physician, on a charge of slaying his 32-year-old daughter, Hazel, the "child woman" who never grew from infancy.

Of the thirteen talesmen originally called to the jury box, not one had been agreed upon as a jurymen.

Earl L. Medesberger was excused when he declared that for 20 years he had been an advocate of painlessly putting to death imbeciles and other irresponsible.

Defense Attorney Mowry announced that he would place Dr. Blazer on the stand in his own defense.

"We will contend," the attorney said, "that the defendant feared he would die 'leaving that helpless creature in the world as a burden to the community. The defense will further claim that with this thought in mind, Dr. Blazer decided both he and his daughter should die. After slaying her, Dr. Blazer fell in an attempt to commit suicide."

Maintaining that Dr. Blazer's love for her prompted him to commit the act, Attorney Mowry said he would say to the jury:

"If that is murder, then go ahead and punish the old man, who made no other error than to do what he thought was right."

District Attorney Joel Stone, prosecutor of the case, will contend the chloroforming of Hazel by the doctor was a deliberate murder. The state will resist, Mr. Stone announced, the defense's intimation that the "child woman" had no soul.

FRUIT GROWERS FILE SUIT IN COURT TODAY

Basis of Settlement Green Fruit Sales Is Not Satisfactory

FIFTY-ONE CLAIMANTS

Prune Growers Ask Nearly \$7,500 Said To Be Due in Payment For Fruit

Irritation growing out of an alleged unsatisfactory settlement for several thousand bushels of green prunes culminated here this afternoon in the filing of a suit by W. T. Craven, prominent Douglas County fruit grower against Sgoebel and Day, nationally known fruit buyers and wholesalers. The plaintiff in this suit holds the claims of 51 Douglas County growers, who allege that full settlement has not been made for the fruit delivered to the local representative of the Sgoebel and Day Company, and who claim a balance due of \$7,427.31.

According to the complaint in which Mr. Craven appears as plaintiff, the local agents of the Sgoebel and Day company purchased green prunes, offering the growers 25 cents per suitcase less a fee of 25 cents handling charge. A suitcase is a box used for the shipment of this class of fruit and holds about one-third of a bushel.

Approximately twenty carloads of green prunes were shipped out of the county by this company and settlement was offered to the growers on a basis which they allege is considerably under the figure, originally agreed upon.

The original value of the fruit was estimated at about \$12,000, and the money paid so far in settlement amounts to approximately \$40,000.

Mr. Craven has secured the claims of the 51 growers who are contesting the basis of settlement and is bringing the suit in the Circuit court to collect the amount alleged to be due.

The plaintiff is represented by Attorney B. L. Eddy.

ROBIN REED AND TED THYE VICTORS ON PORTLAND CARD

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 5.—Robin Reed, ex-amateur wrestler of the Astoria Club, who won the world's welterweight title at the Olympic games last year, defeated Ted Brown, Hibbing, Minn., in the feature match of a wrestling show here last night. Reed took two straight falls from his opponent, the first in 24 minutes. He used an arm scissors for both falls. Ted Thye, Portland light heavyweight, won two straight falls from George Johnson of Ohio in the other half of the double main event.

TICKETS FOR SHOW ARE SELLING FAST.

The two nights, November 9th and 10th, next Monday and Tuesday, will see the Antlers Theatre packed to capacity for the American Legion Minstrel Revue and Vaudeville according to Bill Gerstner, manager of the show. He states that the tickets are selling rapidly and the reservations, which open at the Antlers Saturday morning a 10 o'clock, will be quickly taken. All are urged to secure their tickets as soon as they can.

MARSHFIELD MAN IS ARRESTED FOLLOWING FRACAS AT ASTORIA

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

MARSHFIELD, Ore., Nov. 5.—R. Ferguson has been arrested here on telegraphic instructions from Astoria in connection with the death of Robert Graham, who died yesterday from knife wounds.

Ferguson was wanted here on charges of passing a bad check, but will be taken to Astoria to face the charge.

Robert Graham while dining at a restaurant here, was stabbed and killed by a man who tried to divulge the name of his assailant.

NEGRO CONVICT IS FUGITIVE FROM PEN

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Nov. 5.—Slipping away from fellow convicts and guards while engaged in laying the new pipe line to the state penitentiary, about 8 o'clock this morning, Peter Shields, desperate negro criminal, escaped in the direction of this city, precipitating a man hunt which is still being conducted this afternoon. Shields is regarded as a dangerous man.

PILCHER CHAIN ON PACIFIC COAST TO TOTAL 23 STORES

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

SEATTLE, Nov. 5.—Early establishment of a chain of 23 department stores on the Pacific coast by R. A. Pilcher, former department store executive in Los Angeles and New York, was announced here today. Eight stores are already in operation, including one in Stockton, California, which has been made advertising headquarters.

The name of the chain is R. A. Pilcher Company.

Stores in Tacoma, Bremerton, Monroe, Roseburg and Pendleton have been purchased and new stores opened in Yakima, Klamath Falls and Eugene, besides the one in Stockton. A site has been leased in Aberdeen and locations are sought in Seattle and Everett, announced J. E. Wood, formerly of Bremerton, who has been appointed Washington state manager.

Pilcher purchased Paulson's Inc. in Tacoma and Wood's stores in Bremerton and Monroe, Wood said.

The R. A. Pilcher Company has included Roseburg as a link in its chain, having purchased The Bellows Store in this city a few days ago. The new owners are now in charge and are making extensive improvements in the business.

COMMUNITY CHEST DRIVE ENTERING ON SECOND LAP

Half-Way Mark Passed Last Night With One Squad Only Half Finished

The Community Chest drive reached the half-way mark with the reports made last night, while there is still considerable money due from other committees. W. O. Clinger's committee, which has many of the leading business of Cass street in collect, has not yet made its report and when that money comes in, it is expected that the total receipts will be near the \$6,000 mark.

Archie Crawford's team at last night's report was leading with subscription of \$1,725. V. T. Jackson's workers were second with \$1,680.50. O. C. Baker's squad has completed only about one-half its canvass, owing to the fact that Mr. Baker was out of town when the drive started. Its first day's work netted \$759.85, bringing the total receipts up to \$4,173.80.

W. O. Clinger's team is hard at work today and will make its report tonight.

The big end of the drive in the business districts are now being drawn in. It is the aim of the workers to complete the canvass in the business section before entering the residential districts. Indications are that the start of the last lap of the drive will find the fund almost two-thirds completed, as the work in the business section is meeting with such excellent results.

OREGON CITIES FEEL COLD SNAP

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

EUGENE, Ore., Nov. 5.—Last night was the coldest of the fall here, when the mercury slumped to 20 degrees. On October 13 the temperature of 22 degrees was recorded, the next coldest night of the season.

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Nov. 5.—The coldest weather of the fall season was felt here last night when the mercury dropped to 16 above zero. The weather is clear and cold today, with a prophecy of continued cold again tonight.

MEDFORD, Ore., Nov. 5.—Medford and the Rogue River valley had their coldest weather of the season last night with a minimum of 22 degrees, which temperature froze still water in pools and some open pipes. It is cold and clear today with more cold predicted for tonight.

BEND, Ore., Nov. 5.—The mercury dropped to 22 above zero last night in Bend, according to the government weather observer.

LA GRANDE, Ore., Nov. 5.—Two degrees below zero and about an inch of snow was reported from Meacham, Ore., 25 miles west of here today. This is the first sub-zero weather reported in this region this fall.

SYRIA ABLAZE WITH THE FIRES OF REBELLION

French Troops in Damascus Erect Barricades And Await Assault

CITY IS NOT SECURE

Defenders Prefer Death to Capture by Natives Eager to Avenge Oppression

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

PARIS, Nov. 5.—A pitched battle is raging around Damascus, Syria, a telegram from La Presse's special correspondent tonight, and the French column under General Gamelin is in difficulty. The Druse effectives engaged in the fighting succeed any force they have hitherto put into the field, he adds.

DAMASCUS, Nov. 5.—The French column under General Gamelin, which left the city yesterday to clear the neighboring district of rebels, has engaged strong rebel forces immediately south of Damascus.

The French military authorities have warned the population that it may be necessary to fire artillery over Damascus to disperse groups of rebels gathering in the suburbs and threatening General Gamelin's rear. The people are requested to remain calm.

LONDON, Nov. 5.—The situation in Syria still is tense and apparently fraught with grave possibilities. Reports reaching London assert that there has been fighting in the eastern outskirts of Damascus between the French and rebels and that the French are using all efforts to prevent the entry into the city of the tribesmen on the outside.

Barricades, including wire entanglements, have been erected in the streets of Damascus by the French, who are declared to be short of troops and are enrolling Kurds and other natives to aid them.

To the north of Damascus it is reported that rebels have concentrated and from various sections come advice that the situation is growing worse. The entire area from Damascus northward to Aleppo is declared to be held by brigands and Homs is said to be seeking with insurrection.

"Uncontrolled" rebellion, says a new correspondent, "seems to be sweeping over the entire country. French forces cannot possibly cope with the situation owing to inadequate numbers. No improvement seems possible until reinforcements arrive. Even the defenses of Damascus could not resist a strong organized attack."

The French are using both artillery and airplanes against the tribesmen. Twenty miles west of Damascus on Mount Hermon, the French exchanged rifle shots with a band of rebels, and south of Damascus there was another affray (Continued on page 6.)

Plot to Kill Dictator of Italy Leads to Two Arrests and Quick Action to Prevent General Riot

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

ROME, Nov. 5.—Announcement of the frustration of an attempt against the life of Premier Mussolini, which was being prepared against the Premier. A few days ago they obtained confirmation of these reports and the added information that the attempt would be made during the course of yesterday's celebration of the Armistice.

In Rome the former Socialist deputy, Zaniboni, was arrested, just at the moment, police said, when he was leaving his hotel to make the attempt. At Turin the retired general, Antonio Capello, a prominent Mason, was arrested on a train leaving the country. Zaniboni's secretary also is held.

As a result of the affair the government has ordered the prefects throughout Italy to occupy all the Masonic lodges subordinate to the Grand Orient in Rome, National headquarters for the order.

At 9 o'clock yesterday the police entered a room in the Hotel Dragone near Chigi Palace, where the ministry of foreign affairs is situated and arrested and arrested Zaniboni at the very moment he was about to leave on his alleged mission.

At the same time authorities at Turin arrested General Louis Capello, who was on a train, allegedly on his way out of the country. Both men are being held for the action of the courts.

As soon as the arrest became known Signor Farinacci, secretary-general of the Fascist party, issued a manifesto ordering the Fascists throughout Italy to gather at their respective headquarters this evening to carry out demonstrations of rejoicing over the premier's "escape from the assassins' bullet." Signor Farinacci also ordered the Fascists to refrain from any attempts at reprisals.

Premier Mussolini also has sent orders to the prefects to take energetic measures to prevent reprisals.

ALLEGED AIDE OF MURRAY DEMANDS RETURN OF PISTOL

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

SALEM, Ore., Nov. 5.—Nagel Sorbus of Portland, held in jail here charged with having attempted to place a revolver on the penitentiary grounds during the trial of Tom Murray, sentenced to hang for the killing of a prison guard during an escape, filed a petition in circuit court here demanding the return to him of the revolver and a letter and a map.

The letter and map were taken by officers from his room in a Portland hotel. They were sent to Sorbus by Frank Fallon, a convict, and are alleged to have dealt with the delivery of the gun on the grounds, the map indicating the spot where Sorbus was to have left it.

Sorbus alleges in his petition that the gun, letter and map were all seized by officers without warrant or authority and that his constitutional rights have been invaded.

Clarence Darrow Now In Role Of Counsel For Eleven Negroes Who Killed Whites to Hold Residence

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

DETROIT, Mich., Nov. 5.—The state of Michigan today began the introduction of evidence by which it hopes to convict Dr. and Mrs. O. H. Sweet and nine other negroes of the murder of Leon F. Breiner, during a racial disturbance around the Sweet home September 3. A jury was chosen yesterday after a four-day effort.

The death of Breiner was the climax of several racial disturbances, all centering around the invasion of white sections by negroes.

Clarence Darrow, noted defender of Richard Loeb and Nathan Leopold, Jr., Chicago, and of John T. Scopes of Dayton, Tenn., heads the defense counsel. Associated with him are Arthur Garfield Hays and New York and five other attorneys. The phantom of the Ku Klux Klan which hovered in the background, came sharply forward yesterday when Mr. Hays asked the jury panel if anyone of the number was a member of the Klan. Charles D. Kinross answered in the affirmative, but said that did not prevent his rendering a fair and impartial verdict.

The 11 negroes on trial are charged with having barricaded themselves in the Sweet home's September 3 and to have fired a volley of shots that killed Breiner and wounded Erik Hoberg. The defense maintains that Breiner and Hoberg were members of a crowd of white persons which gathered around the Sweet home, conscious of the fact that the negroes had taken up their residence in a neighborhood in which up to that time no negroes had resided.