

NEUTRALITY POINT COMEDY OF ERRORS

Government's Star Witness Tells of Futile Efforts to Make Dynamite Explode.

HAVOC CONTRACT BROKEN

Informers Says He Was Paid for His Part in Work by Military Attache of German Consulate-General at San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 13.—Louis J. Smith, star witness in the Government's conspiracy suit against German Consul-General Franz Bopp and others, testified today that \$1,254.80 was paid him for his part in the supposed blowing up of munitions trains in Canada.

Payment to Crowley Assorted. Smith further said that Charles C. Crowley, alleged go-between, who is also on trial at the same time received a considerable sum.

Dynamite Tested in Cemetery. According to Smith, railroad tunnels and munitions shipments were rarely endangered by the presence of dynamite, but the alleged verbal contract that they held from the consulate to spread havoc, on one occasion they tried to mix dynamite in a cemetery at Grosse Island, near Toronto, and when they tested it, "nothing went off but the percussion cap."

Smith's closing testimony indicated that the Hercules Powder Company's works at Finole, Cal., a powder works at Tacoma, Wash., and the Acetylene Chemical Company's plant at Aetna, near Gary, Ind., were marked for dynamiting following the payment of the \$1,254.80 in San Francisco.

WIDER USE IS ADVISED Margaret Wilson Talks on Schools and Community Work.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Use of the country's schools for all branches of community work was urged today by Miss Margaret Wilson, the President's daughter, before the annual convention here of the American Civic Association.

ESTATE GOES FOR "UPLIFT" Ontario Woman Bequeaths Property Valued at \$201,599.

TORONTO, Ont., Dec. 13.—The will of Miss Mary Helen Orr, of Bobcaygeon, Ont., bequeaths her estate of \$201,599 to "purposes of uplift." The sum of \$10,000 goes to the mother Christian Science Church of Boston, another \$10,000 in small amounts to "those bestowing Christian Science churches," \$10,000 to "those who are endeavoring to uplift the needy in Chicago," \$10,000 "for any uplifting purpose among her kin and friends of the town of Bobcaygeon," to be used only for such purposes as will elevate the community spiritually.

LEVY TO BE 3.03 MILLS (Continued From First Page) estimated expense costs within the tax limitation amendment it was unnecessary for the State Tax Commission to call upon the Attorney-General for an opinion as to whether the amendment is broad enough to cover the cost of state expenses, or applies to smaller political divisions of the state only.

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cured out of the \$239,250 leeway which is given. This is based upon the assumption that the state is bound by the 6 per cent limitation amendment.

The amounts of money which will be raised by millage taxes for various purposes during 1917, as provided by law, are as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes County fair, land products shows, etc. (1-20th mill) \$48,938.20; State road fund (1/2 mill) \$3,150.56; State Agricultural College (4-10ths mill) \$210,990.98; University of Oregon (1/2 mill) \$301,905.58; State Engineer's Department (1/2 mill) \$263,829.18.

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MILKMEN OUTLINE TROUBLES People Use Them as Alarm Clocks and Leave Bills Behind.

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MERRY XMAS Helps Purple Umbrellas Strike the correct note this season and any woman would be delighted with one of these for Xmas. They come in the club stick style, covered with pure silk taffeta, and sell for \$5.00. First Floor.

Novel Slipper Soles That are used for the foundation for Xmas slippers. Of leather, with spring heel and adjustable lamb's wool pad, for men and women. Leather covered with attached or detachable lamb's wool pad; for men, women and children. Satin quilted in light colors, for women and children. Fifth Floor.

The Donald Snug-Fit Veil Is the last word in face veil fashions. It is ribbon-bound and fits snugly about the neck. The most fashionable veil for the small hat—65c to \$1.00 yard. First Floor.

Corsage Bouquets That give just the needed touch of color to the street suit or evening gown. Single effects, small clusters and bouquets. In dozens of different colorings, as well as silver and metal. Prices from 25c to \$2.50. Third Floor.

Wouldn't It Be Pleasant To Find a Handsome Silk Comforter among one's gifts on Christmas morning? The most beautiful colorings and shades are shown in our silk covered comforters that are filled with the lightest and softest wool and priced from \$15.00 up to \$35.00. Fifth Floor.

For the Dressing Table One of these ivory candlesticks with shade complete would be most acceptable. They can be had with the shade in pretty light colors to match the color scheme of the room and are very specially priced at \$1.39. First Floor.

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Another day gone And then there were 9

Xmas Sale of Men's Handkerchiefs Regardless of the great advance in the price of handkerchiefs, we are Offering Them at the Same Low Prices of Last Year Plain or Initialed Handkerchiefs, by the Box

Why Buy "Just as Good" When You Can Get "The Best" at the Same Price Klosfit Petticoats Agents for Portland—Third Floor.

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