

Error Allows Wanted Man To Get Away

Portland, Sept. 21 (AP)—One man accused of an Iowa slaying signed a confession in a Eugene jail Tuesday but a companion, similarly charged, was free because a Portland police bureau attendant placed his fingerprints in the wrong file.

Captain of Detectives John J. Keegan said Francis Welch, accused with Fred Osterreider, 21, of slaying Harold J. Dreher of Mason City at Des Moines, Iowa, July 18, served a 10-day sentence here last month for vagrancy under the name of John Little. He was released before the misfiled fingerprints were recovered and checked with information from Iowa.

Osterreider was arrested at Eugene on charges of stealing and burning railroad ties. In a signed statement to Lane county sheriff C. A. Swarts he said he aided Welch and a man identified only as "Slim" to get Dreher under the bridge and rob him of one dollar.

The trio, the youthful prisoner related, stole Dreher's automobile and planned to drop their victim outside the city limits. Osterreider said Dreher jumped from the car and "as he was going through the door Welch, who was sitting in the back seat with him, shot him. The gun was a .38 calibre that we got in the robbery of a flop house at Minneapolis."

The youth told the sheriff they found \$19 in a pocketbook beneath the floor matting. They abandoned the automobile in Council Bluffs and went to Omaha by streetcar where they learned Dreher was dead. Welch and Osterreider fled to Portland and Seattle, the statement

Bergdoll Back to Military Prison

New York, Sept. 21 (AP)—Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, the No. 1 World War draft dodger, was denied a writ of habeas corpus in federal court Wednesday and ordered back to military prison on Governor's island, where he faces a court martial on charges of desertion and escape.

The son of a Philadelphia brewing family, who returned to this country last spring after a 19-year exile in Germany, had surrendered on his arrival to serve a 5-year sentence for draft evasion.

Troop Withdrawal Asked by Japanese

Washington, Sept. 21 (AP)—Japanese Ambassador Kenuke Horinouchi revealed Wednesday the Japanese have begun informal talks with Britain and France in an effort to get them to withdraw their troops from China.

The ambassador said in a press conference, that "friendly advice" had been given by Japan to Britain, France, Germany and Poland that belligerents must withdraw their forces from China. Britain and France are the only belligerents having forces there.

"We sincerely hope that a settlement of this question can be arrived at through diplomatic negotiations," the ambassador said. "These negotiations are now going on in the form of informal talks. This request is part of our policy to avoid involvement in the European war."

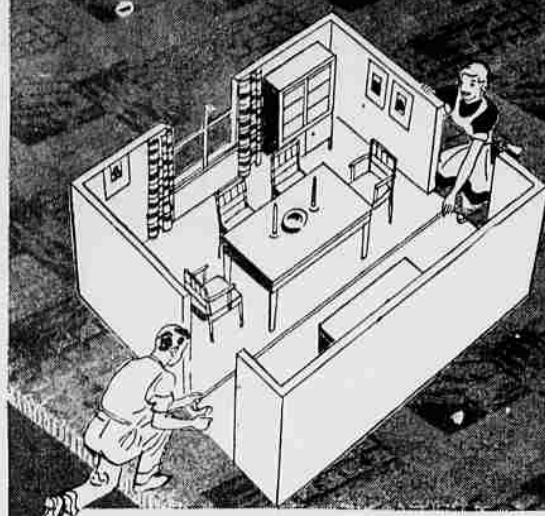
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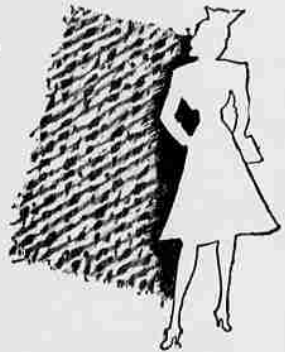
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