

SUSPECT RELATES PLACING OF BOMB

Oregon City Prisoner Gives Full Details; Later He Re- pudiates Statement.

BURNS DETECTIVE PUZZLED

Man Shows Familiarity With San Francisco—Restless Pacing in Stopped—Urged to Relieve Mind, He Tells Story.

OREGON CITY, Or., July 31.—(Special.)—Chris Lassen, believed to be connected with the San Francisco bomb outrage, today told a straight story of his placing the loaded suitcase which a week ago last Saturday cost the lives of several and injured scores.

The confession was made to a Burns detective in the presence of other men in the County Jail and came without leading questions. Later Lassen repudiated his statements.

Lassen told his story with all the details. Week before last, he said, he stopped at the Overland House, Sacramento, near Montgomery street, San Francisco. Saturday a man, whose name he does not know, but whom he could identify, gave him a suitcase, intimating that it contained dynamite. He was told to leave it on Market street, between Third and Second streets, and was paid \$15. He went across the bay to Oakland early in the evening and caught a north-bound Southern Pacific train out of Oakland about 8 o'clock Saturday night, arriving in Portland Monday.

The register of the Quimby House shows that a man named C. Lassen stopped there Monday night.

Labor Leader Mentioned.

Lassen said he was acquainted with Twitmore, a leader in San Francisco labor circles, that he knew Billings, now under arrest, and had associated more or less with the men who are believed to be implicated in the outrage. He was not on the inner ring of plotters, he told the detective, but often met them in San Francisco saloons. He further said that he did not assist in preparing the bomb nor in making plans for the outrage.

The suspect told the Burns detective that the plotters had a plant near Fort Point in San Francisco, where plans were made and internal machines manufactured. The Overland Hotel during his last stay in San Francisco, his headquarters during other visits was the Reno House, at Sixth and Polson streets.

Lassen was a changed man today. He does not pace by the hour up and down the corridor of the jail, and he is able to look his questioner in the eye at times.

Prisoner Urged to Tell.

"Tell your story and relieve your conscience before this worry drives you crazy," detectives told the prisoner as he nervously tramped up and down the cell last week. He has won this relief. An effort was made to get Lassen to picture this afternoon. Harry Calvert, a photographer, was taken into the County Jail this morning to get Lassen's photograph. Two attempts to secure an exposure failed, even after Lassen was induced to shake his head and spoiled the plate. Sheriff Wilson then took Lassen out on the Courthouse lawn, where Mr. Calvert with a smaller camera took a snapshot of Lassen. He protested violently when the proposal that a picture be taken first made. "I don't want my picture in the paper," he said. It was with difficulty that even the snapshots were secured. The picture was taken of Lassen in an effort to connect him with the outrage from that end.

Man Knows San Francisco.

"This is a most peculiar case," said the Burns detective, who passed several hours today with Lassen. "Part of his story hangs together, but some of the statements he has made and his actions puzzle me. He knows San Francisco, and I think that he knows the men who were involved in the outrage. The fact that he has a blowup as occurred in San Francisco usually pick out such a character as Lassen to plant the bomb."

Based on Lassen's statement that he had \$1200 on deposit in a San Francisco bank, the police of that city today began a hunt for what may prove to be a plot fund, according to information received here by Sheriff Wilson. Lassen said that he had not seen the money on deposit in San Francisco, nor had he the bankbook. He intimated that the money had been left there in his name. Two banks, the German-American and the Germania, were named by him.

Lassen has said that he is a Dane. Word was received today by officials here from Henry Harkson, Danish Consul at Portland, that he is coming here to investigate Lassen's case.

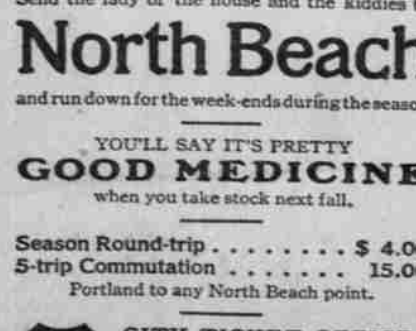
PLOT EXPOSED BY DOCUMENTS

Police Make Seizure Said to Clinch Evidence Against Suspects.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 31.—(Special.)—Documentary evidence in the case of the San Francisco bomb outrage has laid bare all the names and facts connected with the plot, and will assure convictions of the plotters.

Life certificates have been issued to Maybelle Hunstock, Baker; Victor Boyd, Roseburg; Lee Byers, Condon; Elmer E. Stultz, John Day; Elmer J. Ortmann, Newport; Mabel M. Quick, Gresham; Martha S. Mayfield, Weston, and Lillian Ramsey Watts, Culver.

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suspects in custody, according to an announcement made today by District Attorney Fickert.

The location of the headquarters, the time of the raid and the exact nature of the papers seized were not made known. District Attorney Fickert declared that the evidence found was far stronger than any yet secured, that a suitcase containing 24 sticks of dynamite found near San Mateo a month ago belonged to W. K. Billings, who the police say planned the bomb, also added to the mass of evidence the officers say they have against the men.

The alleged discovery today, that a dynamite, according to the police, was to have been used to destroy steel towers carrying power to the United Railroads of this city, against which the bomb plot is said to have been directed.

A collegiate thing was given to the investigation when it was announced E. H. Hoag, professor of criminology



Snapshot of Chris Lassen, Oregon City Prisoner, Who Confesses and Then Denies Complicity in San Francisco Dynamiting Plot.

and criminal psychology at the University of California, had arranged to have an expert examination of Billings.

Writs of habeas corpus were secured today for Billings and Edward D. Nolan, each on the amount of \$2500, returnable Wednesday. Grand jury indictments charging the men with murder will be returned tomorrow night by the District Attorney.

ICE HIPPODROME SUE

INSOLVENCY AND FAILURE TO PAY GROUND RENTAL ALLEGED.

Back Payments for Five Months, Taxes With Interest, and \$7500 Asked.

Bonding Company Involved.

Failure to pay the ground rental of \$212.50 a month for five months, and taxes to the amount of \$2352.95 led to the filing of a suit yesterday against the Portland Ice Hippodrome and its bonding company, the Oregon Surety & Casualty Company, in the Circuit Court by Mary H. Couch, Insolvency of the Ice Hippodrome is alleged.

Rent and taxes with interest and \$7500 to cover the cost of removing the structure from the premises is demanded in the action.

The Portland Ice Hippodrome secured a 15-year lease to lots 1 to 14 in the double block 287 in Couch's Addition, Twenty-second and Marshall streets, on September 27, 1913. The lease provided that the hippodrome pay all taxes due on the land during its incumbency and rental of \$212.50 a month for the first five years. The company furnished a bond of \$10,000.

The complaint maintains that the rent for March, April, May, June and July of this year has not been paid, and that the taxes due April 1 remain unpaid.

Because in the lease provides that at the expiration of the lease, the ice rink company should remove all improvements from the premises within 10 days, leaving the land level and in the time of the execution of the lease. Alleging that the firm is insolvent, the complainant demands \$7500 to cover the removal cost.

TEACHERS ARE PASSED

LIFE CERTIFICATES ARE AWARDED EIGHT OREGON TEACHERS.

Result of Recent Examinations is Announced—18 Five-Year and 294 One-Year Tickets Given.

SALEM, Or., July 31.—(Special.)—As a result of the recent state teachers' examination, in which nearly 1600 participated, J. A. Churchill today issued life certificates to eight applicants, five-year certificates to 18, and one-year certificates to 294. Under a ruling of the State Board of Education, teachers who already had certificates in force, may retain their grades and participate in the next year's date of examination. Most of those who passed requested that their certificates be issued later.

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TILLAMOOK PLACE CLOSED

Poolroom Proprietor Threatens Reprisal Accusations.

TILLAMOOK, Or., July 31.—(Special.)—The two members of the city police force, Justice of the Peace, City Recorder and part of the City Council, in connection with District Attorney H. G. Gosney yesterday closed up the Rialto, a billiard and pool hall and bowling alley, which opened up in new quarters Saturday. There is a city ordinance against the operation of pool or billiard tables or bowling alleys on Sunday, but it does not require the places to close.

The managers say they will take steps immediately to close other cigar stands and places on the Tillamook beaches.

ST. HELENS BLAST DEALS DEATH TO 6

County Road Workers on Columbia Highway Caught Like Rats in Trap.

BODIES BLOWN TO ATOMS

Youth Is Only One to Be Recognized After Fatal Accident—Rest of Crew Is Too Horribly Severed to Be Identified.

ST. HELENS, Or., July 31.—(Special.)—Trapped like rats in a cage, six men were blown to bits by a premature explosion in the county quarry eight miles north of here on the Columbia River Highway this afternoon. Out of the mass of human wreckage, which strewn the scene of the disaster, the only body that could be recognized was that of 16-year-old Leroy Lewis. The rest were so horribly torn and mangled that identification was impossible.

The dead: Henry Lewis, 40, St. Helens, and his son Leroy. Joseph Keelan, 19, 241 Cook street, Portland. George Hammer, 32, St. Helens. Herman Voas, 35, St. Helens. C. H. Winchell, 35, St. Helens.

Cause of Blast Unknown.

What caused the tragedy remains the secret of the dead. The only witness, J. W. Akin, quarry superintendent, of St. Helens, was luckily too far away to hear or see what was going on in the hole. He was walking toward the tunnel mouth, 100 feet distant, at the instant of the explosion. His coat was torn in tatters from his body. A jagged rock gashed his forehead, but he arose otherwise unharmed.

Superintendent Akin stumbled to the nearest telephone, a quarter of a mile distant, and summoned Coroner S. P. White and Dr. C. C. Ross. Within a few minutes automobiles crowded with citizens of St. Helens had reached the scene.

The quartet of road workers had just finished drilling a "coyote" hole—a "T"-shaped socket—and were tamping in the huge charge of explosives, when the death-dealing blast came. Just a few minutes before the explosion that hurled bits of anatomy over the hillside, Mr. Akin saw young Lewis come out for the dynamite and powder. The entire crew remained in the hole helping to set the charge.

Expert in Charge.

About the only logical explanations offered for the premature discharge are that the tamping may have wielded his implement with too much force, that the ramrod struck a spark from the rock or that one of the men was smoking. The latter conjecture, however, is given a little credence, for the experienced men knew that such action would be paramount to self-invited destruction.

It has not been definitely established whether the men were using candles to light the cavern, or were equipped with electric flashlights. If they were using candles, one of them may have been smoking. The court's figures on the veracity of the girls are interesting. There were about 1400 boys taken to juvenile court last year. Judge Hubert says that all but eight or nine of this number are absolutely truthful. In the case of the girls it is different. There are about as many girls as boys in court, and the judge says that only about eight or nine of them are absolutely truthful.

Water Meter Does Not Register.

MILWAUKIE, Or., July 31.—(Special.)—The big water meter through which Milwaukie purchases Bull Run water from Portland is failing to do its duty, according to the report of the Portland water department, and another must be installed. Milwaukie paid Portland for water according to the readings of the individual meters in the town reported by Superintendent Mullan. Last month it is reported the meter did not register anything.

Electrified sea water, produced by subjecting sea water to the action of an electrical current, is being used as a disinfectant on British hospital ships and transport ships for the sick and wounded.

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Indian Service officers of the field are in attendance as follows: Supervisor O. B. Goodall and Special Agents H. T. Brown, L. A. Horrington, A. W. Randall, with Superintendent Superintendents Charles M. Buchanan, of Tulalip, Wash., Indian School.

Superintendents of the Indian Service have arrived as follows: T. B. Wilson, of the Cashman Indian School; James B. Royce, of the Carson City Indian School, Nevada; O. C. Upchurch, of the Spokane Indian School, Washington; and O. M. Waddell, of the Western Shoshone Indian School.

The day was largely taken up in registering the workers, assigning quarters and setting matters in hand for the work of the session.

The work of the first week will be devoted largely to the study of agricultural subjects, and for that purpose there will be several instructors from the Oregon Agricultural College. Among those expected are Miss June H. Seeley, Miss Bertha Davis, C. C. Lamb, W. F. Brown, J. C. Marston and E. B. Pitts. These will give instruction in several specialties. Commissioner of Indian Affairs Sells is expected to arrive

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