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W. J. WRIGHT

BAKER BRANDED BY LEGION POST

COLORADO POST DENOUNCES WAR SECRETARY FOR FREEING SLACKER.

The following article is taken from the Denver Post under date of December 11, and was sent to us by Henry Nevill, a former Rensselaer, but now of Limon, Colo.:

Secretary of War Baker was branded by Leo Leyden post No. 1, American Legion, Thursday night as "disloyal to the men who fought the war and too all other loyal citizens of the United States and therefore unworthy of any public office or trust."

Adoption of scathing denunciation of the secretary of war was the answer of the ex-service men to Baker's action in releasing Ben Salmon—Denver's yellowest slacker—and thirty-two other slackers who had been imprisoned for their refusal to serve their country in time of war.

The resolution follows: "WHEREAS: The gross inefficiency displayed by Newton D. Baker, secretary of war, in his conduct of the war department before, during and since the World war, has resulted in great financial, moral loss, and

"WHEREAS: The secretary of war has now released the notorious slacker, Ben Salmon and others, while men who served their country and were sentenced for minor breaches of discipline are kept in prison and,

"WHEREAS: Leo Leyden Post, No. 1, American Legion, considers that the secretary of war has offered a direct insult through this action to every man and woman who served in the military forces during the World war,

"BE IT RESOLVED, that the Leo Leyden post denounces and denounces Newton D. Baker and brands him as disloyal to the men who fought the war and to all other loyal citizens of the United States, and therefore unworthy of any public office or trust.

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the secretary of war, the president of the United States, our representatives in congress, the American Legion and the press."

Henry Ford is denounced. Resolutions also were authorized denouncing Henry Ford for his recent attack on the Jews and depicting the war record of his son, Edsel Ford; urging the authorities not to permit William D. Haywood, I. W. W. leader, to visit Colorado; urging the school board to establish a branch of the Opportunity School in North Denver for the Italian colony; indorsing the action of the American Legion Denver central committee in efforts to have the Fitzsimons general hospital transferred to the public health service; urging the adoption by every American Legion post of resolutions making Armistice day a real holiday.

Howard G. Wade suggested that the legion invite Haywood to speak at its smoker to be given in the Charles building next Thursday night, assuring him he would receive the warmest reception he ever experienced and that all funeral expenses would be paid, but the motion was turned down.

A committee was appointed to take charge of a new membership drive. The committee is composed of Mr. Wade, chairman; F. H. Talbot, E. R. Moylan, Rebecca Kelley, Lawrence Lewis, Henry Schultz, M. Packman, Harry Sullivan, D. J. Spahr, Capt. W. H. Smith and Henry A. Cowan.

Not only American legion posts, but ex-service men individually, are denouncing the release of Salmon and the other slackers.

"Who put up the money to buy Ben Salmon and his bunch of yellow slackers out of prison?" demands L. E. Brundage of Norwood, Colo., in a letter to The Denver Post. "Where is American patriotism going? What did the ex-service men do to have such an insult handed them after they had given up their homes and all to make this a decent place to live in?"

"Took Up Arms When War Broke. When Uncle Sam declared war on Fritz a bunch of us boys left here to take up arms; we didn't wait to be punched into service. We slept in wet dugouts, crummy barracks, built bridges, wire entanglements, roads, waded knee deep with heavy packs over half the soil of 'sunny France' and helped to knock hell out of Fritz besides. Then, to have a bunch like that handed us in return.

"After we got home we found all our worldly possessions had been stolen and carried off by the Ben Salmons left at home. Some of them went so far as to haul away the cabins the boys had on their homesteads. I guess it's all true what General Sherman said about war."

H. J. Black, formerly of Battery C, Eleventh Field artillery, Six division, who lives in Englewood, Colo., characterizes Salmon as "the lowest yellow-backed c—r whom 'Secretary of War Baker has honored by giving him freedom and good American cash."

CONFESSES TO \$3,000,000 THEFT

Negro From Akron, O., Arrested at Chicago, Admits Mail Robbery at Omaha.

9 MEN AND WOMEN IN GANG

Says He Was Robber Who Looted Mail Sack at Kokomo, Ind., and Escaped With \$70,000—Engaged in Other Hold-Ups.

Chicago, Dec. 16.—Edward Valentine, 30 years old, of Akron, O., confessed at the detective bureau to being one of the bandits who engineered the \$3,000,000 Omaha mail robbery last month.

He is declared to be the mail robber who looted a mail sack at Kokomo, Ind., last Friday, escaping with between \$50,000 and \$75,000 in money orders and negotiable checks. Part of the loot was found in his rooms, according to the police.

Valentine is also believed to have engaged in mail robberies in Sycamore and West Chicago, Ill., and St. Louis, Mo.

Woman Also Held.

Valentine was arrested in the home of friends at 4521 Evans avenue. With him was a colored woman, Miss Hazel Grubbs of Indianapolis, who is being held at Detention home No. 3.

High lights of Valentine's confession were:

That there were six white men, one white woman and three negroes in the bandit gang that executed the robbery.

That a William McDougall, formerly a wealthy business man of Des Moines, Ia., was their leader.

That he rode into Omaha on the robbed train and walked away unnoticed and unquestioned.

Woman Picked Up Bags.

According to Valentine's confession, he was in Cleveland several days before the robbery and there met a number of acquaintances, who invited him to join them in looting the mail train.

Valentine accepted, he said, and they went to Des Moines, where the whole thing was planned. Valentine said that he was one of the men who were aboard the train.

The woman, who Valentine named as "Thorn's sweetheart," was with a number of men in an automobile which drove parallel with the C. & Q. tracks, picked up the mail bags as fast as their confederates tossed them from the moving train.

Says Others "Squealed."

"After the robbery I went into the regular coaches and sat down," Valentine averred. "When we pulled into Omaha I got off. Nobody bothered me. 'We all met in Des Moines and divided up the stuff. There was \$300,000 in cash. Then we all scattered."

"I understand that Brooks and Morris and the woman were arrested and sent to the 'pen.' I suppose that's how you got me—they squealed."

The raid on the Evans avenue house was the result of a "tip-off" given to the detective bureau Monday.

Boy Tells of Other Thefts.

Council Bluffs, Ia., Dec. 16.—Fred Poffenberger, 19, who was sentenced last week to 18 years at the federal prison at Leavenworth for being the "brains" of the great \$5,000,000 mail robbery, has been identified as the leader in several criminal escapades.

Thousands of dollars worth of loot from box cars was found at the Poffenberger home.

His mother complained that he often came home drunk and whipped her.

NO WORD OF LOST BALLOON

United States Naval Aircraft Reported to Have Crashed Into Fork Mountain.

New York, Dec. 16.—The fate of the naval balloon which left Rockaway point for Canada on Monday afternoon with three passengers and which was reported to have crashed into the side of Fork mountain, near Wells, N. Y., is still uncertain. Officials of the Rockaway naval air station are without word from the crew, and had received no homing pigeons which were taken in the balloon. The crew, experienced aerial navigators, consisted of Lieut. Walter Hinton, a member of the crew of the NC-4 during its transatlantic flight; Lieut. Stephen A. Ferrell and Lieut. A. L. Kloor.

"The Bible says, 'Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.' The question occurs to me, what is Baker planning on doing to need the support of Ben Salmon? Salmon's business which is detaining him in Washington had best last for some time. I shall add to the statement of an unknown man that 'Ben Salmon had better not show around Denver or the ex-service men are going to make his life miserable.'"

MURRAY'S GROCERY.

Kaw's Best Flour

\$2.85

49 pound bag

Fancy White Potatoes

Bushel

\$1.25

Bag, 2 1-2 bushels

\$3.10

MURRAY'S.

BARKLEY TOWNSHIP COUPLE MARRIED

Mars Ott, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Ott of Barkley township, and Miss Lilly Price, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Price, were quietly married by the Rev. C. W. Postill at 10 o'clock this Thursday morning. They were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Lee Branson of Goodland, the latter a sister of the groom.

They are a popular young couple, and both have attended Rensselaer High School, the bride being a graduate of the 1919 class. She was one of Jasper county's successful teachers last winter, but was employed in Chicago during the last summer and fall.

They will make their future home on a farm belonging to the groom's father in Barkley township.

INDIANA CLUB BOYS AND GIRLS HAVE PRODUCTS WORTH \$441,867.00

Lafayette, Ind., Dec. 16.—The 21,349 boys and girls in Indiana, who were members of agricultural clubs in the state during the past year, produced products worth upwards of a half million dollars, \$441,867 to be exact, and earned a profit of \$218,411, the annual report of Z. M. Smith, state club leader, and supervisor of Agricultural Education shows. Of the 26,869 youngsters enrolled at the beginning of the season, just 80 per cent, or well above 21,000 carried their work through the summer on the high scale set by Indiana club leaders, and then made a suitable report. Practically every county in the state was represented the past year with one or more clubs, a total of 776 having been organized.

Gardening, as usual, was the most popular, with 224 clubs and 19,894 youngsters enrolled. The youthful gardeners earned a profit of nearly \$97,000, outstripping their nearest competitors, the corn clubs, by just \$75,000. However, there were but 987 corn club members enrolled. Sewing attracted 1,012 girls and baking only 156. The pig clubs drew 1,531 boys and girls, many of whom made enviable records.

During the year there were 33 potato clubs with an enrollment of 231. This was a new form of club work started this year which proved highly popular. The beef calf club was the only one which did not show a profit for the owners, due to the big slump in beef calf and cattle prices.

"We are not trying to get the biggest enrollment of any state," said Mr. Smith, "but we are trying to get a larger percentage to complete their projects. We have succeeded and last year when only 70 per cent finished up, this year we had 80 per cent or four in every five to carry their work straight through. This record is considerably above that of any other state."

Camilla Mansfield of Monnett school went to Milroy today to spend Christmas. Ruth Bates, also of Monnett school, is spending her vacation with her parents at Chicago.

BURNED ALIVE IN RAIL WRECK

Trainman Killed and 300 Passengers Have Narrow Escape in Accident at Penn Valley, Pa.

Trenton, N. J., Dec. 16.—One man was killed, one injured and 200 passengers narrowly escaped injury when the Southern express on the Pennsylvania railroad was wrecked at Penn Valley, Pa. near here. William Proch, of Philadelphia, a fireman, was burned alive in the hot ashes and scalded. George Gibbons of Virginia was the only passenger hurt.

OBSTACLES MEAN NOTHING IN THIS YOUNG MAN'S LIFE

Jess Wilcox, of Indianapolis, son of G. M. Wilcox, of this city, wanted to see the Morocco-Rensselaer football game—and he saw it.

The time was twelve-fifty Sunday morning and the place was New Jersey street, Indianapolis. The Monon train, arriving in this city at four-fifty-one, was due at Massachusetts avenue at one o'clock, and Massachusetts avenue is many a block removed from New Jersey street where our hero was frantically climbing out of his pinkies and into his street clothes. The outlook wasn't a cheery one for Jessica as he madly dashed down the street, for the precious minutes were slipping rapidly into history. But fortune smiled upon the gallant young man in the way of a taxi and he arrived at the flag station a minute before the train was due. He pounded madly on the door of the flag tower in his effort to arouse the sleepy nightwatchman, but the latter was not interested in young Mr. Wilcox and told him to do his own train flagging and to pay his fare after he got on the train. Jess had never flagged a train before in his life, but was willing to try. Securing an old newspaper, he applied a match to it and stationed himself in the path of the onrushing train. The trick worked and a few seconds later Jess found himself inside the warm, cozy coach, his arm beneath his head for a pillow, bound for Rensselaer, dreaming all the while of footballs and goal posts. And while this bit of by-play was being enacted, Rensselaer slept on, little realizing that one of her favorite sons was qualifying as the premier football enthusiast of all time near a dreary flag station in the middle of the night at the state capital.

And they do say Mr. Wilcox's expenses were paid by Morocco.

MARKETS BY WIRE.

(Furnished by The Farmers Grain Market, H. H. Potter, Mgr. Chicago, December 16, 1920)

Live Stock Market.
Hogs, receipts, 44,000; top, \$9.15.
Cattle, receipts, 10,000.
Sheep, receipts, 28,000.

Grain Market.
Mar. wheat opened at 1.58 and 1.59 1/2; closed at 1.58 1/2.
Dec. wheat opened at 1.66; closed at 1.64 1/2.

May oats opened at .47 5-8 and 3-4; closed at .47 1-8.
Dec. oats opened at .44 7-8; closed at .45.

May corn opened at .69 1/2 and .69; closed at .68 and .67 7-8.
Dec. corn opened at .68 5-8 and 1-4; closed at .67 1-8 and .67.

Thursday local grain prices were: Oats, 41c; corn, white and mixed, 54c; yellow, 57c; rye, \$1.30; wheat, \$1.60.

THURSDAY LOCAL PRODUCE MARKETS

Cream ----- 48c
Eggs ----- 70c
Hens ----- 20c
Fries ----- 20c
Cocks ----- 12c
Ducks ----- 22c
Geese ----- 30c
Turkeys ----- 35c

ONION MARKET.

Indianapolis Dec. 16, Indiana yellow onions, \$1.40 to \$1.75 per 100 lb. bag; white, \$1.75 to \$2.50 per 100 lb. bag.

Just received a car of West Virginia coal for the range. J. C. Gwin & Co. Phone 6.

Bernard Maloy, son of Dr. Bernard Maloy, of Chicago, who had been visiting with his grandmother, Mrs. James Maloy, went to South Bend today. Young Maloy will enter Notre Dame or St. Joseph College just after the holidays.

CELEBRATED NINETY-FIRST BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Nancy Knight was ninety-one years old Wednesday, December 15. The event was celebrated at the home of her grand-daughter, Mrs. Hugh Hurley, on the A. K. Yeoman farm west of this city. The daughters, Mrs. Sarah Platt and Mrs. Marion Cooper, and the sons, John Knight of South Haven, Mich., and James Williams of Jasper county remembered their aged mother with birthday gifts.

ENTERTAINS FOR BRIDE-TO-BE. Mrs. Wm. C. Babcock of College avenue gave a shower this afternoon in honor of Miss Gertrude Kannal. Miss Kannal will be married during Christmas week.

A car of West Virginia Range coal just received by J. C. Gwin Company, phone 6.

CALENDAR.

PUBLIC SALES.
Dec. 17—Lendert Mak.
Dec. 20—Floyd Amsler.
Dec. 22—Bates Brothers.
Dec. 28—Thomas Reed.
Jan. 11—Albert Linback.
Dec. 21—Earl Taylor.



---PRINCESS THEATRE---

MATINEE—2:30 NIGHT—7:00

TONIGHT

HARRY CAREY

—IN—

"Blue Streak McCoy"

There was a man in the land of Oz whose name was Job; and he was perfect and eschewed evil. Oh, ye mothers who would make angels of your children, harken to the story of little Job McCoy, known later in life as "Blue Streak McCoy." Many actors play dual roles, but in "Blue Streak McCoy" two actors play one role. Bennie Alex-

ander plays Job, the child. Harry Carey plays Job, the man. I knew him since he was knee-high to a duck and fight? Say he'd back a rattler right into his hole. That was Job's recommendation to the border rangers.

Also "International Current Events" 17c and 11c

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

Joseph M. Schenck Presents

Norma Talmadge

In the Greatest of Her Career

"The Branded Woman"

The most ambitious production from point of spectacular stagecraft in Norma Talmadge's career. From out of the past there came her mother's sin, to mock the right to love—to take what God had given—to snatch aside the veil that hid the Brand!

The soul of Purity dragged in the mire of a mother's cynicism—out of

the jeweled slough of degradation fought this beautiful girl; into the arms of the man she loved—to find the scarlet shame, the hideous blot of the past was to be washed away with tears and faith.

Mack Sennett Comedy "YOUTHFUL FANCY" 11c and 28c.