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YOUNG CROOK TELLS OF CRIME

Gus Johnson Makes Sworn Statement to Detectives How Nyssa Store Was Robbed—Officers Believe Experts Are in Custody.

In the capture of Charles Johns, W. H. Lloyd, alias Jimmy Lloyd, and Gus Johnson, a boy, the police believe they have broken up one of the most dangerous and expert gangs of safe crackers that has operated in Oregon in many years.

Gus Johnson was sweated by the detectives yesterday, chiefly Detective Tom Coleman, who worked up the case and finally broke down and told all he knew.

Young Tough's Confession.

"My name is Gus Johnson. I am 17 years old. I was born in Sweden and left that country about two years ago. I was on a ship for a short time and put in my time since then between the east and here, but have only been in Portland between two and three weeks.

"We were there either one or two days. I don't know which, and then one night while we were there Johns took us to a general merchandise store, I think it was, and he picked up the store and he and Lloyd went inside, and then Lloyd came out and Lloyd and I watched on the outside while he was inside, and while he was in there I heard a little muffled sound and then he came out and said, 'Come on,' and about a couple of hours afterward I saw him have some watches and chains and some gold rings, and then he showed us some money and said, 'Here is what I got,' and then he split it and gave me about \$8 or \$10 for my share and he gave Lloyd some money, too. He gave me a gold watch and he gave Lloyd one, too. That was the same watch the detective got off me.

Return to Portland.

"The robbery was committed about 2 o'clock in the morning, I think, and then we left about four or five hours afterwards, and bought tickets to Baker. I think the place was, where we stayed last summer, and I went back. I think it was Vancouver, and then came on to Portland, but I don't know where we stopped there we got back. He only gave me one watch out of the bunch, and I don't know what he and Lloyd did with the others. I think he sold about 15 or 16 watches, and he gave me some money. I think it was about \$50.

"When I met this man I was broke and didn't have any shoes on my feet, and was hungry and I didn't have any place to sleep, and I asked him for money and he said: 'Are you broke?' I said 'yes,' and then he gave me four bits and told me of a good place to eat and told me I could sleep with him. I applied to the Seaman's Institute and

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MRS. CHARLES W. MORSE IN GRIP OF A NEW YORK GALE



Here is a remarkable snapshot of Mrs. Charles W. Morse, taken as she was leaving the courtroom in New York during the recent trial of her husband, the indicted ice king.

TAFT'S PLURALITY IN OREGON

Returns From Curry County Complete Vote of State—Republicans Won by 24,482; Majority 14,072—J. D. Lee Receives the Highest Vote for Elector.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Salem, Or., Nov. 27.—The receipt of returns from Curry county this morning, after a delay of almost a month, shows that the Republican plurality in Oregon at the recent presidential election was 24,482. The total vote for the Republican elector receiving the largest vote was 62,531; the Democratic elector

receiving the largest vote received 38,049. The largest vote by the Socialists was 7,433; the largest vote polled by the Prohibitionists was 2,682, and by the Independents 289. President-elect Taft's majority was 14,072. J. D. Lee of Multnomah received the largest vote of the Republican electors, August Buckenstien of Marion received the largest vote of the Democratic electors, both beating their nearest competitor by from 40 to 50 votes. W. T. Grider of Union received the largest Socialist vote. W. P. Elmore of Linn was largest Prohibitionist vote and John W. Bennett of Clackamas the largest Independent vote.

WINCH PLANS NEW BUILDING

Plans have been drawn and arrangements completed for the erection of a modern two story brick business building on the quarter block at the southern corner of Thirteenth and Washington streets. The property belongs to Martin Winch, a well known capitalist. Architect W. L. Morgan prepared the plans and specifications and will superintend the erection of the building.

VOICE OF THE EASTERN PRESS—SCOTT'S SENATORIAL BEE

How far will politicians go in the face not only of explicit instruction from the public, but in the face also of the pledged word? Under the direct primary law of Oregon, a Republican legislature was elected last summer, and instructed to elect to the United States senate the present governor, who is a Democrat. So many members of the legislature gave explicit promises to obey the popular vote that the election of Governor Chamberlain is assured unless he is kept out of office by the most shameful dishonesty. Oregon is now full of rumors that the Republican legislature intends to defeat Chamberlain. The idea is that the pledged members will not vote openly against him, but that enough of them will manage to be sick, or to be called out of the state on business, or to find themselves compelled to resign, to turn the scale. We believe that such treason will scarcely be ventured upon by politicians in a state which is so alive and so self-governed as the state of Oregon. Nevertheless, the situation must be watched. Fulton is the main conspirator. Harvey W. Scott, the owner and editor-in-chief of the Portland Oregonian, has had the senatorial bee for as long as anybody can remember, and Fulton and the others work him by making him believe he has a chance, and in that way they get Scott to throw the influence of his paper with them and against Statement No. 1. While the circulation of the paper has not been decreased, its influence, politically, considering its former prestige, is now practically nothing. There will, undoubtedly, be a serious situation in Oregon if the legislature actually does reject Chamberlain, and if the members of the legislature who were elected in June, pledged to Statement No. 1, shamelessly repudiate their pledges.

POLICY OUGHT TO BE WIDE OPEN

Mayor Lane Would Have \$1,000,000 for Pleasure Grounds Expended in Manner That Would Let Public Know All.

"Let our policy be wide open. We want competition and bidding for the city's favor when it comes to buying parks. We'll find out, too, how much public spirit there is in Portland."

With these words Mayor Lane this morning decided the park board on its plan for the momentous expenditure of \$1,000,000 from the park fund. Secretary Wiegand was directed to obtain a list of all the desirable park sites in the city, following the Olmstead plan, on both sides of the river, from St. Johns' boundary lines to Sellwood and to find out the owners of these tracts.

Mayor Lane will then issue an invitation to every one to appear before the park board and name his price. If the property owners do not respond to the invitation then the mayor will subpoena them. The board will accept such sites as are offered at what appears to be a fair and reasonable figure. Should the city find that it must choose any particular location and the owner's price is exorbitant then condemnation proceedings will be instituted by the city.

Authority for this procedure on the part of the park board was granted by an ordinance passed at the last council meeting. This measure gives the board free rein as to the method of securing options on park property, and provides \$1000 as a fund for the payment of incidental expenses. At first there was considerable talk of the city's employing a secret agent to procure options before the city makes its choice of sites public.

"I do not think such a plan is a good one," declared the mayor, "I have personally known of transactions by such agents where the state was robbed and plundered. In one instance alone of \$20,000. And the men who betrayed the confidence given them were men in whose honor I firmly believe."

"If we adopt this open policy I think it will prove better than the secret method after all. I doubt if any agent could successfully approach owners of choice park tracts without making their purpose known. Then when we make known the city's choice to the owner we place the city at his mercy. If he knows what property we want he can refuse to sell it. I firmly believe in myself by letting the market know the knowledge. He is placed in a position of temptation and has a chance to make all kinds of deals."

Drs. Willson and Rafferty and Mr. Lewis were all three of the opinion held

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CARNEGIE AND HIS FAMILY AS THE CAMERA FOUND THEM



Andrew Carnegie, His Wife and His Daughter.

Pittsburgh, Nov. 27.—Andrew Carnegie acknowledges that his fortune was greatly augmented by a protective tariff. Exorbitant profits were made when the industry was protected, and it is said that before the tariff went into effect his profits were as great as any honest institution ought to expect.

LAW AGAINST MILL COMPANY

Inman-Poulsen Concern Is Likely to Lose in Suit to Enjoin the City.

Unless the Inman-Poulsen Lumber company's attorney is able to make an unexpected showing in the circuit court, it will not succeed in securing an injunction to prevent City Attorney Kavanaugh from prosecuting the firm under the six criminal complaints filed against it in the municipal court charging it with obstructing city streets.

This was made apparent in an argument before Judge Gantenbein this morning, when a hearing was given on the application of the company for a restraining order on the complaint filed by Attorney George S. Shepherd against the city at Wednesday. Deputy City Attorney Tomlinson contended that an injunction cannot issue in a criminal proceeding unless the illegality of the city's action is pleaded, and Shepherd's complaint does not allege that the city ordinance is illegal.

Judge Gantenbein intimated that the position of the city attorney is well taken, unless Shepherd is able to produce some unexpected law to the contrary. The matter was continued to give him an opportunity to do so, as he said he had other authorities to present.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Mashfield, Or., Nov. 27.—The boy is being dragged in an effort to recover the body of Ruby Braten, who was drowned Wednesday night. The girl's father, whose name is Hincken, who lives at Woodburn, Or., arrived here today.

It is said that the girl was well educated and had worked as a stenographer at both Salem and Portland, and had also been a telephone girl. There appears to be little doubt but that she fell overboard under an attack of heart trouble, and did not commit suicide.

The father is almost prostrated. This morning when he received a mistaken report that the body had been found, he broke down and cried. He has employed extra men to help drag the bay. He says he will stay until the body is found and will take the remains home for burial.

LAMPHERE IS FOUND GUILTY OF ARSON

(United Press Leased Wire.) Laporte, Ind., Nov. 27.—Ray Laphere, the hired man employed by Mrs. Bella Guinness, convicted of firing the Guinness homestead, was found guilty of arson today by a jury in Michigan City. The punishment imposed by the court was an indeterminate sentence of from two to twenty-one years and a fine of \$5000. The verdict was a compromise. All but two of the jury, it is said, voted for a manslaughter verdict. Laphere's crime was finally adjudged by the jurors to be arson. The defense has apparently decided not to make a motion for a new trial. When the minimum of the indeterminate sentence has been served the prisoner may ask for parole. It is believed the defense has decided to allow the sentence to stand, hoping to free Laphere at the end of two years.

COLLAPSE OF KAISER DUE TO WORRY

Physicians Order Rest and Trip to Corfu—Will Go After Holidays—Long Ignorant of People's Wrath—Knowledge Caused Fury

(United Press Leased Wire.) Berlin, Nov. 27.—Emperor Wilhelm is ill and the report in court circles is that his physical breakdown is due to his worrying over the recent political affairs that have upset the empire. Although his recent cold is cured, he suffers from obstinate insomnia and is bothered with his old trouble in his defective ear. The doctors have ordered complete rest and it has been planned to send the kaiser to Corfu, the Greek island in the Ionian sea, directly after the Christmas festivities of the court. To go away earlier, it is feared, would have a bad effect politically.

The kaiser, it is generally realized, is rapidly approaching a tremendous clash with his people. Not much doubt is felt that the country is ripe for a revolt against autocracy or that the first exhibition of the imperial determination to defy the people will precipitate the crisis.

The diplomatic theory is that the transition will not be so difficult as it looks, inasmuch as Wilhelm's power, on paper, is not so very much greater than King Edward's. As a matter of fact, added by precedent and through personal forces of character, he has been, so far as foreign policies at least are concerned, practically absolute. If the country decides that he confine himself strictly within constitutional limitations, it is figured that he will be robbed of practically all his authority without the necessity for a new law or even an observable political upheaval.

Kaiser Kept in Ignorance. It has just been learned that the emperor was kept for a long time in ignorance of the real violence of the storm which was raised over his recent Anglo-German interview in the London Telegraph. The kaiser really had only the faintest idea of the extent of the popular dissatisfaction with him. His household took pains to keep all but the mildest news comment on his interview from reaching him. None of the remarks made either by his own people or by the abroad was repeated to him. Even the reichstag debate was submitted to him only in an abridged and modified form.

Finally, a hint either intentionally or accidentally, was given him by the crown prince and his suspicion was instantly aroused. He promptly demanded voluminous reports of the reichstag debates and called for whole reams of newspaper files and other comment. These quickly put him in possession of all the facts.

Not much is known concerning the things which he said, but his anger is reported to have been terrific, and he was enraged at not only his critics but also those who had concealed the true situation from him.

CAPTAIN NELSON TO QUIT THE SEA

Long Noted as Master of His Calling and Popular as Well.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Marshfield, Or., Nov. 27.—It is announced that Captain H. C. Nelson, master of the steam schooner Nann Smith, will retire from sea life and that B. W. Olson, now captain of the steamer Alliance, which runs between Coos Bay and Portland, has been engaged to succeed him on the Nann Smith. It is not known who will take Captain Olson's place. Captain Nelson is one of the best navigators on the coast, and has always been regarded as one of the safest sea captains. When the M. P. Plant was brought from the east he brought her around the Horn and remained master of that boat until last year, when he was engaged by the Smith Lumber company to bring the Nann Smith around the Horn and take charge of her on the run out of Coos Bay.

WATCH OREGON GROW

"Let the purchaser call for Oregon-made goods and 'Watch Oregon grow,'" said S. E. Wrenn, president of Multnomah Trunk and Bag company. "This home-made product campaign is one that should be given serious consideration by every member of this community, for largely upon this one question lies the future progress of our state. We must have more factories and in order to do so we must create a local market for our raw products; so it's up to one and all to demand Oregon-made goods and see that your dealer has them always in stock. The consumer is helping himself as well as the manufacturer, by showing a preference for local made goods besides the enormous amount of money which is spent through eastern channels, will remain among the people of the state. Don't lie down and say, 'it's no use to agitate the matter,' don't excuse yourself by saying, 'we have tried for years to get the people to buy home-made goods.' Be brave and persevere. Public sentiment in favor of any idea is created little by little. A reformer would ever have been successful if he had relaxed his effort."