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RETURN WITH MURDERER OF MRS. FREEMAN

CLARENCE JOHNSON BROUGHT BACK TO PORTLAND FROM ALASKA TO FACE TRIAL

CONFESSES TO THE OFFICERS

Asserts That He Was Afraid Benefactress Would Return Him to San Quentin Prison

Portland, Ore., Oct. 21.—Clarence Johnson, brought back from Nome, Alaska, charged with the murder of Mrs. Eunice Freeman, W. C. T. U. worker and his benefactress here last August, told newspaper men here today that he was prompted by fear that Mrs. Freeman would have him sent back to San Quentin for breaking his parole. Nome policemen said that Johnson confessed the murder there also.

Johnson said that Mrs. Freeman, who was about 60 years of age, was jealous of his attentions of another woman. He said he waited over an hour to kill the other woman also, but failed. Then he fled to Seattle and later Alaska.

Portland, Oct. 21.—Clarence Johnson, who confessed to the murder of his benefactress, Mrs. Eunice W. Freeman, at her home at 424 Fourth street, August 15, will arrive in Portland this afternoon in the custody of City Detective John A. Goltz and Patrolman R. L. Phillips.

Johnson was arrested in Nome, Alaska, where he fled immediately after the murder. Portland police officers left for the northern port September 16, armed with extradition papers. A message received from Detective Goltz yesterday announced their arrival in Seattle.

The murder of Mrs. Freeman, which was effected by the use of a two-foot gas pipe, was one of the most brutal in local police annals.

Johnson has been indicted for the crime, and has confessed to the authorities in Nome, according to a cable received here. The police say that his trial will be speeded as much as possible.

'ALL SORTS' OF MONEY OVER IN JUGO-SLAVIA

Belgrade, Sept. 5, via Paris Sept. 20.—Not the least of the ills that beset Jugo-Slavia is the scrambled condition of its paper currency. The paper money of half a dozen countries is in circulation in various parts of the kingdom of the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes. In Belgrade itself the "krona" of Austrian ancestry is still the unit in which all commodities are priced.

The situation is further complicated by the fact that the ratio of exchange between the different moneys varies from day to day.

EX-KAISER IMAGINES HIS HIDE IS NOW SAFE

Amerongen, Oct. 21.—It is reported that the former German Emperor has so far recovered from former fears of molestation that, when he moves into his new house at Doorn, the Dutch state police, who have been constantly on guard about the Bentinck castle here since his arrival, will be relieved of duty. There are no walls or moats about the house of Doorn, which is visible and easy of access from the main highway.

CIVILIAN LIFE TOO TAME FOR HEROES

Great War Produced Many "Soldiers of Fortune" Who Are Reluctant to Quit the Game

London, Oct. 21.—Some of the soldiers who served in the great war are finding the humdrum life of the civilian too monotonous to endure and offering to risk their lives in campaign anywhere, or in any adventure to escape the tedium of office or shop life. An example is shown in the following advertisement which appeared in the London paper the other day:

"Young ex-soldier, three times wounded, will risk life for £200, tired of life and all alone, write"—etc.

Inquiry disclosed that the advertiser was formerly a stretcher bearer in the Royal Army Medical Corps, who won the military medal at Maritzburg and later at Ypres won a bar to the medal. After his discharge he obtained employment as civilian clerk in the Royal Air Force.

"I am paid £3 a week he told an interviewer but I am ashamed to take it. For weeks I have not done a stroke of work. Doing nothing all day is getting on my nerves. I cannot stand it. I want action. Perhaps some cinema firm might want somebody for a particularly risky job."

Recently four officers advertised themselves as ready to enlist in any capacity in any campaign for any country, provided there was "some fighting to be done."

ANOTHER FLIER HOME

San Francisco, Oct. 21.—Captain Lowell Smith arrived here in the trans-continental derby today. He is the first flier who started from San Francisco to return.

EVANS NEW SOLICITOR FOR PORTLAND YARDS

M. O. Evans has accepted the position of traveling solicitor for the Portland Union Stock Yards company. This position has been very capably filled for the past ten years by C. M. McAllister. Mr. McAllister resigned two months ago to engage in business for himself.

Due to his knowledge of agricultural conditions and wide acquaintance, Mr. Evans was selected from a number of applicants for the position. He is a graduate of Cornell university and a former student of agriculture at Corvallis. During 1913-1914 he served as supervisor of school and home garden work for the Portland public schools. Following that for two and one half years he was assistant state leader of county agents for the extension service of the Oregon Agricultural college. During the past two years Mr. Evans served as supervising farm help specialist for the U. S. department of agriculture in the 11 western states.

ITALIANS GETTING SHARE OF U. S. MONEY

Naples, Oct. 21.—Tens of thousands of checks amounting to millions of dollars each month are being sent to relatives here by the Italo-Americans who served in the American army. Therefore the money received from American soldiers' allotments, war risk insurance benefits, and United States government compensation constitutes one of the chief sources of income for southern Italy at the present time. Of the thousands of Italo-Americans in the American army, the great majority were from southern Italy, which has furnished the bulk of Italian emigrants to the United States.

REDS FIGHTING BEFORE THEIR LAST DEFENSE

DETERMINED TO DEFEND PETROGRAD TO LAST DITCH; STILL HOLD COASTAL REGION

CLAIM TO HAVE RETAKEN OREL

Bolsheviks Threatening Rear of Yudenitch's Army Dispersed; May Mark City's Fate

London, Oct. 21.—Orel was retaken by the bolsheviks, who also defeated 19 regiments of General Malontoff's army outside Voronezh, according to a soviet wireless dispatch. Unofficial reports from Petrograd state that the soviet forces are being slowly driven back to their last defenses in front of Petrograd.

Yudenitch captured Pulkova, seven miles south, and Lovova, eight miles southwest of Petrograd.

The bolshevik troops are stubbornly contesting the ground along the Petrograd-Lumpasavay railway. The soviet forces seem to be still holding the coastal region west of Petrograd.

Helsingfors, Oct. 21.—The bolshevik forces concentrated at Gdoff, on Lake Peipus, which constituted the most serious threat to the rear of Yudenitch, have been dispersed. This removes the menace of advance against communication of the anti-bolshevik forces now before Petrograd, which Trotzky recently declared would decide the fate of the city.

WARREN BROS. AFTER 'DIVY' IN STATE FUNDS

Salem, Ore., Oct. 21.—For "services" thrust upon the state, which have neither been invited nor recognized by the state highway commission—which, in fact, have been ignored utterly by the highway department, the Warren Bros. company, which claims patents on bitulithic pavement, has placed before the commission a claim of 40 cents a square yard for all bitulithic laid on state highways during the present year.

If the commission refuses to pay the claim, then the demand of the paving trust is turned into an ultimatum and it threatens to sue the state for twice the amount, or 20 cents a square yard, in royalties.

BERLIN SINKS TO LOWEST VICE LEVEL; INDUSTRIES LEAVE—MAY LOSE CAPITAL

Berlin, Oct. 21.—Under the caption of "The Murder of Berlin," the Boersen Zeitung, one of the ablest German newspapers, says the fate of the city is in the balance and that it is, perhaps, too late to save it from becoming a city of the second class in every respect, with the removal of the capital and the activity in a business and political sense to some Rhine-land city. It is a theory that has been gaining ground lately and causing Berlin to lose sleep.

"One day," the financial paper adds, "there will be a fearful awakening if the problem that confronts us is not recognized and solved at the 12th hour. The problem is to save Berlin from destruction."

The paper then cites the January riots by the Spartacists, from the wounds of which Berlin has never recovered. Then came the March disorders, followed by the July transportation strike, which threw Berlin into a chaotic state. The strikes then ensued one after another in an

DEADLOCK AT END OF FIFTH STRIKE WEEK

BOTH SIDES MARK TIME AND CLAIM GAINS; SOME MILLS RUNNING FULL TIME

GARY REFUSES ARBITRATION

Says Such a Move in Present Case "Would Sacrifice Principle;" Gompers Is Disappointed

Pittsburg, Oct. 21.—With both employers and union leaders marking time, the steel strike situation in the Pittsburg district was practically unchanged today, the initial day of the fifth week of the walkout.

The only statement relative to the strike came from the Carnegie Steel company. This report declared the Homestead works turned out 35,000 tons of ingots last week, this being only a few thousand tons under the record week of 1918, when production was hastened because of the war, the statement added.

Other mills of the concern were said to be operating at nearly 100 per cent capacity.

Washington, Oct. 21.—Arbitration of the steel strike, demanded by the labor group, should not be considered by the national industrial conference, Elbert H. Gary, chairman of the board of the United States Steel corporation, and a member of the public group, told the conference today.

Judge Gary had scarcely finished reading his statements before Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, and chairman of the labor group, was on his feet to express disappointment of labor at the pronouncement of the steel corporation.

"I believe in conciliation, cooperation and arbitration, whenever practicable without sacrificing principle," said Judge Gary.

"I am of the fixed opinion that the present strike against the steel industry of this country should not be arbitrated or compromised, nor any action taken by the conference which bears upon that subject.

"Also that there should be maintained in actual practice without interruption, the open shop as I understand it—namely, that either man, whether he does or does not belong to a labor union, shall have the opportunity to engage in any line of legitimate employment on terms and

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EVERY STATE WILL HAVE PAVED ROADS

America to Pull Herself Out of the Mud by Federal Government Cooperating With States

Portland, Oct. 21.—"Until we get busy at both ends of the highway job—national as well as state and county—we will continue the almost criminal policy of lessening the profits of industry and increasing the cost of living by millions of dollars annually."

"Roads today are more than local institutions."

"Creating a federal highway commission, and the construction of national trunk lines is but another step in the principle of cooperation which now exists between state and nation."

These were some of the statements made today by S. M. Williams, chairman of the federal highway council, before members' forum of the Portland Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Williams arrived in Portland today on a tour of the Pacific coast in the interest of the Townsend bill which provides for a federal highway commission of three members appointed by the president which will take over the management of all highways from the department of agriculture, and build up a system of federal highways extending through every state in the country to link with the state highways. It provides for an extensive plan of cooperation between the federal and state governments in constructing and maintaining good roads.

One of the vital provisions of the Townsend bill, according to Mr. Williams, is the one which provides that no fewer than two or more than four federal highways shall be built in each state affording ingress and egress from each state, at not less than three points and connecting with highways forming part of the national highway system in adjoining states.

TRIP WAS REVELATION TO THE PORTLAND MEN

Highly elated over the revelations of their tour through southern Oregon, with the Portland Chamber of Commerce special, are Kenneth D. Hauser and N. K. Clarke of the Muknomah hotel, who returned Sunday morning. "The trip was an eye-opening, through a land of milk and honey," said Mr. Clarke. "A northern Oregonian, who has never made a trip through the great southern empire of his own state, little realizes what the completion of the road from Klamath Falls to Bend means to this city, local financiers wouldn't stop until they had guaranteed the amount needed to finish the project, from the end of the Strahorn extension, north from Klamath Falls, about \$1,500,000. None of the big eastern cities would pass up such an opportunity, that's certain."—Oregonian.

GREAT APPLE CROP AT HOOD RIVER THIS YEAR

Hood River, Ore., Oct. 21.—The Hood River apple crop has surpassed pre-season estimates, both as to quality and quantity. The yield will exceed 2,000,000 boxes, and the apples are running more than ever before to the extra fancy grade and desirable sizes.

Orchardists have never taken better care of their trees and the fruit is clear of scab and worms this season, county fruit inspectors said today. It is likely that the average of the valley will go well beyond 90 per cent extra fancy stock with but a small percentage in the C grade.

WILSON KEEPS FINGER ON THE PUBLIC PULSE

THREE BIG PROBLEMS UP; STRIKES, THE TREATY, AND INDUSTRIAL CONFAH

WRITES A NOTE TO CONFEREES

In Shaky Hand Signs Name to 600-Word Message; Treaty Compromise Looms Up Better

Washington, Oct. 21.—President Wilson has been kept informed regarding the threatened bituminous coal miners' strike, the treaty situation and the national industrial conference by written reports from Secretary Tumulty. The president had a letter yesterday from Senator Hitchcock, administration leader in the treaty fight.

The president, despite his illness, is understood to be preparing to take a hand in the national industrial conference, trying to avert the break threatened as a result of the inability of the capital and labor groups to reach a satisfactory agreement on collective bargaining.

The president did not sleep so well last night but showed no signs of fatigue this morning. His prostatic condition is the same.

Washington, Oct. 21.—The president today dictated a letter to Secretary Lane, presiding at the industrial conference, to be used if the danger of breaking up becomes acute. The president signed the letter with a pencil, in a somewhat shaky hand.

Washington, Oct. 21.—Declaration of the imperative necessity of holding the national industrial conference together until it accomplishes the purpose for which it was called is understood to form the keynote of the 600-word letter the president has sent to Secretary Lane.

Those who saw the letter describe it as an "extremely powerful document," written in the vigorous style which characterized his writings before his illness. Some of the conference leaders said a week's recess might be taken to give the groups a chance to work out a new program and reconcile the differences between capital and labor groups. Secretary Lane approves of the movement.

Washington, Oct. 21.—The possibility of a compromise between senate advocates and opponents of reservations is reported to have received serious consideration by the democratic leaders conferring today, after Senator Lodge had called a foreign relations committee meeting for tomorrow.

Senator McCumber of North Dakota, a republican, introduced seven "compromise reservations."

RETURNS INDICATE ONTARIO GONE 'DRY'

Toronto, Oct. 21.—Election returns today indicate that Sir William Hearst has been elected premier and that the conservative government has been swamped and Ontario gone "dry" by an overwhelming majority.

FORMER JUDGE COMMITS SUICIDE AT PORTLAND

Portland, Ore., Oct. 21.—J. J. Guhen, former circuit judge of Pocatello, Idaho, shot and killed himself while taking a walk this morning. He was a patient of the Portland medical hospital and was suffering from a nervous breakdown. It is believed that he regarded his case as hopeless.