

CUTS WIFE'S BODY TO BITS; BURNS IT

Nóme Miner Is Arrested at Seattle Charged With Murder.

ADMITS CREMATING CORPSE

Prisoner Asserts Woman Committed Suicide and Left Note Asking That Her Remains Be Buried Secretly.

SEATTLE, Aug. 31.—Charged with the murder of his young wife whose body he buried in the basement of his cabin at Nóme dissembling it in the Spring, when he cut it in three parts, crated, and later cremated it, Lee H. Johnston, a well-to-do mining man of Nóme, was arrested in Seattle this morning on a warrant.

Johnston admits having dismembered the body and that he had buried it but steadfastly persists that his wife committed suicide and in a note requested a secret burial and gave him all her property.

Wife Mysteriously Disappears.

October 6 of the same year she mysteriously disappeared from Nóme. Johnston said she had left for Seattle, relatives in Butte and that she had a sister living at Port Blakely, received letters regularly from Nóme, purporting to be dictated by Mrs. Johnston, to a cousin.

Johnston came out from Nóme on three different occasions and each time told relatives in Butte that his wife was well and happy in Nóme, and that having the power of attorney, he had come to Butte to dispose of the property and get the money.

The suspicions of the relatives were aroused a year ago, and last June Joseph Warren, special agent for the Department of Justice for the district of Nóme, was detailed on duty, and with George E. Grigsby, District Attorney of Nóme, Warren came to Seattle and had all mail from Johnston to his wife's relatives intercepted.

Another Woman in Case.

Later Warren learned that Johnston was in Seattle living at 1302 Fourth avenue with a woman named Cora Teasch, who today admitted that she had married Johnston in Omaha in 1902. The Teasch woman, it is admitted, a few months ago went before a notary and swore that she was Belle Gilchrist, the wife of Johnston, and signed a revocation of a power of attorney issued by Johnston's wife to him shortly after their marriage, in order that a new power of attorney might be given him investing him with absolute power of all her property.

E. G. Smith, a broker of Butte, who had been investing money for Mrs. Johnston, while the latter was in Nóme, was apprised of the latest move of Johnston by Warren, and told to hold off.

The morning after Johnston had been issued for Johnston's arrest and requisition papers had been served on the Governor of Washington, detectives, who had been working on the case with Warren, went to the Johnston house on Fourth avenue, and when Johnston came out, arrested him.

Johnston Makes Statement.

In a statement Johnston said: "It was just about dusk on a cold evening in October, 1905, I was going down to an old well near our cabin for some water. My wife was standing in the doorway and smiled at me telling me to hurry back, as supper was waiting for some water. I would, and arrived on my return trip in about five minutes.

"What met my gaze when I returned was my wife's prostrate form stretched across the doorway, her bosom heaving and a great look of pain on her face. By her side was a half glass of cyanide of potassium. She died about five minutes after my arrival. Near her side was a note. I lost the note but I guess I could write it from memory if I had some paper."

Johnston then wrote the following: "Darling Lee—I realize that I am no companion for you any never can be. Nothing but death will relieve my suffering. I want you to have all my real and personal property, and no one else. The power of attorney will be all you need. Dispose of my remains secretly and let no one know that I have sought self-destruction. Forgive me and God bless you."

WOMEN RENEW STRUGGLE

California Suffragettes Will Now Appeal to Democratic Party.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 31.—A score of delegates from the Equal Suffrage League, who recently declined a vote of thanks tendered them by the Republican state delegates for their presence in the Republican convention in Oakland, met today for the purpose of considering a renewal of the campaign to be undertaken when the Democratic state campaign committee meets at Stockton next Thursday.

Mrs. E. S. Schlitzer has preceded the other delegates to Stockton and will arrange for the presentation of the demands to be made upon the delegates.

WILL TRY DIRECT PRIMARY

Nebraska to Hold First Election Under New System.

LINCOLN, Neb., Aug. 31.—Political prospects in Nebraska are brightening as a result of the nomination of Bryan for Governor, and the fact that the Democratic party has been elected to the Legislature.

Three Democrats, Ashton C. Shallen-

berger, of Alma; George W. Berge, of Lincoln, and Mayor James C. Dahman, of Omaha, are striving for the nomination of that party for Governor, and each has conducted an active canvass. Mr. Bryan will be unable to vote at the primary on account of his absence in the Northwest.

CLOSE WYOMING MINES

Coal Operators Fail to Reach Agreement With Employees.

BUTTE, Mont., Aug. 31.—In consequence of the failure of the coal mine operators and mine workers to reach an agreement at a conference which was held in this city last Friday and Saturday, all the coal mines in the State of Wyoming under the control of the Mine Operators' Association of Wyoming, were closed down tonight, and will remain closed for an indefinite period.

TEN THOUSAND MEN ARE IDLE

Strike Closes Every Wyoming Mine Controlled by Union.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Aug. 31.—A strike of all union coal miners of Wyoming began this evening at 6 o'clock, when the night shifts in every camp of the state in which the United Mine Workers of America is organized refused to go to work. Ten thousand miners are involved in the strike, which is a result of the action of the Mineowners' Association in reducing wages 19 to 15 cents per day.

CHILD ACCUSED OF THEFT

Father of Donald Miner Wants Him Sent to Reform School.

DONALD MINER, the 13-year-old son of C. V. Miner, of 326 Jefferson street, was arrested last night by Patrolman Small, charged with the theft of a bicycle from G. L. Larsen, who has rooms at the same address. The bicycle was taken four days ago. It was found in the boy's possession last night when he was arrested. He was taken to his father by the policeman, but his parent made a request that his son be sent to the Reform School, if possible, as his mother being dead, it was impossible for the living parent to properly look after him. Donald has been before the Juvenile Court several times and will be prosecuted before it today on the larceny charge.

MONEY OR LIFE DEMANDED

Three Astoria Men Threatened With Death Unless They Pay \$600.

ASTORIA, Or., Aug. 31.—(Special.)—During the past few days the proprietors of three fishermen's boarding-houses in the west end of the city have received anonymous letters, notifying each that unless he places \$600 in gold in a certain place, which is designated, he will be persecuted and killed within two months. The letters are in the Finnish language and were evidently written by the same person. While no arrests have been made, suspected parties are under surveillance.

GREAT OIL FIRE QUENCHED

Mexican Liquid Volcano Had Wasted \$3,000,000 in Two Months.

CITY OF MEXICO, Aug. 31.—Word reached the firm of S. Pearson & Sons that the great oil well fire, which has raged at Dos Bocas, near Tampico, in the Mexican Basin—has been extinguished. The oil has again worked its way to the surface and the well is flowing at the rate of 300 barrels a day.

An Excursion to Klamath Falls.

The Southern Pacific will run a popular excursion to Klamath Falls, leaving Portland at 10 A. M. Sunday, September 6. Round trip \$25, limit 29 days. This is a rare opportunity to investigate the fertile, the promising Klamath Basin—fish and hunt to your heart's content along Upper Klamath Lake, or visit marvelous Crater Lake. A special Pullman car will run through to Wood for the purpose of driving party.

Arrest Sunday Ballplayers.

DETROIT, Aug. 31.—Warrants were issued today in the police court against Manager Hugh Jennings, of the Detroit American League baseball club, and the ten members of the team who participated in yesterday's game at Bennett Park with Cleveland, charging them with playing baseball on Sunday contrary to the law. The warrants were served this afternoon at the ball park, when the club gathered for this afternoon's game. The case is in for a test of the law.

Issues Call for Warrants.

ASTORIA, Or., Aug. 31.—(Special.)—City Treasurer Dealey issued a call today for all warrants drawn and indorsed prior to September 1, 1907. The warrants included in this call and those which have recently been called but have not been presented for payment amount to about \$28,000.

S. A. Bowers, of Forest Grove, Dead.

FOREST GROVE, Or., Aug. 31.—Silas A. Bowers, aged 81, died here Saturday. He was born in New York and came to Washington County 20 years ago. He was married Hermina Demerest in 1850 and she died many years ago. Two children, Mrs. Belle Halpern, of Forest Grove, and Mrs. Ida Burtis, of New York, survive.

Carpenter Breaks Leg.

JAMES GANNON, a carpenter, who lives at 83 North Fifth street, while at work yesterday on the new Y. W. C. A. building, corner of Seventh and Salmon streets, fell from a scaffold and broke his leg below the ankle. He was conveyed to the Good Samaritan Hospital.

Noland Takes Oath of Office.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Aug. 31.—(Special.)—George Noland took the oath of office as Circuit Judge at 10 o'clock this forenoon before Judge H. L. Benson, whose resignation was made effective September 1.

New Catholic Church for Silverton.

SILVERTON, Or., Aug. 31.—(Special.)—The Catholic Church of this city will build a new church edifice here to cost \$25,000. Plans are now being drawn for the building.

Says Season Was Poor One.

ASTORIA, Or., Aug. 31.—(Special.)—The high boat on the river during the past fishing season was that of Fred Williams, which for a number of years has been within the first four or five. His catch was over 14 tons, an amount

HEAR GREETING GIVEN AMERICANS

Melbourne Turns Out Hundreds of Thousands to Welcome Fleet.

BANQUET GIVEN OFFICERS

Fraternal Bonds Between America and Australia Cemented—Whole City Illuminated and Torchlight Parade Is Given.

MELBOURNE, Aug. 31.—The streets of Melbourne tonight were filled with cheering, good-humored crowds numbering hundreds of thousands, all out to do honor to the visiting Americans, who arrived here on Saturday aboard the 16 great battleships, and the scenes challenged comparison with those of an election night in New York, though happily the car-tickers and blasts from the tin trumpets were dispensed with.

The crush in the principal thoroughfares was so great that many women fainted and several persons were injured. The entire day was set apart to jollification and the day will ever live in the memory of the inhabitants of Victoria.

Banquet by Government.

The Federal Government tonight tendered a banquet to the Admirals and the senior officers of the visiting warships at the Parliament-house, at which Lord Northcote, Governor-General of the Commonwealth, and Prime Minister Deakin made brilliant speeches, throughout which prominence was given to the feeling that existed between the Commonwealth and the United States.

Rear-Admiral Sperry, commander-in-chief of the American fleet, replying in behalf of the American Navy, declared that a rupture between the English-speaking nations would not only be a loss but a crime. Tonight Admiral Sperry was presented with an address by the Commonwealth Parliament.

The city tonight is a spectacle of magnificence and splendor. All the public buildings are ablaze with electric lights, notable in this respect being the Commonwealth state building and Prince's bridge of the Central Railway, where a striking illumination of the bow-bells of the bridge was displayed. The illuminations on shore were held in conjunction with an electric and searchlight display on board the warships in the harbor.

Firemen's Torchlight Parade.

Earlier in the evening a picturesque torchlight procession was held, in which the Metropolitan and country fire brigades, numbering about 200 men, took part. The parade started at headquarters of the Metropolitan fire brigade and was disbanded over Prince's bridge, where a salute was fired. The parade was causing a precipitate departure home-ward. The dense crowd converging toward the railway station, the women and children in their respective positions and many were extricated with difficulty after being considerably bruised. Two persons were seriously and several others slightly injured.

GROWERS DECIDE ON WAGES

Forty Cents Box Will Be Paid in Hubbard Yards.

HUBBARD, Or., Aug. 31.—(Special.)—Hop-picking will be in full swing by the end of this week. Picking will begin in the Greiger yard, between here and Aurora, Wednesday. Several other yards will begin Thursday and Friday. Forty cents a box is the price agreed upon by the growers, and pickers seem to be plentiful at that figure.

MELBOURNE GIVES WELCOME

Immense Crowds Cheer Admirals and Officers on Entering City.

MELBOURNE, Aug. 31.—Admiral Sperry, commander-in-chief of the American battleship fleet, today with the officers and men of the fleet, today made his formal entry into Melbourne, and their colleagues, the Victorian Premier, and their Lord Mayor, who Premier Brent and the Admirals' official placed at the Admirals' disposal in the treasury buildings where the Royal Australian Artillery acted as a guard of honor.

When Admiral Sperry and his officers landed at St. Kilda's pier, this morning amid salutes from a battery of the Royal Australian Artillery, they were formally received by Sir Alfred Deakin, the Commonwealth Prime Minister; Sir Thomas Beck, the Victorian Premier, and their colleagues, and the Lord Mayor, who presented an address on behalf of the municipality.

Wave of Enthusiasm Follows.

At the conclusion of this ceremony the American visitors, escorted by a squadron of light horse, drove to the city proper, the suburban Mayors presenting addresses of welcome at their respective residences before the city was reached.

Sir Thomas Gibson-Carmichael, the Governor, and Sir John Maddock, the Lieutenant-Governor, joined the procession at Prince's Bridge, which was reached shortly after noon. Here the Lord Mayor and the Councillors welcomed the Americans and the Governor entered Admiral Sperry's carriage.

The route through which the procession threaded its way was lined by a dense mass of cheering humanity, and the popular wave of enthusiasm was continually demonstrated until the exhibition building was reached. There a public reception was given by Lord Northcote, the Governor-General of Australia, in honor of the American officers, to which numerous guests had been invited to meet the visitors. Half an hour later the Federal Governor entertained the officers and men at luncheon at the exhibition building and Admiral Sperry and the other Admirals and senior officers of the fleet took luncheon at the Parliament house.

Besides the welcome extended to him by the local Mayors, Admiral Sperry received many addresses, including those from both houses of the Victorian Parliament.

Bridge Breaks Under Crowd.

The enormous crowd that turned out to witness the entry of the American sailors this morning proved too much for the Princess bridge, which spans the Yara River and forms the main approach to the city proper. The bridge barriers were overborne and as a result several people were slightly injured.

In his speech of welcome the Prime Minister, Alfred Deakin, said: "We can offer you nothing better in the way of friendship than a hearty Australian welcome."

In his reply Admiral Sperry said that the reception given the fleet in New Zealand seemed unsurpassable. In Sydney it was even better, but the climax had been reached in Melbourne.

TABLE ROCK Mineral Water.

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that he has exceeded several times and therefore concludes that it was a poor season. His success is not entirely due to the fact that he knows how to fish, but also that he is at it all the time, from the opening to the close of the season.

HOPPICKERS BEGIN WORK

OPERATIONS IN FULL SWING IN JOSEPHINE COUNTY.

Growers in Vicinity of Hubbard Decide to Pay 40 Cents Box This Season.

GRANTS PASS, Or., Aug. 31.—(Special.)—Picking began in a majority of the hopyards in this county today, and while the acreage is not as large this year, the yield is good and the quality excellent. The scarcity of labor about this season of year is felt mainly by hop-growers, for the reason that they must have pickers at once. Some of the larger yards will pay pickers \$1 a hundred.

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September's Sunset

Fighting Bob's Latest Victory

Imperial—The Desert Surprised by the Wizard Water

By CHARLES S. AIKEN

Turkeys, Grouse and Pheasants

Game Birds of the Pacific

By H. T. PAYNE, President of the California Game and Fish Protective Association

Lin McLean

A Cow-Puncher Tale by OWEN WISTER

The Unbidden Guest The Entangled Church

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