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LARK EVANS IS CONVICTED OF WHITE ROBBERY

HAIRD FIGHT TRIAL RESULTS IN CONVICTION IN JACKSON COUNTY COURT

SENTENCE PASSED TUESDAY

Evans Out on Bail Awaiting the Sentence—Trial Attracts Much Attention in Medford

Medford, Mar. 22.—Lark Evans accused of robbing W. G. White of Grants Pass, September 13, last, of \$27, was found guilty by a jury in the circuit court Saturday evening. Evans was released on \$1,000 bail furnished by his father. The date for sentence was fixed for Tuesday.

The case attracted much attention in this city and section and was one of the hardest fought legal contests in the history of Jackson county.

White identified Evans as the man who hired his auto, robbed him, and then bound and gagged him, hand and foot, lying in a prospect hole near Jacksonville. A note written by the defendant to a woman, in which he admitted his guilt, and urged her to answer no questions also was a strong link. The note was torn to fine bits but pieced together.

The trial was interesting to the large crowd of spectators Friday and Saturday, though the evidence was very conflicting. Witnesses for the state identified the young man as the kidnapper and robber, but the main witnesses for the defense established a strong alibi for Evans.

W. G. White, Chief of Police McLane, Andrew Shade, Harry Cougle and a Mr. Bacher, all of Grants Pass, positively identified Evans as the man who, accompanied by a woman, employed White at Grants Pass about 5 p. m., September 13, to drive them out in his auto a short distance from that city, and then when outside the city placed a revolver at White's back and compelled him to drive in a roundabout way to a lonely road near Jacksonville, where they robbed him, bound him and left him apparently helpless on the ground, and drove away in his car. Later White worked loose from his bonds and made his way to Jacksonville and gave the alarm.

Evans' arrest followed some time later at Klamath Falls where he and his wife had located and where he was employed in a garage.

On the other hand the witnesses

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CONVENTION TO STRIVE FOR MORE PRODUCTION

Washington, Mar. 22.—Seeing in increased production a means of restoring normal business and price conditions, the chamber of commerce of the United States, it was announced, will make its eighth annual meeting, to be held in Atlantic City April 27 to 29, an increased production convention.

Every topic will be considered from that viewpoint. The relation of government to production will be first taken up and under that heading will be considered anti-trust legislation and taxation. Business of every kind is declared to be keenly interested in taxation, especially excess profits taxes.

Another phase of the problem to be discussed will be the part of the government, the farmer and the business man in increasing farm production. Secretary of Agriculture Meredith will speak for the government. The relation of labor to production will be approached from both sides, the employer's viewpoint to be presented by a representative of the American Federation of Labor and the employers' by a business man. There will be group meetings for each of several great divisions of industry.

26 I. W. W. WANT SEPARATE TRIALS

Defense Asks That Each Be Given Individual Trial in Portland Conspiracy Case

Portland, Mar. 22.—Separate trials for each of the 26 alleged Industrial Workers of the World arrested here last November 11th, indicted under the criminal syndicalism act, were asked today by the defense counsel.

Property Owner Will Visit—

Prof. W. J. Roberts, who owns 40 acres of land adjoining the city on the east, and under the new irrigation project, will arrive in the city during the week to look after his property interests here. Mr. Roberts was formerly a resident of the Rogue valley, having been the engineer in charge of the construction of the Medford water system. He is now a resident of the city of Tacoma, Wash.

CONVICT RISKS OWN LIFE TO SAVE ENEMY

Phoenix, Ariz., Mar. 22.—How a physically powerful Mexican convict saved the life of the foreman he disliked at the risk of his own life is a story P. R. Milnes, private secretary to Governor Campbell, has brought here on his return from a trip to the state penitentiary at Florence, Ariz.

The convict, Pete Salinas, serving a term for burglarly, had a grudge against his foreman of the road construction gang, "Shorty" McDonald, because of the discipline which the foreman had to impose, according to Secretary Milnes. On the other hand Salinas was considered troublesome, powerful enough to be a source of danger, and spilling under restraint.

His act of heroism came one day just after a premature explosion knocked Foreman McDonald unconscious. Salinas who was out of the danger zone, rushed in and, before all the rock had stopped falling, threw his own body on top of that of the foreman.

A rock fell on Salinas' head and dazed him, the secretary said, but, realizing another blast was due to explode immediately, the convict struggled to his feet, picked up the still unconscious foreman and dragged him out of danger.

CANADIAN VETERANS CLEAR FARM LANDS

Vancouver, B. C., Mar. 22.—About 300 Canadian war veterans who founded and populated a community farming settlement at Merville have cleared enough land to lay out ten farms of 40 acres each, and soon will draw lots for the farms so that the owners can start the spring planting.

When the veterans returned from England they induced the British Columbia provincial government to buy for them 14,000 acres of wild land on the hills overlooking the Courtenay valley, a fertile section of Vancouver Island. Douglas pine trees were thick on the land and since the men went on it they have been busy clearing away the big timber and underbrush. For this the government paid them a daily wage of \$4 and supplied them with dynamite and tools.

Only one in four of the men who enrolled in the scheme has quit. A community store has been established on the land and the veterans declare they will continue their venture until all have obtained farms.

Forest Service Man Here—

F. M. Gruber returned last night from March Field where he has been taking a course in training in order to cooperate with the aerial forest patrol this summer. He has taken up some radio work and other lines necessary in the patrol service. He may do some observing work also. Mr. Gruber will leave tomorrow for Smith River, where he lives.

BERLIN STILL HAS ASPECT OF ARMED CAMP

SANGUINARY FIGHTING REPORTED IN CAPITOL AND RUHR DISTRICT THREATENING

COMMUNISTS GAIN HEADWAY

Crack Government Regiments Are Forced to Give Way Before Spartan Onslaughts

By the Associated Press.—Berlin, notwithstanding the return of the Ebert government to control, still presents virtually the aspect of an armed camp, with the food supply short. Sanguinary fighting occurred at intervals in the suburbs. There is little change in the strike situation.

Berlin, Mar. 22.—Conditions in Germany are described by the minister of defense today as extremely serious. "You cannot paint the situation throughout Germany too black," one ministry official said.

Stuttgart, Mar. 22.—Troops from Silesia were officially reported to have arrived in the Ruhr district. Fighting with the spartacan army there is expected tomorrow.

Berlin, Mar. 21, Sunday.—The minister of defense informed a correspondent this morning that conditions in the Ruhr district were becoming worse. He said three Westphalia towns have been taken by communists and that the movement is spreading north and east. Two pitched battles had occurred, his information showed. Two crack regiments of the Ebert government being forced to fall back on the fortress of Wesel, 22 miles northwest of Essen, after heavy losses on both sides.

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INCREASED COSTS FORCING MANY PUBLISHERS TO QUIT THE BUSINESS

The news print situation, so far as it affects the publishers of small daily and weekly newspapers is becoming more alarming. The price has been steadily advancing, the greatest advance coming since the signing of the armistice. The available supply is also limited. To say that the price has increased nearly 400 per cent or that the cost has been rising from 3 cents per pound to 11 cents means very little to the average reader. The last advance caused the Courier publisher to spend some time in figuring which discloses some startling facts:

Before the war the print paper price was 3 cents per pound and a year's supply for the Daily and Weekly Courier amounting to about 24,000 pounds, cost \$750. A shipment of 5,000 pounds, which was received last week, cost \$425, as against \$150 before the war. The next shipment ordered a month ago will cost 9 1/2 cents per pound, but the present price is 11 cents. The cost of one year's supply for the Courier at the present price would be \$2640, or an increase of \$1920 over the pre-war price. This increase in the cost of a year's supply at the present price equals more than the total amount of advertising placed in the Daily Courier during the entire year of 1919 by this city's three banks, two furniture stores, four hardware stores, four drug stores, all the physicians and dentists, all the grocery stores, all the dry goods and shoe stores, all the business houses selling men's clothing, the music store, the two meat markets and all the real estate men. The combined advertising in the Daily Courier of these 31 merchants and professional men, which list includes the heaviest advertisers in

the city, during the year 1919 lacks nearly \$50 of amounting to only the increased cost of a year's supply of paper for the Courier.

This condition does not confront the metropolitan newspapers as they are still securing paper on long time contracts at prices ranging around 4 cents. The shortage of paper is principally caused by enormous increase in advertising carried in metropolitan dailies and the publishing of magazine sections. The publishers who exceed their contracts are forced to buy on the open market and this buying is responsible for the present exorbitant prices.

The item of salaries shows an increase of 50 per cent over 1917, and this increase amounts to more than the increase in paper. The increased cost of the two items of print paper and salaries at the present scale amounts to nearly \$350 per month. Hundreds of newspapers throughout the country have been discontinued and the suspensions are increasing alarmingly. Statistics show that during 1918 the average of suspensions was slightly more than 100 a month. At that time the high mark in costs had not even been predicted.

The cost of paper for stationery and all other supplies has made advances of from 200 per cent to 400 per cent, in many instances the cost of the paper now being more than the former price of the completed order.

Strict economies have to be practiced in the conserving of the paper supply and a material advance in the price of advertising is necessary in order that the Courier and other newspapers may continue publication.

BENSON NAMED IN TESTIMONY GIVEN BY SIMS

SAYS THAT HE WAS TOLD TO WATCH OUT FOR ENGLISH BEFORE SAILING

RELUCTANT TO NAME OFFICER

Admiral Did Not Wish to Give Name as Statement Made During Conversation

Washington, Mar. 22.—Rear Admiral William S. Benson, at one time chief of naval operations, was the official who told Rear Admiral Sims "not to let the British pull the wool over your eyes; we would as soon fight them as the Germans," Admiral Sims testified today before the senate committee investigating the navy conduct of the war. Sims said the remark was made just after he had received his final instructions from Secretary Daniels preparatory to the departure for England on the eve of the entry of the United States into the war. He added, however, that it was made during a conversation. Sims was reluctant to give the name of the officer, but Chairman Hale insisted that it be given.

FEDERAL PROHIBITION AGENTS SEIZE BIG SUPPLY OF BOOZE

Seattle, Mar. 22.—Seven automobiles loaded with liquor were seized by federal prohibition agents at the dock at Meadowdale, Wash., this morning. Seven men, including a Seattle police sergeant were arrested.

COZAD RENOMINATED AS REGISTER FOR BURNS, ORE.

Washington, Mar. 22.—Victor G. Cozad was renominated today to be register at the land office at Burns, Oregon.

ALIEN ESCAPES FROM HOSPITAL

Radical Awaiting Deportation Proceedings Makes Get-away After Being Held Three Months

Portland, Mar. 22.—Frank Cusack, an alien confined at the Good Samaritan hospital pending deportation proceedings, escaped during the night, it was announced today. Cusack is said by the immigration authorities to be a desperate radical. He was arrested on January 2 when the communist labor party headquarters were raided. Three of those taken were convicted of criminal syndicalism here last Saturday.

Lancaster Spoke Here—

Samuel C. Lancaster, state chairman of the Near East campaign, was in the city yesterday visiting the various Sunday schools. He also spoke at the Baptist church in the morning to a large audience and in the evening at the Methodist church to a full house. Mr. Lancaster also gave short talks at the Oregon theater where the picture "Auction of Souls" is being shown. He declared that the picture was not an exaggeration of the conditions as they exist.

DRUGS SUPPLIED TO ADDICTS BY CLINIC

Los Angeles, Cal., Mar. 22.—A fight against the drug habit, waged by supplying addicts with the narcotics they crave, has brought about encouraging results, according to Dr. John Nevius, who directs a daily distribution here to the victims, at a "municipal drug clinic."

The drug is sold to the addicts at a trifling cost to them. After this became known to them, men and women stood in line waiting a chance to get a daily "shot." They were told the city was helping them and in return only asked that they help themselves.

"Can't you cut it down a little?" was a question asked each person applying. If the answer was "no" the desired amount was given. But the attendants at the clinic declare there has been a number of reductions that is gratifyingly large.

"Its early to make predictions," said Dr. Nevius. "But they seem to want to try and that's the biggest thing of all."

SHIPBUILDING SHOWS NO SIGN OF LET-UP

Philadelphia, Mar. 22.—There has been no sign of a let-up in the American shipbuilding industry since the government lifted its ban forbidding shipbuilders from accepting orders from private concerns, says E. H. Rigg, naval architect of the plant of the New York Shipbuilding corporation.

"Vessels aggregating 1,250,000 tons have been ordered since the government ban has been lifted," said Mr. Rigg in an address the other day to the members of the Engineers' club. "But," he added, "it will be 18 months or two years before the world's merchant tonnage is back to normal."

Discussing advantages which American merchant marine ships enjoy over the British, Mr. Rigg pointed out that 80 per cent of the American ships are oil burners, while only five per cent of the British ships can use oil for fuel. This, he said, gives the American marine an advantage in the cost of crews, due to the elimination of many stokers.

Give Farewell Picnic—

A farewell indoor picnic was given yesterday for Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Hull who leave soon. The affair was to have been given outside but the weather forced it to be given inside. Those present besides Mr. and Mrs. Hull, were the George Eaton, W. S. Maxwell and H. H. Allyn families and Mrs. W. B. Shapland and Misses Jessie Mastin and Fannie Abrams.

WALL STREET IS SCENE OF NEW STOCK RECORD

SENSATIONAL ADVANCES IN GENERAL MOTORS REACH HIGH POINT TODAY

RAPID DECLINE FOLLOWS MOVE

After Gaining Highest Point, Precipitated Decline Takes Stock Down 46 Points

New York, Mar. 22.—One of the most sensational movements in the recent history of the stock market occurred in the early part of today's session. General Motors, which featured in last week's bullish operations, added 29 points to its recent advances at a new high record of \$409. This was followed within an hour by a precipitated decline of 46 points.

Rev. Austin in City—

Rev. J. C. Austin arrived this morning from Portland in the interest of the budget being raised for the Baptist church. This noon he was the guest at a luncheon at the Baptist church. Here he outlined the plans of the denomination to raise Oregon's quota of \$1,045,000 toward the \$100,000,000 budget of the Northern Baptists. Seven hundred thousand dollars of the quota will be used on McMinnville college for new buildings and as an endowment fund. Another \$400,000 will be used in Oregon in the building of parsonages and the rebuilding of churches, and also to increase the salaries of the ministers. At the meeting today the members present accepted the quota and laid plans for reaching the amount desired.

More Laborers Arrive—

Eight more teamsters for employment upon the construction crew now building the canals for the Grants Pass Irrigation district arrived from the south this morning and are now employed upon the work. The Shattuck company brought in 89 head of mules for the job, with teamsters and Fresno scraper men for most of them, expecting to get enough more teamsters and other laborers here to meet their needs. They were unable to find men here, however, who could go upon the work and several teams of the mules were idle till more drivers could be brought here from the Sacramento valley, the new men being experienced in the construction of irrigation canals.

WASHINGTON VOTING ON SUFFRAGE TODAY

Olympia, Wash., Mar. 22.—By a unanimous vote the lower house of the Washington legislature at special session here today ratified the federal constitutional amendment for woman suffrage. The legislature is also considering the furnishing of money for the state's depleted school fund.

Dover, Del., Mar. 22.—The general assembly of Delaware convened in special session at noon today to consider the ratification of the equal suffrage amendment.

TACOMA FIRE DESTROYS GRAND STAND AT SPEEDWAY

Tacoma, Wash., Mar. 22.—Fire of incendiary origin, according to Chief of Police Carlson, destroyed the grand stand at the Tacoma speedway today, causing an estimated loss of \$50,000.

SENATE CONFIRMS COLBY AS SECRETARY OF STATE TODAY

Washington, Mar. 22.—The nomination of Brainbridge Colby to be secretary of state was confirmed by the senate late today.