

### BLACKMAIL SEEN IN SOCIAL RIVALRY WAR

#### Village Leader of Smart Set Arrested on Charge of Demanding Money.

### PRISONER IS HYSTERICAL

#### Mrs. Maud Stewart, of Antigo, Wis., Accused of Sending Letter to Townswoman and Federal Authorities Act.

CHICAGO, March 3.—Mrs. Maud Stewart, of Antigo, Wis., a social leader and wife of a prominent merchant, was arrested by Federal detectives here today, charged with sending a blackmailing letter to a rival social leader, Mrs. Stewart collapsed when United States Commissioner Foote held her in \$3000 bond.

The letter which caused the arrest of Mrs. Stewart was written to Mrs. E. E. Van Ostland, who, the Government detectives say, is a rival of Mrs. Stewart for leadership in Antigo society. Mrs. Van Ostland attended a recent meeting of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Washington. In the letter Mrs. Stewart made some accusations against Mrs. Van Ostland in connection with the Washington trip, and demanded that she place a sum of money in a crock in a post in the outskirts of Antigo. The demand and the letter were inspired, according to the detectives, by a spirited contest between the two women for leadership in Antigo society.

Mrs. Van Ostland turned the letter over to the postal authorities. A dummy package was placed in the post and it is declared that Mrs. Stewart was seen taking it. The State's Attorney, however, declined to take the prosecution of the case, according to Federal officials, because of the prominence of the accused woman, declaring that a conviction would be impossible. The postal authorities in Wisconsin took the matter up and Mrs. Stewart was arrested here today on advice from District Attorney Goff, of Milwaukee.

Mrs. Stewart became hysterical in the Commissioner's office. "Why is this being done to me? she demanded. "I have done wrong to no one. I can't stand this. I have done no wrong."

Medical attention was necessary to quiet her. The warrant on which she was arrested calls for her removal to Wisconsin for trial. The preliminary hearing will take place here tomorrow.

### POLK COUNTY REPORT OUT

#### Spelling Contest Records Kept in Various Grades.

MONMOUTH, Or., March 3.—(Special.)—A report of the spelling contest for Polk County has been kept and a report for one month follows:

Class A (schools of more than five teachers). Fourth grade—First, Dallas, 98.27; second, Falls City, 97.1; third, Monmouth, 97. First grade—First, Monmouth, 98.9; second, Falls City, 97.9; third, Independence, 97.2. Fifth grade—Monmouth, 97.8; Falls City, 97.4; Dallas, 96.9; third, Independence, 96.3; third, Dallas, 95.3; eighth grade—First, Dallas, 96.9; second, Falls City, 94.9; third, Monmouth, 85.

Class B (schools of two to five teachers), fourth grade—First, Dallas, 98.2; second, 98.3; third, Mountain View, 99.

The interest is still keen in the spelling contest work and this month's results are very satisfactory. It will be noticed by the above report that many schools have reached above the 95 per cent mark. All schools were entered this month and all the children did yesterday, and District Attorney Stelwer and Coroner Garfield, of Pendleton, held an inquest.

A jury was empaneled and a verdict was rendered to the effect that Beller came to his death as the result of a wound inflicted upon his head by a shovel in the hands of McCarty on February 27, near the Beller home, and that McCarty acted in an unlawful manner. The original complaint of assault will be changed by District Attorney Stelwer to one of a more serious nature.

### 11 WOMEN, 1 MAN ON JURY

#### Counsel, Dubious of Result, Passes One of Fair Sex for Cause.

TACOMA, Wash., March 3.—(Special.)—The most unique jury the Superior Court has yet seen developed today, when 11 women and one lone man were summoned to try the \$1000 damage suit of William Dahlberg against Dr. W. N. Keller. R. E. Snook was the lone man. "Have you any hesitancy about serving on this jury?" Attorney Harry Johnson asked Snook. Snook looked over the 11 women. "Not a bit," he answered boldly. Major C. O. Bates, of counsel for the defense, was dubious of Snook, however, and passed one of the women for cause and S. R. Gray, a Puyallup merchant, took her place. The ten women and two men will pass on the case.

### DRUGGIST IS FINED \$400

#### Owen Osburn, of Roseburg, Convicted of Illegal Liquor Selling.

ROSEBURG, Or., March 3.—(Special.)—Owen Osburn, a local druggist recently convicted of bootlegging, was today sentenced by Judge Hamilton to pay a fine of \$400 and serve 30 days in the county jail. The jail sentence was suspended during the defendant's good behavior.

### SUFFRAGETTE IS UNAFRAID

#### Mrs. Drummond Says Mob Scenes Are "Boysish Playfulness."

LONDON, March 3.—"General" Mrs. Flora Drummond, the militant suffragette, whom the police had to rescue yesterday from a mob in Hyde Park, declared today that she has no fear of the threats that have been made to her and her fellow workers. She described the wild scenes yesterday as "merely an instance of boysish playfulness," and added: "Every fresh outbreak of militancy on the part of the women brings enthusiastic recruits. The vast majority of the men admire us."

### ROSEBURG MAYOR FINED

#### JUDGE SENTENCES MIOELLI TO \$500 AND COSTS PAYMENT.

Motion for New Trial Overruled and City Official Scored for Act of Bootlegging as Charged.

### NEW PINE COMPLAINS

#### RAILROAD ACCUSED OF DISCRIMINATING AGAINST TOWN.

#### In Favor of Fairport, Nevada, California & Oregon Cuts Service Unreasonably, Is Charge.

### WOMAN'S TALE OF ROBBERY PUZZLES

#### Police See Strange Features in Connection With Mrs. Mills' \$41,000 Loss.

### NO TRACE OF BILLS FOUND

#### Doctors Say Blow on Head Insufficient to Render Person Unconscious — Victim Says She May Go to St. Louis.

CHICAGO, March 3.—Despite the efforts of the police, the strange story told by Mrs. Mabel Mills, 46 years old, wife of a real estate dealer in San Antonio, Tex., who said she was robbed of \$41,000 after being bruised and becoming unconscious in a snow storm at Evanston, a suburb, last Saturday night, remained a mystery tonight. No one has been arrested and none of the money has been recovered.

Searching the ground where Mrs. Mills said she struggled for more than an hour and a half in the snow, under porches where it was hoped the money, all in \$1000 bills, might have been blown by the gale, the police, after interviewing the woman at a hospital, announced they had discovered these facts, which they said only puzzled them.

Blow Not Heavy One. Mrs. Mills said she became unconscious only when she was being picked up on the porch of Mrs. A. J. Cooney to which she had crawled, whereas Chief of Police Shaffer, of Evanston, said he had good authority for stating that the bruise on the back of the woman's head was sufficient to have rendered her unconscious and the physicians at the hospital said Mrs. Mills could not have lost consciousness from any other cause.

Mrs. Mills told the police she was indifferent about the loss of the money and said she wanted to leave the city. She announced she might be in St. Louis by tomorrow. After going throughly into the case, Chief Shaffer said he had no basis upon which to make any arrests. "I told Mrs. Mills that, being a practical business woman, accustomed to handling large sums of money, as she said she had in her real estate dealings in San Antonio, it appeared to me unusual that she should have ventured to walk along a dark suburban street with \$41,000 in cash in her pocketbook," said Chief Shaffer.

"She only repeated her previous story that she had been picked up at the home of Mrs. Stevens, a friend, that she was on her way to a railway station when, discovering she had left her ticket and some money at Mrs. Stevens' returned. It was on her way back, she said, she lost the money. The woman does not insist she was robbed. She says she became unconscious and when revived the money was gone.

Walk Back Takes Long Time. "In the face of the circumstances, I was told in the hospital that the blow on the woman's head, whether from a fall or from a fist was not severe enough to have more than stunned her. A curious thing is that one hour and 30 minutes elapsed between the time she started to walk back to Mrs. Stevens' and the time she was found.

### SEATTLE DENTIST TAKEN

#### Dr. Holcomb Charged With Attempt to Set Fire to ex-Wife's Home.

SEATTLE, Wash., March 3.—Dr. August H. Holcomb, a prominent dentist, was arrested late today on a warrant charging him with having attempted to set fire to the home of his divorced wife, Mrs. Frances E. Bardwell, who lives with her two sons by a former marriage at Everett, a Seattle suburb. Dr. Holcomb was held under \$2000 bond, which it was asserted would be given by Mrs. Eva Holcomb.

Late Saturday night neighbors of Mrs. Bardwell saw three lighted candles fixed to the joists under the room usually occupied by Mrs. Bardwell and put out the fire.

Dr. Holcomb married Florence E. Bardwell in Tacoma, six months after he had been divorced by Eva Holman, in whose complaint Mrs. Bardwell was named as co-respondent.

### North Bend Has Free Lectures.

NORTH BEND, Or., March 3.—(Special.)—The North Bend Library Association, working for a better North Bend has instituted a free lecture course for Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, continuing to the last of August. The course and lectures follow: March 9, "Local Geology" (1), J. A. Ward.

### OPINION IS GIVEN

#### IN VERY FEW WORDS

#### Mrs. E. Alves Tells How Plant Juice Benefited Her Mother and Her.

Here is another testimonial from a well-known Oakland woman, who says she thinks Plant Juice is a blessing to all womankind. Mrs. E. Alves, who resides at 1842 Thirty-fourth street, Oakland, made the following statement: "The Plant Juice has proven a real blessing to both my mother and myself. My mother, Mrs. M. Silveira, was so nervous that she could hardly raise a spoon to her lips. She was really in a pitiful condition. She also had rheumatism badly. We have only used one bottle of Plant Juice and the change in her condition is marked. Her hands are getting stronger and stronger, her rheumatism is better; in fact, she feels better in every way. My own trouble was the worst form of nervous trouble, and I knew if I did not get something to build me up I would be a nervous wreck. Plant Juice helped me right from the first day. It soothes and strengthens the nerves as nothing else ever did. In our case it has proven to be a perfect tonic. Any woman suffering from weak nerves will understand better than I can say what awful suffering it is."

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### Pope Appoints 14 Guards.

ROME, March 3.—Pope Pius appointed today 14 new noble guards. The appointments were made in accordance with the recently established rule whereby it is no longer necessary that new members shall belong to a former pontifical state. The new guards, however, are all Italians and none has yet been chosen from the foreign candidates.

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March 18, "First Aid to the Injured" (1), Dr. L. B. Bartie. March 23, "Habits of Bess and Ants" Dr. M. C. Robbins. March 30, "The Ethics of Law," N. C. McLeod. April 6, "New Things and Old" (1), Industry, D. A. McLeod. April 13, "Local Geology" (2), July 6, "Outdoor Education," Dr. M. C. Robbins. July 13, "Forestry on Coos Bay," to be supplied. July 20, "Fishes, Birds and Price," D. A. McLeod. July 27, "The Modern View Point" J. A. Ward. August 3, "Animal Calls and Animal Sense," Dr. L. B. Bartie. August 10, "Biology for School Work," Dr. M. C. Robbins. August 17,

"Dentistry for the Layman," Dr. H. E. Burmaster. August 24, "Our Social Health," J. A. Ward. August 31, "The Outlook," D. A. McLeod.

Taft Appointee Quits Bench. SEATTLE, March 3.—United States District Judge Clinton W. Howard, whose recess appointment as Judge for the District of Washington will expire at noon tomorrow, performed his

last official acts today when he convened court at 10 o'clock this morning to sign decrees in cases decided in the last few days. Judge Howard was appointed by President Taft to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation last July of Judge Cornelius H. Hanford, who retired from the bench while a Congressional sub-committee was investigating impeachment charges filed against him by Congressman Victor Berger.



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