

LOST \$30,000 AND HIS CONFIDENCE IN HUMAN NATURE

(By United Press Leased Wire) KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 28.—Thomas W. Ballew, a lumberman and millionaire banker of Princeton, Mo., who was victimized by the Maybray gang of fixed race swindlers, told of his experience today. Ballew lost \$30,000 and his faith in human nature. In all he is out nearly \$40,000 on account of the gang. He said:

"I was an easy mark all right, but I was not as easy as it looks at first glance."

"I simply loaned my money to help out a man whom I had befriended before. I had known Dobbins for a number of years and held

a note of his for \$450. He did not ask me to bet on the race, but he just offered to let me go see the race, which was to be an exclusive affair to settle a wager between friends."

"Of course, he ran out of cash, and I fell for the game, loaning him \$30,000 to help him out of the hole he was in. The game could not have been worked on me if I had not been his friend. The Dobbins had been in his mouth, began chewing on it, and I thought he had a hemorrhage. I was as badly scared as the others pretended to be and beat it in double quick time. So did my \$30,000."

LAWRENCE COMPANY MAKING SUCCESS

The Del Lawrence stock company seems to have made an excellent impression on theater goers in this city. The first week's run was a big success, from the standpoint of the people who saw the company. Lawrence has played in most of the cities on the coast, beginning his popular run in San Diego some four years ago.

"The Squaw Man," this week's play, is well rendered. The men have most of the prominent stunts, but the women had their inning last week. The story is known to most everybody, and the biggest actors have played it, but the version given here is excellent.

Del Lawrence, taking the part of Jim Carstens, does very good work. Clara Byers takes the woman's lead role in fine style. The scenery and costumes are entirely satisfactory, and show the care with which Lawrence carries out details.

WOMAN YELLS BUT POLICE ARE MISSING

For one hour and a half this morning a man and a woman fought on Riverside avenue in front of a rooming house at one side of the Calumet hotel, without police interference or a policeman anywhere in sight.

The man wanted to take the woman upstairs into the rooming house, and she objected. Toward the end of the controversy a crowd gathered, which looked on without interfering.

Finally the man succeeded in getting the woman upstairs, where she threw herself before one of the front windows and screamed for two hours more, without arousing police attention.

Scores of the late night owls or early risers stopped to inquire the occasion for the woman's cries, but no one could answer.

This is said to be a fair sample of the police protection received in the downtown district in the early hours of the morning.

TAKES CASH TO ENTER SPOKANE

MILWAUKEE AND NORTH COAST HAVE ALREADY INVESTED NEARLY \$5,000,000.

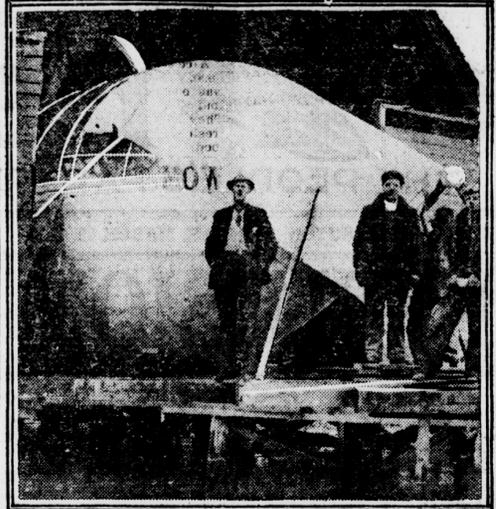
To date the Milwaukee railroad has invested \$2,700,000 in right-of-way and terminal purchases in Spokane. Before the required ground is had it is estimated that it will have cost the company for real estate needed to secure entrance into Spokane full \$3,000,000.

The North Coast has invested \$1,500,000 to \$2,000,000 in Spokane real estate and must spend \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000 more before it has acquired all the land that is needed for terminals, if its franchise is granted on the plan outlined.

In 1892 when the Great Northern entered Spokane the citizens donated right-of-way worth \$1,000,000, which Hill accepted as a bonus for building through the city. When the Corbin road came in some four or five years ago, street vacations parallel with the north bank of the river were conceded to him as an incentive, that were worth \$250,000.

The Milwaukee and the North Coast, besides paying fancy prices for ground, are taking a great step toward the final settlement of the question of grade separation, which has for years been the greatest question, from a physical point of view, affecting the railroads and the city.

DON'T LAUGH, HE SAYS HE'LL FLY TO EUROPE PRETTY SOON



DR. A. C. ALBERTSON'S AIRSHIP IN COURSE OF CONSTRUCTION

The day of laughing at airship inventors has passed.

So probably we'd better not laugh at Dr. Albert C. Albertson, a wealthy physician in New York, who is solemnly promising a wonderful exhibition with an airship he is now building.

Dr. Albertson says he will fly to Europe within a few weeks, and that his big ship, which weighs 10 tons and is 105 feet long, will carry a weight of 26,000 pounds. He says some of his friends may take he

ALMOST LIKE LAST DAYS OF POMPEII

LAVA FLOWING FROM VESUVIUS AND MT. AETNA—TERRIFIC ROAR OF UNDERGROUND FURNACE.

(By United Press Leased Wire) CANTANIA, March 28.—After 24 hours of inactivity a violent eruption occurred at Mount Aetna this afternoon. Lava is flowing through the village of San Leo. The village has fled. It is feared that the village will be destroyed.

NAPLES, Italy, March 28.—Five fissures near the central crater of Mount Vesuvius opened today with a terrific roar. A great volume of smoke poured from the rents in the mountain but the first eruption was not accompanied by lava flow.

DESERTS ARMY TO SEE SICK MOTHER

HER BOY ARRESTED FOR DEFECTION SHE APPLIES FOR HELP—HIS MOTHER IS ABOVE THE ARMY.

With her son, the only relative in the world to whom she might turn in her declining years for support, a prisoner of the United States army, all because of his affection for her, and with poverty and hunger for her daily lot, an old woman from Minnehaha Park petitioned the county commissioners for assistance this morning.

Strange how it could be that this unfortunate old mother's only son is a prisoner—a disgraced man—all because of his affection for her, but just such is the case. This son was a soldier in the army a few months ago, when one day his mail contained a letter that told him that his old mother was ill.

here in Spokane. Too well he knew that it was not a kind, cheerful and from charity itself, that she could expect assistance in her illness when her scanty savings were exhausted.

With the letter in hand and his eyes dimmed with tears he went to the county commissioners, petitioning them for a furlough that he might hasten back to Spokane to be at his mother's side. The furlough was denied him. Thoughts of his mother, sick and alone, dependent upon neighbors, a poor need, perhaps, unattended him, and one night he crept out of his cot and with no further ceremony left the fort, a deserter. Not many weeks later they found him here with his mother and took him back to the army. He was sentenced to two years in a post prison.

The old woman related this sad little story in suppressed whispers to the county commissioners at the courthouse this morning, and the county is going to help her.

MUCH TROUBLE OVER HATTIE PIERCE'S FENCE

"By Heck, Hattie Pierce has stretched a fence across our road, compelling us to go about a mile or two around out of our way, and there ain't a man in the hull community that's got the nerve to tear it down. What're we goin' to do?" Something like this was a complaint laid before the county commissioners at the courthouse this morning by a little committee of irate farmers from the vicinity of Colvert, Wash. An investigation is

According to meager information that could be secured on the matter, the county has had this certain thoroughfare declared a public highway for a score of years or more, but the county has never procured title to the little strip that is now controlled by Hattie Pierce's fence. It is right at the edge of her land, was formerly included in her estate, and the courts have got to show her that she no longer owns it before she will allow any more traffic over it.

LAUDER ATTRACTION AT THE PANTAGES

When Harry Lauder was here it's a fact that hundreds of people in the big audience enjoyed the other features on the program more than they did Lauder himself. Among the good attractions he had with him was the Marimbo band, and this is at the Pantages this week. It made a sure-enough impression at the vaudeville house yesterday. It's the queerest kind of a band you ever saw. There are five Central American boys in it, and they perform some of the most original kind of musical stunts. But see and enjoy it.

The rest of the bill is very good. "The Limit" is a jolly little sketch, and quite well done. The Millards, in "The Clodhopper and the Girl" are some fun and help digested your dinner. The Dixie Dandies are fair.

BRYAN MAY ASSIST HARMON FOR PRESIDENCY

(By United Press Leased Wire) HOT SPRINGS, Ark., March 28.—Friends of Governor Harmon of Ohio today are loudly proclaiming that he will receive the democratic nomination for the presidency at the next national convention, following a conference between leaders of the party, who have practically agreed that Harmon is the man to make the run.

MAY BUY JOHNNY KLING FOR \$20,000

(By United Press Leased Wire) HOT SPRINGS, Ark., March 28.—It is persistently rumored here today that Johnny Kling, once the Cub's premier backstop, will work with the Cincinnati Reds this season.

The same rumor has it that Long Larry McLean of the Reds is destined to go to the Giants in a trade that will be one of the largest in the history of baseball.

It is known here that McLean is preparing to leave the Springs. Following this clue, an enterprising fan unearthed the possibility that the recent conference between McGraw of New York and Herrmann of Cincinnati bears strongly upon the suggested scheme. The trade, accord-

GROFFS WIN AGAIN

The Groff Tallors won their second straight game yesterday by defeating the Night Hawks at Lidgerwood park. Bryan, the Groff pitcher, was in his usual good form, allowing but three scattered hits. Mackey, the Groff left fielder, made the featuring play of the day by running from deep left to the edge of the shortstop's territory and catching a drive that was thought to be a sure hit. The Groff team has now decided on its permanent lineup and is in a position to meet all comers for the amateur championship title.

Score by innings: R. H. E. Groffs . . . 4 1 0 5 1 1 0 0 0—12 7 4 N. H. . . . 2 2 1 0 0 2 0 0 0—7 3 7 Batteries—Bryan and Draper and Demers; Durham, Helm and Lindner.

DRAWING NET AROUND WOLTER

(By United Press Leased Wire) NEW YORK, March 28.—Albert Wolter, a white faced, anaemic youth, accused of attacking, strangling to death and burning Ruth Wheeler, age 19, a stenographer, today denied all knowledge of the crime.

The police, however, are endeavoring to weave a net of circumstantiality about him which will send him to the electric chair, if substantiated.

The police have established that the suspected man is about the room in which the murder was done, that he owned the sack in which the body was found and that he advertised for a stenographer.

The police are endeavoring to prove that Wolter is guilty of a number of revolting crimes; that he headed a "white slave" gang and that he kept a record of young girls. Kathleen Mueller, who posed as Wolter's wife, is being held by the police as a witness. They declare that she has already told them many damaging things concerning the accused man.

QUAKE DAMAGE NEARS \$5,000,000

(United Press Leased Wire) CATANIA, Sicily, March 28.—The estimated damage from the latest eruption of Mount Aetna is \$5,000,000.

The volcano is in a disturbed condition, although the eruptions have ceased to expel lava and rock.

It is believed that the fissures are choked with ashes and that another eruption will follow as soon as the gases become strong enough to eject the mass. Earth rumblings and detonations continue at intervals and the volcano is far from quiescent.

SHOOTS FROM AMBUSH GIRL WHO SCORNED HIM

LEWISTON, Pa., March 28.—Bertha Singley, 26, is dead and William Shrader, 31, is facing a murder charge as the result of the girl's refusal to accept the man's attentions. Shrader boarded with a sister of Miss Singley. The girl while horseback riding, stopped at her sister's home for a drink of water. Shrader shot her from a window. He fled, but was captured.

DEDHAM, Miss.—Joseph Sears of this town bids fair to break all records. He is the father of 34 children, a boy born yesterday swelling the total to that number. He had 18 children by his first wife and had 16 so far by the present Mrs. Sears. Sears is 57 years old.

SOME THREATS OF MOB VIOLENCE

WATSEKA, Ill., March 28.—Threats of mob violence alleged to have been made against Mrs. J. B. Sawyer, John Grundin and Dr. William Miller, charged jointly with the murder of J. B. Sawyer, were reported to the authorities here today, and a special guard was placed about the court room in which the trial is going on.

The defense was begun today. The authorities have feared some demonstration against the defendants in the case and rumors that a lynching had been planned made them decide to take no chances.

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the question to be first passed upon by the various unions at their regular meetings. The state convention, because of the matter being one that was subject to a referendum vote, took no action either way, beyond voting to submit it. The total vote cast shows 1823 for to 683 against.

The resolution that was adopted and that has met the referendum endorsement of the unions, follows: Whereas, Legislation and other political action is most important for the advancement of labor from the fact that every industrial question is finally a political question, as demonstrated by the efforts of employers to destroy labor organizations and their influence through denial of freedom of speech, free press, right to boycott, by the issuance of injunctions against labor, the use of the police, militia, army and private detectives to defeat the efforts of labor to better its industrial condition; and

Whereas, All efforts of the wage-workers to secure labor legislation through pledges from candidates of the republican and democratic political parties and lobbying at the legislative sessions have proven complete failures owing to the fact that the old parties stand as representatives of business and property interests as against labor; therefore, be it

Resolved, That for labor's own best interests, the Washington State Federation of Labor, the affiliated and unaffiliated labor organization in the state to send delegates to a convention to be held on July 4, 1910, in the city of Spokane, for the purpose of organizing a labor party, separate and distinct from the democratic republican parties, and without fusion or trading with them, with the view of placing labor candidates in the field for congressional, state, district and county offices; be it further

Resolved, That upon the adoption of this resolution by the State Federation of Labor, the same be forwarded through its secretary to every labor organization in the state for endorsement and election of delegates to said convention, the number of delegates of each organization in such political convention to be the same as provided for representation in the State Federation of Labor convention."

60 PER CENT OF ALASKAN ISLANDERS HAVE CONSUMPTION

(By United Press Leased Wire) WASHINGTON, March 28.—According to a report from Surgeon Simpson of the revenue cutter Manning that has just been made public, approximately 60 per cent of the natives of Unalaska, St. George and St. Paul islands, off the Alaskan coast, are afflicted with tuberculosis.

Simpson also asserts that there are only a few of the children on the islands who do not show some evidence of the disease.

Efforts are being made, said Simpson, to instruct the natives how to prevent the plague, which he ascribes to the lack of water to keep their homes clean.

LATEST AT CITY HALL CHIEF'S BILL FOR PHONE

A resolution will be introduced in the city council at its next meeting to oust John E. Blair as corporation counsel.

Mayor Pratt's statement, given out Saturday evening, shielding Blair after the council committee of five had voted to ask for his discharge, has forced the council to a point where it must act.

Blair, it is believed, is expecting deception and is taking the matter philosophically.

Out of all this turmoil it is hoped that some lead will be struck which will give the people at large a chance to get on the inside of some grafting operations that have been carried on in the city hall in the past year.

That there has been graft is now admitted and it remains for some one to expose the deal to bring some crooked work to the surface.

It was who act as break comers. The Press will be on hand to give the facts. A grand jury at this time could find plenty of material for a month's work in a probe of the city hall, with a man like Blakely of Pittsburg at its head.

"KEEP AWAY FROM CLEALUM"

"Keep away from Clealum." This is the word that was passed out among the laboring people on the streets of Spokane this morning, when it was learned that more than 100 river drivers in the lumber camps had gone on a strike there for an increase of 50 cents in their wages.

It is said that \$2.50 was paid for river driving all last season in that district, but after all places were filled with men on the river driving jobs, an inquiry reveals the fact that the lumber companies were to pay the men but \$3 per day this year. Within a short time the whole band of men came out on a strike, and the warning sent to Spokane has been duplicated in practically every city of the north-west in an attempt to keep out floaters, for whom the mill men are now seeking to take the strikers' places.

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NOT EVEN A DRUNK LAST NIGHT

Spokane is sure getting tame. Aside from a spectacular race between T. O. Fisher and Officer Boldman in which the latter is said to have broken about every speed regulation that ever existed, in his determination to catch the former for exceeding the speed limit, there was nothing doing in the frowning citadel of silence last night. Even common drunks, as indicated by the blotter at the booking window were not in common evidence. Fisher was arrested between 4 and 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon and was released on \$10 bail.

STOLE MEAT FROM J. J. BROWN WHILE HUNGRY

Theft of \$16 worth of smoked meat from the premises of J. J. Brown, the millionaire real estate man, caused William Wickman to be sentenced to a month in the county jail by Judge Sullivan this morning. Wickman, who declares he stole the meat while in need, pleaded guilty to a charge of petty larceny, else the sentence might have been considerably severe.

WELLESLEY ENTERS COLLEGE FOR GIRLS

(United Press Leased Wire) WELLESLEY, Mass., March 28.—An Armenian refugee with a pedigree traceable to the days of Ararat and the flood is a duly enrolled student today of Wellesley college. Diran Hagopian was admitted to the institution at the request of Prof. Mary Alice Wilcox of the zoology department.

Hagopian was a student at a university near Constantinople when an imperial irade was issued prohibiting his attendance.

Although his family were killed by the zealous followers of the sultan, Hagopian escaped to this country and found employment as a servant. His knowledge attracted attention and resulted in his being the only man student at Wellesley, thus shattering all Wellesley traditions.

WOMAN FOUND WITH HER THROAT CUT

(By United Press Leased Wire) BALTIMORE, Md., March 28.—The body of a handsome young woman, Mrs. Al Merrick, was found today with the throat cut, on the suburban estate of Alexander Brown, a millionaire banker.

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BILLY SUNDAY TO BE UMPIRE

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., March 28.—Rev. Billy Sunday, the ball-player evangelist, will umpire an exhibition game in Danville, Ill., April 12, between Danville and the Cubs. Sunday is conducting evangelistic services in Danville, and will remain a day after his campaign is over to act as umpire. Sunday was a member of "Cap" Anson's Chicago White Stockings. He quit the game 19 years ago, but says he is capable of umpiring.

FINDS MRS. HOG AND HER FAMILY ON HAY STACK

FINDLAY, Ohio, March 28.—Farmer Michael Fischel, residing near Celina, has a high regard for pork, and feels assured that the \$11 hog is to be succeeded by the \$12 pig, but he was not prepared for the sudden rise of pork on his farm. Several days ago he missed a sow. He made a search. Near a straw stack that was about 15 feet high he heard a grunt, and on top of it found Mrs. Hog, cozily fixed for a few days' stay, with seven little pigs at her side.

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GRIND OF THE DIVORCE MILL

Married in January, 1908, and abandoned during the following August, Rosema Peterson secured a decree of divorce from Charles B. Peterson before Judge Hinkle.

The divorce mill ground out a decree also for Elizabeth E. Hunt, who sought everlasting relief from her erring spouse, Alexander L. Hunt, on grounds of desertion. The litigants in this case were colored folks.

CASTRO WANTS IN LIMELIGHT AGAIN

(By United Press Leased Wire) NEW YORK, March 28.—According to advices received here today from New Orleans, Castro, ex-President of Venezuela, is planning a campaign to regain his lost power in Venezuela.

He is reported on good authority that the deposed president of the South American republic will soon make an offer which probably will result in many transfers of allegiance among the soldiers who are now enrolled in the relief army which is to be sent from here to aid Estrada.