

WOMAN FAGED BY R. R. CLAIM AGENTS

Railroads Send Witnesses From Many States to Sustain Fraud Charge.

DOCTORS WERE DECEIVED

Recovery Rapid After Claims Are Settled—Arkansas Hotelkeeper Tells of Quarrel Over Division of Proceeds.

VANCOUVER, Wash., April 27.—(Special.)—On the third day of the trial of Mrs. Maud Johnson, alleged to have defrauded the Northern Pacific Railroad Company of \$1250 by feigning injury, many claim agents from various parts of the United States testified to having paid various claims and several doctors who had made examinations at times she alleged she was injured and were convinced then that she was, today on the witness stand testified that they could look back now and see where they had been deceived.

That the various railroad companies which have paid claims to Mrs. Johnson have expended at least \$100,000 in making investigations is asserted by several of the claim agents here. One asserts that he can account for from \$75,000 to \$100,000.

As to manner of causing blood to appear, the claim agents testified that when possible she pricked her gums and the roof of her mouth, and when this was not advisable she would use some dye. Some of the doctors who were in her room at Yacolt, after she had left it, it was said.

Recovery Follows Settlement. In nearly every one of the cases brought up, Mrs. Johnson appeared to be helpless and once or twice was speechless, when the doctors and claim agents were present, but as soon as the claim had been settled she would be seen by those who had been set to watch her, apparently strong and well. In the opening of the case today, John Hawn, keeper of a hotel at Rogers, Ark., at which Mrs. Johnson stayed when she was collecting her claim from a railroad here, testified that she occupied a room next to Mrs. Johnson's and that she had been speaking for days. Fifteen minutes after the claim agent had paid her and left the room, Mrs. Johnson testified, she heard Mrs. Johnson and the man who claimed to be her husband fighting over the division of the \$1250 which she received. When asked if they were fighting and Hawn replied with a full Southern accent: "Believe me, they were fighting like the deuce."

In many of her alleged injuries, Mrs. Johnson goes into valietic fits. She was in one of these in the Arkansas hotel when Mrs. Johnson was called into the dining-room. Not knowing what to do, he grabbed a large bowl of ice and water and dashed the contents into her face. She came out of it quickly.

Los Angeles Agent Wiso. O. D. Harris, claim agent for the Pacific Electric Company of Los Angeles testified that Mrs. Johnson had told him, when she asserted that she was injured there, that she was an author, and was writing for the Ladies Home Journal under the name of Alice Peterson, and was writing a series of stories for girls. She said she had not completed her July installment, that she would lose \$250 on account of the injury, and further would be compelled to forfeit a bond for \$250. She had sued for \$25,000, but Mr. Harris suspected something was wrong and paid her nothing.

At Sterling, Neb., Mrs. "Thomas" collected \$400 from T. D. Thomas, claim agent for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy. Mr. Thomas testified that she assumed his name and told him that she believed she was a relative of his. Dr. William Crook, of Greenwood Springs, Colo., testified that she alleged she had fallen through a berth and injured her breast and arm, and that, as a result, he settled with her for \$250, although he did not think she was injured in the least.

In nearly every instance where the defendant operates, she is said to assert that she is a wealthy woman and generally creates that impression. George J. McPhillip, who testified that Mrs. Johnson said she had been injured on a train near La Junta, Colo., and that she was a past worthy matron of the Eastern Star. He learned later that she was not a member of the order, but not until he had settled with her for \$250. She was seen leaving the hotel 30 minutes after the settlement, apparently well.

Other Claims Paid. Fred Day, claim agent for the Southern Pacific, testified to paying Mrs. Johnson \$200 for injuries alleged to have been received at Gold Hill, Or., January 1, 1908. Claim Agent Carson, of the Seattle Electric Railway, told on the witness stand that he was paying Mrs. M. Johnson \$600 for injuries she alleged she received when getting off of a streetcar in Seattle.

Attorney Harvey, for the defense, asked Carson if he was not bitter against the woman and he said he was and would tell why if permitted. Permission was given and Carson said: "Because such persons as she is I believe to be a detriment to the community at large and make us more suspicious of all other people."

E. H. Worthen, assistant claim agent of the same company, said he saw her walking up Second avenue a few minutes after the settlement, apparently well.

Anna Jensen, nurse, of Seattle, told of Mrs. Johnson's telling her what had happened in her room, when she was supposed to be in a fit.

G. G. Beckley, claim agent for the St. Louis & San Francisco Railroad, of Springfield, Mo., testified how Mrs. "Blith Strong" had attempted to collect damages from his company for injuries alleged to have been received.

At 3 o'clock the attorney said that he had several witnesses who were due to arrive tonight and asked that court be adjourned until tomorrow morning, the request was granted.

Traveling with Mrs. Johnson have been Frank Johnson, who she says is her husband, and Luther Johnson, said to be her brother-in-law.

Soldier Held as Forger. VANCOUVER BARRACKS, Wash., April 27.—(Special.)—Henry Stone, Company M First Infantry, was arrested in Portland last evening, charged with being a deserter, and also with being implicated in forging Captain Game's name to a check for \$25. Stone has been turned over to the military authorities and is in the guardhouse awaiting trial.

MAUD JOHNSON, HER HUSBAND AND BROTHER-IN-LAW, WHO ARE INVOLVED IN CASE NOW ON TRIAL.



MAUD JOHNSON.



FRANK JOHNSON, HER HUSBAND.



LUTHER JOHNSON, HER BROTHER IN LAW.

HILL CONTROL DENIED

GILMORE & PITTSBURG IS VENTURE OF PRIVATE PARTIES.

Mr. Weyerhaeuser Declares St. Paul Man Is Not Financing Deal—Support Withdrawn.

BOISE, Idaho, April 27.—(Special.)—In a letter written by Frederick Weyerhaeuser, prime mover in the great Weyerhaeuser syndicate the millions of which are said to back James J. Hill, to the local representative of the Weyerhaeuser interests in Idaho, whose headquarters are in Boise, an emphatic denial is made of the report that the Hill interests are behind the Gilmore & Pittsburg, that mysterious railroad building into Eastern Idaho from Armetstead, Mont., to Salmon City, Lemhi County.

It is asserted, on the contrary, that a deal has been made with Hill by which his system will have a northern connection with the Boise-Butte Railroad into Central and Southern Idaho to Boise as well as traffic arrangements over the Boise & Western to the interior of Oregon and the Pacific Coast.

It is said also that the building of the Gilmore & Pittsburg is a move by Eastern capitalists who are playing a shrewd game to force competing interests, Harriman and Hill, to buy them out. This may be the result, for William A. Clark, of Montana, already has made approaches to use his millions to do this very thing, acting co-operatively with the Hill people, the idea being to control eventually both the Gilmore & Pittsburg and Boise-Butte roads.

It is said also that one of the largest banking houses in Pittsburg, which up to a short time ago was meeting the bills of the Gilmore & Pittsburg, acting, in fact, as its clearing-house, has quietly announced that it no longer will stand responsible for the road's indebtedness, and that the money which it has been paying out to meet the bills contracted by the contractors bidding for the boring of a tunnel for the Gilmore & Pittsburg dropped out of the running and refused to take the risk of handling the contract without first receiving a guarantee of his pay.

The Boise-Butte, articles for which were filed in this city last Fall, has closed a deal for its terminal in Butte, \$300,000 having been subscribed in the Montana city for this purpose, and arrangements have been completed for the building of the first 50 miles of this road in Idaho.

The claim is now made that when Hill makes his official announcement as to the link to be used by his new Central and Eastern Oregon and Western and Central Idaho lines, he will name the Boise-Butte.

KLAMATH FALLS ON LINE

Through Portland to San Francisco Tourists to See Crater Lake.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., April 27.—(Special.)—Klamath Falls is to be on a main passenger line from San Francisco to Portland during the coming Summer.

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RAY WILCOX REWARD \$250

Escaped Convict Wanted as Witness in Peppoon Murder Case.

OLYMPIA, Wash., April 27.—(Special.)—Governor Hay today offered a reward of \$250 for the capture of Ray Wilcox.

Wilcox had been paroled from Walla Walla Penitentiary and had been working there about the time of the mysterious death of Mrs. Papoon, and had been an intimate of Papoon, who is suspected of having poisoned his wife.

Wilcox disappeared shortly after the woman's death and the fact that the dead woman was known to have taken a tablet just before her death that Wilcox had prepared for the reward, the unusual offer of a reward for the capture.

CANAL SURVEY IS BEGUN

Plan for Waterway North From Columbia to Take Shape.

ASTORIA, Or., April 27.—(Special.)—A party of engineers arrived at Chinook this morning to begin surveys for the proposed ship canal from the Columbia River to a connection with Willapa and Grays Harbor. The project is backed by Aberdeen capitalists, and construction work is expected to commence this Summer.

It is declared there are no very serious engineering difficulties to combat, and the cost of construction is not expected to be heavy.

HOOD RIVER BONDS ARE SOLD

HOOD RIVER, Or., April 27.—(Special.)—A few hours made a great difference to the bidders to construct Hood River's municipal water system, bids for which were rejected yesterday for want of funds, as the city Council was yesterday notified that the bonds had been accepted.

The message, which came by wire, was received but a few hours after the bidders had left town.

Are you frequently hoarse? Do you have that annoying tickling in your throat? Do you cough annoy you at night and do you raise mucus in the morning? Do you want relief? If so, take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and you will be pleased. Sold by all dealers.

JAP PRINCE HERE

Heir to Shogun Throne Is On Way to London.

BRINGS PEACE MESSAGE

Most Important Personage in Japanese Empire Aside From Emperor or Belittles Cry of "Japanese-American War."

SEATTLE, Wash., April 27.—Prince Yesato Tokugawa, heir to the Shogun throne, and who, but for the revolution in Japan that crowned the Mikado, would be the ruler of that country, arrived from Yokohama on the Awa Maru tonight, accompanied by a number of attendants.

The Prince, who is 42 years old and the most important man in the Japanese empire, aside from the Emperor, is on the way to the Anglo-Japanese exposition in London, and on his journey will do some sightseeing in the United States.

The Prince and his suite were met at the steamer by prominent Japanese, city officials and business men, and conveyed in automobiles to the Hotel Washington.

Japanese to Do Honor.

Tomorrow morning the Prince will be shown about the city, and, on his return, will visit the Japanese school, where he will be greeted by the children. In the afternoon the Prince will receive the Japanese citizens in their new assembly hall.

In the evening an equal number of Japanese and American citizens will eat dinner with the Prince at the Rainier Club. The visitors will arrive in a special car of the Great Northern's Oriental Limited train Friday morning, going direct to Chicago.

The Prince will spend one night in Chicago and then go to Pittsburg to inspect the Carnegie steel mills. Thence he will proceed to Washington for an official reception by the Japanese ambassador on May 7 and other entertainments which will occupy a week. The Prince will sail from New York for Europe on May 15 on the Mauretania.

In an interview today Prince Tokugawa said the only message he had for America was one of friendship.

Prince Brings Peace Message.

"From time to time," he said, "the newly-coined phrase, 'the Japanese-American war,' appears in the foreign newspapers of Japan, but I personally cannot imagine such a thing taking place. America has assisted materially in Japan's progress and civilization, and is her benefactor, with whom the best terms of cordiality and friendship exist.

"I sincerely hope, therefore, that the friendly relations which so happily exist between our two countries, may remain unchanged for many years, and I am convinced this will be the case. The object of my present journey is for pleasure, to visit the Anglo-Japanese exposition and to look at places of interest on the way. I have no other object in crossing America beyond desiring to see for myself the immense development which has taken place here, and also to refresh my recollections of the time I passed in the United States in 1882."

Prince Educated in England.

"I returned to Japan after being educated in England. My present journey has no official or political significance, and I am taking it in quite private character and only for personal enjoyment."

The development of Manchuria and Korea is proceeding, the prince said, but he declined to discuss the situation there, nor would he speak in regard to the recent changes in land ownership or in fact touch on any political or other matter of interest aside from his journey.

Just what the fare will be for this trip has not yet been made public, but it is assured that with these transportation facilities thousands of people will take advantage of the opportunity to get a glimpse of Crater Lake and the scenic country surrounding.

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When Mr. Tate delivered the horse to its new owner, "Skip" went with him. Evidently the dog was prepared to stay, for when he was driven off, in fact, he took up his position near the stable door and defied any one to dislodge him. Not allowed to

WOMAN'S GENTLE NATURE CALLS FOR GENTLE TREATMENT

Delicately formed and gently reared, women will find, in all the seasons of their lives, as maidens, wives or mothers, that the one simple, wholesome remedy which acts gently and pleasantly and naturally, and which may be used with truly beneficial effects, under any conditions, when the system needs a laxative, is—Syrup of Figs and Elixir of Senna. It is well known to be a simple combination of the laxative and carminative principles of plants with pleasant aromatic liquids, which are agreeable and refreshing to the taste and acceptable to the system when its gentle cleansing is desired.

Only those who buy the genuine Syrup of Figs and Elixir of Senna can hope to get its beneficial effects, and as a guarantee of the excellence of the remedy, the full name of the company—California Fig Syrup Co.—is printed on the front of every package, and without it any preparation offered as Syrup of Figs and Elixir of Senna is fraudulent and should be declined. To those who know the quality of this excellent laxative, the offer of any substitute, when Syrup of Figs and Elixir of Senna is called for, is always resented by a transfer of patronage to some first-class drug establishment, where they do not recommend, nor sell false brands, nor imitation remedies. The genuine article may be bought of all reliable druggists everywhere; one size only. Regular price 50 cents per bottle. Get a bottle today to have in the house when needed.

Advertisement for Chickering pianos, featuring the text 'The First Chickering', 'America's Oldest The World's Best', and 'The Last Chickering'. It includes an illustration of a Chickering piano and mentions 'The House of Highest Quality' and 'Biggest, Busiest and Best'.

Advertisement for Gilliam Land in Demand, mentioning 'Big Deals Closed During Week Evidence of Unusual Activity' and 'Lumber Contract Secured'.

Large advertisement for Pacific Coast Battery Co., featuring the text 'Electric Light and Power Direct From Primary Cells', 'THE ESSENTIAL POINTS ARE:', 'POWER', and 'C. H. Revercomb, Financial Agent'. It includes an illustration of a battery and a woman.