

## DR. ROBINSON HELD ON PLAIN OF WIFE

Physician Taken East to Face Desertion Charge, Echo of Ten Years Ago.

### ANOTHER WOMAN INVOLVED

Practice and Home of Six Years Is Left Two Hours After Arrest Made—Brother-in-Law Here on Visit Leads to Capture.

Dr. John R. Robinson, 5611 Foster road, was arrested yesterday morning on a charge of deserting his wife and two children in Williamsport, Pa., 10 years ago. He left Portland at 2 P. M. yesterday in custody of Frederick W. Tepel, county detective of Lycoming County, Pennsylvania, to face the charge.

For six years Dr. Robinson has practiced medicine in Portland and has maintained a home here. The woman, who is said to have been introduced as his wife, is declared by Detective Tepel to be Mrs. Alice Ostrander, who disappeared from Williamsport in 1905 coincidentally with Dr. Robinson.

According to the story told by the detective, Dr. Robinson was born and reared in Williamsport. He married a Miss Chapple, and after his marriage decided to study medicine. They moved to Baltimore, and, according to Mr. Tepel, eked out an existence there for several years while he pursued his studies. After receiving his degree, Dr. and Mrs. Robinson returned to Williamsport, where he opened an office. That was in 1901.

### Brother-in-Law Investigates.

In 1905 Dr. Robinson's home, which was heavily insured, burned. Not long afterward, according to Detective Tepel, he dropped out of sight. At the same time Mrs. Alice Ostrander disappeared.

Two months ago Dr. John Chapple, brother of Mrs. Robinson, came West to see the fair. He visited Portland, and while here stopped at the residence of some friends in the Mount Scott district. There he learned that Dr. Robinson was practicing medicine in the vicinity. Curiosity prompted him to make some investigations. He saw the doctor and recognized him as his brother-in-law.

Dr. Chapple returned to his home without an intimation of the knowledge that had been gained. Wednesday morning Frederick W. Tepel arrived in Portland armed with a warrant from the Governor of Pennsylvania for the arrest of Dr. Robinson on a charge of wife desertion.

Just before noon yesterday Deputy Sheriff Phillips and Ward arrested Dr. Robinson at his home, 5611 Foster road. He was taken to the County Jail temporarily and Detective Tepel was summoned.

"I will say nothing, absolutely nothing," he said at the jail when asked as to the truth of the charges against him. "Yes, I was born and reared in Williamsport," he said later in response to a question. "I lived there until 10 years ago."

On further questioning Dr. Robinson said he had two daughters, one of whom is now married. The other is about 11 years old. He lives in Pennsylvania.

Ceremony Not Performed, He Says. "Have you been married since you left Pennsylvania?" he was asked.

"I am not married, no," he said. "I will say just this," said Dr. Robinson thoughtfully. "I have practiced medicine here for six years. Before that I was in Riddle, Or., for nearly four years."

"Why didn't they come and get me before? They knew where I was. My folks live in Williamsport. I write to them frequently. They knew I was here. I have papers mailed to me from Williamsport all the time."

Detective Tepel came a few minutes later. He shook hands with Dr. Robinson.

"I believe I remember your face," said the detective. "I've seen you in Williamsport, I'm quite sure."

"I don't remember you," said the doctor, looking at the officer intently.

"Your wife thinks you should contribute something toward her support," the officer said. "She has a Governor's warrant here for you."

"Why didn't they say something before?" "Didn't know where you were, I guess."

"Certainly they knew where I was. All my people know where I am. Do I have to go back?"

"Yes," said the officer. "The train leaves at 2:10."

Emotion at Parting Suppressed. With less than an hour in which to prepare for his departure, Dr. Robinson called his home by telephone and asked the woman to see him at the Sheriff's office before he was taken away.

When she arrived they greeted one another with apparently suppressed emotion. They talked together in an undertone for some minutes before the automobile arrived which was to take Dr. Robinson to the railroad station.

A little more than two hours after he first learned of the charges against him, Dr. Robinson was on a train headed for Pennsylvania.

Smut Fire Destroys Separator. WENATCHEE, Wash., Aug. 5.—(Special.)—Fire, caused by smut, completely destroyed the new separator of C. E. Reeder while threshing on the Dick Sharp ranch on Columbia Flat Tuesday afternoon. It was not insured.

Reeder bought the separator this summer and has threshed less than 500 sacks of wheat. Tuesday suddenly, without warning, the smut collected in it, exploded and set fire to it. The fire spread so rapidly that no effective attempt could be made to control it. Reeder immediately placed an order for a new machine.

Idaho Ready to Furnish Soldiers. LEWISTON, Idaho, Aug. 5.—(Special.)—The State of Idaho stands ready to furnish her full quota of any force needed for National defense. This is the reply given by Adjutant-General Crow, of the Idaho National Guard, to Edward Marshall, of New York, in response to his query as to the preparedness of the state militia of Idaho if called upon for National defense.

## PORTLAND PHYSICIAN IS ARRESTED ON OLD CHARGE OF WIFE DESERTION.



Dr. John R. Robinson and His Supposed Wife, Mrs. Alice Ostrander, as Officers Were Taking Him to the Train to Face Old Charge in Pennsylvania.

## ADVICE IS SOUGHT

Wilson to Consult Military Committees of Congress.

### DEFENSE TO BE OUTLINED

Plan is to Consider Programme of National Preparedness Carefully, Then Throw Weight of Administration Behind It.

CORNISH, N. H., Aug. 5.—With the object of developing a broad and convincing programme of National defense which will meet with the approval of Congress, President Wilson is planning to co-operate with the chairmen of the military and naval affairs committees of the Senate and House, as well as with Secretaries Garrison and Daniels of the War and Navy Departments, before finally deciding on the recommendation he will make in his message to Congress.

The President told friends tonight that while he had made no definite plans for consulting with the chairmen of the committees interested in the question of National defense, he would arrange to see them before Congress convenes in order to unite on a single programme of action.

Committee Chairmen Invited. When the President sees the chairmen of the four committees, he expects to have before him the reports of the United States to decide on a definite programme of National defense and desires strongly that as little friction as possible shall develop over a series of conferences in order to explain personally their recommendations.

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## STABILITY TEST MADE

SANDRAGS FIRED ON STEAMER FAIL TO CAPSIZE HER.

### Weights Equal to That of 4700 Passengers Employed and Vessel Is Listed Only 12 Degrees.

CHICAGO, Aug. 5.—Stability tests for big lake passenger steamers ordered by the city as a result of the Eastland disaster began today, when the steel whalerback excursion steamer Christopher Columbus, which has made daily trips between Chicago and Milwaukee during the summer season for 20 years, was subjected to an unusual inclining test in an effort to tip it over.

The test was arranged by the owners of the vessel, and was held under the direction of United States Naval Constructor Ackerman.

Seven thousand five hundred bags of sand, weighing 100 pounds each, were loaded on the upper decks of the steamer early in the day. The vessel steamed to a point in the inner harbor basin opposite Grant Park shortly after noon, and several hours later the work of transferring the thousands of bags of sand to one side of the boat was begun.

Those in charge of the test estimated that the sandbags, weighing 750,000 pounds, equaled the weight of 4700 passengers, which is nearly 1000 more than the carrying capacity authorized by previous Government inspections.

The test was a success, according to the experts aboard. The great weight of sand tilted the boat only 12 degrees.

## PALOUSE YIELD HEAVY

### WHEAT AVERAGE REPORTED AT 35 TO 40 BUSHELS AN ACRE.

Inspection Trip Made in District Shows a Large Increase Over Early Estimates.

SPOKANE, Wash., Aug. 5.—(Special.)—Early reports of bumper crops in the Palouse country, owned by William Huntley, vice-president of the Exchange National Bank, indicate an average yield of from 35 to 45 bushels an acre.

The Palouse district few yields will be less than 30 bushels, and the average will be close to 40 bushels.

The report made by Mr. Huntley after an extensive trip in the district. Yields of 50 bushels are declared not unusual.

"On the lands that I inspected personally, the crops will amount to from 30,000 to 70,000 bushels, a large increase over early estimates," Mr. Huntley says.

"Growth everywhere in the Palouse are reporting 40 and 45 bushels. At Reardan I found similarly high returns. It is doubtful that the dry sections of the Big Bend will run much less than 30 bushels."

A report from Waverly, received at the office of the Northern Grain & Warehouse Company, was that threshing returns were 35 to 40 bushels. The Dilling-Bishop ranch, near Elberta station, reported an average yield of 50 bushels from 200 acres threshed.

At Lakeside, threshing returns are from 40 to 45 bushels.

## GERMANS GAIN IN VOSGES

### French Trenches on Crest of Hill Taken by Violent Assault.

LONDON, Aug. 5.—Gains by the Germans as the result of violent attacks in the Vosges Mountains are admitted in the French official report today. This report says that the Germans last night made a determined and sanguinary assault at Lingkopf, and added:

"With the exception of some trenches on the crest, we retained all our ground."

Tonight's French report says the Vosges campaign:

"Sanguinary engagements have been fought on the heights which dominate the Foch to the north, victory at the Col-du-Schrammelle, where the enemy, after having taken one of our blockhouses, was driven out by an immediate counter-attack. Our fire inflicted heavy losses on the Germans."

## CHILD EDUCATOR PLEASURES AUDIENCE

Mme. Montessori Enunciates Philosophy of Her Method in Single Sentence.

### PERSONALITY IS SURPRISE

Great Italian Teacher Is "All Mother and All Charm," Says Anne Shannon Monroe, "and Sympathetic to Extreme."

BY ANNE SHANNON MONROE. OREGON EXPOSITION BUILDING, Aug. 3.—Patrician in her finger tips, sensitive, beautiful as some fine Italian painting, sympathetic to an extreme, all mother and all charm, with a voice like a delicately-toned musical instrument that yet carries—and with modern and youthful—such is Dr. Maria Montessori, the great child educator of Italy, who has come to the Exposition to teach us her method of getting hold of children, finding what is in them and developing that.

I believe most of us had pictured her as a sweet old lady in a cap, smiling benignly upon childhood. I think everyone is rather astonished. Socially I can see her the center of an admiring group, fascinating and conquering, and I can see her in a sunny Italian garden where grapes hang purely luscious, at her embroidery, in a semi-dream, while fountains play and little children's laughter mingles with the songs of birds, and the sun catches up the sparkle of dew on flowers, weaving all into a divine picture that might have been torn from a portfolio labeled "Ideal Domesticity."

Method Described in Sentence. She addressed her first audience yesterday in the Palace of Education through an interpreter, and will address her second Saturday in the Oregon building. The sentence only stays with me and that is sufficient: "Protect the child from your own errors and misconceptions, surround him with opportunity, then let him to dream and God will teach him his great work of creation."

Billy Sunday drew tremendously in the Court of the Universe on the same afternoon. Not contenting himself with having the entire bandstand for his platform he mounted a small table and from there belabored the devil and delighted the audience. We do love to see the other fellow catch it.

Mr. Mellis in the Oregon mines exhibition has just received a remarkable piece of sculpture in the form of an Oregon rose bush, carved out of Oregon granite. Camille Vigoroso, of Portland, did the carving, and the granite is from the quarry of Shannon & Blair, of Ashland, in Jackson County. It is a beautiful piece of work, the roses being particularly full and life-like. Vigoroso was six months doing the work, which involved a considerable outlay of cash as well.

There is nothing else of this character shown in the exhibition, and it is the Portland motto, "The Whole World Knows the Portland Rose," is placed before it on a card.

Luncheon Pleasantly Informal. Social affairs the past week have included a charming Virginia buffet luncheon in honor of the Southern author, Ellen Glasgow, which was served in George Washington's kitchen. The Virginia building is a reproduction of Washington's home at Mount Vernon, even to the kitchen. The smallness of the latter required that the luncheon guests be served in relays, which added to the pleasant informality of the occasion. Virginia baked rice, terrapin, beaten biscuit, boiled ham, ice cream and Southern cake made up the menu. The Virginia building is a reproduction of Washington's home at Mount Vernon, even to the kitchen. The smallness of the latter required that the luncheon guests be served in relays, which added to the pleasant informality of the occasion. Virginia baked rice, terrapin, beaten biscuit, boiled ham, ice cream and Southern cake made up the menu.

The Missouri Colonial ball was the most elaborate social affair of the week. A pretty feature was the minstrel show, which was given by the students of the Missouri State Normal school. The ball was given by the students of the Missouri State Normal school.

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## PROPERTY LOSS HUGE

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### RELIEF WORK UNDER WAY

Fresh Start in Life to Be Given All Who Have Lost Homes.

Vaccination Resorted To as Typhoid Preventive.

ERIE, Pa., Aug. 5.—With the recovery today of two more bodies, the list of dead as the result of the flood Tuesday night was brought to 26. Because of the great mass of debris which stretched for two miles along the Mill Creek Valley, the search for bodies is progressing slowly. Fifteen persons are missing and Coroner Hanley said tonight he thought the death list might reach 75.

Figures compiled late today showed the total damage in the city and county would amount to between \$5,000,000 and \$7,