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ANTI-CIGARET LAW KNOCKED OUT

ON TRAIL OF MURDERER

Officers Have Good Description of Wilkeson Woman's Slayer—Bloodhounds Follow Scent Three Miles—Miner Suspected.

Harry McDermott's bloodhounds, after trailing the slayer of Mrs. George Bronzo who was foully murdered at Wilkeson Thursday morning, for a distance of more than three miles this morning, lost the scent, and all efforts to get them again on the trail were fruitless.

Italian Suspected. Strong evidence points to an Italian miner as the woman's murderer, and as the officers have a good description of him they believe it will be impossible for him to get out of the county.

Seen by Two Men. The slayer was seen by two men, Charles Parka, a blacksmith, and another Italian miner, from whom the murderer borrowed the lantern which he carried when he called at the Bronzo home to lure his intended victim away to her death.

Descriptions Tally. Parks passed Mrs. Bronzo and the man soon after they left for the midnight journey to Black Diamond, and he describes the suspect as a short heavy-set Italian about 23 years of age. This description tallies with that given by the man from whom the suspect borrowed a pit lantern such as Mrs. Bronzo's slayer carried when he called at her home.

Suspect Lived With Bronzos. Deputy Sheriff Hunt of Wilkeson and Steno of Tacoma are still working upon clues which lead in different directions, but they admit that everything yet unearthed points to the Italian miner as the murderer. The suspect once lived with the Bronzos and in this way the officers believe he learned that Mrs. Bronzo always carried her money with her.

Under-shirt Obtained. The deputies obtained an under-shirt which had been worn by the suspect and this was used in giving the dogs their scent. The bloodhounds took up the trail quickly this morning and the posse had difficulty in keeping up with them.

One Trail at Burnett. The trail was followed to Burnett, where the dogs came upon a shop which they persistently tried to enter. After circling the building several times the dogs were taken back some distance in an attempt to pick up the trail again, but they failed after repeated efforts.

Post-Mortem Held. Coroner Shaver today held a post-mortem examination of the body of Mrs. Bronzo and discovered that the woman was choked to death before her assailant had made doubly sure by striking her on the head with a cobble stone.

Attacked Without Warning. The woman had been attacked suddenly and overpowered instantly, the officers believe, for there are no signs of a struggle where the crime was committed. The little muslin sack in which the woman carried her money had been torn from her under clothing and was found lying empty near her body. Christine her clothing had not been damaged.

Town Stirred Up. The murder of Mrs. Bronzo has aroused the little mining town and the neighboring villages to the highest pitch and the miners are determined to give every aid possible in the search for the slayer.

Frank Lonardi, brother of Mrs. Bronzo, to whose aid the woman believed she was going when she was lured to her doom, is with the posse searching for the suspect. Bronzo, the husband, is crazed with grief and at times it is feared he will go insane.

When he called at the Bronzo home and aroused his intended victim from bed the Italian took care to keep from the view of the neighbors and Mrs. Hokanson, who lived near the Bronzo home, declares she did not see him at all when Mrs. Bronzo called to tell her that she was going to Black Diamond where she said her brother had been injured.

WATERS HAVE KICK COMING. The five colored waiters at the Country club, who were employed there before the fire, have all been discharged and white waiters substituted. The negroes declare they have not been given a square deal for they say when they lost everything in the fire they were promised to be taken care of by the club management.

NOW THEY'RE PUMPING BLOODSUCKERS OUT OF THOSE CITY WELLS?

Now those wells are gushing leeches. Just plain, old-fashioned bloodsuckers, like boys get on their legs in swimming. Commissioner McGregor in all his flights of oratory before the city clubs has not told half the glory of those South Tacoma wells. In addition to coal and eels, there must be a strata of bloodsuckers down under the prairie. Of course they come from the wells, for from many moons back it has been dined into the public from the city hall that nothing but this fine, pure, untainted, crystal dew of heaven, filtered through 40 miles of gravel prairie and drawn out of the wells by the much lauded pumping system, has been served to the people of Tacoma through the water pipes, so it must be a well product. Clover creek water is not being used, they say. And yesterday while F. J. Lee was blithely whistling and drawing water at his photo studio, 1513 Commerce street, out popped a leech. He was a fine, plump fellow, looked well fed and in good condition. Lee grabbed him at once—

TARIFF BILL NOW UP TO THE HOUSE; PEOPLE ARE STUNG

After Tacking On More Increases, Making the Burden Heavier for the Average Citizen, Aldrich Succeeds in Getting Measure Through Senate—Congressmen Declare Aldrich Has Insulted Them by Appointing Conferees.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 9.—After many tedious weeks of debates, the tariff bill, containing almost 400 paragraphs relating to duties on various articles, passed the senate at 11 o'clock last night by a vote of 45 to 43. McEnery of Louisiana was the only democrat who cast his vote in the affirmative. "Revision Upward" Again. As 840 amendments were made to the house bill, the conferees are today facing a gigantic task in preparing the measure to be sent back to the house. Many of the amendments were inserted during the closing hours of the debate, and under the leadership of Aldrich and his lieutenants, the "revision upward" program was carried out, duties being increased in many instances. Aldrich Tries to Apply Gag. Once more, before the measure passed, Aldrich attempted to apply the gag rule by forcing republican senators to vote for the bill under the plea that it was a party measure, saying: "The republican party is a party of majorities, and the views of the majority, in matters of legislation, control party policies."

Offer Baby for Sale

(By United Press Leased Wire.) NEW YORK, July 9.—Harry Beach, 23 years of age, and his wife, who have nothing in the house to eat, have offered their 2-weeks-old baby for sale for \$500. Beach has been unable to find work, and both he and his wife, he says, have been hungry most of the time of late. They cannot get anything to do to support themselves, and so have decided the measure was returned to them to give up their child.

COLLIER'S WEEKLY COMMENTS ON OUR SUPREME COURT

(From Colliers Weekly) The judicial scandal now disquieting the state of Washington is only an episode. So rank have been many of the corporation decisions handed down by the supreme courts in some southern and western states that the federal courts are refusing to follow them. Working these are decisions which deny to the heirs of a foreigner working in this country the right to sue for damages for the negligence which results in his death. Having got this judicial precedent fixed in the law books, the way was simple for the corporations: employ foreigners only, use no safety devices, kill as many as you like, and remain immune from damage suits. The discrimination against citizens of the United States in the hiring of men is a small part of this brutality. In one case in the west where a score of miners were killed through the negligence of one of the subsidiary corporations of the Amalgamated Copper company, the damage suits were all thrown out of court on the theory that the widows and children of these men had no rights. Some of the federal courts have declared this attitude contrary to law and justice. The scandal of the supreme court of Colorado is fresh in the public mind. That court was increased by law from three to seven—a somewhat similar increase was recently made in Washington—and the Colorado court was packed by certain corporations whose candidates were selected by them and appointed by the governor. It was done to secure certain decisions unfriendly to labor and to protect certain franchises which the city of Denver was despoiled. Exactly what happened in Washington happened there—a decision against a corporation was withdrawn and changed to favor the corporation.

10 CLAIM MAN AS HUBBY

Bigamist Accused by Widows in Various Parts of Country—Say He Wedded and Then Robbed Them

May Have 50 Wives. SAN FRANCISCO, July 9.—Developments in the police investigation today leads the authorities to believe that C. C. Johnson, self-confessed bigamist, who is under arrest here, is really Ed Carter, and that he has no less than 50 wives in various parts of the country. Carter is said to have been a resident of Seattle at one time and his brother's wife made statements while in San Francisco recently which led to the belief that her brother-in-law was a bigamist.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 9.—Twenty-four women are involved today in the strange case of Christian C. Johnson, alleged bigamist whom the police believe is John Madison, who lives in most of the large cities throughout the country. Ten widows have been found who believe they have been married at different times in the past four years to the man in jail here awaiting trial on a charge of bigamy. Seven other women think that he is the man who swindled them through promises of marriage, and the police are seeking the identity of seven more who have been connected with the case in various ways.

Strange Infatuation. Johnson, or Madison, is a puzzle to the police. He is 62 years of age, and a professed woman hater. He talks almost irrationally at times, and although to a certain extent has a distinguished appearance, the secret of his strange infatuation over women has never been revealed. In almost every instance he is supposed to have secured considerable sums of money from women who became infatuated with him. The man is said to have eluded capture for more than three years.

Long Line of Widows. Under the name of John Madison, Christian C. Johnson, John C. Anderson and C. O. Moeller, the prisoner is accused of having married the following widows: Mrs. Elizabeth N. E. Jackson, 1017 East 1st, a wealthy widow, to whom he represented himself as a California cattleman. Married her in the fall of 1908, secured \$1,400 and disappeared. She swore to a warrant for his arrest. Mrs. Minnie Allen, 1418 Madison street, St. Louis, Mo., loaned him \$450 before marriage, which occurred before a justice of the peace Nov. 5, 1907. May have been fake ceremony. Madison borrowed diamond ring and disappeared. Mrs. Alice Richardson, St. Louis, Mo., married in fall of 1908. Obtained \$200 and several valuable articles of jewelry from her. Identity of Mrs. Richardson discovered by Mrs. Allen during her investigation. Got \$1,000 Before Marriage. Mrs. Katherine Bauman, St. Louis, Mo., proprietor of the Newport hotel, Seventh and Chestnut streets, St. Louis, but now living in Sacramento. Courtied her for some time and secured \$1,000 of her money before marriage. Mrs. Maggie E. Bloom, Hannibal, Mo., wealthy widow. Married Madison in 1908. Sold her home to get money for him. He posed as a California stock man. Her identity discovered by Missouri authorities looking up Madison's record.

Mrs. A. Farran, Rochester, Mo., Madison married her in June, 1907, under the name of C. O. Moeller. Represented himself as a wealthy placer miner. Got \$1,400 in cash, \$600 in drafts and a \$250 diamond ring and deserted her a week after the ceremony. Sold Home to Get Cash. Mrs. Sylvia Pollard de Bonnett, Stanyan street, San Francisco, married in August, 1906; in San Rafael, under the name of Johnson. She sold home to procure money for him. Deserted her about three weeks after marriage. Mrs. Henrietta Leopold, 274 Sutter street, San Francisco, married April 13, 1909, under the name of Johnson. Secured \$620 of her money and deserted her within two hours on night of marriage.

Mrs. Jessie Throeway, 212 East Vine street, Stockton, married on May 15, 1909, under the name of John C. Anderson. She discovered letters written by him to another woman, and threw him out of her house, after he had attempted to borrow money. Mrs. Mary Higgins Drown, Springfield, Mass., married to Johnson Dec. 5, 1904. He took her to New York, secured \$500 of her money and disappeared. She returned to Springfield, secured a divorce and later died of a broken heart.

OLD SOLDIER IS SENT TO INSANE ASYLUM. Joseph Morris, aged 64, an old soldier, was committed to the insane asylum at Fort Hollicom by an insanity commission in the superior court today.

Tom Taggart, Noted Politician, Testifies to Clear His Name in Trial of Pretty Ella Gingles



THOMAS TAGGART

(By United Press Leased Wire.) CHICAGO, July 9.—Declaring that he considered it his duty to his family, his friends and himself to clear his name, Tom Taggart appeared at the criminal court building today and went on the witness stand in the trial of Ella Gingles, the pretty Irish lace-maker, accused of stealing lace from Miss Agnes Barrett, her former employer. Taggart said that so much had been said and printed about him in connection with the case he felt it necessary to show that he was not implicated in the affair. Taggart was represented in court by John W. Kern and James Hamilton Lewis. The famous politician said that he was 55 years old, and described the various political positions he had occupied in the course of his career. He said that he knew Miss Barrett, the prosecuting witness, and explained that he became acquainted with her when she kept a shop at his hotel at French Lick Springs. Not Connected With Case. He denied that he was in any manner concerned in the Gingles case, and declared that he conducted a hotel from which all questionable characters were excluded. "I know nothing of the charges made by Miss Gingles and am not interested in her in any way," he said in connection with the fact that the girl had testified that when she was attacked by Miss Barrett and her friends in the Wellington hotel, she had heard them mention "Tom Taggart's French Lick Springs hotel. I know nothing of 'White Slaves.'" "Do you know the definition of 'white slave'?" asked Assistant District Attorney Short. "I know nothing about white slaves or white slavery," replied the witness, "and furthermore, I never heard of Ella Gingles until I saw the accounts of her arrest in the newspapers." Attorney O'Donnell asked a series of questions with the object of showing that he had not dragged Taggart's name into the case, and then the witness was excused. Girl in Delirium. Dr. A. H. Watson, physician at the Wellington hotel, testified that he found Ella Gingles, in a bath room of the hotel after she allegedly she had been assaulted. He said that "cuts" she referred to were merely scratches and that in his opinion she had not been assaulted. He said the girl was screaming when found and appeared to be in a delirium.

TWO OF CUSHMAN'S SCHOOL MATES TO ATTEND FUNERAL

William Deeds of Fern Hill and Mert Griffith of Portland, who are now in Tacoma visiting relatives, both of whom were school mates of the late Congressman Cushman in the primary class at Brighton, Ia., away back in 1873, will attend the funeral here Tuesday. Mr. Deeds has in his possession a little issue of the Brighton News put out when Cushman passed through there en route to Washington when he was first elected to congress. This paper contains a complete list of the pupils who were with Frank and Ed Cushman in the first primary class. The paper puts Frank Cushman's name at the top, but "truth compels" it said, "the admission that he did not always stand at the head of his class."

Cushman at that time was but six years of age and was, according to Mr. Griffith and Mr. Deeds, a little "pumb-skull."

John D's Birthday Gift, Only Paltry \$1,440,000

CLEVELAND, O., July 9.—Returning home from Jersey City, N. J., today, John D. Rockefeller announced that he had received a trifling birthday present while absent. The gift was a check for \$1,400,000, representing his share of the profits of the Standard Oil company, a meeting of the parent corporation having been held yesterday at Jersey City. The meeting, which caused Rockefeller to break his custom of remaining quietly at home on the anniversary of his birth, raised the price of gasoline a cent a gallon.

LICENSED TO WED. Robert M. Clendinning and Alice Tate were granted a marriage license by the county auditor today.

TEST CASE WON BY SMOKERS

JUDGE CLIFFORD DECIDES THAT NEW STATUTE IS IN CONFLICT WITH THE FEDERAL LAWS, AND THEREFORE UNCONSTITUTIONAL—RULING TO BE APPEALED.

The anti-cigaret law passed at the last regular session of the legislature is unconstitutional. This is the decision rendered by Judge Miles L. Clifford in the superior court this morning in the case of the state against T. E. Snook and J. R. Murphy.

The demurrer to the information charging the defendants with a misdemeanor in having cigarettes in their possession was sustained. Judge Clifford says that the new law is in restraint of interstate commerce, and therefore contrary to the federal constitution. An order for the release of Snook and Murphy was issued.

Will Be Appealed. Deputy Prosecuting Attorney A. O. Burmeister announces that the case will be appealed to the state supreme court, and also to the United States supreme court, if the state court upholds the decision.

The First Test Case. The case decided today was taken up from the police court to the higher tribunal for a test, and is the first test case to be decided in the state.

Traffic Now Free? As the new criminal code, embodying the anti-cigaret feature, repeals the previous code, it is thought that the ruling practically renders the cigaret traffic free in Washington. The old 1907 law, making it a misdemeanor to sell cigarettes, is now no longer in force, according to opinions of attorneys. The legislature may amend the law, however, during its special session next month.

Prosecuting Attorney McMurray stated today that the decision will practically put the law out of operation as far as Pierce county is concerned. He does not think the police will attempt to enforce it.

The Decision. The decision rendered today follows: "It is the duty of this court to uphold, as far as possible, the acts of the legislature; and to that end all reasonable presumptions tending to uphold the constitutionality of the law are indulged in. But it is equally the duty of the court to uphold the integrity of the constitution, both state and federal, and where an act of the legislature violates the constitution, the courts have no choice but to so declare.

In Violation of Constitution. "After giving due weight to all the arguments in support of the law in question in these informations, I am forced to the conviction that the section of the statute, which in the broadest terms, makes it a misdemeanor to have in possession of cigarettes, is a violation of the interstate commerce clause of the federal constitution. It is conceded that cigarettes are articles of interstate commerce. Can't Prohibit Use. "The sale or use of an article of interstate commerce may be regulated by a state in the exercise of police powers, but no state may, under the guise of regulation, prohibit the use within its borders of any recognized article of interstate commerce. If it is unlawful for any citizen of the state to have a cigaret in his possession, the practical result is inevitably the prohibition of the use, or any commerce in cigarettes within the state.

Conflicts With Federal Law. "Any act of the legislature that accomplishes this result, whether so intended or not, is legislation prohibited to the states by the federal constitution; the power to so legislate is reserved to the congress of the United States. I know of no doctrine or principle of law upon which the section of the statute can be sustained; and my attention has not been called to any case where any court of last resort, either state or federal, has sustained a statute of like import. But, on the contrary, the supreme court of the United States has uniformly held all state statutes, which by their effect or in terms, amount to a prohibition against the use of any article of interstate commerce, are in conflict with the interstate commerce clause of the federal constitution, and are consequently void.

"The demurrers to the informations are sustained. Dated, Tacoma, Wash., July 9, 1909. M. L. CLIFFORD, Judge."

PLAINTIFF AWARDED \$5,000 FOR EACH TOE. BUTTE, July 9.—Five thousand dollars for each lost toe on his left foot, or \$5,000 in all, was the verdict of a jury in the \$20,000 damage suit of Frank H. Knoke, a miner, against the Butte Electric Railway company.

The verdict is the largest ever rendered in a personal injury suit in Silver How county.

Philippine Tariff Bill Is Passed. (By United Press Leased Wire.) WASHINGTON, D. C., July 9.—The senate today passed the Philippine tariff bill. The senate passed the Porto Rican bill and agreed that when adjournment was taken it would be until next Friday. After the senate adjourned, Aldrich went into conference with President Taft at the White House. The house this afternoon adopted a resolution on a rule to send the general tariff bill to a conference by a vote of 179 to 158. Seventeen republicans voted against the question. Would-Be Groom Deserted At the Altar. (By United Press Leased Wire.) MATTON, Ill., July 9.—Change of mind and heart by Fannie Doty, who yesterday left her betrothed, the Rev. Joseph Snodgrass, standing before a minister without a bride, furnished gossip today for her friends. It is said today that the young woman fitted her reverend suitor for a former sweetheart. Announcement of Miss Doty's engagement to the clergyman was made several months ago, and preparations for the wedding went along without a hitch. The affair was to have been a social event of the year, in Coles county, and 200 guests were invited. After the prospective bridegroom had taken his place and the guests were awaiting the bride, the young woman expressed the change of heart mentioned and her father was compelled to announce that there would be no wedding.

NOW THINK SIGEL GIRL JILTED CHINK. (By United Press Leased Wire.) NEW YORK, July 9.—Another theory in the Elsie Sigel murder case was taken from a shell in the police headquarters today, newly dated and set before the spectators' view of the upper of the case for them to work on. Elsie Sigel was murdered by a Chinese after she had announced her intention to abandon her Chinese friends and marry a white man. That is the latest theory evolved. The basis of theory is the reported appearance of an old sweetheart of the girl, a white man, in the Chinatown resort. It is said that the man intended to marry Miss Sigel and now seeks trace of her murderer. The police refuse to divulge the name of the man, but admit that he is responsible for their latest theory.