TRIPLE MURDER AT KELSO YET ENIGMA

Coroner's Inquest Develops Few Clews.

IDENTITY OF SLAIN IN DARK

Missing Husband and Father Is Believed to Be Slayer.

IS UNFATHOMED MOTIVE

Boy Who Discovered Crime Testifies at Inquiry, and Merchant Describes Man Who Is Thought to Have Committed Murder.

KELSO, Wash., May 21 .- (Special.) -Kelso's triple killing, discovered yesterday when the bodies of a woman, girl little of its mystery today.

though tonight the investigators were working on a clew furnished through number of the automobile in which the

Kelso admit that they lack tangible perlences by way of Finland and Swe- his home. clews leading in the direction of the supposed murderer.

Developments of the day, including the inquest conducted by County Coroner Bailes, assisted by County Attorney Spaulding, point directly at the missing four bullets through the brains of the victims as they slept in the tent.

Wide acceptance of this theory leaves the motive unfathomed. Statements by rsons who thought they had seen the couple quarreling were uncor roborated. A well-defined report that relations of the father with the 13 year-old year-old daughter precipitated the crime as concealment was shelved by Belief of others that they identified the party as containing a young man, presumably not a male was discredited by credible witnesses at the Inquest.

Missing Man Sought.

dead woman, the developments disclosed, but the authorities are bending every energy to apprehend the head of family as the slayer.

years old, approximately the age of the dead woman, through a bit of information recorded in the little girl's condend the behavior of the dead woman, through a bit of information recorded in the little girl's be done not later than tomorrow. This man is described as 35 to 37 crude diary; his height is given as 5 feet 4 inches, and his weight as 1423/2 BRITISH FELL 1000 PLANES honorably, even if it were a sacrifice ing a brown suit and soft hat. All of the party were very plainly dressed.

Man Fices Southward.

The party reached Kelso from the north, traveling in a Ford car of an old model. That the man fled southward in the car after committing the mans is strikingly shown in tonight's crime Sunday night is the belief of report on aerial operations in France, the officers. Portland rather than take chances of planes. being recognized on a return trip to

quest fixed the time as Sunday night, been dropping over the enemy's lines." though the campers had been at this location since Friday evening and had been seen by few persons in the mean-

years old, a student in the Kelso schools, led to discovery of the crime Young Holmes had been passing tent on his way to and from town. Puzzled because he never saw anyone about the tent the lad ventured to peer within as he journeyed homeward and four children, Fred Byron, at 4:30 o'clock Monday afternoon. Horror-stricken by the ghastly seene disclosed he sped to town and reported to Constable Hull, who with Sheriff

Not to be outdone two other re-Studebaker hurried to the scene in an

Many View Bodies.

some from sincere intent to help enlisted in the Army. sons, some from sincere intent to help in identification, more from morbid curiosity, were permitted to view them. Not until after the inquest were preparations for burial begun. They will be held for possible identification if necessary. The inquest was started at 1 o'clock this afternoon. Testimony of Sheriff Studebaker and Constable Hull conversed the lighter of the heales. concerned the finding of the bodies.
"I think the man who was with them did the killing; there is no question that the woman had nothing to do with it," was the conclusion drawn from the Constable Mother Is Exonerated.

hearing. The supposed ruse consisted of the dropping of a rusty pistol, containing four exploded shells and a fifth intact, at the woman's side. Though this was the number of bullets fired, the posture of the matron's right hand across her breast beneath the hand across her breast beneath the covers, with the left beneath her head, Though Critically III Former Vice-

with the further assurance that rust accumulations of months were undisturbed in the pistol barrel, constituted convinding proof exonerating her, it was held.

Clews upon which the authorities started their efforts to identify the tragedy victims were presented at the hearing. An empty pill box, which had evidently contained quinine, bore no druggist's name, but has the address (Concluded on Page 2, Column L)

Fairbanks, who is critically ill here, "continued to hold his own," according to an announcement at his home here today.

It was said his physician still had hopes for the recovery of the ex-Vice-President of the United States, was held.

SHIP TRIES TO BEAT HE PURSUED ME,

ASTRONOMICAL INSTRUMENTS SPEEDED OUT OF RUSSIA.

scientists From Liek Observatory Locate Valuable Observation Devices After Four Years.

Somewhere on the Pacific Ocean, in steamer approaching a Pacific port, are a number of valuable astronomical Instruments. Since August, 1914, these instruments have been booted around Russia and have caused the Lick Obervatory endless trouble and worry They were taken to Rusisa four year ago in the vain hope of viewing and studying a total eclipse of the sun, and now, if they arrive in time, they will be used at Goldendale, Wash., by scien tists of the Lick Observatory in study ng the solar eclipse Saturday, June 8 Professor Sidney D. Townley, of Stan ford University faculty, who is in the Pacific Northwest giving lectures be fore schools and colleges on the forth-

coming eclipse prior to studying the eclipse from Union, Or., has received information that the instruments are expected almost any day. W. W. Campbell, director of Lick Observatory, will be at Goldendale for several days prior to the eclipse, accompanied by Dr. H. D. Curtis, also of the observatory staff. equipped with additional instruments,

should the now celebrated cargo fail to

Director Campbell and his party took | veal every detail of her relations with and boy were found in a camping tent the instruments to Russia in the Sumbeside the Pacific Highway, yielded up mer of 1914 and set them up at Bovary, on an estate of a Russian noblem Identify of the victims, assuredly across whose lands the path of totality mother and children, remained unfixed, extended. Unfortunately, it was a the defense late today, after the prosefor naught, and then war was declared of its evidence against Miss Lusk. Her reported identification of the license and the party was unable to bring them out of Russia. The party's tickets read

> months ago they were found were put aboard a vessel for this coun-

The vessel carrying the instruments is thought to have left Viadivostok in April.

MAYOR TO HURRY APPROVAL

Official Will Proclaim City Meas ures in Effect Tonight.

Before leaving for the East temor row night Mayor Baker by proclamation will put into effect all municipal measures that were approved by the Evidence of what is considered a bungling attempt at framing a murder and suicide setting, fixing guilt on the begun yesterday by City Auditor Funk. The task will probably be completed

All that will then remain to be done to give the successful measures full

Supremacy of English Airmen Over Germans Shown in 2 Months.

LONDON, May 21 .- The supremacy of It is believed the fiend which says that since March 21 the down the valley toward British have downed 1000 German

The statement reads:

Since the beginning of the German The tragedy was enacted in a little offensive, exactly two months ago, 1000 clearing, but a few paces off the Pa- German airplanes have been brought cific Highway, two miles southeast of down or driven down out of control. Kelso. Testimony at the coroner's in- and more than 1000 tons of bombs have

LAND OWNERS JOIN COLORS

es, 15 Kelso Fred Byron Abandons 520-Acre Ranch to Fight Huns.

> Selling his sawmill and leaving his wife to take care of a 520-acre farm Olalla, has enlisted in the United States Army and will start his military train-

Not to be outdone, two other men of the community left their wives and farms in order to go into the service. Charles M. Purdy, 40 years old and All day yesterday the bodies of the siain lay side by side, just as found in the tent. In the little undertaking chapel of W. E. Marx hundreds of per-

CAPTAIN HALL PRISONER

Famous Yankee Flyer, Thought Dead, in Hun Hospital, Wounded.

(By the Associated Press.)
WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, May 21.—Captain James Norman Hall, of Colfax, Ia., who had been missing since May 7, is wounded Details of the attempt to give the appearance that the woman fired the hots were barely touched upon at the coaring. The supposed ruse consisted after an aerial engagement over the

HOPE HELD FOR FAIRBANKS

President "Still Holds On."

INDIANAPOLIS, May 21.-Charles W.

Mrs. Roberts Taunted by Grace Lusk.

FRANK LETTER ON RECORD

Admissions Written to Wronged Woman.

ROMANCE CITED

Veterinarian Represented as Having Been Cheated in Marriage. Cchool Teacher Will Go Upon Stand as Witness.

WAUKESHAW, Wis., May 21 .- Grace Luak will take the witness stand to re-

ing his wife, tomorrow. cloudy day, and all their efforts went cution had completed the presentation via Berlin and Paris, but the members Dr. Roberts' testimony that she purescaped from Russia after trying ex- sued him with the object of wrecking

Before the prosecution rested, it instored in the Russian National Obser- and found in her desk after the tragedy mander-in-chief, in the person of F. H. vatory at Poulkova, near Petrograd; It was addressed to Mrs. Roberts and Hurd, past department commander of later, trace of them was lost, but a few was presented as evidence only after and the attorneys for the defense had regshipped to Vladivostok, where they istered an emphatic protest in which they declared that Miss Lusk could not e used as a witness against herself. The letter said:

"When your husband first came to suing. I thought it was all quite a good joke and, in fact, it would never occurred to me to take the situa tion seriously if, one night at the Bap tist church affair, you had not come up to us when we were talking in the most innocent fashion imaginable and rushed him away. You did not do it in a courteous manner—well, not rather. I vowed thereupon to get even with you for your discourtesy, and I have. Only I have hurt myself in do-

The letter than frankly related her elations with the veterinarian, of how he spent his evenings with her of merchant while his wife was ill at home; of his the war zones. jealousy and of his statement to her that he felt that he "had been cheated in the marriage game."
"It seems to me," the letter added,

"that if you loved your husband unelfishly, you want him to be happy unheard of thing for a husband or a wife to give up voluntarily the mate whose love has been lost. Did you ver hear the story of Ruskin, or more recently, of James K. Barrie?"
Another letter headed "explanation,"

TO AID RED CROSS FEW EARS ARE DEAF

BUSSES BRING AS MUCH AS \$22

Auction Is Held in Front of Liberty Hall, Despite Protest of Prominent Women.

WALLA WALLA, Wash, May 21. (Special.)—A kiss auction held in front of Liberty Hall tonight brought out a large crowd, after prominent women the city had worked hard all day in effort to head it off as unsanitary and

The kisses were to be auctioned by the women members of a vandeville Fifteen Counties of Oregon Retroupe. Women whose names the City Health Officer, Dr. William van Patton refused to reveal, insisted that he stop the exhibit. He refused to interfere, the Red Cross committee, in whose in terests the same was held, also re-fused, and the angry women attended tonight only to be told that the oscu-latory auction referred merely to candy kisses, which the women attempted to

But the candy kisses refused to satisfy the crowd and no bids were received. The vaudeville girls said they were game and the real kisses were put up for sale. William Paxton, prominent insurance man, paid the highest price for one, \$22. Sheriff Lee Barnes invested \$14 in another kiss, and altogether about \$100 was realized from this. A hat passed through the crowd brought about \$130 more.

SEATTLE MAN IS ASPIRANT

F. H. Hurd Candidate for Commander-in-Chief of Grand Army.

SEATTLE, Wash., May 21 .- (Special.)—At the next national encamp-ment of the Grand Army of the Re-public, which will be held in Portland beginning August 18, Seattle will have a candidate for the high office of com-Washington and Alaska

The candidacy of Mr. Hurd has the indorsement of the Department of Washington and Alaska, a resolution submitting his name to the national encampment having been adopted at the Tacoma meeting last week. me, it was for business, at least that gates from this state and from Alaska was his excuse. He did all of the purmeans to secure the election of Mr.

INSURANCE RATES REDUCED

War Risk Bureau Declares Danger From Submarines Now Slight.

WASHINGTON, May 21 .- Danger from submarines has decreased to such an extent that the Bureau of War Risk Insurance has recommended a reduction from \$2.50 to \$1.50 per \$1000, the insurance rate on lives of officers and crews of merchant vessels passing through

This is in line with the recent lowering of marine insurance rates on vessels and cargoes from 3 to 2 per cent.

\$10,000 TURKEY NOW GIFT

to you in some respects. It is not an President Wilson Receives "Colonel Jake Dawson," Famous Gobbler.

Jake Dawson, a Texas turkey gobbler actual total was \$62,000.
that recently sold for \$10,000 in a Red While Red Cross leaders admitted that recently sold for \$10,000 in a Red Cross auction at Austin, was delivered that it was possible that \$100,000 actu-"Oh, I am sorry, sorry that all this as a gift to President Wilson today by ally had been collected by last night, (Concluded on Page 2, Column 2)— Representative Hardy, of Texas. (Concluded on Page 4, Column 1.)

Northwestern Division Raises \$1,155,884.

ALASKA'S \$40,000 QUOTA IN

port Quotas Raised.

Official Figures of \$62,000 Raised. However, Really Include Only Two Hours of Actual Work of Red and White Rose Teams.

OREGON RAISES \$245.422.

With a quota of \$1,890,000, the ican Red Cross, comprising Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Alaska, had raised \$1,155,884 at the close of the second day of the drive, according to an announcement last night by officials in charge of the campaign. Alaska has "gone over the top."

Returns from 80 of the 113 chapters in the division show the following:

Washington-Quota, \$1,000,000; raised \$653,226. Oregon-Quota, \$600,000; raised

\$245,422. Idaho-Quota, \$250,000; raised

\$117,236. Alaska-Quota, \$40,000; raised

outh of Oregon's drive for the Red Cross war fund, although Multnomah County is proving tardy, that the state would redeem her promise to win victory long before the week has passed. For thousands of hands held tonight, forth their gifts to the cause-pleages, currency, silver and gold and trinkets and keepsakes that are not to be valued in mere money.

who gave. Nearly every county in Oregon, with a few exceptions, is sweeping rapidly toward the Red Cross allotments. Fifteen counties have made their quotas-and Multnomah County alone has proved disappointing. If Portland and Multsomah County attain their quota of

Official Local Total \$62,000,

their workers reported yesterday noon it had been confidently anticipated that WASHINGTON. May 21. — Colonel ake Dawson. a Texas turkey gobbler actual total was \$62,000.

While Red Cross leaders admitted TODAY'S—Fair; light frost in morning.

CHURCHES IN U. S. MAY FORM UNION

AMALGAMATION PROPOSED BY PRESBYTERIAN ASSEMBLY.

National Church Bodies Now in Session Asked to Send Delegates to Merger Convention.

COLUMBUS, O., May 21.-Resolutions arging the organic union of all the evangelical churches in the United general assembly of the Presbyterian Church, North. This action was declared to be the most important taken

As a beginning toward such a church union, Moderator J. Frank Smith, Dallas, Tex., and the Rev. William Henry Roberts, stated clerk of the assembly, were directed to telegraph to the four National church bodies now in session—the Northern Baptists, Southern Baptists, United Brethren and Southern Presbyterians - asking them whether they will appoint delegates to convention on organic church unlos together with the information that the Presbyterians had voted in favor of uch an amalgamation.

Word of the action taken at Columbus, O., was received by local pastors and members of that church with gratified su prise. Such a move had long been contemplated and discussed, but

Its realization has never been so near. "In effect, such a union would form a federation of evangelical churches for the promotion of common ideaus sald Dr. Arthur F. Bishop, pastor of Central Presbyterian Church. "It would not mean that any of the federated churches would lose individual identity, though bound by a closer tie. For 30 years we have been courting the Southern Presbyterian Church, to bring about such a union as is now proposed for all. It is won

Understanding of the term "evangelical," as locally interpreted, is that the union would include all orthodox Prot estant churches, and that the Unitarian excluded, as would also be the Roman

AMERICANS TAKE CAPTIVES

Pershing Reports Successful Opera tions in Lorraine Region.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, May 21.—(By the Associated Press.)-"In the course of reconnoissance combats in Lorraine we captured prisoners," says the official statement issued from American headquarters

"Here and in the Woevre the artillery

"In it enough?" asked the multitude ARTIST TO PAINT WILSON

man; Havana to Get Picture.

WASHINGTON, May 21,-President Wilson posed today for a celebrated and the preservation of its identity.

Cuban artist, A. Romanach, who will "This is believed to be of essential Cuban artist, A. Romanach, who will \$250,000 by tonight, the pace must paint a portrait of the President for the importance, not only to secure the best city of Havana

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Allies make gains at three points and take 1900 prisoners. Page 2.

Americans declared finest and best-behaved soldiers in France. Page 3.

Service Expected of Boards.

Foreign. Germany seizes Dutch vessel.. Page 2. National.

ouse proposes dry amendment to food production bill. Page 4.

Presidents of railroads in United States Removed by McAdoo. Page 1.
Sinn Fein revolt in Ireland plotted in America and financed by Germany. Page 5. Domestic.

Ten million dollars, annual sabotage damage in California claimed by I. W. W. Presbyterian general assembly proposes or ganic union of all evangelical churches

Bryan hit in La Follette defense on sedi-tion charge before Senate committee. Page 6. Mooney re-sentenced to death and date of execution set. Page 11. Grace Lusk tells Dr. Roberts' wife that veterinary pursued her. Page L

Finals of Oregon Trapshooters' tournament today. Page 12. combs pitches Brooklyn to I to 6 victory.

Buckaroos defeat Camp Lewis, 6 to 4, in exhibition game. Page 12. School athletes train for big meet Friday. Page 12. Pacific Northwest. Girls sell klases at Walla Walla to aid Red Cross. Page 1.

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PRESIDENTS OF ALL ROADS LOSE JOBS

Federal Directors to Be Appointed.

ORDER ISSUED BY M'ADOO

Many Former Railway Heads Will Fill New Positions.

NEW DISTRICTS CREATED

C. H. Markham Will Manage Operations of Principal Trunk Lines East of Pittsburg-37 Ticket Offices to Consolidate.

WASHINGTON, May 11,-Every raiload president in the United States was nelieved from active duty as executive manager of his road today by Director General McAdoo, who will appoint a federal director for each road, responsible only to the railroad adminis-

tration. In many cases the president of the road may be named federal director.

To safeguard the interests of stockholders and maintain the individuality of each railway, federal directors, whenever possible, will be appointed from among the operating officers of the property, the director-general announced. This will avoid disrupting

necessarily The director general's announcement of the new policy, dictated from his

any road's working organization un-

sickroom at home, was as follows: "In view of the direct responsibility for the operation of the railroads of the country placed upon Director General McAdoo by act of Congress and by proclamation of the President, he has been unable to escape the conclusion that it will be advisable to place in direct charge of each property erating purposes a representative to be known as the Federal manager, who "So far as practicable this Federal manager will be chosen from the oper-

therefore entirely familiar with its employes and with its condition Road Units to Remain Intact.

ating forces of the property who are

"Except so far as may be necessary to meet the emergenecy conditions which compel the Government to take control of the railroads, the Federal manager of each road will endeavor to avail himself to the fullest extent of the advantages incident to the opera tion of the particular railroad as a unit

results during the period of Government control, but also to give the When the downtown captains and INDEX OF TODAY'S NEWS officers and employes that railway cagreatest degree of reassurances to the reers upon which they have entered will not be narrowed, but if anything will be broadened, and to give greatest possible reassurance to the stockholders that their just interests

"While in this way the responsibility for the operation of the property will be directly to the regional directors and not to the board of directors, it is the purpose of the director-general to accord to boards of directors and their representatives the fullest opportunity to keep advised as to the operation and improvement of the properties and to maintain with the director-general and the regional di-rectors the fullest interchange of views as to what is to the best inter-est of the Government and of the stockholders. stockholders.

stockholders.
"In the development of this policy the regional directors and also the Pederal managers will be required to sever their official relations with the particular companies and to exclusive representatives of the Federal railroad administration."

New Districts Created.

As another step in the reorganization of railroad mangement, the director-general ordered the creation of two new operating districts-the Allegheny Region, consisting of the principal trunk lines east of Pittsburg. excluding the New York Central, managed by C. H. Markham, now regional director for the South and the Pocahontas district, consisting of the east and west trunk lines terminating at

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Supreme Court sets aside Judgment of \$131,354 against Title Insurance & Trust Co. Page 7.

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Commercial and Marine.

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other smaller operating districts will be created from time to time in the Southern and Western regions, now operated as units by regional directors of the Railroad Administration.

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TEDDY IS HIMSELF AGAIN.

