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FIELDS TO TELL TRUE STORY IF LIFE IS SPARED

PRISONER CONFESSES THAT NAMES OF TWO ALLEGED PRINCIPALS IN MURDER OF TAYLOR WERE FICTITIOUS.

Fields Refuses to Divulge Anything Further Until Given Written Guarantee by Woolwine That He Will Not Be Hanged for His Complicity.

DETROIT, Feb. 25.—Pinned down by police, who continued to question him regarding the seeming discrepancies in his stories, officials stated today that Harry Fields, jail prisoner, who confessed he had a hand in the murder of William Taylor in Los Angeles, admitted that the two alleged principals whose names he gave, were fictitious.

He refused to divulge anything further until given a written guarantee that he would not be hanged for his part in the crime. "I have not told half of what I know," he declared. "ETA ETA ETA know," Fields declared, "and won't clear up the main points until Prosecutor Woolwine promises not to hang me. I expect to do a prison stretch, but don't want to hang."

"I knew well enough one of us would spill it," he said. "I wanted to beat the others to it, knowing that the one who confessed would stand the best chance to cheat the gals."

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 25.—Giving new strength to the "confession" of Harry Fields, who, in jail at Detroit, told the story about the killing of William Desmond Taylor, positive proof was found today that Fields was in Los Angeles on the night of the murder, a discovery that made his amazing story of the crime appear less doubtful.

The proof that Fields was in Los Angeles February 1 was obtained by Sheriff Coffin of Detroit and telegraphed to the officers here. Coffin discovered rent receipts in Fields' pockets which showed conclusively that he was in this city when the crime was committed.

The story of the \$1000 bill which Fields said had been changed in a Los Angeles bank to pay him, following the murder of the director, gained credence when L. D. Seat, teller in the Hellman Day and Night bank, told of changing such a bill for a stranger about the time of the murder.

AGED LADY DIES SUDDENLY TODAY

Mrs. M. S. Mault died this morning at her home on Mechanic street while at the breakfast table. She was just recovering from an attack of influenza, and her daughter, Mrs. Walter Newcomb, of Grants Pass, who had been here attending her during her illness, was preparing to go home today or tomorrow. Her death came as a great shock not only to her immediate family, but to her many friends and neighbors. Arrangements for the funeral were not available at the time of going to press.

Changes in Russia Are Studied by U.S. Agents

CHANGES IN RUSSIA N. N. . . . By W. H. ATKINS (I. N. S. Staff Correspondent) WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 25.—What is about to happen in Russia? And how will it affect American relations with the soviet authorities? Those are two questions that are uppermost in the minds of diplomats here, and of leaders of thought in the Harding administration. Some significant developments may be noted, as indicating the drift of things. Standing out in these passing developments there are these points that may be considered: 1—Following declaration of a new economic policy by Lenine, government official sources have begun to hear that there is an actual trend from the communistic toward the capitalistic system of government. 2—On the strength of the soviet assurances that the shackles have been removed from private trading and property rights in some degree and the fact that the requisition system has been modified to allow more incentive to the producers there is

ROBBERS TUNNEL UNDER BANK WALL AND WRECK

Vault: Escape with \$400 BANKS, Or., Feb. 25.—By the use of a crowbar, robbers broke open the vault at the Washington County bank here during the night and wrecked 12 safety deposit boxes. They escaped with about \$400 in nickels, dimes and pennies. The yeggmen gained entrance to the bank by tunneling under the rear wall, then cutting a hole through the floor with an axe.

13 DEATHS FROM MID-WEST STORM TRAINS WRECKED

CHICAGO, Feb. 25.—With the abatement of the storm which raged furiously throughout the north central states the past four days, leaving virtually the entire northwest buried in snow, reports of damage and loss of lives are slowly filtering into this city.

The reports to date show a toll of 13 lives and the losses in property will aggregate millions. The head of the Great Lakes region is reported to have been hit hardest of all and is still cut off entirely from the rest of the world. No reports are obtainable as to the loss of lives and property in that section.

Four of the known dead were buried under snowdrifts and five were killed and 11 injured when the Great Northern crack Winnipeg Flyer bound for Minneapolis and running hours behind schedule, collided head-on with a rotary snow plow near Montrose, Minn., Thursday.

Both the passenger train and the rotary plow were equipped with two engines each, and of the four engine crews only one man escaped alive, and he was entirely uninjured. When the trains struck head-on, two passenger cars buckled together.

The northwest storm was part of a gigantic whirlwind extending from the Gulf of Mexico to Canada, which rotated at the rate of about 45 miles an hour.

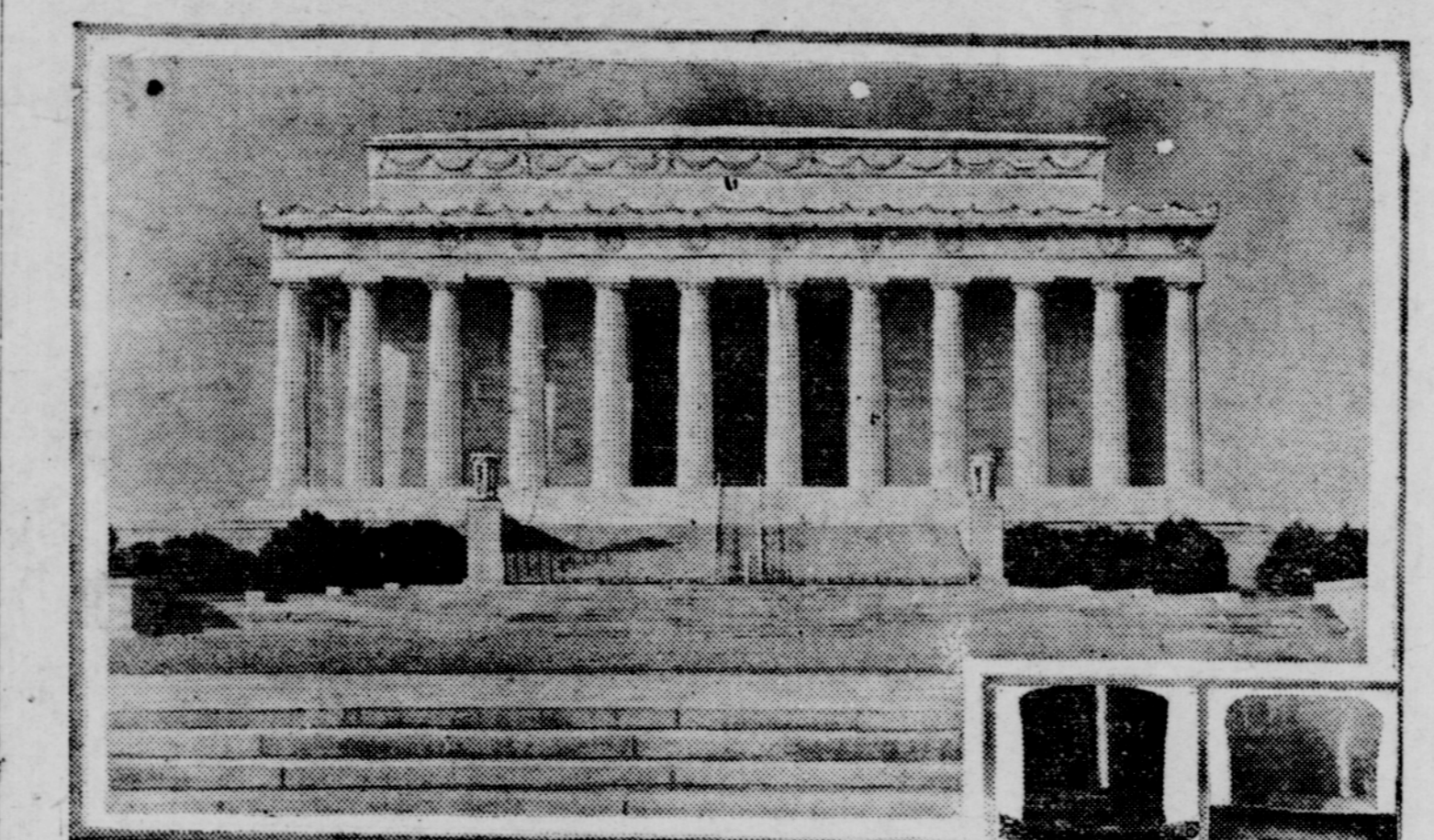
Mother Who Gave Salts Exonerated By Corner's Jury

CHEHALIS, Wash., Feb. 25.—The coroner's jury that heard the inquest into the death of five children in the family of Ed Rhodes of Klaber, yesterday made public an official statement exonerating Mrs. Rhodes from blame. The children died shortly after the mother had given them salts in a glass of water. The statement placed no definite blame for the deaths, but found the children died from poisoning.

County Attorney Allen said today that he had made no additional progress in solving the case, and he may ask the county commissioners to hire detectives to attempt to trace down the source of the poison that caused the tragedy of February 11.

Baby Boy Arrives—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bergstrom are the parents of a fine baby boy which arrived Thursday evening at their home on Chestnut street. Mother and baby are reported as doing nicely.

Both Ex-Presidents to Assist in Dedication of Lincoln Memorial



Lincoln Memorial at Washington

(By International News Service) WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 24.—The Lincoln Memorial, the great monument to the martyred president, is soon to be dedicated and opened to the public. Chief Justice Taft, as president of the Lincoln Memorial commission, will present the memorial. President Harding will accept it on behalf of the nation, and ex-President Wilson will make a ten-minute speech on Abraham Lincoln. Thus will culminate ten years of the combined effort of architect, sculptor, artist and the memorial commission, with the expenditure of more than \$2,000,000, in providing a fitting memorial for the Great American. The Lincoln memorial stands at the head of a wide approach. Within the portico the statue of Lincoln, by Daniel Chester French, is visible from a distance. From base to top the statue is over 30 feet high, the seated figure of Lincoln alone being 22 feet in height. As the structure is open to the action of the elements and subjected to seasonal variations of temperature, the greatest care has been taken to construct the memorial of materials which will provide resistance to the weather and at the same time lend beauty to the edifice. Eight massive doors of bronze provide entrance to the memorial, and stairways of bronze lead to the memento rooms which are placed at either end of the classic rectangle, in the center of which stands the statue of Lincoln. Far above the statue, and blending harmoniously with Guerin's mural paintings, are six bronze beams. These beams transverse the 144-foot ceiling end to end, dividing space with strips of osmber marble. The marble is held in place by a network of rectangular intermediates, also of bronze. An idea of the magnificence of this, the newest national shrine of honor, may be obtained when the size of these ceiling beams is considered. More than 45 tons of bronze was used in molding them. They measure six feet, two and a half inches, in breadth and have a depth of two feet. Twenty thousand pounds of copper are utilized in the flashings and in the main cornice, as well as in 9600 feet of skylight, which softly lights the interior of the memorial.



Woodrow Wilson, William H. Taft

BAD CHECK ARTIST HAS LEFT COUNTRY

Jack Cole, better known as "Slim" or "Bones" left Talent Sunday night for parts unknown, leaving behind him a rather crooked trail. Cole has been in and around Talent for the past year and has worked at the garage there a considerable part of that time. He boarded and roomed with the Withrow family and on leaving, left behind both board bill and room rent unpaid, besides a number of other small bills he had failed to settle. In addition to this, he had written a number of checks which he cashed, it being discovered later that he had no funds in the bank to cover them. At least three checks were written, and it may be that others will appear in a few days.

He promoted and managed several dances that were held at Talent during the winter and while it was never known that everything was not in perfect shape in his dealings at the time, various things have now shown up that indicate that he has been playing on the shady side of life during practically the entire winter.

BABY, THREE WEEKS OLD, HAS ITS TOOTH PULLED (By International News Service) LONDON, Feb. 25.—A baby, three weeks old, has had a tooth removed at a London dental hospital. The doctor who removed the tooth declared it was the youngest patient he had ever had.

AUTO EXHAUST USED TO KILL RATS IN GARAGE (By International News Service) ELYRIA, Ohio, Feb. 25.—Exhaust from autos is the latest "poison gas" employed to kill rats. The innovation was used with success at Columbia, resulting in the killing of eleven rats, seven bushels of sparrows, and several pecks of mice during a campaign participated in by most of the residents of that community. A hose was attached to the exhaust pipe on the auto and the nozzle inserted under a barn, garage, or into a rathole, asphyxiating the rodents.

Haz Kik



Some folks say there are only about two ways the Ashland Chamber of Commerce is able to get a crowd out to their meetings. One is to have a feed, which method they usually follow. The other is to have some big outside man come as a crowd-getter. The Chamber has just announced a meeting for next Tuesday night at the city hall and invites all citizens, whether members of the club or not, to come out and listen to ex-Speaker of the House Bean, who is now a candidate for the republican ticket. Mr. Bean is a big man, a fine speaker, a great political friend of Mr. Carter, and no doubt the commercial club is much interested in forwarding Mr. Bean's candidacy. Therefore, the political gabfest is arranged to draw the crowd.

But there are those who feel that just at this time there are other matters of very great immediate importance to Ashland that should have the right of way in commercial club circles as being more important than the candidacy of Mr. Bean. And some of them go so far as to say that the invitation was issued to Mr. Bean in order to have a stranger at the meeting so that some things that might otherwise be said on local issues would not be decently and logically brought up in the presence of a prominent stranger. HAZ KIK.

Serpentine Through Streets—The high school students, led by the high school band, serpentine Ashland streets from the high school to the Plaza yesterday afternoon, giving their school yells at various points.

PRESIDENT GIVES TIMELY WARNING AGAINST GOING TOO FAR IN CUTTING NAVY

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 25.—A timely warning was given today to the republican congressmen against going too far in reducing the size of the American navy. The warning was more in the nature of a strong hint and was conveyed by Harding to the members of the naval committee at a White House conference. No program was agreed upon and the meeting resolved itself into an amicable discussion of opinion.

ASHLAND BASKET BALL TEAM WINS FROM ROSEBURG

The city was out in full force to see the basketball game last evening between Roseburg and the local high school quintets, and while the spectators were perfectly delighted with the ending of the game, they were not given the treat of seeing a real good basketball game. The local team seemed unable to hold the ball when they got it in their hands, and the team work was the poorest they have presented at any game this season. But, even at that, they were shooting the basket with their usual accuracy, something the Roseburg boys seemed unable to do when they had good chances. The preliminary game was between the local high school girls and the girls from Grants Pass and proved a victory for the locals. The peculiar part of this game was the ability of the locals to figure by units of six. At the end of the first quarter the score was 12 to 0, at the end of the second quarter, 24 to 0, at the end of the third quarter they missed by one point having attained 37, while the visitors made 2. The first team of Ashland then retired, and the second team took the floor and finished the game with the final score stand-

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County Institute Of the W. C. T. U. Tuesday, Feb. 28

The W. C. T. U. county institute will be held in the Presbyterian church Tuesday, February 28, beginning at 10 o'clock in the forenoon. The program follows: Consecration services, led by Mrs. W. Judson Oldfield. Scientific temperance instructions—Mrs. Etta Rowand. Anti-Narcotics—Mrs. H. A. Canaday. Mothers meetings and child welfare—Mrs. Mary E. Lozier. Parents and teachers—Mrs. Louis Dodge. Organization—Mrs. Stella J. Leavett. Flower mission—Mrs. F. J. Jones and Mrs. Fraley. Foreign missions—Mrs. C. A. Edwards. Noon-tide prayer. Afternoon session: Shall Bible readings be taught in our schools—Mrs. Grace Koehler. Address—Mrs. S. L. Leonard. Solo—Mrs. Alta Wineberger. Social morality—Rev. Rhoda Burnett. The church and the W. C. T. U.—Rev. Josephine Champlin. Law enforcement—Mrs. Clissie Baird. Duet. Reading—Mrs. A. H. Canaday. Address—District Attorney Rawley Moore. Solo—Mrs. Perry Ashcraft. Health talk—Dr. Mattie Shaw. Song—America.

DR. JARVIS CLOSES THE SANITARIUM

The sanitarium, which has been operated in Ashland for the last several years as a private hospital, has ceased operations as such an institution. Dr. Jarvis states that he will hereafter take his patients to the Sacred Heart hospital at Medford, where they can get just as good service at a lower rate than he could possibly give them with the small number of patients. However, Dr. Jarvis states that he will still have his offices in the same location as in the past and is taking more room for his X-ray work than he has had heretofore. He will still handle minor operations at his office, cases where it is not necessary for the patient to remain but a few hours. He will employ two surgical nurses, one of whom will stay at the office at all times, and the other to be available for various other duties outside the office. The upper floor of the sanitarium is being fitted out as an apartment and will be occupied by Mrs. Evelyn Caldwell, who will continue in charge of Dr. Jarvis' office as she has for several years past. The lower floor is being fitted out as a furnished apartment and will be rented as soon as remodeled.

Entire Family Killed By Gas, Santa Barbara

SANTA BARBARA, Calif., Feb. 25.—Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Gray their two children, a boy of six and a girl of three, and a nurse, Miss Lillian Spencer, were killed yesterday by inhaling carbon monoxide gas which filled the Gray home here from a gas water heater. The family had been ill with influenza, but were recovering. When Dr. H. L. Schumler, the attending physician, called at the home and received no response to his knock at the door, he summoned the police and had the door opened. A cloud of gas swept out as the door was opened. Rushing in, he found Mrs. Gray and her little daughter dead in one room, and Mr. Gray and his little son dead in another room. The nurse, unconscious, was seated in a chair in the living room. The latter was hurriedly carried to the outside, but died within a few minutes. In the kitchen a coil gas water heater was burning, and from this the deadly fumes were pouring. Examination of the Grays and their children showed that they had been dead for several hours,

ARCH MURDERER GILLOTINED AT DAYBREAK TODAY

HENRI LANDRU, FRANCE'S MURDERER "BLUE BEARD," ANSWERS FOR KILLING TEN WOMEN TO WHOM HE HAD MADE LOVE.

Morbidly Curious Crowd, Including Numerous Women, Actors and Actresses Gathered Around Guillotine; "I'll Be Brave" Last Words

PARIS, Feb. 25.—Henri Landru, "Blue Beard of Gambais," was executed on the guillotine at Versailles this morning at daybreak. President Millerand yesterday refused a petition to commute the sentence of death for the murder of ten women and one youth.

VERSAILLES, Feb. 25.—In the misty dawn, Henri Landru, arch murderer, was beheaded on the guillotine before the gate of St. Pierre prison. He was found guilty of the murder of ten women to whom he had made love and offered to marry, and a boy, son of one of the victims. Landru protested his innocence to the very last.

"I'll be brave," were the last words uttered just before the knife fell. He was pale, but stood erect and appeared cool.

The execution took less than three minutes. Hardly had the echoes of the knife died away before the body was placed in the coffin, with the head joined to the neck. The execution was described as being "unusually clean." Only a few drops of blood stained the sawdust in the decapitation basket into which the head fell.

A crowd of morbidly curious persons, including numerous women, gathered before the guillotine before daybreak. Men in evening clothes, who had spent the night carousing in the Montmartre district of Paris, escorted women to the scene. Famous actors and actresses were in the front ranks.

PILGRIMAGE TO IRELAND IN JUNE

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 25.—Inspired by the advance made toward Irish independence, hundreds of Irishmen are planning to join the pilgrimage to their home country, it was recently announced by James E. Deery, national president of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. Dr. Deery, in a statement here today, declared that at least 2500 persons from the United States and Canada are expected to join the pilgrimage which will sail from New York late in June or during the first week in July.

"The national board of directors" said Mr. Deery, "has decided to charter a big liner which will sail from New York and will take the pilgrimage direct to Ireland, in all probability making a landing at Queens-town." The pilgrims will return at their convenience and many will probably visit Rome and the Vatican, the European battlefields and Cardinal Mercier of Belgium.