

## TALESMEN ARE REFUSING TO SIT AS JURORS

ETTOR AND COMPANIONS MAY HAVE TO GO FREE.

FEAR OF BLACKHANDERS BELIEVED THE CAUSE

Great Numbers of Prospective Jurors Refuse to Sit—Defense Forfees Ultimate Freedom of Defendants While State Claims That Talesmen Are Being Intimidated Greatly.

Salem, Mass., Oct. 2.—That wholesale refusal of talesmen to qualify as jurors eventually means the discharge of Joseph Ettor, Arturo Giovanetti and Antonio Garuso, tried for the murder of Anna Lopizzo, a Lawrence striker, is predicted by the defense attorneys. Scores of talesmen testified of inability to act because of confirmed beliefs that the accused men are innocent.

"We don't think," said one of the attorneys for the defense, "that the remaining talesmen can supply enough men to fill the box. If the case is suspended until another venire is called, we will ask that the prisoners be released on bail."

District Attorney Attwill believes the talesmen are being intimidated. "Something," he said, "is radically wrong, perhaps the talesmen are alarmed by the appearance of black-hand letters and reports that members of the Industrial Workers of the World will resort to violence."

William D. Haywood, organizer of the Industrial Workers of the World, was in court when today's sessions opened.

REBELS SLAY YANKEE CONSUL  
Mexico City, Oct. 2.—American Ambassador Wilson has been notified that Mexican rebels Sunday night, murdered the American Vice Consul Allen McCaughan, stationed at Durango, and two other Americans. The report was received from Consul General Ham at Durango. Rebels headed by Louis Caro, raided a ranch owned by an American named Cliff and killed Cliff, McCaughan and Herbert Russell, another American, manager of the ranch. No details are in telegram except that Federal troops are pursuing the rebels.

ROOSEVELT HOME AGAIN.

Feels Great, He Says—Will Testify Before Senate Committee Friday.

Washington, Oct. 2.—Roosevelt arrived this morning for a brief stop. He said he felt great. He reaches New York at 3 o'clock this afternoon and will return here tomorrow night. He appears before the senate campaign contributions investigation committee to testify Friday.

Fire Prevention Congress.

New York, Oct. 2.—A notable exhibition of the latest inventions in fire prevention and protection and safety and life saving devices was opened in Madison Square Garden today. The exhibition embraces samples of fireproof building construction, fire alarm systems, automatic sprinklers and fire extinguishers, motor fire engines and a wide variety of fire escapes and safety devices. In connection with the exhibition there will be held a firemen's tournament and an international conference to consider fire prevention, protection and extinguishment.

## Old Paper Aids Himes

SECRETARY OF HISTORICAL SOCIETY PLEADED.

WAS PRINTED IN 1856

Baker Man Contributes Valuable Historical Data to Mr. Himes.

Statistics valuable to historians of Oregon have been gleaned in Baker by George H. Himes, secretary of the Oregon Historical society, who came to Hot Lake last Sunday to attend the Editorial Association meeting, and who has been to Baker since then. Mr. Himes was in the city last evening on his way to Portland and decalres he found some very valuable historical facts in an old copy of "The Spirit of the Age," a former periodical now survived by but a few copies. This was printed March 6, 1856 and contains many facts and stories that help sweep the Himes display at Portland. It was donated by a man of Baker to the society.

Mr. Himes has more history on the tip of his tongue than any other man in the state, it is safe to say, and that he will profit by his Baker find was warmly attested by the veteran historian at the Sommer.

Jim Corbett Better.  
Philadelphia, Oct. 2.—James J. Corbett, actor-pugilist, former heavyweight hampon of the world, is better today. He was operated on for appendicitis.

## SELECTION OF JURY IS EASY

INDIANAPOLIS TRIAL NOT TO BE DELAYED.

Witnesses Already Ordered to Report, a Jury Being Evident.

Indianapolis, Oct. 2.—It is believed a jury to try 48 members of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers, being tried for conspiracy for illegally transporting dynamite, will be completed by night. As the likelihood of a jury increased, both the defense and prosecution started to notify witnesses to come to Indianapolis.

Among the witnesses ordered to report here were Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, and William J. Burns, who directed the investigation which led to the return of indictments against the union men.

Taft Lays Cornerstone.

Boston, Mass., Oct. 2.—President Taft came in from his summer home at Beverly today and laid the cornerstone for the new home erected in Huntington avenue for the Boston Y. M. C. A. In addition to President Taft the chief participants in the exercises were Bishop Lawrence and Arthur S. Johnson, president of the association.

New Jersey Christian Endeavorers.

New Brunswick, N. J., Oct. 2.—A large attendance marked the opening here today of the 26th annual convention of the New Jersey Christian Endeavor union. The initial session was held this afternoon in the First Reformed church and was devoted to reports from officers, special workers and department superintendents. The sessions will continue over tomorrow and Friday.

Moscow Man Arrested.

Portland, Oct. 2.—J. A. Lynch was arrested here on request from Moscow, Idaho, authorities, on a bad check charge.

## CONVICTS AT RAWLINS LYNCH NEGRO FIEND

WHEN ANGRY MOB IS CHECKED THE CONVICTS ACT.

ASSAULT OF AGED WOMAN MEETS DEATH

Overpowering Prison Guards and Turnkey, Convicts at Rawlins Hang Negro to Ceiling—First Taken to Jail But Mobs Menaced Officers—Man Chopped Down Later.

Cheyenne, Oct. 2.—Frank Wigfall, a negro who assaulted Mrs. Julia Higgins, aged 76, at Rawlins Monday night, was lynched by convicts of the state penitentiary at Rawlins today. Wigfall was captured last night and placed in the county jail. A mob surrounded the jail, threatening to lynch Wigfall but they were dispersed.

At the door of the Higgins home he overpowered the aged woman and assaulted her.

After he was captured and brought to jail at Rawlins, mobs led by prominent citizens, armed with shot guns, surrounded the jail. Wigfall was transferred to the penitentiary at Rawlins, but 300 convicts heard he was brought in and this morning overpowered the guards and turnkey and released the negro, fastened a rope about his neck and tied the other end to a railing 50 feet above the main floor. They then hurled Wigfall over the side. The negro fell 25 feet and his neck snapped.

Wigfall was chopped down later.

## BALKAN WARS NOT OBJECTED TO BY RUSSIA

IS BELIEVED SEVERAL STATES HAVE SUPPORT.

TURKEY TAKES STEP THAT MEANS WAR IN BALKANS

While France and Other Powers Are Working for Peace, It Is Believed That Russia Is Secretly Setting Two or Three of the Balkan States on With Warm Promises.

AEROPLANES DO SCOUT WORK.

Buda Pest, Oct. 2.—Dispatches from Sofia say Turkish aeroplanes were sighted scouting along the Bulgarian frontier today.

Paris, Oct. 2.—Acting in concert with other powers, France is continuing her official efforts to promote peace in the Balkans. Russia is the only nation whose sincerity is suspected for it is doubted, in official circles, if either Bulgaria or Serbia would have gone so far if they had not been assured Russia would back them against any Austrian or German aggression in the event of a general conflict.

Servia's Demands Ignored.

Constantinople, Oct. 2.—Refusing Servia's demand to surrender Ser-

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## Past Month Permits Big

In the face of detrimental conditions, building operations for the month of September kept pace with an average month for the year with a total expenditure for new homes and improvements that aggregate \$18,350. This is not on a scale with some of the heavier months but lack of carpenters to do more, is one drawback. The remarkable building permit totals for the year thus far have represented the full capacity of the builders and other structures would have gone up had contractors been free, but instead, the usually heavy operations commenced earlier in the season were not completed during the month of September.

Several comfortable residences have been started during September. Mrs. Para L. Thornton commenced a \$1,500 residence on Oak street; R. A. Crawford commenced a little \$700 cottage on U avenue; F. M. Jackson started a \$1,500 residence on Sixth; D. R. Tanner commenced a \$1,500 home on Second; W. B. Branner is building a \$1,500 home on Adams; the City of La Grande commenced its new city office building, improvements to cost \$7,500; Wm. Sweal on East O, did repairs to the extent of \$250; J. J. Walls made repairs to the extent of \$250 on Y avenue; R. S. Clapp repaired his residence on Fourth street to the sum of \$200; S. G. Bradshaw, on North Maple, built a \$500 structure and S. M. Slough is building a \$2,000 home on M avenue. The total is \$18,350.00.

"At home to our many friends," is the polite manner in which Mr. Imahiser, manager of the La Grande Grocery company, now addresses his friends. The new building is completed and the wholesale grocery house is moving into one of the most commodious buildings of its kind in the northwest. It has a large full basement and the top story constructed of brick is finished in the most modern manner. Trackage facilities are splendid and the whole plan of the structure is one that enables the handling of goods with the last possible effort. The building is 50x116 feet, which gives a large floor space. The office department is well lighted, equipped with all labor saving devices and is a very busy place.

G. H. Rush, the contractor, really made a record in construction work on this building and is able to turn it over to the owners at least fifteen days before they expected it. Those who watched the building progress say it shot up almost like magic for Mr. Rush transferred the entire force from the Foley building and made every minute count in the work.

In speaking of the future outlook for business, Mr. Imahiser said today: "La Grande is all right. Our business started off better than we expected and it has been keeping up a wonderfully rapid pace. Yes, we are well pleased and we are glad to be able to say to all our customers that we have made an investment in a building here that we are proud of."

## Lady Eiena Free Again

RUSSIAN COUNTESS - MURDERER RELEASED.

CRIME MANIA STRONG

Woman Touted as the Most Beautiful Criminal in History Freed.

Rome, Oct. 2.—After having served less than half of her eight years' prison sentence, the Countess Marie Tarnowski, often spoken of as the most beautiful and captivating queen of the great criminal adventures of history, has been pardoned by the Italian government. The announcement of the pardon has aroused much interest and not a little public criticism of the actions of the authorities in setting at liberty a woman who, in the language of Prof. Rossi of Genoa, the distinguished alienist and psychologist, is suffering from "a diabolical malady which makes her unanswerable for her acts, and who should be so confined as to prevent her from injuring others or herself."

For two years the woman has been confined in prison in Venice on a charge of murder. With her two lovers, a Moscow lawyer and a young Russian official, she was convicted in 1910 on a charge of successfully conspiring to murder her husband, Count Paul Kamarovski, in 1907. The charges were based on the accumulated evidence produced through an

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## VAST EARNINGS IN COAL DEAL

FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND EARNED BY \$50,000.

Charges Against Alaska Contractor Air Startling Facts.

Tacoma, Oct. 2.—John H. Bullock, president of the John J. Seeno company of Nome, testified today that his company paid \$400,000 dividends on a \$50,000 capitalization in 1907 or 1908. He is on trial with Charles E. Houston, of the Pacific Coast Coal company, charged with conspiracy to defraud the government in coal contracts for coal to an Alaskan army post. Bullock denied the allegation of the government that he had been in consultation with Houston and the late Captain Jarvis over coal bids.

HORSE KICK FATAL.

Pumpkin Ridge Resident Dies From Kick From a Horse.

Several La Grande people yesterday attended the funeral at Summerville, of the late Conrad Stetzing. Mr. Stetzing sustained the injury Saturday and died the following Wednesday, with funeral services yesterday. Those who went from here, being related and intimate friends of the deceased, were: Olof Lottes and wife, Mrs. Stetzing, Mr. Schilling and daughter, Conrad Stetzer. The deceased was the father of John Stetzing and Mrs. Haeker, of Pumpkin Ridge.

Wedding Ends In Fight.

Lisbon, Oct. 2.—Five were killed and 20 injured in a fracas breaking out in connection with wedding festivities of Don Juan Perea, a wealthy cattle breeder at Melgaco, today. Royalists and Republicans were discussing politics and resorted to automatic pistols and stiletos. The militia was called to quell the fight.

## CONTRIBUTION QUIZ AIMED AT PROGRESSIVES

DIXON ACCUSES THE SENATE COMMITTEE OF "GAME."

SHARP CLASHES BETWEEN DIXON AND MEMBERS OCCUR

Charging the Committee With Aiming Its Investigations at the Progressives Alone, Dixon Gets Into Trouble Frequently—Tells of Campaign Expense Fund Needs.

Washington, Oct. 2.—James J. Cannon, president of the Fourth National bank of New York, was the first witness called before the senate campaign contributions investigating committee today. Cannon testified he audited the books of the late Cornelius N. Bliss, treasurer of the Republican campaign in 1904, and said he knew nothing of campaign contributions in 1904 or 1908.

Senator Dixon followed Cannon. His testimony was marked by repeated clashes with committee members. He admitted he solicited funds for the Progressive cause. Dixon demanded to know how deep the committee intended to probe, saying:

"I want the committee to probe other campaign funds, besides those contributed for Roosevelt's fight. The impression is general that the investigation is directed against the Progressive presidential candidate. Why not investigate Wilson?"

When asked if he was not advised the committee intended to investigate the campaign contributions to all parties, Dixon said: "I most certainly was not."

Dixon said he did not keep books as the money was expended as fast as received.

"We were up against a powerful machine," said Dixon, "with thousands of dollars behind it. We are unorganized and desperately in need of money. During the four months fighting, however, we received dollar contributions." Dixon said, "and know only from hearsay of attempts made at Chicago to change votes of certain delegates." He vehemently denied Roosevelt leaders used money to buy delegates. Referring to the pre-convention campaign, he said progressive campaigns were conducted in some states, while in others there was no fight to make.

"It was like a movement," said Dixon, "where the people rise up to battle for a righteous cause. We made no campaign in Wisconsin believing we would be given the LaFollet delegates."

Added verification to John D. Archbold's testimony that the Standard Oil contributed \$100,000 to Roosevelt's 1904 campaign was given the senate campaign contributions investigating committee by George Sheldon, treasurer of the Republican national committee in 1908. Sheldon said today the contributions was under Mr. Archbold's name. Other contributors, Sheldon said, were J. Pierpont Morgan, Henry Frick, and George Gould, who each gave \$100,000.

SULZER MAY BE NAMED.

Dix Falls Behind the Congressman in Democratic Convention.

Syracuse, N. Y., Oct. 2.—Congressman William Sulzer is leading General Dix in the gubernatorial nomination race at the Democratic state convention here. Tammany men deny Charles F. Murphy will interfere at the last moment.