SAYS NOT GUILTY

Army Officer, Accused of Embezzling Government Funds, Faces Court-Martial.

DEALINGS AIRED

Depositions Read at Hearing at Pre sidio Tell of Timber Land Negotiations That Involved Prisoner When Payments Came Duc.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 18.—(Spe-cial.)—That Captain Joseph H. Griffiths, of the Army Quartermaster Corps, attempted to carry through timber deals beyond his wildest dream of accomplishment, developed today at

Accounts Nat Marred.

His accounts, which were regularly audited, showed clean when inspected in January by Inspector-General Lieutenant-Coloney Frederick Day, of the Western Department of the United States Arms. His accounts the property of t

DOUGLAS, Ariz. May 18.—In a re-volver duel in the business section of Douglas, Eduardo Soto, a Mexican, 24 years old, was shot and killed today by Luke Short, a mounted customs in-

Short attempted to arrest Soto, who was riding on a wagon. The Mexican opened fire on the officer from his seat and then jumped to the ground, using the wagon as breastworks. Short dismounted and fired from behind his After 10 shots had been exchanged,

Soto ran from behind the wagon, through an alley and into the rear of a store, where he fell in a faint. Short gave himself up to the authorities pending an investigation.

Short refused to make any statement, but friends of Soto who witnessed the affair declared the inspector had not tried to arrest the Mexican, but had deliberately shot him because of previous trouble over an alleged insult by Soto to Mrs. Short.

CITY FRUIT HEADQUARTERS

(Continued From First Page,)

the money has gone to Washington and Idahe growers. Hood River sold 500 cars of apples through the disment was adopted, for both favored the tributors during the last season. The continuing contract, and both proposed settlement proved so satisfactory, according to H. F. Davidson, that the growers of that section are unanimou behind its operations in 1914. The averame price to the grower for apples was \$1.26 per box. Never before in the history of apple production in the Northwest has a uniform price been maintained, it is reported. The growers have been competing with each

ether for the same limited markets. Local organizations in affiliating with the distributors are already in existencee at Hood River, Salem, Corvalifis, Roseburg and Sutherlin, President Davidson has recently visited Ashland, Medford, Grants Pass and Forest Grove and will authorize locals at those points. Two or more subcentral organizations, in addition to the one at Hood River, will be required for handling the Oregon fruit. Hood River's sub-central heretofore

looked after shipping and settlement for all Oregon shipments, Demand Will Increase, Says Agent. S. B. Moomaw. European general agent for the distributors, is in attendance at the meeting of directors and brings encouraging news for the

Northwest grower. It is his opinion that the European demand for Northwest apples will continue to grow for many years. The box pack and uniform grade demanded by the distributors of its membership, he says, has already given the public confidence in its brands. Mr. Moomaw lives in London and formerly handled Virginia fruits en that market.

Arrangements were completed also today for financing Oregon growers who wish to market their fruit crops through the distributors. It will be possible for any association member to secure an advance in cash to cover spraying, picking and other work. Each individual case will be handled by Sales Manager Sieg upon its merits. The distributors advanced \$500,000 to its members for these purposes last year.

As an indication of what advantage this organization may be to Oregon growers it is noted that 2102 cars of the 3958 cars handled by it last year were sold f. o. b. and the money to pay the grower passed the car en route.

APPOINTMENTS UNDER RAILROAD BOARD TO BE BY PRESIDENT.

Bear and B. F. Tillman, Jr., Among Those Selected.

the meeting of the court martial board held at the Presidio. Captain Griffiths is charged with embezzling \$8000 of Government funds and with desertion. The board arranged for depositions and will be called as a court by Brigadler-General John P. Wisser, its president, Thorseiay, May 21.

Questions were introduced by both Questions were introduced by both slot. This is explained in a circular letter being sent out by the Civil Service. ident, Thursday, May 21.

Questions were introduced by both sides and mailed to deponents so that answer might be made and ready at the general court martial. A formal plea of not guilty was made by Griffiths.

Gregon Deslings Figure.

and not by the civil service Commission to those who have applied for these appointments.

The Alaska railroad bill provided in terms that the appointments made incident to the construction of the Government railroad should be by or unpresent the construction of the Government railroad should be by or unpresent the construction of the Government railroad should be by or unpresent the construction of the Government railroad should be by or unpresent the construction of the Government railroad should be by or unpresent the construction of the Government railroad should be by or unpresent the construction of the Government railroad should be by or unpresent the construction of the Government railroad should be by or unpresent the construction of the Government railroad should be by or unpresent the construction of the Government railroad should be by or unpresent the construction of the Government railroad should be by or unpresent the construction of the Government railroad should be by or unpresent the construction of the Government railroad should be by or unpresent the construction of the Government railroad should be by or unpresent the construction of the Government railroad should be by or unpresent railroad should be by or un

Gregor Deslings Figure.

It was shown in depositions that Griffiths had dealings with the Holbrook Timber Company, which called upon him to pay \$600,000 for some timber lands. He was unable to meet the terms of the agreement, which called for a first payment of \$65,000. One of the agents of the company, it is understood, was E. B. McFarland, who was mald to hold the general offices at Gooslin, Or.

Griffiths, after his inability to make the payment on the first deal, quarreled with McFarland. He then organized another company called the Colonial Timber & Land Company and guaranteed his first payment on that to be liquipidated in January of 1914, of \$70,000.

He could not meet this payment on the time due and got an extension until March. He found himself in a position during March which prohibited him from making this payment in full without, it is staed, taking Government funds. This resulted in the offense of embesslement with which Griffiths is charged.

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COLUMBIA RIVER FISHERIES MEAS-

vorably reported a Chamberlain bill appropriating \$50,000 for the establishment of a fishery experiment station at some point along the Pacific Coast, to be selected by the Bureau of Fisheries.

CREDIT FOR BILL SHARED Chamberlain Offers, Lanc Favors Jetty Contract Draft

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash office of the company of the company

It appears that both Senators intro-duced amendments for a continuing contract at the mouth of the river, and both Senators advocated the adoption of such an amendment to the river and harbor bill. Senator Chamberlain, however, is a member of the commerce committee; is chairman of the sub-committee that redrafted the bill as it came from the House, and as chair-man, secured the adoption of his Idaho and Oregon \$3,069,335.51 for amendment rather than that offered by Senator Lane.

Outside of Hood River the most of As a matter of fact, credit for the

AMERICANS TO BE PILOTS

Goethals Announces No Other Need Apply, Giving Requirements.

WASHINGTON, May 18. - American citizens only are to be trusted to pilot vessels passing through the Panama Canal under the rules just laid down by Colonel Goethals to govern the ap-pointment of pilots.

Applicants must, in addition to Amer-

WASHINGTON, May 18. -WASHINGTON, May 18. — Senator Chamberlain, at the request of Governor West, has applied to the Interior Department to restore to settlement and entry 100,000 acres in the Pauling Forest, additional to the restoration previously ordered. The lands are withdrawn also under the water power and reclamation orders.

Try Santiseptic Lotion after shaving.

'Kill That Squealer," ex-Lieutenant Reported to Have Said After Trial.

PRISONER'S FRIEND TALKS

Condemned Man Testifies for State. Relating Dialogue on Way to Death House.

NEW YORK, May 18.—Swearing that Charles Becker asked him to kill Jack Rose before Rosenthal's murder and after Rose was arrested charged with having taken part in the crime, C. B. Plitt, Jr., the former police lieutenant's friend, companion and press agent, completed the case for the state against Becker today.

James Marshall, a negro, also took the stand to swear that he saw Becker and Rose talking at the Harlem con-

and Rose talking at the Harlem con-ference which was declared by the Court of Appeals to have been the "heart of the conspiracy to murder Herman Rosenthal."

Whitman Completes Case.

The slain gambler's widow was among the others who testified before District Attorney Whitman declared his case was complete. Plitt said that Becker had asked him while on board a train on the way from New York to the death-house at Sing Sing to make away with Rose.

After Rosenthal had been murdered, the witness swore, he met Becker, who was indignant at the way the killing had been accomplished.

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"What is the matter with Jack Rose and the bunch?" Plitt quoted Becker as having said. "To pull the stunt the way they did was very bad, You would suppose it was being done for the moving pictures."

July 15, the day before the murder, Plitt said he saw Becker at police headquarters. "Beeker told me," said the witness, "that he and I had to have an allbi for that night. Keep away.

an allbi for that night. Keep away from Times' Square tonight,' he told

"'What's coming off?" I asked.

"'Never mind, said Becker, 'do as ou are told. We've got to have an libl. Tomorrow you'll know why."

Plitt showed signs of nervousness

during his testimony.

The witness said he called on Deputy Police Commissioner Dougherty and did the best he could to establish an alibi for Becker. He saw Becker later and Becker sent him to see Rose, then under arrest. He sent in a note to Rose with reference to the euployment of

Defense Opens Today.

Plitt appeared 76 be even more nervous during his cross-examination than at any time he was on the stand. In the middle of the examination Becker moved to a far end of his counsel's table, where he could look directly into the face of the witness. He stared at him during the rest of the afternoon and was apparently eager to catch the eye of his one-time friend and company

and was apparently eager to catch the eye of his one-time friend and companion. He was, however, unsuccessful. The defense will open its case to-morrow morning. Becker will not be the first witness. His attorneys, after a conference tonight, refused to say definitely whether he would be called later, although they asser! Becker her later, although they assert Becker has demanded that he be given a chance

Mrs. Becker will positively go on the stand and try to save her husband from the electric chair. The case may be in the hands of the jury by Saturday night.

METHODIST MEETING IS ON

Conference Covering 29 Parishes Will Last Over Sunday.

The annual conference of the Free Methodist Church of Oregon will open its sessions in the Central Church, East Flanders and East Fifty-first streets, Center Addition, tomorrow at 2 o'clock, to continue over next Sunday. Bishop R. B. Jones, who has been conducting R. B. Jones, who has been conducting the Southern Oregon conference, will preside. Wednesday will be taken up by organization of conference and appointment of committees. Bishop Jones will deliver his opening address either Wednesday night or Thursday morning. Sessions will begin at 8:30 and close at 11:30 A. M. for strictly business. Afternoons and evenings will be devoted to evangelical services and public meetings.

Rev. Alexander Beers, president of

Rev. P. Wingert, National field missionary secretary for the Free Meth odist Church, will conduct the confer ence missionary meeting and deliver as address on missions and raise the mis sionary collection. Appointments o Applicants must, in addition to American nationality, be under 45 years of age and hold masters' licenses for the Great Lakes or ocean-going vessels.

Land Restoration Asked.

Sionary collection. Appointments of ministers for the ensuing year probably will be read Sunday night. There will be a general change of ministers to new charges, conforming to the three-year limit, which is the longest time a preacher may stay in one charge. Rev. P. J. Johnson, at First Church, and Rev. W. H. Boody, of Central Church, Portland, will be changed. Ministers and delegates will attend from 20 churches, and will be entertained in the neighborhood.

Official estimates indicate that the gold production of the United States last year was the smallest since 1905, while that of silver was the greatest for quantity or record.



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-One of the foundation stones on which is built the success of our suit business is the fact that the opening of each season finds us freed of everything that even whispers of the preceding season. And this is an instance of how we accomplish it. In this sale scheduled for today you have the choice of our fine novelty suits, which have been divided into seven different assortments, each suit being newly designed this season, and in a great many instances there is but one suit of a kind; they are all perfectly tailored, trimmed and finished. -A woman who requires a suit is, indeed, fortunate to have the opportunity for saving such as this sale

\$25 Novelty Suits Special \$13.95

-Beautifully fashioned suits of dark navy blue serge, black and white check fabrics trimmed with soft chiffon taffeta-in black and dark blue.

-The jackets of these suits are particularly attractive, many having frilled upstanding collars of the taffeta, others with wide soft turnback revers-kimono sleeves and button trimmings. The skirts show one and two ruffles of taffeta or self materials.

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—Of serge, gaberdine, fancy wool crepes and poplins, in black, navy blue, Copenhagen, tan, reseda, tango, black and white checks.

These suits represent ten of the season's most popular styles-made with ruffled and tunic skirts, and jackets with kimono sleeves and button trimmed. They are garments that have taken their style inspiration from the best imported models.

\$42.50 Novelty Suits \$23.50

-Suits of novelty crepon in dark blue, tango, reseda; of serge and crepe in black, blue and black and white checks.

-Made with simple smart jackets with Roman striped collars and girdles, or of novelty colored embroidered effects-jackets that are gathered in the back and held in place with cloth covered buttons, long kimono sleeves and skirts with double fitted tunic.

\$35 to \$40 Suits for \$22.75

-In this collection of suits we are prepared to show some of the smartest and most becoming styles developed of black and white checks, and of French serge gaberdine in navy blue, Copenhagen, tango and reseda. The jackets of these suits are exceptionally smart, being made in a straight loose style, pleated and trimmed with tiny cloth covered buttons, raglan sleeve effect in the back and kimono style in front.

\$55 to \$60 Suits for \$33.50

-Of serge, gaberdine and novelty crepes-in brown and white checks, black and white checks - made with loose jacket. kimono sleeves and strap across the back-peg top skirts. Also hairline stripe crepe in a smartly tailored style, sewed-in sleeves and white piping in the front. Also suits of chiffon taffeta and moire silks in black, navy blue, tan, reseda and tango. Made with wide sashes, lace collars and cuffs. Tunic or ruffle skirts, loose kimono jackets.

\$45 to \$50 Suits for \$28.75

-Fancy tailored suits of extra quality moire silks, silk poplins, crepe silk poplins and wool crepes, serges, poplins and striped

-In such fashionable colors as navy blue, Copenhagen, reseda, gold, tango, tan, garnet, black and white stripes and

-These suits are copies of the latest imported models, and show many new style features. They are perfectly tailored, trimmed and lined. The skirts show the ripple and tunic effects as well as the new Russian long tunic style.

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-Faithful copies of the finest imported suits, every line showing originality and exclusiveness and reproduced in the most wanted fabrics, such as plain and brocaded moire silks, faille silks, bengaline silks, charmeuse, chiffon taffeta, imported brocaded and crinkled wool crepes, fine serges and novelty ma-

 A wide range of colorings from which to choose — Copenhagen, navy blue, tan, wistaria, black, peacock, brown, gold, green, rose and black and white checks.

French Lecture Today "La Revolte des Anges' by Anatole France From 11 to 12 A. M. Book Shop, Balcony

Absolutely Imperative.

DENVER, Colo., May 18 .- Assurances given by the Secretary of War that there is no intention of removing Fed-eral troops from the strike districts in the Colorado coal fields soon, caused general satisfaction among strikers mine owners and state officials today Governor Ammons made it known that he was anxious to have the United States cavalry guard the districts until States cavalry guard the districts until the state can take care of the situation. This has to do with procuring funds through the \$1,000,000 bond issue provided by the Legislature. Of the \$1,000,000 bond issue provided by the Legislature. Of the \$1,000,900, however, more than \$600,000 already has been expended.

Governor Ammons' position is that, even if the Federal troops are with-drawn he will not send the militia back to the coal fields until the presence of

the militia there is imperative.

Meantime steps toward possible mediation are being considered. The legislative committee appointed to advise with Governor Ammons in handling the strike will meet May 22.

Under the resolution providing for



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powered to conduct an investigation, to assist the Governor in restoring and maintaining order and "to consider ways and means of restoring and main-

ways and means of restoring and maintaining peace and good order throughout the state." Under the last provision, it was said, the committee would consider plans for mediation.

The resolution creating the committee provides that it shall investigate whether the coal companies have been observing the state law relative to check weighness permitting workman. check weighmen, permitting workmen to trade where they please, non-dis-crimination in the employment of union and non-union miners, wages paid miners, amount of state coal lands under lease and terms of these lease

Historic Home of Richmond, Va., and New York City National banks were sworn in as incorporators of the new institution.

The Federal Reserve Banks of the

NORFOLK, Va., May 18.—The steamer yacht Noma, with Vincent Astor and his bride on board, came in the Capes today and anchored for a while in Hampton Roads. Later she started up James River, supposedly bound for "Westover," historic home of William Byrd, founder of Richmond, for the purchase of which Astor is said to be negotiating. Young Astor, who is much recovered, and his bride are on a short wedding trip.

11 other reserve centers of the country, with the exception of San Francisco, where also accepted today.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 18.—Ten bankers, representing five banks, signed the papers of corporation of the Federal Reserve Bank for the Tenth District here today. The bank recovered, and his bride are on a short wedding trip. NORFOLK, Va., May 18 .- The steam

in as Incorporators.

NEW YORK, May 18 .- The Federal Reserve Bank, of the Second Reserve Division, organized in accordance with the new Federal banking laws, was formally launened today at the New ASTOR MAY BUY ESTATE York Clearing-Mouse, when representtives of Albany, Syracuse,

11 other reserve centers of the country, with the exception of San Francisco, were also accepted today.

By special permission of the United States Government -Soldiers and Marines killed at Vera Cruz and memorial services at

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