

# FAIL TO IDENTIFY PAIR DETAINED IN MURDER INQUIRY

George Brown and Thomas Young, arrested Wednesday night as suspects in connection with the slaying of Deputy Sheriff Robert C. Scott in Seattle last Sunday, are declared by Seattle witnesses not to be the men wanted. However, the men will be held while government and California state officials are notified of their detention here.

Sheriff Stringer, Deputy Sheriffs Hughes, Beebe and Vaughn of cattle, and A. R. Myers of the Seattle Times, all failed to identify the men when they were lined up with other prisoners in the city jail.

The two men were arrested Wednesday afternoon by Inspectors LaSalle, Schuplus, Swennes and McCulloch in quarters at the Berkeley rooming house, Third and Taylor streets.

LaSalle, Schuplus, Swennes and McCulloch hid in the men's room. When they returned, Brown is said to have reached for his gun, but Schuplus whipped out his revolver, covering him before he could draw.

Young is a paroled convict from San Quentin, the police say. He was convicted in 1908 for the murder of a policeman in San Francisco, according to the police.

A handbag filled with toilet articles, razors, opera glasses, hair tonic and various drug store supplies, was found in the room. In the possession of one of the men was a "jimmy," wrapped up in a piece of paper as if it had just been purchased.

Both men were armed and had between \$50 and \$80.

The three deputies who came from Seattle with Stringer were with Scott at the time he was killed. They came to the police station Wednesday afternoon to look at the suspects and agreed that Brown answered the description of the hunted man in most particulars.

Both Brown and Young admitted to the police that they were in Seattle Saturday night.

### SUIT AGAINST SHERIFF, HIS DEPUTY; POLICEMAN REMAINS

Suit for \$2000 brought by Miles A. Eckerson, 16-year-old youth, against Sheriff Hurlburt, Deputy Sheriff Roy Kendall, former Probation Officer A. A. Bailey and Patrolman A. McFarlane, for alleged false arrest and imprisonment, was dismissed by Circuit Judge Gatens today as far as Bailey is concerned. Questions affecting the other officers will have to go to the jury.

Arguments on the non-guilt motions occupied most of the morning. Bailey, it was shown, gave the boy financial assistance when he was jailed. Eckerson is the admitted victim of a mistake between the police department and the sheriff's office. Patrolman McFarlane found him at the East Twenty-eighth and Ankeny streets car barn, looking for shelter. The boy was taken to the Fraser home, but it was quarantined with influenza, and he was taken to the county jail for the night. Instead of remaining a night, evidence showed that he was there for a week. The jailer did not know what he was there for, the patrolman having failed to make any report, and the juvenile court did not know he was there. Attorney B. A. Green, visiting another prisoner in the jail, was told of the boy's predicament, secured his release, and later brought the suit. Eckerson had just come from Great Bend, Kan., looking for a cousin named Richards, residing in Portland, when he was picked up.

# Potatoes Soaring; Price for Average Is Five Cents Each

Farmers are getting practically 5 cents each for their potatoes, which means about 7 cents a pound. Those that grow big potatoes are receiving as high as 20 cents each, which of course establishes a new high record for the tuber family in this market. This is what farmers get—not what the consumer pays. The latter pays from 1 to 2 cents a pound additional.

Leading hotel and restaurant owners, becoming alarmed regarding the extreme price of potatoes as well as the shortage of supplies, have decided to advance the price to their patrons. Those that charged 5 cents for a mere slab of potatoes, are to advance the price to 10 cents and those that have charged 10 cents, will hereafter ask 20 cents for one tuber prepared for consumption.

# YIELD OF WINTER WHEAT FAR SHORT

Washington, April 8.—(U. P.)—The 1920 winter wheat crop will be more than 248,000,000 bushels below that of last year, according to a forecast today by the agricultural department, based on reports from all sections of the country.

The forecast is 483,617,000 bushels as compared with 731,636,000 bushels harvested beginning on June last year.

This big falling off is believed to be a result of the removal of the guarantee on wheat prices, and a slackening as a result of removal of the war stimulus. The forecast for this year is based upon reports showing the average condition of the winter wheat crop on April 1 as 56.6 per cent of normal. The condition April 1, 1919, was reported as 99.8 per cent of normal. The average condition of winter wheat on April 1, over a 10 year period was 84.1 per cent of normal, indicating that conditions this year are far below the average. Winter wheat production in 1918 was 565,099,000 bushels, which is above the forecast for this year.

# Arson Admitted, Is Word From Hilgard

Salem, April 8.—H. A. Endrup, proprietor of the hotel at Hilgard, Union county, which was destroyed by fire on March 22, has confessed to setting the blaze himself with intent to defraud the insurance company, according to information received here by A. C. Barber, state insurance commissioner, from H. H. Pomeroy, deputy fire marshal, who has been investigating the fire. The loss is estimated to have been \$2200.

# Song Writer Freed After Killing Man

Chicago, April 8.—(I. N. S.)—A coroner's jury late yesterday exonerated Joseph Manne, a song writer, from blame in connection with the death of Travers Walsh. Manne attacked Walsh and two of the latter's companions when, it was alleged, they insulted his wife on the street. Walsh was killed by a blow from Manne's flat. The jury was composed of leading hotel managers.

# TWO ARE KILLED BY TERRIFIC BLAST

Ponca City, Okla., April 8.—(U. P.)—In a terrific explosion which rocked the city early today, two persons were killed and seven injured, when the business building owned by F. C. Nonamaker was wrecked, the blast said to have been caused by escaping gas.

Many had narrow escapes. The force of the explosion broke plate glass windows a block away.

The dead are: George Baker, cook, of McPherson, Kan. Miss Viola Ammann, waitress, address unknown.

# Bootlegger Spurns Old Trade; Romance And Squaw Appeal

Life without romance is life wasted, believes Ben Bourbennaise, now lodged in the Multnomah county jail pending federal indictment for selling liquor to Indians on the Klamath reservation.

"When I get out of here, I'm going back to Klamath Falls and marry," Ben told federal prosecutors today. "Yes, sir, no more of this liquor selling for me. I know a little squaw down there who'll make a fine wife—and she owns 60 head of cattle and a fine piece of land."

"I hope I get out in time to harvest the crops," he added reminiscently. Ben, is said, will plead guilty to the liquor charge. He is one eighth Indian himself, according to Assistant United States Attorney Flegel.

He escaped once after arrest near Klamath Falls, but when locked in jail awaiting transfer to Portland, he spurned opportunity for a jail break engineered by two other prisoners. He said he wants to be a "good Indian."

# Senate Amendment Would Permit More Foreign Print Paper

Washington, April 8.—(I. N. S.)—The senate finance committee today reported favorably an amendment to the dye-stuffs bill which raises the price of print paper on which duties can be levied from 5 to 8 cents a pound.

The committee also has agreed on an anti-dumping amendment to the dye bill.

# Turbulent Life in Albania Described By Returned Doctor

Dr. Lloyd W. Brooke, 834 Colonial avenue, today is home after nearly two years spent in Europe, where he served first as a medical captain with the Ninety-first division and later with the American Red Cross in Albania.

Life in Albania was turbulent when the American Red Cross first sent a commission to the little country east of Italy, declares Dr. Brooke, and it still remains so. The principal occupation of the population, he reports, is fighting among each other. Most of the cases he handled during his 10 months there

were the healing of bullet wounds and knife jabs.

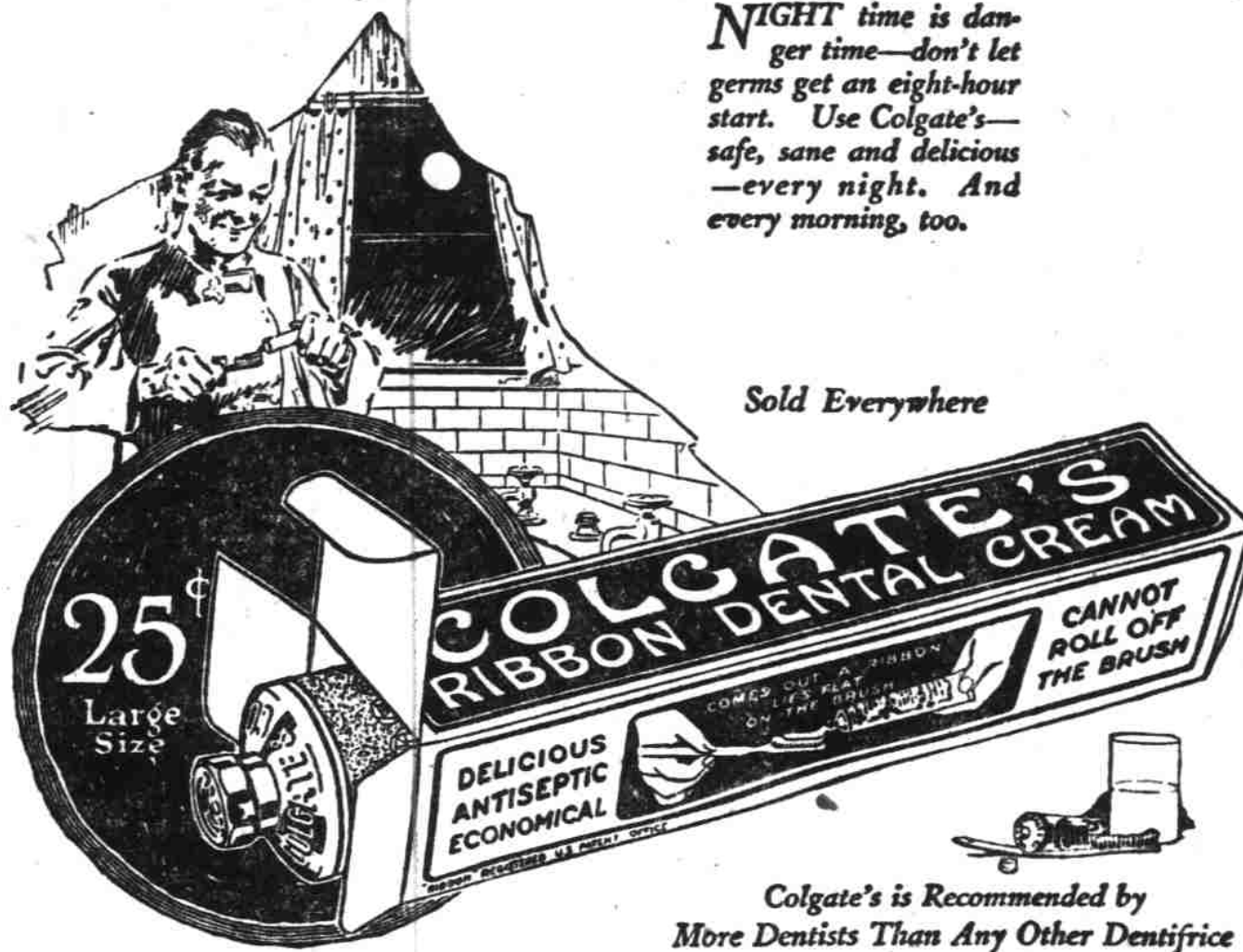
There is a provisional Albanian government, but this is under the protection of Italy. America, says Dr. Brooke, is honored with the most confidence Albanians repose in other nations. So many countries have occupied the land for selfish reasons that the natives have come to look with distrust upon all except Americans.

He will resume practice in Portland.

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