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## NOT GUILTY SAY JURY IN HERRIN CASE

### Five Defendants in Herrin Riots Trial Are Acquitted.

### VERDICT BROUGHT IN EARLY TODAY

### Case Charging Five Men With Murder of Howard Hoffman in Mine Workers' Riot, Ends in Acquittal.

MARION, Ill., Jan. 19.—All five defendants in the Herrin riots trial were acquitted by a jury of twelve Williamson county farmers today.

MARION, Ill., Jan. 19.—The first five defendants brought to trial as a result of the Herrin riots of June 21 and 22, 1929, were charged with the murder of Howard Hoffman, one of twenty non-union workers killed during the disorders.

Indictments against seventy-seven individuals, forty-eight of them being charged with murder and the others with lesser offenses, were returned by a grand jury that made its formal report on October 27. An investigation began August 23 under the direction of Edward J. Brundage, attorney general.

Most of those indicted were released quickly on bonds totalling more than \$225,000 and signed by 98 Hays county judges. Of the 48 charged with murder, eight have been kept in jail, all of whom are facing trial February 5 on another indictment.

The number of defendants at the first trial was limited to five to facilitate the obtaining of a jury as both the prosecution and the defense are allowed to present preliminary challenges for such defendant and it was feared that an increase in the number of challenges would make the picking of the jury virtually impossible.

### Jury Selection Difficult.

Selection of the jury began on November 8 and the first juror was obtained on November 12. The jury was completed December 8 and the taking of testimony began December 12. The jurors were confined in quarters on the top floor of the same jail that housed four of the defendants, each of the jurors being paid \$3 a day. Witnesses received \$1.50 a day.

The four defendants who are union miners, have been receiving \$7.50 a day from union funds, or the equivalent of what they would have earned had they been at liberty.

During the trial, witnesses for both sides described the mine of the Southern Illinois coal company, where the trouble started, as a shallow ditch dug by a steam shovel on the desolate, rocky farm lands, about six miles from Marion and four miles from Herrin. The coal lies so near the surface that it is scooped up with a steam shovel after the surface soil is cleared away and piled in two towering "dumps" along both sides of the cut.

The mine was idle for a time during the coal strike, according to witnesses for the state, until W. J. Lester, then owner of the property which is now known as the Mine Coal company, obtained permission from the union officials to repair the steam shovel at the pit and then to strip back the soil and expose the coal ready for loading when the strike ended. After this had been done, they testified, the union miners were discharged and forty-five non-union workers and thirty armed guards were brought in to operate the pit.

### Defense Team Guards "Roughnecks"

Defense witnesses pictured the guards as "roughnecks" and accused them of various offenses, ranging from highway robbery to the unprovoked murder of three union miners who approached the pit the afternoon of June 21 in an effort to peacefully induce the non-union workers to quit. Five of the non-union men who deserted the mine earlier in the day are declared to have asserted they had been threatened with death if they left.

The first shots were fired when

## Button Missing On His Trousers; Man Seeks Aid of Spokane Police

(By Associated Press)  
SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 19.—Members of the Spokane police department report that in times gone by they have been called to act as first aid in almost every sort of an emergency, but they were stumped when a citizen came to the station recently in quest of a button for his trousers. He also desired a needle and thread.

According to the police, the seeker after the dressmaking implements, was downtown with his wife and another lady, all ready for a dance, except that a trouser button was missing. Desk Sergeant Fred Pearson, a member of the national guard, from his army "housewife" produced a needle and thread, but a button could not be found. The luckless visitor then remembered that he had a key to a building near the city hall. From clothing he found there he cut a button, then returned to the police station for the needle and thread.

## NORTHWESTERN OFFICERS MEET IN ROSE CITY

PORTLAND, Jan. 19.—Three hundred peace officers—men who range in rank from the high officials of the government at Washington to the night watchman of the small western village; from the gold-laced inspector of the royal Canadian mounted police to the patrolman of the local force—gathered at the convention of the Northwest Sheriffs and Police association at the Portland Women's club building yesterday. The women club building yesterday was the scene of a meeting of the association of the Northwest Sheriffs and Police association.

They were sincere, earnest men who realized that never before has life and property been held in as little regard as they are today. They were stern-faced men who directed the present system that characterizes the present system of handling criminals and who pleaded for a stricter and harsher method of enforcing the law.

The dissected drug traffic and its willing victims, the drug addict. They pleaded for an international effort of co-operation between all law-enforcing agencies so that the wrongdoer no matter where he might flee, would find no refuge. International lines were only imaginary lines, they said; they should not be used as shields for the lawless.

Never before has the government entertained a gathering of this type. The three hundred, to a large extent, represented the security of life and property in the northwest. Some are the sheriffs of the counties of the plains. Some are patrolmen who walk beats in the cities of the coast. Others are the government agents, the keen, alert men who are putting up a vigilant fight to prevent the importation of narcotics into the country.

## AL KADERS WILL STAGE CEREMONIAL IN PORTLAND SOON

Members of Al Kader Temple, Mystic Shrine, who live here have received notice of the annual ceremonial which is to be staged in Portland on Saturday, January 27. This ceremonial will be the first to be presented over by Hal T. Huthelstein, who was elected illustrious potentate of the temple in December.

## RAMBLERS TO PLAY UNION

The Ramblers, a newly entered backfield team in the city league, will journey to Union tonight to play the Union team in the Rambler's first game of the season. They have a strong lineup and are hopeful of downing the strong Union team.



WALLACE REID

Wallace Reid, popular movie actor, who succumbed to death yesterday afternoon at 1:40 o'clock in Hollywood at the termination of a three-month illness. Physicians had never diagnosed his case but it is understood that his breaking down in health came as a result of his ceasing the use of "dope" which he is reported to have taken at the rate of four grains of morphine daily until a few months ago when he gained mastery over the habit.

## TWO HELD FOR DEATH OF GIRL

### Motion Picture Actor and Physician Arrested; The Girl's Mother Says She Was Murdered.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Jan. 19.—With the arrest at Los Angeles of Roger V. B. Clark, motion picture actor, and in this city of Dr. L. L. Jacobs of the public health service hospital at Camp Kearney, the local authorities Thursday felt confident that they soon would be able to throw light on the death of beautiful Fritzi Mann, dancer, whose body was found in the Tuley Pines beach north of this city, Monday.

Mrs. Amelia Mann, mother of the dead girl, collapsed while attempting to testify at the inquest here Thursday. She hysterically charged that her daughter had been murdered and mentioned the name of a man who she said had been with her daughter. The jury's verdict was that Miss Mann came to her death by drowning in circumstances unknown to the jury.

Dr. John J. Shea, autopsy surgeon, testified that the girl was in a delicate condition. Doctor Jacobs appeared at the police station here Thursday morning to answer questions regarding the case. The police say he had told them previously that he had met Miss Mann Friday night and that they had discussed her condition.

## INCOME TAX BILL PRESENTED

(By Associated Press)  
SALEM, Jan. 19.—Administration income tax bill, proposing a levy of 50 per cent of the federal tax on individual and corporations income was introduced today by McMahon, of Albany.

## WORK MOVING SLOWLY IN LEGISLATURE

### Vacuum Persists With Only Temporary Signs of Giving Way.

### FEW BILLS ARE BEING INTRODUCED

### Senator Bruce Dennis Says That Bills Introduced Are Going Through Slowly.

STATE HOUSE, Salem, Jan. 17. (By Mail).—And still the vacuum holds on in the legislature. Now and then it has appearance of giving up only to tighten down again with no bills introduced for a day and those which have been sent in (and they are few in number) taking a slow lumbering course through the different committees.

Today in the House Representative Woodard of Portland was knocked out of the box when his bill to grant franchise to everyone in school elections was defeated almost unanimously. Then his bill came up to compel school boards to act with interests of different communities in the examination and care of school children's teeth.

"Paternalism and socialism" screamed the House members and bing, the roll call showed all was over and the bill was defeated.

A bill was introduced in the House by our old fellow senator, L. H. McMahon of Marion county, that promises to make the animals yell, as it were. It is a bill to cut down taxes by making every student at the university and agricultural college pay a tuition fee of \$100 a year. But it is also a provision of the bill that in case a child wants to attend these schools and does not have the money for tuition he can give his note to the treasurer of the state of Oregon at a low rate of interest. Wow. Let's see what will happen. Old dad who has bucked the business world will say, "Fine, let the boy have some responsibility relative to his higher education," while it is believed many people who seek to elevate themselves on "free education for all" will oppose the bill with vigor. It may not pass but it is going to have a lot of decent support just the same.

In the senate today Strayer's bill No. 6 came up for third reading and was passed with three votes against it. It is a bill giving county courts the right to expend all Market Road Funds, permitting certain state highways in counties to receive Market Road money to match state funds, and also taking away the provision providing that Market Roads be built by county courts under the plans and specifications furnished by the highway department.

The opposing votes in the senate based their opposition on the latter (Continued on Page Eight)

## WALLOWA PELT ADDED TO BAG OF VICTORIES

### L. H. S. Takes First Game With Wallowa County Teams; Plays Joseph To- night.

La Grande 28, Wallowa 17. That was all that the telephone communications emanating from the stalwart representatives of the high school, now on a three-game invitational in Wallowa county, told. No mention was made as to whether so and so started, whether so and so got kicked out of the game or any of the other readable and interesting details.

Gloom, which threatened to fall when the boys left, is not nearly so evident today. Four straight victories have been racked away in the pelt bag and La Grande is still hoisting the old flag "On to Salem." How long it will wave on high is a matter of conjecture because the Blue and White faces their hardest game of the trip tonight at Joseph. At least everyone is expecting it to be a hard game and even in Joseph, they are feeling quite satisfied over their hoop team members' performance.

If La Grande can hang the drapes on Joseph tonight and Estepierre tomorrow night, anxiety will no more cloud the eyes of the scholars who are pulling for another championship. La Grande has but thirteen games on the schedule and four are history, history of conquest. La Grande beat Union twice, scoring a total of 49 points to the Maroon and White's 29, won from Elgin 24 to 18 and added Wallowa to her victims, giving her a total of 101 points in four games to her opponents' 64. Every game has been won only by a few points, still the victory being decisive. Two games have been won when apparently the locals were doomed to defeat, by a superhuman last half rally.

## "Y" DIRECTORS HAVE MEETING

At a luncheon of the board of directors of the Y. M. C. A. held yesterday, presided over by Vice-President S. D. Claws, several matters of business were attended to. A good attendance was present and following the regular routine of business a nominating committee was appointed, consisting of Howard O'Brien, chairman; A. C. Hampton and Fred Kiddle who will meet in the near future and nominate officers, the election to take place next month at the annual meeting of the board.

### AGGIES FEEL HURKIN.

CONVALLER, Jan. 19.—Washington in the only town you will have to look out for," said "Nig" Burlesque, coach of the Whitman basketball team, after the game with the Argos. Whitman has played them all and Burlesque is in a position to know of what he is talking.

## TWO MINES ARE TAKEN OVER BY FRENCH TODAY

### American Negro Digs Own Grave; Then Shot To Death By Mexicans

CALEXICO, Cal., Jan. 19.—Roy Gibson, a negro American citizen, dug his grave and was shot to death in it on the outskirts of Mexicali, Mexico, just across the border from here. Authorities expressed the belief that the slaying was done by an organization of narcotic smugglers. Gibson, according to the authorities, was well known along the border here and had been arrested a number of times by conviction with smuggling operations. The slaying is believed by authorities to be an outgrowth of the arrest here last week of Joe Vadi, alias Beppo, alias Manuel Sanchez with two others and seizure of narcotics valued at \$50,000.

The state department at Washington has been notified of the slaying.

## Rhineland Ring Now Complete

### Seizure of State Mines in Ruhr District Is Begun Today

### BERLIN ORDERS ALL FREIGHTMEN STRIKE

### Manager Ahrens Arrested By French for Refusing to Deliver Coke Today.

(By Associated Press)  
ESSEN, Jan. 19.—Seizure of the state mines in the Ruhr district by the French was begun today. The Bergmannsgluck and Westerhold pits near Bay, were occupied by the military and Manager Ahrens was arrested for refusing to deliver coke to the troops.

The troops appeared at the Moeller pits at Gladbeck and the Heimbach mine at Rottrop.

Freight railwaymen throughout Ruhr have been ordered from Berlin to strike this afternoon.

COBLENZ, Jan. 19.—The French chief inspectors took over the customs district of Rhineland today making a complete ring around the territory. The same will be done in a few days in the Ruhr valley. Inspectors also seized customs funds, forests and coal taxes.

### Business Hats.

(By Associated Press)  
DUSSLELDORF, Jan. 19.—All Dusseldorf banks closed today, claiming to be unable to transact business owing to the seizure by the French of a local branch of the Heilsa bank, shutting off supply of marks.

Business is at a standstill and in closing the Reichsbank, the French rounded up the automobiles of depositors who had drawn money, seized the money withdrawn and seized the automobiles.

## SENATE PROBE IS CHALLENGED

### Sinclair Denies Right of the Committee to Examine Records Outside of Oil In- quiry.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—Harry F. Sinclair Thursday refused to concede the right of the senate oil investigating committee to examine the complete records of the Hyva corporation, a Sinclair-owned private investment company, at the committee hearing and Mr. Sinclair was served with a subpoena to present the records Monday.

Mr. Sinclair accepted the service of the subpoena immediately after he heard it had been issued by the committee chairman, Senator La Follette of Wisconsin. In a statement prepared in consultation with his attorneys he declared he was willing to produce any records of the Hyva corporation bearing upon the matters under investigation by the committee, but that he was not willing to produce the records of the Hyva corporation that pertain to other matters not pertinent to the subject under inquiry.

### RAIL CASE NEAR END.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—The Southern Pacific's effort to retain the control of the Central Pacific reached its final stage in agreement today before the Interstate Commerce Commission. Fred H. Wood, Southern Pacific attorney, opened with a general statement of the issues involved.

## WITNESS IN MURDER CASE NAMES ONE

BASTROP, La., Jan. 19.—Testimony as to the identity of one member of the masked band which on August 24 kidnaped Watt Daniel, T. F. Richard and several others, was being offered Thursday at the open hearing being conducted here by the state of Louisiana into the activities of hooded men in Morehouse parish.

The mutilated bodies of Daniels and Richard were found several weeks ago floating on the surface of Lake La Fourche. Pathologists reported the two men had been tortured to death before their bodies were thrown into the lake. Other members of the kidnaped party have testified to having been dragged by the kidnapers.

Fred Eubanks testified he was held up by masked men on the Bastrop-Mer Rouge highway that evening and that he recognized Newt Gray as a member of the party.

(By Associated Press)  
BASTROP, La., Jan. 19.—William McDonald, brother-in-law of J. L. Daniel, father of Watt Daniel, who with T. F. Richard was slain by a masked band, testified today that "Blain" James had told him "the whole damned Daniel family" would be "cleared out" before the alleged attempt to assassinate Dr. McKoin was settled.

## LOCAL THRIFT WEEK PROGRAM

Our week will receive special attention in La Grande. Various organizations are giving the week attention and in some of the churches special programs will be placed on the national week program. The Methodist church is among these, and the service this evening at 8 o'clock, of the La Grande National Bank, to speak on the general subject of thrift. A special musical program has been arranged for the service, which will be held in the evening at that church. A male chorus, and a vocal solo by Robert Dennis, an organ solo by the organist, and a number by the mixed quartet will feature the evening music.

### SCANDRETT TESTIFIES

(By Associated Press)  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—The Union Pacific attorney Scandrett informed the interstate commerce commission that the U. P. would not oppose the Southern Pacific remaining with the Central Pacific if the Ogden line traffic arrangement was adopted.

## Radio Scoops Wires In Fatal Airplane Wreck

APAKON, Santa Catalina Island, Calif., Jan. 18.—Lieut. William H. Baker, naval pilot of Norfolk, Va., was instantly killed and two other naval officers were seriously injured Thursday when the seaplane P-3-L-2 fell into the sea and crashed to bits on a rock off Catalina Island.

Those injured were Lieut. H. P. Whitman of San Francisco and Lieut. Matthew H. Gustafson of Washington, D. C. Five other naval men in the seaplane escaped injury.

The body of the dead pilot was taken to Los Angeles harbor and the two injured men removed to the submarine base hospital there, where surgeons said their condition was critical.

### Radio Brings News.

Coming by radio, but clearly understandable in tones, the voice of Mr. Collins, unharmed part of the airplane wreck that occurred at Apakon, Santa Catalina Island, Calif., broadcasted the details of the wreck about 5:20 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Pat Powers, stationed at the radio receiving station owned by Bruce Dennis, was one of the local people who heard the account, which was given almost exactly as was the Associated Press dispatch that arrived at the Observer office this morning.



## Committee Approves Bill Premitting Counties To Spend More For Bridges

SALEM, Jan. 19.—The Senate roads highway committee approved the Kelly bill increasing from \$200 to \$250 the maximum cost of bridges for which county courts may prepare plans and specifications.

### Hoover Withdraws Bill.

Opposition in the house committee on the routing of the laws to Roosevelt's aid for the repeal of the double-entendre law caused Hoover to withdraw the bill. Hoover withdrew

to know the bill could not pass. The McMahon bill imposing fines on resident and non-resident students at institutions of higher education has been tabled by the house as a result of an adverse committee report, but McMahon is negotiating with representatives of the O. A. C. and U. of O. regarding the substitute measure which are expected to be introduced