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FRAUD IS CHARGED IN INDICTMENTS

Five Million Stolen From the Government by Uniform and Cloth Concerns.

TIMBER ORDERED SOLD

Seventy Million Feet Will Be Disposed of—Lands Then Open to Homestead Entry and Sale to Settlers.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—Charged with extensive frauds in connection with supplying army uniform cloth, eight clothing manufacturers, two of their employes and a clerk in the quartermaster's department of the army, were today indicted by the federal grand jury here. Cloth used in the manufacture that is said to be worth \$5,000,000 has been stolen, and a nation wide plot to defraud the government is alleged to have been uncovered in connection with the indictments issued. The investigation will be carried to other cities to which the frauds are believed to have extended.

Will Sell Timber.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Seventy million feet of timber held by the Oregon & California Railroad Co. in western Oregon has been ordered sold by Secretary Lane of the Interior department. The order was issued because the company failed to carry out the terms of the contract under which the lands were obtained. These lands were granted to the railway company to aid in construction of the road, but the grant stipulated they must be sold in tracts of 160 acres at \$25.00 per acre. After the timber has been sold and logged off the lands will be disposed of by the government under the homestead and mineral laws.

Ship Workers Plenty.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Preliminary estimates of the results of the campaign to enroll 250,000 ship workers, show that the number will be largely exceeded.

Chamberlain Improving.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Senator Chamberlain, who underwent an operation for appendicitis a few days ago, is improving satisfactorily, and his physicians believe his recovery is assured.

Indian Slackers Arrested.

GOLD HILL, Utah, Feb. 21.—Troopers from Fort Douglas surrounded a company of Indians on the Goshute reservation, yesterday, when they arrested seven of the ring leaders in an uprising against the army draft. The Indians had refused to register and threatened the safety of Indian Agent Frank. Two of the Indian leaders escaped to the mountains.

Kills Wife and Suicides.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 21.—Don Van Dusen, a young Arizonian, meeting his wife on the street in the shopping district today, shot her five times and then turned the weapon against himself. The young wife died in a few minutes after the tragedy. Van Dusen was despondent over the separation of himself and wife.

WILL ESTABLISH SMALL SAWMILL NEAR WILBUR

Information was given out in this city today that W. L. and Thomas Cobb were contemplating the erection of a small saw mill on the Hardin Davis place about five miles from Wilbur, and that work on the mill would be started at an early date. It is understood that the new enterprise is to be established for the purpose of sawing small timber into ties and getting out other materials of various kinds. With the heavy demands being made on the lumber market at this time the venture will undoubtedly prove a big success and though not going into the business on an extensive scale, anything that resembles a sawmill will be welcomed to the community.

SPY ACTIVITIES RELATED BY AVIATOR

A communication was received in this city today from a young aviator in the 196th aero squadron, stationed at Lake Charles, La., in which the former tells a number of interesting tales of spy activities in the

army. The young officer states that he had been in the habit of buying candy—this luxury not being supplied in the army bill of fare—until a short time ago when he discovered a large quantity of ground glass in his candy and which was found in much of the confections sold near the army cantonment.

Another dastardly attempt to spread meningitis was allayed when a German agent was discovered in the act of emptying a bottle of meningitis germs in the army drinking water, his act being frustrated by the guard who shot and killed the fellow before the germs could be emptied. In order to take precautions the young officer stated that all drinking water is bottled since the above incident occurred. A number of brother officers and friends of the young aviator were lost on the Tuscania, 17 soldiers from his squadron alone having gone down on the ill-fated transport.

R. H. S. TO CONTEST STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

The Roseburg high school basketball team left this morning for Salem where they will participate in the basketball ball tournament for the state championship. The local boys won the championship title last year and hold the cup which they will defend and from every indication the honors will be won by the R. H. S. in 1918. It is said that 10 teams will contest in the tournament this year including many of the fastest teams in the state. Roseburg has a champion team this year, with every player a star and the best wishes of the basketball ball fans of the city are with the locals.

ARMIES READY FOR CLASH SAYS BAKER

Both Enemy and Allies Prepare for Battle After Long Preparation.

SHOCK TROOPS TRAINED

Huns Concentrate Cavalry in Vicinity of Riga for Advance on Petrograd—Turks are Defeated by Turks.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—After extensive preparations silently and systematically carried on, it is apparent that both the Germans and the allies are ready for the long-expected offensive in the west, Secretary Baker says today in his review of military operations for the week ending February 16.

"While there have been outwardly no new developments in the military situation in the west during the period under review," says the communique, "yet it is apparent that both the enemy and the allies, after extensive preparations which have been radically from that conducted along other fronts. Furthermore, the German higher command realizes fully that their forces will meet with far more difficult tactical obstacles than any hitherto encountered by an attacking army. A break through was possible in Russia only after the morale of the Russians had been undermined; the same was true in Italy and we witnessed how speedily the Italian line was mended.

"The concentration of a large body of German cavalry in the vicinity of Riga is noted and it is believed the Germans will find it expedient to advance on Petrograd. It is difficult to determine the exact status of affairs in southwestern Russia. The Russian contingents are evacuating the Armenian centers south of the Black sea which are being re-occupied by Turkish detachments. Trebizond will probably soon fall into the hand of the Turks.

"It is important to record that large contingents of Arabs are joining the forces of the sheik of Mecca who is co-operating with the British.

"The Arabs have defeated the Turks in two encounters, occupied El Marzeh, southeast of the Dead sea, and are advancing along the Hedjaz railway toward Mecca."

DISTRICT ROAD MONIES RECALLED

County Court Will Turn O. & C. Tax Funds Over to Treasurer.

LAWS COMPLIED WITH

Old Practice of Distributing These Funds to Various Banks is Discontinued—Will Necessitate Clerk Hire.

At a special session of the county court which was held yesterday it was unanimously decided to recall the district road funds derived from the O. & C. land grant tax, to the amount of \$64,000.00 which was deposited in various banks throughout the county, subject to the check of the county roadmaster, M. B. Germond to be utilized in liquidating road expense accounts and place the moneys thus obtained in the county treasury as required by law.

The distributing of these road funds to the bank nearest the district where they were to be used has long been the practice, with the exception of two years. From May 1, 1912, to June 1, 1914, the uniform accountant system was employed, but this form of depositing the funds was abolished by the legislature and since that time it has been the custom of the county officials to distribute the district road moneys among the various banking institutions, knowing that this procedure was the only really equitable and just manner to handle these funds, as the moneys rightfully belong in the district for which they are apportioned.

The county bankers feel that they are entitled to the use of a small portion of the county money to partially repay them for the work they are, in the natural course of events, compelled to do without remuneration; several complaints were received by the county officials, from banking institutions asking that some plan be adopted whereby they could continue the handling of these funds as in the past. However, if the moneys are recalled and turned over to the treasurer the court must, to comply with the laws governing this phase, hold themselves responsible for the full amount deposited, and this they are not willing to do, and therefore there is no other recourse. The moneys will be withdrawn from the county banks at once and turned over to the treasurer, who in turn will re-deposit them where he deems best. They will then draw two per cent interest.

While it is true that the law plainly sets forth that these road funds must be deposited with the treasurer, it is expounded by those close in touch with the situation, that in complying with the laws the county is placed at an unnecessary expense in clerk hire to handle the sending out of warrants to the respective road districts each month. Stamps and stationery will also be required. The distributed moneys, however, draw no interest, nevertheless, it is advanced on good authority that nothing can be saved by recalling the road funds in view of the expense the county will be put to in mailing out the monthly warrants. However, an order has been made recalling the funds and hereafter they will be turned over to the treasurer as is required by law.

R. H. S. INVESTMENTS ON INCREASE TODAY

Prof. H. O. Bennett of the Roseburg high school, reports the grand total of liberty bonds, war savings stamps and thrift stamps to be \$8,333.25, this amount being the investments of the teachers and pupils in the high school. According to Prof. Bennett the sales yesterday and today have been splendid and a general patriotic wave is imminent, the teachers and student body all seeming over-anxious to add their bit. Three names have been added to the honor roll in the Rainbow division of the Roseburg schools, Miss Lois Cobb heading the list, having invested \$100, with Clifford Sherrill and Myrtle Ball each investing \$50. The Rainbow division is steadily increasing and the children are taking a vast amount of interest in the project.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Faulkner and little child left this afternoon for their home at Eugene after visiting for a few days with the former's mother in this city. They just recently returned from Palm Beach, Florida, where they enjoyed several weeks' vacation.

DIES IN FRANCE.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—A message from General Pershing announced the death of George E. Parrish, of Twickenham, Ore., who died from pneumonia.

14 QUALIFY GENERAL MILITARY SERVICE

The following is the result of the physical examination that was held at the armory yesterday under the supervision of Dr. E. B. Stewart, physician of the local exemption board:

Qualified for general duty—Orville Henderson, Walter G. Russell, Lew Orr Calhoun, Jake Bowers, Amerigo Perini, Charles A. Reese, Stuart E. Comer, Chester E. Grazer, Sylvan B. Baragar, Thomas C. Bates, Frederick H. Sands, Arthur Reavis, William Earl Parker, Levi E. Asker.

Registrants rejected—Guy Williams.

Referred to medical advisory board—Grover M. Post, John Preston Grubb.

Referred to other boards—Dominico Calirio, Lloyd McAbey.

Failed to appear—Edward A. Stewart.

Appealed to medical advisory board—Lloyd C. Kruse.

Total examined—18.

20 RECRUITS GIVEN PHYSICAL TEST TODAY

The following is the result of the physical examination held at the armory today:

Qualified for general duty—Floyd E. Smith, Sylvan Burroughs, Frank L. Woodward, Victor Oleson, Luther R. Royer, Reed Kamp, Frank M. Marketta, Harry E. Haines, Carl J. C. Rasmussen, Chas. B. Minor, Roy Erickson, Lloyd C. Kruse (passed by medical advisory board), Glenn H. Taylor (passed by medical advisory board), John P. Grubbe (passed by medical advisory board, limited service), Grover N. Post (rejected by medical advisory board).

Transferred to other boards—Howard W. Kemp, Nicholas A. Bahlsman, Sylvester Starr, Marlin E. Redfield, Andrew R. Petersen.

Failed to appear—Arthur Parrish, William H. Taylor, Benjamin R. Ansness.

Total number examined—20.

AGED CRAZY MAN ALLOWED TO GO NORTH

Sheriff Quine received a message before the arrival of train No. 14 this afternoon that a passenger traveling on this train had all the symptoms of a crazy man and that an officer was wanted upon his arrival in Roseburg to take charge of the fellow. When the train pulled into the depot at 1:40 this afternoon the sheriff was on hand to take charge of the demended individual, but upon close examination it was found that he had been standing on the front rail of some California bar with that frequency that makes a fellow see double and when he got across the line and found he was in a dry state almost went blind. He was allowed to proceed north.

U. S. WANTS A BIG LOT CANNED SALMON

(By Associated Press.)
PORTLAND, Feb. 21.—Salmon packers all over the coast have been notified by the administration to hold for government use all the canned salmon on hand. The government is said to require 300,000 cases, therefore has stopped sales in the market until the quantity needed has been secured.

AUSTRIANS DESIRE PEACE WITH THE U. S.

(By Associated Press.)
AMSTERDAM, Feb. 21.—Premier von Seydler is being urged by the Austrian socialist party to open peace negotiations with the United States.

President Wilson's statement of principles being used as a basis of endeavor to bring about satisfactory conclusion.

TESTIMONY FOR DEFENSE CONCLUDED

Seventeen Witnesses in "Hog Case" Were Examined by Attorneys Yesterday.

TRIAL PROGRESS RAPID

Taking of Plaintiff's Evidence Was Commenced This Morning—Kohlhagen Employes Swear Delivery of Hogs Not Made.

Good progress was made in the now celebrated "hog case" which opened in the circuit court yesterday, wherein George Kohlhagen, the plaintiff, has entered suit for the collection of a certain promissory note in the sum of \$767.10 with accrued interest against W. W. Cardwell, a well known attorney and rancher, with his wife, Emma P. Cardwell, as a co-defendant in the action. Seventeen witnesses, the major portion summoned by the defense, were examined and cross examined by the opposing attorneys and were in the afternoon Mr. Kohlhagen took the witness stand.

The plaintiff practically gave the same testimony as offered in the previous trial at which time an action was brought against W. W. Cardwell, personally, for payment of a promissory note. The defendant then claimed to have liquidated the note in question and partially paid the one now being sued against, by the delivery of 36 head of dressed hogs. Mr. Kohlhagen, however, emphatically denies that he or any of his employes received a consignment of hogs as represented by the defense, and that while he was absent from the shop on March 1, the day the delivery is supposed to have been made, it would have been utterly impossible for the hogs to have been left at his place of business without his knowledge of the fact.

The testimony for the defense was all in before court adjourned last evening and this morning with Attorney Hermann conducting the cross examination, many witnesses for the plaintiff were called.

E. C. Benson, of the Douglas County Creditors Association, to whom the notes in controversy were turned over for collection by Mr. Kohlhagen, told his meeting Mr. Cardwell on Jackson street at which time the defendant was seated in his automobile. The witness stated that he accosted Mr. Cardwell and informed him that Mr. Kohlhagen was insistent on settlement of the notes. To this Mr. Cardwell is alleged to have made some "go to" remark and drove on. Later, according to the witness he solicited the aid of Deputy Sheriff Raffety and the two motored to the defendant's ranch for the purpose of serving a writ of attachment, levying on a quantity of dried prunes then stored in out buildings on the ranch property. Here Mr. Benson, substantiated by evidence furnished by Mr. Raffety, who followed him on the stand, gave testimony intended to prove that the "cardboard" the defense claims was tacked in the "tower house" on which the weights of the hogs were noted at the time they were prepared for delivery was not there at all.

Mr. Benson said the "tower house" was visited by both he and Mr. Raffety and that they looked the place over minutely in search of tacks with which to put up the writ of attachment notice and that they did not see the much discussed cardboard.

"Are you willing to swear at this time that the cardboard was not in the tower house?" Interrogated Attorney Hermann, cross examining the witness.

"I do. We looked every place," was the prompt and ready reply. In answer to another question from the counsel, the witness gave an itemized account of the contents of the building as he remembered them.

T. A. Raffety's testimony was in substantiation of the preceding witness.

Miss Alice Mann then took the stand, and upon direct examination stated that she was a bookkeeper by occupation and for the past six years has been employed in that capacity at the Economy meat market, owned by the plaintiff in the case at issue.

"Were you employed at the Kohlhagen market prior to March 1, 1917, and immediately thereafter?" asked Attorney Eddy.

"I was," replied the witness, and continuing, Miss Mann related the duties of each of the employes of the shop. She further stated that a record was kept by her of all deliveries of meat made to the market and entered in books maintained for that purpose.

"What was the largest number of hogs delivered to the Kohlhagen

market on any one day?" inquired Attorney Eddy.

Here an objection was raised by Attorney Hermann, who held that the question was irrelevant. Judge Hamilton immediately interposed with "I think it is proper," and replying to this question the witness stated that 18 was the largest number of hogs ever left at the shop by any one person. "Don't often have that many in one day," added the witness.

Miss Mann stated that she was acquainted with both W. W. Cardwell and his son, Murray, and that at no time did she see them deliver any hogs to the Kohlhagen market. However, she admitted that at the time the defense claims the delivery was made (about noon) she was absent from the shop for lunch.

The shop books were then displayed and the witness explained the system of entries relative to the receiving of consignments of meats, etc., and finished her testimony by saying that during her absence from the market that had the hogs been delivered as contended by the defense that one of the meat cutters would have received the consignment and entered same on the day book, where it would have been found by her upon her return from dinner.

On cross examination Miss Mann was subjected to quite a severe grilling at the hands of Attorney Hermann, who endeavored to tangle her testimony by comparing the evidence offered by her at the previous trial with that just submitted. Miss Mann, however, in answer to some point blank questions fired by the cross examiner, stated that if her testimony before did not correspond with that of now it should, or words to that effect. Anyhow her statements at this time were correct.

Fred Neuriter, Victor Short, James Kookken, Charles Ritzman and George Haefling, who at the time

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HUNS CONTINUE TO PUNISH RUSSIANS

Advancing Toward Petrograd and Little or no Opposition Encountered.

1000 CARS OF PLUNDER

Vast Stores Taken by Germans, Including Five Thousand Motor Cars—German Aviators Control Air Over Americans.

(By Associated Press.)

ASSOCIATED PRESS WAR LEAD, Feb. 21.—German armies will probably advance in Russian territory until an authenticated copy of the message of surrender is received, and this is said to be on the way at present.

Premier von Seydler has declared that Austria-Hungary will not aid Germany in a renewal of war against Russia.

The French on a long front in Lorraine, yesterday, rushed the German trenches and captured over 400 prisoners. United States troops successfully checked another German raid last night, but German aviators are in control of the air over the American sector.

Capture Vast Stores.

BERLIN, Feb. 21.—The town of Rovno has been cleared of Russians, and a railway train of about a thousand cars, laden with food stuffs taken by Germans, many airplanes and an incalculable amount of war material was also taken from the Russians at this point. Five thousand motor cars were among the plunder secured by German troops.

Germans Advancing.

LONDON, Feb. 21.—German troops having occupied Dvinsk, are now advancing toward Pskoff, 130 miles southwest of Petrograd. The Huns have also occupied Hapsal, Esthonia, and are pushing toward Mohilev.

Bomb Russian Towns.

PETROGRAD, Feb. 21.—German airmen raided Regitsa, dropping many bombs and killing several people, Wednesday. Hun troops are moving toward Vitebsk, Minsk, Pskoff and Reval.

AGED WOMAN BREAKS ARM.

Mrs. Drake, of Myrtle Creek, who spent last night at the W. A. Smick home in this city, accidentally fell down the stairs this morning as she was descending, breaking her arm and receiving a number of painful bruises. At first it was thought her injuries were more serious, but upon careful examination by the attending physician it was found she was otherwise unharmed and the broken arm was set.

Mrs. Drake is 72 years of age and it will be some time before she fully recovers from the accident.

JURY'S VERDICT IN FAVOR MRS. HILLYER

Defendant in Action Makes Personal Argument—Adhered to Evidence.

MAY APPEAL THE CASE

E. C. Benson, to Whom the Hillier Note Was Assigned, is of Opinion Rice & Rice Will Carry Matter to Circuit Court.

Following arguments by attorneys in the case of the Douglas Creditors' Association, representing Rice & Rice, who sued to recover \$125 alleged to be due on a promissory note executed by Mrs. Hillier, and a statement to the jury by Mrs. Hillier, the issue was submitted for decision at about five o'clock last evening. The feature of the argument was the unusual procedure of Mrs. Hillier presenting the case to consideration of the jury. For about ten minutes the defendant in the action held the attention of the jurors, and those who heard her argument state that it was a clever address, the lady confining herself strictly to the evidence adduced, speaking in even and well controlled voice, and evidently making a decided impression in her own favor. Lawyers who heard the address warmly praise the lady for what they concede to have been a masterly effort, and the dignity and womanly bearing of Mrs. Hillier was highly commended by all those who heard her.

The \$125 claimed by the plaintiffs represented a certain commission alleged to be due from Mr. Emil, whose property was sold through the firm of Rice & Rice to the defendant, Mrs. Hillier, for the sum of \$2600. An initial payment of a few hundred dollars was made by the latter. A deed was to be furnished in 30 days. But the owner of an undivided half interest refused to sign a deed, or at least no deed has been secured, although the transaction took place in May of 1917. Discovering the facts in the case, Mrs. Hillier refused to pay the note, which she had given, until her deed was forthcoming. Rice & Rice denied any obligation to supply the deed, maintaining that their connection with the deal ceased when the property changed hands. Mrs. Hillier refused to pay the note, alleging that she had not assumed the obligation incurred by Emil, who was a client of Rice & Rice, but that it was merely that much more paid on the purchase price of the land, therefore the action at law to collect.

The jury retired and from a statement made later in the evening, the first ballot showed that Mrs. Hillier had four votes and Rice & Rice two. The second ballot stood exactly the same. After a short time in discussing the merits of the evidence, another ballot was taken and all six of the jurors voted in favor of the defendant. Less than half an hour was required in which to arrive at a verdict, and immediately after rendering a decision the jurors were discharged.

It was stated today by E. C. Benson, manager of the creditors association, that Rice & Rice have 30 days in which to take an appeal, but that it was not yet decided what would be done, but he was of the opinion that the matter would be carried to the circuit court.

CAMP LEWIS HAS LARGEST SOLDIERS

CAMP LEWIS, Wash., Feb. 19.—"A camp of big men in fine physical condition, located at one of the most ideal spots for military training in the country" is what Brigadier General Helmick of the inspector general's department found at Camp Lewis. He said this in an interview after week's inspection. He said "The men's spirits are splendid and results obtained from the training have been very satisfactory. Their physical fitness compares favorably with any camp in the country. I find the men of the northwest are big husky fellows, who require extra large overcoats and large shoes." He said the men had no grounds for complaint.

INSPECTS LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL

Assistant State Superintendent F. A. Carlton, of Portland, arrived this afternoon and is making an inspection of the local high school. Mr. Carlton is especially interested in the teachers' training course, and inspected this important department. The superintendent will leave this evening for Eugene where he will look after official business matters.