

NEW THEORY IN LAWLER BOMBING

EVIDENCE INDICATES THAT
CHAS. H. MCGUIRE WAS
THE PERPETRATOR

SUSPECTED MAN KILLED HIMSELF LAST NIGHT

Had Been Removed Administrator
Of an Estate Through The In-
fluence of Lawler and Had Threat-
ened Revenge—Jumped From
Eleventh Story Window.

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 7—New
evidence today increased the ap-
parent guilt of Charles H. McGuire,
assistant engineer in the municipal
department of public works, who
committed suicide last night by
leaping from the eleventh story of-
fice of District Attorney Woolwine
when informed that he would under-
take to throw Howard twice in an
hour and thirty minutes. The terms
of the match are winner take all, in-
cluding the purse of \$200 which the
two principals put up, and the total gate
receipts.

Twenty Believed to Have Been Lost in the Sinking of Schooner

HALIFAX, Aug. 7—Twenty are
believed to have been lost when the
schooner Galia sank in a collision
with the British steamer War Witch.
The schooner is believed to have
carried a crew of fifteen and a dozen
passengers. Only seven survivors
are reported. The collision which
happened near St. Pierre is supposed
to have been due to a fog.

Case Against Packers to Be Laid Before the Grand Jury in 3 Weeks

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7—The
government's case against the meat
packers will be placed before the
federal grand jury in Chicago in
three weeks. Both civil and criminal
prosecution will be instituted. The
packers will be prosecuted under
the food control act against hoard-
ing of food supplies.

BATTLESHIP OREGON BACK IN THE FLEET

BREMERTON, Aug. 6—The bat-
tleship Oregon will be put back into
commission and sent to San Fran-
cisco. President Wilson will prob-
ably review the Pacific fleet from
the Oregon.

Senators Demand An Investigation of the Conditions in Mexico

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
WASHINGTON, Aug. 7—The
senate-foreign relations committee at
a special meeting tomorrow will con-
sider the demands of several senators
for a general investigation of the Mex-
ican condition.

VETERANS GET FINE WELCOME

PORTLAND GREETS RETURNING FOURTH ENGINEERS.

Home Coming Heroes Had a Wonder-
ful War Record, Participating in
Four Major Engagements.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
PORTLAND, Aug. 7—The 435
members of the Fourth Engineers, who
are mostly Oregon and Washington
men, are given a rousing welcome
and entertainment on their arrival in
Portland today.

These men have a wonderful war
record and carried guns as well as
trucks and food in our line of the
major engagements of last year. Fifty
of these number were killed in action.

LANE COUNTY MAN HELD FOR MURDER

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
EUGENE, Aug. 7—Martin Clark
was bound over to the Lane county
grand jury after a preliminary hear-
ing, charged with the murder of Chas.
L. Taylor, road supervisor who was
shot to death in the mountains while
on a hunting trip with Clark.

FREBERG TO GO AGAINST HOWARD

BIG WRESTLERS WILL MEET HERE ABOUT AUGUST 15.

Challenger Comes Back With Offer
of Handicap, After Howard
Refuses Finish Match.

Perfeit money amounting to \$200
was posted with the Observer today
by John Freberg and Mike Howard,
two noted heavyweight wrestlers, for
a match to take place in this city
about the 15th or 16th of August, Fre-
berg agreeing that he would under-
take to throw Howard twice in an
hour and thirty minutes. The terms
of the match are winner take all, in-
cluding the purse of \$200 which the
two principals put up, and the total gate
receipts.

Freberg's challenge to Howard for
a finish match, published in the Ob-
server Tuesday evening, was refused by
Howard yesterday, on the grounds
that the challenger was not allowing
him time enough to prepare for a
match with so strong an opponent.
Freberg was anxious for the match,
however, and called at the Observer
office this morning to announce that
he would undertake to throw Howard
twice in an hour and a half and that
he would post \$100 in cash as a forfeit
in case he should fail to do so. He put
up the cash and before press time
Howard heard of the new challenge
and promptly accepted it, posting \$100
to bind his part of the bargain. John
E. Anderson, acting for Howard, signed
an agreement with Freberg on the
terms and rules of the match.

Freberg left today for Boise, where
tomorrow he will witness a match be-
tween Marin Plastina and Romanoff.
He will return to La Grande again in
a couple of days. Freberg left his
home city, Chicago, Saturday last, on
his western trip to fill a date to meet
Ed. "Strangler" Lewis in San Fran-
cisco the 20th of this month. Knowing
Howard to be spending the summer
months in La Grande, he came here on
the way to get a match if possible.

Howard, a fine wrestler, has never
before been offered a handicap, and
never has asked for one. Freberg's
second challenge, therefore, was some-
thing he could not overlook, although
he had planned to engage in no con-
tests previous to Labor Day, which
is September 1.

Senior Singles Nearing Finals in "Y" Tennis Tournament Now On

Three battles took place on the
Y. M. C. A. tennis court last night
before dark and three more of the
senior contestants were eliminated.
Melvin F. Boice defeated A. N. Min-
ton in two straight four game sets,
4-2, 4-3; W. H. Short took two
straight sets from Cecil Ballou, 4-3,
4-6 and then Ted Larsen took Leslie
Bennett into camp, 4-0, 4-2.

The match between Miss Mary
Groupe and Miss Mima Cooper was
not completed last night due to the
senior singles. These promising
young lady tennis players will play
off their match Saturday afternoon.
Following this battle Saturday
afternoon Mrs. H. E. Dixon will
play the winner and then it will
be up to Mrs. A. W. Nelson to play
the winner for the championship.

Mrs. A. W. Nelson defeated Miss
Geneva Smith in two sets, Tuesday
afternoon, 6-0, 6-1.
Stewart Lynch and Waldo Stodard
dropped into Arthur Thompson and
Ted Heldebreich Tuesday night and
after a poor start in the first set
they began their team work and the
other two sets along with the junior
doubles championship went with
ease. The score was 1-6, 6-4, 6-2.

Tonight there will be two red hot
games. J. L. Cramer will play W.
H. Short and Ted Larsen will take
on Melvin F. Boice.

FLAGSHIP AT CORONADO BEACH

SAN DIEGO, Aug. 6.—The flagship
New Mexico, with Admiral Rogman,
and other dreadnaughts of the Pacific
fleet, anchored off Coronado beach
this morning.

CLAIM ALL HIGHWAYS PLUNDERED

ATTORNEY FOR BROTHERHOOD GIVES STORY OF SYS- TEMATIC ROBBERY

SAYS IT LEADS FROM WALL STREET, MORGAN, ET AL.

Eighty Thousand Shopmen Are Now
Out and The Situation Is Becom-
ing Hourly More Acute—Mid-
western Roads Accept Freight
Only as Subject to Delay.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7—Glean
Plumb, of Chicago, a lawyer repre-
senting the railroad brotherhoods,
said today that there has been "systematic
plundering of all public transporta-
tion highways in the country."

Plumb told the house committee
that the information led from Wall
street, and the Morgan and Rocke-
feller banking houses.

Strike Situation Discussed
WASHINGTON, Aug. 7—Director
General Hines conferred with the
president today, discussing the
strike situation. Eighty thousand
shopmen are now out and the situa-
tion is becoming hourly more acute.

Freight Subject to Delay
CHICAGO, Aug. 7—The middle
western railroads are accepting
freight only subject to delay due
to the striking shopmen.

PLANES READY TO WATCH FIRE

EIGHT MACHINES IN THE FOREST PATROL UNIT

Headquarters Will Be Established at
Salem, Eugene and Roseburg,
in Western Oregon.

MEDFORD, Aug. 7—Four of the
eight army planes which arrived last
night left today for the north under
command of Major A. D. Smith and
expected to reach Salem today and
arrange for aerial forest patrol
throughout the state with head
quarters at Salem, Eugene and Rose-
burg. Six of the planes arrived
yesterday from Sacramento and two
from Salem.

WEATHER FORECAST

PORTLAND, Aug. 1—For Oregon,
fair except showers and thunder
storms; cooler in extreme eastern
portion; moderate westerly winds.

LOCAL SAILOR MADE TWENTY-SIX TRIPS ACROSS ATLANTIC

Johnnie O'Connell, son of Mr. and
Mrs. J. P. O'Connell, of this city,
arrived home yesterday with his dis-
charge from the navy after a period
of service dating from April 11th,
1917. He served as a radio electric-
ian on the South Dakota and made
thirteen round trips on the Atlantic
on her, covering a total mileage of
150,000 miles. During seven months
of his enlistment period he was on
South American duty, visiting Brazil,
Argentina, Uruguay, and Central
America, also. On trips to Europe
he visited England and Portugal.
The young sailor, who is barely
seventeen years of age, will remain
at home "with the folks" for some
time, at least.

CATO JOHNS JR. PUT IN CHARGE

YOUNG MAN HEADS GRAIN BUY- ING CONCERN.

Warehouse at Hot Lake Will Be
Opened in a Week—Prelimin-
aries Now Being Arranged

Cato Johns, Jr. succeeded his father
as manager of the grain buying con-
cern heretofore managed by Cato
Johns Sr. Mr. Johns is well known
in eastern Oregon and his promo-
tion to this position of responsibility
is highly gratifying to his many
friends. Like many other young
men of the past two years, he has
borne his share of the burdens of
the war. He was a member of a machine
gun company of the Fourteenth in-
fantry and was in the service twenty-
two months. He received his discharge
but a few weeks ago and since that
time has been at the Johns family
ranch near Hermiston. He came
over to La Grande yesterday to get
things in motion for the coming
grain season. Tomorrow he will go
to Baker on a similar mission. Mr.
Johns will have the district com-
prising Baker, Union and Walla-
walla counties and his principal head-
quarters will be at Hot Lake. He
expects to have the warehouse at
that point open and ready for busi-
ness within a week. He will be in
the market for all kinds of grain
in any quantities that may be of-
fered.

HUNGARY AGAIN OVERTURNED

PARIS, Aug. 7—The peace con-
ference has learned that the Hungar-
ian cabinet, headed by Jules Peidl,
has been overthrown and that Arch-
duke Joseph has established a min-
istry in Budapest.

Roumanian forces are reported to
have crossed into the business section
of Budapest and are seizing supplies
for shipment to Roumania.

STOCKS OF FOOD HAVE INCREASED

AMOUNT IN STORAGE TWENTY PER CENT GREATER THAN ONE YEAR AGO.

SPECULATIVE PURPOSES GIVEN AS THE REASON

Law of Supply and Demand Is Not
Working, Says the Report of the
Federal Trade Commission—Stocks
Apparently Held Awaiting Hunger
to Boost the Prices.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7—Although
prices of practically all important
foods have shown a substantial in-
crease during the last year, stocks
of food held in storage are twenty
per cent greater than a year ago, ac-
cording to the report of the federal
trade commission. Government
stocks are not included in this com-
parison.

"This apparently means that stocks
are being held speculatively for a
world demand which is not now here
but is expected when hunger impels
strivers to secure higher wages with
which to pay higher prices," the
report says. "The law of supply and
demand is not working."

PLANS LAID TO TREAT 'EM WELL

Should the baseball fans of Enter-
prise manage to get a special train
to La Grande next Sunday when the
baseball team of that city comes
here to play the local Ad Club nine,
the visiting Enterprise men will be
royally welcomed. The Executive
committee of the Ad Club at its meet-
ing last evening authorized negotia-
tions with the O-W band to be at
the depot when the special arrives
and play musical airs. Members of
the club and business men generally
are urged to hang out the sign of
friendship and greet the visitors.

To a great degree the Enterprise
team is composed of merchants and
professional men of Enterprise, and
the Ad Club has seized upon the
opportunity to treat the visitors
right.

Word received from Manager A.
W. Hawkins at Enterprise, this after-
noon revealed Manager Severson of
the local team that the train was
cinched and half the required tickets
had been sold.

The train, according to present
schedule, will arrive at noon, and
the visitors and the ball team will
spend the afternoon here.

GREAT PAGEANT AT SAN DIEGO

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
SAN DIEGO, Aug. 7.—The city to-
day witnessed the greatest naval page-
ant in its history when Secretary Dan-
iels reviewed the Pacific fleet. Thou-
sands of visitors were present and
5000 sailors were given shore liberty.

FRUIT IN NEED OF MOISTURE

COOL WEATHER HAS BEEN OF GREAT BENEFIT.

Stock Is In Good Condition Over the
Greater Part of The State
But Feed Is Drying Out

PORTLAND, Aug. 7—In many
parts of Oregon peaches and apples
are small at present because of lack
of moisture and insufficient thin-
ning, according to the weekly
weather report and crop bulletin of
the local weather bureau. Irrigated
apples, however, are good and
peaches are ripening in increasing
quantities, the report says. Bartlett
pears are ripening and a few have
been shipped from Josephine county.
Picking of blackberries continues.

The past week was relatively cool
in the western counties though there
were a few high temperatures in
the southern and eastern counties.
There was considerable cloudiness
and some light sprinkles of rain
Thursday was higher than usual, re-
sulting in a lessened rate of evapora-
tion. Water in springs and streams
continues to decrease. The shortage
of irrigating and stock water is
quite serious in places.

Harvest of winter wheat is com-
plete in some sections of the state
and progressed with little interrup-
tion in others. Threshing is well
under way. Harvest of spring wheat
and oats is under way except in the
more elevated districts. Most small
grain crops are matured but some
late spring wheat on higher ground
may have benefited by showers in
eastern counties. The growth of
corn was retarded by high tempera-
tures in recent weeks. In the
warmer districts irrigated corn is
making growth except where water
is scarce. Unirrigated corn needs
rain.

Stacking of the first crop of al-
falfa has been completed in Decatur
county, the yield being good. Cut-
ting of the second crop is in pro-
gress in many localities, the crop be-
ing generally good except where
there was insufficient water. Some
third crop has been cut in the
warmer districts. The late cuttings
are being materially reduced by lack
of water. Pastures and ranges are
dry. There is still good feed on the
higher ranges but elsewhere it is
becoming scarce. Stock is still in
good condition over most of the
state but in some sections is being
moved out owing to lack of feed and
water.

Tomatoes are ripening in most
localities. Melons are ripening in the
warmer districts. Beans are gener-
ally in good condition. Hops promise
good yields. Potatoes and gardens
need rain but have been helped by
cool weather. Forest fires have been
less troublesome, owing to low
temperature and high humidity and
in some localities have been checked
by showers.

HIGH COST TO BE THE THEME

PRESIDENT WILL ADDRESS CON- GRESS TOMORROW.

Opinion Is Given That Executive Has
Plenary Power to Deal With the
Railroad Workers' Demands.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
WASHINGTON, Aug. 7—The Pres-
ident's address to congress tomorrow
will be confined to matters pertaining
directly to the high cost of living.

Secretary Tumulty said that it is
believed that the President will take
up at this time further questions on
coming railroad wages and rates. The
senate interstate commerce committee
informed the President it believes he
has full plenary power and authority
to deal with the new demands of the
railroad workers and that no addi-
tional legislation is necessary to meet
the situation.

4TH STREET OWNERS GET CONCESSION

THOSE WHO PAY ARREARS TO DATE WILL HAVE SEVEN YEARS ON THE BALANCE

AD. CLUB COMMITTEE MEETS COMMISSION

Ask to Have Special Committee Ap-
pointed on Water Supply for Fu-
ture—Commission Moves to Await
Report of Engineer Kelsey Before
Taking Any Definite Action.

A compromise between the prop-
erty owners in the Fourth Street
improvement district and the city of
La Grande was effected last night
when the city commissioners decided
that they grant a concession to the
property owners who are in arrears
of payment on their street improve-
ment assessments by allowing all
who will pay up their assessment
arrears to date ten years less the
time which has elapsed since the
first payments became due. The re-
assessment was made three years
ago and the property owners will
therefore have seven years to finish
paying. This action was taken by
the commission following receipt of
the consent of the Warren Construc-
tion Company, who hold the war-
rents which the city issued in pay-
ment for the work.

Special Committee Asked

Appointment of a special com-
mittee of citizens to take under con-
sideration the problem of securing
an adequate water supply for the
city was proposed to the commission
by the Ad Club committee recently
appointed by President Condit to
co-operate with the city officials on
the water question. Commissioner
McKenna expressed it as his opinion
that whereas the city had hired
a special engineer to look into the
problem and were paying him hand-
somerly for the job there was nothing
else necessary until he should make
his report. There was some dis-
cussion of the matter and the com-
mittee was not appointed.

Communication From Engineer

A letter from Engineer Kelsey
was read by the recorder in which
Mr. Kelsey stated that the extension
of the Beaver Creek pipe line up the
stream to a point which he had
selected, 500 feet above the present
intake, would increase the flow to the
pipes by 200,000 gallons a day, or
thirteen per cent of the present flow.
This, he said, would help to relieve
the situation temporarily, but it
would not be sufficient for an ade-
quate permanent supply. He stated
also that he would come down to La
Grande the latter part of the month
from the water shed, where he has
been working for some time, and
would then make definite sugges-
tions.

On the suggestion that the intake
be moved up stream, C. J. Black
water superintendent, told the com-
missioners that if this were done
there would be a valuable supply of
water lost from a spring which is
located just above the present in-
take. Dr. Brownlow, president of
the board, also declared that if this
were done it would be necessary to
move the intake on Coal Creek up-
stream in order to keep the pressure
equalized. Coal Creek supplies the
best water that comes down to
the city, said Dr. Brownlow,
although its volume is not large.

The commissioners, anxious to
hear something from the engineer at
once, suggested that the city man-
ager try to have him hasten his visit
to La Grande and come before the
end of the month.

The meeting of the Beaver Creek
flow of water to the city reservoir
was talked over but no action taken
on the suggestion.

Will Take Up Bonds

The report of the treasurer, pre-
sented with the reports of the vari-
ous departments of the city received
in the meeting, showed that there
was a cash surplus of \$47,527.63 on
hand. This amount will be used
next to take up improvement bonds
and Beaver Creek pipe line bonds
due this month. The report of the fire
department showed an extra large
number of calls answered last month.
The reason for this was said to
be an unusually dry season and the us-
ual fire works on July 4th.
The request of the fire chief for
a fourth man on his staff was
brought up again, having been laid
over last week. His men, he
said, are needed to twenty-four hours.
The matter was discussed for some
time and no definite action was
taken.

Vacation Correspondence

Vacationhurst

Dear Pal
Well Bill I'm
getting along beautifully
but if this 'ere day
spell keeps on much longer
what'll happen to us men
they all look so withered now

There is a girl
stopping at this place
that reminds me so much
of Clara my sister. How
about my paper? Your Old Chum
Jimmie

SOFT DRINKS ONLY
ICE CREAM SODA
POPCORN
ROCK BEER

A FELLOW MIGHT AS WELL BE DEAD

IT'S TERRIBLE

NOBODY KNOWS HOW I'VE SUFFERED

FRESH THING! MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS