

BERTHE CLAICHE TELLS OF THE NEW LIFE SHE INTENDS TO LIVE

POOR WHITE SLAVE OF NEW YORK, SURE THAT SHE WILL BE ACQUITTED, SAYS SHE WILL GO BACK TO MOTHER AND DO THE HONEST WORK THAT SHE DID AS A YOUNG INNOCENT.

By Katherine Leckie.

NEW YORK, March 5.—Back to the honest work she did as a happy young girl in Paris, Berthe Claiche will go if she is acquitted of the charge of murdering Emil Gerdron, her cruel master.

She believes the jury will acquit her, and she anticipates with joy her coming free and honest life after the years of enforced slavery in the streets of New York.

"When I am free I am going back to my old work. When I was a little girl in Paris I embroidered for a living. That was long before I met Gerdron. I was only 11 years old when I began to sew to help support my mother. And in those days I thought it was very hard work. I used to embroider on silks and linens for ladies' dresses and I longed for beautiful things for myself. I use to begin to sew at 7 o'clock in the morning and I never left the shop until the same hour at night. But I know now that that work was easy and I had a happy life in comparison to the dreadful one I had under Gerdron.

"After the first few weeks in the Tombs I began to sew again. When I first came to prison the awful horror of my life was so upon me that I could not settle down to do anything. I was frightened and nervous and could not compose myself to anything that required quiet and persistency. Then after a while, Mrs. Charlotte Wilbur visited me. She suggested that I return to my old work. She told me of charitable ladies who purchased all the embroideries that poor girls



like myself made. She brought fine napkins and table cloths and other household linens to me. These I embroidered as I used to when a little girl of 12, and it helped to pass the long days in the Tombs. If it hadn't been for this I think I could never have stood the long confinement in jail. And if the women of New York will let me, it is by this means that I intend to make my living when I get out. I will never go back to that hideous, that awful life.

"When I come out I am going to live with my mother. She has been so good to me ever since I have been in jail, better than Gerdron ever was, despite his many promises. I was only 16 when I left her home in Paris to come to this country, and now I am going back to live with her again and try and take up the life where I left it seven years ago."

The pretty hat, coat and dress that the French girl has appeared in each day in court was brought to her by her mother. The older French woman when visiting her daughter in the Tombs, in true peasant fashion, comes hatless to the prison. But she showed the feminine love of millinery in the hat gear that she purchased for her oldest daughter to wear at the trial for her life.

"Isn't it pretty?" asked Berthe, with a sad little smile, as her eyes rested tenderly upon that hat before putting it on. "Mother bought it for me to wear at the trial. I just love it, it's so pretty. It's a model and she paid \$10 for it. It is a better hat than Emil ever bought for me, though he always wore good clothes himself and bought everything with the money he took from me. This jacket and dress she also bought for me and it's nicer than anything I ever had before."

CHARTER IS SURRENDERED

A split occurred Saturday night in the ranks of Federal union No. 222, a large majority of the membership voting to surrender the charter of the union to the Industrial Workers whence it came. This action by the membership of this union was not unexpected as it has been known in labor circles that some action of this kind would take place at an early date. It is probable that the members who voted to surrender the Industrial Workers' charter will join the A. F. of L. Federal union No. 11624.

DISSENTED

For the first time in Spokane, it is said, a juror dissented from a verdict when a poll was taken. It was in the case of John Smith vs. the Hecla Mining company in Judge Poindexter's court Saturday. The juror was Ernest Belger.

The jury was instructed and sent out for their verdict. After two hours nine of them found for the plaintiff, giving him \$5000. Judge Poindexter asked them if it was their verdict and Belger stated "it was and it wasn't." They were sent back and brought in a verdict for \$4775.

AFTER ALASKAN GOVERNORSHIP

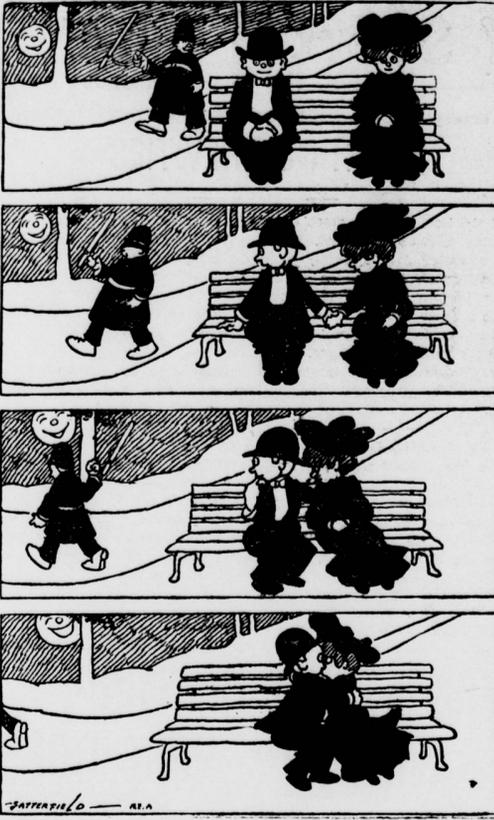
(Scripps News Association.) WASHINGTON, D. C., March 5.—Senator Flint called at the White House this morning and recommended J. P. Clum for the Alaska governorship. Senator Helmsway preceded Flint to the White House to recommend W. B. Hoggatt. The president told Senator Flint the selection is narrowed down to Clum and one other. Senator Flint believes the other is Mr. Hoggatt.

CYCLONE LOSS TWO MILLIONS

(Scripps News Association.) WASHINGTON, D. C., March 5.—The state department was officially notified by American Consul Doty at Tapiti that a cyclone had destroyed the consulate. The records were saved. Loss in the islands, \$2,000,000.

The funeral of Mrs. Sarah V. Shannon, wife of Policeman William Shannon, took place yesterday afternoon from the family residence and was largely attended. Many beautiful floral wreaths were contributed. Dr. Rasmus conducted the services.

Pretty Soon.



WILL BE PREPARED

(Scripps News Association.) WASHINGTON, D. C., March 5.—Determined to be prepared for any possible contingencies in the orient, the government is neglecting no precautions and has ordered the transports Meade, McLelland and Patrick held at Manila upon their arrival pending developments. The quartermaster department has made a tentative agreement with the Great Northern Steamship company to charter the steamers Minnesota and Dakota if needed.

LONGWORTH IS AT HIS DESK

(Scripps News Association.) WASHINGTON, D. C., March 5.—Longworth resumed congressional duties today. He was warmly greeted.

FIFTY ARE DROWNED

(Scripps News Association.) TRONDHJEM, Norway, March 5.—All but 15 of the 300 missing fishing boats have returned. Fifty are known to have drowned.

ACCUSED OF EMBEZZLING

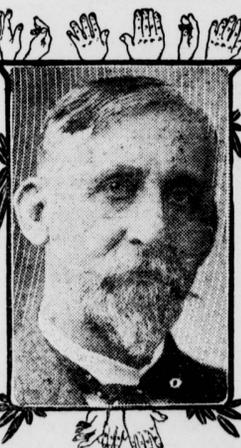
(Scripps News Association.) INDIANAPOLIS, March 5.—David E. Sherrick, former state auditor, ousted by the governor in September, was placed on trial today, charged with embezzling \$145,000. C. D. Curry, living at 01509 Washington street, discovered a man trying to climb his porch Saturday night. The man was scared away.

BOSS OF LIBRARY OF CONGRESS A JOB HOLDER FOR FAIR

Supt. Green's Salaries. Library superintendent . . . \$5,000 Museum architect . . . 2,000 Penn. capitol . . . 4,000 Carnegie library . . . 2,000 Extra government work . . . ??? Raleigh hotel . . . ??? Willard hotel . . . ??? Total . . . \$13,000 AND THEN SOME.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 5.—Some men have a large capacity for drawing salaries; others have none. Of the former class is Bernard R. Green, superintendent of the library of congress—at an annual salary of \$5000 per year. That is—main salary. He owns to several others.

Congressman Tanney noticed that it takes \$80,000 a year to keep the library clean and tidy. That much just for labor. Tanney wanted to know how it happens that it costs so much. Incidentally he asked Mr. Green if he gave all his time to his work at the library. Being answered in the affirmative, he asked: "But you are the architect employed in the construction of the national museum building?" "I am doing that as general contractor for the government. I have been in the business so long that I do business for Uncle Sam in that



BERNARD R. GREEN.

way," responded Mr. Green. "You get extra compensation for that over and above your salary?" "I get \$2000 a year for that." Asked if he did work for outside parties, Mr. Green replied that he had friends and sometimes did work for them. "You superintend the construction of the Willard hotel?" "I did look after it for the owners. They are friends of mine. I

have not time to do business of that sort regularly, that is, to make a business of it, but—"

"And you are to look after the addition which is soon to be added to the Raleigh hotel?" To which Mr. Green assented. Then Mr. Green admitted that he was also "general adviser" on the construction of the Pennsylvania state capitol at Harrisburg, for which he was paid \$4000 a year.

Then it was brought out that Mr. Green had been superintendent of construction of the Carnegie library at a salary of \$2000 a year. In addition he has been engaged by the government to make plans and superintend the construction of a general power plant on the "mall" to serve the various government buildings in that neighborhood.

"But," said Mr. Green, when asked about it, "if a man is smart and can do it, what is the objection? I am earning all my salaries, and no law is being violated. There is no law against a man being industrious—even if he is paid for it."

NOT VERY SICK But you will be if you neglect to get relief from those dizzy, faint and hungry spells, hot flushes, shortness of breath, etc., which tell you your heart is weak, and unable to purify the blood. Dr. Miles' Heart Cure will give such relief, by strengthening the nerves and muscles of the heart. It's so sure that it is sold on a guarantee to refund price if first bottle fails to benefit.

BITS OF NORTHWEST NEWS

New K. P. Lodge. All arrangements are complete for the formation of a lodge of Knights of Pythias at Waterville. Members of the Wenatchee and Chelan lodges will assist.

High Price for Ewes. Coffin Bros. of Prosser recently sold a flock of old ewes at \$5 a head, the highest price paid for this grade. The animals were purchased for the Sound markets.

Right of Way Secured. Northern Pacific right of way agents have acquired the right of way from Pasco to Riparia on the north bank of the Snake river. It is reported that grading will begin soon.

Walla Walla Boosters. At an enthusiastic meeting held at the undertaking parlors of McMartin & Co. Saturday night at Walla Walla a 50,000 club was launched and arrangements made for a permanent organization.

North Coast Hustling. James A. Kerr of the firm of Kerr & McCord, the road's representative here, says the energies of the North Coast Railroad company are being expended in obtaining right of way through the counties east of the Cascades.

Will Work Mine. Capt. B. G. Hanley, who was appointed receiver of the Uncle Sam Mining company at Bossberg three years ago, has given a bond on the property, which lies 10 miles east of here. Work is being done on the property.

Runaway Girls. The sheriff's office at Lewiston has received word from Stites to be on the watch for two runaway girls named Langley and Kidder. As the local officers have no complaint to make against the girls, there is some doubt whether they can be arrested if found.

Want Republican Convention. William Schuldt of Lewiston, state committee man from Nez Perce county, on the Idaho republican central committee, will make an effort to bring the republican convention to Lewiston this year. The central committee meets on March 14, and Mr. Schuldt has the support of the local business men in his efforts.

Lewiston Methodists Build. At the third quarterly meeting of the local Methodist church Friday night the official members voted to build a stone church with a seating capacity of 2000. This will be the largest church in Idaho. The site on the corner of Eighth street and Sixth avenue, recently purchased, was approved.

Has No Knowledge of Lease. W. W. King, general passenger agent of the Great Northern Steamship company, telegraphs from Seattle that he knows of no negotiations whereby the government is endeavoring to charter the steamships Minnesota and Dakota, and that if such negotiations are progressing they must necessarily be carried on through the officials of the company at St. Paul.

Westlake promises to be one of the most important towns along the line of the Lewiston & Southeastern electric road, soon to connect Lewiston, Grangeville and Nez Perce. Here will be the junction of the Nez Perce and Grangeville lines, the car shops and supply houses of the company, and here will be the distributing point of power to be generated on the Salmon river at Horse Shoe bend, eight miles away.

THROUGH TICKETS TO ALASKA. Via all lines. Berths reserved and all arrangements made. For particulars, sailing dates, etc., call at city office, Great Northern railway, 701 Riverside avenue.

E. L. Blair, General Agent.

CASTORIA For Infants and Children. The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of *Wm. D. Mitchell*

TRAINS FAIRLY FLY FOR A PRIZE OF \$7,000,000

Great Speed Contest of Two Railroads Out of St. Louis for Mail Contracts to Southwest—Too Hot a Fight Even for the Cold Hearted Postoffice Department.

CONDITIONS OF CONTEST. COMPETITORS—Iron Mountain and Cotton Belt against Frisco and "Katy."

COURSE—From St. Louis to Dallas and Fort Worth, about 700 miles.

TIME—About 17 hours, from dawn to dusk.

PRIZE—Mail contract estimated to be worth \$7,000,000.

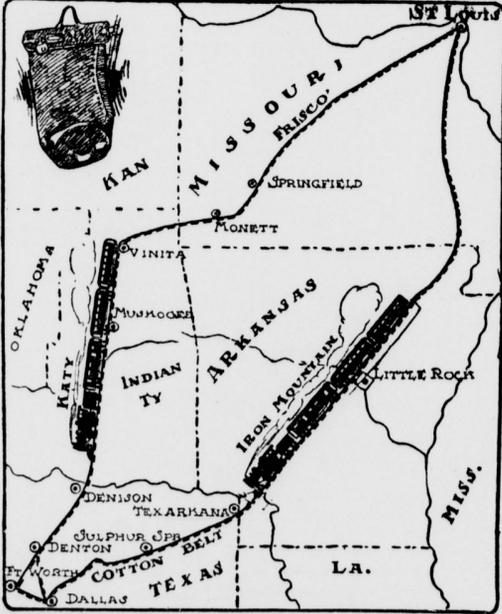
RESULTS—Mail for 4000 southwestern postoffices advanced from 12 to 24 hours.

Race run daily, rain or shine. Postal employees are time keepers. Uncle Sam is the judge. Excuses don't go. Results count.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 5.—A prize estimated to be worth \$7,000,000 in the shape of payments for handling the mails from St. Louis to Texas, has inspired a series of speed contests in the southwest which have broken all trans-mississippi speed records for sustained distances, and have endangered the laurels of eastern roads for fast runs. The distance traversed daily by the rival flyers of the Iron Mountain and Cotton Belt railways on one hand and the Katy-Frisco on the other, is about 700 miles. The average time made including stops is 40 miles an hour. The actual average running speed is close to 60 miles an hour.

Individual instances are reported in which much higher speed is made. For instance the Frisco goes down some of the grades in the Ozarks in the early morning hours at a rate of speed which the engineers estimate to be 85 miles an hour.

It was reported, Feb. 12, that the Frisco-Katy train had made as much as 93 miles an hour, the day



before. Mail weighers have just strated in to find out how much the government shall pay for the next 4 years for transporting the mails from St. Louis to the southwest.

No one can say just what the weights will be for the next 100 days, but careful calculations based on the present average amount carried and the existing rate of pay, make it \$500 a day, seven days in the week. The contract runs for four years, which would make the total amount \$7,300,000.

The fast mail trains of both systems leave St. Louis between 2 and 3 a. m. Both reach Dallas and Fort Worth between 6:30 and 8. One of the competitors will establish a schedule, beating the other by half an hour or so, and the next day the rival will have clipped off 45 minutes and again take first place. Then the defeated line will

start its train 30 minutes earlier, cut out a couple of stops, and win again, only to be met with a new schedule by the other. The competition has reached a point where the postoffice department is said to have indicated it is time to stop.

WILL HASTEN PACKER'S TRIAL

CHICAGO, March 5.—The court adopted rules today to expedite the packers' hearing by allowing only one attorney in each group of defendants to cross-examine at a time. Chief Statistician Durand continued his testimony.

CORPORATION SEALS. Only \$2 with every order for stock certificates at Spokane Stamp Works, Postoffice Building.