

MURDERER READY TO RECEIVE SENTENCE

Silver Lake Slayer Does Not Want Legal Fight.

FAMILIES ARE RECONCILED

Martin Swift, Prior to Arrest, Sits as Member of Coroner's Jury on Case.

KALAMA, Wash., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Martin Swift, aged 44, confessed murderer of John Gilmore, aged 40, a neighbor in the Silver Lake district, near here last week, probably will be sentenced Monday to life imprisonment in Walla Walla, unless, as rumored, his friends attempt to make a fight for him on the insanity plea. This rumor had its basis today in the arrival at the jail of an attorney to see Swift and talk matters over with him.

The Swift and Gilmore families literally have "kissed and made up" in all that those four words mean, according to Sheriff Studebaker, who arrested Swift, and whose influence brought the two families to an agreement to "bury the hatchet." Mrs. Swift broke down and wept bitterly when Sheriff Studebaker brought the two families together to make a peace pact, and declared her husband was to blame for all the misdeeds of himself and the Swift family members in their actions taken at various times in the last 16 years against the Gilmore, with whom there has been "bad blood" ever since Gilmore beat Swift in a school election for supervisor by only one vote.

destined has passed the fourth meridian, about half way across the Atlantic.

NIGHT SCHOOL IS WANTED

Parents Protest Discontinuance of Franklin Classes.

Because it cost \$50 an evening for an average attendance of four pupils, night school at the Franklin High school has been discontinued. A petition protesting the action, signed by 50 persons, was presented to Superintendent Grout yesterday. The petition will be presented to the School Board at its next meeting in January.

ANOTHER HUN PLEA COMES

U. S. Again Appealed To Despite Recent Admonition.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—In spite of Secretary Lansing's emphatic admonition that such communications must not be addressed to the United States

TWO WASHINGTON STATE FAMILIES, AT WAR FOR 16 YEARS, "KISS AND MAKE UP," DECIDING TO "BURY HATCHET" AFTER FATHER AND HUSBAND OF ONE FAMILY COMMITS MURDER.



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT—FIRST EIGHT ARE SWIFTS; MRS. SWIFT HOLDING BABY IN HER ARMS; MRS. GILMORE AND HER FAMILY.

alone, the German government has sent word to the American government for modification of the armistice terms and for food.

The receipt of the note was announced at the State Department today with the explanation that it would not be made public because it did not differ from previous appeals and was in violation of the decision that communications must be addressed to all the governments associated with the United States in the war.

SPAIN SAID TO LIKE U. S.

Spanish Premier Says He Agrees With Wilson's 14 Points.

PARIS, Dec. 20.—Count Romanones, the Spanish Premier, arrived in Paris today. He comes for conferences with President Wilson and representatives of the allies.

"Our feelings toward America are most friendly and most cordial," Count Romanones said to the correspondent of the Associated Press. "Public opinion throughout Spain is favorable to the maintenance of the best relations with America, and the feeling is that we must do our utmost to make them closer. Both the government and country are entirely agreed on President Wilson's 14 points, and are especially in accord concerning a league of nations, which wholly agrees with Spanish ideals. Indeed, Spain does not wish to be the last to enter such a league."

G. O. P. TO OPEN OFFICES

Raymond Benjamin Will Establish Regional Headquarters.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20.—Raymond Benjamin, chairman of the California Republican Central Committee, returned tonight from New York and Washington, to open regional headquarters for the Republican National Committee.

Mr. Benjamin will be in charge of the headquarters as regional representative of National Chairman William H. Hays. The purpose of opening headquarters here, Mr. Benjamin said, was to keep in close touch with the states of California, Oregon, Washington, Nevada, Idaho and Arizona.

Mr. Benjamin will resign from his position as chief Deputy Attorney-General of California on January 1, to resume his law practice.

GUARDS ACT AS ANCHORS

Heavy Wind Threatens to Destroy Military Airplane.

EUREKA, Cal., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Drenched by a heavy rain, and chilled by a 40-mile wind, 30 members of the 4th Company, California Military Reserves, stood all last night holding to the earth three military airplanes, otherwise unanchored to Hill Field. The men, selected to guard the planes in which Lieutenant Harwell and five companions made a flight to this city from Sacramento last Wednesday, were forced to act as anchors when the wind lifted the planes and threatened to destroy them against trees at the end of the field.

LABOR TO OFFER PROTEST

Chicago to Stage Demonstration in Behalf of Thomas Mooney.

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—Responses to a call for a labor mass meeting to be held January 14 as an international protest against judicial and legislative action in the case of Thomas J. Mooney and other labor men indicated, it was said today, that labor leaders and representatives of the rank and file from all sections of the country would attend. Mooney was convicted of murder in connection with the San Francisco preparedness-day bomb explosion, sentenced to death, and on November 23, last, his sentence was commuted to life imprisonment by Governor Stephens, of California. The call for the meeting was sent out by the Chicago Federation of Labor.

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CAMP LEWIS OFFICER FACES COURTMARTIAL

Colonel F. H. Wolven Charged With Irregularities.

DENTIST UNDER ARREST

Collection of Commutation for Quarters to Which He Has No Right Is Alleged.

CAMP LEWIS, Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 20.—Frank H. Wolven, ranking Colonel at Camp Lewis, was placed under arrest here late today by command of Major-General Joseph D. Leitch on charges which allege irregularity in

the field were led by Tom Woodcock, Frank Driver, George Magill, J. R. Ward and Jay Fowler.

HOUSING PROBLEM SOLVED

Reed College Students Granted Free Use of Barracks.

With every man in the Reed College Students' Army Training Camp unit discharged, the barracks have been turned over to the students who wish to stay at the college, but cannot secure rooms at the dormitory.

City School Superintendent D. A. Grout has agreed to let all the high school students in the city, who are to be graduated during the latter part of January, graduate before January 1, 1919, provided their marks are satisfactory and they wish to register at Reed College on December 30, when a new term will start.

70,000 IDLE MEN IN BERLIN

Soldiers Begging, With Much Work Available.

BERLIN, Dec. 20.—(By the Associated Press.)—There are between 50,000 and 70,000 unemployed workmen in Berlin, according to the Tagliche Rundschau. Of this number 7000 are

moneys he has received from the Government as commutation for quarters and light and heat. At the same time an order was issued naming the personnel for a general court-martial, ordered to meet December 30 or as soon thereafter as practicable to try Colonel Wolven.

The charges against Colonel Wolven, it is said, are that he collected commutation for quarters, fuel and light to which he had no right under Army regulations. Colonel Wolven, with his family, has been living at Stonecamp, near the military reservation, but it is charged he drew commutation for a house in Washington, D. C.

Officers Are Summoned. Colonel Wolven is a dental surgeon and in charge of all the dental work in camp. He has served many years in the regular Army as a dental surgeon and his advance has been rapid during the past two years. There are only two officers here, General Leitch and Brigadier-General Frank B. Watson, who outrank him.

The arrest and trial of Colonel Wolven will be the first here of an officer of high rank. Because of his position as a regular Army Colonel, it was impossible to obtain sufficient officers of equal or higher rank to try him, and Brigadier-Generals Edward J. McClelland and Peter W. Davidson have been ordered here from Camp Kearny, Cal., to sit on the court. General McClelland will be president of the court. General Watson will make the third General to sit on the case.

Members of the court will include eight Colonels and two Lieutenant-Colonels.

Seattle Attorney Judge-Advocate, Captain Herbert W. Meyers, a former Seattle attorney, will act as judge-advocate and prosecute the case. He will be assisted by Lieutenant M. A. Albee and A. G. Ludington.

Prior to coming to this camp, Colonel Wolven had been stationed at the Presidio, San Francisco, and many other regular Army posts and forts.

The arrest of the accused officer does not include his confinement, other than he must not leave the military reservation or his home.

LEAGUE OPERATIONS BARED

PLANS FOR FUTURE WORK OUTLINED BEFORE COMMITTEE.

Colonel Charles E. Lydecker Submits Record of Expenses Incurred During the Last Campaign.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Colonel Charles E. Lydecker, president of the National Security League, today told the House committee investigating the organization's activities in the last Congressional campaign, that the league will not cease with the ending of the war and he outlined a pretentious educational programme which he said now is under consideration.

"The congressional committee which carried on the campaign last Fall to return 100 per cent Americans to Congress, will continue its work," said the witness, "and will endeavor to accomplish the following things: Establish a National budget system, abolish rule of seniority in determining chairmanships of committees of Congress, abolish inactive committees, pass a constitutional amendment which will make it impossible for defeated candidates to sit in that body, bringing about reform of franking abuses and to have Cabinet officers sit in Congress."

During a discussion of the history of the organization, Colonel Lydecker was asked why S. Stanwood Menken had resigned as president of the league last June. Colonel Lydecker replied that after Mr. Menken had refused to "propagate William Randolph Hearst for opposing certain National preparedness measures," both Mr. Menken and members of the executive committee had decided it would be better for him to resign.

Wamie's Standing 103 Per Cent.

WAMIC, Or., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—The first day of the Red Cross Christmas roll call drive in Wamie ended with the membership exceeding by 2 per cent the total number of people above 15 years of age. Six teams in

Advertisement for Honeyman Hardware Company. Features an illustration of a man on a horse with a trumpet. Text includes: 'Three Days More for Christmas Shopping!', 'TIMELY SUGGESTIONS: Three days left for Christmas shopping means that you will have to hurry.', 'We Will Be Open Tonight Until 9 o'Clock', and a list of various tools and hardware items.

CARL R. GRAY RESIGNS POST

FORMER PORTLAND RAILWAY MAN WILL TAKE REST.

Director-General McAadoo Accepts Resignation as Director of Railroad Operations.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Carl R. Gray, of Baltimore, director of the division of operation of the railroad administration, has resigned, and Director-General McAadoo has accepted his resignation, effective January 15, 1919.

Mr. Gray, who formerly was president of the Western Maryland Railway, said he was in need of complete rest.

In announcing the resignation to-night, Mr. McAadoo said no successor to Mr. Gray had been appointed. Mr. Gray resigned as president of the Western Maryland to take up his duties with the Railroad Administration last January when the railroad congestion of last Winter had reached serious proportions.

In his letter to Mr. Gray accepting the resignation, Director-General McAadoo said:

"You have served with such marked ability, loyalty and patriotism, and have rendered service of such great value in the responsible post you have occupied, that your resignation is a great loss to the Railroad Administration and to the country."

Carl R. Gray formerly was president of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle, the Oregon Electric and the Oregon Trunk with headquarters in Portland. He left here seven years ago.

WIRELESS OPEN TO TROOPS

BOYS ABOARD TRANSPORTS MAY HEAR FROM RELATIVES.

Charges for Service Via New York Fixed at 16 Cents a Word, Including Telegraph Tolls.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Relatives and friends of soldiers returning on transports from overseas may communicate with them by wireless and receive answers to their messages under a Navy Department agreement announced here tonight by the Third Naval District office of communication.

According to the announcement, messages may be filed at any telegraph office and will be relayed to New York, Boston or some other Naval base, where they will be flashed to the incoming ship. Answers will come over the same route.

Charges for the service via New York are 16 cents a word, including telegraph tolls. As many of the soldiers are without adequate funds, it has been arranged that persons so desiring may pay in advance for answers to be filed on board the transports.

The only restriction on the service, it was said, is that no message will be accepted until the ship for which it is

intended has passed the fourth meridian, about half way across the Atlantic.

Large advertisement for Brunswick and The Ultona. Features an illustration of a woman playing a gramophone. Text includes: 'The Ideal Family Gift', 'The Brunswick', 'The ULTONA A Universal Producer', and 'Open Tonight Until 9:30'. Also mentions 'The Wiley B. Allen Co.' and 'MORRISON ST. AT BROADWAY'.