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SUSPECT OF HILL MURDERS IS HELD IN COUNTY JAIL

FREDERICK ALEXANDER ARRESTED AT REQUEST OF CRIMINOLOGIST THATCHER.

IDENTIFIED MONDAY AS MAN IN ARDENWALD NIGHT OF CRIME

Prisoner Was Picked Up by Multnomah County Deputy for Murder but Sent to Asylum When Officers Failed to Secure Evidence.

Frederick Alexander, who is better known as Edward Ramsey, is being held in the county jail until further investigation into the murder of Edward Hill, his wife and two step-children at Ardenwald June 1911, is completed. Sheriff Wilson and District Attorney Hedges admitted Monday night, Ramsey was arrested Friday, and Saturday was bound over to the grand jury by Justice Kelso, of Milwaukie, on a charge of vagrancy and molesting children.

The arrest was made at the request of George A. Thatcher, Portland criminologist, who, it was learned Monday, has been working steadily on the case since early in the year. Thatcher has told local officials that he has conclusive evidence which will connect Alexander with Hill murders but he has not turned over the details of his evidence to Clackamas county officials.

The grand jury will not meet until the middle of October, District Attorney Hedges said Monday. Alexander is held in default of bail.

Alexander was arrested Friday afternoon on the east bank of the Willamette river near Milwaukie by Marshall Reid, of Milwaukie, and later brought to Oregon City by Deputy Sheriff Riley. The arrest was made quietly and Saturday he was bound over to the grand jury in the Milwaukie justice court.

Alexander Sent to Asylum. Alexander was arrested only several days after the Hill murder by Archie Leonard, who was then deputy under Sheriff Stevens of Multnomah county. After an extended investigation he was sent to the state insane asylum and released after a few months confinement. At that time, Alexander's history was traced down and every possible effort made to find evidence which would fasten the Hill case upon him.

Thatcher, according to local officials, says he has watched every move made by Alexander since his first arrest and claims he has secured affidavits and other evidence which were not unearthed at the time of his arrest by the Portland officials.

Identified by McMinnville Couple. As the first step of weaving a chain of evidence about Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Evans, who now live near McMinnville, were here today and identified Alexander as the man seen in the Ardenwald district the night of the crime. Mr. and Mrs. Evans were in the Ardenwald district when the crime was committed.

Alexander says he is 59 years old. He is small but well built and wears a soft hat all the time while in jail, explaining that "his hairs are few" and his head gets cold. When first arrested he would not talk freely but now is willing to discuss his life. He said that he has not been in the Milwaukie and Sellwood districts for the last three years although he admits that he was in Clackamas county at the time of the Ardenwald crime. He told of his previous arrest Monday afternoon and denied all knowledge of the Hill murders. When arrested he had \$142 and a quantity of old and broken jewelry in his pockets.

OBJECT TO 3 CENTS A DAY.

NOGALIES, Ariz., July 29.—Five hundred Yaquis in Sonora today threatened revolt unless they were paid \$1 a day for their labors. Their present wages are \$1.50 a day in Villista currency, or about 3 cents gold.

DEER SEASON OPENS AUGUST 15 IS WARNING

Carl D. Shoemaker, state game warden, has issued a bulletin warning the public that the deer hunting season does not open until August 15. Mr. Shoemaker says:

"The state game warden is very anxious to give all the publicity possible to the fact that the deer hunting season this year does not open until August 15, which is 15 days later than has been customary for many years. It is unlawful to hunt deer in Oregon until that time. The season closes on October 31.

"This change in the law should be borne in mind, otherwise some hunter may be found unintentionally violating the law and subjecting himself to a heavy fine. The state game warden's office would rather prevent law violations than make an arrest. The game laws, however, must be rigidly enforced."

PORTLAND BUILDING BURNS; \$240,000 LOSS

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 3.—Fire of unknown origin shortly before 2 o'clock this morning gutted the Alisky building, at the northwest corner of Third and Morrison streets, causing a loss of nearly \$240,000.

Five persons were asleep in the building at the time. All escaped, but two of them were rescued with the greatest of difficulty.

The blaze is believed to have originated in the basement of the Skidmore Drug company on Third street. When discovered by Special Patrolman W. P. Stimpson it was seen sweeping up a wooden support in the pool room of the basement under the Rosenblatt clothing store.

LATIN-AMERICAN AID IN MEXICAN TROUBLE SECURED

CONFERENCE OVER SITUATION IN REPUBLIC TO SOUTH IS CALLED AT CAPITAL.

JOINT FORCES MAY BE USED TO SEND FOOD TO PEOPLE

Secretary Lansing Denies Invasion or Relief Would Be Act of War and Cites Boxer Rebellion Policy as Precedent.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3.—President Wilson's determination to seek the cooperation of South and Central American governments in restoration of peace in Mexico was reached last June, when his appeal to the Mexican factionalists ended the strife brought no results.

The invitation to the ambassadors from Argentina, Brazil and Chile, and the ministers from Bolivia, Uruguay and Guatemala, to confer with Secretary Lansing on the problem, was extended June 29, while the statement to the Mexican people was issued June 2.

At details of President Wilson's plan for settlement of the Mexican problem have not, it is reported, been communicated to the six southern governments, but their representatives, who are to take part in the conference, have received in confidence a general outline of what is to be proposed by the Washington administration.

Demand will be made for immediate relief of the food situation in Mexico City and maintenance of railroad and telegraphic communication between Vera Cruz and Mexico City, it is understood. If Mexican leaders cannot do this, the United States, aided possibly by the Latin-American governments, may find it necessary to take control of the capital and the railroad by force and hold it until peace is restored.

Replying to questions today, Secretary Lansing said the sending of troops into Mexico City to take food to starving Americans and other foreigners could not be considered an act of war. He cited the action of the United States and other powers in China during the Boxer rebellion.

LANDSLIDE CLOSES OREGON RAILROAD

TRAINMAN CLIMBS OVER WRECKAGE AND WALKS TO STATION TO GET HELP.

THE DALLES, Ore., Aug. 3.—Picking his way cautiously across a railroad trestle, shattered by a landslide following a cloudburst, a member of an O-W. R. & N. stranded train crew made his way to the telegraph station last night and telegraphed here for help.

Following receipt of the message a wrecker with a crew of 50 men picked up at Coyote was sent to the scene of the trouble.

Though details are meager here, reports are that no one was hurt, though a passenger train was derailed, and two bridges and a number of mules of joint O-W. R. & N. and Oregon Trunk track 5 miles north of Bend were washed out.

O-W. R. & N. passenger train bound for Bend had just passed over a section of track destroyed, and then the water caused a landslide which blocked further progress and wrecked a trestle.

The only mail in today or last night was brought over the S. P. & S. lines this afternoon.

CITY'S LOSS ACTS AS A DETRIMENT TO COUNTY GAIN

ANNUAL REPORT OF COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT CALAVAN SHOWS SLIGHT GAIN.

CLACKAMAS COUNTY TEACHERS NUMBER 270, HIS FIGURES SHOW

Only Seven Thousand Persons Qualified to Vote on School Matters—Average Salaries Paid Men Teachers \$83.36.

Clackamas county showed but slight increase in its educational census for 1915 over that of 1914, according to the annual report of County Superintendent of Schools J. E. Calavan, just made to the state superintendent at Salem. In fact there are but 32 more persons in the county between the ages of four and 21 years than there were one year ago, and this small increase is due to the big decrease in the Oregon City district, which is said to be 336 less than in 1914.

According to the report of County Superintendent Calavan the total number of persons enrolled in the school census for the year was as follows: Male, 5911; female, 5728; total, 11,639. The enrollment for the year totaled 7824.

There were 270 teachers. The number of eighth grade diplomas was: County, 440; Oregon City, 105. The enrollment in the high schools of the county totaled 645.

Average number of days taught was 164, while the whole number of days attendance for the county made the enormous total of 908,566. The average number of pupils belonging was 5,829.4; while the average daily attendance was 5,540.5. The per cent of attendance was 95, which is considered very high in comparison with the enrollment.

There are 136 school districts in Clackamas county, having 142 schoolhouses. Six new school buildings were erected last year. In the total number of buildings there are 273 rooms in actual operation.

Clackamas county contains 7014 legal voters on all school matters.

There are but eight schools in the county having a short school term of six months; 17 have a seven months' term; 64 have an eight months' term, and 47 a nine months' school year.

Clackamas county, according to the superintendent's report, has \$28,043.85 in its fund, while one year ago it had \$32,580.36, thus showing a decrease of \$4,536.51. The sum of \$133,593.90 was paid to the teachers of the county during the past year. The average monthly salary paid the male teachers was \$53.36, while the average for the female teachers was \$60.23. The average salary for the teachers in one room buildings was \$62.70, while that for the assistant teachers in buildings of more than one room was \$60. The average monthly salary for principals was \$83.75.

ENTERTAIN MANY VISITORS FROM EAST

For some weeks Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Dye of this city, have been entertaining visitors to and from the exposition. Mr. Dye's brother, Honorable Willoughby Dye, a merchant and banker of Iowa, and his son, Harvey, and two merchants from Minneapolis, were welcomed and shown the Columbia highway, with which they were delighted. Dr. Willoughby Dye and wife of Deer Lodge, Mont. were the next guests, they being enroute to the fair. Last week Ruth Kedzie Wood, who in private life is Mrs. W. Thompson, and her husband, Mr. Thompson, were shown the city. Ruth Kedzie Wood is the author of books on Russia, Portugal and California, and is now engaged upon a "Tourist's Guide of the Northwest," to be published by Dodd, Mead and company of New York.

Last Saturday morning a party of four, Mr. Wildberger, a banker of Sidney, Iowa, accompanied by his wife and daughter and Miss Huldah Focht, arrived from California, and Saturday afternoon Miss Jessie S. Emery, of Boston, a cousin of Mrs. Dye, arrived on her way to San Francisco. All were hospitably entertained at the Dye home and shown best drives of Oregon City, Portland and vicinity, leaving the first of the week on their respective trains for the north and south.

Another visitor, Dr. Media Bunker, of Cleveland, Ohio, is expected soon. All these people are relatives, old friends, neighbors and schoolmates of Mr. and Mrs. Dye. Among the guests was also included Miss Platt, of Philadelphia. She is one of the editors of the Ladies' Home Journal.

MCCREDIE SUSPENDS EVANS. LOS ANGELES, July 10.—Rube Evans, southpaw pitcher of the Portland Beavers, was indefinitely suspended here this afternoon by Manager McCredie for failure to keep in condition.

Oswego Lake Gets Its First Victim Of This Summer

PORTLAND BOY, CAMPING ON SHORE, SWIMS OUT BEYOND HIS DEPTH AND SINKS.

Oswego Lake claimed its first victim of the season Monday when Victor Otterdahl, aged 18 years, of 354 Graham avenue, Portland, was drowned while in swimming. His body was brought to shore about 50 minutes after he went under and a pulmotor was used in an unsuccessful attempt to restore him.

Otterdahl was camping with Robert Rosenthal, 2190 Thompson street, near the shore of the lake and just before noon went in swimming. He ventured out in the water beyond his depth and friends on shore watched him sink before help could arrive. The pulmotor of the Portland Railway Light & Power company was sent for and put to use when the body was brought from the water about 1 o'clock.

The body was taken to Portland late Monday afternoon. Coroner Hempstead investigated the case but did not consider an inquest necessary.

U. S. SEEKS AID OF ALL AMERICA TO BRING PEACE

AID OF ITALIAN REPUBLICS TO SETTLE MEXICAN TROUBLES IS SOUGHT.

OFFICIALS BELIEVE ACTION WILL SATISFY ENTIRE WORLD

Brazil, Chile, Bolivia, Uruguay and Guatemala Diplomats Called to Meet Secretary Lansing.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—The United States has decided to ask the co-operation of South and Central America in the next step to restore peace to Mexico. The ambassadors from Argentina, Brazil and Chile and the ministers from Bolivia, Uruguay and Guatemala, have been asked to confer with Secretary Lansing here Thursday.

This announcement was made at the state department tonight. "On Thursday afternoon there will be an informal conference at the state department to consider the Mexican situation. Those taking part in the conference will be the ambassadors from Brazil, Argentina and Chile, and the three ranking ministers of the American republic, namely, those of Bolivia, Uruguay and Guatemala. As to the details which will be considered, nothing can be said at the present time as the conference will be entirely confidential."

While the state department characterized the coming conference as an informal one, the sentiment has been growing among American officials that the next step in the Mexican situation should be one which would meet the approval of the world and should be taken in concert with the nations of Central and South America, even if in the last event the trend should be toward military action.

THREE STATES RACE TO PASS NEW LAW

A race to avoid being the last state in the union to adopt compulsory education laws is apparently under way in the southern states, according to reports received at the United States bureau of education. There are now only three states without such laws, Florida having recently joined Texas and South Carolina in adopting compulsory education by legislative enactment. The three states still without laws are Georgia, Mississippi and Alabama.

The new Florida law provides that on petition of one-fourth of the electors of any special school district or county, the county board of education shall call an election to determine whether attendance shall be compulsory therein. A three-fifths majority vote is necessary for adoption. Children between 8 and 14 years of age are required to attend for at least 80 days each year, unless exempt because of physical or mental disability; because they live 2 1/2 miles from a school and no transportation is provided; because their services are required for the support of a dependent family; or because their parents are unable to provide books and clothing.

By the provisions of the law the county boards of education are authorized to appoint attendance officers to enforce the law and to take a census of the children between 6 and 21 years of age.

BRITISH COURSE HELD JUSTIFIED IN NOTE TO U. S.

NEW CONDITIONS REQUIRE NEW RULES IS CLAIM OF LONDON IN REPLY.

BLOCKADE POLICY OF BRITAIN IS DEFENDED IN NEW MESSAGE

American Policy is Declared Untenable in Law or International Equity—Cases in Civil War Are Cited.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3.—Great Britain's replies to the latest American representations against interferences with neutral commerce entirely the contention that the orders-in-council are illegal and justify the British course as being wholly within international law.

"Unsustainable either in point of law or upon principles of international equity" is the British reply to the American protest against the blockade of neutral ports, with an invitation to submit to international arbitration any cases in which the United States is dissatisfied with the action of British prize courts.

Great Britain's reply, embodied in two notes, one supplemental, was made public here tonight and in London simultaneously by agreement between the two governments. With the notes was made public also the correspondence over the American steamer Neche, seized by the British while en route from Rotterdam to the United States with goods of German origin. All the correspondence aggregates 7000 words.

Changed conditions of warfare, the British note contends, require a new application of the principles of international law. The advent of the submarine, the airship and the alleged atrocities by German troops in Belgium are cited as justification for the exercise of extreme measures.

The blockade is justified on the contention that the universally recognized fundamental principle of a blockade is that a belligerent is entitled to cut off "by effective means the sea-borne commerce of his enemy."

The note reiterates that Great Britain will continue to apply the orders complained of, although not without every effort to avoid embarrassment to neutrals, and observes that the American statistics show that any loss in trade with Germany and Austria has been more than overbalanced by the increase of other industrial activities due to the war.

In the general reply to the American representations against the orders-in-council Sir Edward Grey, the foreign minister, addressing Ambassador Page, begins by expressing the hope that he may be able to convince the administration in Washington "that the measures we have announced are not only reasonable and necessary in themselves, but constitute no more than an adaptation of the old principles of blockade to the peculiar circumstances with which we are confronted."

"I need scarcely dwell," wrote Sir Edward, "on the obligations incumbent upon the allies to take every step in their power to overcome their common enemy, in view of the shocking violation of the recognized rules and principles of civilized warfare of which he has been guilty during the present struggle."

MCCREDIE TO STAY HERE.

LOS ANGELES, July 30.—All reports that he is slated for the managership of the Cleveland Americans next year or that he would leave the Pacific Coast league were emphatically denied by Manager Walter McCredie of the Portland team here today. McCredie stated that when he had enough of baseball as it is handled on the coast he would retire from the game.

McCredie stated that it was likely he would recall infielder Murphy, Pitcher Callahan, Catcher Brenegan and infielder Coltrin from the Northwestern league some time in August.

WHEAT CROP SET BACK BY RAINS

The wheat crops in and around Clackamas county have been set back considerably by the rains of the past week, say the men of the commission houses. Although the continued changes of weather has interfered somewhat with the threshing it is expected that the wheat will run perhaps as high as 30 bushels to the acre.

Up the valley the threshing began the fore part of the week, but was delayed Wednesday on account of rain. The wheat is running on an average, so far, from 20 to 30 bushels per acre.

DEED TO MOLALLA ROAD IS RECORDED

A deed covering the Canby-Molalla railroad from the Portland Eugene & Eastern Railway company to the Southern Pacific was filed with Recorder Dedman Monday. The consideration is given as \$115,506.43 and is the largest realty transfer in Clackamas county since the government took title to the Oregon City locks in the Willamette river.

The road is nine miles long and was the first built into the Molalla country. The transfer is part of the general plan to put all Portland Eugene & Eastern property under the control of the Southern Pacific. The line was completed late in the summer of 1913 and the first scheduled passenger train run in October of that year.

RUSSIANS BEGIN TO LEAVE POLISH CAPITAL AT LAST

LUBLIN, IMPORTANT CITY NEAR WARSAW, IS OCCUPIED BY AUSTRO-GERMANS.

PETROGRAD GLOOMY, BUT WILL FIGHT FOR YEARS, IF NECESSARY

Invasions Cross Vistula at Several Points Between Ivangorod and Warsaw—Military Observers Hold Out No Hope.

LONDON, July 31.—Lublin has been occupied by the Austro-German forces and, according to reports of Austrian aviators, the Russians have begun the evacuation of Warsaw, capital of Poland.

Simultaneously with these dispatches an official order was printed today in the Bourne Gazette. Petrograd, interpreted to mean that the Russian government is resigned to the mammoth reverse now under way, but in no way discouraged. On the other hand, it speaks of continuance of war on Germany, "maybe for years."

Lublin is an important city on the railroad southeast of Warsaw, and through which military experts thought would be defended at all costs by the Russians as a line of retreat from the Polish capital.

Entrance into Lublin by Austrian cavalry followed closely on one of the Austro-German armies forcing crossings of the Vistula river at several points between Warsaw and Ivangorod.

Latest reports indicate that the onward sweep of the Teutons continues. The most optimistic military observer now holds out no hope for Warsaw, while most of them are trying to figure out some means by which the Russian armies may safely retreat to a new line of defense along the eastern border of Poland.

Grand Duke Nicholas, commander-in-chief of the Russian forces, had decreed, according to a Reuter's Petrograd dispatch, that no property in Warsaw shall be destroyed unless such a step is imperative from a viewpoint of military necessity. Owners of property and growing crops which are destroyed will be indemnified by the Russian government.

PROMINENT MEN ARE ON INSTITUTE PROGRAM

SPECIAL LECTURERS ARE SECURED BY COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT CALAVAN.

Members of university and college faculties and other educators prominent in this state, including J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of public instruction, have been secured by County Superintendent Calavan to give special lectures at the teachers' training school which opens next Monday.

The tentative schedule of these special lectures, announced Tuesday by Superintendent Calavan, follows:

J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of public instruction, August 10; Frank H. Sheppard, member of Oregon Agriculture college faculty, August 13, subject, "New Demands in Education"; M. S. Pittman, state normal school, August 16; Dr. H. S. Sheldon, University of Oregon, August 25; and Rev. W. T. Milliken, pastor of Oregon City Baptist church, August 18. A majority of the subjects have not been selected.

BRYAN SAYS HE IS NOT 'EXPECTING' TO RUN IN 1916

EX-SECRETARY OF STATE WHO VISITS PORTLAND PARRIES CANDIDACY QUERY.

COMMONER THINKS WAR WILL BE FACTOR IN THE CAMPAIGN

Followers in Rose City Turn Out in Force to Greet Visitor and Big Crowds Accompany Him From Depot to Hotel.

PORTLAND, Ore., July 30.—William Jennings Bryan does not expect to be a candidate for president.

He said so upon his arrival in Portland tonight. "But mark that word 'expect.' It is Mr. Bryan's own. That is the word he used when one of his friends asked him:

"Mr. Bryan, it is true that you will be a candidate for president next year?" "No, I do not expect to be a candidate," was his reply.

"But does a man ever expect to be a candidate for president?" he was asked.

At this point Mr. Bryan put an abrupt end to all categorical questions touching on his own plans for the future or on the political situation in general.

He declared that he had been so frequently misrepresented that he has acquired a practice of answering all questions intended for the public prints in writing after they were submitted to him in writing.

In an informal, off-hand manner he summed up the political situation, however, by declaring that the war will be the big issue of the 1916 campaign—if the war continues.

"It is too far ahead to say what the situation will be next year," he said. "The war question is of all-absorbing interest and it will be an important factor in future political events."

The subject of war brought forth questions regarding his attitude on international relations.

"I have been much misrepresented on this question," he replied. He intimated that he is not such a determined advocate of peace that he believes in peace at any price, but in this connection declared again that whenever he expressed his views on the subject he prefers to put them in writing.

He was exceedingly bitter toward those newspapers that have opposed him and the political principles for which he stands.

"I am not vain enough," he remarked, "to believe that they are opposed to me personally, for I am but a most humble individual."

"But I happen to stand for certain political principles that are in conflict with the views and the wishes of the grasping plutocrats. For that reason the plutocratic press is opposed to me."

"I appreciate, though, that I have the honest opposition of many honest newspapers, but I can readily distinguish the difference between this and the conscienceless opposition of conscienceless newspapers."

He added that the same "interests" that opposed him 20 years ago are opposing him now.

NEW TRIAL DENIED COBURN.

REDWOOD CITY, Cal., July 29.—Superior Judge Buck this afternoon refused a new trial to Loren Coburn, aged Pescadero millionaire, in the suit brought against him by Archibald J. Treat, his former attorney, for \$75,000 damages. The jury awarded Treat \$50,000 and Coburn moved for a new trial.

LYNCHING IS EXPECTED.

TEMPLE, Texas, July 30.—Citizens bent on lynching raced to Rodgers today following the report that a negro with blood stained trousers, had been captured and was believed to be the man that battered the three children of W. C. Grimes to death with a pick here.

MANY WILL RECEIVE STATE CERTIFICATES

Lists made public by the state department of education show that a large percentage of those who took the recent state teachers' examinations in this county were successful. Following is a list of all to whom certificates have been issued, excluding the names of applicants who were successful in passing this examination but who have certificates still in force:

One year certificates—Lillie, Edith M.; Scott, Mrs. B. C.; Coleman, Philip L.; Larkin, Guy C.; Parker, Ruth D.; Schuebel, Grace K.; Yoder, Lorey; Miller, Nellie L.; Peckover, Amy M.; Duncan, Harriet.

Five-year certificates—Gibbens, Echo D.; Hanson, Olga. Life certificate, Calavan, J. E.