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BOND JUMPER APPREHENDED IN PITTSBURG

ERNEST B. DENNISON, CONVICTED OF BLACKMAIL, IS FOUND IN PENNSYLVANIA

WAS UNDER SENTENCE TO PEN

Warrant for His Arrest Is Wired, and He Will Be Brought Back to This State to Serve Time

Ernest B. Dennison, alias Geo. C. Huff, who was convicted in the circuit court of this county two years ago upon a charge of blackmail growing out of the case involving "Bob" Jackson, has been located in Pittsburg, Penn., and a warrant has been wired for his arrest.

At the time Dennison was convicted, he was given an indeterminate sentence of from six months to two years in the state penitentiary. He appealed the case, giving a surety bond in the amount of \$2,000 for his appearance. The appeal was never perfected, but Dennison failed to appear to enter upon his sentence at Salem, having disappeared from view. During the two years the surety company has been hunting for the fugitive and Monday night prosecuting Attorney Miller received a telegram from the agents of the surety company in Portland announcing that Dennison had been located in Pittsburg, but that the Pittsburg authorities declined to make an arrest unless they held a warrant. A warrant was therefore wired the district attorney at Pittsburg, but word has not yet been received as to the arrest of Dennison.

The surety company has been prosecuting the search for Dennison since the day he failed to appear according to the terms of the bond and all expenses connected with the arrest and return of the man to the state of Oregon and to the penitentiary will be borne by the company.

The case that culminated in the prosecution of Dennison and his associates for the crime of blackmail was one of the most sensational in the history of local courts. Dennison, accompanied by two detectives, came here from New York and after locating "Bob" (Oslin M.) Jackson on a ranch near Merlin, had Jackson jailed as a fugitive from justice, basing his action upon an old indictment against Jackson in the east. Before taking action against Jackson, Dennison and his detectives attempted to get Jackson to pay over money to quiet the matter, and the prosecution for blackmail was based upon this. Jackson refused to come through, and pressed the case against Dennison to the limit. Detective Hass, of Chicago, turned states evidence, and the blackmail charge against him was dismissed. The other detective was exonerated, but Dennison was convicted and sentenced to prison.

During the progress of the proceedings, Jackson was held under arrest for some time, and Detective Flood came here from New York to take him back to that state to stand trial upon the old indictment. On the day that the requisition for the taking of Jackson back to New York was obtained, District Attorney Whitman recalled Flood, and the case against Jackson was dismissed. Jackson later returned to New York, and the old indictment against him was quashed.

Washington, Jan. 23.—President Wilson this afternoon notified the senate that the Danish treaty, negotiated for the purchase of the Danish West Indies, has been ratified by both this government and Denmark.

GREET WILSON'S NAME WITH CHEERS

Labor Party in Conference at Manchester Gives Spontaneous Ovation to American Chief

Manchester, England, Jan. 23.—Mention of President Wilson's name by President Warder in opening the conference of the Labor party here today was cheered for five noisy minutes. The ovation was spontaneous, the presiding officer intending only briefest mention of the American peace suggestions.

Action of ministers Henderson, Hodge and Barnes of the Labor party in joining with Premier Lloyd-George in the formation of a "reconstruction of government," was overwhelmingly approved by the convention. The action was taken despite the fact that such a joining with other parties is in violation of the labor party's tenets.

Arthur Henderson, minister without portfolio, and member of the Lloyd-George war council, moved adoption of the report justifying himself and his associates in aiding Lloyd-George.

"In the national crisis," he said, "we felt we should consider more what we could give than what we could get."

Henderson was greeted with vociferous cheers.

E. C. Sanchild, a socialist-laborite, denounced Henderson and his associates for acting without obtaining consent of the rank and file of the labor party. He argued that it was labor's duty to respond to the demand for peace.

KENNET MAN DIES OF INFANTILE PARALYSIS

Kennet, Cal., Jan. 23.—Lewis D. Woodfill, aged 25, died here today of a malady pronounced by three physicians as infantile paralysis, after three days' illness. Since yesterday morning he had been kept alive by artificial respiration.

Another similar case is reported from the Mammoth mine. The state board of health at Sacramento is sending a physician to conduct an autopsy over Woodfill's body and to investigate the Mammoth mine case.

MEXICANS HEAR OF TROOP WITHDRAWAL

El Paso, Jan. 23.—Messages were sent today from the Mexican consulate here to Mexican war minister Obregon and General Murgula, de facto commander in the north, stating that the first movement preparatory to the withdrawal of General Pershing's expedition from Mexico had started.

Officials at the consulate announced that the concentration movement of American troops at field headquarters to Colonia Dublan is under way, while one hundred and sixty truckloads of supplies, ordnance and camp equipment have started toward the border.

Announcements by Carranzista officials confirmed reports that the American outpost garrisons at El Valle, Charcos and San Joaquin had broken camp and were marching to join the main body of troops at Colonia Dublan.

Despite statements by United States officials in this district that they have no word of the withdrawal movement, Carranzista officials declared they are certain of their information, which came from the commander of the Carranzista garrison at Casas Grandes.

Orders have been issued at Chihuahua City for 3,000 troops from the command of General Miguel Dieguez to prepare to occupy the territory to be evacuated by the American expedition.

A DUTY AND INVESTMENT

The citizens of Grants Pass can perform a patriotic duty and at the same time make a profitable business investment by subscribing to stock in the Grants Pass Beet Growing company. This company was organized for a dual purpose: To give citizens who have no beet lands of their own an opportunity to engage in a profitable industry, and to assure a greater tonnage of beets for the sugar factory.

There has been a fairly satisfactory response to the appeal for subscriptions, but at least 100 more shares must be subscribed before the company can proceed with its plan of organization and election of directors next Monday. For that reason the stock subscription papers will be kept open till Saturday night, and opportunity given to all who wish to become identified with this public enterprise to do so.

The company is incorporated with 500 shares of stock at a par value of \$10 per share. It is not probable that over one-third of the stock will be called for in cash, this to be decided by the directors who will be elected Monday. The incorporators of the company are Geo. C. Sabin, Sam H. Baker and H. B. Miller. The business of the company will be safeguarded in every way, and the planting and care of the beets will be under the management of a foreman supplied by the sugar company without charge to the beet growing company.

Manager Nibley states that not an acre of ground will be accepted for planting by his company that does not stand every test, and that every acre should produce an excellent yield, guaranteeing more than satisfactory returns upon the investment. A number of tracts of the best lands are under consideration by the company, and as the season is fast advancing it is essential that the stock be subscribed at once and the lands put under the plow.

Greater than the financial consideration is the guarantee of moral support which membership in this company gives to the great industry that has come here at the invitation of the community. There is not a business or a professional man in Grants Pass who can afford not to be represented by one or more shares of stock in this company.

Tomorrow the Courier will publish a list of those who have subscribed for stock in the new company, and each day thereafter additions will be made to this roll of honor.

Here is an opportunity to show both patriotism and thrift. Show your confidence in your community and in the beet industry by getting your name on the list. If members of the committee do not see you, phone Dr. Bywater, chairman of the committee, or O. F. Braeger, or the incorporators, and have the list presented to you.

OPPOSES LIQUOR FOR SACRAMENT

Olympia, Jan. 23.—Mrs. Ina P. Williams, member of the house of representatives from Yakima, and chairman of the house committee on public morals is today the acknowledged leader of the fight to include ministers under the provisions of the "bone dry" law.

The measure as drawn by Representative Halsey makes an exception in the case of ministers purchasing liquors for sacramental purposes.

Mrs. Williams believes there should be no discrimination in favor of any one.

A joint meeting of the house and senate committee will be addressed this afternoon by Superintendent George D. Conger of the Anti-Saloon league, and two county prosecutors.

FEDERAL STEEL PLANT CONSIDERED

Washington, Jan. 23.—A federal steel plant to supply, wholly or in part, the needs of the United States navy is "under consideration" by the navy department, Secretary Daniels said to the United Press today.

The recent pronounced under-bidding by Hadfields, a British munitions concern, in open competition with American firms for the supply of armor piercing projectiles for the navy, is understood to have impressed the department with the need for a federal steel plant.

J. T. Strong and R. L. Burns went to Merlin this morning to spend the day. Mr. Strong is a recent arrival in the city, although he was formerly a resident of this place.

INTENT TO KILL IS GATES CHARGE

Man Who Beat Up Holland Neighbor With Rifle Hopes Victim Will Not Recover

Mark Gates was brought to this city from Holland by Sheriff Geo. Lewis Monday night, and a charge of assault with intent to kill has been placed against him. The charge is the result of the attack which Gates made upon Stewart Johnson late Sunday evening.

Johnson is still in a most serious condition, though it is now believed that he will recover. Johnson's head and face was severely cut and bruised by the beating, the upper lip being practically cut off, and the head swelled to about double its usual size.

Details received indicate that Gates followed his wife and Johnson to the barn on the Johnson homestead about a mile from Gates ranch. It was past 9 o'clock in the evening, and Gates entered the barn and turned a flash light upon the couple. He says they were standing at considerable distance apart conversing, and he at once made the attack upon Johnson. He carried a 22-caliber rifle, and this he snapped three times in an effort to shoot, but the cartridge would not explode. He then clubbed the rifle, and broke the stock off over Johnson's head. Both the rifle and flash light were used in beating Johnson, and when Gates left him he believed that he was dead.

Mrs. Gates carried the injured man into the house and went to Holland for assistance.

Gates, in explaining the affair to the officers, exonerates his wife from all suspicion of immorality, and makes no charge against her upon that score, either in this instance or upon previous occasions. His charge against her in his pending suit for divorce was cruel and inhuman treatment. Gates expresses no regret at the beating he gave Johnson, and stated to the prosecuting attorney the hope that his victim would not get well.

60 PERSONS WERE KILLED IN LONDON EXPLOSION

UNION WORKERS OPPOSE NEW ANTI-PICKETING LAW

Portland, Jan. 23.—Fifty jitney buses loaded with union iron workers who have been striking here, started for Salem today, to appear before the state legislature and fight the proposed anti-picketing law.

THE GERMAN RAIDER HAS DISAPPEARED

Buenos Aires, Jan. 23.—The German raider has apparently disappeared just as mysteriously as she arrived in the south Atlantic. Her appearance, in some far distant part of the world, heralded by another "drive" on allied shipping, was today predicted as the next word to be heard from the rover.

Rio de Janeiro reported several vessels, which might be the raider and her consorts, sighted on the north Brazil coast, but there was no tangible evidence that any one of these were actually raiders.

Rumor that the British cruiser Glasgow had sunk the raider was entirely discredited today. Efforts to trace the source of the rumor were fruitless, but it was certain it was not based on reliable information.

The Brazil newspapers today printed a rumor that a submarine had stopped the Spanish steamer Reina Victoria Eugenia yesterday evening at the mouth of the river Platte.

According to this report, the steamer's papers were examined and she was permitted to proceed. Steamers arriving here brought word of the institution formed at Rio de Janeiro of a "convoying squadron" to escort allied merchantships through the danger zone.

Supporting the belief of shipping agents here that the raider has adopted the maxim that discretion is the better part of valor, and has skipped out of south Atlantic waters to elude the great fleet of enemy vessels searching for her, all vessels which arrived in port today reported uneventful voyages, with no sighting of strange craft.

Pernambuco arrivals had the same story to tell. All of them, however, saw the sea plentifully sprinkled with war craft searching for the raider.

TWO GERMAN DESTROYERS SUNK IN N. SEA

BRITISH ADMIRALTY ANNOUNCES ENGAGEMENTS IN WHICH ENEMY LOST TWO SHIPS

FIRST OFF THE DUTCH COAST

In Second a Teuton Vessel Struck Torpedo, and 5 Officers and 44 Men Were Killed As Result

London, Jan. 23.—Two German destroyers were sunk by the British in two destroyer engagements in the North sea, the British admiralty announced tonight.

The first fight took place close to the Dutch coast, and British forces destroyed one German vessel, while scattering the squadron of which this vessel was a part. The German sea forces were "considerably punished," according to the admiralty statement.

The second engagement occurred in the vicinity of Schouwenbank. There a destroyer struck a torpedo and was later sunk by British ships. Three German officers and forty-four men were killed.



—Greens in New York Evening Telegram.