

AP SENTRY SAYS HIS RAILROADS OBJECT TO SHOT WAS ACCIDENTAL LABOR RULE IN WRECK

Admits He Fired on Langdon First, But Says Weapon Accidentally Discharged

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—Lieut. W. H. Langdon, American naval officer, who was shot and killed by a Japanese sentry at Vladivostok January 9, was the victim of an unprovoked attack, discharges to the state department and to the navy department today agreed.

Both sets of dispatches were based on statements elicited from the accused sentry by the board of investigation and court of inquiry convened by the Japanese government. The sentry's statements were described as in agreement with the ante-mortem story of the affair by Lieutenant Langdon in that the sentry who previously had fired first, also was reported as having told the court of inquiry that he had discharged his rifle accidentally.

The dispatches to the navy department, filed by Admiral Gleaves, commander-in-chief of the Asiatic fleet now en route to Vladivostok with an American naval court of inquiry to investigate the shooting, added that the sentry had been recommended for court-martial by the Japanese authorities.

While the dispatches received today were more complete than those previously received, Washington and previously expressed gratification that an agreement had been reached as to what actually happened, no tenacity was displayed in official circles to relax the determination to investigate the matter thoroughly, and for that reason Admiral Gleaves with his court of inquiry will continue on his way to the Siberian port. State department officials also continued to await a reply to the note sent the Japanese government requesting an explanation of the incident, and assurances that it would not be repeated.

LANGDON'S WIFE KILLS SELF WHEN TOLD OF HIS DEATH

VLADIVOSTOK, Jan. 17.—Lieutenant Langdon's wife, whom he married under the Russian common law, committed suicide by shooting when informed of Langdon's death. She was the widow of a Russian officer who had been killed by a bolshevik.

ROCKY MT. CHURCH HAS BUILDING FUND DRIVE

First Presbyterian to Give \$1000 to the Second Church

(Special to The Star)—A campaign to raise \$1,000 to be given to the Second Presbyterian church to be used as part of the building fund for the church edifice which is now being erected in the Edgemont section, was inaugurated at a congregational meeting of the First Presbyterian church held immediately after the morning services Sunday.

In presenting the matter to the congregation of the First church, Rev. William Conger pointed out the handicaps of the Second church while it was forced to hold all its services in Union hall, how the Second church had been established by the late Dr. Morton and was in reality a child of the First and was in reality a child of the congregation of the infant church was struggling to get their building completed and were in need of assistance, as approximately \$1,500 was needed to put the structure in condition so that services might be held there. He then stated that at a recent meeting of the church governing bodies it was decided that a gift of \$1,000 from the First church to the Second church would be a most worthwhile achievement.

After this explanation by the pastor, the ushers passed pledge cards out among the congregation, and it is understood that a large portion of the desired goal of \$1,000 will be reached without much difficulty.

WAYNE COURT CONVENES

Most Important Case That of Murder of M. C. Wiggins

(Special to The Star)—Wayne court convened this morning with Judge Wiggins presiding. A large number of petty cases are on docket. The most serious case will be that of the murder of Makajah C. Wiggins. The grand jury will hear a number of the witnesses and a thorough probe be made to find the guilty person or persons. Jessie Tarlton and Sam Rhoads, material witnesses, who are now under \$1,000 bond, will also be examined by the jury. The action of the jury is being awaited with great interest by the citizens of Wayne who are anxious to see the guilty ones brought to the bar of justice.

Politics has become a live issue in municipal affairs within the last few days, since the letter of a number of the leading bankers and business men, to the board of aldermen, calling on them for a statement of the financial conditions of the city was published. A number of business men are being asked to announce their candidacy for mayor and other public offices. It is expected that a lively race will be run in the spring primary. It is also rumored that the Republicans will put out a ticket.

Cotton and tobacco are being brought to Goldsboro market in large quantities within the last few days than for several weeks. The average price paid for tobacco on this market last week was 25 cents. Some good grade cotton sold for 17 cents Saturday. The local dealers believe that prices for tobacco and cotton will reach normal within a short time.

BARBER SUPPLIES SALESMAN HELD FOR MOTOR CAR THEFT

(Special to The Star)—Chief of Police Brown went to Charlotte yesterday to bring J. L. Johnson, arrested in that city Saturday charged with stealing an automobile belonging to Eugene Moran here Saturday night, the 8th. The car was found wrecked near Greensboro next day.

The prescription on a medicine bottle found in the car led to the arrest of Johnson. He protested his innocence, declaring if given opportunity he could clear himself.

Chief Brown and Police Officer Smith left with the prisoner this afternoon for Greensboro in an automobile. He is said to be a traveling salesman for a barber supply house in Texas.

RESCUED BALLOONISTS

Shows in Sunday's Star—Today INTERNATIONAL NEWS B I J O U

National Agreements Delay Sending Wrecking Train Because of Machinists

CHICAGO, Jan. 17.—Wreck emergencies which require immediate action are hampered by rules of the national agreements between the railroads and their employees, it was declared in testimony today before the railroad labor board. E. T. Whiter, continuing his testimony in behalf of the roads, declared that "any rule which interferes with or delays the most efficient and expeditious manner of clearing a wreck is unjustifiable."

The rule attacked is one which requires a machinist and helper to accompany the wrecking crew when the engine is disabled.

"The railroads object to this rule," Mr. Whiter explained, "because a wreck is an emergency matter. It requires the immediate dispatching of a crew, often to care for injured passengers and employees or to clear the main line for traffic or to prevent destruction of property by fire.

"Action must be delayed waiting to secure machinists that may or may not be needed. All members of the force ought to perform work that will best meet the emergency. A machinist on a wreck force must do machinist's work or any other wrecking work, or vice versa. Prior to federal control, it was not necessary to send machinists on the wreck train. When needed, they were sent on any convenient train.

"Much of Mr. Whiter's testimony during the day referred to classification of work, by which he attempted to show that the classification rules work injustice to the roads. Adjustment board decisions which changed men's titles, thereby giving them increased pay without changing their duties, met with objections from the roads.

"These decisions are particularly objectionable to the railroads," Mr. Whiter said. "They cause mechanics' rates to be paid for work which was generally recognized as helpers' work prior to federal control."

The craft rules were declared unjust and ineffectual in Mr. Whiter's testimony because, he declared, they duplicate effort.

ADVENTISTS SCORE THE BLUE LAW PROPONENTS

Say Congress Has Nothing to Do With Keeping Sabbath

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—Sunday blue laws are described as an encroachment of civil power into the spiritual realm, in a memorial adopted by the general conference committee of Seventh-day Adventists made public at its headquarters here. Opposition to all Sunday laws is declared, particularly to proposed federal enactments.

Asserting that the complete separation of church and state is essential to the country's well being, it is declared that failure to recognize this distinction in the past has been the primary cause of religious persecutions. The present "strong organized effort" to secure blue law enactments, it added, "are destructive both to the church and the state, however innocent they may appear, and if successful will eventually destroy the pillars upon which our government is founded."

"Sabbath-keeping is not a civil but a religious duty," the memorial declared. "Congress therefore has nothing whatever to do with the question of its observance.

"Only those whose hearts God has changed can truly keep a holy Sabbath."

Plain Dark Emptiness

Aunt Liza's former mistress was talking to her one day when suddenly she discovered a little pickaninny standing shyly behind his mother's skirts.

"Is that your little boy, Aunt Liza?" she asked.

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As no legislation by congress can change the human heart, to make citizens perform a religious act when they are not religious, is to enforce hypocrisy by law.

"Honest labor is no more uncivil on Sunday than on Monday. It is only religious prejudices which are disturbed by labor on this day more than on other days. But holding of some particular theological dogma and protecting the religious prejudices of citizens is not the business of congress."

BOMB WRECKS GARAGE AND KILLS 2 IN PHILADELPHIA

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 17.—Two men were killed here tonight when a bomb exploded in the main garage of the Quaker City Taxicab company. The victims were Percy H. Dean, of Philadelphia, and George McKee, of Haddonfield, N. J., both inspectors. Several other employees of the company were injured, but none seriously.

Chauffeurs of the company have been on strike for several weeks and a number of acts of violence have occurred. About 10 days ago bombs were found in two cabs of the company. One of these cabs was demolished but no one was injured. Several cabs have been stolen and wrecked.

The police have arrested 16 men who are held for examination.

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