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FRANK GARRISON'S CONFESSION IS MADE PUBLIC BY TOM HALL

Attorney Says Murderer Admitted Crime in Detail to Him Soon After Killing.

CLAIMED HE THOUGHT PERKINS WOULD ATTACK

Refused to Make Admissions to Jury as He Either Wanted to Go Free or Hang.

Tom Hall today made a statement in which he states that Frank Garrison, who was executed at Salem last Friday for the murder of Roy Perkins and who went to the gallows with a protest of innocence on his lips, made a full confession to him of the murder.

Mr. Hall states that when Marshal Carter and Sheriff Gage were searching for Garrison as the suspect, he accidentally encountered them at the Eastside ferry landing. The two were in the waiting room when Mr. Hall dropped in and immediately left, but Garrison called one of the officers after him and called him back.

Garrison made an appointment with Mr. Hall and a few hours later talked it over with him. The blood stains were still in the ferry waiting room at this conference, Garrison told Mr. Hall the entire story of the crime. He said that he did not want to admit it, as he thought he would fix up a story that would account for it. At any rate, he said he wanted to go free or hang.

Subsequently, Mr. Hall talked over the confession to Garrison and told him that if he would tell the truth to the jury, he would be able to escape the gallows. However, Garrison maintained his determination to either go free or to the gallows, but of course he constantly expected that he would go free.

Even later, when he was confined at Salem under the death sentence, he refused to let Mr. Hall get Governor West to commute the death sentence to life imprisonment by telling the story. The strange bravado spirit and repeated determination to get release that probably prompted Garrison to make the accusations against Marshal Carter and others something hard to comprehend, was little short of the weird way of an insane man, but Garrison was not insane.

Marshal Carter was highly elated when he heard that Tom Hall had given out Garrison's confession. While he felt confident that no one who knew him would ever have any confidence in Garrison's attack, he was pleased to see that he was fully vindicated. He said that during his tenure of office since 1897, he had given his best and most conscientious efforts to the work and naturally in hunting down offenders like Garrison, he had incurred their wrath. However, his record as an officer is such that attacks like Garrison's have had no effect on him.

Mr. Hall's statement of Garrison's confession is as follows: "As I promised you after having admitted a number of the members of the Coos County Bar association regarding the advisability of making a statement of the confession that Frank S. Garrison made me about the killing of Roy Perkins, I will say that the following is substantially Garrison's statement to me:

"He was indebted to Roy Perkins and William Hower for labor which they had performed in digging claims and catching crabs, which he (Garrison) was selling at various towns on Coos Bay and Coquille. His enterprise being a financial failure, and being unable to meet his obligations, he gave Perkins and Hower such goods and furniture as he had in his possession, in his cabin, with the understanding that they were to sell the same and give him credit on account. He stated that Perkins and Hower sold about twenty dollars worth and retained a sufficient amount to furnish a cabin near Marshfield, where they engaged in selling chittum bark, and gave him credit therefor.

IS KILLED IN LOGGING CAMP

J. M. McDonald Crushed by a Tree in Aasen's Camp Near Coquille.

(Special to The Times.) COQUILLE, Dec. 17.—J. M. McDonald of Beaver Slough, was almost instantly killed yesterday afternoon in Aasen's Bros. logging camp. He was working alongside of the chute and a tree fell on him.

McDonald was about 30 years old and has a wife and two children. The body was brought to Coquille. The funeral arrangements have not been made. McDonald had been employed as blacksmith in the Aasen camp until a few days ago when he started in handling the rigging. His skull was crushed, his neck broken, and his shoulder crushed by the tree. McDonald's wife and family are in California.

DAY IN CONGRESS.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The senate yesterday adopted a plan designating Ballinger and Bacon to act alternately fortnightly as president pro tem. The consideration of the Shepard-Kenyon liquor traffic bill was begun. The Archbald court impeachment trial was resumed.

In the House Representative DeForest introduced a joint resolution proposing a constitutional amendment to make the terms of congressmen four years. Representative Berger introduced a resolution providing for the government to condemn and buy the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad properties.

field, with the understanding that the goods should be landed at the Marshfield dock. Then taking his dogs and gun, he started on foot to try and overtake Perkins, and if possible prevail upon him (Perkins) not to have him arrested and try and adjust their difficulties without going into court. Enroute to Marshfield, he stopped at the home of Mrs. Smedberg and asked her if any one had passed. He was told that an old man had passed down the road a short time before. After getting some apples he (Garrison) continued on his way, arriving at the ferry slip at Eastside some time after dark. There he found Perkins. Perkins and he had a row and Garrison said that Perkins threatened to break his head with a stick, which he had in his hand and used for a walking stick. This row took place outside the waiting room, used in connection with the ferry. It being cold, both Perkins and Garrison went into the waiting room. Perkins laid down on a bench on the north side of the room and Garrison sat down on the opposite side with his gun across his knees. Several hours later Perkins made a move which Garrison said startled him and fearing that Perkins intended to harm him, he shot Perkins, who died instantly. He then dragged the body down to the end of the ferry slip, where he procured two rocks from a box and made them fast with a rope to Perkins' neck and feet. He then took a skiff which was moored to the float adjoining the ferry slip, placed the rock that was attached to his neck in the boat and towed the body down the bay, to a place as he supposed, a short way below the mouth of Coos River, and sunk it. He then went across the bay and slent the balance of the night in the Stave mill.

"Garrison denied that he had any premeditated intention of killing Perkins and that he never robbed the body. He always maintained that Graham placed the stuff that was found under his cabin. I tried to get Garrison to make this statement in court at his trial but he said that he either wanted to go free or hang.

"I make this statement for the reason that Garrison in his statement to the public just before his death, cast reflection on some of the witnesses and officers connected with his trial, which is absolutely untrue, and Garrison having been executed and no harm can be done by telling the facts that I believe the public should know."

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THINK BODY IS CAPT. JOHNSON

Remains Found on Beach Near Tarheel Point May Be Osprey Victim.

MAYBE STRANGER.

According to statements of friends of Capt. Gus Johnson, the body found near Tarheel Point cannot be his because he was not five feet 11 inches tall. This surrounds the whole matter in mystery. There have been no disappearances reported recently, since Wm. Joyner disappeared and he was not that tall.

The body picked up on the beach below Tarheel Point yesterday afternoon is probably that of Capt. Gus Johnson of the launch Osprey, which was lost on the Coos Bay bar November 1 with five people. Coroner Wilson will start the inquest this afternoon, but probably will not complete it before tomorrow night, when it is expected that Manager Leach or other parties will arrive from Rogue River to aid in identifying the body.

However, Capt. Tyler of the tug Roscoe, who endeavored to save the Osprey's crew, this morning declared that a piece of rope found about the body was part of the cotton heaving line which his men had thrown to Capt. Johnson. He was certain that it was his line. As the rope from the Roscoe had been caught by Captain Johnson and fastened around his body, this is thought to make the identification nearly certain.

Soon after the finding of the body, and the fact that it was found on the beach near Wm. Joyner's home, many thought it might be Joyner's remains. Today, there is little hope of such being the case. Moreover, the face and head are so badly disfigured that identification is difficult. The body was found yesterday afternoon by a young boy named Foster, who happened out on the beach just opposite the Joyner place and about a half mile above the mouth of South Slough. He immediately notified Emmett Pierce who sent word to Marshfield.

Coroner Wilson says the body had evidently been washed up the night before last and was probably in a good state of preservation until the seagulls got at it yesterday. He believes it was buried in the sand until it was washed up by the last storm, there being no indications of the crabs having mutilated it. Only part of the clothing was on the body. The trousers and shoes were gone. An ordinary undershirt was covered by a blue woolen shirt such as sailors wear. A tall or made vest of very good material and a coat of less expensive material was all that was on it.

There was about 12 feet of rope around the waist. On the rope a piece of fish line had caught and on the latter was part of a gold watch chain. There was nothing in the pockets. The body is that of a man about five feet 11 inches tall. Part of the teeth are gone and none of the others have any indications of the gold fillings which marked the teeth of William Joyner.

Coroner Wilson will have a physician examine the body to see if there are any traces of foul play. Today he will probably call Capt. Tyler and the Foster boy as witnesses at the inquest. He also expects to hear from Manager Leach, if the latter is unable to come, the inquest will be concluded at once. If he can come, the inquest will be adjourned until he can reach here.

ADJOURN INQUEST.

This afternoon, Coroner Wilson adjourned the inquest until 7:30 tomorrow night. Dr. Houseworth, Mr. Thrush who formerly ran on the Osprey, and the Foster boy testified. The jury is composed of R. N. Fenton, Mr. Hagemester, Captain Lightner, O. S. Torrey, Neils Rasmussen and C. A. Howard.

NAVAL BATTLE TODAY.

Turks Force Greeks to Withdraw Today. (By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 16.—The Turkish fleet has engaged the Greek fleet off the island of Lemnos today according to an official telegram from The Dardanelles. The Greek fleet was compelled to withdraw from the action.

MAJ. MORROW IS KEPT ADVISED

Capt. Macgenn Sends Chart of Soundings of Coos Bay Bar to Him.

The following self-explanatory telegram will be sent today by President Greene of the Marshfield Chamber of Commerce to Congressman Hawley and Senator Bourne at Washington: "Coos Bay bar is still shoaling, sand coming to the surface at high water. Southern Pacific liner Breakwater bay bound inside for four days with only 65 tons of cargo on board, draught 13 feet and 6 inches. This vessel was never off her schedule before except once in 1908. The C. A. Smith Co. fleet is also harbored. All lumber mills are about to shut down for lack of transportation. Two steamers outside for two days afraid to cross in on account of condition of the bar. Will not enter unless they get short of fuel. This is the most serious condition that ever existed here. Copy of the survey has been forwarded to Major Morrow. The steamer Washington on drydock for the past 30 days on account of accident on bar. Steamer Homer outside the bar for three days afraid to enter. Captain Macgenn has decided to keep the officials at Washington apprised of the condition of the Coos Bay bar and the necessity of action. Yesterday he sent another letter to Major Morrow, accompanied by a tracing of Engineer Charlston's blue print of the soundings of the bar, showing the bad shoals there.

Capt. T. J. Macgenn yesterday wrote Major J. J. Morrow, who is now in Washington, as follows: Enclosed you will find copy of survey taken by Engineer Charlston on or about the last day of November or the first day of December. You will please note the soundings near the end of the proposed extension of the north jetty is only 14 feet; at this point the sand comes to the surface in great quantities and it also comes to the surface at a point indicated by an (+) in the middle of the channel. This is the most serious condition that ever existed here and the heavy rains have not made any impression. The Breakwater is harbored Saturday, Sunday and Monday, and there is little hope for getting out tomorrow. You are no doubt aware that the Breakwater never was harbored before in Coos Bay, except one day in 1908, and never was off her schedule until now. She is only drawing 13 feet six inches aft and 10 feet forward. Of course we will not go out until there is an opportunity to cross without danger, but we cannot lay outside the bar and use up all our fuel in stormy weather waiting for an opportunity to get in. Therefore, the serious condition that exists makes it extremely dangerous.

In closing, we all feel perfectly confident that you will do your best to assist us in putting this matter before the board of engineers. P. S.—The Nann Smith, Redondo and Alliance are also harbored inside here today, and the Homer is lying outside off the bar.

Express Thanks. W. S. Chandler, chairman of the executive committee of the Marshfield Chamber of Commerce, today received the following self-explanatory letter from W. F. Miller, local representative of the Southern Pacific, in deference to the action on the bridge matter last week: In behalf of Mr. Miller, I desire that you convey to the Chamber of Commerce our appreciation of their assistance in connection with the bridge matter.

WOMEN AS LOBBYISTS.

Throng of "Drys" Make Capital Look Like Suffragette Center. (By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The corridors of the capital office building and the senate and house took on the appearance of suffragette headquarters yesterday. Women interested in the Kenyon-Shepard bill, prohibiting the shipment of intoxicating liquors into dry states composed the throng.

EXECUTED YESTERDAY.

Italian Guilty of Triple Murder Is Executed at Sing Sing. (By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) OSSING, N. Y., Dec. 17.—Mateo Dall Omo, a young Italian convicted of a triple murder in Brooklyn, suffered the death penalty in the electric chair at Sing Sing prison yesterday.

WITHDRAWS OIL LANDS

Taft Reserves Large Area in Kern County, Calif. (By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—President Taft signed yesterday, an executive order withdrawing from public entry 29,541 acres of oil land in the Buena Vista Hills, Kern County, California, as a source to supply oil for fuel for the navy.

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VESSELS STILL STORM BOUND; MAY GET OUT THIS EVENING

NO QUORUM OF CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Adjourned Until Wednesday Night—Increase in Fines, Etc.

Owing to inability to get a quorum last night, the meeting of the city council was adjourned until Wednesday evening. The tax levy for the ensuing year will have to be made and a number of important matters are scheduled to come up to present a new plan for opening South Eleventh street.

Last night, Councilman Savage had to attend a special Masonic meeting to see that his son was properly initiated. Councilman Merchant was called to Coquille and could not get back and Mayor Straw was absent. Messrs. Allen, Ferguson and Couple were the only ones who showed up and could not take up any business. Messrs. Myers, Langworthy, Marcey and F. A. Tiedgen were present in a new plan for opening South Eleventh street.

Eugene Crosthwaite, Jack Davis and Alfred Matson were present to protest against certain phases of the ordinance regulating cigar stores; billiard and pool and card parlors. Messrs. Allen and Savage of the finance committee have agreed on a ten mill levy for the ensuing year for municipal purposes. This, with a little economy and the increase in the assessment, they think will take care of the current expenses this year. City Attorney Goss reported that he had been unable to ascertain the exact amount of the increase in the city's assessment, the assessor and sheriff's offices being too busy to figure it up.

INCREASE IN INCOME.

There will be a big increase in the city's income from fines, etc., this year. Although Marshal Carter and Recorder Butler have been very lenient with the offenders, a total of \$1,055.10 has been collected in fines and forfeitures so far this year. This is thought to be nearly double the income during previous years. Marshal Carter's records show that during the year he has collected the following special revenue for the city:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes Hawk's licenses, Shooting gallery, Pound fees, Dog licenses, Street rent, Fortune teller, Peddler's licenses, Skating rink, Pawnbrokers' licenses, Ball rack license.

CONFER ABOUT PEACE TODAY

DELEGATES FROM BULGARIAN STATES MEET WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF TURKEY—A CLASH OVER ADRIANOPLE. (By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) LONDON, Dec. 17.—Delegates of Bulgaria, Servia, Montenegro and Greece assembled yesterday at St. James' palace to meet the Turkish delegates in a momentous conference which is to settle the question whether there is to be peace or continuance of war in the Balkans.

The plenipotentiaries were welcomed by Sir Edward Grey. His address was full of sympathy and good wishes for the success of the gathering. The premier spoke for the king. The peace delegates adjourned immediately after the luncheon until Tuesday. It has been arranged that the chair shall be taken alternately by the delegates representing the five nations concerned. This will be done alphabetically and Bulgaria is first on the list.

The Turkish delegates are understood to have now agreed to withhold their threatened opposition to Greek participation in the conference before the Greeks sign the armistice. The question of Adrianople is likely to be the first real business of the conclave and that will bring about the most critical point, for

Rough Weather Ties Up Several Ships in Coos Bay Again Today.

BREAKWATER TO TRY LATE THIS EVENING

Officers and Passengers of the Vessels Plan Ball at Empire Tonight.

BREAKWATER OUT.

The Breakwater crossed out at 4 o'clock this afternoon. The Homer and G. F. Lindauer crossed in this afternoon.

Owing to the rough weather, several vessels are still storm bound in Coos Bay. It is barely possible that some of them may be able to get out just before dark this evening. The Nann Smith and Redondo hope to be able to get out tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock.

The bar which was very rough yesterday, the roughest that some had ever seen it, had subsided somewhat today, but was still pretty bad. Tonight, a ball will be given at the Arago hotel in Empire for the passengers and officers of the ships. Messrs. Lawler & Webber of the Arago hotel are making big plans for it. In addition to the officers and passengers, special autos will be run from Marshfield and North Bend and a big time is expected.

MAY DELAY SANTA CLAUS.

The delay in the vessels may mean a delay in Santa Claus. With the exception of the Breakwater, no vessels will probably be able to return from either Portland or San Francisco before Christmas and consequently many Christmas packages probably won't reach here until after December 25th. If the Breakwater gets out tonight, she will probably reach Portland Wednesday night and sail from here Thursday night, reaching here Saturday and then sail from here Sunday for Portland. Capt. Macgenn hopes by crowding things and with favorable conditions to make up most of the lost time on the schedule.

ONE STEAMER IN.

The steamer Hardy from San Francisco crossed in today. Capt. Michaelson of the Hardy, formerly the Grace Dollar, ran in here a number of times as first mate on the San Pedro before he assumed command of the Hardy. She will load at the Smith mill.

TWO VESSELS OUTSIDE.

Two vessels are off the bar awaiting opportunity to come in. One is the steamer Homer from San Francisco with F. S. Dow and S. D. Harper aboard. The other is supposed to be the G. F. Lindauer, which is coming in here to load with lumber at the C. A. Smith mill.

TIDE IS BAD.

Added to the troubles of the storm is unfavorable tide conditions. The high tide is so early in the morning that it cannot be taken advantage of, and the tide in the evening is not sufficient to be of much advantage. Tomorrow morning the tide will be right about 8 o'clock and it is hoped that the vessels can get out.

COSTS VESSELS MONEY.

The delay in the vessel movements is expensive to the owners. The Nann Smith is worth about \$1100 per day to the C. A. Smith Co. and the Redondo over \$400 a day, so that each day's delay of the two of them means a dead loss of \$1500.

ROUGH AT BANDON.

Reports from Bandon are that the bar there was about the roughest yesterday that it has been in many months. It was rolling high, breaking far over Table Rock. One vessel was off the bar yesterday waiting for a chance to come in. It was supposed to be the Fifield.

TROUBLE IN CINCINNATI.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 17.—William C. Bernhardt of Cincinnati, a former official of the Ironworkers' Union, yesterday took the witness stand in the dynamite conspiracy trial to testify in his own behalf. Bernhardt is accused of complicity because of a letter he wrote to John K. McNamara. One of these had this reference: "Cleaning up the city." It meant inducing non-union men to join the union, he said. He said he met McNamara only a few times when the latter visited Cincinnati on Union business.

Four explosions in Cincinnati, the government charged, were part of the "terrorism" employed by the ironworkers in the strikes against the "open shop" concerns, unless Turkey yields to Bulgaria, the "war will recommence," according to Dr. Daneff, head of the Bulgarian delegation.