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TO SPEND \$60,000 ON WILLAMETTE HOTEL

MURDER AND LOOT, TORCH AND TORTURE HOLD HIGH CARNIVAL IN TEHERAN

BICAMIST JOHNSON CONFESSES

Can't Remember the Names of Half of the Women He Duped Nor all Those He Married.

BIRDIE DUPED HIM

FIVE HUNDRED WOMEN ANSWERED HIS ADVERTISEMENT IN PORTLAND PAPERS—FOUND PLEASURE IN DUPING WOMEN WHO MARRIED HIM.

[United Press Leased Wire.] San Jose, Cal., July 13.—Doomed to die in a prison cell, Christian C. Johnson, sentenced to seven years at San Diego, where I met a statement, made public, recounting the history of his crimes. For years he has roamed throughout the United States duping them. He has robbed them of small sums, and, in some instances marrying them. In some instances the curiosity of the woman was responsible.

Two of his dupes he is sorry for, Miss Kaile Heon, of Los Angeles, and Mrs. Sylvia de Bonnett, of San Francisco. He married both of them. "I have but a short time to live," said Johnson, "for the doctors have told me that my heart is weak. I will die before I get out of San Quentin. If I thought I could live I wouldn't tell this story."

"I was born in Flensburg, Schleswig-Holstein, March 12, 1845. My father was a horse dealer, and that was my business for years after I came to the United States in 1871."

"Four years ago my health failed, my heart was broken by the death of my sweetheart in Germany, and I took to making a living by duping women. I can't remember the names of half the women I duped, nor of all the women I married. The money I got from them was spent on others, and I did not profit by it particularly."

"The first woman I married was Miss Mary Brown, at Springfield, Mass., in November, 1905. She gave me \$500 on the day of our marriage, and I deserted her in New York two days later. I simply didn't like her. "My second marriage was to Mrs. Sylvia Pollard de Bonnet, at San Rafael, in December, 1906. I left her after two weeks and went to Portland, Oregon, where, under the name of John Madison, I courted ten women at the same time. I met them by advertising in two daily papers. I think I got \$500 in answers to those advertisements."

"I remained in Portland two months, but only married one woman. Her name was Eliza Brown. If I remember correctly, she had been divorced from her husband, and owned a third interest in the largest coal yard in South Portland. I got \$1800 from her, but feel sure that she would have given me \$50,000 if I had asked for it. I lived with her two weeks."

"At the same time I was courting nine others. One of these was the rich wife of a sea captain who ran a steamer between Seattle and Nome. She wanted to leave her husband and marry me. I took Mrs. Jones to Oakland, and left her there. Then I went to Los Angeles and on to Memphis, Tenn., where I married Mrs. Bertha King. I left her in Louisville, Ky., in May, 1907."

"This was the end of my matrimonial adventures until I went to St. Louis last year and inserted an ad in a newspaper. There I met Miss Minnie Allen from whom I got \$200, Mrs. Catalina Baughman, who gave me \$150, and Mrs. Alice Richardson, who lost \$400 and a diamond ring through her acquaintance with me, a head nurse at one of the hospitals in St. Louis gave me \$200. Her first name was Catherine, but I can't remember the rest of it. I did not marry any of these women, although I was engaged to all of them, and several others, whose names I cannot remember. "Then in St. Louis I met Miss

Mary Frick, but she was too smart for me, and I did not get a cent from her.

"All this time I was living under the name of Madison, and the police of Portland were looking for me under that name for deserting the Jones woman. I didn't appear on the streets much in the daytime, and easily eluded the detectives."

"After leaving St. Louis I met Mrs. Elizabeth Jackson, of Iowa, Kansas, and got \$1400 from her. I then skipped out to Hot Springs, where I met Mrs. Birdie King, but, instead of getting money from her, she got money from me."

"Leaving Hot Springs, I returned to San Francisco, where an ad for a wife brought me 200 answers. I married Mrs. Leopold and got \$520 from her. Afterwards I went to Stockton and married Mrs. Tretheway, who finally had me sent to prison. At the same time I was corresponding with Ida Mitchell at Ingleside, and it was a letter I wrote to her that disclosed my duplicity to Mrs. Tretheway."

"Mrs. Josephine Henninger, of Oakland, answered my San Francisco ad, and I got \$200 from her."

"After my marriage at Stockton I San Quentin for bigamy, gave out a German splinter named Katy Heone. We went to Los Angeles and were married. I got the license in the name of H. C. Anderson." I left her at 229 Pacific avenue, Long Beach, on the 6th of the present month. I told her I was going to Germany."

"I went to San Francisco on July 8th to meet Minnie Cather, with whom I had been corresponding. It was she who put the detectives onto me, and had Mrs. Tretheway prosecute me."

"I want to say that I married all these women just to have a good time. The doctors told me I didn't have long to live, and I found pleasure in duping women, who were willing to marry me for money I didn't have. I am only sorry about the Heone girl and Mrs. de Bonnett. If I live long enough I am going to give

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INSURANCE CASE IS AT ISSUE

Legislature Files Four-Page Answer to Schively's Complaint Exposing Its Fallacy.

Olympia, Wash., July 13.—To the 60-page answer of State Insurance Commissioner Schively to the impeachment charges against him, the legislative board of managers today made a reply covering less than four pages, but putting at issue the entire proceedings. The reply was prepared by Representative Edge of Spokane, Attorney General Bell and Assistant Attorney General Lee and will be served on Schively's attorney today.

To Schively's demand that 16 senators be debarred from hearing the charges because of alleged bias and prejudice, the reply says it should be overruled because the constitution requires the whole body to try impeachments; that there is no provision for excusing any senator; and that the objections do not state facts sufficient to disqualify any senator.

To the motion to strike out the forgery matter because it is pending in the Spokane superior court, the reply cites the section of the constitution that sets out impeachment is no bar to criminal prosecution for offenses.

To Schively's attempt to throw all responsibility upon Sam H. Nichols, head of the department, the reply denies he was simply an employe and asserts he was duly acting and appointed deputy insurance commissioner.

Replying to Schively's affirmative defense further, particularly to the assertion in his answer that he is responsible for the improved insurance laws, that under his administration as an elected officer, the department has been conducted properly and that the department has now a high reputation, the board of managers says these are no defense to the impeachment and are designed to cloud the true issues.

TO HAVE TWO BIG BATTLES

Los Angeles Has Contest Tonight Between Battling Nelson and Ad Wolgast.

PAPKE AND FLYNN

WILL MEET TOMORROW NIGHT—NELSON IS FAVORITE IN THE BETTING 10 TO 6—WOLGAST IN FINE FORM AND RATTLING BATTLE LOOKED FOR.

[United Press Leased Wire.] Los Angeles, Cal., July 13.—The eyes of the pugilistic world will be upon the Angel City for the next 48 hours. Tonight Ad Wolgast, the featherweight boxer, of Milwaukee, will try to wrest the lightweight championship from Battling Nelson in a scheduled tenround fight at the Naud Junction pavilion. For risking his life Nelson will draw down a check for \$5000, while Wolgast's share will be \$1500.

Jim Flynn and Billy Papke meet tomorrow night.

The Nelson-Wolgast battle will be for the lightweight championship of the world, provided there is a knockout. If the ten rounds are finished, no matter if it does go against Nelson, the title will hardly be involved, as a popular decision, the only kind allowed under the law here, is not recognized as binding. Wolgast's only chance to pose as the victor over Nelson is to knock him out, something that the greatest fighters of his class have never been able to accomplish.

Trained to the minute, brown as a South Sea islander and in perfect health, Wolgast is in shape to put up the battle of his life.

With his tremendous hitting powers and cleverness, the Milwaukee lad figures he can stop Nelson. He is about the only one that thinks this, however. Nelson is in good shape, and not at all worried as to the outcome.

Betting is now at odds of 10 to 6, with Nelson the favorite. There is considerable wagering that Wolgast will stay the limit, and a few of the habitual short-end followers are nibbling on Wolgast.

No matter what the outcome, the fans are anticipating a slashing mill from the time the boys enter the ring until they leave it—or one is carted out on the shoulders of his seconds.

Charley Eytan will be third man in the ring to watch out for fouls, and generally supervise the actions of the men. Both fighters claim that there will be no backing up, and that one will drop before the tenth round.

CUSHMAN FUNERAL HELD TODAY

Fifteen Thousand Roses Bank the Casket—Masonic Rites Observed at the Grave.

[United Press Leased Wire.] Tacoma, July 13.—After lying in state from 10 o'clock to 1:30 in the armory here today, the body of Congressman Francis W. Cushman was buried with honors at Tacoma cemetery. The armory was beautifully decorated, over 15,000 roses alone

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STREETS STREWN WITH DEAD

Rebels Capture Teheran and Hold Carnival of Murder. Houses Are Pillaged and Burned.

DECLARE HOLY WAR

DOWNFALL OF THE SHAH CERTAIN—FOREIGNERS TAKE REFUGE IN LEGATIONS BUT ARE IN GRAVE DANGER—CITY IS BEING WRECKED.

[United Press Leased Wire.] Teheran, Persia, July 13.—Strewing the streets of Teheran with dead and wounded men, the Persian rebels today entered the city and, storming barricade after barricade, made their way toward the palace of the shah. The loyal cossacks were powerless to check the advance of the overwhelming force of rebels and late today it appeared certain that the unhappy monarch would fall into the hands of his enemies.

For the first time in history a holy war was declared today against the members of the Moslem faith when the priests of the sacred college of Mullahs issued a proclamation inciting the rebels to attack the palace. Mullahs of the college were sent to the Persian frontier from Nejed, Turkey, to proclaim the war and the rebels were prompt to respond.

Fired with fanatical fury they advanced upon the city and soon the streets were running with blood. Looting homes and burning shops, the rebels threaten to wreck the city. Foreign residents retreated from their homes in the outskirts of the city and have taken refuge in the legations about the palace. Fears for the safety of even the legations is entertained.

The mullahs of the sacred colleges evaded the difficulty of precedent with regards to the declaration of war against members of the moslem faith in a very clever manner. They simply prefaced the proclamation of war with another proclamation excommunicating the shah and his followers.

The downfall of the shah is expected and it is known that he fears that his reign is at an end. He has already made preparations to take refuge in the Russian legation. If he does flee from the palace to the legation he may be safe, although there is some doubt of it.

When the rebels entered the city from the north and west the small force of Persian cossacks remaining loyal was sent out to repulse them. Barricades were hastily thrown across the streets leading to the palace in the hope that through their

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COMPANY SECURES THE TITLE

Will Remodel the Willamette, Making One of the Finest Hotels in the State of Oregon.

The Capital Investment Co., of this city, today secured the deeds and abstract and paid the price for the old Willamette property. The money handed over was \$37,500, and the present lessee, who has a leasehold until March 1, 1910, has been offered a pretty good price to surrender the property, in order that the old

structure may be converted into a modern hostelry.

The corporation that gets possession of the above title is composed of the following stockholders and officers:

Steusloff Bros., Fred Steusloff, president.

T. B. Kay, vice-president.

James Linn, Catlin & Linn, treasurer.

James A. Wilson, secretary.

Other stockholders: C. L. McNary, Ray Farmer, J. W. Thompson, Jos. Baumgartner.

The company has decided to remodel the building, and put in a first-class, modern hotel service, at an expense of about \$60,000. The reconstruction of the building will be entirely new, except the walls and foundations. The furnishings will cost about \$25,000, and there will be nothing throughout that is not absolutely new and up-to-date, and will place this city in the first rank of Pacific coast hotel cities.

Manager Fish, of the Willamette, is at Los Angeles, and it is not known what he will do with the offer of the syndicate to relieve him of his lease. If he accepts rebuilding will begin at once.

SAVED THE BABY BUT IS BADLY BURNED

Alameda, Cal., July 13.—After rescuing a sleeping babe from a horrible death in a burning house, Fireman Raymond Code today is suffering from injuries he received when he returned to help his comrade fight the spreading of the flames. Code rushed into the smoke filled building and carried the two-year-old daughter of V. Cuvas to safety. A kitten that lay beside the baby in the crib already was dead from the effects of the heavy smoke when the fireman reached the child. Code then accompanied his companions on the roof for 15 minutes fought the flames. Their position becoming dangerous the men descended only to find Code missing. He was found where he had fallen on the roof unconscious from injuries he sustained.

THE STATE EXHIBIT IS COMING

Great \$100,000 Display at A. Y. P. Will Be Brought to This City to Remain Permanently.

[United Press Leased Wire.]

Seattle, Wash., July 13.—Practically the entire exhibit of the state of Oregon at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition, with whole sections of the interior decorations of the building, will be removed to Salem, Oregon, and made a permanent part of the Oregon state fair, according to plans that were discussed by the Oregon state commissioners during the visit of Governor Benson to the exposition. Governor Benson went home today, and will probably suggest to the next Oregon legislature the idea of taking the Seattle display to Salem. The cost has been figured at about \$10,000, and for this expense two-thirds of the \$100,000 display of the Oregon building could be preserved. The elaborate decorations and panorama worked in Oregon grains, the handsome wood paneling, and other decorative features of the interior of the Oregon building will be moved intact, if the plan is carried out.

It is believed that at the close of the exposition the Oregon building will be presented to the State University.

CONBOY'S EXAMINATION PUT OFF TWO WEEKS

[United Press Leased Wire.] San Francisco, July 13.—Preliminary hearing of Police Captain Michael Conboy, charged with assault to murder Bernard Lagan, was set today for two weeks from this date. The examination was set for today, but Lagan's injuries prevented him from appearing in court, and it was postponed two weeks.

RELATES THE SUTTON TRAGEDY

Cal Doyen Tells the Story as the Officers Present at Death Told It to Him.

CLEARLY A SUICIDE

DEATH FOLLOWED QUARREL IN WHICH BLOWS WERE EXCHANGED—SUTTON THINKING HE HAD KILLED LIEUT. ROELKER, TURNED PISTOL ON SELF

[United Press Leased Wire.] Annapolis, Md., July 13.—Discussing the recent order from Washington, ordering a reopening of the case of Lieutenant James N. Sutton, of the United States marine corps, who died from a pistol bullet, after a quarrel with his brother officers two years ago, Colonel Charles O. Doyen, commandant of the barracks here, recounted the circumstances as he recalled them.

Doyen was one of the first superior officers of the barracks to reach Sutton's side. He said that the shooting followed a quarrel, and that other officers, who were with Sutton, explained the circumstances to him as follows:

"As Lieutenant Osterman turned away, Lieutenant Sutton struck him on the side of his head with his fist. "As a blow had now passed, Lieutenant Utley, who had stopped them before, said they must fight. Lieutenants Osterman and Sutton stripped to their shirtsleeves, and, after a few blows, Lieutenant Sutton was knocked down. He lay still, refusing to get up."

"The others started away, when Sutton jumped up and made an attack on Lieutenant Adams. Adams knocked him down. Lieutenant Sutton, infuriated, again got up, with rough language and rushed to his tent."

"I will shoot every one of you before midnight," he said. Meanwhile Lieutenant Roelker, who had come in before, and whose tent adjoined Sutton's, heard a disturbance in the latter's tent, and came to the entrance to investigate.

"Then, according to the officers' story, Sutton rushed out of his tent with a revolver in each hand. Roelker followed him. Sutton met Adams on the road with several others, and fired."

"One of the shots struck Lieutenant Roelker, who dropped to the ground," continued the officer. "Lieutenant Adams thereupon rushed toward Sutton, who was still firing. Lieutenant Adams grappled with Lieutenant Sutton, and threw him."

"Almost at the same time, someone said: 'My God, he's killed Roelker.' Thereupon Lieutenant Sutton pulled his right hand from under his body, and fired a shot which entered his head about an inch and a half from the ear. The bullet passed downward and came out slightly below the left ear, through the neck."

"The officer of the day, Willing, who was standing in front of Lieutenant Sutton, and about three feet from him, reached over and took the revolver from Lieutenant Sutton's hand."

"Lieutenant Roelker was picked up unconscious and assisted to the barracks. This is the substance of what Lieutenant Utley told me, and what I have learned from other sources."

YOUNG ROTHSCHILD KILLS HIMSELF

London, July 13.—Advices today from Vienna say that Baron Oscar Rothschild, aged 21 years, the youngest child of Albert Rothschild, committed suicide there last night. A love affair is supposed to have caused the youth to end his life. Young Rothschild had just returned from the United States, where he made an extended tour.