

CLEAN UP SOLVE SEATTLE MYSTERY

Secret Service Men Hunt for Walter Brown, Who Bought Fuse at Tacoma.

WOMAN'S GARB IS USED

House Occupied by Stranger and German Papers Found—British Vice-Consul Tells of Getting Warning of Explosion.

SEATTLE, Wash., May 31.—A man giving his name as J. M. Henricks, a longshoreman, was arrested tonight in a saloon where he was boasting that he had exploded the dynamite in the harbor here Sunday morning as an example of how Americans could end the war by stopping the shipment of munitions to the allies.

TACOMA, Wash., May 31.—(Special.)—A man giving the name of Walter Brown is being sought by United States and Canadian secret intelligence agents working under the direction of G. E. L. Agassiz, British Vice-Consul here, in the belief that he may be connected with the explosion at Seattle early Sunday morning.

Running down information concerning the man, Tacoma officers tonight found an empty house occupying the house for two weeks with another person, said to be a man in woman's garb, the suspect removed his effects and disappeared this morning.

Brown is also declared to travel under the alias of Llewellyn Smith. He arrived in Tacoma several weeks ago from San Francisco. He first attracted attention when he went to a Tacoma clothing store and inquired as to how he could obtain passage from this port to Russia.

Stranger Buys Fuse.—The stranger was informed that it was impossible at this time to get a berth on any steamship sailing to Asia or Oriental ports. He remained in sight in Tacoma for two days and then disappeared suddenly.

The next time he appeared was Saturday afternoon, when he purchased 450 feet of fuse from George Marvia, representative of the Dupont Powder Company, stating that he wished to clear land at Dupont, where he had taken up a ranch of 123 acres.

The stranger has been taken to the Switzer brier cottage at American, with his wife and partner, but his wife did not like the location because of the isolation of the place. This story was found to be a myth, as was that about the ranch, when investigated by Vice-Consul Agassiz and a Canadian intelligence agent. Brown was not known at Dupont.

German Papers Found.—Brown said that he would return to Tacoma Monday morning to buy some high-grade powder from Marvia. However, he failed to appear today and nothing further has been heard from him.

In the house were found some German papers, a diagram that the officers said might have been a plan for the channel and some steamship literature. Neighbors said that a man known as White, with Mrs. Marvia, had occupied the place and that their actions had been strange. They spoke both English and German, the officers learned.

Brown early Sunday told a neighbor of having made a hurried trip to Seattle. The same man, the police learned, stayed at a downtown hotel several days before the house searched tonight was rented, and, according to the hotel employee, received code messages from San Francisco.

Explosion Warning Given.—Vice-Consul Agassiz and his assistants were informed several days ago that an explosion would occur shortly and part of a cargo of war supplies that was bound for Russia would be blown up.

The report was immediately telegraphed to the British military authorities and the case placed in the hands of the Pinkerton detectives in Seattle. This organization, it is said, was inclined to scoff at the information furnished by Vice-Consul Agassiz and the result was that no action was taken.

Vice-Consul Agassiz and his assistants are credited with having frustrated a plot to blow up the Japanese tramp steamship Kaituku Maru. Since that time practically no explosives have been loaded on steamships at this port.

Brown was watched closely while in Tacoma, because he appeared to be anxious to obtain passage on the Kaituku Maru. He took the name of the vessel and inquired as to how he could reach her.

He said his name was Llewellyn Smith and under this name he was registered at a Tacoma hotel.

AVIATOR SEES NO BARGE TRACE
Loss at Seattle Is Estimated Now at as High as \$140,000.

SEATTLE, Wash., May 31.—An aviator who flew over the harbor buoy site where the dynamite barge exploded Sunday morning saw a large area of bottom, the size of a city block, cleared of weeds and showing white sand. Not a particle of the barge was to be seen. There seems to be no likelihood that the cause of the explosion will ever be known.

All the glass windows available worked today at store fronts shattered by the explosion, but many merchants will do business tomorrow behind wooden barriers in place of windows. Glaziers have come from Portland and Tacoma in the emergency, and they will be busy for a week. There is no building of importance in any part of Seattle that has not suffered some damage, making a loss large in the aggregate, one estimate going as high as \$140,000.

All over the city buildings were more or less damaged by breaking of glass, cracking of walls and warping. The Albers flouring mill on the East waterway, and a Sears-Roebuck warehouse, on First avenue South, were the principal sufferers. Today being a holiday, full extent of the damage will not be known until tomorrow.

SKELETON RECALLS CRIME

Discovery at Powder Thought Remains of Former Official.

BAKER, Or., May 31.—(Special.)—That the finding of the skeleton on the Walter Palmer ranch, on the Lower

damage ashore in a sum 20 times as large as its own value. That the agents of the powder owners were not apprehensive of a plot is indicated by the leaving of the powder in charge of a single watchman picked up on the waterfront and whose name was unknown to his employer. He was about 40 years old, and was known along the docks as "Pat" because of his build. It is believed that he perished. But for the recent arrival of a large shipment of plate glass many stores would be obliged to wait a considerable time for permanent fronts.

Besides the breakage of store fronts, hardly a downtown building escaped loss of glass in office windows, transoms, etc. Plaster was cracked and thrown from walls and ceilings, and some buildings swayed so that the occupants will insist an examination as to their safety be made.

HUMANE SOCIETY LOSES PROMINENT MEMBER BY DEATH.

Mrs. Sophie Holmes Langford, who died Sunday night, had lived in the city for many years. She was born at Butteville 55 years ago. She was, in later years, a prominent member of the Humane Society, and through this organization nine years ago she donated to the city of Portland a drinking fountain so arranged that cats and dogs might quench their thirst as well as mankind.

In 1878 she was married to W. E. Holmes, then a promoter of the Portland contractor. In 1885 Mr. Holmes was drowned in the Snake river flood. In 1894 Mrs. Holmes married George Langford, also a well-known contractor of Portland. Mr. Langford survives.

Mrs. Langford is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Ross M. Plummer, Mrs. George D. Peck, Mrs. Ray Matson; two sisters, Mrs. Richard Everding and Mrs. P. F. Giltner; and two brothers, Joseph Scheurer, of Portland, and W. R. Scheurer, of Butteville.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 P. M. today at Peck's. The honorary pallbearers will be: David Chalmers, George P. Blakeley, John Kierman, James Withlyer, Douglas Taylor and E. L. Morey.

Powder is a possible solution of the disappearance of Willis Skiff, one time Clerk of Union County, was the state-ment made today by Judge, Court Bailiff, who was Deputy Sheriff of Union County 20 years ago when the Skiff murder was believed to have taken place, and who was one of the men detailed on the case.

The theory is deduced from the fact that the skeleton apparently is about this age, and that it was found alongside the old Eagle Valley road, which formerly led directly through North Powder, where Willis Skiff was last seen.

At the time of disappearance it was generally supposed that murder had been done, but although several arrests were made, no conclusive evidence could be gathered. Two of the ribs of the skeleton were broken and it was supposed at first that this was due to weathering, but it is now thought that they may indicate death by violence.

O.-W. R. & N. SUIT UNLIKELY

HOOD RIVER JUDGE THINKS TRAIN-DEADLY DEMANDS WILL BE DROPPED.

HOOD RIVER, Or., May 31.—(Special.)—W. R. & N. Co. has threatened a suit for damages against the county on account of the delay caused to trains several weeks ago, when heavy blasts covered the track with rock at Mitchell Point, where Standifer-Clarkson Company's men are digging a tunnel for the Columbia Highway, County Judge E. E. Stanton has ruled that the company is liable, and that the matter will soon be cleared up.

The contracting company and J. A. Elliott in charge of the work for the state tell him that the blasts were not made until after the company had been notified of the delay.

COYOTE BOUNTY IS RAISED

Wheeler Decides to Pay \$2 Above Amount Offered by State.

FOSSIL, Or., May 31.—(Special.)—At a special session of the Wheeler County Court Friday the coyote scalp bounty was ordered increased from \$3 to \$5 in Wheeler County, the county to pay the extra \$2 over and above the \$3 provided by state law.

During the month, 40 head of cattle near Fossil have been destroyed by rabid coyotes. About six mad coyotes have been killed in the county. The court's action in increasing the bounty generally is approved.

Klamath Falls Summer School Set.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., May 31.—(Special.)—The Klamath County Summer School, which takes the place of the annual teachers' institute here, will begin June 7 in the Klamath Falls High School, and will continue for three weeks. The work will lead up to the state examinations to be held the latter part of next month.

Pasco Water Case Coming Up Today.

PASCO, Wash., May 31.—(Special.)—The case wherein the City of Pasco is seeking to enjoin the Pasco Reclamation Company from turning off the irrigation water, which it is under contract to deliver to the city, has been set for hearing tomorrow.

FOUR ARE CAUGHT IN LIQUOR RAIDS

Oregon Police and Sheriff Launch Campaign to "Clean Up Town."

TWO DETECTIVES ENLIST

Moose Lodge, Pool Hall, Candy Shop and Restaurant Are Visited by Officers, Who File Charges on City and State Law.

SUMMARY OF RAIDS MADE BY POLICE AND SHERIFF AT OREGON CITY.

The places raided—The Moose Lodge, No. 961; Cox poolhall, Main street, between Seventh and Eighth; Barnett E. Jones, confectionery, west end of suspension bridge, and Charles Young's restaurant, North Main street. Those now arrested—William Myers, Cox poolhall; W. Reynolds, steward of the Moose Lodge; Lee Fong, Chinese restaurant employe, and Ernest E. Jones.

OREGON CITY, Or., May 31.—(Special.)—Four men will face charges of violating state and liquor ordinances following raids made today on a pool hall, confectionery, restaurant and the Moose Lodge by Chief of Police Shaw, Sheriff Wilson and Constable Frost. The raids are by far the most sensational since Oregon City became dry more than a year ago.

The action of the police followed a decision of the City Council and City Attorney Schuebel "to clean up the town." Two detectives were employed two weeks ago to gather evidence. The Moose lodge was the first place visited this afternoon. The two detectives, under the names of H. R. Miller and Carl Wilson, are said to have joined the lodge to obtain evidence.

Officers Tell of Empty Demijohns.—The officers went through the lodge, but failed to find any liquor until the safe was opened, when they say, they found a bottle of wine and one of brandy. In the attic of the building they reported they discovered 18 five-gallon demijohns, all empty.

Chief among the evidence said to have been obtained is a Federal liquor license issued almost a year ago to the Moose Lodge, No. 961, C. S. Noble, dictator; D. F. Skeene, past dictator, and F. L. McLaughlin. It will not expire until July 1.

W. Reynolds, steward of the lodge, was arrested at the time of the raid.

Poolhall Also Inspected.—The officers of the lodge are: C. E. Noble, dictator; Ed. Crane, vice-dictator; F. Barlow, prelate; H. A. Shandy, treasurer; F. L. McGahney, secretary; Ben Eby, inner guard; Al Richardson, outer guard; Frank Busch and Charles Baker, trustees.

From the Moose lodge the raiders went to Cox's poolhall, located between Seventh and Eighth streets. A visit to the rear of the establishment is said to have revealed two bottles of whiskey. The detectives, who bought two bottles of liquor in the poolhall, William Myers, one of the proprietors, was placed under arrest and released on bond.

The renewal of poolhall licenses will be taken up at a meeting of the Council within a few days.

Detectives Accuse Chinese.—Charley Young's restaurant on North Main street also was visited. A diligent search by Chief of Police Shaw, Sheriff Wilson and Constable Frost failed to reveal any liquor. The detectives say that they purchased two bottles from the restaurant and Lee Fong, an employe, was arrested. He is still held in jail, as he was unable to furnish bail.

A small confectionery store near the west end of the suspension bridge later was raided. Ernest E. Jones, its proprietor, was arrested under the state law, although the officers were unable to find full bottles of liquor.

EUGENE MAN PRESIDENT

Junior Class of University Elects Officers for Next Year.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Or., May 31.—(Special.)—Frank Scaife, of Eugene, was elected president of the junior class at the university today over five other candidates. Owing to the fact that the junior class has charge of issuing the year-book and starting the interscholastic track meet, the junior presidency is considered the most important class office.

The newly-elected president is the son of Dr. B. F. Scaife, of this city, and has been class treasurer during the present year. He is a member of the Delta Delta Delta fraternity.

Maryle Tobery, of Eugene, and Helen Curry, of La Grande, were tied with 65 votes each for secretary. The tie will be voted off Friday.

For the other offices there was no opposition. Lois Laid was chosen vice-president; Robert Langley, treasurer, and Echo Zahi, sergeant-at-arms. All of these three are registered from Portland.

Principal Freed in Whipping Case.—CENTRALIA, Wash., May 31.—(Special.)—On the motion of the Lewis County prosecutor, the charge of third degree assault that has been hanging over A. J. Cavanaugh, principal of the Adna schools, was dismissed Saturday. The prosecutor investigated and found that the son of W. Mrs. Cavanaugh, the complaining witness, had been using bad language to girls in the school, and that the principal had resorted to corporal punishment and lectures had failed to have any effect on the boy.

Centralia Publisher's Trial Set.—CENTRALIA, Wash., May 31.—(Special.)—M. E. Cue, a Centralia publisher, will be tried during the June term of the Lewis County Superior Court on a charge of second-degree assault, an alleged throwing of a slug of linotype metal at the head of Joe Lucas, manager of the Grand Theater. Cue's preliminary hearing was to have been held Saturday before Justice Charles Egan, but Prosecuting Attorney Cunningham decided on direct information.

Coeur d'Alene Lawyer Chosen.

WALLACE, Idaho, May 31.—(Special.)—Announcement has been made by Superintendent Brock, of the city schools, that the commencement speaker for the graduating exercises would be Attorney John F. Gray, of Coeur d'Alene. The date for the programme has been definitely set for Tuesday evening, June 8, at the high school. The class consists of 20 members, the largest

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