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ALBERS, GERMAN AND PRO-GERMAN, GUILTY

Head of Big Milling Concern At Portland Convicted On Two Counts.

JURY OUT SHORT TIME

The Plan of Drunkenness Carried No Weight—Much Evidence Presented to Show Albers was Enemy of America.

(The Associated Press.)
PORTLAND, Feb. 5.—The jury in the case of J. Henry Albers today found the defendant guilty on two of the seven counts in the indictments charging him with violation of the espionage law. Sentence has not yet been pronounced by the court. The jury was closed only about three hours after the case was closed, and during that time went out to dinner, indicating that they had little difficulty in arriving at a verdict of guilty.
The maximum penalty for sedition on each count under which Albers was found guilty, is a fine of \$10,000 and twenty years in prison. The jury brought in a sealed verdict, which was read in court today shortly after ten o'clock, and the federal judge granted a thirty days stay. A new trial will be asked, and pending developments of the case Albers was released on ten thousand dollars bond, the same as he was under while awaiting trial.

Albers was convicted on evidence secured against him by Deputy U. S. Marshall Frank Tichenor while enroute north from a visit to California, several months ago. Albers, who was president of the big flour milling concern of Albers Brothers, was extremely noxious, it was shown by the evidence, in his utterances toward the United States, and took no care to conceal his pent up hatred of the land where he is alleged to have amassed a vast fortune. Although under the influence of liquor, which he evidently secured on the California side of the line, he was not helplessly drunk, as he attempted to prove, but is believed to have been just sufficiently intoxicated to care little about discretion and merely expressed his real convictions. The news published the facts of his conversation at the time, and the verdict was found in accordance with the testimony of several reputable witnesses who heard the man. Other evidence introduced showed that Albers had shown himself pro-German on several occasions, even visiting a German war vessel as guest of the officers, before this country entered the war. Albers is a native of Germany, and has lived in the United States a quarter of a century, and in association with his brothers has built up an immense business on the coast.

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One case of influenza a day, has been the record since the first of the month. Yesterday was no exception and today and quarantine notice is posted on the home of Linn Pearson. The cases at present seem to be very light and no serious results are anticipated. There are now nine cases under quarantine in the city, five of these having been reported since the first of the month. Dr. Shoemaker, City Health Officer, is well pleased with the situation and believes that the epidemic is about done. No precaution, however, is being neglected and the ban is still in force insofar as it pertains to the strict quarantine of patients and certain public gatherings.

BUNK CAR BURNED AND BELONGINGS ARE LOST

Late Saturday evening fire broke out in the bunk car of the S. P. Company bridge and building gang, standing on a crane siding at Rice Hill, and before the flames were controlled, destroyed two cars and burned away one end of the cook's car. There were only three men in the camp at the time, and they were in the cook's car. The fire, when discovered, was well under way, and although heroic efforts were made to save the personal belongings of the men belonging to the crew, the work was in vain. One of the men was quietly attempting to rescue clothing and bedding from the bunk car. The

flames rapidly spread to the next car, and from there to the cook's car. A car of oil standing at the north end of the spur was threatened, and a section gang coming along just in the nick of time, assisted in laying a few rails and the combustible produce was pushed out of the danger zone on this improvised track. Several of the workmen lost all of their personal belongings, including quite a lot of war savings stamps held by some of them. Fourteen men were bunking in the car, each having his personal locker, where extra clothing and valuables were kept. Every vestige of the two cars was burned excepting the iron and steel in the trucks.

SPORTSMEN WILL FIGHT HOUSE BILL

A delegation of local sportsmen left this afternoon for Salem, where they will "fight to a finish" against House Bill 120, which is being promoted by the lower river fishermen. There is a strong delegation at the present time, lobbying for the cannery interests and it was deemed imperative that local sportsmen get into the ring, if they desire to see the measure defeated. This bill if passed, it is alleged, will give the cannery a complete monopoly on all Umpqua River salmon and none would be allowed to reach the upper waters for the purpose of propagation and in a few years they would be extinct. Those leaving this afternoon were D. R. D. Bar, Chester Fisher, Frank Dunn, Earl Pickens and John Alexander.

AGUSTA, WOUNDED TAKES OWN LIFE

Fear of Slow Death in Woods Caused Wounded Man To End Life.

NO INQUEST IS HELD

Fall Over Small Bluff Caused Accidental Discharge of Rifle, the Bullet Shattering the Shoulder Blade of Deceased.

After shooting himself accidentally Frank Acosta, whose body was found 16 miles above Tiller Monday afternoon, shot himself through the head with a revolver, in order to put an end to his sufferings. Before ending his life he left a note saying, "I have shot myself and cannot live," then crawled to a nearby log, pulled his revolver and put a bullet through his brain.
Coroner M. E. Ritter returned this afternoon from the scene of the accident and said that the evidence was very plain that death was self-inflicted and that it resulted more from fear than any other reason. Acosta was out visiting his traps and had established his camp about 16 miles from Tiller and had evidently started out early in the morning to hunt. He fell over a bluff about six feet in height, located a quarter mile from his cabin and in doing so his rifle was discharged, the bullet entering the left armpit, coming out between the shoulder blade and the spine. The bullet had split and tore a large hole, shattering the shoulder blade quite badly.
There was little danger of death from such a wound, it is believed, but the injured man evidently became frightened and fearing a slow death in the woods decided to end his life. He crawled about 75 feet, went resting himself against a log, took out his revolver from its holster and put a bullet in his right temple.
The body was found by a party of searchers who had become alarmed at his absence and had gone to look for him. The note was identified by a number of people as being his own writing and the evidence was perfectly clear so that an inquest was not necessary.
The dead man was 47 years of age and had spent the last 21 years in the Tiller district. So far as is known he has no relatives and had never been married. The body was brought out to Tiller where the funeral was held this afternoon.

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BIG PLAN FOR WORK UPON THE HIGHWAYS

Contracts Are Let Including Expenditures In Southern Oregon Counties.

DOUGLAS IS BENEFITED

Soldiers and Sailors Be Given Preference Over All Others—Gloom Settles Down In Seattle—Strike Occurs Tomorrow.

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PORTLAND, Feb. 5.—Contracts have been awarded by the highway commission for eight road building projects which will cost over a million dollars. Included in the plan of highway improvement are extensive expenditures in Douglas county, as well as in Benton and Jackson. An experiment in construction will be made with camps for discharged soldiers only, and the first of these, where returned fighting men will be given preference over all others, will be established in Morrow county. Work will be expected for thousands of men, and it is provided that this great undertaking will put practically all of the idle men in the state at work within a short time.

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FISH BILL IS UP FOR HEARING TODAY

House bill No. 120, published in full elsewhere in today's News, is scheduled to come up for hearing this evening at Salem, at which time it is expected the bill will be fully aired. Local sportsmen are strongly urging the defeat of this measure and a delegation left this city last evening for Salem to be present at the hearing which will be held late today, among them being ex-County Commissioner B. F. Nichols, A. C. Marsters, S. C. Crouch, Chas. A. Stark of Sutherlin, and a number of other citizens of the county, who have the best interests of the upper Umpqua in mind. It is also thought, a representative from Oakland accompanied the delegation.

BANK ASSISTS IN SCHOOL CLUB WORK

The Umpqua National Bank has offered to furnish to industrious school children, money with which to purchase a pig or brood sow for the pig club, if they desire to take up that project of the Industrial Club work. The club work is divided into three sections, the raising of a brood sow, fattening, and raising pigs for breeding purposes. According to the

PLAN BIG CELEBRATION

Harry Pearce today started in circulating a petition which is meeting with a hearty response and which is raising funds for the purpose of a big celebration for the Roseburg boys of the Sixty-fifth, and all other soldiers and ex-soldiers of the community. It is planned to have a holiday declared, call out the band, have speeches by prominent men and wind up the festivities by a dance free to all men in uniform. It is planned to make the home coming of the boys an event long to be remembered.

County Club Worker, Wilfred Brown, there is a great deal of interest being displayed and many would like to go into the pig club, but lack the funds with which to start. The bank now agrees to relieve the situation by advancing the money to those needing it to enter. An examination will be made to ascertain whether or not the work can be done successfully and if so and proper guarantee can be obtained, the money will be loaned.

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MUSIC CLUB HAS DELIGHTFUL PROGRAM

The Roseburg Musical Club last night held a most delightful program at the home of Miss Frances Parslow, in a study in Scotch and Irish music. Preceding the program a short business session was held and afterwards the guests enjoyed delicious refreshments and a short social time. The program was as follows:
Characteristics, Scotch and Irish Music, Miss Kinser.
Vocal solo, Loch Lomond, Vernita Kohlhausen.
Vocal solo, Annie Laurie, Mabel Bryan.
Piano solo, Scotch Tone Picture, Dorothy Veatch.
Vocal solo, My Laddie, Frances Parslow.
Vocal solo, Believe Me If All Those Endearing Charms, Allie Black.
Vocal solo, Kathleen Mavourneen, Mattie Lee Stephenson.
Vocal duet, Mother Machree, Eva Rice and Stella Krohn.
The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Wm. Bell.

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ROSEBURG BOYS VISIT FORTRESS

German Fortification Explored By Julius Riddle and Friends.

AMERICANS CURIOUS

Germans Lock All Gates and Doors Securely But Yanks Manage to See Everything of Any Important Interest.

EHRENBREITSTEIN, Germany, Dec. 18.—Dear Mother: The celebration is just about all over except the shooting, as the 163rd has dug in for the winter, and you know that Uncle Sam couldn't do anything without us, so it must be finished. Where did we finally land? Just across the Rhine river from Coblenz, and for the remainder of our Germany days we have hopes of staying right where we are, we have a real home and all that goes with it. We sit here in a large German barracks, and have a whole building for our justly famous company. The room I am in has 8 men in it, we each have a BED with a heavy spring mattress, a stool and a big steel locker for our clothing. The room is wide enough to put the eight beds all along one side and have room between them. They take up less than half of the width of the room. Our lockers are on the other side, and in the center there are two big, long tables, add to that the large coal stove and electric lights and you can see that we have a home that is a home; and our mess hall and kitchen. After several months of a field range and the rainy side of nothing, they are a paradise. A large coal range for cooking and an entirely separate room for meat and storage room. Then when we move in on the oats, after the tin horn sounds "soup" there is everything on the table and all we have to do is to eat it. We owe the Dutchmen some thanks for leaving us these quarters if for nothing else.

COURT WILL NOT MAKE STATEMENT

Decline to Report Success or Failure of Meeting With Highway Commission.

CONTRACTS AWARDED

Chairman R. A. Booth Now Preparing Statement of the Proposed Road Work to Be Carried Out in Douglas County.

Declining to make any statement in regard to the success or failure of their meeting with the State Highway Commission, the county court met in regular session today. They stated that R. A. Booth, chairman of the Highway Commission, is preparing a statement which will be given publicly in a few days, and will detail the plans for road work during the coming summer and will settle disputes which have been arising for some time.
Contracts were let for the grading of the Pacific highway between Drain and Yoncalla and between Glendale and the county line through what is known as stage coach pass. The fact that this improvement is to be made evidently proves that the court was successful in its efforts to keep the present route of the highway through Glendale instead of the detour planned by the commission. The two stretches of road to be improved will total a length of over ten miles and when finished will be ready for hard surfacing. Both pieces of road are among the worst portions in the state and during the bad weather are almost impassible. The proposed work will cost several hundred thousand dollars and will add greatly to the value of the highway as it will make it passable under all conditions.
The court in its session today had little of interest to consider, the routine of allowing bills occupying most of the time.

MANY OPPONENTS TO BIRD RESERVE

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 5.—Proponents of a big irrigation project planned for Eastern Oregon, with Malheur Lake as a basis, have promised to give lively opposition to the bill by Representative McFarland, of Portland, proposing to give Malheur lake to the United States government for a bird reserve. This action was recommended by Governor Withycombe in his message to the legislature.
That the people are of more value than birds will be the plea of the irrigationists who claim their project would reclaim the Malheur lake country for farms for men and women and should take precedence over any game and sporting project. They declare that the bird reserve bill would kill the irrigation scheme.