

Washington, July 13—Forecast for North Carolina for tonight and Wednesday: Partly cloudy showers in the interior tonight.

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A REMARKABLE CONFESSION BY MARRYING MAN

Made a Profession of Bigamy and Was Married Dozens of Times

ALWAYS GOT MONEY

Christian Johnson, Under Seven-Year Sentence For Bigamy, Tells of His Various Matrimonial Ventures—Had Married and Deserted Wives in Almost Every State in the Union. Always Got Money, Ranging From \$100 to More Than \$1,000, and When He Had Got the Money He Skipped—Came to This Country From Germany.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

San Francisco, July 13—The most remarkable confession ever made by a bigamist in the United States has been secured by the American News Service from Christian Johnson, who, facing a seven-year sentence at San Quentin, imposed on him at San Jose, flung aside reserve and admitted that he was John Madson, who has made a profession of polygamy and has deceived and deserted wives in almost every state in the Union. Johnson declared in his confession, which was signed and sealed, in the presence of Sheriff Langford and other officers of Santa Clara county, that he had been making his living by marrying and making love to women since 1906.

Amazing admissions are contained in almost every line of confession of this most bewildering of bigamists, who boasts that he made love to 10 women at one time in Portland, Ore., after having married one of them in the autumn of 1906. His confession follows:

(By Christian C. Johnson, alias John Madson.)

"I was born in Plessburg, Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, on the 11th day of March, 1845. My father was a horse-dealer. After I completed my education at Kiel, I came to the United States in 1871. I landed in New York in October of that year and went to work in the Union Iron and Steel Works, in Trenton, N. J.

"I got a job from the United States government in 1876, buying horses on commission. I was buying for them a little over three years, then I got a recommendation to the British minister in Washington and bought for the English government off and on for 30 years, horses and mules, ponies and mustangs, and also shipped for them.

"During the Russo-Japanese war I bought horses for the Japanese government. During all this period I made my headquarters in New York during the summer and in New Orleans during the winter.

In November, 1905, I married the first woman, a Mrs. Mary Brown, of Springfield, Mass. She was a well-to-do widow. I was in New York at the time and read a matrimonial advertisement in a Boston paper.

"I went to Springfield and married her inside of a month. She gave me \$500 on the wedding day. We remained in Springfield one night, and the next day we took the train for New York.

"I left her because I didn't like her. She didn't suit me and I simply left her.

"I went from there to New Orleans and then to San Francisco. My second marriage was to Mrs. Sylvia Polard Debonnet. I first met her in San Francisco through a friend. We were married on December 28, 1906, in San Rafael, I at that time being known as Christian C. Johnson. I think I lived about two weeks with her and then told her I had to go to Germany on important business.

"Then I went to Portland and advertised for a wife. There must have been 500 replies. I remained there for two months, and was paying attention during that time to ten different women. I only married one, however. Her name was Eliza Jones, if I remember rightly. I was then going under the name of John Madson. I got \$1,000 from her because she said she loved me. I lived with her for two weeks.

"I went to Los Angeles and from

under the name of Madson.

"At Memphis I met a Mrs. Bertha King, and we lived there together six weeks.

"I left Mrs. King in Louisville and went to Chicago, thence to New York, New Orleans, and St. Louis.

"In St. Louis I met Mrs. Minnie Allen, to whom I made violent love and she paid me \$200. I was courting seven other women at the same time and I got money from at least five of them. Mrs. Cataline Baughman, one of them, let me have \$150. Another of the seven women whom I courted and promised to marry was Mrs. Alice Richardson, of St. Louis. She gave me \$400 and a diamond ring.

"I also met a woman who was the head nurse at a St. Louis hospital, who gave me \$200.

"In East St. Louis I met Mrs. Mary Frick, a widow. I made love to her, but she wouldn't give me a cent. I also received a letter from Mrs. Elizabeth Jackson, of Iowa, whom I went to see three times, and finally got \$1,400. It was arranged that she was to come to Kansas City to marry me, but when I learned she was coming I skipped to Hot Springs, Ark.

"Then I went to San Francisco again. On the second day I put an ad. in the newspaper advertising for a wife and I received over 200 answers.

"I married Mrs. Leopold on the 13th of February and got \$520 and left her that same night. I then went to Stockton and met Mrs. Trethewey there and married her on the 15th of May in San Jose.

"I then went to Oakland and got \$200 from Mrs. Josephine Hennigen, after promising to marry her.

"There was one woman in San Francisco whose name I cannot recall from whom I got \$120.

"After Mrs. Trethewey in Stockton had kicked me out of the house because she found one of Mrs. Mitchell's letters, I went to San Diego, where I met Mrs. Catherine Hoen. We went to Los Angeles, where we were married on the 15th of June. I left her at Long Beach on the sixth of the present month. I came to San Jose on July 8 and had been corresponding with Miss Minnie Gather. It appears that during this time she made arrangements with the detectives to trap me.

"I want to say that I married all of the women just to have a good time. The doctors told me I didn't have long to live and I should enjoy myself while I lived. I found pleasure in duping women and getting their money from them. I am not a hypocrite, but I only had to meet a woman a few times and I knew just how to handle her.

"I have found that it didn't pay to be soft and sweet with a woman. Treat her a little harsh and be a little distant and she will come to you."

FIGHTING IN THE STREETS OF TEHRAN

(By Cable to The Times)

Petersburg, July 13—Reports received from Teheran today state that 1,000 Persian nationalists entered the city shortly after dawn. Their entrance precipitated a battle which raged through the streets, Russian Cossacks occupying the city square and surrounding streets. The shah was momentarily expected to take refuge in a foreign legation following the outbreak of hostilities for reports came into Teheran that reinforcements were on their way to join the rebels. The Persian foreign minister failed in his efforts to effect a friendly settlement with the nationalists and when negotiations were broken off the rebels at once took up their advance from the bivouacs about the city. At least two foreign legations have sent notes to the leaders of the nationalists stating that the rebels must remain entirely upon the defensive and must submit to negotiations at any time feasible tending towards peace.

LATHAM MACHINE DAMAGED.

Further Attempts to Cross Channel Will Have to be Abandoned Until Damage is Repaired.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Callas, July 13—During a trial spin today the aeroplane in which Hubert Latham will attempt to sail across the English channel for the Daily Mail's \$5,000 prize, was damaged. The propeller blade and axle were broken, making all further attempts on Latham's part impossible until the damage is repaired. The aviator is not discouraged as a result of the accident but still declares his intention of making the perilous journey.

THAW INQUIRY CONTINUED IN CROWDED COURT

Many Fashionably Dressed Women, Anxious to Hear Evidence, Fill Room

SAY THAW IS SANE

Mother of Thaw Again in Court As Was the Countess of Yarmouth and Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Thaw. Thaw Greeted Cordially by Several Friends When He Entered the Court Room—Denied That Evelyn Nesbit Thaw is to be Called as a Witness Against Her Husband—Several Witnesses Testify to Thaw's Sanity.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

White Plains, N. Y., July 13—With the court-room crowded with fashionably dressed women, the inquiry into the sanity of Harry K. Thaw, slayer of Stanford White, was continued in the supreme court before Justice Mills today.

Shortly before court opened Mrs. Mary Copley Thaw, the aged mother of the prisoner, arrived, accompanied by her daughter, the Countess of Yarmouth, and her son Josiah Thaw and his wife.

A few minutes later Harry Thaw was brought into the court-room and took his seat directly in front of his mother. He carried a large portfolio filled with papers, and was greeted cordially by several friends as he entered the room.

It was rumored that Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, the wife of Harry Thaw, would be called here today to go over her story with Deputy Attorney General Clark, but the latter denied that there was any truth in the report.

Edward E. Haven, the head keeper of the Poughkeepsie jail, the first witness, told of many conversations held with Thaw while the latter was in his charge. At times, he said, Thaw appeared to be rational.

William W. Smith, a millionaire cough drop manufacturer of Poughkeepsie, told of visits he had made to Thaw in the jail in that city. Thaw's mental condition was perfect, in his opinion. The witness said that Thaw had told him that for every dollar his father made for himself, he had made ten for the country through the railroads that he had built, and that his father had given more to charity than he had to either his brother or himself.

Deputy Attorney-General Clark announced that Drs. Austin Flint and Carlos B. MacDonald had been engaged as the two alienists for the state. Dr. Baker, assistant superintendent of Matteawan, who has had Thaw under observation, will be in consultation with them.

Charles Morschauer, counsel for Thaw, said that he was not ready to say who would be engaged for his client until he had conferred with him.

MAY MEAN WAR.

Bolivia and Peru May Fight as Result of Boundary Dispute.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

La Paz, Bolivia, July 13—Decision by the Bolivian government not to accept Argentine's verdict in the boundary dispute between Bolivia and Peru, by which the rich area territory was declared to be Peruvian, is considered today equal to a declaration of war with Peru.

Only the presence of a guard of 300 soldiers at the Peruvian and Argentine legations restrained the mob from setting fire to the buildings.

The greatest disorder prevails and martial law has been proclaimed. Many Peruvian stores are being pillaged and the hostile demonstrations continue all over the city and in other Bolivian towns.

Funeral Procession in Storm.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Hamilton, O., July 13—A tornado swept over a part of Butler county at a late hour yesterday, injuring over a score. At a point seven miles from this city a funeral procession encountered the storm and several were injured.

THE MYSTERY OF SUTTON'S DEATH PUZZLING CASE

Esprit De Corps, of the United States Marines Is on Trial

A SECRET TRIBUNAL

Federal Authorities Thought They Had Laid the Ghost of the Scandal and State Authorities Were Sure They Would Never Have to Take Up the Case But a Mother's Devotion to Her Son's Memory Has Made Another Investigation Necessary—Was There a Secret Tribunal by Which He Was Forced to take His Own Life by His Brother Officers?

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Annapolis, Md., July 13—The Esprit De Corps of the United States Marines is on trial. The most baffling death mystery of Annapolis has again been dragged into the light by a woman's loyalty to her son's memory. The federal authorities thought they had laid the ghost of scandal to rest a year or more ago. The state authorities were sure they would never be called upon to look into it because there had been a federal investigation.

But once more the demand is made and recognized in high places that it shall be made known how and why Lieutenant James N. Sutton, of the marine corps, came to his death on the naval academy grounds by a pistol shot wound early on the morning of October 13, 1907.

Did he commit suicide because in a brawl he believed he had killed Lieutenant Toetker? Was he shot by a jealous rival for the favors of the pretty girl? Was he condemned to kill himself by a tribunal of his fellow officers and was he forced to carry out their sentence?

It is said that at least four fellow officers knew how Sutton died. One or two other men, of lower rank in the service, and civilians are said to know, too. But the story has not been told. It may never be told. The grim story inside the naval academy enclosure is that Sutton was condemned to death by others. He was ordered to kill himself and by threats was made to pull the trigger of the revolver which caused his death. Just what he is supposed to have done to make his further existence intolerable to his fellow officers is the secret of the corps. Just how the bullet was aimed and sped which ended his life is known to many and is told by none outside the corps.

It is fairly certain that Miss Stewart knows why Sutton died and how. It is just as certain that she was told in advance of the new inquiry instituted by Sutton's mother, and fled the country in order to make sure the veil of mystery should not be lifted.

SUTTON WAS MURDERED.

Charles E. Stewart, Father of the Girl in the Case, Believes Murder Was Committed.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Pittsburg, Pa., July 13—Councillman Charles Stewart, of Pittsburg, father of Miss Mary Stewart, upon whom Lieutenant Sutton called at Annapolis in October, 1907, on the night he met his death, said today he thought the lieutenant had been murdered.

Mr. Stewart says his daughter is now at Stoney Brae, near Lake Joseph, Ont., and will remain there for some months. He does not intend to have her called home for any investigation, he says. She is in too nervous condition, and he does not think it necessary that she be examined, as she knows nothing about the death of Sutton.

"I am inclined to believe with others who knew more of the particulars than I that Lieutenant Sutton was murdered," said Mr. Stewart. "It is not right, however, that my daughter should be brought into the case, for she was simply a visitor at Annapolis at a time when my son was there. She met Lieutenant Sutton at a hop and knew him but slightly. She is a girl of but nineteen years and the morning after his death she fainted when she heard the news."

Mr. Stewart said the people of An-

napolis believed that Sutton was murdered.

COMMANDANTS STATEMENT.

Says Sutton Killed Himself—Was the Aggressor in Quarrel and Had Been Arrested.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Annapolis, Md., July 13—Colonel Charles A. Doyen, commandant of the marine barracks at the time of Lieutenant Sutton's death, made a statement today relative to the events of the night of the fatality. He told of his investigations.

According to this statement, the dispute in the automobile did not commence until after the machine had entered the academy grounds, and in the dispute, as well as in what afterward occurred, Lieutenant Sutton was the aggressor. The statement further says that Lieutenant Sutton was placed under arrest. He got away and armed himself with two revolvers to kill those who had been his companions. The statement says that he finally killed himself. Col. Doyen's statement concludes thus:

"The day after Sutton's death Maj. Fuller, in discussing the affair, told me that Sutton had made a remark at the dinner table to a young woman guest that it was the height of his ambition to kill a man some day."

HILL BACK HOME.

Talks Optimistically of the Outlook. Crops Good and Business Expanding.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

New York, July 13—James J. Hill, looking brown and hearty, is back from his Canadian fishing trip.

"There will be good crops," he said "not bumper crops, but a good, round yield, comparing well with the average. Their money value will be larger than usual, for prices will be high. Corn is now selling around 65 cents in Nebraska and wheat at about \$1.30 in Minneapolis. The time for low prices for grain has passed. A great deal of wealth will be added to the farmers' store by the sale of his crops this year.

"As for the business outlook there is no menace ahead. Good crops, bringing high prices, will help the manufacturing industries. There should be a steady expansion in that line. Probably it will receive some additional stimulus after congress adjourns."

A story that the Burlington proposed to build a line to New Orleans in competition with the Illinois Central Mr. Hill dismissed with the remark that "there are too many lines down that way now to make it worth while to build another."

"None or four lines are doing much building now," he added, "nor is there much work contemplated for the near future."

GARY PLEASED WITH TARIFF

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

New York, July 13—Judge Elbert H. Gary, president of the steel trust, sailed for Europe with his wife today on the steamship Kron Prinzessin Cecile. They will spend all of their time motor-ing abroad and will go into Russia in their machines.

"Business conditions in the United States are excellent," said Judge Gary. "There is no doubt but that several years of the greatest prosperity America ever knew is before us."

"The tariff bill as it came from the senate is satisfactory. Much credit is due to the senate finance committee for its fairness, discrimination and ability in handling the measure. The bill as reported by the house was fair to only a few interests. I believe in protecting those industries that need protection, but I do not believe in protecting industries that do not need it."

Joseph Letter and his wife were among the passengers on the liner.

A FAMILY MARRIAGE.

Five Brothers Marry Five Sisters, and There Are as Many More Left in Each Family.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Columbus, Ky., July 13—A marriage ceremony in Kent county yesterday united five sisters to five brothers.

Misses Maud, Nellie, Kate, Anne, and Susie Martin were married to John, Dan, Hugh, Jack, and Dick Hill. Five sisters acted as bridesmaids and five brothers of the bridegrooms acted as best men.

It was proposed to follow the wedding with a honeymoon for the five happy couples, to extend to St. Louis, but the lateness of the crops prevented the men members from leaving home at this time.

HUNDREDS ARE HOMELESS IN THE STORM REGION

Mississippi River Flooding the Country Along Its Banks

STORM MOVES EASTWARD

Violent Storm That Has Devastated Sections of Several Middle Western States Has Moved Eastward and Threatens Allegheny Region Today—Mississippi Has Been Driven Over Its Banks at Several Places and Thousands of Acres Are Flooded—The Missouri Still Rising and Threatens Further Damage—Hundreds Are Homeless.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

St. Louis, Mo., July 13—The violent storm that devastated the upper Mississippi valley late yesterday moved eastward and threatened to do damage in the Allegheny region today. It has left in its path enormous damage to crops and buildings in several states. Hundreds are homeless, and a number of deaths were caused by the storm in various places.

The Mississippi river, driven over the levees at exposed points, has inundated many thousands of acres. The Missouri river is still rising rapidly and the devastation by floods along its banks is extending. In dozens of banner wheat counties the standing wheat has been razed by the violent winds. Where a bumper crop was expected and almost ready to be harvested, the wheat has been wholly destroyed. Great apprehension is felt at St. Louis, where the flood of the Missouri river is due to reach its height today. The damage has already been done up river in the Manas and Cygnus valleys. As the flood moves down it is expected to cause a 34 foot stage of water at St. Louis.

The corn crop in Missouri and Oklahoma is subject to great apprehension. The corn in Oklahoma is enfeebled by two weeks' severe drought preceding the storm.

CAPT. HAINS TRANSFERRED.

Transferred From 62nd to 30th Company Coast Artillery—A Convenience to Army.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Washington, July 13—Captain Peter C. Hains, Jr., of the coast artillery corps, who was convicted recently in New York of the killing of W. E. Annis, has been transferred from the 62nd to the 30th company, coast artillery corps. This is a mere "paper transfer" for the convenience of the army, and has no other significance. Both companies are at Fort Worden, Wash., and the 62nd company requires the services of a captain, which is not the case with the 30th company.

Pending further action in his case, his military status remains that of an officer under suspension, "in the custody of the civil authorities" without pay.

THE CATHOLIC CONVENTION.

Bishop O'Connell Welcomes the Delegates and Explains the Object of the Convention.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Boston, Mass., July 13—Delegates to the national convention of the Catholic education society in session here attended mass at the Catholic cathedral this morning. At its close Bishop O'Connell made a short address welcoming the delegates to Boston and commending the objects of the convention which include the exchange of ideas and views of the most eminent Catholic educators of the United States. The Rev. Father Howard, of Columbus, O., is the chief secretary of the convention.

BUELOW'S SUCCESSOR.

Will Recommend D. Von Bethmann-Hollweg Secretary of the Interior.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Berlin, July 13.—Prince Von Buelow, the retiring imperial chancellor, will formerly propose in his audience with Emperor William tomorrow, that he be succeeded by D. Von Bethmann-Hollweg, secretary of the interior, and vice-chancellor. There is reason to believe that his majesty will accept this proposal and the appointment will be gazetted at once.

Raleigh Has 29,000 Population