

TWO CAUGHT AT SAFE IN OIL STATION

Police men surround Yeggs at Playes About 3 O'clock This Morning.

ROBBERY ATTEMPT IS FRUSTRATED

Officers Expect Two to Plead Guilty—Names Given Jerry Mitchell and Joe Gregg.

Police this afternoon, after finding a car bearing Ohio license C63-735 which Mitchell and Gregg admitted belonged to them, were searching for a woman who is believed to have accompanied the two men to La Grande. The car contained a complete camping outfit, tools, and women's clothing and toilet articles, etc. The car was given an Oregon permit at Ontario, registered to Mrs. S. F. Taylor, and police have called Ontario in an effort to learn how many passengers it contained.

Jerry Mitchell and Joe Gregg, safe crackers, thought the situation looked easy for them in La Grande this morning but—after trying it—they are cooling their heels behind the bars of the city jail door.

The two yeggs, supposedly from Portland, but whom police believe were from the east, were captured about 3 o'clock this morning while in the act of attempting to open the safe at the Playle Oil company station, Adams and Greenwood.

Surrounded by three night patrolmen, Charles Watkins, Bud Beaudin, and Jim Steffy, and a citizen, Roy Purdon, the two meekly surrendered and were taken to the jail.

Police men discovered the burglars while he was making irregular rounds. Policeman Beard arrived shortly afterwards in the patrol car and within a few minutes, the two men were taken to the station.

The men were well armed and had a full kit of tools which they were using on the safe.

May Have Come From the East. A card, indicating the distance from various towns, was found on one of the men, and it was apparently secured at Huntington, leading police to believe that they came into the area from the east. However, the other morning a city employe in Pendleton was held up and robbed by two men, and some hold the theory that the two arrested here may have come to La Grande from the Round-Up City.

The case will be turned over to the state for prosecution and, under the circumstances, it is believed that the evidence is flawless.

This is the first attempted robbery in La Grande for some time and, police, who in recent weeks have been making systematic patrol throughout both the business and residential districts—both on foot and in cars—nipped the attempt in the bud.

When they entered the station, the men were taken to the jail.

Employees of the Mt. Emily Lumber company, in an expression of appreciation for the amount of water they were using for sprinkling, could deliver surplus water into the city here and thus stop the mill in operation so that we did not lose any time which meant wages in our pocket.

We also wish to express our hearty appreciation to the city commission, the city manager, the water users of the Oro Dell Ditch company, and Mr. John Chandler of the Caviness Lumber company, for their cooperation in curtailing the amount of water they were using for sprinkling, so that the city commission could deliver surplus water into the city here and thus stop the mill in operation so that we did not lose any time which meant wages in our pocket.

Employees of the Mount Emily Lumber Co.
"By" committee:
"W. Leavelle"
"George Hencke"

May Park Gold Star Mother Is Home From Trip

Mrs. Julia Beeson Visits Her Son's Grave in France—Tells of Her Pilgrimage.

By Mabel E. Morton
A beautiful marine cross, standing about three feet above ground, and bearing the inscription:
"HARRY C. BEESON
"Pvt. 308 Inf. 77 Div.
Oregon Sept. 28, 1918,"

marked the end of a long pilgrimage made this summer by Mrs. Julia Beeson, May Park, and from which she returned this last Sunday evening.

Mrs. Beeson was one of the hundreds of gold star mothers who accepted the invitation of the United States government to make a journey across the seas to the cemeteries of France—to see the graves of their soldier dead, those who made the supreme sacrifice during the world war. "It was a wonderful thing for the government to do," said Mrs. Beeson. "We had been told such terrible things about the cemeteries on the foreign soil, and I was so glad to be untrue. We were given the most courteous attention all during the journey and there seemed to be nothing forgotten to make us not only comfortable but really happy on the expedition."

Mrs. Beeson early signified her desire to make the trip to France after announcements of the plans were made back to La Grande. Mrs. Beeson's son died in the Argonne forest after three months of active service and lay buried in the Meuse-Argonne cemetery. She had had an intense desire to visit that grave, although she had always expressed a wish to return to the body to this country. "I would never care to make the trip again," she said. "I want to see and am satisfied."

Sailed on July 9
With Uncle Sam making every provision for the trip from La Grande back to La Grande, Mrs. Beeson left this valley on the night of July 8, arriving in New York July 7. There were eight-segment trips arranged in the nation's largest city, and Mrs. Beeson, with her mother, and her mother, also sailed from New York harbor on the S. S. President Harding at noon, July 9. There were eight days on the trip, and Mrs. Beeson was quite fortunate in having only a slight touch of seasickness, which kept her in her room but a part of the day.

The first land sighted was the coast of England and the first stop was at Plymouth where some passengers disembarked. The mothers left the boat at Cherbourg, where they took the small French train for Paris. Some 200 miles away, two nights and days were spent in the city, with sight-seeing tours and shopping expeditions arranged.

The first of the unknown soldiers, where a wreath was laid.

Taken to Verdun on Bus
A bus trip to Verdun, a distance of 25 miles from the cemeteries. "The first glimpse of the cemetery which I visited, the Meuse-Argonne," said Mrs. Beeson, "was just like a beautiful field, shimmering in the sunlight." The burial ground consists of 25 acres with the white marble.

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Flood And Rain Halt Travel In Wyoming Today

ROCK SPRINGS, Wyo., Aug. 15 (AP)—Some 2,000 travelers, passengers in automobiles, buses and trucks, were stranded near here today waiting for flooded waters, backed up by prolonged heavy rains, to subside.

The center of the flooded area is 10 miles west of here, in the great geological amphitheater known as Baker Basin.

Z. E. Severson, Wyoming highway engineer, said he had made a survey of the situation and found an almost 15-mile stretch of the Union Pacific tracks.

Union Pacific trains, many of them already delayed 24 hours behind schedule, were further delayed last night by a cloudburst at Cherokee, 110 miles east of here.

None of Thursday's trains have gone on their regular schedule and none are expected to reach Cheyenne until today.

The Mt. Emily Lumber company, after Saturday, Aug. 16, will operate on a five-day week basis, because of the present unsatisfactory condition of the lumber market, according to an announcement made this morning.

CITY PLANS TO BRING IN THIRD WELL

Crews, Cochran Given Authority to Draw up Contract With Durant

HOPE TO PREVENT FUTURE SHORTAGE

Cost of Project to be Spread Over Four Years Time, Handled in City Budget.

The city's commission, by a vote of two to one, last night in an adjourned meeting, passed a motion authorizing City Manager W. C. Crews and City Attorney George T. Cochran to draw up a contract with A. A. Durant, of Walls, Walla, for the drilling of a third artesian well for the city.

The contract will be drawn up during the next few days and will be submitted to the commission probably next Wednesday night for ratification.

Reason for the action was that twice during the last year, the city water system has been pressed to capacity to take care of the city's demands. There have been no shortages as yet, and it is for this reason that the commissioners believe that another well should be brought in before next summer, so as to insure the citizens of sufficient water for all requirements.

Situation Widely Known
Recent shortage of water for the Mt. Emily Lumber company mill pond gave emphasis to the situation here.

Four years or more ago, when the well first came in, the city had more water than it needed. Since that time, however, the water has increased approximately 30 per cent, largely due to more irrigation, etc., and at present the two wells and the Becker creek pipe line are at times forced to supply the city.

With another well of the type of the two already in use, the city would not only have ample protection against dry periods, but would also be in a position to give aid to local industries in critical situations, city officials state.

The cost, according to Mr. Durant, will be about \$20,000 to \$25,000, depending on the location.

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Drouth Disaster Stories Told At Governors' Meet

Terse Reports of Crop Loss in Mississippi, Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana Considered.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15 (AP)—Representatives of three major farm organizations today pledged their cooperation toward carrying out the drought relief program, determined upon yesterday by President Hoover and his cabinet.

Terse stories of drouth disaster were told before President Hoover's conference of governors yesterday. Some of the worst damage to farm county agricultural agents through Secretary Hyde, follow in part:

Bolivar county, Mississippi: "Feed for 10,000 mules needed. Local resources exhausted. Famine threatening already seen. Hundreds of families going from place to place hungry and ill-clad."

Carroll county, Mississippi: "No water. Livestock starved. Much damage. Conditions serious."

Morehouse county, Louisiana: "Distressing situation; 3,000 families will be furnished feed and food by banks and merchants. Conditions serious."

Webster county, Louisiana: "Urgent need of food supplies for 3,000 human beings."

Columbia county, Arkansas: "Local authorities unable to make further advances. The 2,500 families will be without food. One million dollars needed."

Conway county, Arkansas: "One thousand families without food and in many cases without water. Six hundred thousand dollars needed."

Lawrence county, Arkansas: "One million dollars necessary to apply the current standard of living. Many of the citizens of sufficient water for all requirements."

Food Thiets Reported
Poinsett county, Arkansas: "Wholesale closing of food stores started among poor tenant families."

Daviess county, Ky.: "No local agencies can possibly take care of existing conditions. Probably over 1,500 families will need food furnished this winter."

Nelson county, Ky.: "Conditions frightful. Have let hogs go, no prospect of relief."

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Bishops Take Up Question Of Birth Control

LONDON, Aug. 15 (AP)—The Lambeth conference of bishops of the Anglican church, which has just concluded its sessions, strongly defended the church's attitude on birth control and of marriage and also took up the question of birth control.

On the latter the conference agreed that the church should not be used in the conviction of Billings, who has clearly felt moral obligation to limit or avoid parenthood, provided this were done in the light of Christian principles. Birth control from motives of selfishness, luxury or mere convenience was strongly condemned.

ELMIRA, N. Y., Aug. 15 (AP)—A threatening mob of 2,000 men and boys following threats last night to burn the camp.

Leaders of a mob of 200 persons from Waverly, N. Y., and Sayre and Athens, Penn., and their camp heads and the 70 children under their charge a half hour to leave before they set fire to the camp. Authorities arrived just in time to prevent the three being carried out and established a deadline after dispersing the mob which had continued to grow.

The trouble began last Friday when a society of an American flag was refused by Mable Huan and Allen Holmes, leaders of the International Workers relief camp for children at Van Ketter.

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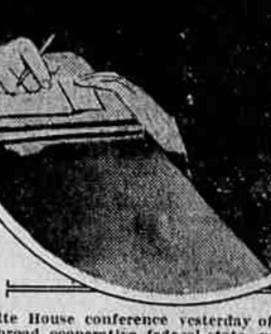
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BILLINGS DENIES FATAL BOMBING

Six Justices of Supreme Court Listen to Him For Five Hours.

FOLSOM PRISON, Cal., Aug. 15 (AP)—In an improvised court chamber behind prison walls, six justices of the state supreme court sat five hours last night to hear Warren C. Billings tell the story of his life and deny participation in the San Francisco preparedness day bombing in 1916.

The proceedings, believed without parallel in American jurisprudence, climaxed the judicial inquiry into the conviction of Billings, who has petitioned for a pardon. Billings was convicted along with Thomas J. Mooney, who also is seeking vindication and freedom.

Spraying Varnish Remover
Billings stoutly affirmed he knew nothing of the bombing, which killed 36 and injured 40 persons, but admitted he was working that day as a subcontractor in an airplane machine shop.

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CORVALLIS IS TO BE LEGION HOST IN '31

Western Oregon City Wins Next Convention Without Opposition.

40 AND 8 ELECT STATE OFFICERS

O. L. Bodenhamer, National Commander, Reviews Achievements of the American Legion.

BAKER, Aug. 15 (AP)—Corvallis was unanimously selected as the 1931 convention city for the state American Legion. There was no opposition.

Matt A. Damm, Marfield, was elected grand chief de gare of the 40 and 8 American Legion fun organization, and Warren Lemon, Baker, was named grand chief de gare of the 40 and 8 American Legion fun organization.

Others elected are: Shirley Walts, Sheridan, grand commissaire; William Gannon, Klamath Falls, grand sergeant; and Elmer Elmer, Portland, grand treasurer.

The winning team was composed of: Fred Edwards, Roy Koenig, Tod Malson and Oliver Hudson. The grand officers of the American Legion in legislation in behalf of the disabled, and in the Legion's program of service this year, were due to a large measure of support while the record membership gave the organization last fall and winter. O. L. Bodenhamer, national commander, said here last night.

"Plans are now under way to continue this policy of active participation," he said, "and I hope to see every 1930 member re-enlist for the legion's 1931 program by the end of American Legion week, Armistice day, Nov. 11."

Reviews Legislation
Reviewing the legislative achievements in the session of congress which adjourned July 8, the national commander said in part:

"The first legislative proposal of the American Legion was enacted into law during the closing days of December, 1929. This was the Rogers hospital bill which authorized an appropriation of more than fifteen million dollars for hospital construction, thus providing for the building of...

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JUDGE DENIES MOVE TO FREE C. LA FOLLETT

PORTLAND, Aug. 15 (AP)—Circuit Judge Fred Pendleton yesterday denied a motion for the release of Charles R. LaFollett, Washington county state representative, who has been in jail since last March here for contempt of court.

Judicial in the case rests with the supreme court, the judge said. LaFollett's attorney said he would seek an order from the supreme court releasing his client.

LaFollett was sentenced to six months in the county jail a year ago for failure to pay \$75 monthly to Mrs. LaFollett. Later he was given an additional six months. Both sentences were appealed.

NO OFFER RECEIVED
BALTIMORE, Aug. 15 (AP)—George Weiss, general manager of the Baltimore International League team, said today that no offer had been received by him for Joe Hauser, slugging first baseman. It was reported that Charles Comiskey, owner of the Chicago White Sox had offered \$75,000 for Hauser.

NO REPLY RECEIVED
SALEM, Ore., Aug. 15 (AP)—Senator McMay did not receive an expected reply from the tariff commission today relative to his request yesterday that the effective provision of the tariff act be applied to imported Argentine corn.

DAVID BURNETT APPOINTED
WASHINGTON, Aug. 15 (AP)—David Burnett, deputy internal revenue commissioner today was appointed by President Hoover commissioner of internal revenue to succeed Robert H. Lucas.

DROUTH TRAGEDY
HUNTINGTON, W. Va., Aug. 15 (AP)—Little Mabel Romine, one year old, drowned last night in a barrel of water, members of the family had hauled miles to their home where the trough has dried up all the wells and streams.

MINISTER, 103, PASSES ON
WILMINGTON, N. C., Aug. 15 (AP)—The Rev. David S. Arnan, whose 103 years had given him the title of North Carolina's oldest minister and confederate war veteran, died here today.

FALL FROM BRIDGE FATAL
LEBANON, Aug. 15 (AP)—John C. Redburn, 25, fell from a bridge over the South San Joaquin river and was drowned. He was painting the bridge.

BASEBALL
NATIONAL LEAGUE
First Game: R. H. E.
Philadelphia..... 7 14 1
Pittsburgh..... 5 11 1
Batteries: Collins and Rens; Meino Swetonic and Hemsley.

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Philadelphia - Chicago postponed.
Washington - Detroit-New York and St. Louis-Boston. Postponed. rain.

WEATHER TODAY
7 a. m.—66 above.
Minimum: 56 above.
Condition: cloudy.
WEATHER YESTERDAY
Maximum 91, minimum 60 above.
Condition: partly cloudy.
WEATHER AUG. 15, 1929
Maximum 85, minimum 54 above.
Condition: clear.