

COOS BAY SLAYER FOUND NOT GUILTY; TOLD OF THREATS

Marshfield, March 11.—The jury in the case of J. B. Stephens, accused of killing Ed Wilson, returned a verdict of not guilty at 8 o'clock Thursday evening after being out two hours.

Because he refused to murder Mrs. Wilson for her money and burn down the Alpine rooming house in North Bend to collect the insurance, testified Stephens, Wilson, whom he killed, was angered with him and repeatedly threatened his life.

Stephens completed his testimony on Thursday, telling a startling tale of his relationship with the man whose life he took at North Bend on February 8. He said he borrowed a gun with which to defend himself, and claimed that he shot only after Wilson had said he would "cut his heart out." He said Wilson advanced toward him and would not heed warnings to stop.

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In telling of the details of the shooting, Stephens said that Wilson came into the kitchen of the rooming house and advanced toward him. Stephens took his gun from his belt and fired at Wilson. The bullet struck Wilson, but he did not fall. Wilson took his hand out of his pocket and it showed he had his pocket knife opened. The witness said Wilson closed his knife and, turning, staggered out of the room. He made his way down the hall and went out the front door. At the bottom of the steps, he fell.

Testimony showed that Wilson had been a bootlegger. There was also evidence to show that Wilson had said that his real name was Allen, and he claimed to be a brother or a cousin of the Allens who shot up a courthouse in West Virginia.

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Girl, Alone in Home, Is Terribly Burned

Dallas, Or., March 11.—While the 10-year-old daughter of David Febner of this city was alone at home, her clothing caught fire and she was terribly burned about the lower part of the body and limbs. She was taken to a physician's office by a passerby, who heard her screams and extinguished the fire.

Adulterated Food Sold, Is Charge

Medford, Or., March 11.—Deputy Food and Dairy Inspectors W. B. Duncan and E. M. Matton, on their periodical visit of inspection in Medford, swore out complaints against a dozen Medford business concerns on charges of selling adulterated foods. They will be tried within the next few days. More complaints will be filed by the deputies.

Arthur Sullivan, Police Reporter, Is Proud Father

Thomas Dennis Sullivan, husky infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur D. Sullivan, 203 Forty-seventh avenue, lifted up two chubby little fists as he was presented to his father, veteran police reporter of the Portland News. The youngster was born at St. Vincent's hospital Thursday afternoon. Mother and son are reported doing excellently.

Sullivan's one regret was that the birth of his son could not have been delayed just one week.

State Posts \$1000 Reward for Killer Of Simon J. Yoder

Salem, March 11.—The state will pay a reward of \$1000 for the conviction of the murderer or murderers of Simon J. Yoder, Woodburn garage man, who was killed Saturday night. Governor Olcott announced that he will recommend to the legislature a similar reward which has been posted by the citizens of Woodburn.

Officials here admit that they are no nearer a solution of the murder mystery than ever. Harry Straven of Portland, now held in the county jail here on suspicion as the man who was seen in Woodburn Saturday prior to Yoder's murder, is being held here until it has been definitely shown that he was not connected with the crime.

Prices of Candy in Spokane Slashed

Spokane, Wash., March 11.—The wholesale and retail prices of candy and confectionery have been reduced from 10 to 25 per cent by Spokane manufacturers. The new prices have been put in effect since March 1. They affect all products in the candy and confectionery line.

Malin Main Street Threatened by Fire

Klamath Falls, March 11.—A fire which for a time threatened the business district of Malin broke out about 2 o'clock Thursday morning, totally destroying the garage owned by J. S. Midle, and two automobiles. The loss is estimated at \$6000.

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Millionaire Banker Seeks Divorce From His Beautiful Wife

New York, March 11.—(L. N. S.)—Although rumors have been rife that James A. Stillman, multi-millionaire president of the National City bank, and his beautiful wife, who was the former Fifth Avenue, were having troubles, society was jolted today by the news that divorce proceedings had been instituted. The banker has filed suit for divorce and his wife has replied with a counter suit.

Owing to the unusual nature of the charges made it was predicted that the action will be one of the most bitterly fought in the history of the New York courts. The action is declared to involve not only the decree of divorce but the right of passage of all by-elections and radical changes in the school code, for the repeal of direct primary elections, the "truth in fabrics" bill and measures seeking to regulate boxing and racing in the state.

Supreme Court Justice Rochauver, who made known that court action had been begun, announced that he had appointed John E. Mack of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., an guardian of the child. The Social Register gives the children of Mr. and Mrs. Stillman as Anne and James.

Mrs. Stillman is one of the most famous beauties in society. She is the daughter of James Brown Potter and Cora Trenhart Potter. Her mother was a stage favorite, winning great fame in London. Mr. and Mrs. Stillman were married in 1901, their wedding being one of the most important social events of the season.

Bisque Sheepmen Fined Vale, Or., March 11.—Echman brothers, the two Bisque sheepmen for whom a

Jealous Japanese Kills Woman, Her Child and Himself

San Francisco, March 11.—H. Muchani, aged 50, Japanese rancher, shot and killed Mrs. Magdalena Loney and her daughter, Adeline, 5, and then killed himself, according to information reaching the sheriff's office here.

The shooting occurred at the Guggenbuck ranch, near Lodi. All three bodies, partially clothed, were found in a room occupied by the Japanese, by Mrs. Loney's 12-year-old son, George Holstein.

All three were seen together in Stockton yesterday and they returned to the Guggenbuck ranch last night. According to relatives of the slain woman, Mrs. Loney had shown a friendly interest in the Japanese and it is believed by officers investigating the case that Mrs. Loney was preparing to marry him. Jealousy of a white man, whose name is as yet unknown, is believed to have led to the shooting by the Japanese.

E. V. Carter to Get Fair Board Position

Salem, March 11.—E. V. Carter of Ashland will be named to succeed A. C. Marsters as a member of the state fair board, when the latter's term expires March 14, according to announcement by Governor Olcott Thursday afternoon.

Assessor Names Deputies Marshfield, March 11.—Assessor Beyers has completed the work of arranging

Legislature Comes To End at Olympia Midnight Thursday

Olympia, Wash., March 11.—The Seventeenth legislature of Washington came to an end at midnight last night. Aside from appropriation bills the more important measures passed were the governor's civil administrative code, a "blue sky" bill regulating sale of securities, consolidation of all by-elections in May, leaving for November state, county and national elections, and divorce laws. Among measures which failed of passage were bills proposing radical changes in the school code, for the repeal of direct primary elections, the "truth in fabrics" bill and measures seeking to regulate boxing and racing in the state.

Longer Day Fought By Railway Clerks

Spokane, Wash., March 11.—The railway clerks' union voted against the proposal of the Great Northern railroad that the eight hour day to be abridged from the agreement between the railroad and national clerks' organization, giving the employers the right to work the clerks as many hours in the day or days in the week as they saw fit.

State Control of City Plants Vetoed

Olympia, Wash., March 11.—(U. P.)—Governor Hart Thursday vetoed that section of house bill 174 which would place municipal utilities under the control of the public service commission. It is believed that the veto to the certificate of necessity bill will be sustained.

Slender Bandits Rob Man of \$380

Frank Bunch, 737 Mississippi avenue, was held up by two bandits and robbed of \$380 and a gold watch at Alsworth avenue and Union avenue at 9 p. m. Thursday, he reported to police headquarters. Bunch described the men as tall and slender, one six feet, 23, 130 pounds, in dark clothes, and armed with a blue steel revolver. The other was slightly shorter, 125 pounds, 22, in dark clothes and with a white navy cap.

Acquitted of Robbery

Pasco, Wash., March 11.—Clarence White, accused of a robbery in a room at the Hotel Pasco several weeks ago, was acquitted by a jury in the superior court.

Dr. Sherwood's Successor

Salem, March 11.—President E. C. Hickman, of Kimball School of Theology

Inauguration Cost U. S. Only \$1500

Washington, March 11.—(L. N. S.)—President Harding's inauguration cost only \$1500, according to Elliott Wood's superintendent of the United States Capitol, who had charge of the disbursements.

Frederick Greenbroke Dies

Newport, March 11.—Frederick Greenbroke, early settler of Yaquina bay, died Tuesday at the age of 77.

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