

Embezzlement Charge Faces Hotel Clerk

Tale of Alleged Marriage to Wealthy Los Angeles Woman Leads to His Arrest at Station.

Los Angeles, Cal., April 9.—Charged with embezzlement of \$1,600 from the Elms hotel at Excelsior Springs, Mo., where he was clerk, Graham C. Polk, 23, six feet tall and self-styled "sheik of Missouri," who recently announced to newspapers in Excelsior Springs that he had married Mrs. Lucille Orchard, wife of a wealthy Los Angeles oil man, was held in the county jail here today pending the arrival of Missouri officers, following his arrests at San Bernardino.

Back in Excelsior Springs, Polk was a hotel clerk and met Mrs. Orchard while she was a guest at the hotel, he claimed. In giving out the news of his wedding, the event was said to have taken place March 2, last, and that Polk resigned his position to take his bride on a tour of the orient.

However, no record could be found of the marriage and Polk's story was declared to be false.

Then it was discovered that Polk had dropped from sight and also that his accounts at the Elms hotel were short \$1,600. A search was started for him by the Missouri officers. He was trailed to Denver, where it was learned he sent Mrs. Orchard a message stating he would arrive at San Bernardino on the California Limited and would leave the train there.

Instead of being met by Mrs. Orchard, he was greeted by California officers when he stepped from the train, clad in the regalia of a cowboy.

Winter Wheat Production Off

Department of Agriculture Forecast 14,000,000 Bushels Lower Than Last Year.

Washington, April 9.—Winter wheat production this year was forecast today by the Department of Agriculture at 572,317,000 bushels and rye at 75,754,000 bushels, compared with 586,204,000 bushels of winter wheat and 95,497,000 of rye last year.

The forecasts were based on the conditions of the crops April 1, which for winter wheat was 75.2 per cent of a normal, compared with 78.4 a year ago and 84.1 the 10-year average and for rye 51.8 per cent of a normal, compared with 59 a year ago and 58.8 the 10-year average.

Conditions of winter wheat on April 1 in important producing states follows:

Pennsylvania, 84; Ohio, 77; Indiana, 78; Illinois, 82; Michigan, 83; Missouri, 84; Nebraska, 64; Kansas, 64; Texas, 77; Oklahoma, 50; Colorado, 65; and Washington, 84.

The winter wheat area sown last fall was 45,088,000 acres, compared with 47,611,000 sown in the fall of 1921, of which 42,127,000 acres were harvested in 1922, while the rye area was 5,308,000 acres, compared with 6,219,000 sown in the fall of 1921.

Religious Service Broadcast by Radio from Station Here

Grinnell College also club, Omaha visitors Sunday, was the featured attraction on the Sunday night from radio station—WOAW, Woodmen of the World.

Dr. Frank G. Smith spoke on science's relation to religion and the Bible. Telegrams from friends of Dr. Smith in Toronto, Canada, signed Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Moore, Jr., said: "Have received your program very clearly. Appreciate message from Rev. Dr. Smith."

Program included Mrs. J. W. Arnold, soprano soloist; Mrs. Grace Denison Schaefer, piano soloist; Dale Marshall, baritone; Miss Florentine Moore, piano accompanist; Charles A. Gathwell, baritone; Mrs. John T. Cooper, piano accompanist; Laurence Dodds, baritone; Mrs. Laurence Dodds, accompanist.

Manager of Philippine National Bank Resigns

Manila, P. I., April 9.—E. W. Wilson, general manager of the Philippine bank, resigned Sunday, and Wencelao Trinidad, president of the bank, was appointed acting manager until a permanent manager is elected.

Governor General Wood, after accepting Wilson's resignation, said: "This change is purely a matter of internal administration and does not affect relations of the government to the bank or the bank's policy toward the business of the community."

Wilson's resignation, it is understood, was caused mainly by a difference of opinion as to the policy to be adopted regarding sugar centrals, and to a difference of opinion between the bank officials and the government auditors in connection with the losses suffered by the bank last year.

Births and Deaths.

Births.
W. L. and Pearl Graham, 2815 Binney street, girl.
John and Stella Socha, 2061 South 14th street, girl.
Thomas and Bernice Luczynski, 2414 South Twenty-ninth street, boy.
Domenick and Antonette Pistello, 2061 South Twenty-eighth street, girl.
Albert and Edna Kelly, hospital, boy.
Fred and Meta Hurd, 18 South 24th street, boy.
Emil and Ladina Ialima, hospital, girl.
John and Gusta Gardner, 4528 South Twelfth street, girl.
Harry and Amy Alden, hospital, boy.
Emmet and Madeline Cornell, 2124 Potomac street, boy.
Francis and Clair Matthews, hospital, girl.
Martin and Alma Hamann, hospital, boy.

Deaths.
George Mason, 2, 2152 St. Marys avenue, Henry Taylor, 45, hospital.
John Neidhart, 48, hospital.
George Onak, 80, hospital.
Fred G. Carson, 27, hospital.
Madre Madigan, 48, hospital.
Agatha Anderson, 22, Irongton.
Fred Lau, 55, Dresden hotel.

Marriage Licenses.
Marriage licenses were issued to the following couples:
Eugene P. Condinger, 26, Omaha, and Gladys Gibson, 26, Omaha.
Eugene H. Baecher, 21, Omaha, and Charlotte Henry, 20, Janesville, Wis.
Nathan Williams, 37, Omaha, and Iva Walsh, 22, Omaha.

Pershing Visits Old Friends Here



Gen. Pershing visits with old friends in Omaha. Sitting, left to right: Gould Dietz, Maj. Gen. Duncan, Gen. Pershing. Standing, left to right: Frank Judson, Charles Black, Eugene Eppley. The photo was taken at the Hotel Fontenelle Saturday.

Our Children

By ANGELO PATRI.
The Useless Good.
"I'm so sorry! It will be dull for little Clarence, I'm afraid, because the children went off early this afternoon and I've not seen or heard from them since. I'm sure they're out on the barnyard somewhere, if he'd like to go."

"Oh, no! Not at all. He won't mind being quiet. He's a very good child. Besides, we are not going to stay very long. Just ran over to see how you all were."

The ladies were soon seated with their work in the pleasant sitting room, and Clarence, perched on the edge of a big chair, his feet very close together and hanging stiffly, his hands folded piously, set a fine picture of a "good child."

"Wouldn't he like a picture book, or something?" asked his puzzled hostess. "Would he like to go into the playroom and see if there is something there he would like? Or perhaps he'd like to put on his sweater and look for the children."

"Oh, no! He's all right. He'll be perfectly good just where he is. I can take him anywhere," said his placid mother. Clarence said never a word.

An hour passed. The ladies sewed and chatted, and the child sat still, with scarcely a wiggle. His hostess cast an uneasy eye at him now and again, but she felt she didn't understand and that she'd better let the "good" child alone.

Then there came a thundering of feet and a slamming of doors. They fell upon the quiet like a tornado and rent it to tatters. The two children appeared, a boy and a girl. They were disheveled, dirt-begrimed, and daubed, face and hands, with red and yellow paint.

"Mother, mother! We've made the rooster on the barn work! Truly we have! Come and see, mother; come. He's whirling around like anything. Come!"

Mother's face flushed. They were a sight! Still she stood loyally by them. "Will you come and see the rooster whirling? He's the old fellow that perches on the barn weather-vane, and for years he hasn't worked," she asked pleasantly. "Wouldn't you like to see him, Clarence?"

"Of course we'll go if you are going," responded the visitor, and then for the first time in an hour and a half the perfectly good child moved. He slid off his chair and allowed his mother to ease him into his sweater and lead him to the barn.

There twirled the gay rooster. "We climbed up and there was a lot of dirt around him, and we dug it out and then we painted him. Doesn't he look grand?" asked the dancing children.

Beatrice Fairfax

Problems That Perplex

A Secret Marriage.
Dear Miss Fairfax: Back in 1917 I was secretly married, my husband leaving the next day for France, being over there until the fall of 1919. He returned to this country gassed and shell shocked. Until a year ago he was under the care of doctors. This left him without finances of any kind and he was compelled to start all over again.

He is now in a position to make me happy, having regained his health and occupies a position for \$6,000 a year. So that we will not have to do any explaining to my parents, who are very strict, we have planned to be married over again right after Easter, but I have been worried for fear we will run against legal entanglements. Not a soul knows we were married in 1917, and I am sure if my parents knew of it they would condemn the man, but as it was no fault of his that he returned from France in poor health and suffered for nearly two years thereby, and having to spend all of his money, I am writing to you hoping that you can help me out by telling me if there would be any legal objections to our being married again, that includes getting a license and everything else.

If you were married with a civil ceremony you can no doubt arrange with a clergyman to perform the religious ceremony. It will not be necessary to apply for a license, your first license and your certificate of marriage are sufficient.

Move Launched to Add to Supply of Box Cars

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.
Washington, April 9.—Steps to meet the future transportation needs of agricultural communities of the west and build up a car supply in that territory in anticipation of the demands for freight car equipment which will come this summer and fall for the transportation of crops, will be taken at a meeting of transportation officers of the eastern and southern railroads with the car service division of the American Railway Association at the association's headquarters in Washington.

Definite plans are expected to be determined upon and arrangements made for the prosecution of a systematic program by the carriers as a whole to insure the fullest cooperation of transportation service to meet agricultural and industrial requirements west of the Mississippi river.

Omaha Menorah Society to Hold Open Meeting

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First Lady of Land Observes Cherry Blossom Sunday

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Women's Meet Gets Unruly Way

Eight Conferences to Precede Convention of League of Women Voters.

By Associated Press.
Des Moines, Ia., April 9.—Eight pre-convention conferences were to be held today preliminary to the opening tomorrow of the fourth annual convention of the National League of Women Voters.

The pre-convention conferences are expected to develop a definite outline of the program and methods of work for the convention. Conferences on efficiency in government, child welfare, education, living costs, social hygiene, uniform laws, women in industry and international co-operation to prevent war will be held.

Two Tots Escape Death While Walking on Track

Dale Jensen, 5, 1924 South Sixty-first street, and Harriet Edgar, 4, 1618 South Fifty-sixth street, were found a mile from their homes Sunday after they had been missing for nearly four hours.

Mrs. Charles N. Robinson Dies at Her Home in Omaha

Mrs. Charles N. Robinson, wife of the vice president of the Byrne-Hammer Dry Goods company, died yesterday at her home in Knickerbocker apartments. She was born in Lockport, N. Y., in 1862 and lived in Omaha 23 years. She is survived by her husband; a son, George; and a daughter, Mrs. James H. Brown of San Diego, Cal.

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REEL REMARKS

By the M. P. Editor
"Grumpy," the lovable grouch with the heart of gold of the New York and London stage successes is on the screen at last. No one but Theodore Roberts is in the leading role.

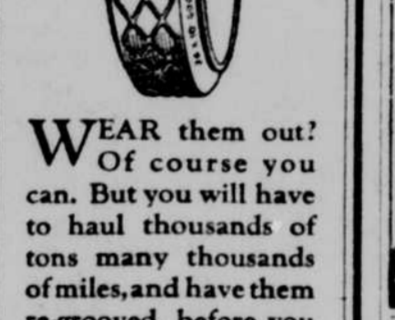
It took Johnny Hines a week to train an elephant to chase him across the countryside for a scene in Johnny's new comedy. But if the elephant finds out he's now a movie star he'll demand that he be fed in a trough of gold.

"The Legend of Sleepy Hollow" by that master of English style, Washington Irving, is to be made into motion pictures. Pardon! Our mistake. It is not.

Some movie magnate has bought the picture rights and is producing on the strength of the purchase a picture to be called "The Headless Horseman." It must be because no one ever heard of "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow." Some days we don't understand the pictures at all.

One of the prized "shots" in the possession of J. E. Williamson, inventor of the Williamson device for photography under sea, is a set of stills Alexander Graham Bell made last year when the famous inventor of the telephone visited the Williamson company on location in the Bahamas. Mr. Bell was interested in the device as something new in science and invention and in spite of his feeble health went down in the great tub and investigated everything. The "Wonders of the Sea" has since been finished by Williamson and includes the pictures of Mr. Bell.

Jack London's "The Abyssmal"



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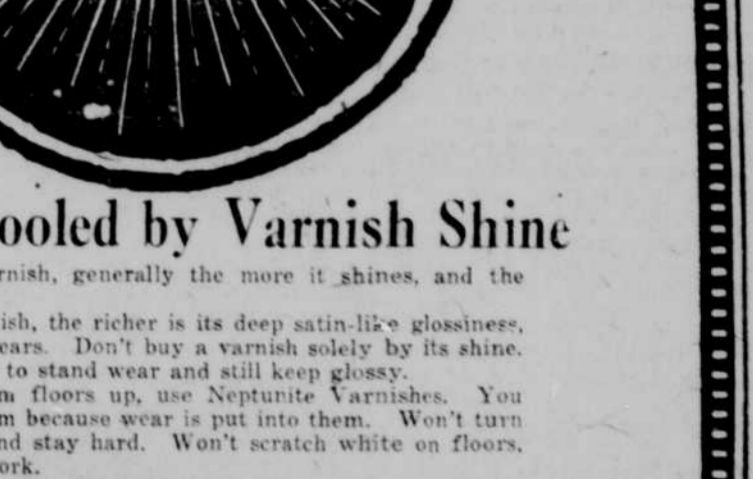
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