

JOHN PORTER CONFESSED

SWEAT BOX BROUGHT OUT STORY OF LIMON MURDER.

Police, However, Refuse to Give Up the Negro Until They Can Confirm the Story.

DENVER, Nov. 14.—After withstanding the pressure of the "sweat box" at the city jail for four days, John Porter, the 31-year-old negro, who was arrested Sunday, charged with the murder of little 11-year-old Louise Frost near Limon, Colo., tonight broke down and confessed every detail of the crime.

The little girl, who was the daughter of a ranchman living four miles from Limon, attended school in town, driving back and forth, "Wednesday last," while on her way home, she was waylaid, assaulted and murdered, her body showing no less than 14 knife wounds. Sunday, Preston Porter, colored, and his two sons, Arthur and James, were working on the railroad near Limon, were arrested here en route to their home in Lawrence, Kan., and John Porter was charged with the crime. Only circumstantial evidence was brought against him and he told a straight story, adhering to it so tenaciously as to almost convince the officers of his innocence. Tonight the confession was made.

while detained at New York. An investigation by inspectors of the Treasury department has resulted in the discovery of a man's body concealed in the barge office. The body is beyond identification, but it is believed to be that of the man who disappeared.

"That the crime of murder was committed by an employee of the National Government is not doubted by officials. They are, however, powerless to fix the crime on any one and the matter is likely to be dropped. The report of the inspectors in this case, as well as all information concerning the mystery, is withheld at Washington and all inquiries are met by refusals to divulge anything about the affair. The father of the young man had some money and it is believed that led to his murder."

"An Assistant Secretary of the Treasury will probably make a statement regarding the case, but it was absolutely untrue. He said: 'I know of no mystery at the barge office. If the body of a man had been found, it would have been known. If a body could not be concealed there, it would have been known. If a body could not be concealed there, it would have been known. If a body could not be concealed there, it would have been known.'

"On my return from Belchen I looked upon the beautiful villages of the Lewen Valley," writes a traveler in Alsace, "and, being a tourist, I tried to poke his nose into everything. I turned by chance into the church at Kirchberg. On coming out I took my watch to regulate it by the clock in the church tower. But there was no clock to be seen. I went to the village inn and there asked the time. But mine hour could not oblige me."

NEW YORK, Nov. 14.—A match was made in this city today between James J. Jeffries and Tom Sharkey. The former is six feet and the latter about five feet. The match will be fought on the 17th inst. at the Madison Square Garden. The prize offered is \$10,000.

NEW YORK, Nov. 14.—The Electric Boat Company, of Manhattan, has contracted with a new Suffolk, L. I. firm for a site for a basin for the purpose of establishing a permanent floating dock at the plant. The company controls the torpedo boat Holland. A breakwater and basin will be built, and half an acre of new land will be obtained by throwing up back of the breakwater the sand from a bay bottom.

NEW YORK, Nov. 14.—At 1 o'clock this (Thursday) morning a telegram from Limon says the negro who was at the scene of the murder had been confined. He had told where he had thrown his victim's pocketbook, and it was found there by the officers. People are waiting for the arrival of the murderer. It is now said that there is evidence that the father and brother of John Porter had a guilty knowledge of the crime. The negro will be taken to Lincoln County at the same time they may suffer the same penalty.

NEW YORK, Nov. 14.—It is said that the Grand Jury will hand up an indictment in the famous Ponzi case. Whether Mrs. Byron G. Herrick will be included in the list is not certain as yet. Assistant District Attorney Unger desires to deny the truth of the report that Wilson, one of the prisoners, wanted to make a statement. He said that any confession either man might make would be of no use to his office, which had more sufficient evidence against both men to state prison for long terms.

NEW YORK, Nov. 14.—The official vote of Sherman County, Ore., for President and Vice President, is as follows: Ford, rep. 448; Patterson, 448; Pierce, dem. 270; Stuart, dem. 37; Whitaker, dem. 37; Davis, pro. 82; Jenkins, pro. 82; Mills, pro. 82; Spaulding, pro. 82; Embree, pro. 82; Hill, pro. 1; Luce, pro. 2; Foster, soc. dem. 6; Melnd, soc. dem. 8; Porter, soc. dem. 8; Rutherford, soc. dem. 8.

NEW YORK, Nov. 14.—Word was received here today in regard to the drowning of a deckhand on the steamer Bailey Gatzert. Hainler Landis, yesterday, in pulling in the same plank he slipped and fell into the water. Deceased was a Swede, about 22 years of age. It is said that a good swimmer could have saved his life, but he was being dragged, but without success up to this time.

NEW YORK, Nov. 14.—At a meeting of the Vancouver Amateur Athletic Club held for the purpose of discussing the proposition of reorganizing the club, and have it include commercial and business features, the principal speakers were: J. E. Wilson, president, and a committee to formulate a definite plan of organization and report at a meeting to be held November 22.

NEW YORK, Nov. 14.—Arthur Haine, of this place, received a cablegram today from his brother, Vice-United States Marshal Haine, at Antwerp, Belgium, notifying him of the death of his uncle, a canon of the Catholic church in Belgium, and stating that he (Haine) would inherit a share of a fortune left by deceased.

NEW YORK, Nov. 14.—John Vatrube, a resident of Baker City, and formerly of Portland, was received at the Asylum today on a commitment from Baker County. He is 26 years old, unmarried, and a machinist by occupation.

THE K. O. F. CONVENTIONS

RIVAL FACTIONS STILL HOLDING SEPARATE SESSIONS.

Courts Will Decide the Merits of the Controversy—Other News of the Labor World.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Nov. 14.—The Parsons and Hayes factions of the Knights of Labor are still holding their separate conventions without interference with one another. The Hayes wing ignores the Parsons faction. Parsons wing is waiting for the ultimate decision to be reached in the courts, upon the merits of the controversy come up for hearing. The Hayes faction replies to the charge that it cannot be regular without the official books and papers by stating that the books and papers of the order were shipped from Washington before the court order forbidding their removal, etc., was issued, and they cannot be in contempt of court. It assumes emphatically to be holding a regular convention.

While the entire board and officers of the order are in the city.

THE VOTE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON.

Table showing election results for Washington state, including columns for County, Partial vote, and Est. plia.

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at Stanford University, has tendered his resignation. Professor Ross estimates that he has been forced out of his position on account of opinions he has expressed in public addresses. President Jordan says the retiring professor is without a peer in America as a teacher of social science.

PORTO RICO LETTER-CARRIER ASSAULTED

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14.—The first incident of the postal laws under the American regime in Porto Rico is reported in a cablegram from the Postoffice Department received from the Inspector in Charge, Leatherman, at San Juan, announcing the arrest of Antonio Quintana for assaulting a letter-carrier, Jose Major, with intent to rob. The assault occurred last Monday. The carrier will probably die, and Quintana has been held under \$10,000 bond to the grand jury.

JAG CURS LAW IS INVALID.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Nov. 14.—The State Supreme Court has decided that the so-called "jag curs law" is unconstitutional because it applies only to counties of over 50,000 people and it is limited in its benefits to a certain number in each county, one per year to each 10,000 of people.

VIOLATION FOR THE THEATERS.

DENVER, Colo., Nov. 14.—In the action brought by Evans Hunt to prevent the theatrical performances, Police Justice Thomas today decided in favor of the theaters, holding that the city ordinance on the subject is void.

OREGON LUMBER SENT TO PERU.

ASTORIA, Ore., Nov. 14.—The Peruvian bark Francisco Toro cleared at the Custom-House today with a cargo of 32,000 feet of lumber, valued at \$737,811. She was loaded at the Knappa mill, and goes to Callao, Peru.

DAILY TREASURY STATEMENT.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14.—Today's statement of the Treasury balances shows: Available cash balances \$76,455,954; Gold \$4,300,000.

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