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WALSH CONFESSES; CONSCIENCE CLEAR

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FEARS OF DEATH LED TO CONFESSION

Whitman Says Confession Is Most Important He Ever Heard—Three Warrants to Issue.

By Associated Press. New York, Feb. 6.—The trail of police graft upon which District Attorney Whitman set out last summer is declared by him today to have emerged from the thicket of minor exposures to an open road leading to men higher up.

Deputy Commissioner Implicated. A deputy police commissioner is implicated by Walsh's confession and his connection with the charges was the subject today of investigation by both Police Commissioner Waldo and the district attorney.

Obtained these indictments will be the most important developments in the exposure of the "system" since the city was aroused to the alliance of its police with gambling and vice by the murder of a "squealing" gambler at the instigation of Police Lieutenant Becker last July.

Half this amount he turned over to those higher up. The district attorney today described the confession as the most important he had ever heard as prosecuting attorney. He was with Walsh for only three-quarters of an hour, but left with the understanding that Walsh would see him again and would place in his own writing the full confession.

Waldo Suspends Walsh. Police Commissioner Waldo said today he could take no action against Walsh and the inspector named in his confession until Walsh's charges and admissions had been officially confirmed.

On Monday, if well enough, Walsh will tell his story to the grand jury. Soon thereafter numerous indictments are expected.

WOMEN SEND DANGEROUS CHEMICALS TO ASQUITH

Postmen Who Handle Premier's Mail Burned by Inflammable Packages.

By Associated Press. Dundee, Scotland, Feb. 6.—Five postmen were burned last evening, several being seriously injured, by the combustion of chemicals contained in letters.

Wash's confession was made on his sick bed. It was forced in part by charges made by Patrolman Eugene Fox, who pleaded guilty to graft collection last Monday and turned upon Walsh as the man next above him.

Wool Industry Prosperous.

By Associated Press. Boston, Feb. 6.—Despite serious labor troubles the woolen manufacturing industry prospered in 1912 according to reports of officers presented at the annual meeting of the American Wool Manufacturers association here last night.

HELEN KELLER TO APPEAR ON LECTURE PLATFORM

Woman Born Deaf, Dumb and Blind Has Developed Her Voice.

By Associated Press. New York, Feb. 6.—Helen Keller, born deaf, dumb and blind, has almost fully surmounted one of her handicaps and is to make her first public appearance on the lecture platform at a socialist meeting in Moclair, N. J., tomorrow night.

On receiving a report from his representative sent to the district attorney's office, Mr. Waldo immediately suspended Walsh. It was expected that similar action would be taken later in the day with regard to the inspector named.

The belief that the loss of one sense increases the powers of the others is a fallacy, she said in a very understandable way last night. "The habit of patience is the only thing that helps one to bear the limitation."

Miss Keller's teacher explained that the delicate vibrations of her lips, nose and throat which enable a pupil to hear with her fingers, were too minute to be reproduced. It was only by saying the sound over and over again until she got it right and then repeating until the right way became a vocal habit that she learned to talk.

ASK GOVERNOR CRAIG TO NAME MORE DELEGATES

Committee to Arrange for Highway Convention Will Meet Again on Saturday.

There was a meeting yesterday afternoon of the board of trade committee that is making arrangements for the Transcontinental Highway convention that is to be held here February 12.

The delegates already named from the entire state only numbered eight, and it was felt that there should be a much greater number, especially from this immediate section. It is thought that Gov. Craig will act favorably on the request.

The matter of arranging a program for the convention was discussed at length, but it was decided that with the information now at hand as to how many and who the delegates are to be, it would be impossible to arrange it before Saturday, and another meeting will be held Saturday afternoon at 5 o'clock for this purpose.

One of the features of the meeting yesterday was a talk by Dr. S. M. Johnson of New Mexico on the proposed highway. Dr. Johnson is most enthusiastic over the prospects of the convention and securing the highway, and this enthusiasm was transmitted to those present.

BRYCE TO LEAVE

British Ambassador Is Appointed a Member of The Hague Court of Arbitration.

By Associated Press. London, Feb. 6.—James Bryce, British ambassador at Washington, has been appointed by the British government a member of the permanent court of arbitration at the Hague.

It was announced at the time of Ambassador Bryce's resignation that his departure from the United States would depend upon the settlement of the Panama canal question between Great Britain and the United States.

Call for Bank Statement.

By Associated Press. Washington, Feb. 6.—The comptroller of the currency today issued a call for a statement of the condition of all national banks of the United States at the close of business on Tuesday, February 5.

OPENING WAY TO STAMBOUL

Bulgarians Aiding Greeks in Effort to Attack Constantinople from the Sea.

TURKS IN POSITION TO RESIST STRONGLY

Army of 70,000 Must Be Crushed before Passage Can Be Cleared Through Straits.

By Associated Press. Sofia, Feb. 6.—The main object of the Bulgarian armies apart from the reduction of the fortress of Adrianople, was disclosed in dispatches given out by the war office today.

The plan is to reach the Dardanelles straits and clear them for the passage of the Greek fleet into the sea of Marmora. The Greeks will attack Constantinople directly from the sea.

From reports of the fighting north of the peninsula of Gallipoli, it may be seen that one of the columns of King Ferdinand's troops is marching straight for the city of Gallipoli. The column has occupied the villages of Mediate, Charkeel, Kavali and Bulair, on the neck of the peninsula.

The financial embarrassment of all the combatants and the peoples' loss of war enthusiasm lead to the belief that peace negotiations soon will be resumed.

The Turkish government apparently is of the same mind, for Rehad Pasha, leader of the Turkish peace delegation, has received instructions to remain in London a few days longer.

Marching on Servians. Constantinople, Feb. 6.—The newspaper Le Turc says that a force of 20,000 Albanians is marching on the city of Uskup, occupied by Servian troops.

Turks Suffer New Reverse. Sofia, Feb. 6.—The Turkish army occupying the peninsula of Gallipoli and defending the Dardanelles suffered defeat at the hands of the Bulgarian troops south of the River Kavak yesterday, according to a statement by the Bulgarian war office today.

The Ottoman troops are said to be retreating in disorder toward the town of Bulair, a small place north-east of Gallipoli. They are pursued hotly by the Bulgarians.

The statement concludes that the whole coast of the Sea of Marmora, as far as Bulair is now in the hands of the allies.

PENSIONERS PAID UNDER NEW SYSTEM

First Checks Mailed Since the Agencies Were Centralized Leave Washington on Time.

By Associated Press. Washington, Feb. 6.—The first checks paid to pensioners under the new system which did away with the 86 agencies in various parts of the country, uniting them here under one head, have just gone out and every one of them more than \$90,000 due this month were in the mail on time.

The crucial test, the one which we were not sure would be able to pass hitherto, said Mr. Alvah H. Thompson, in charge of the disbursements today after the last pensioners' check had started on its way.

Police Ban on the Cabaret. Philadelphia, Feb. 6.—"Cabaret" entertainments are placed under the ban by a police order issued last night by Director of Public Safety Foster.

By Associated Press. Madison, Wis., Feb. 6.—The Stewart bill prohibiting the marriage of negroes and whites is meeting with sharp disapproval from the Negro contingent of Wisconsin. The Book of Washington Men's forum of Milwaukee has petitioned the legislature against the proposed law, branding it "a retrograde step."

IMMIGRATION BILL OPPOSED

European Nations Lodge Protest Against the Placing of Inspectors Aboard Ships.

PRESIDENT CONDUCTS WHITE HOUSE HEARING

Says It Will Require Strong Showing for Him to Over-ride Congressional Action.

By Associated Press. Washington, Feb. 6.—When President Taft gave a hearing today upon the new immigration bill, he also had before him protests from Germany, Italy, and the Netherlands against the provision which authorizes the secretary of commerce and labor to place inspectors, matrons and public health service surgeons aboard immigrant ships to report to American immigration authorities upon the conditions of immigrants en route.

Another protest from Australia is said to be on the way and intimations have been received that France and England will join the protest. All the protesting nations are said to regard the provision as an infringement of their sovereignty over their ships on the high seas and impugning the faith of their officials in the execution of the immigration laws.

Many prominent Jews arrived here today to protest to the president against certain features of the bill. President Taft heard the protests in the east room of the White House. He told those appearing that he virtually was sitting as a judge.

The burden is upon those who oppose this bill," said the president. "It requires a very strong showing to induce the executive to override the action of both houses of congress."

President Taft said that every organization interested, not represented by a speaker today, might file a brief. He allowed three hours for the hearing equally divided between the two sides.

53 Licensed to Practice Law.

Special to The Gazette-News. Raleigh, Feb. 6.—Fifty-three of 62 applicants secured licenses to practice law from the Supreme court today, among them being Erving Mosby Johnson of Buncombe and Grover C. Davis and George H. Ward of Haywood.

McCracken and Rogers Get Three Years; Make Appeals

Defendants' Counsel Make A Affidavit As to a Biased Juror and Undue Influence on Another in Contention for New Trial—Bonds, \$4000 Each.

Special to The Gazette-News. Waynesville, Feb. 6.—Judge Howard A. Foushee this morning passed sentence upon the defendants in the McCracken-Rogers homicide case, giving each a term of three years in the state's prison for the killing of Lee Wells. Appeal was taken to the State Supreme court, and appeal bonds were fixed at \$4000 in each case.

They were found guilty by the jury a few days ago, and Judge Foushee reserved sentence until this morning. McCracken and Rogers were tried for the killing of Lee Wells near Clyde more than a year ago. This was the second trial, the first resulting in a mistrial.

Negroes Fighting Bill Against Miscegenation

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INSISTS NEGRO STABBED WIFE

SENATE REJECTS ANTI-TIPPING BILL

The Stewart Measure by House Is Rejected 21 to 19.

Special to The Gazette-News. Raleigh, Feb. 6.—The Stewart anti-tipping bill that passed the house, making it a misdemeanor to give or receive tips or for employees to agree with waiters as to tips was voted down in the senate today, 21 to 19.

Representative Cornwell introduced a bill to encourage road building in North Carolina and create a fund to be loaned to the counties. The house adopted an amendment to the joint resolution for a constitutional amendment commission to make the resolution operative immediately to be ratified at once.

In the house Doughton closed for the opposition and Justice for the Justice bill for a statewide primary. Thereafter Murphy and Rowan moved that the bill and a substitute be referred to a select committee of five to be redrafted and reported back within seven days. The motion carried.

"WASH SALES" BARRED ON STOCK EXCHANGE

Stringent Resolution to Prevent Manipulation Passed Following Introduction of Legislature Bill

By Associated Press. New York, Feb. 6.—The New York stock exchange yesterday afternoon adopted a stringent resolution against "wash sales." This action followed closely the introduction in the state legislature of the bills recommending stock exchange reforms as outlined in the governor's recent message.

No members of the stock exchange or anybody connected with a stock exchange firm shall give or with knowledge execute orders for the purchase of securities which involve no change in ownership.

The rule makes a member liable to suspension for a period not exceeding one year.

The rule as now adopted is broader in that it applies not only to a member of the exchange, but to any one connected with a stock exchange firm.

\$400,000 Mill Incorporated.

Special to The Gazette-News. Raleigh, Feb. 6.—Frederick Houston and Alfred H. Mason of Philadelphia are the principal incorporators of the Necronest Mills of Cumberland county, a \$400,000 cotton mill.

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"Suddenly the man jumped, putting his hands on my shoulders. Then I was so terrified I don't believe I even screamed. I was thrown to my knees twice and my throat cut. I did not realize it until I put my hand to my neck and felt the warm blood. I remember striking the man in the face and then began screaming hysterically. A door slammed and the man ran out of the gate after hitting me on the side of the head with a stick as Mr. Beach ran to my assistance. I was leaning against the post at the end of the porch when he reached me.

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Beach Says He Rushed from House into the Yard When He Heard Scream.

BORE HER, WOUNDED, INTO THE HOUSE

As He Did So Mysterious Assaultant Dashed from Bush in Yard and Made His Escape.

By Associated Press. Alken, S. C., Feb. 6.—Frederick O. Beach today related to the jury before which he is being tried his story of the assault upon his wife with which he is charged. He did not depart materially from the tale he has told since the attack—that his wife was struck by a negro when she went outside her cottage with her dogs. He maintained his accustomed calm throughout the grilling cross-examination to which he was subjected by Prosecutor Gunter. He contradicted himself once or twice, but speedily corrected his statements when reminded and apologized for his faulty memory.

Only once during the entire examination did he show any signs of disturbance. That was when the prosecutor asked him if he had not asked his wife to "lay the crime on Pearl Hampton's brother" once when he thought they were alone in the mayor's office.

"That is absolutely false," explained Beach, rising in his seat. Mrs. Beach corroborates his statement. Mrs. Beach followed her husband on the stand. Her face was flushed with excitement when she began her story. She wore a brown skirt and a low-necked white shirtwaist, her plain black hat contrasted strangely with her crimson face.

Mrs. Beach corroborated the story her husband had told. She said the negro attacked her from behind by laying his hands on her shoulders and forcing her to her knees. She said she was too terrified to scream after the negro had struck her on the side of the head with a heavy stick. After she screamed she heard the door slam and saw the negro run as her husband came to her assistance.

There was a stir in the crowded room when Mrs. Beach took the stand. She began her testimony in a trembling voice. She explained she had been married twice and had two boys by each marriage. "The eldest stands six feet, even in his stockings," she said, smilingly. "He is surviving in Vancouver."

Mrs. Beach then launched into her story.

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"Mr. Beach was gone for a moment. When he was out I remember saying to Marion, 'Shut that door and keep that black man out.'"

Alken, S. C., Feb. 6.—Frederick O. Beach, the wealthy New Yorker, took the witness stand in his own defense shortly after court was resumed this morning, in the case in which Beach is charged with assaulting his wife with murderous intent.