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KELS VISITED BY HIS WIFE

Wife of Lodi Slayer and Mother of New Born Babe Meet in Prison Walls.

Scene Enacted in Folsom Prison Is Extremely Pathetic—Kels to Hang January 4.

SACRAMENTO, Nov. 15.—Alex A. Kels came back from the tomb yesterday for his wife, who until two days ago believed him dead. She saw him in a living tomb from which he will never emerge alive.

Within the gray walls of Folsom Prison, where he is condemned to die on the scaffold on January 4th, she fell into the arms of the man she thought dead since the charred remains of the interlarded laborer, Ed. Meservey, whose murder Kels has confessed, were found in the field near Lodi where Kels machine had been burned.

Greeting Pathetic Scene It was a tearful scene in the office of Warden J. J. Smith when Kels garbed in the gray prison uniform was led into the presence of his wife, who had come from her Lodi home to see him.

She sprang from her chair and stepped towards him. They embraced and sobbed convulsively. Tears rolled down the cheeks of both and those who witnessed the scene were visibly affected. For several minutes there was silence save for the sobs, which spoke eloquently of the ordeal both were undergoing.

Arms Around His Shoulders At last Kels dried his eyes, led his wife to a chair in the corner and sat down beside her. Mrs. Kels' arms went around his shoulders and she patted him affectionately as they talked in whispers.

As they conversed, Kels grew calmer and at intervals his face lighted with a smile. He would look into the eyes of the woman for whom he hoped, through the mistaken identity of Meservey for himself, to get approximately \$105,000 in life insurance.

Sister is Witness On the other side of Mrs. Kels sat his sister, Mrs. E. C. Staples, who occasionally took part in the conversation. For the most part, however, she silently watched them, as did Miss Mary Noland, the nurse who broke the news to Mrs. Kels on Monday that her husband was alive and in prison here.

The other member of the group was Frank Meyers, prison guard, who sat opposite Kels, a stolid expression on his face. In the next room was Warden J. J. Smith and newspapermen, the latter eager to catch the tenor of the conversation, but unwilling to disturb any of the principals in the tragic drama at such a tender moment.

The party arrived here shortly before 11 o'clock and at noon Mrs. Kels still was at her husband's side. Warden Smith was making arrangements to serve luncheon to the party.

Britain Unable to Act.

LONDON, Nov. 15.—Due to the election situation Great Britain is unable to act upon the proposed new penalties or on the reported decision of Germany to stop all reparations payments. It is reported that Germany is preparing to announce a repudiation of the Versailles treaty.

ARGENTINE HOLDUP NETS BANDITS COLD \$20,000

KANSAS CITY, Nov. 15.—Two officials of the Argentine State Bank were held up and robbed of \$20,000 which was being taken to the bank to meet the Santa Fe railroad payroll. The bandits escaped without any shots being fired.

BIDS MADE FOR SURFACING ROAD ABOVE HORN BROOK

SACRAMENTO, Nov. 15.—Bids for the grading and surfacing with gravel of almost ten miles of highway between a point two miles south of Hornbrook and the Oregon state line, all in Siskiyou County, were opened at the office of the state highway commission here yesterday afternoon. Two types of bids were called for, one providing for the completion of the work in 150 days, and the other 200 days.

The lowest bid under the 150-day limit totaled \$205,000, and was filed by Dunn and Baker of Klamath Falls, Oregon. S. S. Schell of Oakland, Oregon, with an offer of \$192,864, is the lowest bidder for the work under the provision of the 200-day limit.

Action on the bids is expected to be taken by the highway commission at an early date.

DUNSMUIR MAN RUN DOWN AND KILLED BY AUTO

DUNSMUIR, Nov. 14.—County authorities have instituted a search for the unknown motorist who Saturday night ran down and fatally injured Floriano Subrio, 27, a laborer, on the state highway near Shasta Springs.

Subrio's body was found Sunday in the highway where he had been struck. His skull was fractured and his body crushed. Apparently he had been killed instantly or had died shortly after the accident.

The remains were brought to Dunsmuir. There is no clue to the identity of the automobile driver who ran in to Subrio.

ASHLAND HEN MAKES AN ENVIABLE RECORD IN EGG PRODUCTION

"Lady Lithia," a Tanager Royal white leghorn hen, No. 385, owned by Mrs. W. D. Booth on Weightman street, has an enviable record that is reached seldom in state contests.

Record of the hens activity for a year was started by her owner November 4, 1922 and completed November 3, 1923. He first egg was laid at the age of 5 mo. and 12 days. During the year, she laid 320 eggs averaging 26 eggs per month, the highest number being produced in one month was 30, in May, and the lowest number being 20 in her initial month of producing.

Eighteen days is the longest stretch in which the hen laid an egg a day, stopping one day and continuing her work for a similarly long period of time. Ten different days she produced two eggs a day, and with strict observance it was found that she laid three eggs within twenty-four hours on one occasion.

Mrs. Booth, who is thoroughly familiar with chicken raising and has followed that specialty for several years, has approximately six hundred chickens in her flock. Forty pedigreed roosters are kept under close observation as are several hens who lay in trap nests, to secure their absolute record.

At the current market price of eggs it is estimated the hen produced \$8 worth of eggs during her stellar year.

JAPANESE SHEIK IN JAIL FOR HIS LOVE

SACRAMENTO, Nov. 15.—Enamored of Mrs. T. Yokoi, U. Yomashito, a Japanese "sheik," made ardent love to her but without success. Then he challenged Yokoi, the husband to a duel. But Yokoi, being content with life as it is, refused to accept the challenge.

So, on Monday night Yomashito hid himself to the Japanese bath-house conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Yokoi at 320 M street, and there again laid ardent siege to the woman's affections. Again spurned, Yomashito drew a gun and placing the muzzle against the breast of the object of his affections sought to kill her.

But Yomashito was playing in bad luck, all around, for even the gun balked and failed to explode as he pressed the trigger, and when he later attempted to kick in a door behind which Mrs. Yokoi had sought shelter from the expected bullets, the door held. And so have the bars of the city jail, where the love-lorn Japanese languishes awaiting a hearing on a felony charge.

GIRL FINDS CORPSE OF SUICIDE IN OLD BARN

OREGON CITY, Nov. 14.—When 14-year-old Julia Casanoz, venturing into the dusty loft of a deserted barn near her home in Milwaukie, saw the suspended corpse of a suicide, she collapsed from sheer fright. Her father, whom she had accompanied to the barn, called Sheriff Wilson and deputies and the unidentified body was brought to Oregon City. The body apparently had been suspended nearly a week and although well clothed, bore no marks of identification. The body is being held here while identification is sought.

RESTRICT IMPORTATION OF CALIFORNIA LIVESTOCK

PORTLAND, Nov. 15.—Stringent rules have been passed by the Oregon livestock sanitary board regulating importation of cattle from California. Disease infected animals from the southern state have spread bovine tuberculosis to free herds in Oregon. Hereafter stock brought in must be from state or federal accredited herds or must pass a 90-day eye retest.

SAYS RECORDS ARE INNOCENT

Convicted Coquille Murderer Astrologer Makes New Denial.

Says Record of Toroscope Are Only Innocent Writings—Reveals His Philosophy.

SALEM, Nov. 15.—Declaring that the horoscope upon which his conviction for the murder of Mrs. Ebba Covell was largely based were merely innocent records of the workings of his mind and that they were never intended for use, as statement written by Arthur Covell, Coos county astrologer, and made public by Deputy Sheriff Malehor here yesterday evening, attempts to present an alibi for the evidence which Coos county authorities declare indicated a plot for the destruction of numerous persons residing in that section.

This alibi was one of the two statements written by Covell, on his way to Salem from Coos county Tuesday night to enter the state prison here, where he is condemned to hang December 21. The other statement presents Covell's philosophy of life and death.

Reaction is Insistent. "These reactions from a high plane of thought to that of a lower became so insistent that out of curiosity and to see how they would look in writing I commenced to put down my impressions as though they were plans to be carried out," Covell writes in his alibi.

"I like to investigate and I only had in mind the opportunity to delve into some secret recesses of my nature never before touched or brought to light, but I attached no importance to the making of these notes, and within the hour of jotting them down forgot all about the subject. I was surprised when the notes were brought to my attention recently, as I had no use for them and had not remembered they were in existence. I am sorry that there has been any wrong construction placed upon them. They really meant nothing to me, and the idea that I intended to, or could in my present physical condition make use of them is absurd."

Says Another is Guilty

In his second statement Covell indicates that another person than he is guilty of the crime of which he is sentenced to die.

"The state can take my poor bedridden body but as a tenant of that body I will move out at the time appointed," this statement begins.

"This body has served me faithfully and well and I have been proud of the service it has rendered me. When we departed it is what we take with us that counts—we cannot take money or property, or a great name, but if we have tried to be good, kind and true to self and others, this is food upon the soul shall feed after change called death."

THREE FEET OF SNOW ON RIMS OF CRATER LAKE

Medford, Nov. 15.—Three feet of snow lies on the shaded areas of the Crater lake bowl, according to word received here. Last Sunday a very heavy fall was recorded and the last parties down from the lake returned with some little difficulty over the snow covered roads.

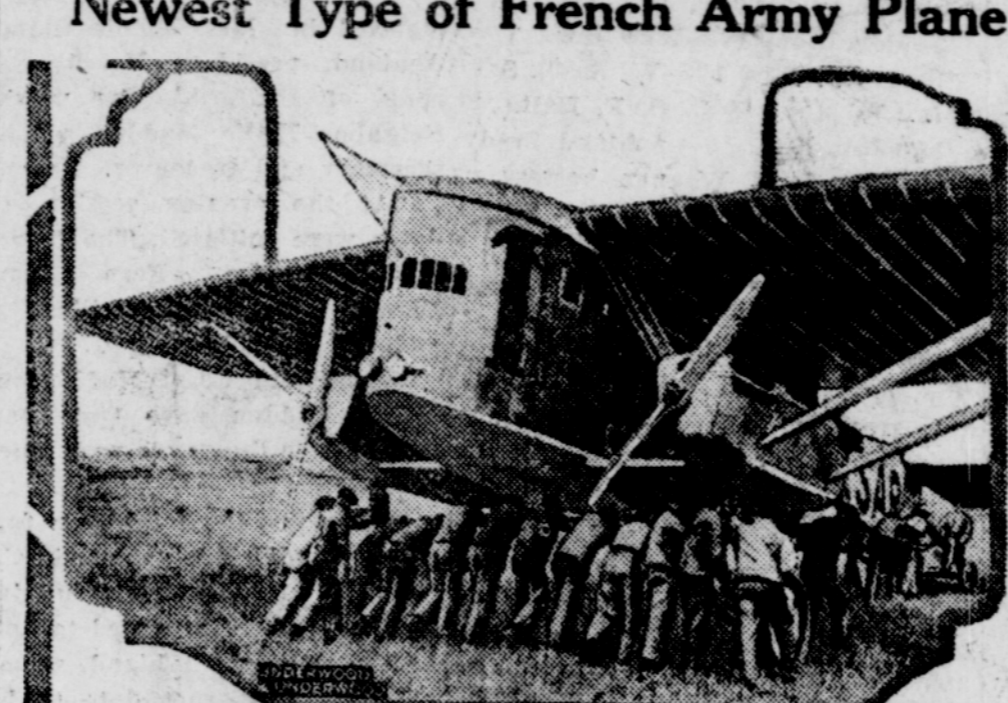
FOUR CITIES CONSIDERED FOR NATIONAL CONVENTION

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15.—Choice of a city for holding the national republican convention has narrowed down to Chicago, San Francisco, Cleveland, and Des Moines. Denver which had figured in the early bidding, withdrew. The representatives of the four cities engaged in spirited competition today in presenting data favorable to each before the sub-committee. The selection of a city will not be finally made until the committee meets in Washington, December 11, when action will be taken on the report of the sub-committee.

BASE BALL SQUABBLE WILL PROBABLY ENTER COURTS

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 15.—The possibility that the Pacific Coast League squabble, which resulted in the election of two presidents, will find its way into the courts for adjudication was seen when a local bank, custodian of the league funds, announced that it would not pay money on anyone's order until it is legally determined who are the proper persons to receive the league funds.

Newest Type of French Army Plane



Here is an airplane of the new type adopted by the French army. Note the unique fuselage and wings with closed cabin to protect the fighter, and double propellers and engines.

MYSTERY VEILS SLAYING OF RENO BANKER IN AUTO

RENO, Nov. 14.—The body of M. D. Fairchild, president of the Stock Growers bank of Reno, was found at 8 o'clock yesterday crumpled up in his automobile, which was standing in California Avenue in the residence section, a bullet wound in his head.

Fairchild had been dead for some time when his body was discovered and the police are working on the theory that he was shot while en route to his home in Sierra Street, a few blocks away, the night before.

The murdered man was at the wheel of his machine, which was not wrecked, but had been driven to the curb and stopped. He had evidently engaged in conversation with his assailants before he was killed.

LEAKE CONCERT WELL RECEIVED; PROGRAM VARIED AND PLEASING

The 1923-24 lyceum opened at the armory last night with the Leake entertainers giving Ashland lyceum patrons one of the kind of musical programs which brings happy remembrances. A fine organization with ability on a range of instruments which provided for great diversification and pleasure.

Following the customary fanfare with a popular number to gain the attention of the audience, the company very creditably introduced their program with "The Dance of the Hours" from the opera La Gioconda, which is considered by musical authorities one of the most subtly and intriguingly difficult compositions to render with anything less than a full concert band or symphony orchestra. Yet, Mrs. Leake has taken the violin, saxophone and clarinet solo sections, with piano and drums to make the ensemble instrumentation complete in score production, and attained a very good Dance of the Hours. The next number was a xylophone solo of the favorite overture "Poet and Peasant." This demonstrated Mr. Leake's ability as a competent performer with execution and culture, to which he added the dazzling rapidity of jazz stick operation to add interest. One of the best received numbers of the entire program was his playing of "Home Sweet Home" on the marimbaphone.

Mrs. Leake, soprano, of more than usual mellowness of voice, correct diction, tone control and well balanced registers, in spite of the rigors of lyceum work, was charming in her main number, "Voices of the Past" from Cavalliera Rusticana.

One of the fine things was a saxophone trio giving a seldom heard arrangement of "Praise Ye the Lord." Miss Betty Leece violinist, had a snap and enthusiastic vigor to her playing of the "Spanish Dance" by Raphael and "Oriental" by Conee. The other member was Miss Marietta Gift, woodwind player, with a charming personality.

The last big number was the Hungarian overture "Lutspiel" by Kellar-Bela as ama rimbaphone quartette. In between each number was oddities and unique musical features which were humorous and laughable.

The American Legion can well feel repaid for the effort of a lyceum this winter in the first number of the program, so far as pleasing the patrons. A fair audience greeted the opening program and found it good. More could have heard the program and been delightedly entertained and profited musically.

Newberg ships carload walnuts to Spokane, Wash.

OCEAN STEAMER DOCKS FOLLOWING STORMY VOYAGE



Arrival here of the Norwegian steamer Atna from Japan, brought to an end an eventful voyage according to Captain N. Nilson, master. The Atna left Moji, Japan, September 19. Engine trouble developed when she was two days out and the vessel was headed to Hackodate. Before reaching Hackodate the engines broke down entirely and the ship was forced to anchor.

After leaving Hackodate the Atna ran into rough weather and her entire passage across the Pacific ocean was marked by a succession of storms. When about halfway between Japan and the Pacific, one of the ballast tanks began to leak. Because of the leak the vessel developed a heavy list to the port, and upon arriving off Grays Harbor it was found she was listed about 14 degrees.

FRANCE WILL NOT ACT UNDAID IN GERMANY

PARIS, Nov. 15.—Even if the allied Ambassadors council decides not to impose any new penalty upon Germany, France will not act alone against the Germans, considering that the occupation of the Ruhr and Rhineland is sufficient to guarantee the safety of the reparations payments, it is authoritatively learned.

AUTOMOBILE OCCUPIED BY PORTLAND PEOPLE GOES OFF HIGHWAY

A serious, perhaps fatal, accident was narrowly averted Tuesday evening when the blue Premier touring car owned and driven by C. W. Pullitt and occupied by two other people, ran off the grade at the curve on the Pacific highway near Siskiyou. The curve at that point is rather abrupt and the road was encumbered in a dense bank of fog. Constructing the view of the driver. When near the edge of the road Pullitt saw the danger and applied his brakes, but the pavement being wet and slippery, he was unable to stop the heavy car. After leaving the grade the car turned completely over and landed right side up in a mass of boulders at the bottom of the deep embankment below.

The three occupants of the machine, who were returning to Portland from the south, were not injured and were in Ashland yesterday. After a long day's work Wednesday, the Whittle Transfer company succeeded in loading the heavy car on a truck and brought it to Ashland late yesterday afternoon where preparations were soon underway to ship the machine to Portland.

Damages consisting of damaged transmission, demolished top, broken windshield and glass side pieces in the rear besides other broken parts are to be taken care of. Two cushions and extra tires were still on the machine.

C. W. Pullitt prepared to return to Portland last night.

GUILTY OF MANSLAUGHTER

SEATTLE, Nov. 15.—Winifred young lady of 19 years, who shot and killed Harry LaCelle at a road house near here October 7, was found guilty today of manslaughter by a jury of nine women and three men. A minimum sentence was recommended. Consul for defense announced that he would move for a new trial.

Sixteen miles road belt in Umatilla national forest during 1923 season.

YOUNG HARD AND ERNO FACE COURT AT YREKA

YREKA, Nov. 14.—William Hard, who says he is 16, and Ronald Erno, 24, charged with the murder of Fred Skeen, young farmer of the Sam's Neck district in Siskiyou County, to-day were arraigned before Justice Albert Thomas.

Hard was certified to the juvenile court for investigation as to whether his case should be handled by that court or whether he should be prosecuted before the superior court. Erno was held to answer to the superior court.

The complaint charging murder was sworn to by Isaac Smith, brother-in-law of the slain man. Erno has retained a Los Angeles attorney.

PROGRAM AND BANQUET ENJOYED BY ASHLAND FATHERS AND SONS

Masonic Father and Son week was observed in Ashland last night when sixty fathers and sons met at Masonic Hall in accordance with orders from Grand Master Cochran, La Grande and celebrated the national occasion. Chaps of the De Molay age, ranging from 10 years to grown young men, accompanied their "dads" to the evening's mix.

Superintendent G. A. Briscoe, principal speaker of the evening, gave an informal talk on activities of boys, recommendations for their present and future growth, association of father and son, and general impressions.

Impromptu music furnished by Billie Briggs, R. L. Burdick, S. A. Peters and other chorists created an enjoyable atmosphere for the remainder of the evening. V. D. Miller also responded with several selections.

A supper, not sumptuous, finished the evening in time for the elders to retire with no great delay.

SUDDEN DEATH OF YREKA BOY CAUSE OF INQUEST

YREKA, Cal., Nov. 14.—An inquest was held here yesterday over the remains of 12-year-old Chester Douglas Brown of Ager, who died suddenly Sunday evening. Death was found to have been caused by inflammation of the brain.

Young Brown was taken ill with a severe headache. He complained that a stranger had driven a nail into his head. The pain in his head is thought to have caused this hallucination.

HUNTERS GOT 500-POUND BEAR IN SCOTT VALLEY

YREKA, Nov. 15.—Gus V. and John D. Kleaver, Scott Valley ranchers, last Friday killed what is said to be one of the largest brown bears ever slain in that part of the country. The animal dressed out at nearly 500 pounds, and yielded 175 pounds of lard. The hunters say that the bear was so fat that when he was overtaken it could not climb a tree.

The Kleaver brothers are among the most successful bear hunters in the county and annually make good catches.

"We don't care so much for the meat," said Gus, who reported the kill, "but the lard is the finest for pies, cakes and other pastry that one can get. I wish we had the old boy down in the city. There they would pay as much as \$1 per pound for bear meat on the block."

Collinsville Reports Holdup

COLLINSVILLE, Ill., Nov. 15.—Five or six bandits, armed with shot guns, raided the main office of the Consolidated Coal Co., held up Charles James and Ernest Meyer, clerks, and escaped in an automobile worth \$14,000.

A BEAR STORY

LeRoy Ashcraft, well known here but who is timekeeper for the McCloud River Lumber Company, is reported to have killed a 650 pound bear and 9 men were required to carry it from the mountains to McCloud where it is being cared for. Bert Hinthorne has negatives of pictures taken of the animal and has an enlargement in his window.

Elson Family Better John Elson, Tidings carrier, has been afflicted with bad doses of poison oak as well as his father who was obliged to leave his work at the Golden Rule last week. After trying scores of various medicaments the infection is gradually disappearing and Mr. Elson has returned to his work, while John no longer has painful eruptions on his skin.

RAIN HINDERS HIGHWAY WORK

Ashland-Klamath Falls Road May Not Be Completed Before Winter.

Unless Completed Klamath Falls Will Be Isolated from Auto Travel.

KLAMATH FALLS, Nov. 15.—Whether Klamath Falls will be shut out from the outside world this winter as far as automobile traffic is concerned depends entirely upon the weather. So says C. C. Kelly, division engineer of the state highway office here. Of the roads leading out of Klamath County there is but one that might be fit for travel the entire winter, the Green Spring mountain road.

For the past few months the contractors on this new road have been straining every effort to lay in base rock before the snow sets in. All have been meeting with success except W. D. Miller, whose contract is the most difficult stretch of the road from the point of view of road construction. There are three and seven-tenths miles on this contract which may render traffic between here and Ashland impossible this winter.

Hayden Creek "Sticker." It is Hayden Creek hill that is the sticker and trucks laden with base rock gravel from the quarry are unable to make this grade. It is located in heavy timber and the road has refused to dry up, despite the many days of sunshine. The road is all newly graded and when the rain falls, it sinks into the fresh soil instead of draining off.

Only a heavy freeze that will last for a week or ten days before the snow sets in, will enable Miller to lay the base rock, stated Kelly. Once the rock is spread on the new grading, the problem will have been solved and auto traffic will be easy during the winter.

To Use Snowplows

The road will be kept clear of snow during the winter months by snow plows with maintenance stations as working plants.

There are now four rock crushers working between here and Ashland, Kelly said, and several are working twenty-four-hour shifts. The laying of the base rock to Keno was completed Sunday, and the laying of the final layer is progressing rapidly.

Road Unimproved.

There is little probability of the Dalles-California highway being kept open north of Fort Klamath this winter. From La Pine, located a few miles from the northern boundary of the county, to a point just north of Fort Klamath, the road is unimproved. To keep this road open will be almost impossible, said Kelly, and the maintenance expense would not be worthy of the traffic that would pass over the road during the winter months.

MAN, 37, MARRIES A BRIDE OF 63 YEARS

RENO, Nov. 15.—Youth and age ventured on the sea of matrimony yesterday with the granting of a marriage license by County Clerk Beemer to Louis Albares, aged 37, and Angeline Wilson, who confessed to 63 years.

The bride took charge of affairs and answered all questions asked by the county clerk. The marriage was immediately performed in the courthouse by Judge T. F. Moran, and the couple left arm-in-arm, apparently supremely happy.

OPPONENTS OF INCOME TAX PLAN TO APPEAL

SALEM, Nov. 24.—Action looking to the appeal of the State Income tax law recently passed by the people was started by C. C. Chapman, editor of the Oregon Voter, with the filing of copies of a petition with Secretary of State Kozier for an initiative measure to be voted on in November 1924. More than 12,000 signatures must be secured before the measure can go on the ballot, and circulators will start soon to secure signatures from over the state. Chapman said that already millions pending investment in Oregon had been cancelled, due to the bill and that many corporations with Oregon branches plan to have business in Oregon handled through San Francisco and Seattle.

Beverton Lets \$42,911 Contract for Water System

Elgin packs 110,000 boxes apples this year.