

DISAPPEARANCE OF MRS. PITTMAN ADDS TANG TO MYSTERY

Husband May Rely on Ability to Cloud Victim's Reputation in Defending Charge of Murder.

Fresno, Cal., July 10.—(U. P.)—Those watching the engrossing Pittman murder trial here have reached the conclusion that the disappearance of Mrs. Marion E. Pittman must be explained before anything can accurately be predicted as to the plans of the defense.

If the defense is to be controlled by a desire to shield Mrs. Pittman and let her husband get through the trial as best he may, then the defense may be expected to cloud the moment when Pittman, the young hardware dealer, dropped from the trapdoor in the attic and confronted Mrs. Pittman and Andrew Nicholson.

In this case, it is believed, the defense will rely upon what it can establish as to Nicholson's reputation.

At no time has Pittman told what was going on just before he shot and killed Nicholson. Mrs. Nicholson has never visited her husband in the jail. She did not appear at the preliminary hearing and it is stated her relatives do not know her whereabouts.

Mrs. Pittman knew Nicholson before she married Pittman. She is quoted as having told friends that Nicholson was an old friend of the family and that there was nothing unusual about his visit. In the absence of a statement by the defense, the rumor is going out that even the defense does not know where Mrs. Pittman is.

Meanwhile Fresno, believing that big bundles of letters written to Nicholson by Fresno women will be introduced by the defense, is keenly disappointed at the postponement until Tuesday.

This bundle of letters, held, it is said, by a witness for the defense, may be the basis for a defense plea that Pittman was justified in shooting the handsome bachelor because of his alleged reputation and Fresno gossip about him.

FAMOUS PROHI IS PORTLAND VISITOR

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ant one. "I was rather sick and had lain down, leaving a call in time for my talk that night. When I finally was on my way, I saw the building was surrounded by a mob, which surged around every taxi cab. It was made up of students from the University of London. I asked one of them what the excitement was all about.

IT WAS "VERY FUNNY"

"We are hunting for Pussyfoot Johnson," he replied.

"Do you know him when you see him?" I asked.

He said he didn't.

"Well, now, you must be careful or he will slip by you," I said, and I gave him a good description of him and walked on into the building. I thought it was a good joke and laughed about it until they began to surround me. I commenced fighting. I fought with my hands and feet until they pinioned me and then I began to bite. I chewed up several fingers and when a hand came down over my shoulder and got hold of my coat lapel, I sunk my teeth deep into that thumb. The man yelled like a buffalo and I discovered it was a friend of mine, a Methodist minister who was trying to help me out. Now wasn't that funny?

ANOTHER "GREAT JOKE"

"We got out on the street and the mob kept getting bigger. The police interfered and I was whisked into a taxi just as a piece of glass, hurled from a slingshot, hit me in the eye and burst my eyeball. It was a great joke.

"The students were just out for a lark and the next morning a big delegation of them called at the hospital, but it was too late, of course. I was in the hospital several weeks and then went down into the Sahara Desert country and Algiers to get my health back."

Speaking of the trend toward prohibition, Johnson said:

"Last century, England led the world in the abolition of slavery. This century the United States is leading the world in the abolition of drink. This century will see the world free from that poison. Nearly one-third of the nations of Europe are nearer to national prohibition than we were 10 years ago. Finland went dry last year. Norway went dry as to spirits last year. Estonia is practically dry and they are now in the middle of a fight to make it all dry; a large part of Russia is dry simply because Lenin and Trotsky were unable to manage their Red army unless they kept alcohol away from its 235 parishes in Denmark are dry and there is a strong movement there for national prohibition."

LOCAL OPTION DISCUSSED

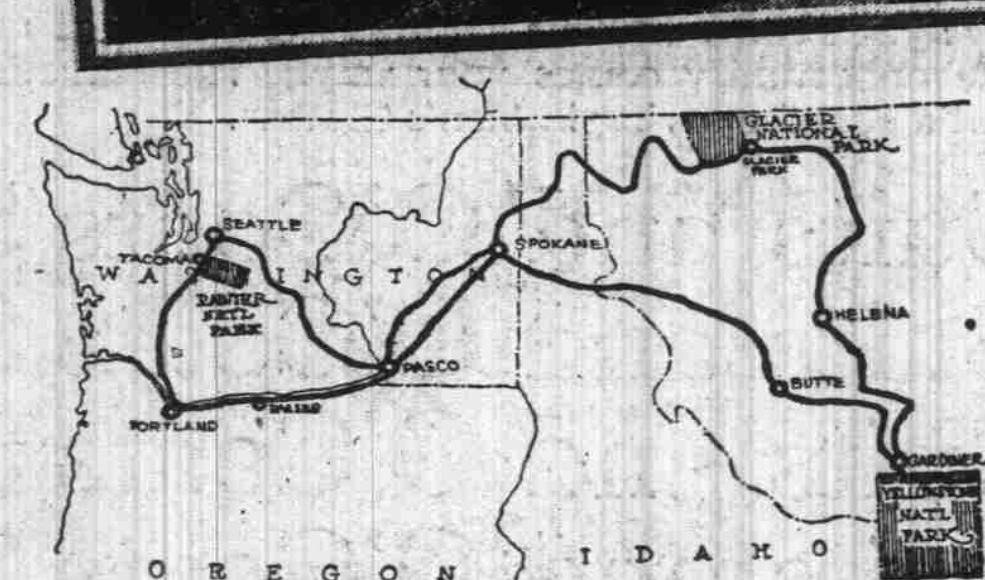
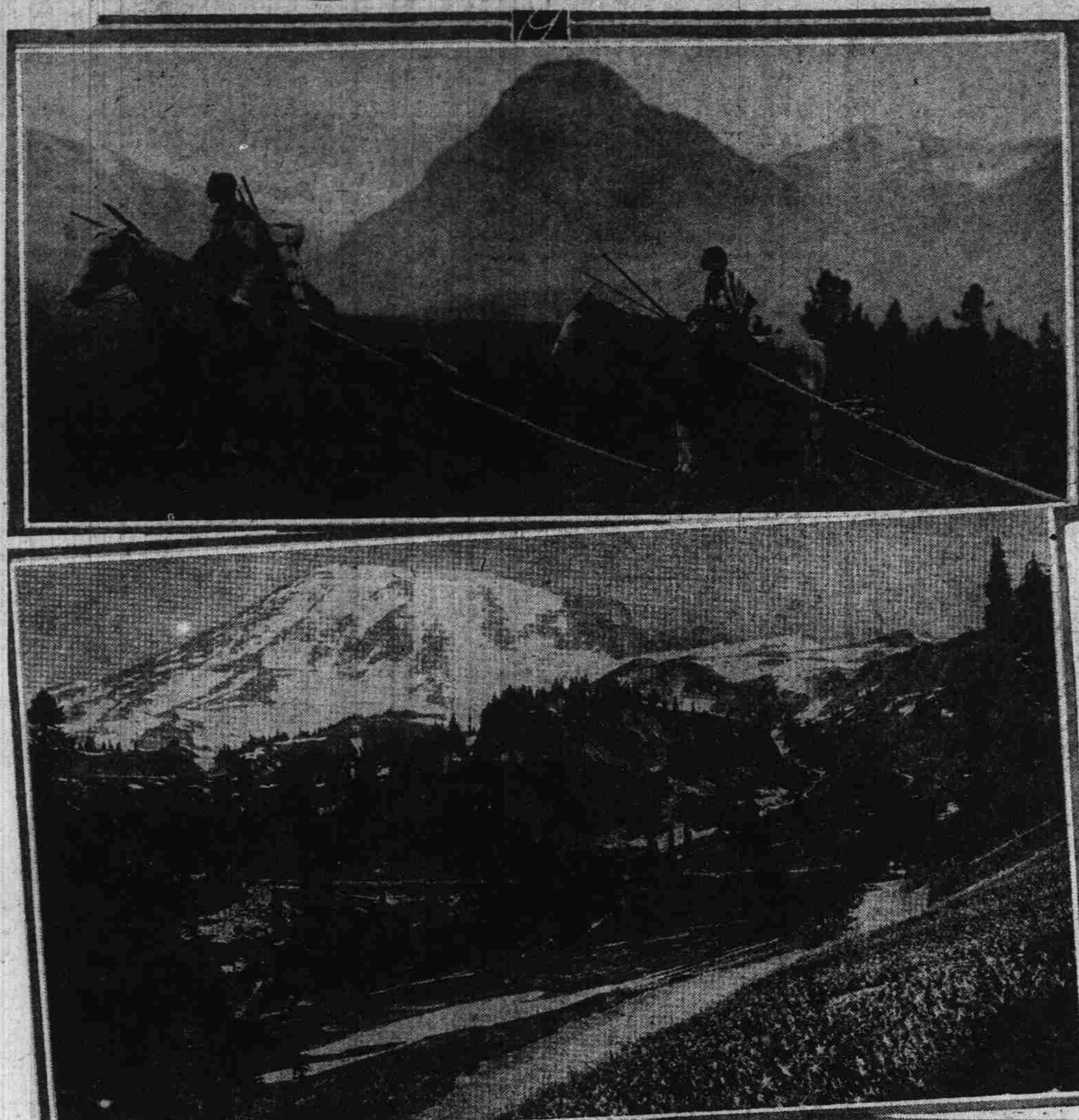
"Holland is considering in her parliament a local option law as a preliminary to national prohibition and one of the high officials of the Dutch government is now in this country gathering material for the use of his government in connection with that measure. France is in the middle of a strong fight against distilled spirits. Sweden has lost a campaign for national prohibition; Scotland votes prohibition in November; Ireland and Wales are both bombarding British parliament for the right to vote on the question; India is right now organizing a prohibition fight and so is Australia and South Africa.

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OLCOTT TAKES THREE FROM CHILD BOARD

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authority which the law gives the commission over all child caring agencies of the state makes it one of the most important bodies of state government, and it is quite essential that as such it works along harmoniously, as well as on efficient lines, so that the various institutions of child caring agencies concerned are not kept in continual turmoil. As I stated in my letter to each of the retiring commissioners, I hold the highest regard for each, individually, and it is with the keenest regret that I feel that this commission, as it was constituted, cannot function in a manner which is for the best interests of the state.

TO SEVER OTHER CONNECTIONS

"In the selection of the new personnel I believe that this can be done. It is my understanding that the new members of the commission will sever any connections which they might hold with any child caring agencies coming under the control of the commission and that they will devote all their energies along child welfare lines to the work of the commission itself. All of the new appointees have had large experience in child welfare matters and have been actively interested in such work for many years."

NEW APPOINTMENTS

FORTUNATE, IS BELIEF

Announcement of the reorganization of the child welfare commission, with the removal of Mrs. Millie R. Trumbull and W. D. DeVarney of Portland and Mrs. Fred G. Schilke of La Grande, came, as a surprise to Mrs. Trumbull, and to DeVarney.

"I knew nothing about it at all," Mrs. Trumbull said Saturday night. "Nothing had been said to me, al-

though I had anticipated some reorganization steps and it was my intention to have submitted my resignation to the governor next week."

DeVarney had gone fishing near Estacada, but friends expressed the opinion that he had had no knowledge of the governor's contemplated action.

The three new members of the commission notified the governor last week they would accept the appointment, but no official announcement of appointment from the governor had reached them late Saturday night.

William D. Wheelwright, it is understood, will serve as chairman. He is much interested in the work of the commission.

Mrs. Henry Ladd Corbett has followed the work of the commission closely. She was much interested in and did much work towards passage of the bill creating the body. She and Mrs. Glittier have worked together on many matters of public interest, and she has been associated with Mr. Wheelwright on various public committees.

Persons in touch with the welfare commission, commenting on the reorganization Saturday night, were united in the belief that the governor, seeking

harmony in the body, had been fortunate in his new appointments.

For practically a year nothing has been done by the commission save to carry on the routine work, because of the continual deadlock and discussion.

The hope has been expressed by some that Mrs. Trumbull might be continued as an employee of the commission. She has devoted practically full time to the work since having been appointed. Mrs. Trumbull will attend the labor welfare conference in Seattle this week, but her plans thereafter have not been made known.

Dr. Robert G. Hall and Dr. Franklin Thomas, the other two members of the board, are not affected by the reorganization. Dr. Hall was named by the state medical association, as an expert in child hygiene. Dr. Thomas was appointed by the president of the state university as psychologist.

English builders have succeeded in giving an airplane contractible wings, which can be folded close to the fuselage by a crank in the cockpit, enabling flights to be made through narrow spaces.

AUSTRIAN APPEALS IN ESPERANTO TO BE SENT RELIEF

Portland Man Receives Letter From Former Correspondent Telling of Hunger, Suffering.

Telling a story of hunger and want which, he says, now prevail all over Austria, Franz Seidl of Vienna has written a letter in Esperanto to H. Denlinger, Route 1, Hillsdale, appealing for aid. Before the war, Denlinger corresponded with Seidl, though the two are acquainted only through their studies in the "universal language."

Since the war, however, the correspondence had not been renewed until Denlinger received the appeal. The letter, dated May 25, translated into English, is as follows:

"Very highly prized and dear fellow thinker:

"Would you not be so humane as to send any kind of help, a package of any kind of food, to a fellow thinker; who, together with his (kinsmen) suffers very much from a great and terrible lack of nutrition, which at this time exists with us concerning which you certainly already have heard or read."

"Returning home after more than three and a half years' continual imprisonment in Russia, which was very damaging, we now hopelessly battle with cruel starvation."

"Pardon me for thus addressing you, but we have neither relatives nor acquaintances in the United States. My sole hope of now attaining anything is the Esperanto and the round of fellow thinkers. I should be very thankful to you and, for your own services, always prepared."

"With brotherly but empty handed salute."

FRANZ SEIDL,

"Wien IV. Allugassie 30, Austria, Vienna."

JOURNAL NATIONAL PARKS TOUR PLANNED

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more than \$18 a day—everything included.

In the 16 days members of The Journal's national parks party will be transported over the long distances in their special Pullman sleeper. For the inspection of each of the parks automobile transportation has been arranged. Hotel accommodations, where required, will be the best obtainable—nothing known to modern touring or transportation except, airplaning will be omitted.

The price of the tour is an absolute minimum, based upon the actual cost of the service.

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