



ALLEGED MINE ROBBER IS CAUGHT.

Man In Custody Said To Admit Crime.

Grants Pass, Or., May 13—Robert W. Dewitt, of Idaho, alleged to be one of the robbers who held up R. Boswell and his son, Robert, Jr., at their placer mine near Holland, May 2, has been caught and is confined in the Josephine County jail.

Dewitt was apprehended on Thursday at a mine about half way between Yreka and Happy Camp, where he had stopped to secure work.

Sheriff Lewis and Deputy Sheriff Lister, with Robert Boswell Jr., went to Yreka and returned Friday night with the prisoner, who, when arrested, was armed with an automatic rifle and an automatic pistol.

According to Dewitt, who is said to have admitted the crime, he and his partner went to Wallo for the express purpose of robbing the Esterly mine. They camped in the hills overlooking the mine and for a day his partner watched operations at the mine through a glass, but decided that the plan was not practical.

They then moved camp to a site not far from the Boswell mine and posed as prospectors, looking for chrome.

A close watch with a glass was kept on the operations at the Boswell mine, and at the opportune time the holdup was staged, resulting in the securing of \$600 in gold.

The two men, after the robbery, took to the hills, heading for the California line. They kept well away from trails and roads, showing a thorough familiarity with the country.

Dewitt says that after a time he became worn out and also suffered from poison oak, and he proposed that they make camp and rest. His partner said that it was too close to the trail, but that he would go over to a nearby flat and make camp, build a fire and have supper ready.

Timber Concern Starts Work.

Castle Rock, Wash., May 14—Mr. Fisher, of Portland, and John Schuff, of this city, have purchased a body of timber north of this place and will soon commence getting out poles and piling for the electric sawmill. The products of the mill will be trucked to Okeana and shipped from there by rail. The mill has a capacity of about 25,000 feet daily.



YOUR RED CROSS

An Army Without a Gun

By MEREDITH NICHOLSON
Of the Vigilantes.

THE Red Cross is the greatest instrument of mercy the world has ever seen. Noble as the service of mercy and helpfulness was in Civil War days, the Red Cross surpasses it immeasurably not only in the range and variety of its effort, but in efficiency and effectiveness.

The Red Cross is, we may say, the arms of the mothers of the world reached out to their sons to bind up their wounds and comfort them. The Red Cross is an army without a gun that wages war only upon suffering and heartache. Where the flag of the stars goes there the banner of the Red Cross must fly beside it. We watch our boys go forth to war with a spirit of hopefulness because we know that this great agency of humanity presses close behind them; that its work is not incidental, but the intelligent directed effort of one of the most marvelous organizations ever contrived by American genius.

We have all contributed to the Red Cross; we shall be called upon again to contribute to its funds,—again and perhaps again. And we will respond again and yet again! For this is a war for the defense of civilization, and we of great, free, splendid, glorious America, have every intention that it shall be fought with the army of the Red Cross solidly supporting our soldiers.

The Sable Philosopher.

Don't worry 'bout when an' whar de long lane'll turn, but jes keep good holt er de hosses so's de wagon'll make de turn without spillin' you in de briarpatch.—Atlanta Constitution.

Mouth Illuminator.

For the use of physicians and dentists, a tongue depressing instrument has been invented that switches on an electric light to illuminate a patient's mouth when it is used.—Houston Post.

OUR OWN STATE

Some Recent Happenings In Various Parts of Oregon

Canyon School House Burns.

Roseburg, Or., May 13—The school house recently built in the Little Canyon district west of Oakland, in the Coast Range mountains, has been burned, and the neighbors and some of the directors claim that the fire was of incendiary origin. The building was modern and had just been paid for by the district.

Gets Commission In Army.

Dallas, May 10—Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Eakin this week received word from their son, Jack Eakin, stationed with a sanitary corps at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., that he has passed his examination and been commissioned a lieutenant.

Dying Man Is Found.

La Grande, Or., May 13—Wounded in the thigh with an ax and bleeding profusely, Charles Webb, a tinberman employed in a camp near here, lay down to die near the scene of the accident. He was found and brought to a hospital here for treatment. Webb tonight shows signs of recovery.

Harney County Men Arrested.

Bend, Or., May 13—Henry Grant and Charles Walker, wanted in Harney county on charges of horse stealing and failure to report at the last draft, were arrested here Thursday afternoon by Sheriff S. E. Roberts, and turned over to the Harney county officials. Walker's parents live in Corvallis.

Mining Company Organized.

Gold Hill, Or., May 14—G. H. McElroy, of Grants Pass, who has been operating the Lone Star placer mine west of Gold Hill for a year under lease, has taken the property over and incorporated a company which will make extensive improvements. The new owners are erecting a sawmill on the property to cut a large tract of timber passing with the mine which will be used in the improvements.

Central Oregon Suffers From Extreme Lack Of Rain.

Bend, Or., May 14—For the first time in 30 years Silver Lake is dry at this season of the year. This was the report that was brought into this city yesterday by stockmen living in the vicinity, and who for many years have depended on the lake as a watering place for their stock. Farmers in the southern part of the county are also reporting extreme dryness. Many of the crops are said to be badly in need of rain, and unless a change of weather occurs in a short time heavy damage will be the result.

Highway To California Is Used By Numerous Autos.

Salem, Or., May 14—With the exception of some rough places in Cow Creek canyon the Pacific highway is in excellent condition between Portland and the California line. State Highway Engineer Nunn reports, and heavy summer automobile traffic is already under way. The road through Cow Creek canyon is a stretch of about eight miles. Between Ashland and Medford a distance of approximately 16 miles, the highway is paved, and all the remainder of the road through the state with the exception of the Cow Creek and Pass Creek canyons is macadamized.

Klamath Murder Trial Is Set For June 17.

Klamath Falls, Or., May 14—The trial of William Holbrook and J. E. Padlock, jointly indicted for first degree murder on account of the death of O. T. McKendree, a prominent sheep rancher, who was killed at Dry creek on April 19, has been set for June 17. District Attorney William M. Duncan will be assisted by Wilson S. Wiley, Judge Thomas Drake and W. L. Thomson, and the defendants have retained W. H. A. Renner, a local attorney and Judge L. R. Webster, of Portland.

3 MILLIONS WITHIN ONE YEAR.

Men Sent Over Are Fully Equipped With Arms.

Washington, May 14—More than 1,300,000 men have been called in the draft so far and either are in France in camp, or under call to go into service before June 1. The total of 1,300,000 includes all men summoned in the May contingent.

There is every indication that even a larger increment will be summoned in June than was summoned in May, and a progressive monthly mobilization continues through the summer and fall months as the contingents are expanded.

It is thought that at such a rate the Army will report a full strength of well over 3,000,000 within the next 12 or 13 months. It is possible, some officers say, that the number will be closer to 5,000,000 than 3,000,000.

Although American troops are going overseas in large numbers the Ordnance Department has been able to keep up with the new program, and every soldier who boards a transport is fully equipped with arms, the Ordnance bureau announced today.

Artillery and machine guns already are in France in sufficient quantities, it was said, to meet immediate need.

EUROPEAN SOLDIERS IN UNITED STATES.

Refugees On Their Way To War Front.

A Pacific Port, May 14—Bound for the fighting fronts where they expect again to take up arms, 325 Belgian and Italian soldiers, the majority of them officers, arrived here yesterday from an oriental port, refugees, they said, from Bolshevik rule in Russia. Two hundred and seventy-five of the travelers are Belgians. They were detailed by their government to act as instructors in different places in warfare to the Russian troops. The remainder are Italians who deserted from the Austrian armies in the Trentino. They then were sent to Russia to aid the czar's forces.

When the revolution broke out the Italians were made prisoners. Later, they said they escaped and went to a Baltic port where they spent the winter. They were sent by their government to Pekin where they met the Belgians. The Italians had no uniforms and were outfitted by the Italian consul at that place.

War Department Has Inventions Section.

District Forester George H. Cecil has received a copy of a notice sent by the Secretary of War to the Secretary of Agriculture, which states that an agency has been created within the General Staff of the Army for the primary consideration of all inventions and suggested ideas of invention, whether patented or not, of a military nature pertaining to the Army and which the inventor desires to submit to the Government for inspection, test, development, or with a view to its purchase or use. The notice states also that should applications of this nature be received in any of the offices of the Department of Agriculture, the same should be sent informally and directly to the Inventions Section, General Staff, Army War College, Washington, D. C. Application made in person by inventors should be referred to the same agency and address.

Sawmill Plant Swept By Blaze Near Banks.

Banks, Or., May 13—A fire destroyed the sawmill and planing mill of Macfarlane Brothers at Manning yesterday morning. It was discovered about 3 o'clock shortly after the night watchman had passed on his rounds. It started outside the mill, making rapid progress from the start, and is thought to have been of incendiary origin. After unavailing efforts had been made to conquer the flames a call was sent to Banks for help. The volunteer fire department responded promptly and did splendid service, as it was due to their efforts that a half of the lumber in the yard was saved. Besides the sawmill and planing mill two cars of lumber standing on the track were burned with about half the lumber in the yard.

INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

Manufacture, Enterprise and Improvement, Providing Payroll and Promoting Development of Oregon.

Corvallis—Benton county invest \$1,018.16 in Mogel grader, scarifier and caterpillar engine to construct roads at minimum cost.

Albany—\$1000 spent by Lion Co. for large grader to be used with caterpillar engine to economize in road building.

Vancouver—Stanifer Construction Corporation's steel shipyard being rapidly completed.

The Dalles—Old brewery may be turned into ice plant for O. W. R. & N. Co. furnished electricity by Pacific Power & Light Co.

Portland—Northwest Steel Co. gets contracts for 8 more 8800 ton ships.

Portland—14 steel ships launched in Willamette since Jan. 1 and total tonnage first 4 months of 1918 is 108,201.

Klamath Falls—Factory of Ewanna Box Co. rebuilt. Resumes operations.

Springfield—Springfield Mill and Elevator Co. receive order from government for 2,000 barrels of flour for shipment to allies.

Marshfield—Work started on fifth vessel which Coos Bay Shipbuilding Co. is constructing for government.

Portland—Pacific Northwest continues to set pace in shipbuilding for the country.

Marshfield—First boat built for Emergency Fleet Corp by the Coos Bay Shipbuilding Co. successfully launched.

Eugene—Fish car Rainbow brings salmon here. About 300,000 fish are planted in the Willamette; trout are taken to Bonneville.

Toledo payroll estimated at \$20,000 per month.

Canyon City—Chrome industry is given big impetus. Low grade ore to be concentrated. Spokane syndicate has leased the Prairie diggings mill and will make a new market for the grade of chrome that can not stand transportation charges.

Marshfield—White cedar camp established at Floras creek. Will get out white cedar for aeroplane stock.

Hermiston—Structural work on alfalfa meal manufacturing building well under way.

Echo shearing plant to clip near 55,000 sheep this spring.

Gold Beach—Big deposit of manganese ore discovered, 200 feet long, 20 feet wide.

Roseburg—Prospects for large prune crop bright.

Marshfield—Eastside mill to operate soon.

Eugene—Capital stock of Eugene Woolen Mills increased from 40,000 to \$150,000.

Astoria—Immediate improvement of Seventh St. authorized.

Pacific Highway is now open from Portland to San Francisco.

County Buys Six Trucks.

Hoquiam, Wash. May 17—Grays Harbor County, is equipping its road districts with motor trucks, and the Commissioners expect to effect a big saving in the cost of road repairs and construction. Six large trucks have been purchased by the county, and, in addition, a tractor trailer.

One truck will be provided each road district in the county. On account of the larger loads of gravel that can be hauled and the saving in man power it is believed the cost of road work in the county will be reduced. The truck equipment purchased represents an investment of about \$30,000.

Hindenburg Is Reported Dead By Captive Huns.

London, May 13—All German prisoners captured in France say that Field Marshal von Hindenburg is dead, letters from British officers on the western front report, according to the Daily Express. At the same time the name of General von Mackensen is brought into prominence as that of a great man who is to bring the German victory.

The Express assumes that the Von Hindenburg story is circulated to explain the failure of the great offensive.

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