

EXPLOSION STORY  
TOLD BY GILMORE

Some Workman With Imaginary Grievance Blamed for Attempt on Life.

NOISE BRINGS QUICK AID

Wife of Logging Camp Superintendent Still Confined in Hospital From Injury Received When Home Is Blown to Pieces.

VANCOUVER, Wash., April 19.—(Special).—"Some man working at the camp, who had an imaginary grievance against me must have been the one who put the dynamite under my bed and attempted to blow my wife, two children and myself into eternity," said J. A. Gilmore, superintendent of the Nelskam Timber & Logging Company, at Chapman, Or.

Mrs. Gilmore, who was the worst injured of the family, did not have a good day today and doctors believe she may have several ribs fractured. She will recover, however, unless complications set in.

Mrs. Gilmore was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital, in this city, last night and Mr. Gilmore arrived about midnight.

In reviewing the events of the past 24 hours, Mr. Gilmore today said: My family and I had been out visiting earlier in the evening. My wife returned to the house and I went to the commissary car, a few feet from the house and was working there until after 5 o'clock. My wife could look out of the window and see me in the commissary. She looked at me several times and one time saw a man watching me through the window. He backed away, but my wife did not tell me this until after the explosion.

Wife Awakens, Finds On Rings.

"Finally I went into the house, sat down and smoked a while and we went to bed about 10 o'clock. In a little while Mrs. Gilmore got up and put on her nightgown, when she had forgotten and left on the dresser.

"When we were both sound asleep a terrific explosion awakened us. We threw ourselves high in the air and dropped back again, covered with debris, glass and splinters. My wife called to me, 'I've had an awful nightmare, where are we?' and I said, 'You're not hurt, but he still, don't move.' I cautioned her, as I was expecting to be shot by the man who had been watching me through the window.

"My wife, who was a lamp, began to rub her body and, feeling the blood pouring from the gash in her back, could not be restrained from moving. 'I've been shot,' she cried.

"Trained Nurse Arrives.

"In a short time the night watchman, who had been past my house at 12:40 o'clock on his 30-minute trip, arrived with a lantern and it was not long before a woman in a white dress and a nurse came to my assistance. Mrs. George Graham, a graduate nurse, who has a small farm nearby, was the first aid to the injured, and her assistance most welcome.

"Going into the next room after I had extricated myself and wife from the debris over our wrecked bed, I limped into the next room to look for our children. Robert, 13, the elder boy, had been dazed and was standing in the kitchen, his eyes closed. Henry, only 5, was not awakened, but lay so still that I thought he was dead. Glass splinters and pieces of furniture were all over the bed, but he escaped without a scratch.

"Later, I examined the mattress on our bed, which, by the way, was exceptionally heavy. I found that a piece of the floor was forced through it, and it was this that penetrated my wife's back.

Two Previous Attempts Made.

"Two attempts had been made before to injure me, once on March 27, when coal was thrown on the front and back doors and porches and set on fire. It just so happened that my next door neighbor had a sick baby, and was up at the time, 2 o'clock in the morning, caring for it, when he noticed the fire.

"I am going back and investigate this to the very bottom. I have never had a quarrel with any of the men. If they had tried to kill me only I would not have cared, but when they tried to get the whole family, I cannot see the motive."

The clock in the office, 200 feet distant from the home, was stopped by the concussion at a minute and a half after 1 o'clock. But the alarm clock in the house that was working was carried on a chair and landed right side up on a chair and did not stop running.

SECRET WATCHERS PLACED

Deputy Sheriff Lake Hopes to Unravel Dynamite Mystery.

ST. HELENS, Or., April 19.—(Special).—Secret watchers were placed in lumber camps of Columbia County today by Deputy Sheriff Lake, who is making every effort to capture the man or men responsible for the destruction of the Gilmore home by dynamite Friday night.

A close scrutiny of the movements of all suspects will be maintained by Deputy Sheriff Lake and his men. Bloodhounds were again unable to land any assistance in solving the mystery, and tonight the dogs were returned to Clatskanie.

Deputy Lake believes the dynamite plot was the work of discharged workmen.

BIDS ON TIMBER ASKED

Government Seeks Offers on Clearwater Forest Lumber.

LEWISTON, Idaho, April 19.—(Special).—Bids for 600,000 feet of timber in the Clearwater National forest, offered for sale by the United States Government and for which the Government expects to receive nearly \$1,500,000, have been advertised for by the Forestry Department this week.

The lands involved, approximating 26,000 acres, are located in the Lolo creek and Weippe districts, and were leased last year under the direction of Supervisor Charles Fisher, of Orofino.

LIVESTOCK FAIR FEATURE

Arrangements Are Made for a Big Display at Dallas.

THREE DIE UNDER

AUTOMOBILE IN BAY

Merchant Injured and Family Lost When Car Plunges Off Roadway.

ALL DEAD WHEN TAKEN OUT

Husband and Father Taken to Hospital Injured and With His Mind Shattered From Horror at Fate of Family.

ASTORIA, Or., April 19.—(Special).—The first fatal automobile accident in Astoria happened about 11 o'clock this morning, when Mrs. Kritina Gilmore and her two daughters, Victoria, aged 8, and Ellen, aged 4, were drowned, and Sven A. Gilmore, the woman's husband, escaped with a broken wrist.

The family had just started out for a morning ride. Mr. Gilmore was driving the machine and his wife and daughters occupied the rear seat, as they traveled along Commercial street at a moderate rate of speed. When they arrived a short distance east of the railroad station the rear wheels began to skid on the street track, and before it could be stopped the machine plunged across the sidewalk, through the railing and leaped overboard. The car fell about 20 feet and landed bottom up in six feet of water.

Victims Plunged Under Car.

Gilmore managed to extricate himself. Although one arm was useless on account of a broken wrist, he clung to the wheels until help arrived. He is suffering from a nervous shock. The other members of the family were pinned beneath the machine. Persons who witnessed the accident sent an alarm to No. 3 engine-house and the fire department quickly responded. Firemen setten jumped overboard and rescued Mr. Gilmore. He then tied a rope on to the auto's running gear and pulled the machine out of its slide. Then Mr. Setten made a dive and recovered the bodies of the three victims.

Physicians were summoned and as quickly as possible the three women were moved to a hospital. Although every possible effort was made to resuscitate them life was extinct. They had been in the water fully 30 minutes.

Son Drowned 6 Months Ago.

All the victims had bruises about the head which indicated they had been struck by something in falling and were so badly stunned that they could not help themselves.

While apparently not seriously injured, Mr. Gilmore is at a hospital under the care of physicians and in a condition such as account of the shock that he is unable to tell a connected story of the accident.

The only son in the family was drowned six months ago. This makes the entire family, with the exception of the father, wiped out of existence by drowning accidents in a short time.

The machine was removed from the water this afternoon and is not badly damaged.

Contract price does not include elevators, heating plant or part of the finished floor.

The structure is to be of reinforced concrete, three stories high, and its ground dimensions are 35 by 70 feet. Work is to be completed within four months. The piling foundation is already driven. This addition to the present building will make the local institution the largest hospital in the southwest.

CHURCH FORCES ORGANIZE

Dallas Men Will Try to Increase Sunday Observance.

DALLAS, Or., April 19.—(Special).—In pursuance of a long-felt need of an organization for the purpose of interesting people in attending church, Rev. George H. Bennett, of the Methodist Episcopal Church in this city, has organized the "Methodist Booster Club," composed of the young men who are members of the church.

This organization will adopt ways and means of interesting non-church-goers in the church work, and seek to secure their attendance at religious services.

The first step taken by the organization in this direction is a lecture to be delivered by Walter L. Toole, Jr., a local attorney.

CITY TO BE BEAUTIFIED

Civic Club, of Grangeville, Idaho, Plans Many Improvements.

GRANGEVILLE, Idaho, April 19.—(Special).—A broad programme of municipal improvements, which has for its object the beautifying of Grangeville, has been outlined by the Civic Club.

Among the enterprises to be inaugurated will be a flower show, to be conducted this fall, the cleaning up and beautifying of Hall's grove to provide a pleasure park and the presenting of a musical and comedy entertainment.

At the club's last meeting the following officers were elected: Mrs. Mark Robinson, president; Mrs. C. A. Johnson, first vice-president; Mrs. E. C. Spedden, second vice-president; Mrs. D. F. Rice, secretary, and Mrs. Henry Teller, treasurer.

ALLEGED FORGER IS TAKEN

Man Accused of Victimizing Grays Harbor Banks Jailed.

HOQUIAM, Wash., April 19.—(Special).—Fred D. Roberts, alias Samson, alias C. E. Ferguson, accused of some of the cleverest forgeries in the Pacific Northwest, was arrested in Aberdeen last night by Chief of Police Seaman, of that city, on a description furnished by Sheriff Scheil Matthews.

Samson is alleged to have operated recently in Bellingham, Bremerton and Olympia and a warrant is out for his arrest at Port Orchard.

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WAPATO EXPECTS BIG FRUIT CROP

WAPATO, Wash., April 19.—(Special).—The fruit crop in this section of the Yakima Valley appears to be safe. While at present there is a heavy frost Wednesday night, reports from fruit men are that the damage is slight. The weather has moderated and the next week or two will be all right beyond the danger point. There is every indication of a bounteous fruit crop this year, some estimates placing the reservation output as high as 750 cars.

HUSUM FRUITGROWERS HAVE ELECTION

HUSUM, Wash., April 19.—(Special).—At the annual meeting of the Underwood Fruitgrowers' Union the following directors were elected: J. E. Slade, W. P. Clark, Paul McKeeth, J. R. McCracken, G. A. Cooper, R. H. Hazelton, Frank Fox, W. B. Rine and William Olson. The fruitgrowers were addressed by Sales Manager Stog and President Davidson, of the North Pacific Fruit Distributors.

CORNERSTONE AT STEVENSON LAID

STEVENSON, Wash., April 19.—(Special).—The cornerstone for the new Eagles' Hall here was laid yesterday afternoon, the ceremony being conducted by H. Swisher, worthy president; Lee Flish, worthy vice-president; Joe Gray, secretary, and S. L. Knox, past worthy president. Rev. Charles H. Naylor, pastor of the Congregational Church of Stevenson, delivered the oration.

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