

VISITS TO ANOTHER WOMAN ARE BLAMED

Mrs. Peck Says She Shot Because Man Left Sick Son.

VICTIM WILL RECOVER

Wife Denies That She Intended to Kill and Says That She Only Wanted to Frighten.

That she shot her husband, Clarence E. Peck, early yesterday morning, because he had not been home at all the preceding night and she suspected him of going out with another woman while she was at home looking after their sick son was the substance of a statement which Mrs. Virginia Peck gave to the police yesterday following her arrest.

"I did not intend to kill him," she sobbed. "I only intended to shoot him in the arm and frighten him."

Physicians attending Peck at St. Vincent's hospital, where he was taken following the shooting at the Peck home, 436 East Thirty-seventh street, North, expressed the belief that the man would recover. The bullet entered the man's left shoulder and lodged in his neck near the spine. His left side was temporarily paralyzed, but physicians said that this condition was improving.

Woman Is Released.

Mrs. Peck, who was charged with assault with a dangerous weapon, was released on \$1000 bail yesterday afternoon put up by N. U. Carpenter, president of the Citizens' bank.

Mrs. Peck, who is a beautiful brunette and whose face showed the strain under which she was laboring, told of the events leading up to the shooting. It was the story of a woman whose nerves had apparently been strained to the breaking point by a combination of circumstances.

"Mr. Peck was a good husband until about two years ago, when he met another woman with whom he has been going out at night continually ever since," she is quoted as having declared.

"Last Thursday night he did not come home at all and I was all alone with my sick boy. I called up the office several times Friday and could not get him. I left word at the office to call me when he came in. When he finally did call up I asked him 'Where have you been? Where were you last night?'

"He told me 'I was out taking care of myself.'"

"I told him 'For God's sake come home, Nelson (the 12-year-old son) is very sick.'"

Quarrel Follows Return.

When he came home about 6:30 I had dinner prepared for him. He did not even stay for dinner but left the house. When he started out of the house I stepped in front of him and said 'Where are you going?' He said 'You know where I am going and I don't care.'"

"He came home about 9:30 and we had a quarrel. He called me a lot of vile names. He went to bed about 11:30 and I did not get my clothes off until about 12 o'clock. A little later I went into the bedroom and shot him. I did not intend to kill him. I only intended to shoot him in the arm and frighten him. I held the gun (here she indicated with her hands about 12 or 13 inches) to his body when I fired."

"I never threatened to kill him or 'get him.' I am not that sort of a woman. The gun belongs to him. He has had it for a long time. After I shot him I ran out in my bare feet to the residence of Dr. H. B. Moore. I could not wait for him to come back. Later I went to Dr. Moore's again and brought him over to the house."

Neighbors Confirm Story.

Neighbors confirmed Mrs. Peck's story that she had had a lot of trouble recently and that the married life of the two has not been entirely a happy one.

Mrs. Peck was hysterical and did not speak coherently for a time following her arrest. All day yesterday she was in a condition verging on hysteria.

Mr. Peck, who is superintendent of the motor power department of the O. W. R. & N. company, is said to have crawled to the telephone following the shooting in an attempt to summon aid, when he collapsed. Police and physicians arrived shortly afterwards and he was taken to the hospital.

The police have been unable to account for Mrs. Peck's shrieking on their arrival at the place. "For God's sake don't let him confess," they are of the opinion, however, that she was in such a state of wrought-up nerves that she did not know exactly what she was saying.

Mr. and Mrs. Peck have been married for 17 years and since 1917 have lived in Portland. They have a boy, Nelson, 12 years of age, who at present is ill with diphtheria. Neighbors took care of the boy all day yesterday while Mrs. Peck was at the police station.

SCHOOL ELECTIONS SET

High School Districts of Clackamas Propose Merger.

OREGON CITY, Or., June 18.—(Special.)—A special school election in 18 districts in Clackamas county will be held July 18 at 1 o'clock, when the electors will vote upon the consolidation into a union high school district of Glad Tidings, Rural Dell, Meadowbrook, Dickey Prairie, Molalla, Liberal, Teasel Creek, Russellville, Dryland, Mulino, Maple Grove, Yoder, South Oak Grove, Union Mills, Bear Creek, Eby, Mount Hope and the greater part of the Eagle district.

Petition for another consolidation in the grammar school districts has been filed with Superintendent Vedder and an election authorized. The petition comes from the districts of Carn, Hazeldale and Eldorado, asking that the three schools be merged into one in a central location.

HAWLEY HEARING IS SET

Arguments on Divorce Case to Open in Supreme Court Tuesday.

SALEM, Or., June 18.—(Special.)—The supreme court Tuesday will hear arguments in the appealed divorce action brought by Mrs. Marjorie Hawley against her husband, William P. Hawley, Jr. The case originally was tried in the circuit court for Clackamas county, with the result that Mr. Hawley received a decree.

The exhibits in the case include a woman's torn nightgown, hundreds of letters, telegrams, postcards and briefs covering more than 10,000 pages of printed matter. At the time the case was tried in the circuit court it attracted wide attention. The Hawleys reside at Oregon City.



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Leading Clothier Morrison at Fourth

VETERAN POLICEMAN SICK

BEN BRANCH REPORTED TO BE IN SERIOUS CONDITION.

City's Oldest Patrolman, Who Was Retired in 1918, Suffers Collapse at Home.

The news that Ben Branch, Portland's oldest policeman, is seriously ill at his home, 295 Lincoln street, has called attention to his career as a member of the force which is declared to have been one of the most remarkable in the history of northwest police circles.

"Ben," as the "boys" at the station affectionately call him, never fired his revolver in capturing a prisoner and, in addition, he never failed to get his man.

In the opinion of Lieutenant of Detectives Joe Day and other old-timers at the police station, the most sensational incident in Branch's career as a policeman and the one which especially showed his mettle occurred in 1880 when he was patrolling the beat which included Third and Yamhill streets. Branch was a special policeman.

Branch found the door of a fish market open at 2 o'clock one morning and, entering, he discovered two safe crackers at work. Both were armed, but they apparently were cowed by Branch's courage. He seized the men by the arms and marched them unaided to the police station. The two men, one of whom gave the name of Billy Eldridge, alias Warren Robertson, and the other the name of J. Sweeney, were given terms of five years each.

Joe Day was patrolling a beat adjacent to Branch's at that time and he declared that Branch was always one of the most faithful officers he ever knew.

"He was always on the job and he never sat down on his beat," declared the veteran detective yesterday.

Another tribute to Branch's fairness to prisoners as well as to others in his conduct as a police officer was paid by a number of men whom he arrested on various occasions and who have been out to see him since his illness.

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—Photo by Van Dyck.

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GRAIN OFFICE TO BE HERE

Headquarters of Oregon Growers' Association to Move.

THE DALLES, Or., June 18.—(Special.)—Headquarters of the Oregon Co-operative Grain Growers' association will next week be moved from The Dalles to Portland, it was

DR. OLSEN AGAIN INDICTED

USE OF FRAUDULENT COLLECTION FORMS CHARGED.

Seven True Bills and Three Secret Indictments Returned in Final Report of Grand Jury.

A second indictment was returned yesterday by the federal grand jury against Dr. Paul G. Olsen, chiropractor, charging him with using a blank form made to resemble court forms in an attempt to collect a bill for \$25 a second time from Miss Gina Bradberg of the Federal Collection agency in Portland prior to February 22, were also indicted, charged with having forms printed which resemble legal forms for collecting bills. It was one of these forms which Olsen used. The indictments followed the investigation conducted by the government while working on the Olsen case to establish fraudulent use of the mails. Both of the Mosses are now said to be residents of Connecticut. Their bail was placed at \$1000 each and a bench warrant was issued for them.

The grand jury returned seven true bills and three secret indictments in its final report after which it was discharged by the court. One of the seven was for Shakespeare S. Walker, who was arrested yesterday on a charge of having cocaine and morphine in his possession and who presented bond for \$1500.

Other indictments were: O. W. Dawson, alias R. W. Long, charged with bringing a stolen automobile into Portland from Rodondo, Cal.

Cecil Wishart, charged with stealing 22,500 cigarettes in Portland from interstate shipment booked for Walla Walla.

Herman Rohr, alias Spokane White of Pendleton, charged with possession of morphine and cocaine.

Paul L. Chambers was indicted on a charge of violating the interstate commerce act. He is accused of using a Southern Pacific pass made out to him and his wife to transport another woman to Monroe, La. This also constituted a violation of the white slave act for which Chambers is now serving a 60-day sentence in the county jail.

At 12 years of age Betty Jane Hamilton of New Castle, Pa., has completed the four-year high school course and is ready for college.

PORTLAND DOING WELL

SURVEY INDICATES BUSINESS CONDITIONS ARE BETTER.

Price Reductions Are Declared to Be 18 Per Cent but Rents Do Not Feel Declines.

Employment and business conditions in Portland are far more satisfactory than in most other large cities of the United States, according to a digest prepared by the Industrial Relations Association of America. Reports covering conditions in Portland were submitted May 19 by Raymond Van Vain, secretary-treasurer of the Oregon council of this association, and vocational employment secretary of the Portland Young Men's Christian association.

The report indicated that 60,000 men were employed in the Portland district, while normally the number is 80,000. Forty per cent of the industrial plants were reported working full time, with 40 per cent working less than full time, and 10 per cent closed. The present average wage for unskilled labor was shown as 27½ cents an hour, a reduction of 12½ cents since December 1, 1920.

Price Reduction 18 Per Cent.

The average reduction in retail prices was given as 18 per cent as a maximum. Rents, it was said, had not been reduced. Further wage reductions were said to be impending.

Business readjustments, the digest set forth, was being accomplished in Portland with less disturbance than in most cities. While the farms have not been absorbing their usual supply of labor at this time of year in this district, the situation, it was believed, showed signs of improvement.

The survey covered 44 important cities of the United States and showed that unemployment on December 1, 1920, was 20½ per cent as an average, while on May 1, 1921, it had reached 24 per cent. The average basic rate for unskilled labor in these cities was 49½ cents an hour on December 1, 1920, but it had been cut to 40 cents on May 1, 1921. The average reduction in retail prices from December to May was placed at 22 per cent.

25 Per Cent Are Idle.

Only five cities reported a reduction in rents. Eight cities reported improvement in the housing situation. Comment on the survey said: "It is estimated that Portland, with its contiguous territory, including the lumber industry in the Columbia river basin, has at the present time about 25 per cent unemployment, and the basic labor rate has decreased from 50 cents to 37½ cents an hour, while retail prices have fallen 18 per cent."

In addition to Mr. Van Vain, members of the Oregon council are: President, N. J. Johnson, Multnomah Lumber & Box company; vice-president, William H. Barton, Portland Gas & Coke company; executive committee, Messrs. Johnson, Barton and Van Vain, W. C. Ruegnitz, Bridal Veil Lumbering company, and Miss Gilbert, women's public employment bureau.



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