

### COCCHI CONFESSES TO MURDER OF RUTH AND INVOLVES N. Y. POLICE

BOLOGNA, Italy, June 25.—Alfredo Cocchi, the fugitive New York motorcycle dealer, abandoned today his pretense of innocence of the murder of Ruth Cruger and confessed his guilt. Jealousy was his motive, he says. He was unable, he declared, to win her love, and became furious when she rebuffed his persistent attentions. The admissions of the young Italian who escapes the New York police failed to prevent, were made in tears after searching interrogation by Judge Zucconi broke down Cocchi's reserve. Prior to this examination, Cocchi had coolly and insistently maintained that he had known Miss Cruger only two days before her disappearance in February, when she went to his shop to have her skates sharpened, and had declared his conduct toward her was entirely correct.

Under Judge Zucconi's searching questions today, however, Cocchi finally burst into tears. He became so agitated as his confession fell haltingly from his lips that the persons surrounding him believed he was about to have an epileptic fit.

He was granted time to recover and then resumed the story of how the 18-year-old Wadleigh high school girl met death at his hands in the building where her body was recently unearthed from the cellar.

Alfredo Cocchi went to Bologna from New York in February after the disappearance of Ruth Cruger. When the girl's body was discovered in the basement of Cocchi's motorcycle shop in New York, the American authorities cabled to Italy asking for the man's arrest on a charge of murder. Cocchi was caught on June 20 and at first protested his innocence.

NEW YORK, June 25.—Simultaneously with the news from Italy today that Alfredo Cocchi had confessed the murder of Ruth Cruger, it was reported on high authority that at least a dozen or more motorcycle policemen would be suspended as an outgrowth of the case.

The investigation begun by Inspector Faurot at the direction of Police Commissioner Woods, it was said tonight, had already disclosed certain alleged irregular practices by motorcycle policemen.

### ALFREDO COCCHI WILL PROBABLY PLEAD INSANITY

NEW YORK, June 27.—Insanity will be the defense of Alfredo Cocchi, confessed murderer of Ruth Cruger, New York high school girl, dispatches from Bologna, Italy, indicated today.

Cocchi's attorneys have asked for a sanity examination to precede the hearing on Cocchi's extradition to this country. They declare he has shown since his arrival in Italy that he is mentally irresponsible.

### PASTOR ACCUSED OF SEDITION IS OUSTED BY HIS CONGREGATION

LOS ANGELES, June 25.—Rev. Dr. Francis Watry, pastor of the Unitarian church of Long Beach, has been ousted by the majority members of his congregation for alleged unpatriotic utterances.

Fourteen members of the church last night voted that Dr. Watry's usefulness as their pastor ceased because he declared from the pulpit that the "Monroe doctrine was not worth a snap of the finger." He was given 60 days to terminate his pastorate.

### NET TIGHTENS ON THOSE WHO DODGE DRAFT

DALLAS, Tex., June 25.—Federal officials announced today that 40 of the 55 men recently indicted here for alleged seditious conspiracy against the enforcement of the selective draft law have been arrested.

Among those taken into custody yesterday and today, it was said, were Z. L. Riley, state president of the Farmers' and Laborers' Protective organization, and W. T. Webb, state secretary of the Socialist party.

### FIRE IN BEND PINE FORESTS UNDER CONTROL

BEND, Or., June 26.—Fire which started Sunday in the pine forests in Millican valley is now under control. A force of men is remaining on the ground to check any fresh outbreak of the flames. The extent of the damage has not been learned.

### PREMIER'S SON IS SUICIDE

PETROGRAD, June 27.—The son of former Premier Sturmer, arrested at Kieff for drunkenness, committed suicide at Veroff, after brooding over his disgrace, according to word received here today.

### EASTERN OREGON TIMBER LAND TO BE DEVELOPED

OGDEN, Utah, June 27.—Articles of incorporation are on file here today of the Oregon-American Lumber company, with a capitalization of \$3,500,000. The concern plans to develop large timber holdings in eastern Oregon with the expectation of supplying the government with shipbuilding and army barracks material.

David C. Eccles, president and general manager of the Oregon Lumber company, heads the new concern. Other officers are: Charles T. Early of Portland, vice president; M. S. Browning, treasurer; Royal Eccles, secretary, and these with L. R. Eccles and John Scowcroft form the board of directors.

Sawmills and logging camps will be established immediately.

### BOYS WHO SERVE THEIR COUNTRY ON FARMS ARE MAKING GOOD RECORDS

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 26.—"The city boy is making good on the farm. This was the report today from various parts of the country to the United States Boys' Working reserve. Reports received during the week from a large number of states, while not complete, show that more than 20,000 boys already have gone into the country to serve their country by helping on farms. To join the reserve a boy must be over 16 and prove himself physically fit.

"From New York City alone, according to word from Arthur F. Payne, acting state director of the Boys' reserve, nearly 2000 boys have been sent out, without a single complaint from the farmers in regard to these boys."

"Our great difficulty," says Mr. Payne, "is in supplying the farmers with the number of boys they need." Similar reports are being received from Pennsylvania, Connecticut, New Jersey, and other states.

"F. W. Holden, of Baltimore, who has been appointed state director for Maryland, started his work today. He stated that already a number of inquiries have been made by farmers as to how many boys they can secure.

"Between 500 and 800 boys from all sections of Virginia have been organized to go to the eastern shore to help harvest the potato crops in the encouraging report from Charles L. Weaver, Virginia state director of the Boys' reserve.

"The District of Columbia has just been organized for the Boys' reserve work by the selection of Prof. C. Daniel, principal of the McKinley Manual Training school, as director."

### SEDITIONARY HANDBILLS ARE CIRCULATED IN PORTLAND BY LEAGUE

PORTLAND, Or., June 27.—A handbill announcing the existence of a nation-wide league to resist conscription was found Sunday morning in the mail box at Hibernia hall, 304 Russell street, and turned over to Patrolman Lillis by the janitor. The pamphlets evidently were distributed about the city Saturday night. This was the only one to fall into the hands of the police.

The handbill, in strong language, urges its readers to resist conscription, join the league and send money to the league's headquarters in New York to give assistance to those who come in conflict with the government.

"We will resist conscription by every means in our power," says the handbill, "and we will sustain those who for similar reasons refuse to be conscripted."

### PORTLAND YARDS WILL LAUNCH A STEEL SHIP EVERY FIFTEEN DAYS

PORTLAND, June 27.—Portland will launch a steel steamer every 15 days for two months, beginning about July 15.

The Northwest Steel company has the War Viceroy almost ready and will put her in the water about July 15. At intervals of two weeks they expect to launch two more craft.

About September 15 the Columbia River Shipbuilding corporation expects to launch its first ship.

With wooden craft that will be coming along in the meantime and the first Albina steel steamer which should be ready about October 1, probably two ships a month will be placed in commission.

### CHARGED WITH SHIRKING

PORTLAND, Ir., June 26.—Complaint was filed this morning by Assistant United States Attorney Rankin against Jonathan J. Henke of Condon, Or., on a charge of failure to register.

### PREPARATIONS BEING MADE FOR OPENING OF SECOND RESERVE CAMP

SAN FRANCISCO, June 26.—Preliminary arrangements for the receiving of applications for the second reserve officers' training camp, which opens at the Presidio August 27, were made following the receipt by Colonel M. W. Rowell of the first blanks from Washington. These applications, 2500 in all, were at once mailed to applicants.

The second supply is expected soon. A new system of receiving applications has been ordered for the second camp. All applications must be made to the army examining officers through the medium of the local committees of the Military Training Camp association. Two hundred of these committees, one for each town of 2500 or more in the eight states in this district have been named and are preparing to commence their work.

In addition, one chief examining officer has been named in each of the eight states. The examining officers in the western department district have been named as follows:

For Montana—At Helena, Captain Hollis C. Clark, C. S. A., retired.

For Wyoming—At Fort A. D. Russell, First Lieutenant Beverly C. Daly, U. S. A., retired.

For Idaho—At Boise Barracks, First Lieutenant Roy W. Ashbrook, U. S. A., retired.

For Washington—At Fort Lawton, Captain William Patten, U. S. A., retired.

For Oregon—At Vancouver Barracks, Wash., Major Jens Bugge, U. S. A., retired.

For Nevada—At Reno, First Lieutenant Thurman D. Thorpe, U. S. A., retired.

For Utah—At Fort Douglas, Captain Lewis R. Ball, U. S. A., retired.

For California—At Presidio, Major Sam F. Bottoms, Coast Artillery corps.

### STOCKYARDS AT PASCO ARE OPENED WITH A LARGE ATTENDANCE

WALLA WALLA, Wash., June 26.—Opening of the new Union Stock yards at Pasco yesterday was attended by many stockmen and farmers of this section, who pronounced the plant one of the best for its size in the northwest. The yards are situated in the center of the great feed producing districts of the Columbia and Yakima river valleys, convenient to all railroads, and have a capacity of 75 cars, with large resting and feeding pens and sheds for 25 carloads. Adequate office space for both the company and for patrons, commission firms and buyers, are provided. There are sales and feed yards for all kinds of livestock.

John C. Neace, of Waukegan, is president; Volney B. Cox, secretary; treasurer: F. J. Pingry, of Burbank, vice-president; and Willis R. Hales, manager. With Mr. Neace and Mr. Pingry, the following are the directors: C. A. Hales, of Waukegan; Samuel Glascock, of Spokane; B. L. Harris, of North Yakima; Frank Lowden, of Walla Walla; George Drumbeller, of Walla Walla.

### CALIFORNIA RECTOR IS CALLED TO FILL PULPIT OF ST. PAUL'S

Rev. C. H. L. Chandler, who has been for several years rector of St. Stephen's Episcopal church at San Luis Obispo, California, has accepted the call to St. Paul's Episcopal church, of this city, and will arrive in this city with his wife and five children about August 1st.

Rev. Chandler has resided at San Luis Obispo for the past seven years, and has been active in church and public affairs, always taking an active part in the community's development. While in that city he organized the Emerson club, a staunch supporter of the Chamber of Commerce, a Chautauqua organization and backed other movements. A Guild hall was built under his pastorate and a parochial organization of the church of San Luis Obispo effected. His wife has been a great assistance in his work in California. She is a talented musician, a member of the Music Study club, the Book club and other organizations.

Before accepting the call of the Episcopal church in California, Rev. Chandler was traveling secretary of the St. Andrew Brotherhood, and for ten years was employed in the office of the O-W. R. & N. company in Portland.

### PASTOR RETURNS AFTER ACTIVE FRENCH SERVICE

AN AMERICAN PORT, June 27.—Rev. M. H. Talbot and wife of Portland, Or., arrived on a French ship today. Mr. Talbot has been driving an ambulance and his wife has been doing war relief work in Paris.

### HOOD RIVER MAN KILLS 31 SNAKES; ALL RATTLES

HOOD RIVER, Or., June 26.—Charles Barnes, a Middle valley rancher, holds the local record for killing rattlesnakes. In search of a horse that had wandered away in the hills of the range east of the valley, the rancher heard a hissing noise and peeped into a depression where a huge boulder had formerly been cradled among rocky shale. He was surprised to see a mass of wriggling serpents.

Securing a forked stick, Mr. Barnes fished out the snakes one by one. When all were dispatched he counted them and he had killed 31 rattlesnakes. He is now giving all his friends rattlers as trophies.

### ALTHOUGH SEASON IS LATE, WOOL SELLS AT RECORD PRICE NOW

Records are being made in the price of wool with confirmed sales of several small clips of extra fancy quality in the Willamette valley at 64 a pound. This is 1/4 a pound higher than the record previously made when the Lebanon pool was sold to Portland interests at 62 1/2 a pound.

While as high as 64c has been paid for select quality in small lots in the valley, the general market ranges from 56 to 62c a pound, according to quality.

Business in eastern Oregon is still showing as high as 61c a pound so far confirmed sales are concerned, although unconfirmed reports indicate some business in selected clips in small lots at 61c.

According to Manager Sullivan of Norton & Company it is impossible to interest eastern tanners in winter hides; in fact, this condition has existed for some time. He says that tanners are all looking for the better quality summer hides because of the government contracts, which demand the best in leather. In the meantime values here are unchanged, the coast paying more for hides than the east is offering.

It develops that the clip of mohair this season in Oregon is much less than expected, and practically the entire cutting has been cleaned up. Only small lots remain, and the market is very good, with buyers offering 62c a pound in the country, f. o. b. station.

### LOSS OF \$3,000,000 FOLLOWS BREAKING OF UTAH IRRIGATION DAM

FAIRVIEW, Utah, June 25.—The dam of the Price River Irrigation company, 12 miles from here, which started to break yesterday afternoon, was a total loss this morning. All fears that there will be loss of life in the towns of Schofield, Helper, Castle Gate and Colton, in the path of the 11,000-acre feet of water that was released in the break, were dispelled this morning with an announcement by the Rio Grande railroad that its force of men, assisted by workers of the irrigation company, had taken hundreds of men, women and children to safety.

While officials of the irrigation company were unable to give an exact estimate of the loss to the dam, crops and property, they declared that the damage would probably exceed \$3,000,000.

SALT LAKE CITY, June 25.—The entire branch of the Denver & Rio Grande railroad at Schofield, about five miles from where the mammoth reservoir dam near Fairview, Utah, broke last night, was completely wiped out today, according to meager reports received here at the local offices of the railroad. Communication has been almost entirely cut off and definite information regarding the break is impossible.

### OREGON HAS 62,922 MEN REGISTERED WHO MAY BE CONSCRIPTED

PORTLAND, Ir., June 26.—Oregon registered 62,922 men of military age in the recent draft registration.

Adjutant General White issued a corrected statement superceding the figure of 62,846 wired to Washington on the day after registration.

Included are 480 enemy aliens, 6234 aliens and 718 totally disabled and 146 colored citizens.

Exemptions are claimed by 28,989 who state that they have either one or more dependent relatives.

### WISCONSIN HAS RECORD RAIN

MILWAUKIE, Wis., June 25.—The heaviest rain in the history of Wisconsin Saturday caused damage in Milwaukee county estimated at \$500,000.

### PORTLAND WOMAN DIES WHEN AUTO PASSES OVER BODY ON STREET

PORTLAND, Or., June 22.—Mrs. Anna Peterson, 348 East Forty-second street, was instantly killed when she was struck by an automobile driven by H. L. Putman an employe of the Oscar Huber company, at Fifth and Stark streets at 4:10 p. m. yesterday.

Mrs. Peterson was crossing Stark street, walking south, when the large automobile cut around another machine going east on Stark, striking Mrs. Peterson and passing entirely over her body, the police were told.

According to several witnesses, Putman sounded no warning while passing the other machine. When taken to the police station he was unable to give a clear version of the accident.

Mrs. H. H. Haakel, a nurse in the offices of Dr. Alan W. Smith, in the Electric building, was an eye witness and administered first aid, but her efforts were of no avail.

A charge of manslaughter was placed against Putman and his bail set at \$3000. He says that he is married, but that his wife is in Seattle.

Coroner Smith will hold an inquest over the body of Mrs. Peterson either today or Sunday.

Mrs. Peterson is survived by a son, Herman Peterson, and a daughter, Miss Hulda. Mr. Peterson has been dead several years.

### FISHERMAN, HELD A PRISONER BY NET, IS DROWNED NEAR JETTY

ILWACO, Wash., June 25.—Charles Salo, 35, was drowned today when a heavy sea struck the boat in which he and his partner, Heikkila, were fishing off the north jetty. They were proceeding around the jetty in a dangerous piece of water when a swell swamped their boat and at the same time raised the nets in such a way as to cover Salo, who, imprisoned in the meshes, was beaten to death in spite of every effort to release him.

The Fort Canby lifeboat crew responded to the call for help. Two members of the crew, Johnson and Underhill, nearly lost their lives while attempting to release the victim, Johnson being compelled to swim a distance of nearly 200 yards around the jetty before being rescued. The boat containing the body of Salo was recovered after some delay, but in spite of every effort to resuscitate the man, he was pronounced dead. He leaves a wife and four small children. This is the second fisherman drowned in the neighborhood of the Jetty within a week.

Richard Koski, a single man, was washed overboard by what the fishermen call a blind swell, last Monday. His partner was rescued by a neighbor, fishing fisherman named Metty, but Koski was wearing heavy clothes and no life preserver and disappeared before assistance could be rendered.

### BRITISH CONSUL IS RECALLED FROM POST IN MEXICAN CAPITAL

MEXICO CITY, June 27.—H. A. Richards, the British consul, left today, having received an urgent recall from his government. High importance is attached to the action of the English government.

It is probable that the recall of Consul Richards deals with the negotiations which England, France and the United States are carrying on to secure a reduction of taxes and assessments on Mexican oil.

### CONGRESSMAN TO URGE PERMANENT CONTROL OF FOOD

WASHINGTON, June 25.—A resolution for a constitutional amendment giving congress power at all times to legislate for the control of the supply and distribution of food was offered Thursday by Representative La Guardia of New York. The pending food bill, La Guardia said, was a war measure only and, without a constitutional amendment, such war powers could not be exercised in time of peace.

### YOUTH, GORED BY A BULL, ANXIOUS TO TRY IT AGAIN

CORVALLIS, Or., June 25.—Edward Wilson is lying in the Corvallis hospital with a painful wound in his side, as the result of a goring given him by a bull at the Philomath round-up yesterday. The wound is painful but is not regarded as serious, and the young matador is patiently waiting for the stitches to be absorbed so that he can try it again at Pendleton.

### INDIAN GEORGE IS KILLED BY A SPEEDING TRAIN

HOOD RIVER, Or., June 25.—Indian George Tomlock Chinsre, reputed to have been the oldest Indian of the Columbia river tribe and said to be near 100 years of age, was found dead near this city Sunday morning beside the railroad track of the O-W. R. & N., where the body had been cut in twain by a train.

George was known as a weather prophet in this section. Through practical blindness, he made daily rounds of the city, receiving cash and food contributed from friends. George had a bank account and signed checks by thumb print. The funeral services, held Sunday evening, were attended by several hundred whites and Indians from the reservations, who are here picking strawberries. Rev. E. H. Strombrake pastor of the M. E. church, preached the funeral sermon.

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### FRENCH WOMAN ONCE TRIED FOR MURDER WILL MARRY A PEER

LONDON, June 25.—Madame Margaret Steinheil, a French woman whose trial for murder in Paris in 1909 was a sensation, will, the Express announces, become a British peeress tomorrow by marrying Lord Abinger. After her acquittal, she lived in England, conducting a preserve factory in a London suburb.

The painter, Adolphe Steinheil, and his mother-in-law were found strangled in the artist's house in Paris the night of May 31, 1908. Madame Steinheil had been gagged and bound to a bed. When she recovered from the shock she gave a detailed description of the alleged assassins, who, according to her story, numbered four. Later Madame Steinheil told many conflicting stories and was herself arrested and charged with the crime. The motive for the murder was said to be her hatred of her step-mother and the desire to rid herself of her husband in order to marry another man. Madame Steinheil was finally brought to trial and was acquitted.

"Investigation by us revealed that there is an element in our midst, some of whom are earning their livelihood from the government, opposed to the war, who seek to foment discontent and disorder and who are trying to impede the prosecution of governmental projects and enterprises, and we therefore recommend that congress enact a law that will amend our present law on sedition and make it an offense for any one, by word or deed, to try to stir up strife, to arouse difficulties or disorders in our industrial conditions or interfere with or obstruct carrying out government enterprises."

### TWO ARE SERIOUSLY INJURED IN A PANIC ON A PORTLAND CAR

PORTLAND, Or., June 25.—A panic following a cry that the Steel bridge draw was open resulted in the serious injury of two women and slight injuries to many others on a Williams avenue street car Sunday at midnight.

Those seriously injured were Mrs. J. R. Hensworth, 735 Vancouver avenue, and Mrs. George Gildez, 733 Beech street. They were taken to the Good Samaritan hospital by the ambulance service company. Mrs. Hensworth's head and ankle were hurt and she was found unconscious. Mrs. Gildez's head was injured and it was thought she has internal injuries also.

### ALL OREGON GUARD MEMBERS ARE NOW IN GOVERNMENT SERVICE

PORTLAND, Or., June 27.—By a blanket order received Tuesday the remaining unauthorized national guard units were all accepted by the militia bureau of the United States army.

Somewhat under this order were the battalion of engineers and the recently organized field hospital corps at La Grande.

The latter company is to be inspected by Colonel Allen Smith, medical corps, U. S. A. It consists of 80 men, organized by Captain James R. Neer of the Third infantry.

By this order Oregon now receives official credit for every man who has enlisted in the national guard.

### RIVERS AND HARBORS WILL BE IMPROVED AT COST OF \$27,000,000

WASHINGTON, June 27.—By a vote of 205 to 132, the house today passed the rivers and harbors bill, appropriating \$27,000,000 to be expended in waterway improvements in all parts of the country.

### BRAKEMAN IS KILLED

PORTLAND, Or., June 27.—J. F. Cuddelack, a brakeman employed by the O-W. R. & N. company, was killed at 4 o'clock this morning, at East Twenty-eighth and Sandy boulevard, when his head was crushed between the bumpers and journal box of a dirt train.

### TEACHER KILLS WIFE OF HER LOVER, THEN SHE ATTEMPTS SUICIDE

WAUKESHA, Wis., June 26.—"In the eternal triangle the only solution of the problem is the elimination of one character. The two who should remain are those whose affections are mutual."

After penning this philosophy in a letter to Mrs. David Roberts, wife of a wealthy cattleman, Miss Grace Lusk, aged 42, teacher of psychology and kindred subjects in the Waukesha high school, called Mrs. Roberts to her home, killed her and fired two bullets into her own breast. Physicians say Miss Lusk will recover.

Miss Lusk confessed her love for Dr. Roberts, former state veterinarian and now president of the Roberts Veterinary company, to Mrs. Roberts and told of trips to various cities she had taken with the doctor.

### THAT SLACKERS ARE BLOCKING WORK OF GOVERNMENT, CHARGE

SEWARD, Alaska, June 26.—In its final report the United States grand jury declares that men in the ranks of federal employes, who oppose the present war, are seeking to delay federal projects and enterprises. The charge had already been made that the opening of the coal fields was being willfully delayed. The report says:

"Investigation by us revealed that there is an element in our midst, some of whom are earning their livelihood from the government, opposed to the war, who seek to foment discontent and disorder and who are trying to impede the prosecution of governmental projects and enterprises, and we therefore recommend that congress enact a law that will amend our present law on sedition and make it an offense for any one, by word or deed, to try to stir up strife, to arouse difficulties or disorders in our industrial conditions or interfere with or obstruct carrying out government enterprises."

### CALIFORNIA WOMAN IS SUICIDE WHEN POLICE RAID SILVER CACHE

SAN FRANCISCO, June 26.—While policemen, aided by Walter G. Ross, were unearthing silverware and linen, said to have been stolen from a Monterey hotel, in the cellar of Ross' residence here last night, they heard a shot, and rushing upstairs, they found Mrs. Ross in her bedroom dying. A bullet had pierced her heart. At her side was a revolver. She died on the way to a hospital.

An intercepted telegram from George Woolf, porter at the hotel at which the silverware was stolen, led the police to the Ross house. They said that a duplicate of the telegram, which warned the recipient of danger, was in Mrs. Ross' hand when they found her. Woolf was arrested at Monterey on Wednesday.

### POLICEMAN SHOT BY BROTHER WHO WOULDN'T WORK

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., June 26.—William Shehan, a San Francisco policeman, was shot and killed by his brother Thomas at the home of their aged mother yesterday. When Shehan's fellow officers arrived, they found the mother weeping over her dead son, while his brother sullenly awaited arrest, and freely told of his deed, so the police said.

According to Thomas Shehan, he "quit his job" and came home to live with his mother. His brother upbraided him, both grew angry and the shooting followed.

### YOUNGSTERS SAY THEY MURDERED MAN WITH A BAT

CHICAGO, June 25.—John Killian and George Brandt, 11 and 12 years old, respectively, confessed Thursday night that they murdered David Sreany, the junk dealer beaten to death Tuesday. They implicated a third boy. According to Brandt and Killian, they held the junk dealer while another boy beat him with a baseball bat. The motive, they said, was robbery and the stake \$13 in bills, some silver and a few pennies.

### SUICIDE'S BODY AT VANCOUVER

VANCOUVER, Wash., June 25.—The body of W. J. Henrick, Company F, Fourteenth infantry, 30 years of age, who committed suicide by shooting himself in Portland last night, was brought here today and is now at the Beatty undertaking establishment.