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GAME WARDEN SHOT AT SHASTA

James S. White, Widely Known Officer, Slain by John Vail.

Vail Also Wounded in Battle but Wounds Not Serious—Each Fired Three Shots

CASTELLA, Cal., Oct. 18.—James S. White, deputy fish and game commissioner in Shasta County for sixteen years, was shot dead here in the bar room of Jack Mattos' hotel last night by John Vail of Oakland, a prohibition enforcement officer.

Vail was shot twice by White, through the arm and in the breast, but the wounds are not serious. Each man fired three shots.

As White sank to the floor, dying, he said: "It's all right, boys."

Vail, still able to stand on his feet, said after the shooting was over: "He got me, too."

Shooting Came Like Flash

The rattle of firearms was quick as a flash, and came almost without a moment's warning. Before those in the barroom hardly knew what was up, White lay dead on the floor.

The shooting followed a raid of Mattos' place made by John Vail and Deputy Constable Charles George, acting under instructions from District Attorney Jesse W. Carter.

Affair Incident to Raid

Vail and Mattos had hot words that terminated in Vail reminding Mattos that he was an officer, and Vail slapped Mattos.

James S. White, having heard that something was going on in Mattos' hotel, and being particularly friendly with Mattos, went to the hotel. He had a gun in his hand, according to the report from Deputy Constable George.

"What is the matter, Jim?" asked George, at whom the gun was pointed.

Both Men Officers

"Nothing is the matter with you. I won't harm you, Charlie," said White, who then turned his attention to Vail.

"I am a federal officer," warned Vail.

"I am an officer, too," said White. Then began the fusillade of shots. Each fired three times. George says he believes White shot first.

Tries to Prevent Shooting

"I tried to keep them from shooting," says George, "and I stood between them or partly between them all the time."

Dropping to the floor, White said: "It's all right, boys," and in a moment he was dead and left lying on the floor of the barroom to await the coming of the coroner.

Vail Badly Wounded

"He's got me, too," stated Vail, as he felt the blood trickling from two wounds—one in the arm, the other in the chest below the heart. He was still able to stand on his feet and walked toward the prostrate form of White to be sure that no more shots could come from that source.

Mattos, who only a minute or two before had been slapped by Vail, turned Good Samaritan and volunteered to take the wounded man to the hospital in Dunsmuir.

Vail accepted the offer, and he and Mattos went off to the hospital in the latter's car.

Wounds Not Mortal

From Dunsmuir soon came back the word that Vail's wounds were not as serious as at first supposed. The bullet that struck him in the breast hit a rib and was deflected and went out of the body without penetrating the chest. The other bullet cut through the fleshy part of his arm.

The hospital reported that Vail was in good spirits, although he was weak from the loss of blood. His home is Oakland. He refused to give his street address.

Not on Federal Commission

Vail was not a federal officer in the sense that he was acting under the direction of S. F. Rutter, federal prohibition enforcement officer. San Francisco wired that Vail was on a vacation or leave of absence.

However, he and Charles George, deputy constable, were acting under authority delegated by District Attorney Jesse W. Carter. Vail had as authority delegated by District Attorney Jesse W. Carter.

White Fearless Officer

White, deputy fish and game commissioner in Shasta County for sixteen years, was considered a brave and efficient officer. He knew no fear, and under ordinary circumstances was not quick to use his authority or quick to pull his gun.

PERFECT MIND YET TO BE DEVELOPED

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Oct. 19.—"What may be the capacity of a perfect mind never has been demonstrated fully," asserted W. E. Van Amburgh, Brooklyn, N. Y., addressing an audience here on "The Perfect Mind."

"We have some notable examples of what some men have done," continued Van Amburgh. "Xenophon could call each one of his 10,000 soldiers by name, James G. Blaine could recognize and recall the name of every person to whom he ever had been introduced. Some have been able to repeat the entire Bible word for word."

"There have been so called 'mental giants' in various walks of life—logic, law, science, art, music, oratory and mathematics, but these excelled upon one line only."

"The perfect mind should be able to excel upon all lines equally well, otherwise he would not be properly balanced, and would not be in the image of his Creator. This proper measure of a man is not his bulk, nor his muscular strength, but his ability to understand and use the powers which God placed within his domain."

PROHIBITION COMMISSIONER TAKES ISSUE WITH PINCHOT

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18.—Prohibition Commissioner Haynes, taking issue with Governor Pinchot, of Pennsylvania, who stated that the enforcement of prohibition is up to the President of the United States, said here today that the responsibility is "first with the municipal and county governments."

CLUE OBTAINED THAT MAY LEAD TO ARREST OF SISKIYOU BANDITS

Important developments have been recorded today in the ceaseless hunt for the desperadoes who held up Train No. 13 in the Siskiyou 15 miles south of here a week ago yesterday, is the announcement made by District Attorney Rawles Moore, of Jackson county, and Dan O'Connell, who heads the detective forces conducting the unrelenting search.

To a Tidings reporter District Attorney Moore said: "We have met with important developments today and proceeded to a point where we are in a position to announce that we are confident we have unearthed a direct clue that will lead us to the identity of the perpetrators of the infamous crime. We cannot divulge the important discoveries today, but all are slated at developments of the past few hours."

The Tidings attempted to secure additional information relative to the discovery but was denied.

Make Long Journey

Following a possible clue, deputy Sheriff Fornerook and Inspector Fitzgerald left hurriedly Wednesday evening for a point 200 miles distant from Ashland. That the two officers were instructed to get to the desired point without delay is attested by the fact that they departed in the highest powered automobile it was possible to obtain. No announcement was made as to their destination. At a late hour last night the officers had not returned, nor had any report been received from them.

Mountain Search Continues

Officers and members of the National Guard are still searching the mountains in the vicinity of the holdup and murder. The last discovery was of a suit of underwear that was found in the cabin situated a quarter of a mile from the west portal of tunnel thirteen. The clothing was immediately forwarded to Prof. Heinrich, criminologist at Berkeley.

though he was handy with a gun, having had years of experience in Montana as a cowboy.

No Verdict Fixed

The coroner's jury, sitting in the case of the slaying of Deputy Fish and Game Commissioner James S. White by Prohibition Officer John Vail in Castella yesterday, returned a verdict that White was killed by Vail. There was no responsibility fixed.

Testimony Conflicting

Some witnesses at the inquest testified that White brandished his weapon fully a minute before he fired. Redding dry officers trying to dissuade him. Vail did not draw his gun until after he had been shot twice, once in the right arm and once in the breast. He fired with his left hand.

Other witnesses declared that Vail shot first.



The Church of Gray's Elegy. Monument to the Poet, St. Giles Church, Stoke Newington.

For more than a decade of centuries the pointing spire, the vivid walls and peaceful church-yard of St. Giles' church, at Stoke Poges, England, have held their position in the tradition, history and literature of the English speaking race.

The buffeting winds, the corroding storms of the passing years, however, have left their mark upon the edifice and this famous Anglo-Saxon landmark has begun to crumble to decay.

A movement has been instituted to secure funds with which to repair the historical edifice, so that it may be preserved as a shrine for future generations. It is estimated that it will require about \$25,000 to insure its preservation.

General Von Lossow, Bavaria Commander, Has Been Recalled

BERLIN, Oct. 19.—The Berlin government has recalled General Von Lossow, commander of the Reichswehr in Bavaria, who has been unable to assert authority over Dr. Von Kahr, Bavarian premier and dictator. In view of the continual conflict of authority in Saxony and Bavaria the national government was faced with the choice of either cancelling the statewide state emergency entirely or carrying out a stern military pressure elsewhere.

Socialist ministers have urged cancellation but a majority of the cabinet decided upon the less drastic course.

The Reds of Saxony are demanding Communism while Nationalists in Bavaria demand Monarchy.

STUDY OF REVEREND KOEHLER IS LOOTED BY UNKNOWN THIEF

The study of Rev. C. F. Koehler located in the Presbyterian church was entered and looted some time last night by an unknown vagrant. During the rapid course of events yesterday when Mr. Koehler was busy packing books and possessions, he neglected to lock the study as was his usual custom. His going and coming and charge of duties were many preparatory to departure and through some incident a quantity of money was left in the desk. However valuable papers were tied up and taken to a place of security before leaving the church.

This morning, \$20 had been removed, every drawer and door in the study desk were open and papers scattered with abandon. Nothing of greater importance than the cash was evidentially taken.

No idea of the party is known and motives other than the desire for money are believed responsible.

Officers Grill Men

Assisted by railroad special agents Chief of Police Barney McShane, Inspector A. D. Ryan, Detective Sergeant William Hallanan and Deputy Sheriff M. V. Robbins spent the morning in endeavoring to check up on the statements made by O. J. Underwood, J. L. Millett and John D. Carrol, the three suspects, and although the police believe they have found minor discrepancies in the statements of the men, they said they had obtained no valuable information.

Were In Holdup Vicinity

All three, the police are certain, were in or near Ashland, Oregon, prior to the holdup of the train in the Siskiyou, and also on October 14th, while Underwood is known to have been in that city on September 29th.

URGES BILLION DOLLAR BANK FOR U. S. FARMERS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18.—A billion dollar bank for lending money to American farmers at four per cent interest has been proposed by Senator Edward Ladd, North Dakota republican. Ladd's plan is based on the government issuing a billion dollars in treasury certificates, guaranteed by gold and silver bullion in banks and lending the new paper to farmers through post savings banks at four per cent interest.

UNITED WORKMEN WILL ASSEMBLE IN ABERDEEN

ABERDEEN, Wash., Oct. 19.—Two hundred members of the Ancient Order of Unked Workmen will assemble here Saturday in a convention representing all cities south of Tacoma. Delegates will be entertained by members of the Aberdeen and Hoquiam lodges.

The Tidings office for all kinds of printing.

IRISH FREE STATE OFFICIALS RELEASE MANY SINN FEINERS

Convocation of the deanery of south-western Oregon will meet in Medford next Monday and Tuesday, according to information given by the Rev. P. K. Hammond, a vicar of the Trinity Episcopal church of this city.

Monday, beginning with mass at eight o'clock, with the Rev. W. B. Hamilton opening devotions, the program includes presentation of the Nation-Wide Campaign Calendar, by Archdeacon Black; discussion on group leaders and their training by Rev. Thos. Jenkins; followed by Intercession conducted by Bishop Sumner.

Tuesday the program opens at eight o'clock with Holy Communion, by Bishop Sumner, with Rev. W. B. Hamilton, assisting. After breakfast at the parish house the remainder of the day will be devoted to discussion of church problems. Speakers for the day are Mrs. W. B. Hamilton, Mrs. R. E. Milled, Mrs. William Johnston, and Reverend J. D. Rice.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18.—The United States will stand squarely behind Governor General Leonard Wood in his administration on the the Philippines, Secretary of War Weeks announced officially today.

"You are entitled to the support of the administration and you have it," Secretary Weeks wrote to Wood in a recent communication.

SACRAMENTO SUSPECTS ARE NOT SISKIYOU BANDITS

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Oct. 19.—After subjecting the three train robbery and murder suspects held here to three hours of severe questioning, the police to-day said they had not yet learned anything that points to the guilt of the men, and that no information in addition to that upon which the men were arrested last yesterday has been secured.

NEW YORK, Oct. 19.—Whether Zev, Harry Sinclair's crack three-year old, will race Papyrus in the international race to be held here tomorrow or whether My Own, Admiral Grayson's colt, will represent America will not be known until the arrival late today of My Own. Zev has broken out with skin blotches, although when placed today stepped a half mile in 47 1/2 seconds. My Own will be ready to substitute in case Zev is found to be in unfit condition.

MALEY WILL LEAVE STATE HOSPITAL

Chief of Police McNabb received communication from R. E. Lee Steiner, Superintendent of the state hospital, stating that John Maloy was to be given a full discharge from the hospital, yesterday.

State authorities have been in touch with Mr. Maloy since his recent departure from Ashland and state that he is well and busy being employed in a tailor shop in Salem, where he will probably continue to work following his discharge. The letter states that he appears to be well mentally.

Because he has acted according to advise given him by McNabb, who counseled him to play fair, report regularly, and work, it is attributed to his credit that he will probably be able to make good.

PORTLAND-SEATTLE ROAD IS HARDSURFACED ENTIRE WAY

KELSO, Wn., Oct. 19.—Though hard surfaced pavement from Seattle to Portland became a reality today with the opening of the stretch of road between Castle Rock and Toledo, heavy trucks must detour until November 1.

JUDGE BREAKS LIFE LONG PRECEDENT

SOUTH BEND, Wash., Oct. 19.—In the span of 50 years Judge J. T. Ronald of the superior court has granted but three changes of venue it developed here Monday allowing State Senator Percy Sinclair, charged with complicity in the failure of the Northwestern Washington bank of Ilwaco, to be tried in Chehalis rather than here.

"I regret granting this change because it is against my life long policy," said Judge Ronald. "In 50 years I have granted but two such changes, one of the I. W. W. case, in which both sides asked a change of venue and the other in the notorious Peter Johnson case in Seattle."

"In passing on these affidavits from depositors of the defunct bank I must consider them in the light of human experience and an undertaking of human nature. By other bank failure cases which have come before me as a judge and by my personal reaction in a bank failure in which I lost, I know that such an affair touches every depositor in a tender spot."

"It is human that a feeling of intense bitterness be felt by depositors toward a man in a position of trust in such a bank. The people who signed these affidavits would not be consciously unfair jurors but it is the unconscious unfairness that is to be feared."

Senator Sinclair showed no sign of concern throughout the proceeding except for his habit of incessantly closing and opening his eyes.

HAVOC CAUSED BY QUAKE AND FIRE IS RELATED BY A FORMER TEACHER

Miss Dorthea Abraham, last year a teacher in the junior high school of Ashland, in company with Miss Elsie Howe, also a former teacher, writes interestingly of the Japanese earthquake and fire which they ran into on their way to China to teach this winter.

The first havoc noted on the cruiser carrying the local passengers was the caving in of a side of a small island, disclosing fortifications. Twenty-five feet of earth had been removed by the quake from the bottom of the ocean, which was sounded often by the vessel in its slow approach.

Many horrible tales fill the letter which came to the states from Miss Abraham on the President Jefferson, the first ship to leave Japan after the disaster. According to her interpretation, everyone in Japan tells the same story: of a sudden crash, the rushing of people to outdoors, and the collapse of thousands of paper-like homes, which were consumed with lightning speed by fire.

The Japanese seemed to go crazy. Some were partially clad, as the fire occurred at noon-time, many people were in their bath and were obliged to escape with what apparel they could hastily grab and don in their retreat. She writes, "The Japanese seemed to go crazy and yesterday ran wild, knifing people and setting fire to anything not already touched."

Rescue parties were organized as soon as possible and 1300 or 1400 refugees were taken on board as rapidly as could be dispatched, hauling passengers all night from 6 a. m. Mattresses were put down all over the ship and many operations were performed during the morning hours. Some to be effective, others not. Every manner of work was done by the well passengers in relief work. Mothers and children were separated in the loading on transports and one child was brought by a wounded nurse to the mother, whose condition was extremely critical.

Many well educated English women were in Japan at the time of the earthquake and one woman demanded that her five servants be given room on the boat with herself, for she considered the disaster a lark. One Englishman still clings to his cane, while others are watching the developments clad in nightwearing apparel. Fancy dress with muddy fronts and horrible shoes keep others from the muck.

More news from Miss Abraham has probably been received and will tell further of the pandemonium that is reigning in Japan.

WOODS MADE INQUIRY AT OFFICES OF LIFE AND ACCIDENT INSURANCE COMPANIES REGARDING POLICIES FOR HIS WIFE

One policy for \$10,000 was taken double indemnity in case of death by burning. No premium was paid on the smaller policy until January. Evidence was also produced that Woods had purchased a quart of benzine at a nearby drug store a few days before the murder.

Woods appealed to the supreme court from the lower tribunal but without avail.

Under the court's order a date will again be set for Woods' execution, and as surmise on that day a firing squad will do its duty, if this particular murderer, as do most of the others, elects to face the rifles.

RUMOR THAT BANDIT KILLED IS NOT AUTHENTICATED

A wild rumor has been floating over the city today to the effect that officers in search of Siskiyou bandits had encountered three of the suspects in the Klamath National forest and had killed one of them, the other two having escaped. Investigation by the Tidings reveals the fact that Dan O'Connell, in charge of the man-hunt, has not received an authenticated report of the story and no credence is placed in it.

UTAH MAN MUST PAY FOR CRIME

Beast Who Slew and Burned Wife Nears Day of Execution.

Crime the Most Atrocious Ever Committed in Utah—Life Insurance the Motive.

SALT LAKE CITY, Oct. 19.—Unless his brain paints a mental picture of the most atrocious crime ever committed in Utah, a picture of eager flames leaping about the charred and blackened body of his wife lying on a benzene-saturated bed, local officers assert that the justice of man-made laws will have been defeated when Omer Woods, convicted murderer, pays the death penalty.

Under the Utah laws Woods must face an executioner's squad of riflemen with a target over his heart or swing from a hangman's noose at the State prison before October 24. He is permitted his choice of the two.

For more than a year Woods has forstalled the penalty, but the state supreme court has spoken and the arch criminal of Salt Lake City police records, veteran officers declare must die for his crime.

Woods, a native of Tennessee and employed by the United States Internal Revenue Service at the time of his arrest for murder, asserts his innocence. When he sits, tightly bound, with five rifles pointed at his heart, should he choose this form of execution, those familiar with the case believe he will confess, provided a confession is not forthcoming before then.

When firemen rushed into the suite occupied by the Woods at the Pauline Apartments, in this city, on January 9, 1922, they found the body of Mrs. Mareta Woods lying on the flaming bed. She was bound hand and foot, while a handkerchief had been used as a gag.

The odor of smoke had attracted the attention of Mrs. H. S. Catrell, proprietor of the apartment, to the rooms occupied by the Woods. As she opened the door leading to the hall, Woods toppled out and fell to the floor, apparently unconscious, or almost completely overcome by smoke.

Loosely Bound

A strand of electric-light wire which had been wound around Woods' wrists fell off as he was carried to another floor of the apartment. There were slight abrasions on his head, and one eye was blackened.

Upon being revived Woods told of a sudden attack by two robbers, who entered the suite as he and his wife were seated at a table eating lunch. After being ordered to hold up his hands, Woods contends, he was struck on the head with a club in the hands of one of the men and rendered unconscious.

He told the police he had a faint recollection of coming to in the bathroom, with his hands bound behind him, and of staggering to the door leading to the hall.

A police investigation brought out sufficient contradictory facts to warrant Woods being held. Later a coroner's jury returned a verdict of murder, contending at the same time that evidence of guilt pointed toward the husband.

At the trial in July, 1922, it was brought out that: Woods had made inquiry at offices of life and accident insurance companies regarding policies for his wife.

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