

# O'LEARY'S ARREST IS EXCITING STORY

## Secret Service Men Bring Large Force, Prepared for Resistance.

### LITTLE FARM SURROUNDED

#### Preparations for Hiding Fugitive From Sedition Laws Carried Out by Clever Confederate, Believed to Be Arthur Lyons.

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Melnyk, quickly stepped through the gate and the leader had confronted O'Leary before he could emerge from beneath the car. At the moment the fugitive was seized three shots were fired, but only one signal to the party of men in hiding in the forest skirting the ranch, 100 yards distant.

In response to the signal the entire party quickly surrounded the prisoner. The party, it develops, had as its leaders detective operatives, a Government agent or two, and embraced also two or three of the neighbors of the immediate vicinity. This group of men had gone to their hiding place, where they had full view of the premises, early Wednesday morning.

#### Revolver Kept Close at Hand.

O'Leary was first backed against the house and searched. He took his arrest calmly, admitting that he supposed the "big was up." In a few minutes he was taken within the house and piled with numerous questions. He was given time to change clothing and pack his few belongings. Search of the premises revealed a revolver, which the man in hiding kept close at hand when not depending on the shotgun for needed defense.

The prisoner averred that he had purchased both weapons with the ranch. This statement is untrue, said Mr. Sagar, who declared he sold no firearms to the purchasers of his place.

#### "It's Hanging for Me," Said O'Leary.

"I guess it's hanging for me," O'Leary is reported by witnesses to have said, in one of his few utterances made as he was being led away by members of the party.

"Good-bye, dad, I'm sorry for you," he said to Mr. Stine, as he gave the old man a parting hand clasp and handed him a piece of money.

"Not a bit of worry about me, but I'm sorry for you," was the loyal response of the employe.

The departing prisoner presented the car to Mr. Stine, according to one of the few statements the old man now makes. Before the car was driven away, after they had questioned the man-of-all-work, they placed the ranch and its belongings in his keeping. They cautioned him about giving out information of any sort, and the faithful custodian has since maintained discreet silence, declaring that he will say nothing about the affair unless called into court.

#### Mr. Stine Has Air of Mystery.

When Mr. Sagar appeared yesterday at the place he and his son had owned for the past few years to lease the status of affairs, he met rebuffs at the hands of the newly appointed caretaker. Very tartly and with an air of mystery that the former owner, Stine reassured him that he need not worry about receiving the remainder of his money as the mortgage notes fall due. So in fact he did make this assertion that the mortgagor came to believe the occupant has received instructions from Corbett or O'Leary with reference to disposition of the place or completion of payments upon it.

In the three weeks that he spent at the ranch O'Leary had stocked the house quite liberally with provisions, always buying the best of everything, and paying from a fund of money of good size. Several trips he had made in the car to Vancouver, and on two occasions he took along with him to the field. Once he took Stine along with him to Vancouver. On two occasions he took along with him to the field. William, nearest neighbor, who carried milk each evening to the two strange bachelors.

#### O'Leary Most Gentlemanly.

Both Stine and Williamson were impressed with the gentlemanly conduct of O'Leary, who had been pictured to them in advance by Corbett as a "wily" who had suffered a breakdown and needed quiet and rest above everything else. O'Leary's wife, supposedly Corbett's sister, was said to be employed in California in a newspaper, drawing a salary of \$200 a month.

"I was astonished," said Mr. Williamson yesterday, "when I read in the paper that this man was known as Wells is a scoundrel and a bad man. In my trips with him he had always acted like a man of best breeding. Even when his automobile refused to run or break down he never swore or cursed."

O'Leary was always attired in rancher costume, usually in a blue flannel shirt, overalls and high boots. He was unshaven, permitting his beard to grow. In reality he seemed much of an invalid as he was weak, lean, eyesore and unfit to do any but the lightest of labor. His diet was composed chiefly of eggs, roast or broiled chicken and fresh berries and vegetables. Baked beans composed a favorite dish with him.

#### Scheduled Location Satisfactory.

Full facts of the deal which put Corbett and his "brother-in-law" in possession of the secluded chicken ranch were obtained yesterday from Thomas L. Sagar, former owner, now residing at 4312 Woodstock avenue, Portland.

It was about May 11 or 12 that Corbett appeared at the Sagar ranch, where only the owner and his crippled son, William, resided. The visitor came on the Ridgefield-Vancouver jitney bus to answer an advertisement offering the place for sale, which Mr. Sagar had inserted in a Portland Sunday paper. Corbett was quickly impressed with the layout. He went so far as to say so.

The secluded location one-third of a mile off the highway, at the end of a lane passing only the homes of Mr. Williamson and Mr. Sutton, undoubtedly appealed most strongly to the ranch hunter.

Mr. Corbett explained about his "sister" and the sick "brother-in-law" for whom he said he was planning to buy a quiet little ranch. After expressing satisfaction with the place offered by Mr. Sagar he promised to return, and departed. Two days later he reappeared, and this time left a \$50 deposit on the agreed price of \$300 an acre, or \$200.

#### Deal Concluded at Vancouver.

Corbett demurred slightly at the price, but they finally came to terms when it was agreed that \$550 should be paid down and a mortgage given for the remainder.

It was on May 16 that seller and purchaser concluded their deal, in the office of Yates & Yates, at Vancouver. Along with the ranch Corbett obtained all the equipment and all but a few of the effects on the place. He obliged Mr. Sagar to make a complete list, in-

SECLUDED RANCH PROPERTY WHERE JEREMIAH A. O'LEARY, ALLEGED POTENTIAL SPY AND NOTED NEW YORK AGITATOR, SPENT THREE WEEKS IN HIDING, AND MEN AND DOCUMENTS CONNECTED WITH THE EPISODE, AND HIS ARREST NEAR PORTLAND UNDER ESPIONAGE ACT.



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cluding the 450 chickens, 50 rabbits, house furnishings, tools and crops of berries and vegetables.  
The money to make the \$550 cash payment then due was taken by Corbett from a roll of \$100 bills produced from the inside of his trousers. The "roll" was of such size as to stagger Mr. Sagar, and he immediately chided himself for not having demanded the full price in cash. A note for \$150 was given by Corbett, under the mortgage, payable May 16, 1918, and a second note for \$200 was dated to mature May 16, 1920.

Mr. Sagar had his grip packed and never returned to the ranch. Presumably Corbett went to the place and took possession at once. William Sagar, the crippled son, was still there, but was evidently persona non grata, for it was but a day or two later that he notified the father, now in Portland, that he had stored his things and gone to the Hood River Valley to pick berries. A few of the personal effects not sold by Sagar to Corbett were sent to the owner, May 29, being conveyed here by Mr. Williamson, who came to Portland for the opening of the Adventist camp meeting on that day.

#### Samuel F. Stine German Born.

Samuel F. Stine, now the zealous custodian of the Corbett-O'Leary poultry farm, gives little of his history except to declare that though of German blood he is as loyal as an American can be.  
Though he states he was born in Germany and brought to this country when 3 years old, he declares his father was born in this country. He was employed at the Portland agency by Corbett to do the manual labor about the place and serve as cook. He asked \$40 a month and his boss, Corbett, thought this a rather high wage, but after a little haggling came to terms on this wage.

Stine was engaged May 18 and was immediately taken out to the place by Corbett. They traveled in the car bearing the name of the fugitive, which had on that same date been transferred on the records of the state from the ownership of Mrs. Minnie E. Wheeler, of Milwaukie, Ore., to Thomas J. Corbett, address unknown.  
So thoroughly upset was Stine over the mystery of the arrest of his employer that he journeyed Thursday to the office of Sheriff Biesecker, in Vancouver. There he asked if he might see a certain prisoner, whom he could not name, but who, he said had been arrested at the ranch. He was told no such arrest had been made by members of the sheriff's force.

Later in the afternoon the aged worker, more deeply puzzled from thinking over the incidents and evident disappearance of the arrested man and those who took him, Stine appeared again at the sheriff's office. This time he told his broken story of the arrest, and the sheriff, George M. Johnson, Mr. Johnson was mystified by the tale and the actions of the visitor, but knew nothing whatever of the arrest. He made notes of the report Stine gave, then practically dropped the matter from his mind.

#### Men Well Supplied With Money.

That both men were plentifully supplied with money has been disclosed in their dealings at Vancouver and Ridgefield. The supposition is that they carried this with them.

W. R. Byron, special agent of the Department of Justice in Oregon, declared yesterday that he knew nothing of the circumstances surrounding the capture of O'Leary, though he had received telegraphic information that the man was wanted.

United States Marshal George S. Alexander said yesterday that his office had no part in the capture, and that he knew nothing of the details. It is understood, however, that Mr. Alexander is expected by the Government to have supervision over the ranch, left without apparent owner since Corbett's disappearance and O'Leary's arrest. Conference over disposition of the property, or its care at least, will probably be held in Portland tomorrow by Mr. Stine and Mr. Alexander.

### HOUSING TO BE DISCUSSED

Rotary Club to Consider All Sides of Question.  
The Rotary Club will delve into Portland's housing problem at its meeting tomorrow noon in the crystal room of the Hotel Benson, when every one



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of the luncheon speakers will discuss some phase of the question.  
Lloyd J. Wentworth, district supervisor of the Shipping Board, will speak on housing conditions as the Government wants them, and on the penalty for profiteering. H. E. Plummer, City Building Inspector, will speak on Portland's housing needs. Carl R. Jones will discuss a fair return to landlords on their investments. Herbert Gorland's rapidly increasing population may be properly housed.

### BOYS TO BE ENTERTAINED

Invitations Out for Allied Nations' Soldiers and Sailors.  
All soldiers and sailors in service in any branch of the army or navy of the allied nations are invited, as are immediate relatives, to attend the entertainment Tuesday evening at the Masonic Temple, 358 Yamhill street, corner West Park, under auspices of the Association of Fathers of Soldiers and Sailors. The evening will be devoted to dancing and other entertainment. Refreshments will be served.  
A programme of interest has been arranged as follows: Readings, Mrs. Herbert Gater, Scotch whistling solo, Mrs. Lota Stone; tenor solo, Albert Stanhope Brown; Scotch songs, George C. Graham.

### DEMOCRACY'S PERIL THEME

Rev. W. G. Elliot Discusses Recent Happenings in Russia.  
"Democracy, Its Perils and Its Blessings" formed the theme of the sermon of Rev. W. G. Elliot, in the Unitarian Church yesterday morning.  
"One of the glorious results of the war, said Dr. Elliot, is what it has done

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Need no Sugar Milk goes further  
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for the dollar-a-day men who are finding such supreme joy in doing great things for their country and for humanity and who never again will be satisfied to settle down to mere money-making and the consideration of selfish aims as their first thought.  
A peril he cited is in conditions coming suddenly upon a people unprepared for true democracy, such as was exemplified in the recent happenings in Russia. The dangers of democracy to be found when the masses use violent means and when sabotage is employed, were carefully explained by Dr. Elliot.  
The democratic process was upheld by the pastor as against the fanatical and violent methods which delay progress. He declared that the outcome would be that things would be so adjusted that every person would have the best opportunities for self-expression, provided that same self-expression does not interfere with others.

### Klickitat Pioneers Meet.

WHITE SALMON, Wash., June 14.—The Klickitat Pioneers met for an interesting talk on the early trading

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# ALDER HOTEL RAIDED

## Information Given by Army Intelligence Bureau.

### LIQUOR SOLD IN ROOMS

#### Five Women Arrested, Soldier Held as Witness—Stringent Measures Will Be Adopted to Keep Portland Clean.

Acting upon information given by the Intelligence Bureau at Vancouver Barracks, officers of the war emergency squad conducted a raid early Sunday morning on the Alder Street Hotel at Fifth and Alder streets. Nine of the inmates, four men and five women, were taken into custody by the officers and will be brought to trial today in the municipal court, charged with violation of the prohibition laws. The persons arrested are: Charles Togo, Japanese clerk and elevator operator; Ray Fuller, George C. Pearson, a soldier, who is being held as a witness; C. E. Peterson, Maid Hammond, Goldie Endicott, Fay Taylor, Minnie Thompson, and Pearl Martin. The officers unexpectedly appeared on the scene and seized the switchboard and all lines of communication while the raid was in progress. Information gained by the officer stationed at the switchboard assisted the squad in the raid. Frequent calls over the phone to other rooms divulged to the officers that liquor was on the premises and several bottles were taken as evidence to the police station. The plan adopted by the war emergency squad in the raid was similar to the procedure followed by the authorities in other cities where large numbers of soldiers are frequent visitors.

With the large number of soldiers at Vancouver Barracks visiting in the city constantly extreme precautions and most stringent measures will be adopted to keep Portland clean, say the officers. The city authorities do not wish a recurrence of the ban to prohibit soldiers from visiting in the city such as was recently placed upon Seattle by the Army officials because of the social conditions.

Officers Teeters, Phillips, Parker, Pratt, Spangh and Schum, of the war emergency squad, conducted the raid. Officers of the squad say that at least 20 soldiers called at the hotel while the raid was in progress.

The Alder Hotel was the scene of a spectacular police raid about 15 months ago, when a squad of patrolmen descended upon the hostelry and ransacked it from basement to top floor in quest of contraband liquor. Several seizures and arrests were made. The former raid was conducted by W. H. Warren, then secretary to Mayor Albee.

### CAPTAIN KENLY PROMOTED

#### Officer Well Known Here Now Brigadier-General.

Once a Captain of artillery stationed at Vancouver Barracks, he is now Brigadier-General W. L. Kenly, newly appointed chief of military aeronautics, according to reports received by old-time friends in this city.

As Captain Kenly, 10 years ago, when he commanded an artillery company at Vancouver Barracks, he was well known in Portland and has many friends to rejoice in his promotion.

After his transfer to another post local friends in this city were disappointed. The last previous word of him was received six years ago, when he was in charge of recruiting in New York City.

### MAN RUN DOWN BY AUTO

#### Richard Zolling, of Oakland, Cal., Suffers Severe Bruises.

Richard Zolling, aged 58, from Oakland, Cal., was run down by an automobile at Sixth and Main streets last night, and sustained severe bruises and a contusion of the left cheek. J. Hanson, of 475 Taylor street, was driving the car. The injured man was taken to the emergency hospital for first aid treatment. He may later be sent to his room at the hotel.

Mr. Zolling is recently from Australia and is in Portland on a business trip. He is to take charge of one of the new ships to be launched by the Columbia River Shipbuilding Company.

### BRONCHIAL ASTHMA

Mrs. Graf Says Vinol Cured Her.  
Barrington, Pa.—"I suffered from bronchial asthma so badly I would often have to sit up half of the night or lean over the back of a chair, and so weak I could hardly walk across the floor. I had spent lots of money for different Asthma medicines without help—but Vinol helped me so I sleep well and am so well and strong I am doing all my work on the farm."—Mrs. Emma Graf.  
Vinol is a constitutional remedy which contains beef and cod liver tonics, iron and manganese peptonates and glycerophosphates. We strongly recommend Vinol The One Drug Co. and druggists everywhere.—Adv.

Photographic copy of a document, possibly a mortgage or deed, with signatures and dates. The document is dated May 16, 1918, and mentions Thomas L. Sagar and other names. It appears to be a legal document related to the ranch mentioned in the main article.

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