

Life of Thieving Bared to Evade Death.

MURDER RECOUNTED CALMLY

Insanity Inherited, Says Sire; all the way to Bandon to find his father, who was working in that city. Friends Support Testimony.

AFFAIR WITH WOMAN TOLD

Ten Dollars Stolen From Fiancec's Mother, Confesses Dentist on Witness Stand in Trial for Murder of Father-in-Law.

NEW YORK, May 24.-Dr. Arthur Warren Walte calmly recounted on the witness stand tonight, in an effort to save himself from conviction for the murder of his father-in-law, John E. Peck, by showing that he was unsound of mind, how he attempted to cause the death of Miss Katherine Peck, the wealthy aunt of his wife and his own benefactor, by feeding her disease

He also told of trying to kill his wife's parents. Mr. and Mrs. John E. Peck, in the same way before resorting to poison as a more effective means. He testified, in addition, regarding his relations with Mrs. Margaret Hor-

ton, his "studio" companion, Long List of Thefts Detailed.

Waite went on the witness stand first late this afternoon.

said he would prove the self-confessed tion of the penal law. poisoner of his wife's parents was insane at the time the crime charged against him was committed.

The prisoner's story was devoted largely to admissions of a series of bore the sest of the Imperial German thefts from the time he was a boy until embassy at Washington. he pilfered \$10 from the purse of the mother of the girl he married while he was courting Miss Peck.

Wooing of Wife Related.

He told also of his wooing of his wife, who sat not far from him in the courtroom with head bowed while he

thereby aiding his son.

for the family.

The testimony of relatives was supented by the depositions of family friends and college classmates of Waite, Hall accounted for it in a few shots. who told of his thefts and peculiarities. Walter R. Deuel, counsel for the defense, sought to show that Waite was CONVICTED MAYOR RESIGNS mentally unsound.

Walte Calm on Stand.

Waite seemed calm when he took the witness stand. The courtroom sultry, but he buttoned his coat tightly He smiled almost stantly during his examination, but appeared resigned and not defiant.

The dentist commenced his life story by recalling that as a child he was liquor in his drugstore. He was sencruel to animals. He yawned as he tenced last night to ten days in jail and schooldays. Then he recounted how he the case, \$475, stole examination papers, copied them from everyone for whom he worked as the prohibition law and for perjury. a boy and then robbed his fraternity brothers while attending the University of Michigan. His face flushed as he recounted some of the escapades of his student days.

\$500 Stolen While Freshman.

His total thefts during his freshman year at college amounted to about \$500. he said. He was expelled from his fraternity while a sophomore for stealing, but was reinstated in his senior year. In his second college year he paid part of his expenses by waiting on table and caring for a furnace. At that time he began to attend church regularly, although he had no religious convictions. He asserted, however that he did not steal during the time he was a church attendant.

After leaving college he told of trip through Canada where he made his living by cheating at pool. He went to Scotland, where he took a special course in Edinburgh University. said he "doctored" his diploma from the University of Michigan so he could get credit for certain studies and thereby shorten his course in dentistry.

Scandal With Woman Covered. From Edinburgh Waite went to South Africa, where he traveled for a dental increased the amount each year of the intervene. To have tolerated the violafive he worked for them. He also told tion of the neutrality of Belgium does of hushing up by the payment of a not create for him the right to particismall sum a scandal in which he was pate in the restoration of Belgium." involved with a young woman.

On leaving South Africa, Waite re turned to the United States and went MACEDONIAN FRONT ACTIVE to Grand Rapids to live. Soon after his arrival there, he met Miss Peck Violent Bombardment and Infantry and began to court her.
"Were you in love with her?" he was

"I don't know," Waite replied. make you love me." He admitted spondent at Athens yesterday are that knowing that the Pecks were wealthy a violent bombardment in the sector and explained that the family received from Doiran to Gievgeli, on the Macehim "very nicely."

\$10 Stolen From Mrs. Peck. Later he met the Pecks at Palm The wounded are reported as being Beach and it was there Miss Peck con-(Concluded on Page 2, Column 2.)

BOY, 11, REVOLVER; SISTER, 7, IS DEAD

Morning

YOUNGSTER WALKS AND RUNS 12 MILES TO TELL FATHER.

Trip After Mail Ends When Little Girl Falls, Shot Through Stomach. Bandon Region Is Scene.

BANDON, Or., May 25. - (Spe ial.)-Ozie Netherly, the 11-year-old son of William Netherly, who lives on the S. J. Wilson ranch 12 miles south of Bandon, accidentally shot and instantly killed his 7-year-old sister Susie last evening and, after informing his nother of the affair, walked and ran

The boy and girl had gone to the ounty road for the mail, which is left by the stage, taking with them 8-caliber revolver, to protect them selves from a bull, it is said. The details of the shooting could not be earned, but the boy said the revolver went off accidentally and shot his sister in the stomach.

The boy's account of what happened is confused. He says he had his hand in his pocket on the weapon and called out to his sister, who turned around He said the revolver was discharged in his pocket, and the sister fell, shot through the stomach. There is no hold n the boy's pocket to support his story. It is generally believed that the case is another "didn't know it was oaded" affair.

Until a month ago the family lived in Bandon, where Mr. Netherly had a teaming business. Besides her father and mother, the girl leaves a sister and two brothers.

POLICE SEIZE HOLLANDER

Prisoner Accused of Offering German Documents for Sale.

NEW YORK, May 25 .- A man giving the name of Adolph de Leeuw, 34 years old, a native of Holland, was arrested tonight by Captain Tunney, ead of the "bomb squad" of the New York police, charged with revealing the contents of Government documents Earlier in the day his counsel had and offering them for sale in viola-

De Leeuw is accused of offering to reveal to Captain Guy Gaunt, naval attache of the British embassy, the contents of seven letters, four of which

TEXAN SHINES IN AIR WAR

Franco-American Flying Man Fells Foe Despite Broken Plane.

PARIS. May 25 .- Accounts of the rethe witness stand by his father, War-cent aviation exploits of Sergeant Airen W. Waite, and his brothers, Frank bert Hail, of Galveston, Tex., a member The father told of a taint of the Franco-American flying corpe of insanity in his family in the hope of show that on Monday, May 22, he was engaged with several German machines All three related incidents in the defendant's life designed to show that he was peculiar even as a boy and that damage to his propeller before he bill by a rising vote of 186 to 6, after AUSTRIAN his thievery always was a problem brought down a German machine near having voted down the Foster amend-Malancourt.

> The machine forced to earth was one of the fastest of the German aeroplanes

Wilkeson Executive Sentenced to 10 Days on Liquor Sale Charge.

son, a coal mining town near here, has resigned following his conviction of having violated the dry law by selling shirking home work in his ordered to pay a fine and the costs of

A. A. Battiste, McCaskey's clerk, is papers of his classmates, stole under indictment for having violated

EGGS DEAR IN ENGLAND

Eugene Man Ships Case and Gets Net Profit of \$3.32.

EUGENE, Or., May 25 .- (Special.)-Eggs shipped to England will net the Oregon marketer \$3.32 on the case, ac cording to W. W. Ebert, of Eugene, who has just received his return from 12 dozen eggs shipped to Ramsgate, England, on April 5. He figures this profit after allowing for 17 broken eggs and \$1 for the cost of the crate. The eggs were sold three for a shilling, or at the rate of 96 cents a dozen

FRENCH FIGHT PEACE MOVE

Paris Paper Opposes President Wilson as Mediator.

PARIS, May 25 .- The Temps in an editorial today again goes on record as not favoring any idea of peace ne-

"It seems," says the Tempts, "that supply house. He said he stole \$1500 President Wilson thinks his refusal to from his employers the first year and pass judgment gives him a right to

Actions Reported at Athens.

PARIS, May 25. - Reports received Then he told of declaring to her, "I'll from Saloniki by the Havas corredonian front, has been accompanied by

infantry actions.

Move to Cut Counties' Share Defeated.

ONLY HALF GIVEN TO OREGON

State Delegation in House by Hard Work Averts Slash.

HOPE NOW RESTS IN SENATE

Republicans Vote Down Proposal to Reduce Counties' Share to 20 Per Cent-Upper Body Bill to Ask That Oregon Get All.

CHIEF PROVISIONS OF LAND-GRANT BILL AS PASSED.

Title to unsold lands shall revest in United States. Lands to be classified as power sites, timber lands and agricultural lands.

Timber to be appraised and sold separate from land for cash or on time. Patent to issue for timber when

sold: state authorized to tax timber when paid for. Cut-over lands subject to homesteading without cost; other agricultural lands to be paid for at

\$2.50 an acre. Lands in Portland, Oregon City and Corvallis watersheds reserved from entry.

Attorney-General to sue railroad for accounting. Appropriation made to pay all

accrued unpaid taxes. Receipts to be divided, 20 per cent to state school fund, 30 per cent to counties, 40 per cent to reclamation fund. 10 per cent to

Federal Treasury. Preference right of entry given bona fide settlers residing on land continuously since December 1, 1913.

Hundred thousand dollars appropriated to classify lands.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washngton, May 25 .- The House of Reprement, which proposed to reduce the Rome Reports Victory in Engagecounties' share of the proceeds from

30 to 20 per cent. As the bill passed, the counties get the 30 per cent, authorized by the committee bill; the state gets 20 per cent; the reclamation fund 40 per cent, and with an Italian gunboat in the upper 10 per cent goes to the Federal Treas. Adriatic. The crew of the Austrian

That the Foster amendment was de-(Concluded on Page 4, Column 2.)

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AIR CRAFT'S FLIGHT SWIFT Message to President Carried 220

Miles in 3 Hours, 7 Minutes.

WASHINGTON, May 25. - Victor aristrom, bearing a message from the Aero Club of America to President Wilson and carrying Alan R. Hawley, president of the club, as, a passenger, flew from New York to this city today. 220 miles, in three hours and seven

The aeroplane used will be shipped to New Mexico Saturday for use of the National Guard in patrolling the border.

ment on Sea and in Air. ROME, via Paris, May 25 .- An Austrian aeroplane and an Austrian gunboat have been destroyed in a battle

A building on the outskirts of Porto Ferrajo was bombarded by an Ausdamage was done.

UNCLE SAM AS OTHERS SEE HIM.

craft were taken prisoner.

ROOT FORCES COUNT ON SWINGING POOL

New Yorker's Boom to Be I consided Today.

"ALLIES" CLAIM 700 VOTES

Root, Weeks, Burton, Sherman and Fairbanks Grouped.

CAMP CONFIDENT

Massachusetts Man's Backers Say He Has Most Votes in Republican Convention-Cummins Men Contest Statement.

CHICAGO, May 25,-(Special.)-The Presidential stock of Elihu Root is exected to take a big boom tomorrow when John W. Dwight, Job Hedges, Sloat Fassett, Cornelius N. Bliss, Jr., and other aides arrive in Chicago to open headquarters for the former New York Senator, who, the former Bull Moosers say, will be acceptable to them as the Republican nominee for Presi-

Around hotel lobbies today it was umored that several favorite-son can lidates would throw their votes to Mr. Root after the first ballot was taken in the convention.

Combination Said to Have Control. interest in a pool of delegates that will mission. have more than a majority of votes in the convention. The Burton, Weeks, Fairbanks and Sherman booms sald to be tied up with the Root candidacy in such a way that one favorite son of the combination will win and hus freeze out Hughes or Roosevelt.

Barnes, of New York, and Penrose f Pennsylvania, the chief Root back rs, were said to be counting on this allied strength to bring about Root's omination. The other favorite son will be tried out one by one. When all have failed the Root boom will be trotted out-full strength, according to he gossip.

Pool Said to Have 700 Votes. The general understanding in candilate row in Chicago, is that the "allies" will pool their interests and name the ominee when the time comes. If the first ballot estimates count for anything, and they are able to "deliver," the "allies" will dicetate the nomina ion. Here is the first ballot estimate GENERAL GALLIENI WORSE SUNK of the candidates whose representatives Root 120; Weeks 200; Burton 140;

Fairbanks 140; Sherman 90. Total 700. Necessary to choice 493. Opening of the headquarters of the diana, in the Congress Hotel today, of recovery. marked the beginning of the race.

Root Sentiment Apparent. TACOMA, Wash, May 25.—(Special.) feated is due entirely to a most vigor- trian submarine, which was driven off of the Root campaign, came in from wounds have died amidst the Mayor Joseph McCaskey, of Wilke- ous personal campaign conducted last by the coast batterjes before much New York and said John W. Dwight, was then reported to be rapidly refallen, the Red Cross workers being covering.

BLIND CIGAR MAN GETS NEW START

Oregontan.

CITY HALL EMPLOYES IN ROLE OF GOOD SAMARITANS.

While Tom Long, Financially Embarrassed, Is Ill, Friends Pay Off Bills and Restock Stand.

It will be a different world-a bright world instead of a gloomy one-for Tom Long, the blind cigar dealer at the City Hall, when he gets out of the County Hospital in a week or so an returns to his cigar stand to take up the fight for a living where he left off rarily got the better of him in his business struggle against odds. He will find all his bills paid and his stand restocked with goods.

When municipal employes in the City Hall became apprised of the fact that Mr. Long bad lost in his fight of several months against financia stringency, and illness was added to his affliction of blindness, they started a subscription.

Everybody chipped in with a willingness that has raised the fund to nearly \$100, and it is still going.

The Samaritans plan to pay off all the bills of Mr. Long, fill his cases with new goods and welcome him back to his old stand with a new start in the world. It is reported at the County Hospital that Mr. Long is getting along well, and will be able to be around again in a short time.

POLAND NOT TO GET FOOD

Germany Unwilling to Accept Plan for Aid by America.

THE HAGUE, via London, May 25 .cept the British stipulations regarding them further southward below the There were reports that backers of the plan to feed the civillan population ruins of Fort Douaumont and tossing the Root boom were showing extreme of Poland through an American com-

It is therefore not considered likely that any relief for the Polish people will be accomplished this year.

COURT O. K.'S FIRST FIGHT Principals in "Affair of Honor," However, Fined \$150 Each.

BATON ROUGE, May 25,-Adjutant-General McNeese and A. D. Stewart, a prominent New Orleans hotel man, each paid a \$150 fine in City Court today for their pre-arranged fist fight on the Capitol lawn yesterday, which they designated as "an affair of honor."

Judge Odom in imposing the fines said: "Personally, I approve of this method of settling differences between gentlemen, but it is against the law and I will have to fine you,"

War Is Alarming.

PARIS, May 25 .- The condition of campaigns for Theodore Burton, of General Gallieni, former Minister of Ohio, John Weeks, of Massachusetts, War, has suddenly grown worse and and Charles Warren Fairbanks, of In- grave anxiety is felt as to his chances

General Gallieni resigned as Minister of War on March 16 on account of ill death itself. Charles M. Pepper, confidential agent health. He underwent a second oper-

LEMAN REFUSES LIBERTY

Defender of Liege Will Not Admit He Is Unfit for Service.

HAVRE, May 25. - The German authorities have offered to allow General captain. Leman, the defender of Liege, to go to Switzerland, according to news received Tuesday we reckon the Germans used

Because the permission was granted front," he said. "That is the price they in the ground of his ill health and age, paid for the recapture of our recent the General rejected the offer, saying that he did not wish to admit that he positions. was unfit to fight for his country.

TEN KILLED IN CYCLONE down in a quarter hour's holocaust by

Town of Rogers, N. D., Is Swept, According to Vague Report. FARGO, N. D., May 25 .- An uncon-

firmed report received here tonight over

shaky telegraph wires, said 10 persons had been killed at Rogers, N. D., in the storm which swept Southeastern North Dakota early today. Rogers was cut off completely from the outside world, all telepho telegraph wires being down.

NEW YORK EXPORTS GROW

Record for April More Than 36 Per

Cent Greater Than Year Ago.

NEW YORK, May 25 .- Exports of nerchandise from the port of New York compared with \$135,125,523 in April a year ago.

Imports for that month increased also, amounting to \$115,296,462, compared with \$92,252,029 in April, 1915.

TWO CONSULS QUIT CRETE German and Austrian Diplomats and Families Leave Canea.

I from Athens today

TEUTONS AT FEARFUI COST DASH ONWARD

French Retreat Before Mighty Onslaught.

PARIS ADMITS NEW DEFEAT

a few days ago when illness tempo- Germans Toss Helpless Foe Back From Cumieres.

SHELLS SCATTER CORPSES

Crown Prince's Army Takes Dead Man's Hill-Soldiers at Douaumont Fight Screaming, Handto-Hand, in Darkness.

tinued retreats of the French before German onstaughts on the right bank of the Meuse are officially admitted in he midnight communique from Paris, A French defeat between Haudremont wood and Thiaumont farm, near Douaunont, is reported

LONDON, May 25,-(Special.)-The tide of battle which has swept back and forth with unequalled fury around THE HAGUE, via London, May 25.— Verdun for the past week turned is declared here on information strongly in favor of the German forces from authoriative, but unofficial Ger- again last night and today, driving the man sources that there is not the French from their hard-won positions slightest chance that Germany will ac- at the Haudremont quarry, sweeping them back helpless when they attempted in repeated attacks to regain the lost village of Cumieres.

Germans Gain All Along,

Paris this afternoon officially admitted losses of Haudremont and elsewhere and practically confirmed the German statement, which announced decisive gains at practically every point on the Verdun sector.

Unofficial dispatches, however, indicate that the German gains have been made at the cost of thousands of men. estimated in some quarters as high as 43,000 for the week. On the other hand, German dispatches put the French lesses at almost an equal amount and claim the capture of 850 men at Hau-

drement quarry today. The mighty artillery duel which rages night and day over the entire Verdun front has made it impossible to remove the dead and some of the corpses have fain where they fell in fighting a fortnight ago.

Shells Act as Gravediggers,

To the west of the Meuse, around Hill No. 304 and Le Mort Homme, where were grouped in the Congress Hotel. Condition of French ex-Minister of the fire of hundreds of German guns has been concentrated for many days, of gravediggers, covering the corpses with tons of earth thrown up by their mighty explosions. But too often the bursting steel, falling among the mounds of dead, tears to atoms the corpses, adding to one horror of battle another which is sometimes worse than

Between the lines soldiers heinless unable to reach them because of the artillery fire.

Germans Willing to Pay Price, That the Germans are willing to pay any price to take Verdun has become fully apparent

"It is a battle of madmen in the midst of a volcans eruption," is the description given today by a staff "Between Saturday morning and noon up 100,000 men on the West Meuse

gains and the seizure of our outlying "The valley separating Le Mort Homme from Hill 287 is choked with odies. A full brigade was mowed

our machine guns.

Dend Man's Hill Taken. "Le Mort Homme itself passed from our possession, but the crescent Bourros position to the south prevents the enemy from utilizing it.

"The scene there is appalling, but is dwarfed in comparison with fighting around Dougumont. West of the Meuse, at least, one dies in the open air, but Douaumont is the horror of darkness, where the men fight in tunnels, screaming with the lust of butchery, deafened by shells and grenades and stifled by smoke.

"Even the wounded refuse to abandon the struggle."

CUMIERES IS IMPORTANT LINK German Lines East and West of Meuse Joined, Safe From Flanking.

BERLIN, May 25 .- The capture by the Germans of the village of Cumieres, on the Verdun front, just west of the Mense, is regarded here as being especially important, since it connects the German lines east and west of the river. It will make impossible hereafter, the flanking fire on the Germans vest of the river from the French positions on the east bank, The Germans took and constructed

the position in the Cumieres grave, north of the village, in the fighting between March 7 and 11. They attempted no further advance at the time, be-PARIS, May 25 .- The German and cause they wished first to capture Austrian Consuls at Canea, Island of points on the hills to the west, so that Crete, left that city with their families when they pushed on along the banks and the Consulate staffs on May 24 for of the Meuse their operations would be Athens, according to a Havas dispatch attended by much smaller losses than otherwise would be the case,

