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STARMERGETS THREAT FROM AN "I. W. W."

Letter Claims Brumfield Is
Getting Treatment Too
Good for Him

SHERIFF TEARS UP THE LETTER

Brumfield Still Refuses to
Discuss the Crime—Wife
Also Avoids Mentioning
Murder.

ROSEBURG, Aug. 23.—Sheriff
Starmers received a letter today signed
by "I. W. W." from Portland, threatening
death to the sheriff for alleged good treatment of Dr. Brumfield, who is held for the murder of
Dennis Russell.

The threat was penned in red ink
and said members of the I. W. W. would
invade Roseburg several million strong.
The sheriff tore up the letter saying, "let them come." He
denies that Brumfield had been favored
in the way of jail treatment.

Dr. Brumfield yesterday passed an
exciting day in the county jail and last
night was extremely nervous and paced
the floor of his cell like a caged animal.
He was interviewed by newspaper men
this morning and some personal questions
asked of him caused him to fly into a rage.
He would not talk to another newspaper
man on any subject. He was willing to
answer all questions except those concerning
the murder.

The moment the subject drifted in
that direction he would attempt to
change it and when he was unable to
do so he would get fighting mad and
scream his answer, "I can't remember."

At the conclusion of the interview
Dr. A. F. Stier was brought to the
jail by Attorney Rice, representing
Brumfield. The prisoner's physical
condition is not the best as the result
of some spoiled meat fed to him
Sunday. Dr. Stier also inspected
the jail and said that the quarters on
the upper floor where Brumfield was
first placed are not as desirable as
those below where he is now staying.

Sheriff Starmers removed Brumfield
to the lower floor, he said, in order to
eliminate all danger of someone shooting
at the prisoner. On the upper
floor the window in the room in which
Brumfield was held was in plain view
of nearby streets and the officers
feared someone might take a shot
through the window. In the cell where
he has been placed it is impossible for
anyone to see him without permission
of the sheriff.

Mrs. Brumfield appeared at the
jail early yesterday morning with her
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INDIAN, DRUNK, HAS WILD TIME

Movies Outdone When Top-
enish Indian Gets Liquor
in Pendleton Saturday.

PENDLETON, Aug. 2.—A wild
west scene that would make the movie
look tame was staged in Pendleton
and environs Saturday night with
the benefit of a camera to record
it when the police finally rounded up
George French, a "bad" Indian who
formerly lived at Toppenish, Wash-
ington.

French, who was drunk, is said to
have held up Francis Johnson, 14-
year-old son of Dick Johnson, at the
outskirts of town.

Following the holdup, French is said
to have hurled the boy to the ground,
then he pummeled him, tore his clothes
off, and inflicted a cut on the boy's
forehead. The city police received a
report of the holdup and started in
pursuit of the holdup and entered town
by the Pilot Rock road. On being ac-
cused by Officer Lyday and Fire Chief
Rigold, he again took flight on the horse.

Finally the car containing Chief of
Police W. R. Taylor, Bob Sinclair and
R. H. Inman drove up on the hill south
of town. On foot, the officers followed
French as he attempted to escape. His
weary mount up the hill. Several shots
were fired into the air in an effort to
stop the Indian, and when Taylor
stumbled and fell, his companions
thought he had been shot, and they
dropped the horse. French fought all
the way to the jail.

Central Coal and Coke Company Buy Eccles Holdings in Oregon

Grain Gamblers are Hit Today

Both Houses of Congress
Pass Conference Re-
port on Bill

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—The
Senate and House today adopted the
conference report on the Capper-Tin-
cher bill which provides for regula-
tion of grain dealers handling fu-
tures. It now goes to the president.

TRADE BADLY DEPRESSED

War Aftermath Puts Kink
In World Commerce,
Statistics Show

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—The de-
crease of more than \$3,000,000,000 in
the value of the country's foreign
trade during the past fiscal year was
ascribed by the commerce department
to the world-wide depression com-
ing as an aftermath of the war.

Lower prices rather than diminished
quantities were, to a great extent, re-
sponsible for the decrease in exports,
the department asserted in a state-
ment reviewing the year's foreign
commerce.

The total value of the foreign trade
of the country dropped from \$13,347,
000,000 in the fiscal year 1920, to \$10,
171,000,000 in 1921, a decrease of 23.8
per cent, the statement showed. Im-
ports dropped from \$5,238,000,000 in
1920 to \$3,554,000,000 in 1921, a loss
of \$1,684,000,000, or 32.2 per cent,
while exports amounted to \$8,109,
000,000 in 1920, against \$6,616,000,000
in 1921, decreased \$1,493,000,000, or
18.6 per cent.

Crops are now being raised on the
battlefield of the devastated regions of
Europe, the department said, the
pressing needs of manufacturing in-
dustries abroad for raw materials has
been filled, and the United States must
now compete in the world markets in
prices and terms with the other countries.

LIFE SAVERS MUST BE GOOD

They Can No Longer Spend
Their Time With the
Ladies.

HONOLULU, T. H., Aug. 23.—Life-
savers at Waikiki Beach should save
the lives of persons in danger of
drowning and should not spend their
time teaching feminine swimmers
how to ride the surf boards, the
board of harbor commissioners ruled
here recently when they appointed
three new life savers.

"Life saving at the beach being in
attendance at the beach at regular
hours with a watchful eye on the
bathers there," said Board Chairman
Lynnan Bigelow at the meeting. "I
fail to see how lives can be saved at
the beach by driving tourists through
the beauty spots of Oahu island nearly
every day as has been done. Surf-
board lessons are fine for our fair
tourists but I doubt if the legisla-
ture intended that they should be
given on government time and then
charged for in addition. These life
guards should take their work seri-
ously."

The discussion ended when reso-
lutions were passed providing that
the life guards should be on duty
at the beach at regular hours; that
they wear a "distinctive uniform
with 'life guard' plainly displayed on
the front thereof" and that they
make a report each week of their
activities and that a close check be
maintained on their work.

All Restrictions are Removed from Shipping Board by Congress

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—The
Shipping Board deficiency appropria-
tion bill carrying \$48,500,000 for use
of the board this year and with elimi-
nation of all restriction regarding
what salaries might be paid officers
and counsel, passed the senate today.

Old engine No. 595, once the hold-
er of the world's speed record, has
been restored in the New York Cen-
tral shops and was run to Chicago,
where it will be placed on exhibition
with the old DeWitt Clinton.

Oregon American Lumber Company Property Is Marketed

WESTERN OREGON PROPERTY SOLD

Deal Apparently Does not
Affect Eccles Interests in
This Part of State.

PORTLAND, Aug. 23.—A majority
of the stock holdings in the Oregon
American Lumber company, which
owns 24,000 acres of timber in
Northwestern Oregon counties, and
subsidiary companies controlled and
owned by the Oregon American Lum-
ber company, including the Portland
Astoria and Pacific Railway and Na-
halem Boom Company, has been pur-
chased by the Central Coal and Coke
company, according to a wire mes-
sage today from D. C. Eccles, presi-
dent of the Oregon American Lumber
company, who is in Kansas City hand-
ling the negotiations.

Charles S. Keith, president of the
Central Coal and Coke company, re-
cently inspected the properties in O-
regon. He is a large operator in
Southern pine and this deal repre-
sents his entry into the western field.
The Oregon American Lumber is
the outgrowth of the Oregon Lumber
company at Baker and was first in-
spired and organized by David Eccles
Sr. before his death. It has been un-
der direct management of D. C. Ec-
cles Jr. with Charles Early as its
resident manager in Portland.

The Central Coal and Coke com-
pany is one of the largest institu-
tions of its kind in the middle states.
It has extensive coal mines and lum-
ber properties. Charles H. Keith
years ago was the moving spirit in the
Keith & Perry Coal company which
afterward was amalgamated with the
Central Coal and Coke company.

The advent of these people in the
western forests, coupled with the fur-
ther fact that August Stange of Mer-
rell, Wisconsin, is moving to La
Grande probably for the purpose of
entering the lumber manufacturing
business, all tend to prove the state-
ment that the lumbermen of the
north and the lumbermen of the
south are turning to the forests of
Oregon for future operations.

Work on Cove Road May Not Be Resumed

Work on the Union-Cove road will
probably not be resumed this year,
according to an explanation by
County Judge E. G. Couch today.
This is a market road, he pointed
out, and the market road fund for
this year has been exhausted. No
one is apparently to blame for the
situation excepting that it was at-
tempted to do too much work on the
money available.

Senator Reed Draws Censure

House Resolution Deals
with Speech by Promi-
nent Missourian

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—The
House adopted a resolution today cen-
suring Senator Reed of Missouri for
his speech last week in which he re-
ferred to Representative Volstead,
author of the prohibition act, in a
manner which evidently was displeas-
ing to the House.

WHEAT GROWERS ENDORSE FIGHT

Washington Grain Associa-
tion Favors Change
in Grades

PENDLETON, Aug. 23.—Individual
members of the program for cor-
recting wheat grades which has
been advocated by the farm bureau
were voted at a recent meeting
of the board of directors of the Wash-
ington Wheat Growers association
held at Spokane, according to word
received here. The news of this stand
of the association embracing a large
number of wheat growers of Wash-
ington is taken as an indication that
Washington growers are standing soli-
dly behind the movement launched
yesterday by county men some time ago
for a more equitable arrangement
concerning grain discounts.

No word has yet been received here
of action taken by grain buyers to
ratify the agreement reached at a
meeting in Portland by buyers and
growers, though it was understood at
the meeting that ratification by the
merchants' exchanges of Portland, Se-
attle and Tacoma would be immediate
and would put the agreement into ef-
fect. The compromise met with the
approval of growers, just what action
will be taken by growers has not yet
been determined, but it is considered
likely that the former program of a
test suit will be reverted to. In the
meantime, many growers are holding
up settlement on their contracts until
the question is settled.

A floating exposition of American
industries will be housed on a great
ship specially constructed, in which
anything from dredges to silk hand-
kerchiefs can be demonstrated. At sea
the decks close in and it is an ordinary
ship. In port the decks slide out-
ward, providing an area equal to the
space of ten city blocks. The first
cruise will be to the Far East.

PLUG UP THE LEAKS



GERMANY TO SIGN TREATY WITH U. S.

Only a Few Days Before
Official Peace Pact
Is Made

HUGHES HAS SENT HIS STATE PAPER

Final Instructions Relative
to the Long Looked for
Peace Have Been Re-
ceived.

BERLIN, Aug. 23.—Final instruc-
tions relative to the peace treaty be-
tween the United States and Ger-
many have been received from Secre-
tary Hughes by Ellis Loring Dregel,
United States commissioner here. The
treaty is expected to be signed in a
few days as a special meeting of the
German cabinet.

AVIATION TO BE DEVELOPED

Inter-Island Communication
To be Made Easier in
Hawaii

HONOLULU, T. H., Aug. 23.—Avi-
ation will solve the vexing problem
of inter-island communication be-
tween the components of the Hawa-
ian archipelago, in the opinion of
C. C. Palmerston of Pasadena, aéro-
nautical engineer, who is here inves-
tigating aviation possibilities.

At present communication is main-
tained between the islands by mail
inter-island vessels which leave Hon-
olulu twice a week. On these twice
a week sailings the inhabitants of
the other islands must depend for
their mail, already six or seven days
old when it reaches Honolulu.

Palmerston said regular daily
schedules could be maintained be-
tween the islands and that a plane
could reach Hilo, on the island of
Hawaii in three hours from Honolu-
lu, and could go from the Hawaiian
metropolis to Kauai island in an
hour and a half.

The planes would fly at an aver-
age speed of seventy miles an hour
and could be operated profitably
when charging a fare fifty per cent
higher than the present inter-island
steamer tariffs, he said.

According to the Journal of Medi-
cine, approximately 75 per cent of
our 22,000,000 school children are
physically defective.

BULLETINS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—The
House adopted the conference report
today on the anti-beer bill by a vote
of 169 to 81.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—Clarence
R. Hotchkiss of Portland was today
nominated by President Harding to
become United States marshal for
Oregon.

CLEVELAND, Aug. 23.—Babe
Ruth hit two home runs today, bring-
ing his seasons total up to forty-
eight.

WASHINGTON, August 23.—Pana-
ma will not resist occupation of Colo-
mbia by the government of Costa Rica,
according to a cable received from the
American minister from Panama this
afternoon.

ROWDEN, England, Aug. 23.—The
great dirigible ZR-2, purchased by the
United States from Great Britain, is
making a flight today preparatory to
her flight across the Atlantic ocean.

PORTLAND, Aug. 23.—Wheat sold
on the Portland market today for
\$1.05 to \$1.10.

PANAMA FRAMING REPLY TO U. S.

Some Further Advices from
Washington Expected
by Little Nation

PANAMA, Aug. 23.—The cabinet
of Panama is considering a reply to
the latest American note in which
Panama was told that the disputed
territory along the Costa Rican fron-
tier of Panama would be placed under
Costa Rica's jurisdiction.

Possibly the reply will be delivered
Wednesday. Troops have been dis-
patched to the town some distance
from the border but it is understood
Panama's government will await
further advices from Washington be-
fore taking any decided steps.

IRISH GETTING UP THEIR REPLY

British Offer of Dominion
Gets Attention of
Island

DUBLIN, Aug. 23.—Members of the
Irish Republican parliament are meet-
ing here today to frame a reply to the
British offer of dominion status for
Ireland, divided activities today be-
tween the secret parliament session
and a meeting of the executive com-
mittee of the Sinn Fein.

AN OPEN GATE CAUSES KILLING

PENDLETON, Aug. 23.—A quar-
rel resulting when Jesse Bruna re-
primed Louis Ragains for leaving
open a pasture gate was the cause
of the shooting of Ragains at the
Wright cabin in the mountains early
Sunday morning, according to evi-
dence gathered by officers. Bruna
claims Ragains was coming toward
him and had threatened to shoot
when Bruna fired the shot which
killed Ragains.

The murder occurred forty miles
southeast of Pendleton in a lonely
cabin in the mountains.

A plant, known as devil's bur, is
causing trouble to motorists of Cal-
ifornia and Arizona. The plant pro-
duces spiny seeds which puncture the
tires and are then carried on and
planted many miles from the parent
vine. It is a native of Southern Eu-
rope and is thought to have been in-
troduced through burrs in the fleeces
of sheep imported to this country.

Brigadier Hay Given Fine Reception Here

The La Grande Salvation Army
corps last evening formally received
the new division commander, Brig-
adier Hay. The new commanding of-
ficer of Oregon has recently taken
charge of the work, Oregon having
been made into a divisional territory,
whereas Oregon and Washington were
in the same department previously,
with headquarters at Seattle.

Inspection of the work done and to
be done here was accomplished yes-
terday and last evening the members
and friends of the corps met at the
Salvation Army hall to hear the new

CORN IS HIT BY DROUGHT AND HEAT

Government Issues Crop
Report from Entire
Country

FARMERS SELL WHEAT EARLY

Potato Yield Is Greatly Re-
duced by Dry Weather in
Different Parts of the
Country.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 23.—
Crop conditions for the week ending
August 15, are covered in reports re-
ceived by the Bureau of Markets and
Crop Estimates, United States Depart-
ment of Agriculture, from its field
statisticians in the different states.

Corn.
The early corn crop shows consid-
erable deterioration and some perma-
nent injury by continued dry weath-
er and heat. The later plantings
have been much improved by recent
rains and more favorable weather, and
in some instances promise good yields.
However, many sections are still need-
ing moisture and good general rains
would be beneficial. The crop is mat-
uring rapidly in the Central States.
The condition in the Western States
is generally good.

Wheat.
Threshing of winter wheat is near-
ing completion in the Southern and
Central States and is progressing rap-
idly in the Western States. Yields are
generally reported light and below
average in quality. An earlier mar-
keting of the crop than usual is re-
ported in many states at prices around
\$1 a bushel. Plowing for fall sowing
is in progress in some southern states.
Harvesting of spring wheat is near-
ing completion in the northern and
central states and is just beginning in
the far western states. The crop is
reported to be uneven in both yield
and quality.

Oats.
Threshing is in progress generally
and yield and quality are reported
below the average. A considerable
acreage was cut for hay in Montana
and Wisconsin.

Cotton.
The crop is generally improving and
some good yields are indicated, al-
though deterioration is reported in
South Carolina, due to boll weevil
damage and high temperatures fol-
lowing rains. Too much rain is re-
ported in Florida. In Louisiana cot-
ton is fruiting well.

Potatoes.
The yield of early Irish potatoes
was considerably reduced by drought,
and in some sections the crop was al-
most a failure. The late crop has
been benefited by recent rains and
cooler weather and some good yields
are indicated although the total crop
will be far below the average. Prices
have advanced rapidly.

Sweet potatoes are generally mak-
ing good growth and promise good
yields. The yield of the early crop in
Florida is reported from fair to good.

Fruit.
The size and quality of the apple
and peach crops are good, though the
crops are light except in the South
and West and in a few Northeastern
States. Early peaches are coming on
the market in Colorado. The pear crop
ranges from poor to fair. Interest
in the prune crop in Idaho is increas-
ing and buyers are making contracts
equivalent to \$40 per ton on the trees.
Plum shipments in California
are about completed.

The condition and promise of the
grape crop in the commercial produc-
ing sections of the lake regions of
New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio and
Michigan are as follows:

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