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JOS. SYLVIA IS PRISONER IN OHIO CITY

Detective Cornwell Going After Suspect With a Warrant Charging the Murder of Wood, the Soda Fountain Clerk.

SYLVIA SURRENDERED TO COLUMBUS POLICE

H. A. Starr, the Former Policeman, Held Only on Embezzlement Charge. Young Ford Freed After Giving Important Facts.

Much of the mystery surrounding the murder of Emmett E. Wood, former soda fountain clerk in the Liggett drug store, in the basement of the Westory Building, F and Fourteenth street, may be dispelled today, when Headquarters Detective Cornwell will arrive in Columbus, Ohio, to bring to Washington, Joseph Sylvia, for whom a warrant, charging him with murder, has been sworn out and is in Cornwell's possession.

News of Sylvia's surrender to the police authorities at Columbus, where he learned he was being hunted for murder, was received at police headquarters here yesterday afternoon. According to the telegram sent by the Columbus authorities, the latest prisoner in the murder mystery will not fight extradition.

Will Return Today. Cornwell left for Columbus late yesterday afternoon, and, if no unforeseen delay occurs, should return with Sylvia tomorrow.

Sylvia's girl companion, who is said to have been with him in Columbus, probably will be brought here, local authorities believing that she may have such valuable information. The girl's name is withheld by the police, although it has been stated that her parents live near Greater Capitol Heights, Md.

Henry Arthur Starr, who was brought back from Cincinnati by Cornwell Tuesday, is held on charges of embezzlement of \$22 from the Liggett drug store, 38 Seventh street, and jumping bond, while awaiting grand jury trial for the murder of Leroy McLeod, in July.

Two others who were held as witnesses—Alonso Fletcher and William Henry Ford, employes of the Liggett store—have been released, their innocence established. All hopes of solving the mystery center now on Sylvia, who is expected to make important statements.

If it is proved, however, that Sylvia had nothing to do with the murder, the police must start off on a new track, with the end of the mystery far away.

Clue to Theory. A theory tenaciously clung to is that Wood was killed by men conducting an illicit traffic in drugs. Should this theory receive more substantiation, the arrest of a number of new suspects is probable.

Ford yesterday made a statement at police headquarters to the effect that Wood had given him information as to the prices paid for narcotics by drug addicts. Wood did this several days before the murder.

The woman arrested with Starr in Cincinnati, who gave her name as Margaret James, has made preparations to return to her home in Jacksonville, Fla., following her release by the Cincinnati authorities.

Repeated efforts of Starr to find a bondman have so far failed. After deserting his wife and baby, leaving them with \$6, he has requested Mrs. Starr to endeavor to procure temporary freedom for him. Five thousand dollars is the lowest figure set for his release.

WOMAN HELD WITH SYLVIA LIVES HERE The woman held with Sylvia in Columbus is Florence Hart. Inspector Grant stated last night. She lives near Capitol Heights, Md. Sylvia is married, and has a wife in Meriden, Conn. The official said.

The "drug ring" theory is being deeply considered by the police as a possible solution to the crime. It is thought Wood may have been a go-between.

"Unscrupulous youths may easily fall into error by this means," said Grant. "Thinking nothing of evil, they may become the dupes of drug victims, and eventually put themselves in a serious predicament."

Exactly what status Sylvia has in regard to the murder will be determined only when Detective Cornwell has questioned him. However, evidence in the hands of the local police is of a nature which may prove disastrous to the latest suspect.

CLOTHING PRICE FIGHT IS NEXT

Palmer Pleads for Hasty Action of Food Laws to Permit Broader Task.

Attorney General Palmer said yesterday that the campaign so far made against the high cost of living had at least resulted in keeping food prices from going up, and that some material reductions had been effected.

"The Attorney General said that the campaign had not touched wearing apparel, the price of which is still going up. He declared that this could not be accomplished until the food control act is amended to make it extend to wearing apparel."

The Attorney General has been advised by Herbert Hoover that he is very much interested in the campaign. Mr. Hoover expressed confidence that the campaign would prove of use, and suggested that measures be taken under the new law, when enacted, to regulate sales within the trade and to stop speculation.

"We have had assurance of co-operation from the heads of virtually all of the wholesale and retail associations of the country," said Attorney General Palmer yesterday.

THREE COURSES FOR W. R. & E.

Merger With Potomac Electric and Six Cent Fare Favored by Ham.

Merging of the Potomac Electric Power Company and the Washington Railway & Electric Company, establishment of a zone system of fares and the privilege of a straight 6-cent fare with free transfers were the three means of relief suggested yesterday afternoon by President William F. Ham of the Washington Railway & Electric Company at the conclusion of testimony in the hearing on the Washington Railway & Electric Company's application to the Public Utilities Commission for increased revenues.

Explaining the combining of the light and railway companies President Ham said it was his idea to combine the earnings of both companies to be used to insure a "live" railway company.

Measured service, developed by properly identified fare zones, has long been pushed by Mr. Ham as a solution to the financial tangle in which his company has become involved. It was apparent that the commission, heretofore opposed to the proposition, was yesterday open to conviction.

President Ham told the commissioners that a straight 6-cent fare, or four fare tickets for a quarter, would permit free transfers.

President George E. Hamilton, of the Capital Traction Company and Attorney E. G. Dunlop, counsel for that company, raised strenuous objection when asked by Commissioner Kutz to testify. Mr. Hamilton expressed surprise that his company should be brought into a hearing asked for by another company and in which he "was not interested." The commission informed him that it is considering three changes in the present railway situation, any one of which would affect the revenues of the Capital Traction Company and that therefore witnesses for the company had been called for. Mr. Hamilton asked that his company be given sufficient time to present testimony.

Earlier in the day John Poole, president of the Federal National Bank, and Eugene E. Thompson, of Crane, Parry & Co., testified that an 8 per cent return was not too much in view of the low value of public utilities securities.

JOS. FERRERS BUYS \$238,160 PROPERTY The business property at 719-721 Fourteenth street northwest has been sold to Joseph Ferrers, of Washington, for \$238,160. The deed placed on record is signed by Thomas W. Hay, James B. Archer and Charles J. Murphy as substitute trustees under the last will of Columbus Alexander.

The property has a frontage of 57.3 feet on Fourteenth street and a depth of 191 feet.

It is understood the new owner will hold the property as an investment.

List of Wilson Presents Asked in House Bill The public will be let in on the secret of the gifts said to have been lavished upon President Wilson by foreign potentates during his stay in Europe, if the House passes a resolution introduced by Representative Ramseyer, (Republican) of Iowa yesterday.

The resolution calls upon the State Department to give the House "a list of all presents, of any kind whatever, that were tendered throughout the State Department from the President of the United States from any king, prince or foreign state since the first day of December, 1918."

The measure was referred to the Foreign Affairs Committee, where Mr. Ramseyer will press for a hearing at an early date.

Valuable Goods Stolen. Vincent Campanella, 594 Twelfth street northwest, reported four pairs of shoes, a clock and \$5 in money, stolen from his shoe shop. The total value is \$65.

JOHNSON BALKS AT EFFORTS TO SIDETRACK HIM

Announces He'll Fool Senators Who Would Snub His Amendment.

PROPOSE RESERVATION Edge Submits Substitution In Attempt to Patch Up Party Split.

The real reason for the delay in bringing up the Johnson amendment, it was learned last night from a source close to the bitter-enders, was that Lodge lacks ten votes. The amendment is beaten before it gets before the Senate. It was declared.

The split among the Republicans is growing wider. Penrose, stated to take leadership of the Republican fight against the treaty, is offensive to the progressive group, and utter collapse of the opposition to the treaty may come any hour.

Reed, the Democrat, is said to be feeling the slight of both factions in the Republican party.

Indefinite postponement of a vote on Senator Johnson's amendment to equalize America's vote in the league of nations with that of the British empire seemed imminent yesterday after numerous conferences among Senators.

It is possible that definite action on the amendment may be put off until Senator Johnson has had a chance to go to the Pacific Coast and explain to his own people why he is against the treaty. He will make the trip if it is possible for him to get away.

Senator Johnson was assailed on all sides yesterday with pleas for a postponement. He was urged by Senators on his own side as well as by several Democrats to make no immediate move toward bringing up the amendment and demanding a vote on it. Most of the appeals came from Republican Senators who would vote for the amendment if forced to, but who would like to get out of voting on the amendment if they could.

Will Demand Vote. The Democratic appeals were from Senators who at heart would like to support the amendment, but who prefer to wait until President Wilson gets back and gives them some substantial reason to bolster up their voting against it.

Senator Johnson conferred during the day with Senators Lodge, Knox, Brandegee, Borah, Reed, Penrose, McNary and others. He declined to make any statement whatever as to what transpired at those conferences. Neither would any of the Senators who conferred with him.

But Senator Johnson did announce with striking emphasis that if any Senators thought the treaty fight was going to pass without a vote on his amendment those Senators will be badly fooled. Every member of the Senate, whether Republican or Democrat, is going to be told just what a vote against the amendment means and is going to be held upon to say by his vote whether he believes the United States should take only one vote in the league of nations, while the British Empire has six.

The situation now with respect to the amendment is exceedingly precarious. There are not enough votes at this time to put it through. Several of those whom it is believed that Walsh, of Massachusetts, Reed, of Missouri, Gore, of Oklahoma, and Thomas, of Colorado, will support it.

Republicans Dodging Issue. But the greatest opposition which Senator Johnson has to contend with is among those who are leaning to the right. Some of these are trying to meet the question involved in the amendment by a reservation, despite the fact that Senator Lodge, Senator Fall and others have decisively stated that the question is one which can be met only by an amendment. Other Senators on the Republican side are hoping that by delaying action on the amendment a new situation may arise which will enable them to either vote against it or evade a vote altogether.

Senator Walter Edge of New Jersey is one of those who are leaning to the right. He prepared a reservation which he submitted to other Senators.

Senator Johnson will never consent to the substituting of this or any other form of reservation for his amendment.

Silver Plate Stolen. A large quantity of silver plate, totaling in value \$558, was reported stolen yesterday by Mrs. William H. Hughes, living at the Kenesaw apartments, Sixteenth and Irving streets northwest.

BRYAN OPPOSES LEAGUE CHANGES

Not a Single Reservation. He Tells 4,000 Enthusiasts at Meeting Here.

"I am in favor of the league of nations—in favor of it without one single amendment and without a reservation," said William Jennings Bryan last evening amid the cheers of more than 4,000 at an overflow meeting arranged by the Non-Partisan League of Nations committee of the District in the Mount Vernon M. E. Church, Ninth and Massachusetts avenue. Secretary Baker also spoke on the covenant and urged the adoption of the treaty in its present form.

Several hours before the doors opened hundreds congregated outside the church and the gathering grew in such proportion that it was necessary to hold an overflow meeting in the auditorium of the church as well as an open air meeting on the church premises. Mr. Bryan spoke at all three meetings.

Mr. Bryan was loudly cheered as he expressed himself in favor of a league of nations. He said it was a subject far remote from partisan politics and that the Democrats and Republicans should lay aside all partisanship and adopt the covenant immediately. He dwelt on the non-partisanship of the Senate and House on the prohibition amendment, the suffrage amendment and income tax law and their adoption.

"Do we want peace or war? To have peace we must adopt the treaty of the league of nations. If we believe in Christianity we should prevent war, and those who believe in the league of nations know that the covenant in its present form will prevent war," said Mr. Bryan.

Mr. Bryan said the league of nations would abolish secret treaties, the most troublesome thing among nations, previous to the war just ended. He said it protected the Monroe doctrine and that the most outstanding feature of the covenant was the provision that the United States could withdraw if it wished from the league after a period of two years.

"We have two years' time to test the treaty, and I urge that we give it that test," he said.

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GOMPERS SIDES WITH STEEL MEN

Their Only Recourse, Is A. F. of L. Head's First Public Comment.

Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, late yesterday in his first public utterance since the start of the steel strike made it clear that his sympathies are entirely with the striking steel men.

"When employers refuse to meet workers and refuse to arbitrate, the men have no recourse but to strike," Gompers declared.

Gompers was appearing before the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee in opposition to the Cummins railroad bill.

Government conciliation boards may grow out of the steel strike hearings to begin before the Senate Labor Committee today, it was suggested by Senator Kenyon, of Iowa.

Although opposed to compulsory arbitration as a general remedy for industrial ills, Kenyon said voluntary conciliation boards to investigate differences between labor and capital might lay the facts before the public which might be the outcome.

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NOKESVILLE, VA., BANK Robbed of \$10,000

Nokesville, Va., September 24.—A robber blew open the safe of the Nokesville Bank last night and stole \$10,000 in Liberty bonds and War Savings stamps. He made an unsuccessful attempt to get into the money vault.

A widespread search has been instituted by Washington police and authorities of nearby cities for a daring band of bank robbers who broke into the Nokesville bank, Nokesville, Va., early yesterday morning.

Packers Get Low Freight Rates, Is Fordney Charge Freight rate discriminations in favor of the big packers was charged against the Railroad Administration by Representative Fordney, Republican, Michigan, chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, in a speech in the House yesterday.

He produced figures to show that imported goods are transported by the railroads over longer distances at lower rates than are charged for domestic products hauled over shorter routes. The one exception, he said, is in favor of the packers.

Police Union Meeting Tonight. A special meeting of the Washington policemen's union will be held tonight at Musicians' Hall, 1906 E street northwest. It is expected that some action will be taken on the demand of the Commissioners that the union withdraw from affiliation with the American Federation of Labor.

STRIKE LESSENS PITTSBURG'S SMOKE PALL, SO WIVES OF STRIKERS MAY WASH THEIR LACE CURTAINS



Here is a Pittsburg steel worker's family which finds happiness in the strike. The family lace curtains are put outdoors to dry without fear of a smoke pall making them dingy and the eldest son is getting acquainted with dad, who has spent so little time at home before that he was almost a stranger in the house.

ED. B. McLEAN TO TESTIFY AT POLICE INQUIRY

Charged With Threatening To Put Woman's Bureau "Out of Business."

The star witness today before the House sub-committee considering the proposed salary increases for members of the Washington police department will be Edward B. McLean. He is expected to reply to the allegation made yesterday by Mrs. Mina C. Van Winkle, in charge of the women's bureau of the police department, that McLean had threatened to "put out of business" the organization of police women over which she presides.

Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, appeared before the Senate sub-committee in opposition to the Myers resolution forbidding Washington policemen from becoming members of a labor union. When President Senator Sherman announced that the hearing was concluded and the sub-committee would make a report to the District committee in a few days.

All-eg Organized Propaganda. Both hearings on the House and Senate sides of the Capitol were well seasoned with verbal spice. Outstanding features were snappy cross-firings between Senator Sherman and President Gompers, and the statement of Commissioner Brownlow and Mrs. Van Winkle before the House sub-committee that there was an organized propaganda against the administration of the police department.

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FIUME POLICY FACES HOUSE INQUIRY

The reported activities of American Marines and warships in connection with Gabriel d'Annunzio's coup at Fiume may be investigated by the House.

Chairman Porter, of the Foreign Affairs Committee, announced last night that he had called a meeting of his committee today to consider the resolution introduced by Representative Husted, Republican, of New York, calling for a policy of "hands off" on the part of this government.

In making the announcement, Mr. Porter intimated that if the information developed at the hearing is sufficient to warrant it, his committee may recommend an investigation.

J. E. Ray Appointed to Maryland Taxation Board Baltimore, Sept. 24.—Governor Harrington this afternoon appointed J. Enos Ray, of Prince Georges County, to be a member of the State Tax Commission, to succeed the late Arthur P. Gorman, Jr., and at the same time designated William W. Beck, of Kent County, at present a member of the commission, to be chairman. This is a promotion for Mr. Beck and provides an addition of \$1,000 a year in salary, the chairman receiving \$6,000.

Mr. Ray, who is a former speaker of the house of delegates of Maryland, will serve till next June, at which time Mr. Gorman's six-year term would have expired.

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Trades Conferences Delayed One Week The International Trade Conference, which was to have been held at Atlantic City the week of September 29, has been postponed until October 20, Homer Ferguson, head of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, announced yesterday.

The postponement was due to inability of many of the delegates from other countries to reach here in time for the opening.

Billion in Bonds Retired. Nearly \$1,000,000,000 of Liberty bonds have been retired and paid off by the government with loans returned by the allied governments and certain taxes which were paid in bonds themselves. The total of all issues of bonds ran to \$7,000,000,000.

Deserted for 'His Vamp,' She Asks Divorce

Blaming her domestic unhappiness on a woman whom she declared, her husband styled as "his vamp," Mrs. Ida L. Kearney yesterday filed suit for absolute divorce in the District Supreme Court against Robert H. Kearney.

Mrs. Kearney charges in her suit that since 1914 her husband has left his business and deserted her for several months at a time after being persuaded to do so by "his vamp."

She gives dates and addresses in four different cities where, she claims, her husband revealed with "his vamp."

Custody of her four children, two girls and two boys, is asked by Mrs. Kearney. She sets forth that she was married in Alexandria, Va., April 15, 1916.

Jews Observe New Year Today "Rosh Hashana" Special Services Will Close at Sunset Friday.

Services in celebration of "Rosh Hashana," the Jewish New Year, will be held tonight in all local orthodox and reformed Hebrew congregations.

The New Year period began last night with special services in the Washington Hebrew Congregation at the Eighth Street Temple, at the Adat Israel Synagogue, Sixth and I streets northwest, and elsewhere. The ceremonies will close tomorrow at sunset, following tradition.

The campaign to obtain \$100,000 for a Hebrew hospital and home for incurables, to be located in Washington, was launched last night in the local congregations.

Dr. Abram Simon preached last night at the Eighth Street Temple on "God's Unfailing Love."

The main auditorium of the Eighth Street Temple was used last night for the first time in three months. The temple has been renovated and improved extensively.

Memorial services at the Hebrew Cemetery, Congress Heights, will be held Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock. Members of the Washington Hebrew Congregation will follow their custom of making an annual pilgrimage to the cemetery to honor those who have died during the year.

1,300,000 Packets Still Held By British Censors

The State Department yesterday announced that the British war office has issued a statement showing that during the war the British postal censorship examined 650,000,000 postal packets and that approximately 1,300,000 were detained.

Of the number retained less than 600,000 registered and unregistered packets are to be released, while a large part will be destroyed or else put in the prize court.

Such of this correspondence as originated in, or was destined for, the United Kingdom will be destroyed, except where it contains articles or documents of value which can now be transmitted with safety.

Inquiry as to a missing letter, that is desired to be made by persons other than those resident in the United Kingdom, should be made through diplomatic channels.

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CATHOLICS PLAN NATIONAL WORK

Hierarchy to Discuss Idea Of Groups Working On Own Farms.

Formulation of plans and appointment of committees to carry out the Catholic bishop's program regarding capital and labor conditions occupied the major part of the first session of the convocation of the Roman Catholic hierarchy in the United States, which began yesterday at Catholic University.

Cardinal Mercier attended the meeting at noon and delivered an address. National organization of the Catholic Church was discussed last night the conference attended a showing in McMahon Hall of motion pictures of the work of Catholics during the war.

The complete platform to be discussed during the remainder of the week follows:

Establishment of discharged soldiers and sailors as owners of farms, in groups or colonies, assisted by loans from the government.

Perpetuation of the United States Employment Service and the War Labor Board.

Elimination of women from all work that is harmful to health or morals.

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PROFITS OF PACKERS SHOWN AS EXCESSIVE

That the beef packers made two and one-half times as much during the war as previous, and that President Wilson requested the withholding of the Trade Commission's report during the war because it might injure the food-saving plan of the Food Commission, were statements made in a report submitted to the Senate yesterday by the Federal Trade Commission.

The report made public confidential correspondence showing the commission told the President the packers' profits were "unreasonably high," and that the food administration regulations should be changed to "safeguard public interest." Herbert Hoover opposed publicity in a letter to the President.

The commission would have reduced the packers' profits to 8 per cent and turned all excess profits into the Federal Treasury.

Y. W. C. A. CLUBS MEET HERE IN OCTOBER

Sixty-five women representing local clubs of industrial workers organized under the Young Women's Christian Association will meet in Washington October 20, 21, and 22 for the first such national conference called by the Y. W. C. A.

These sixty-five delegates have been chosen by popular ballot in the Y. W. C. A. industrial clubs and councils throughout the country in co-operation with a carefully appointed national committee. They will represent the 20,000 women who are members of the Y. W. C. A. industrial movement.

They have been chosen equally from organized and unorganized labor and so that as many industries as possible will be represented at the conference.

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DEADLOCK IMPENDING IN STRIKE

Steel Fight Simmers Down To Marathon of Endurance—More Than Half Mills Running and Men Declared Returning.

UNIONS SUMMON AID OF FRANK P. WALSH

Walkout Will End Minute Gary Grants Conference, Says Fitzpatrick—Labor Leaders in Conference.

Pittsburg Sept. 24.—Despite the conflicting claims of union leaders and steel company officials, both sides are becoming cognizant of the fact that the strike is approaching a deadlock. Victory now bids fair to rest with the side that can endure the strain the longest. The majority of the men who quit seem likely to remain out and those who failed to stick the strike call seem likely to head to their jobs.

Violence is decreasing in this district, and the state constabulary deputies and regular police seem to have the situation well in hand in the outlying districts.

The outstanding features of the situation today are:

The United States Steel Corporation still holds the key positions in Pittsburg and the Monacaheela Valley, through its subsidiary, the Carnegie Steel Company, although the unions have called out enough men to cut production in half in the district.

Sumner Frank P. Walsh, of the United States Industrial Commission, asked by national organizer committee of iron and steel workers to come here to aid in the strike and promise to come.

John J. Fitzpatrick, chairman of the national committee, says the strike will end a minute and a half after Judge Gary agrees to a conference with the union officials.

All managers assert that men are returning while strike leaders insist that more are quitting.

The Bethlehem Steel Company was given until 4 o'clock tomorrow afternoon to confer with the alternative of a strike Monday morning.

The meeting of the national committee was the principal feature of the day's labor program. A hundred union leaders and organizers, in a secret session that lasted twelve hours, discussed various phases of the strike. The situation in the Carnegie plants, the backbone of the industry here, and in the Monacaheela Valley, came in for special attention, and arrangements were made to reach every man in these plants by personal canvass before the end of the week.

Discuss Negotiations. Steps also were taken to expedite negotiations with independent concerns for recognition of the union and arrangements were made to prevent re-opening of any of the plants now closed. Legal measures to curb undue activity and brutality of the police and State troopers also were discussed.

The coming of Frank P. Walsh is expected to bring to a head the question of the legality of the actions of the police in dispersing public meetings and arresting men on mere suspicion. Walsh will be asked for his

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BATTLE PENDING NEAR CITY OF OMSK

Kolchak is alive and has assumed the offensive against the Bolsheviks, according to advices yesterday to the State Department.

Other reports to official sources show that a pitched battle is imminent about 100 miles west of Omsk, the capital of Siberia, and it is believed the result of this will make plain the future of Siberia if not of all Russia. Kolchak is credited with 250,000 men and the Bolshevik army facing him numbers 300,000.

For the last three months supplies have been rushed to Kolchak from France, England, the United States and Italy via the Black Sea route. Denikine's army is about 75,000 strong.

FORD PAYS 29 MILLION FOR 2180 AUTO SHARES

Detroit, Sept. 24.—Industrial sales records were shattered when Henry Ford and his son, Edsel Ford, bought 2,180 shares of stock in the Ford Automobile Company for approximately \$29,000,000, which are reported to have originally cost Mayor James Couzens only about \$2,500. By this purchase Ford and his son become sole owners of the entire stock.