TWO, ACCUSED OF FRAUDULENT LAND DEALS, INDICTED

Department of Justice Says Pair Operated in Portland and That Wascoites Lost Their Money.

Land frauds involving several Wasco residents were revealed late Thursday when the department of justice received word that Carlos L. Byron had been arrested in Seattle on an indictment returned December 2 by the federal grand jury for the western district of Washington.

He was convicted of land frauds in federal court here on May 6, 1918, and sentenced to serve 15 months in jail and pay a $1000 fine. The circuit court of appeals affirmed this sentence, but Byron asked the supreme court of the United States for review.

Byron, named in the indictment with Edward M. Comyns, has been operating in and around Portland for several months, according to Special Agent William Bryon of the department of justice. It is said that he maintained quarters at the Portland hotel, and left Portland for Seattle on the 11 p. m. train Wednesday.

GARNER MUCH MONEY.

The alleged scheme promoted by Byron and Comyns represented that they were experienced as locators of timber land claims and as land office attorneys practicing in the general land office and local land offices of the United States, the indictment charges.

Representing that timber lands held in Oregon, Washington and California by F. A. Hyde and others were obtained on fraudulent land script, Byron and Comyns are declared to have obtained victims in Wasco who paid large sums of money to have them file contests against the "fraudulent" claims.

They said they would help the prospects in choosing lands, and for a consideration would file necessary applications, it is declared. In addition, they are said to have represented that they would act as witnesses in exposing the Hyde "fraudulent" scrip, manage the supposed contests, and obtain the land for the victims.

Wasco victims named in the indictment are Frederek R. Fortner, Roy C. Atwood, Walter A. May, Lloyd B. Robinson and Emil Anderson. They paid $500 each to the men indicted by the grand jury.

Declares Germans Ordered Sinking of Interned Vessels

London, Dec. 5. — (U. P.) — The admiralty has issued a statement denying the German government's claim it was not in communication with Admiral von Reuter at the time he sank the interned German fleet which he commanded at Scapa Flow.

The statement, issued by Commodore H. B. F. Sinclair, director of naval intelligence, gave extracts from letters which it is said were found aboard the German cruiser Emden when she was salvaged. The letters as quoted in the admiralty statement showed plainly that Von Reuter had received communications from his government.

Copies of Von Reuter's sinking order also were discovered on the Emden, the statement said.

Sugar Profiteers To Be Prosecuted; Control Abandoned

Washington, Dec. 5.—(I. N. S.) — The department of justice has abandoned its original plan to control the supply and distribution of sugar, it was announced today, following the cancellation of a conference at which all the large sugar refiners of the country were scheduled to meet with Attorney General Palmer and Judge C. B. Ames.

The department will confine its activities in the sugar situation to prosecution of hoarders and profiteers.

Lumbermen Attend Hearing at Baker

Baker, Dec. 5.—A hearing at which representatives from all lumber interests in Baker and Union counties were present, was held by W. T. Andrews, timber valuer for the internal revenue department in the Northwest. A complete revision of income estimates, covering the period that has elapsed since the income tax bill was adopted, will be made.

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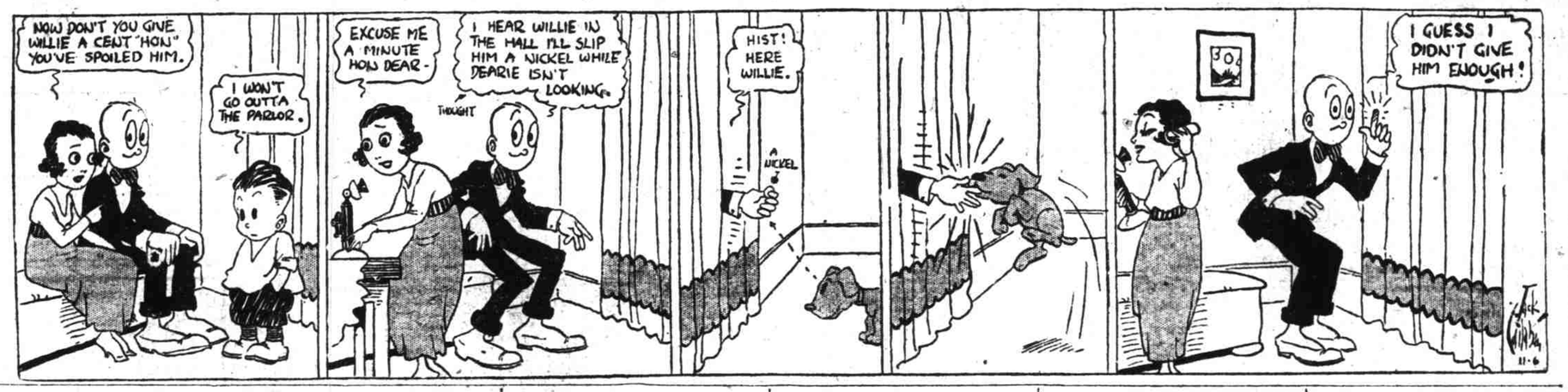

FAY KING SOMETIMES WISHES SHE WASN'T SUCH A LADY

By Fay King

(Miss King is a Portland girl, whose first newspaper work was published in The Journal several years ago. She now is located in New York.)

Gee! sometimes I wish I wasn't such a lady!

Being refined is all right, but a lotta times I'd like to get up enough rough not to mind making a scene and hand out some jaw and fist.

Haven't I had a mean - necked waiter slap up my fifteen cents as if he figured he was doin' me a favor to lift my three subway fares off the platter! How I have longed to get up enough a kick to grab him by the coattail and tell him that if he can't say thanks and be nice about it, to hand me back my three jits!

And when one of those stenciled eyebrowed feline fumblers they have juggling frocks or chappeaux undulates around the place and makes you feel like onions at a ball, gee, don't I wish I had courage enough to ask her who she thinks she is!

And when you get into the subway and find there'd be three more seats at least if the gang that sofa-loafs on a subway seat as if it were a bench in the park would only cut the drape and move up a bit, don't I wish I could say something right out loud that would crimp that crowd! But that wouldn't be ladylike!

And when I go into a movie alone and find myself next to some fresh fish that tries to elbow his way into my life, ah—don't I wish I had the nerve to wipe the aisle up with his insignificant hide!

The other day a bloaty belted, cheap - eyed curb crusher leered at me, grinned, and spoke to me. Instead of pretending that I didn't hear him, wouldn't I have liked to stop and beat the overture from "William Tell" on his dome with a nice mean brick!

But — you can't get away with it and be a lady

Lodge of Perfection Instituted at Baker; 127 Masons Initiated

Baker, Dec. 5.—Baker was the mecca for Eastern Oregon Masons Wednesday, when 127 candidates from the blue lodge entered the lodge of perfection, receiving the additional 11 Scottish Rite degrees. Eighty-two became thirty-second degree Masons, and the only lodge of perfection between Portland and Boise was installed. The degrees were administered by seven officers of the Scottish Rite grand lodge in Portland, Phillip S. Malcolm, sovereign grand inspector general of Oregon; Louis C. Clark, master of the Portland consistory; B. B. Beekman, eminent commander of the Multnomah council of Kadosh; Wallace McCamant, wise master, chapter of Rose Croix, all thirty-third degree Scottish Rite Masons; Adrian McCallum, K. C. C. H., senior warden lodge of perfection; E. D. Jordanson, K. C. C. H., master of ceremonies, lodge of perfection, and Alex M. Wright, thirty-third, prior of the Council of Kadosh.

The installation was the occasion of Baker's first Masonic reunion. Degree work up to the fourteenth was put on this morning, when the members adjourned to dinner as guests of the Episcopal Guild. The higher degrees were administered in the afternoon, and the day was concluded at a banquet served by Esther chapter No. 11, Order of Eastern Star.

The candidates came largely from Union, Umatilla, Grant, Malheur, Wallowa and Baker counties.

Many Get Work

Astoria, Dec. 5.—During November the Sailors' and Soldiers' Employment service of the Knights of Columbus reports that 528 men were furnished employment and positions were found for 22 women.

BRITISH THEATRES LACK CHORUS GIRLS

Managers Blame War Conditions for Attracting So Many From the Stage.

London.—England is experiencing a shortage of chorus girls, according to theatrical agents and stage managers.

Plenty of young women are still anxious to get in the limelight, but experienced girls are said to be far less plentiful than they were.

One theatrical agent explains the situation thusly:

During the war a large number of chorus girls, show girls, and "small part ladies" left the stage for other work.

Some are remaining in it permanently; others have not yet come back to the theatre.

Many girls, too, were married to officers during the war, and have no need, or inclination, to go back to the stage.

The lack of first-class show girls for provincial pantomimes is becoming particularly acute.

It is almost impossible to get them to go out of London. Even salaries of four pounds are not tempting them.

Aged Baker Woman Dies of Pneumonia At Home in Baker

Baker, Dec. 5.—Mrs. Hattie Anderson, Baker resident for 21 years, died here Tuesday night from bronchial pneumonia. She was 58 years old and was born in Norway, January 11, 1861. She came to the United States when 25 years old, living in Des Moines, Iowa, for five years before moving to Portland, where she was married to Swan Anderson in 1896.

They came to Baker two years later. Mr. Anderson died in 1902. Mrs. Anderson is survived by two daughters, Mrs. S. R. Temple of Bremerton, Wash. and Miss Hattie Anderson of Baker, and by a stepdaughter, Mrs. E. T. Reynolds of Baker.

Mother Slays Son; Attempts Suicide

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 5.—(U. P.)—Mrs. A. J. Malkwell, 73 years old, split open the head of her son Joseph, aged 30, with a hand ax, and then tried to kill herself by cutting her own throat, in the family home at Des Moines, 15 miles south of here, last night, according to telephone information to the sheriff's office here this afternoon. Mother and son are in a hospital at Kent, and neither is expected to live, it was reported. The motive for the aged woman's act has not been disclosed.

Astorians Elated Over Prospect for Federal Building

Astoria, Dec. 5.—Astorians are elated over the fact that Representative W. C. Hawley has introduced a bill in congress carrying an appropriation of $650,000 for the construction of a new postoffice building here. Senator Chamberlain has promised the local Chamber of Commerce his support.

Elks Plan Memorial

Astoria, Dec. 5.—Elaborate services are being arranged here by the Astoria Elks for Memorial Sunday. Charles W. Robison will deliver the address.

Held Booze in Mouth, But Didn't Swallow

Philadelphia, Pa.—"How long can a man hold a drink of brandy in his mouth without swallowing it?" was the question raised in a liquor hearing before United States Commissioner Manley.

Agents Tevas and Snyder of the department of justice bureau here testified that they each bought a drink of brandy over the bar at a saloon at 116 South Fifteenth street. They put the liquor in their mouths, they said, paid $1 for the two drinks, walked out of the saloon and 65 feet down the street without swallowing a drop. There they each placed the dram in a bottle. The bottles were offered in evidence at the hearing.

Court officials agreed that the department of justice agents had manifested remarkable self-control.

Following the hearing, Charles J. Higgins, owner of the saloon, was held for court on two counts under $2000 bail.

Briton Denounces Hate Propaganda

London.—Propaganda of hatred should not be permitted to interfere with the reconciliation of nations now that the war is over, declared Sir Ian Hamilton in unveiling a war memorial at Chiselhurst the other day. As the war had progressed, he said, it had been necessary to harden the hearts of the soldiers for the job.

"If you wish for peace, away with hate propaganda," said Sir Ian. "When under the cloak of propaganda, professional lying takes place, then good-by forever to 'peace on earth, good will toward men.'"

U. S. Goods Are in Big Demand in Roumania

Bucharest.—American manufactured goods are in demand in Roumania. The stores in Bucharest are doing almost as great a business as ni pre-war days. France has been sending large quantities of goods into the country, particularly light wearing apparel, silk stockings, toilet soaps and cosmetics.

Prices still are abnormally high. One sees American shoes in the shop windows at the normal equivalent of $28 a pair. Any article stamped "America" has a ready sale. Roumanians are keen for anything from the United States, whether it be food, articles of wear or manufactured objects.

Trapper Clears $125 For One Week's Work

Oakland, Dec. 5.—One week's catch of skunks will bring in for John Abeen about $125. He trapped and skinned 24 of the animals in seven days. The skins are worth from $4 to $6.50 each.

Boy's Nose Cut Off; Replaced by Doctor

Windsor, Eng.—William Robertson, a stable boy, literally lost his nose for three-quarters of an hour, but he points to it in proof that it's as good as ever today.

Falling glass cut his nose off. He was taken to a hospital, where the arteries were tied.

"Where is the nose?" the surgeon asked.

The doctor's son cycled to the stable and found the nose in a box stall in the straw. The boy hurried back and the surgeon worked so skilfully that the original Robertson nose is now in place and unmarred.

Japan will experiment with carrying mail by airplane between Tokyo and Osaka, a distance of 250 miles, to encourage civilian flying.

Houses Are Scarce In New South Wales

Sydney, N. S. W.—So acute has the shortage of houses become in New South Wales that the government has drawn up a scheme for state housing under the direction of a minister for housing. At Forbes it is proposed to demolish the local jail and to erect on the site a dozen houses out of the material. So numerous are the applicants for houses that tenants, prior to leaving rented premises, have conducted from their balconies auction sales for the possession of the keys of the house. The government intends erecting 5000 houses in Sydney for sale to purchasers on easy terms.

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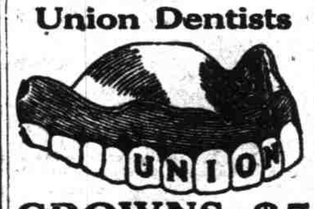

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