

WITNESS SLOGGED, THROWN ON FLATS

Returning Consciousness Enables O'Brien to Cheat Incoming Tide.

ONE ARREST MADE IN CASE

Hoquiam Man Active in Prosecution of Tex Vernon and Others on Gambling Charge—Hansen Held for Attack.

HOQUIAM, Wash., March 10.—(Special.)—Pat O'Brien, a state witness in the trial of Myron Kilgore, of Aberdeen, better known as Tex Vernon, his prizefighting name, was attacked by thugs near his home in this city, beaten into insensibility and taken by auto about three miles out of the city and thrown into the tideflats Friday night. Only the fact that he regained consciousness and reached higher ground before the tide came is believed to have saved him from being drowned.

On a description furnished by O'Brien, Aberdeen police today arrested Henry Hansen as one of the men involved in the attack. He is being held on a county warrant in the Aberdeen jail. Other arrests are expected.

Hansen Just Out of Jail.

Hansen was released only last week from the county jail after serving a term for bootlegging. He has been associated with Kilgore for several months. Last year he robbed a grocery store at Markham, on the south side of the harbor, was captured four hours after and admitted the holdup, but put up a clever hard luck story and on account of his youth, was leniently dealt with. Later he was involved with Kilgore in the holdup of a bootlegger.

Testimony Brings Punishment.

Evidence in the Sheriff's hands indicates the attack on O'Brien was connected with the robbery and bootlegging cases against Kilgore, Charles Lund and others, arrested in a raid on an Aberdeen resort in January. Lund was convicted in Superior Court Friday of conducting a gambling game in the place and Kilgore is on trial, charged with being proprietor and the owner of the game. O'Brien testified for the state in the Lund case and was to have been a witness at the trial of Kilgore at Montesano yesterday, but was unable to be in court because of injuries suffered when attacked.

Kilgore's Record Notorious.

The present case against Kilgore is the latest of many. Last year he was sentenced to the county jail on a charge of white slavery on a Federal court conviction. He has been arrested several times on charges of bootlegging, and in one case on a charge of bootlegging involving several hundred quarts of whisky. The liquor had been brought on a steamer by a bootlegger who told the officers he was a point man. When the liquor had been loaded on an auto truck, he said Kilgore and others beat him off and drove away without a cent. Kilgore was arrested, pleaded guilty and was fined \$250.

SHINGLE MILLS TO QUIT

GENERAL SHUTDOWN AT HOQUIAM IS EXPECTED SOON.

Action Made Necessary by Inability of Operators to Obtain Cars for Delivery of Products.

HOQUIAM, Wash., March 10.—(Special.)—By the middle of next week most of the shingle mills of this city will close down on account of the car shortage, according to announcements made here. Indications are that the other shingle mills in the Grays Harbor district also will take similar action.

One Hoquiam mill already is closed. Two of the larger shingle plants are to quit work Wednesday. Another will quit until about the end of the week, by which time it is expected the car shortage will be relieved. The other Hoquiam shingle mill will run about 19 days to fill its kilns and sheds. No definite statement has been made by local operators, but some have intimated that their plants might remain open for a year, when they close they will have stocks enough on hand to cover all orders for which cars can be obtained for several months, they believe.

The car situation, except for Government orders, has been acute for some time, and has been growing worse. Under the Government's car classification, shingle mills come last on the list, which makes it next to impossible to get cars. At present railroad men report the supply of cars about 25 per cent below normal.

OUTPUT OF SPRUCE LARGE

5,000,000 Feet Supplied in February by Hoquiam and Grays Harbor.

HOQUIAM, Wash., March 10.—(Special.)—The mills of Hoquiam and the Grays Harbor district furnished two-thirds of the approximately 5,000,000 feet of spruce supplied in February for the Government's airplane program, according to information received in this city. By this showing the district has maintained its record of being the principal spruce producing district since the airplane program started. Lumbermen expect the next few months to see a still further speeding up on production, and believe the Government call for 11,000,000 feet a month may be reached.

Kelso Ships Knitted Goods.

KELSO, Wash., March 10.—(Special.)—Fifty-six sweaters and 20 pairs of socks were shipped by the Cowitz County Red Cross chapter this week, making up the regular weekly output of knitted goods of the Kelso and Cassia Rock workers. Since the first of the year the local knitters have been turning in better than 50 sweaters a week of suitable to large quantities of socks, wristlets, helmets, etc.

HERETOFORE UNPUBLISHED PHOTOGRAPH OF AMERICAN SECRETARY OF WAR, WHO HAS ARRIVED IN FRANCE.



NEWTON D. BAKER AT HIS DESK IN WAR DEPARTMENT.—Photo copyright by Underwood.

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CITIES CROWDED

Many Soldiers Unable to Get Sleeping Accommodations.

PROVISION TO BE MADE

Mayor Baker's Housing Committee Will Meet to Plan How to Care for Men of National Army When Visiting Portland.

Portland hotels Saturday night hung out the "standing room only" sign, because of the heavy influx of visitors to Portland. The number of soldiers who came to Portland was larger Saturday night than for some weeks, and with the large number of civilian visitors soon crowded the hotels.

In order that there shall not a repetition of this regrettable condition so far as the soldiers are concerned, a special meeting of Mayor Baker's housing committee will be held either today or tomorrow, at which time definite plans will be laid to take care of the men of the National Army in the future.

Action Deemed Necessary.

E. E. Larimore, chairman of the Mayor's soldier housing committee, said yesterday that plans are already under way for the establishment of a housing bureau at the Portland depots where incoming soldiers can obtain room accommodations as soon as they reach the city. These plans may also include the placing of men on the various trains from nearby Army camps to arrange hotel and room accommodations for soldiers even before they arrive in Portland.

"Assuredly something will be done in order that we may cope with this situation on succeeding Saturday nights," said Mr. Larimore yesterday. "Of course, last night was unusually heavy and many of the soldiers did not seek hotel accommodations until midnight or later. Many of these men naturally were disappointed as most of the hotels were filled to overflowing much earlier in the evening."

When the soldiers' housing committee was first appointed it obtained a large list of private homes where soldiers could get room accommodations for a night or two at a time. The committee has found, however, that this plan has not worked out as well as it should, partly for the reason, Mr. Larimore said, because the men do not arrange their accommodations as soon as they reach the city.

Bureaus to Be Established.

"During recent weeks Portland has become the common meeting place for soldiers and their families from all parts of the state. Many of the men are from the Atlantic coast, the Pacific coast and their relatives arrange for reunions in Portland each Saturday night in anticipation of the final 'weekending.' It is not the soldiers alone who are crowding the local hotels to their utmost capacity, but it is likewise their relatives who come to Portland to visit them in the evening."

"If the soldiers will make use of the rooming bureaus which we propose to establish at the several depots and will get to the rooms the moment they reach the city, I am certain that none of them will be compelled to walk the streets again because they cannot obtain rooms. The committee will make a careful investigation of conditions at once in order that all visitors to Portland may be properly accommodated hereafter."

Although there were large numbers of soldiers as well as civilians who failed to get rooms Saturday night, they were for the most part good natured about it.

Rain Deflector Is Loaded With Gum Opium.

Charles Beal, Negro, Fares Bad When Searched by Police.

IF Charles Beal's umbrella hadn't slipped, he would be a free man today. As it is—

Charlie, who is a negro, aged 25, was picked up at Fourth and Everett streets yesterday afternoon by Patrolmen Hanson and Stone because he answered the description of a man who has been peddling imitation jewelry through the North End lately. The suspect carried an umbrella, as harmless-looking as a rain deflector as ever appeared in the city.

When Beal was brought into the rooms of the bureau of investigation, Captain Circle ordered him searched for jewelry and other valuables that might be suspicious. Beal stood his umbrella against the wall. When the search was about half completed the treasurer's umbrella was waved and fell over on the floor and scattered gum opium all over the room.

While Beal leaned against the wall, with his eyes popping out of his head, inspectors quickly gathered up the dozen cards of opium that were strewn about and placed them back in the unopened umbrella. A card was fixed bearing the legend: "Evidence against Charles Beal—opium in his possession." The ertwhile owner of the umbrella was lodged in the City Jail to await trial.

CHRISTIAN RYAN IS DEAD

Dundee Man Is Survived by Daughter and Four Sons.

DUNDEE, Or., March 10.—(Special.)—Christian Ryan, whose death occurred yesterday, was born in West Virginia in 1852. In 1854 he was married to Mary Ballinger, and they moved to Nebraska, where she died in 1887. Mrs. Ryan had six children, three of whom are now living. They are: Bert Byers, a coal miner; Harry Ryan, a farmer; and Frank Ryan, a farmer. Mr. Ryan was a member of the Methodist church and was a devout Christian. He was a well-known and respected citizen of Dundee. He was afflicted with a long illness and died peacefully in his home at Dundee yesterday.

CANDIDATES ARE SLOW

Only 14 Republicans and One Democrat Have Filed for Office.

SALEM, Or., March 10.—(Special.)—That there is no rush among candidates to get their official declarations filed this year is indicated by an examination of the record in Secretary Olcott's office.

Two years ago at a corresponding date to today 144 Republicans and 28 Democrats had filed for office, while to date only 14 Republicans and one Democrat have filed this year. The time for filing expires April 22 so only a little over a month is left for the candidates to come in with their petitions or filing fees.

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