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ST OF ALLEN GANG IS CAUGHT

Men On Barnacle Believed Part of Murdering Moonshiners of Virginia

LETTER IS A CLUE

ude Allen and Cousin 'Bush' Men, Alias Ed Wilson, Left This Port in Hiding

POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING

Left Here in Hiding on Barnacle—Craft Sailed From Port at Night Time and Believed Another Suspect Was Aboard.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

SAN FRANCISCO, April 26.—Local officials are investigating identity of men here on countering charges to learn if they are Claude and "Bush" Allen, members of the notorious Allen clan, who raided Hillsville, Va. court three years ago and killed officials. They gave the names Boggs and William B. Young as arrested with the third man on the sloop Barnacle from Coos Bay but admitted them to be Boggs. Boggs said his true name is Claude Allen, but denied relationship with Floyd Allen. Allen arranged today and pleaded guilty. Young pleaded not guilty. Letter addressed to his sister, Allen, in Virginia, is said by local officers to have been found Claude Allen. In it Allen sent regards to Floyd, and said "Don't say one word where I am." The seaman denied the name of "Bush" Allen.

Chief Anderson's Work.

Rumor on North Bend streets Chief Anderson, of North Bend, prompted him to make an investigation of the Allen relationships a wire to the Chief of Police San Francisco was the result. The man called "Bush" Allen in wire from the south is said to be known here under the name of Ed Wilson and no relation to Wilson, also of the Barnacle but not implicated in the countering operations.

Claude Allen was fairly well known here. He was indicted last week by the grand jury at Coquille on charge of stealing chickens.

The history of the Allen case is a body one and started March 14, 1912, in the court house at Hillsville, Carroll county, Virginia, when the Massie sentenced Floyd Allen to one year in jail for "moonshining."

Members of the Allen family fill the court room. When the sentence was pronounced they opened the door to the court room. The judge died at his bench. Commonwealth Attorney W. M. Foster was present and so was Sheriff L. F. Gresham while the clerk was fatally wounded. The gang escaped to the south with a posse in pursuit. Several were caught and others escaped.

Floyd Allen was captured several days later and went to the gallows to tell of the whereabouts of the other members of the gang.

Offer Big Reward.

There is \$1000 reward for the capture, dead or alive, of Claude Allen of this gang. Chief Anderson says it was known about North Bend that Claude Allen and "Ed Wilson" left on the Barnacle.

A man named Reynolds, wanted in Coos Bay on a charge of tampering with express and breaking into houses, was known to have been in this county and it is believed he left here on the Barnacle. Sheriff Johnson had a warrant for his arrest at the time.

ALLIES SEIZE TWO

U. S. MERCHANTMEN

ATHENS, April 26.—It is reported at Piraeus that the British warships have captured the American steamers Virginia and Magda. They carried cargo that is declared to be contraband.

ESCAPES JETTY

BROOKLYN HAS NARROW ESCAPE ON BANDON BAR

In High Sea Vessel Arrives in Yesterday Morning After Three Times Attempting Passage

Through a smother of smoking white seas the steam schooner Brooklyn on her third attempt at the Bandon entrance where on Saturday the Randolph was capsized yesterday morning came in on the crest of a heavy swell and, barely escaping destruction on the south jetty as she was rushed inward to safety. Three times the vessel humped in the shallow water and several seas were taken over the rail while a great crowd lined the waterfront to congratulate the newcomers on their miraculous escape. But a few feet away and in plain sight lay the wreckage of the Randolph strewn for half a mile along the south beach.

Rudolph Cople, of Marshfield, was a passenger aboard the vessel. The Brooklyn left San Francisco at 5 p. m. on Thursday and arrived off the Bandon bar shortly after midnight, Saturday, and laid outside at anchor until six o'clock in the morning. With the captain at the wheel the entrance was attempted from the south. A heavy northwest wind had kicked up a heavy cross sea, running in almost at right angles with the two jetties and breaking high over them both.

It was this cross current that sent the Brooklyn off her course and just outside the line of breakers the skipper turned again to sea and for the second time essayed the bar. This attempt too proved almost disastrous and the vessel backed astern and circling came straight on toward the bar.

At the breaker line, the little vessel, rolling heavily, and several times almost submerged in the smother, tried to again pull out. The seas caught the craft, flung her high and when she dropped in the trough three times her hull struck the bottom and it was then that the spectators on shore held their breaths expecting to see the Brooklyn piled up on the jetty.

It was a fortunate straight on sea that caught the little vessel on the rebound and, flinging her on the tops of its crest, rushed by within a few feet of the south jetty and placed her safely inside.

Yesterday while making the landing at the Prosper mill the Brooklyn rammed the wharf tearing away several piles but she was not damaged.

Saw Barnacle Crew.

Before leaving San Francisco, Mr. Cople for a few minutes saw Frank Harris, of the Barnacle crew in jail on a counterfeiting charge. Poste and Syd Wilson, he said, were also in the county jail there when he left San Francisco on Thursday. Poste told Mr. Cople that he had no part in the counterfeiting operations and expected soon to be out again.

J. F. Telander says that yesterday he received a letter from both Poste and Wilson stating that they have not been arrested and are still with the gold separating machine at the Exposition grounds. It is known that the two men arrested with Harris have several times taken the names of Poste and Wilson "caused much confusion."

TO RAISE THE RATES

COQUILLE VALLEY TELEPHONE COMPANY PROPOSES MYRTLE POINT RATE

SALEM, Ore., April 26.—The Coquille Valley Telephone Company of Myrtle Point yesterday petitioned the state railroad commission to allow it to increase its rates to be effective May 1. The company informs the commission that it intends to improve its service and that the rate increase is consented to by 85 per cent of its patrons.

M'GINNIS DIVORCE CASE

No divorce was allowed Mrs. Ohma McGinnis by Judge Coke today, according to word from Coquille late this afternoon. Mrs. McGinnis asked for separation from Tom McGinnis on the grounds that he had been a drunkard for a period of over 12 months. She asked for a share of the property.

THREE SAVED

ON RANDOLPH

Capt. Anderson and Engineer Colvin Rescued by Cutting Hole Through Hull of Boat

BODIES NOT FOUND

Chauncey Carpenter Swam Through Heavy Seas After Boat Capsized on Bar

CAPTAIN BLAMES ENGINEER

Says Latter Did Not Shut Down Engines—Captain Johnson and Coast Guards Made Remarkable Rescue

BANDON, Ore., April 26.—To the thoughtfulness of Capt. Johnson of the Bandon Life Saving Station and his crew, Capt. Charles Anderson and Engineer Henry Colvin of the ill-fated Randolph, which was upset on the bar here late Saturday, owe their lives. They were rescued from the overturned hulk of the vessel, which was lying in the breakers, by the life-savers chopping a hole through the bottom of the craft. Both were partly dazed and it is said could not have survived ten minutes longer.

The bodies of R.E. Knorr, the Gold Beach druggist, Cook Milton Cox and C. McConnelly have not been found yet.

Chauncey Carpenter, who swam in through the breakers until the Coast Guards reached him, is little the worse for his remarkable experience.

Rescue Remarkable.

The rescue of Capt. Anderson and Engineer Colvin is little short of remarkable. About thirty minutes after the Randolph capsized, the overturned hulk had washed into the breakers where she caught on the sand. The Coast Guards made their way out to the wreck and got on top. They figured that the engineer was probably in the engine room and immediately chopped a hole through the boat. Sure enough he was there and with him was Capt. Anderson. The air in the engine room was about exhausted and the fumes from the oil were strong.

The men had been imprisoned for about an hour and it is said that ten minutes more would have been fatal to them.

Captain Blames Engineer

It is difficult to learn the cause of the disaster but the local navigators agree that it was an accident for which blame cannot be attached to anyone. Some say Capt. Anderson came in too far before making the turn.

Capt. Anderson left for his home at Rocky Point soon after being rescued and no statement could be obtained from him. However parties who talked with him say that he blamed Engineer Colvin for the disaster, claiming that Colvin did not shut off the engine when ordered to and that instead of riding the sea on which they were crossing in, the Randolph forged ahead and was nearing the trough of the wave when another heavy sea hit her.

Happened on Bar

The accident occurred on the bar just when the Randolph was making the turn to catch the channel up the river. She was riding a big sea at the time and another sea struck her when she turned. She had practically no cargo to ballast her and consequently capsized easily.

Carried Curry Bacon.

About the only cargo on the Randolph was about 1,000 pounds of bacon which had been cured in Curry County and was being brought here. This is being washed up on the beach today.

The Randolph is breaking up rapidly and will probably be a total wreck.

No trace of the three missing men had been found today. It is probable that they were caught in the undertow and carried out to sea and their bodies may not be washed up for some distance from here.

Carpenter Good Swimmer

Chauncey Carpenter owes his life to the fact that he is a good swimmer.

ENGLISH STOP

GERMAN DRIVE

Paris Reports Two Desperate Attacks by Kaiser in Belgium Were Checked

YPRES BOMBARDED

Activities Along Yser Canal Renewed and Fighting in Many Places

FRENCH CLAIM VICTORY

Fighting Developing Along Meuse and Effort to Regain Les Esparges is Thwarted—Fierce Bombardments Precede Assaults

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

PARIS, April 26.—The official statement this afternoon says: "In Belgium two German attacks moving out from Paschendale and Brozdinde were checked yesterday by the British. The enemy thereupon bombarded Ypres with violence. Our activities are being continued along the Yser canal. At Notredam De Lorette we repulsed a German attack. On the heights of the Meuse fighting is developing. The attack on Calonne trench was checked by our counter attacks and driven back. The Germans subsequently made another attack further east in the direction of St. Remy, evidently striving to recapture Les Esparges. A violent attack preceded by a fierce bombardment took place shortly after this movement on the eastern slopes of our positions at Les Esparges but failed."

GREAT BATTLE IS ON

LONDON REPORTS THAT KAISER HAS LAUNCHED GREATEST STRUGGLE OF WAR

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

LONDON, April 26.—A new German offensive in Belgium, styled by some British commentators as the greatest battle of the war, is being pushed on with all the power of the army of 500,000 Germany is reputed to have assembled along this front. Berlin today reports impressive victories although no admissions to this effect are made at Paris or London.

Berlin reports the capture of 5000 prisoners so far, including 1000 Canadians, and a total of 15 cannon. Paris gives few details, but says the attacks were checked. The German attack is developing with great force over a large part of the Western front. Berlin announces the recapture of Hartmanns-Weilerkopf, near the Eastern end of the line, which the French recently took after several weeks of fighting. On the heights of the Meuse a severe battle began.

In the Carpathians the Austrians claim to have reduced the Russian positions on both sides of the Gra-wa Valley.

CHINESE ASK AID FROM UNITED STATES

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

HONOLULU, April 26.—President Wilson and the British Foreign office in London were appealed to for assistance for the Chinese in resisting the demands of Japan in a prayer cabled last night by Chinese residents here after a mass meeting.

ELKS NOTICE

The Elks will give their regular monthly dance Wednesday evening in the Masonic Hall. All regular and visiting members are cordially invited to attend.

—By order of the Committee.

He is about twenty-two years of age and his father runs the Racket store in Bandon. He owns a gasoline launch and has spent much of his time on the water. He battled with the sea for about ten minutes before getting to safety.

Rotarian Concert, Noble Tonight.

GERMANS TELL

OF WEST GAIN

Say 5000 English Troops Captured and Ground Gained Along Canal Held

NEW MEUSE FIGHT

Claim French Defeated and Many Prisoners Taken in Series of Engagements

NEW GAINS IN THE VOSGES

Berlin Claims Recapture of Hartmanns-Weilerkopf and Many of the French Taken as German Prisoners

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

BERLIN, April 26.—(Wireless to Sayville.)—The official statement today says: "The Germans hold Lizerne, on the west bank of the canal, which the French pretend to have reconquered. Also on the east of the canal, conquered Terrain remains in possession of the Germans. The number of captured cannon rose to 45, including four English. Northwest of Zonnebeke, German attacks continue. More than 1000 Canadians were taken prisoners. The total number of prisoners rose to 5000. They include Senegalese negroes, English, Turks, Hindus, French, Canadians, Zouaves and Algerians. In Champagne region, north of Beauchamp, two French night attacks were repulsed. On Meuse Heights, German attacks progressed along several mountain saddles until the fight to the west of Les Esparges was taken by storm. Several hundred French were taken prisoners. Several machine guns were also captured. In Alby forest, the enemy's advances failed. In the Vosges the Germans took back Hartmanns-Weilerkopf. In this engagement 11 officers and 149 French soldiers, six mine throwers and four machine guns were captured. Northwest of Ciechanow, a feeble Russian night attack was repulsed."

ITALY NEAR A CRISIS

GERMAN AMBASSADOR VON BUELOW SAYS AUSTRIA CAN'T GRANT DEMANDS

Official English Report Says Dardanelles Cannot be Forced Immediately by Allies

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

LONDON, April 26.—English papers published reports today that the opinion is growing in Rome that Austria and Italy are drifting inevitably towards war. The German ambassador, Von Buelow, is quoted as saying in Rome that it is impossible for Austria to accept the demands of Italy.

A British correspondent accredited officially to the Dardanelles expedition, admits the problem of forcing the straits is a tremendous one. The land operations would also present difficulties.

DELAY PEACE DOVES

FORTY AMERICAN WOMEN DELLEGATES TO THE HAGUE STOPPED BY ENGLAND

Jane Addams Makes Appeal to U. S. Ambassador for Permit for Them to Cross Channel

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

LONDON, April 26.—The steamer Noordam with 40 American women delegates to the Hague peace congress among its passengers is anchored in the Downs unable to obtain permission to proceed up the channel to Rotterdam. Jane Addams has sent an appeal to the American ambassador urging him to secure their release of the delegates in time to arrive at The Hague for the congress, which opens on Wednesday.

THROW BABES AWAY

NEARLY 3500 CHRISTIANS DIE IN FLIGHT FROM PERSIA

Over 20,000 Rushed Away From Turks—Tragic Stories of Suffering Told by 20,000

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

DILMAN, Persia, via Petrograd, April 26.—The exodus of 20,000 Armenians and Nestorian Christians from Azerbaijan province has been confirmed, according to reports of Russian officials. Fifteen hundred of those unable to flee were massacred. Two thousand died from disease in the vicinity of the American mission in Uramiah and possibly an equal number of refugees in the Caucasus.

When it became known, January 1, that the Russians had left Uramiah, about ten thousand Christians fled without money, bedding or provisions. Thousands slept in the snow and children were born on the roadside. Arriving at Julfa, on the Russian border, passport difficulties added to the troubles. Maddened women threw children into the river in order to end their sufferings.

CUPID ON THE LINE

TWENTY-TWO ENGINEERS OF COOS BAY-EUGENE LINE WED IN THREE YEARS

Bachelorhood Put to Rest Along New Railway—Various Reasons are Ascribed For It

EUGENE, Ore., April 26.—Three years ago the Willamette Pacific company brought to Eugene a force of young unmarried engineers and office men. There were thirty of them, and today twenty-three of this number are married.

When they first came here bachelor headquarters were established in a big house on Thirteenth avenue east and Mill street, but a year ago the matrimony game has picked off so many that the quarters had to be discontinued. This seemed to accelerate cupid's activities, and today only seven are left single.

Several of this number already have their foot in the net, declares J. J. Delaney, clerk, who compiled the figures of bachelor fatalities during the past three years. His action was prompted by the announcement yesterday of the marriage of John H. Morrison, a well known Eugene boy, to Juanita G. Schroeder, of Florence. The marriage ceremony was performed at the home of L. J. Pountain, at Florence by J. N. Goude, justice of the peace.

J. J. Delaney, clerk, married, does not give the beauties of Eugene and Lane county's daughters the credit.

"It was the high cost of living," he surmises as he looks over the long list who at one time lived in the bachelor headquarters conducted by himself and Mrs. Delaney. "They all get the idea that two can live more cheaply than one—possibly more cheaply as one."

George Seltz, one of the few unmarried men remaining, whose desk is near that of Mr. Delaney, has an equally pessimistic view.

"After a guy works on the railroad for two years or more, he's foolish enough to do anything," he says.

Mrs. E. S. Tuttle, bookkeeper in the Willamette Pacific office, slightly superstitious, credits the bachelor headquarters with some fatal charm.

"That would be a good house for some sorority," she adds.

The remaining single men are "Judge" Homer, George Adams, George Seltz, Harry Tromlitz, Larry Thornton, Ralph Newlands and Paul Lynch.

Those who have been married in the past three years are: Stanley Young, Ben Price, Dick Lidyard, E. C. Poole, George Bromley, John Hunsaker, Percy Stanky, C. H. Spencer, J. A. Martin, W. H. Hoffman, J. C. O'Connor, W. L. Hallock, I. R. Risley, C. F. Goodall, Charles Darling, A. C. Palmer, J. H. Morrison, J. J. Kestley, Adolph Bork, J. K. Holt, I. O. Russell, Tex McCullum.

JOHN BUNNY DIES

NEW YORK, April 26.—John Bunny, whose antics as a moving picture comedian made millions laugh, died at his home in Brooklyn today. He had been ill three weeks of a complication of diseases.

ALLIES OPEN

ON DARDANELLES

English Announce That Troops Have Disembarked on Gallipoli Peninsula

TURKS DRIVEN BACK

Battleship Fleet Covers Landing of Expeditionary Force For Land Attack

CONTINUE TO LAND MEN

Claim Turkish Forces Driven Back Despite Strong Entrenchments and Barbed Wire Entanglements

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

LONDON, April 26.—It was officially announced today: "The general attack on the Dardanelles by fleet and army was resumed yesterday. Disembarkation of the army, covered by the fleets, began before sunrise at various points on Gallipoli Peninsula and in spite of serious opposition from the enemy in strong entrenchments protected by barbed wire, was completely successful. Before night fall large forces had been established on shore. The landing of the army and advance continue."

J. A. O'KELLY DIES

OLD CAPTAIN WAS ROMANTIC FIGURE ON COOS BAY

Captain J. A. O'Kelly, aged 57 and owner of the gasoline passenger boat line between Marshfield and North Bend, died Saturday night in the Mercy Hospital after a long illness. He was a life member of the Eagles lodge and will be buried by them probably on Wednesday. Mrs. O'Kelly, his mother, a woman of 80 years of age, is expected in tomorrow morning from Portland.

With the going of Captain O'Kelly there was heralded out a figure of romantic interest on Coos Bay. Starting about eight years ago with very little money he built up in four years a comfortable fortune, approximated at about \$25,000.

At that time communication with North Bend was difficult. There was a wagon road over the hills, the water level highway having not then been built. R. B. Herron, it is said, loaned Captain O'Kelly money enough to build the North Bend, a gasoline boat still on the Bay.

This gasoline craft was put in operation and the venture proved so successful that the Bonita and the Marshfield followed and soon the owner of the line had a heavy traffic coming and going and piled up a good income. The round trip was made for 25 cents and one way for 15 cents, the same as the auto stage which finally came in and put the boats out of business about three and four years ago.

Mrs. O'Kelly took sick and died shortly after that. Always an ardent spiritualist Captain O'Kelly, when he received word from San Francisco that the daughter of his dead wife had been located through a medium, immediately went south. There he met a beautiful young girl who posed as his step daughter. He bought her diamonds and gave her several thousand dollars and was coming north for more when he found that he had been bamboozled.

With his money practically all gone the old captain led a solitary life the last few years, living on what little income he had. He leaves the North Bend, Bonita, Marshfield and North Bend, a house and two lots in North Bend and several lots on South Inlet, all of which is said to be heavily mortgaged.

OBREGON IS FREED

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

EL PASO, Tex., April 25.—Francisco Obregon, aged brother of General Obregon, was given his liberty in Chihuahua, according to an official Villa statement today. Obregon was said last week to have been executed following his arrest at Guadaluajara.