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DESERTERS OF OZARK MUST FACE CHARGES

HEAVY PENALTIES AWAIT DESERTERS FROM THE OZARK

Serious Situation Confronts Members of Naval Militia.

HEAVY PENALTIES FOR GUILTY ONES

Punishment May Be Extended to Five Years If Conspiracy Is Proven.

A grave offense has been committed by the members of the District naval battalion, who "took French leave" from the monitor Ozark.

In leaving the vessel, as these men claim they did, they face charges of desertion, and, in the event of conviction, they may be compelled to serve sentences in the District jail, with hard labor included.

Although Brigadier General Harries, commanding the land and sea forces of the District National Guard had not today received a report from Capt. S. W. Stratton, commanding the naval battalion, attaches of his office have already investigated the extent of the offense committed by the citizen sailors and it is considered evident that little time will be lost in calling together a court-martial to pass upon their guilt, when the Ozark returns to the District.

Will Make Charges.

It was stated in General Harries' office today that there was no doubt about the men being charged with desertion, and that before the case has been disposed of the men will find that the walk from Annapolis to Washington was easy compared to what will be awaiting them. These men, it is said, will be treated as regular law-breakers, and the guard will have the services of the United States marshal's office in disposing of the cases, and it is considered likely that no leniency will be shown, and that the convicted men will receive the limit.

In the case of individual desertions the convicted man may be dishonorably discharged and required to forfeit his pay and other allowances and be compelled to serve not more than three years at hard labor.

In the case of two or more persons conspiring to desert the punishment is the same except the confinement limit is raised to five years.

In the event the case is judged as "absence without leave," the penalty will be $10 fine and ten days' confinement at the District jail.

The code of laws governing the naval militia of the District is provided for in the organic act of 1898 and in it is the importance clause:

"In all causes not specially herein provided for satisfactorily, the laws governing the National Guard shall be made applicable to the battalion."

Laws Stringent.

The laws of the guard are patterned after those governing the United States army, and are particularly business-like and stringent. The United States marshal is directed to execute sentences and to procure attendance of all persons summoned before a court-martial, just as he is required to do in ordinary criminal cases.

It was pointed out at the guard headquarters today that the offense of these alleged deserters from the Ozark will undoubtedly come under the laws governing "desertions in time of peace," the punishments for which have been mentioned.

The Navy Department has no jurisdiction over the discipline of the National Guard system, except in times of emergency and in time of war, therefore, its laws will not be applicable to the cases of the District sailors.

Department's Position.

Officials of the Navy Department said today that the monitor Ozark, with

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Extreme Penalties Provided for Men Quitting Militia.

Deserters from Ozark are facing trial by court-martial upon desertion charge.

Extreme penalty for offense, in case of individuals, is dishonorable discharge with forfeiture of pay and allowances and three years' confinement at hard labor.

In case of three or more men conspiring to desert confinement punishment is extended to five years.

Provision made by law for such sentences to be served at District jail, and commander of National Guard has office of United States marshal at his disposal.

The laws governing National Guard are applicable to Naval Battalion.

Probable court-martial will be called upon return of Ozark to Washington.

In event the offense of alleged deserters is classes as "absence without leave," men can be punished by paying $10 fine and serving ten days in confinement at hard labor.

SENATOR CUMMINS WARNS REPUBLICANS

Pleads Today Before Iowa Convention for Stronger Party Lines.

DES MOINES, Aug. 3.—Senator A. B. Cummins, speaking as temporary chairman before the Iowa Republican State convention which convened shortly before noon today, predicted in effect that the Republican party would be dissolved unless it ceased to be divided against itself.

Referring to the famous saying of Lincoln, in which he said the Government could not permanently endure, half slave and half free, Senator Cummins said:

"It is even so with the Republican party. It cannot endure, permanently, half progressive and half standpat. I do not expect to see it either defeated or dissolved, but it must speedily become all progressive or all standpat."

Senator Cummins predicted the party would rise triumphantly above its present difficulties and become progressive.

In the course of his speech, Senator Cummins urged every Republican to support the Republican ticket. He held it would be unwise to commit the country to the Democratic party.

Blames Leaders.

Senator Cummins discussed the tariff and charged the Republican leaders in Congress with "a sneering, contemptuous, open repudiation" of the party platform. He took up the subject of railroad regulation and denounced the efforts made to foist on the country the Wickersham bill. Of the President, he had little to say, but in connection with the tariff said:

"I believe the President wanted to fulfill the promises of the party, and to make his own declarations; but the leaders of both the House and the Senate refused to recognize the party pledge."

Speaking for a tariff commission with full powers, Senator Cummins also insisted that one schedule be revised at a time without going over the whole range of duties.

Severe On Bill.

Senator Cummins denounced the railroad bill as it was first sent to Congress by the President. He said the President unfortunately delegated the task of preparing the railroad bill to the Attorney General. "I have no reason to doubt the honesty of the Attorney General," he said, "but he had just come from a long professional training and association which unfitted him to deal wisely with this subject, and there came from his hands into the House and Senate a bill which, if it had been passed, as Aldrich so emphatically declared it should pass, would have consigned the Republican party to eternal disgrace and defeat."

The speaker gave the insurgents credit for making over the bill.

Senator Cummins criticised some features of the postal savings bill. He said the platform was bottomed on the idea that the money put in the postoffices should not be withdrawn by the Government from the communities. He added:

"The power of the East over the West in controlling the supply of money is already too great, and what we have done will add immeasurably to the Eastern influence."

Insurgents Control Committee.

The district caucuses were held early today, resulting in the selection of a resolutions committee composed of six progressives and five standpatters. The majority platform will indorse Taft for "good intentions" only, and then laud to the skies the insurgent Senators and Congressmen from Iowa.

The minority of the resolutions committee will have a report to present to the convention which will indorse Taft and his Administration, and the Republican leaders of the nation; indorse the administration of Governor Carroll, of

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WEATHER REPORT.

The center of the western storm area will advance to the St. Lawrence Valley during the next thirty-six hours, and it will cause local showers and thunderstorms tonight or Thursday in the Lake region, the north Atlantic States, the Ohio Valley, and Tennessee, and Thursday in the Middle Atlantic States. In the east Gulf and South Atlantic States the weather will be generally fair except that showers are probable on the south Atlantic coast and in the extreme northern portions of Mississippi and Alabama.

FORECAST FOR DISTRICT.

Partly cloudy tonight. Thursday increasing cloudiness, followed by showers; not much change in temperature; light variable winds, mostly southerly.

TEMPERATURE.

8 a. m.	76
9 a. m.	79
10 a. m.	83
11 a. m.	83
12 noon	84
1 p. m.	87
2 p. m.	87

SUN TABLE.

Sun rises	5:01
Sun sets	7:09

TIDE TABLE.

Today—High tide, 6:06 a. m. and 6:43 p. m.; low tide, 12:00 a. m. and 12:39 p. m.

Tomorrow—High tide, 7:03 a. m. and 7:40 p. m.; low tide, 1:00 a. m. and 1:52 p. m.

CONDITION OF WATER.

HARPERS FERRY, W. Va., Aug. 3.—Potomac clear and Shenandoah slightly cloudy this morning.

Flooring—100 Different Kinds. Frank Libbey & Co., 6th & N. Y. Ave. —Advt.

POISONER'S IDENTITY REMAINS A MYSTERY TO WATSON JURORS

Parkersburg Authorities Are Without Any Trace of Murderer of Judge.

EVERY CLUE ENDS WITH BEER PARTY

Sisters Known to Have Been With Wealthy Man Now Believed Innocent of Crime.

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., Aug. 3.—After three days of investigation, during which more than a score of witnesses have been heard, the coroner's jury and the county and city authorities are still without any definite clue as to who poisoned and robbed Judge James A. Watson, whose body was found on the porch of his home here last Saturday morning.

In fact, as the investigation proceeds, the mystery in the Watson murder case seems but to increase. The two Metz girls, who were arrested as suspects, but later released, were again under the "third degree" today, as they have been for two days past.

Their only connection with the case seems to be that they were among the party that gathered in Watson's office the night before his body was found. The two girls, to one of whom the dead attorney had been attentive for some time, are sullen and indignant that they have been daily summoned to Wood county courthouse.

The authorities have given up the idea that the Metz girls had any real connection with the crime. Claude D. Simms, also arrested as a suspect, has also been exonerated. Simms was a partner of Watson in the oil business.

Jury Groping Blindly.

The coroner's jury is practically groping in the dark. A number of witnesses have been found who can tell of Judge Watson's movements earlier in the night, but no light has been shed upon what he did after he left the jolly party at his office and started homeward.

The manner in which Watson was killed is itself mystifying. An autopsy reveals that he died by strychnine poisoning, but it yet remains to be explained how strychnine could be administered in such a manner that an intended victim could reach home before it took effect.

Judge Watson was a man who was fond of "flashing his roll." He had more than $2,000 upon his person the night of the crime. He always carried several hundred dollars in a familiar black wallet and Parkersburg storekeepers have noted that he seldom made a purchase without displaying a roll of yellow-backs. The night before he was found dead upon the porch of his home the roll is said to have measured two inches thick, and all "yellow" money.

"Double Life" Rumored.

Dark rumors are heard here of the reputed double life led by the noted West Virginia attorney. His attentions to Lulu Metz are said to have caused dissensions at home.

The Metz family lived immediately in the rear of Watson's law office and Lulu and Jessie Metz were among those who gathered there to enjoy the hospitality of Watson upon his last night on earth. Beer was ordered, but it is a matter of common repute that Judge Watson was a "teetotaler," and this makes all the more mysterious the possible manner in which the poison was administered. Watson was a member of the city council and fought the saloon element consistently.

At the time of the tragedy Watson's family was absent. Mrs. Watson was in Philadelphia, where she had gone to place an invalid daughter in a sanitarium. His only son was in Clarksburg, but as soon as he reached here he demanded an investigation of the supposed death of his father by apoplexy and foul play was soon discovered.

The son is in daily attendance upon the inquest, but has almost abandoned hopes of apprehending the murderer.

Judge Watson was a man of State-wide prominence and his murder has created a sensation throughout West Virginia. He was one of the leading members of the Parkersburg bar and one of the town's wealthiest citizens.

DR. CRIPPEN PROMISES TO TELL COMPLETE STORY ON RETURN

CAPTAIN KENDALL, Commanding the Montrose, Who Suspected Identity of His Disguised Passengers.

LLEWELLYN L. JONES, Wireless Operator Who Transmitted the Messages Arranging For Crippen's Arrest.

INSPECTOR DEW, Leaving Father Point To Meet the Montrose. He is the Central Figure, Wearing the Ulster.

BUSINESS REFORMS DEMANDED BY TAFT

President Orders Civil Service Purged of Inefficient Men and Methods.

By JAMES HAY, Jr.

It is the President's intention to have the Government's business conducted in a scientific manner with the sole aim of promoting efficiency and economy in the executive departments.

That mercy and consideration which have been shown to those men and women who have grown aged in the service of the Government are to be done away with by the automatic workings of a system, and the ax may fall on any clerk deemed inefficient.

This means that, unless the next session of Congress enacts into law the plan of retiring superannuated employes of the classified service on the contributory annuity scheme, the aged clerks of the Government will probably have but twelve months in which to find a way of caring for themselves for the remainder of their lives.

In these few sentences there is summed up the far-reaching decision of Mr. Taft and his advisers, as indicated by the information received today in Washington that the President has asked four firms of business experts to come to Washington, go through the

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AVIATOR IS HURT IN FALLING FLYER

Dr. H. H. Walden, of New York, Falls Fifty Feet When Motor Stops.

HEMPSTEAD, N. Y., Aug. 3.—While trying out a new monoplane upon which he had been at work for months Dr. H. H. Walden, an amateur aviator of New York city, was severely injured early today by a fall of about fifty feet when something suddenly went wrong with the machinery.

He was plunged to the ground with his machine, and was unconscious when picked up.

At the time of the accident Dr. Walden had been in the air nearly half an hour, and everything seemed to be working smoothly. He made several circles around the aviation grounds and evidently had no intention of attempting a landing when the motor suddenly stopped.

Dr. Walden had been experimenting with a new stability device for several months, and had been making his practice flights early in the morning, not caring to have his experiments with his new device witnessed by the large crowds that usually gather at the aviation grounds during the day when flights are being made.

ACCUSED REPEATS INNOCENCE CLAIM

Physician to Offer Proof He Did Not Kill Belle Elmore.

QUEBEC, Aug. 3.—For the first time since his arrest at Father Point, Dr. H. H. Crippen broke his silence and declared today that when he reached London he would clear himself of the charge of murdering his wife.

"I will make no complete statement here," he said, "but when I am taken back to England I shall tell my story from the beginning, and then you will understand that I am not guilty of murder, and that I told the truth when I stated I was not a fugitive from justice."

This statement of the accused man's confidence in his ability to prove himself innocent followed the anouncement by Dr. Crippen that he will accept the legal aid offered him by cable from London. In accordance with the instructions of Arthur Newton, the solicitor engaged by Crippen's friends in England, the doctor says he will waive extradition proceedings, and return with Inspector Dew without contest.

Crippen In Good Humor.

Crippen, following these developments in his situation, today seemed fairly jubilant. Nevertheless, the authorities in charge of the accused doctor have redoubled their vigilance. The guard about his cell has been increased, and he is permitted to speak to no one save trustworthy persons who may be depended upon to report his every word.

Crippen for all the sign he gives has completely forgotten Ethel Clare Leneve, his companion. Not once, according to the subordinates of Jailer Joseph Morin, has he asked about her since he was taken to court for arraignment.

But the girl, made as comfortable as possible at the home of Chief McCarthy, seems unable to forget for a moment the man who has played such a dominant part in her life. In every word and action she betrays her anxiety for him.

Under the guidance of Inspector Dew of Scotland Yard, the authorities today continued their efforts to wear her down. Though she has already told much of her pitiful story, they are convinced that once her reserve can be shaken she will give a mass of valuable information.

In Matron's Care.

On her return trip to England, the girl will be in the care of one of the shrewdest women detectives of Great Britain—the matron who leaves tomorrow for Quebec. To this woman, according to the police, will be delegated the delicate task of obtaining facts not told in the girl's story to Dew. Besides her persuasive powers, the matron will bring to Canada a letter from Mrs. Neave, the girl's mother, which is expected to have a large influence in inducing the girl to cease protecting Crippen.

Not only is every consideration now being shown Miss Leneve, but it is understood that from the time she leaves Quebec till she reaches London, she will be kept in absolute seclusion. Nothing to circumvent the curious and the newspaper men will be left undone. It is unlikely that Miss Leneve will be taken aboard the liner at Quebec because of this desire to throw every one off the trail.

Mrs. Marion Phillips, the matron who has been in attendance on the girl prisoner here, today declared her condition showed marked improvement, although she was so nervous late last night that it was found necessary to give her an opiate.

"All she needs is rest," said Mrs. Phillips. "She appears to be worrying less."

For the first time since she collapsed as Dew faced her on the steamer Montrose, Miss Leneve this morning ate

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CUPID AIDS LAUER TO REGAIN LIBERTY AND WED QUICKLY

Mysterious Naval Prisoner, Freed, Marries Washington Girl at Rockville.

SPENDS HONEYMOON AT BEACH RESORT

Engaged Before His Conviction, Woman Remains Constant, Cheering Him on to Freedom.

Incidents in the Romance of A Naval Prisoner.

Love of Miss Katherine Sevin incentive for good behavior of Lauer, the "mysterious naval prisoner" now free.

Miss Sevin's loyalty for over three years ends in her wedding to Lauer.

Engagement of couple made before the bridegroom's trouble arose.

Lauer intimates he expects a pardon, and to be fully exonerated.

Miss Sevin was frequent visitor at the prison ship, where Lauer served as chief clerk.

Miss Sevin worked as tailoress in Washington during Lauer's imprisonment, living at 1311 First street northwest.

Lauer's record shows he deserted five months after enlisting. He declines to discuss his rank.

Mystery veiling the identity of Charles Joseph Lauer, the mysterious prisoner released a week ago from the navy prison ship Southery, at Portsmouth, N. H., was lifted today when, through official channels, was unfolded a love romance, wherein prison bars had no terrors for the little god of love.

Three days after Lauer was whizzed away in an automobile from the prison where he had served exactly one-half of a seven-year sentence on four charges involving forgery, he was married to Miss Katherine Sevin, a pretty Washington tailoress, whose love and unfaltering trust in "the man of mystery" was the incentive which resulted in his release for "good behavior and excellent service."

The couple were married Saturday morning at Rockville, Maryland's Gretna Green, by the Rev. Thomas J. Packard, rector of Christ Church.

Since the wedding Mr. and Mrs. Lauer have been enjoying their honeymoon at Chesapeake Beach. They are stopping at the Belvedere Hotel, and expect to remain at the beach for a month.

Expects Full Exoneration.

"I am down here for a rest and to plan our future," said Mr. Lauer today. "We are both happy, and I am sure the day is coming when I shall stand before the world an exonerated man, with all the dark clouds rolled away."

Behind this significant assertion is the solution of the trust and devotion of the woman who is now his wife. Wooed and won long before the accuser's finger had pointed at him, she remained ever loving and loyal through three and a half long years, sorrow stricken but with a sublime faith in the innocence of her fiance.

"Mrs. Lauer knows all the circumstances surrounding my conviction, so her love was not blind," said Mr. Lauer. "We became engaged before the unfortunate circumstances arose, but she never wavered in her trust, knowing full well that time would clear my name and that she would not be ashamed of it. We are both of an age that we would do nothing without a full consideration of the circumstances."

Mr. Lauer would not discuss in detail the nature of the forgery charges on which he was convicted and sentenced to the navy prison except to say that the alleged forgery consisted of signing checks.

Looks For a Full Pardon.

Strong intimation was given by him that he expects ultimately to receive a pardon, and steps already have been taken to that end. He gained the respect and confidence of the naval authorities while in prison, and became chief clerk to Captain W. L. Hill, commander of the Southery and the Tapeka, the two prison ships at Portsmouth.

"Sentenced to prison for seven years, I knew the only course open to me was to make the best of it, and I did my utmost to obey every rule and regulation, striving hard to win every day off that I could," he said. "About a year after I went aboard the Southery I was appointed chief clerk to the commander, and no man ever worked more untiringly to give efficient and faithful service.

"There is no particular mystery about my career in the prison. As clerk to the commander I naturally had liberties, but I never forgot I was a prisoner like the other unfortunates."

That Mrs. Lauer was a frequent visitor at the prison was admitted by Mr. Lauer, who said that she received her permit from the Navy Department. She made her first call about a month after her fiance entered the prison, and for three years afterward was constant and devoted in her attentions.

Wife Worked As Tailoress.

Mrs. Lauer lived with her sister, Mrs. James Faris, at 1311 First street northwest, while her fiance was serving his sentence. She worked industriously as

$1.00 Round Trip Sunday, Purcellville Account "Bush" Meeting. Southern Railway Special Train, 8:55 a. m.—Advt.

JEALOUS WOMAN'S TRAGIC BULLET BREAKS HEART OF VIRGINIA GIRL

Learns Manner of Sweetheart's Death Only After Grave Receives Body.

WHITE POST, Va., Aug. 3.—With the little hamlets of Laws and White Post as the opening and closing scenes, a romantic tragedy of real life came to its denouement here today in the burial of Dr. George Murray Stuart, well known in Pittsburg society, who was shot to death by a jealous woman in the Western metropolis on Sunday, just ten days before the date set for his marriage to pretty Alice Pauline Simpson, of Laws, Va.

Not until the simple but impressive interment service of the Methodist Church had been said at the grave by the Rev. John Cline, the minister who was to have wedded the couple here on August 10, did the girl who was to have placed her life and honor in the keeping of the young physician, know that he had been killed by Edna Wallace, well known in Pittburg's underworld, as he lay sleeping in his suite of rooms in an exclusive bachelor apartment of the Smoky City.

Tragic Romance of Virginia Has Pathetic Incidents.

Stuart's tragic death at the hands of a jealous woman in Pittsburg is the most sensational event in the history of two Virginia towns.

Miss Simpson, Dr. Stuart's fiancee, is prostrated when she learns the truth.

Friends planned at first not to tell her the manner of Dr. Stuart's death.

The whole of White Post's population deeply affected by the tragic romance.

Father Breaks Fateful News.

It was from the lips of her brokenhearted father that Alice Pauline Simpson, whose friends throughout all Warren county are myriad, learned the dread news that caused her to fall in her parent's arms, and which may blight her life forever.

Father and mother, brothers, sisters, and friends, when they learned the details of the tragedy in the far-away city, where the young "country doctor" went to make his name and fame and a home for the woman he has courted for fifteen years, had at first decided that the bereaved daughter should never be told the details of her sweetheart's death. Then the thought came that idle gossip might reach her ears, and that it were better for her to be told by a friend near and dear to her.

This little town and that of Laws, where the Simpsons, sturdy, industrious farmers, resided, knew well Dr. Murray Stuart. They knew also that since he and Miss Simpson attended the Front Royal high school, he had "waited on" her. Through all his college course, while he "worked his way through" at Randolph Macon, they continued to take that interest in the couple's af-

Murder of Dr. Stuart in Pittsburg Casts Gloom in His Old Home.

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