

## BANDITS, GRILLED, ADMIT INN HOLDUP

### Evidence Points to David Smith as Murderer.

## CROSS-QUIRY IS FRUITFUL

### Effort to Dodge Responsibility for Killing Fails.

## INCIDENTS ARE RECALLED

### Smith Identifies Revolver Used to Kill J. N. Burgess and George E. Peringer at Tavern.

Admissions by David Smith and Walter Banaster in the city jail yesterday that they participated in the holdup at the Claremont tavern, on the Linnton road, Friday night, when Jasper Newton Burgess, state highway commissioner, and George E. Peringer, both of Pendleton, Or., were shot and killed, together with a strong chain of evidence pointing to the murder having been committed by Smith, featured developments yesterday in the investigation of the murder and holdup.

Smith and Banaster both confessed to having participated in the holdup of the tavern after they had been confronted with James Ogle, who had previously made a confession following the arrest of the three for the crime Saturday afternoon.

## Cross-Examination Fruitful

The confessions yesterday and the partial unearthing of the mystery surrounding the identity of the man who committed the double murder last Friday night was due to the efforts of Deputy District Attorney Deitch and Detectives Pat Moloney and Tom Swennes. Detective Howell also participated in the cross-examination of Banaster.

Evidence obtained yesterday and borne out by testimony of the men who participated in the holdup indicates that Ogle held the guests of the tavern at bay in the ballroom and that Banaster, who was known as "Ferman," was in the basement with Patrolman Case, whom he had just disarmed, at the time of the shooting.

## Smith's Story Has Flaws

Smith, when faced by Ogle and cross-examined in court at the city jail yesterday, made an effort to dodge responsibility for the shooting by declaring that he was the man who had held the guests in the ballroom while the other two rounded up the stragglers. His story, however, developed certain flaws which made it apparent that he had framed it for the occasion.

Smith declared that he carried but one revolver when he testified that he was the man who held them in the ballroom carried two.

When asked to indicate on a diagram just where he stood while he held the persons, he indicated point not borne out by testimony of a victim of the holdup or of the other two holdup men themselves.

## Holdup Incident Recalled

Smith was apparently nervous when questioned about the shooting of the holdup men. He was not until then that he consented to confess.

"Well, since I will tell you what part I took in the holdup," he said, "I will tell you what part I took in the holdup."

He then explained that he had held the persons in the ballroom. When asked just what conversation, if any, he had with the persons while he held them at the point of a gun he was apparently somewhat at a loss, and his story was somewhat vague.

He related an incident of a woman fainting and of a man asking to put his hands on his head as his arms were tired, and such brief conversation as he might have heard while bringing in persons from adjoining rooms or while the members of the party were being relieved of their money.

## Evidence Points to Galt

Another important link in the chain of evidence pointing to the guilt of Smith is the fact, vouched for by Inspector Pat Moloney, that Patrolman Case has practically identified Banaster as the man who held him at the time of the shooting upstairs. This bit of evidence corresponds with the story told by Banaster himself.

This together with the fact that Ogle, owing to his being taller than the other two men, has been practically identified as the man who held the people in the ballroom, adds materially to the circumstantial evidence against Smith.

## Revolver Is Identified

When Smith was asked yesterday to pick out the revolver which he had used during the holdup from a number of revolvers and one automatic pistol taken at the time of the arrest of the men at a house at 183 West Emerson street, he hesitated for a

## WILSON DEATH HOAX BREAKS UP MEETING

### VICE-PRESIDENT UNABLE TO GIVE ATLANTA SPEECH.

### Telephone Message to Auditorium Notifies Mr. Marshall That President Is Dead.

ATLANTA, Ga., Nov. 23.—Through a hoax perpetrated by an unidentified person tonight, an address by Vice-President Marshall at the auditorium here was broken up by the false announcement that President Wilson was dead.

"The man, it was said, telephoned to the auditorium office and asked for the vice-president. When advised that Mr. Marshall was making an address and could not come to the telephone, the voice replied:

"Well, he'll come now. President is dead and Washington wants him on long-distance."

The engineer of the building received the telephone call and a policeman took the news to the stage and told it to Charles G. Hudson, a business man, who informed the vice-president that "the president is dead."

Mr. Marshall bowed his head and appeared overcome. Then, recovering somewhat, he told the audience what had happened to him. He could hardly speak. Women broke into weeping and someone began to play "Nearer, My God, to Thee" on the immense organ.

As soon as he could the vice-president got to a telephone and called the Associated Press, where he was assured that there was no truth in such a rumor.

"Thank God," he replied. Meantime the audience was dispersing and the false report spread over the city. Newspapers were almost swamped with telephone inquiries.

No reason for the hoax had been advanced by any officials tonight, but an immediate investigation was begun. Governor Dorsey announced a reward of \$100 for evidence identifying the person who started the rumor.

Mr. Marshall came here to speak in behalf of a fraternal order and had not made more than half his address when he was interrupted.

## COOLIDGE BOOM STARTED

### Massachusetts Republican Club's Resolutions Favor Him.

BOSTON, Nov. 23.—Resolutions favoring the nomination of Governor C. Coolidge for president by the republican party next year, adopted by the executive committee of the Massachusetts Republican Club last Friday, were made public tonight.

The resolutions say that the "overshadowing issue of the hour is the maintenance of established government," and after pointing to Governor Coolidge's stand in the Boston police strike declare that he is a "worthy representative who embodies in himself the purposes and ideals of the American people and their desire to maintain their cherished institutions."

George H. Ellis, president of the club, said that "Calvin Coolidge today is the foremost champion of government by the people as against special interests in this country. He represents American citizenship and constructive ability at its best."

## HOOD RIVER FOR GIBBET

### Citizens Are Stirred by Murder of Highway Commissioner.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Nov. 23.—(Special.)—Public opinion in Hood River, following the murder of State Highway Commissioner Burgess and George E. Peringer, is strongly in favor of the gibbet or some substitute equally as effective to Oregon's penal code. While no organized action has been taken, individuals are expressing their opinion in favor of the reinstatement of the death penalty. The matter probably will be taken up at the next meeting of the local post of the American Legion, Monday night.

Mr. Burgess resided at 23 Dalles, was the boyhood playmate of Truman Butler, local banker; J. G. Vogt, a merchant, and other prominent men who came here from the neighboring city.

## \$250,000 FIRE HITS BUTTE

### Wholesale District Swept; Origin Not Determined.

BUTTE, Mont., Nov. 23.—Fire tonight, spreading from the basement of the warehouse of the Stone-Oregon-Wells grocery company, swept the wholesale district of Butte to a loss of more than \$250,000. The greater part of this loss was suffered by the Montana Hardware company, whose warehouses, heavily stocked with merchandise, was consumed.

Losses were sustained also by the Davidson Grocery company and the Virden-Currie Produce company.

The origin of the fire has not been determined.

## RETURN OF BODIES ASKED

### U. S. Embassy at Paris Instructed to Exert Strong Pressure.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.—The American embassy at Paris has been instructed by the state department to "make the strongest representations possible" to the French government for the removal of bodies of American soldiers now buried in France.

The hope was expressed that an understanding would be reached with the war department to undertake as speedily as possible the return of the bodies.

## PUBLIC ASKED TO STOP CRIME WAVE

### Co-operation With Police Held Essential.

## AFTER-HOURS LAW UPHELD

### Mayor Baker Says Regulation Affords Protection.

## PROTESTS ARE NUMEROUS

### Opening of County Rock-Pile and Re-establishment of Capital Punishment Advocated.

Every law-abiding citizen in Portland must abandon the policy of lethargy in connection with the present wave of crime and assume a spirit of aggressive co-operation with law enforcement agencies if the work of the crooks and murderers in this city is to end.

Such is the consensus of many of Portland's leading citizens, who yesterday expressed determination to work out some plan which will result in the formulation of a committee to investigate the crime situation, the manner in which it is being handled by officials and then plan a systematic policy of action, in which all citizens can co-operate.

"We have been asleep too long," said Ira L. Riggs, president of the Progressive Business Men's club. "The average citizen fails to recognize his duty in co-operating with police and other officials to put an end to the carnival of crime which has visited our city for the past few months. Instead, a feeling of danger seems to be engendered in the heart of the average person and no thought has been given to what can be done to stop crime."

## Co-operation Is Wanted

"The best police department in the world can accomplish no results unless it has the fullest public co-operation. Just how this co-operation is to be obtained, I am hardly prepared to say. The organization of a committee of public safety would be a step in the right direction. Anything that will arouse the public mind to the need of action will bring desired results."

Mayor Baker yesterday said that the assassination of George E. Peringer and Jasper N. Burgess at Claremont tavern on Friday night has aroused the public mind to the absolute necessity of co-operation with law enforcement bodies. Many ways in which the law-abiding citizen can co-operate.

## WHEAT YIELD DECREASES

### Rye Production in Northern Hemisphere Also Less.

ROME, Nov. 23.—The production of wheat and rye in 1919 decreased 42,000,000 quintals below the yield of 1918 in countries in the northern hemisphere, according to a statement issued by the international institute of agriculture. These countries, it is pointed out, produce about 55 per cent of the world's normal crop. The yield of 1918 was 611,000,000 quintals, while in 1919 it was 569,000,000.

The average yield for the last ten years was 610,000,000, so that the decrease is considered insignificant.

## GALE SINKS SHIP IN WILD LAKE SUPERIOR

### LIFEBOATS ADRIET; CREW OF 18 BELIEVED VICTIMS.

### Furious Seas Drive Vessels From Rescue Scene; Sub-Chaser Hunts for Survivors.

SAULT STE MARIE, Mich., Nov. 23.—Eighteen persons comprising the crew of the steamer Myron were believed tonight to have been added to the victims of Lake Superior's fury of the past two weeks.

Caught in a terrific northwestern gale the Myron foundered a mile and a half off Whitefish point last night and early today sank in four fathoms of water.

Full efforts were made by two steamers to throw lines to the men clinging to the cabin. So wild was the sea, however, that the men could not hold the lines and for their own safety the two steamers were compelled to leave the scene. Tonight coast guards were patrolling the shores of Whitefish bay for 45 miles hoping the Myron's two lifeboats would be blown ashore.

The United States sub-chaser No. 438, was scouring the bay tonight for possible survivors. The beach is covered with lumber. The gale continued tonight and there was little hope that passing steamers could have picked up the lifeboats, which, it is believed, were swamped in the mountainous seas. The steamer Calumet passing here late today reported sighting a waterlogged lifeboat south of Whitefish point. As far as could be ascertained, the boat was unoccupied.

The barge Mateo, which the Myron had in tow when she left Munising down-bound, was cut loose and was picked up by an unidentified steamer which towed it into shelter at Whitefish point. The barge's deckload of lumber and rudder were carried away but it is understood her crew is safe.

The Myron is the third ship swallowed up by storm-driven Lake Superior in the last two weeks. The others were the H. E. Rummelle and the John Owen, the latter with the loss of her crew of 22 men.

The steamer Myron, of wooden construction, was built in Grand Haven, Mich., in 1888. She was 186 feet long and 676 gross tonnage. O. W. Biogdett of Bay City is the owner.

## LEGION WAR ON REDS NOT AIMED AT UNIONS

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The committee also adopted resolutions calling upon public officials to perform their duties and in case they do not for the legion to use every effort to remove the officials from office, urging the public to accept jury duty when called and impressing upon the members of the legion the necessity of self-restraint in times of stress and the need of offering their services to governmental authorities when help is needed to enforce the law and maintain order.

Twelve of the 14 members of the state committee were in Seattle for the meeting, every congressional district being represented. The sentiment of the committee as expressed in the letter to the different legion posts was that as laboring men they were not prepared to tolerate the attempt of the radical element to use the labor unions of the state in their efforts to overthrow the government.

## 4 MEET DEATH IN 700-FOOT PLUNGE

### Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Sherwood, Spokane, Killed.

## CAR LEAVES SCENIC ROAD

### Accident Fatal to Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Belshaw.

## MANY SEE MACHINE DROP

### Sudden Turn on Cliff to Avoid Collision With Another Automobile Held Responsible.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 23.—(Special.)—Four persons, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Sherwood of Spokane, Wash., and Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Belshaw of San Francisco met death today when the automobile driven by Mr. Belshaw rolled 700 feet down a cliff near Half Moon bay, 40 miles south of here. The two women were instantly killed. Mr. Sherwood died on the operating table and Mr. Belshaw died on the way to hospital.

Before his death Mr. Sherwood in a statement, said an approaching lighter car for which Mr. Belshaw attempted to make room to pass, struck the Belshaw's machine as it swung toward the outer edge of the road. Other witnesses reported that apparently the steering gear broke or else Mr. Belshaw turned out too far and lost control.

The accident happened in the middle of the afternoon on Pedro mountain, five miles north of Moss beach, the scenic road that winds along the cliff overlooking the ocean just south of Rockaway beach, and was witnessed by a score or more of motorists.

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## \$8,500,000 GAIN MADE

### Number of Depositors in National Banks Increase 10,549,832.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.—Figures made public last night by Controller of Currency Williams, showing the number of depositors in national banks has increased 10,549,832 in the last nine years. Individual deposits have increased approximately \$4,800,000,000.

The total number of depositors in national banks, excluding accounts of banks, was given as 18,240,306. The per capita deposit was shown to be \$488. Among cities leading in number of accounts were: San Francisco, 85,625; Portland, 82,951; Seattle, 82,102; Los Angeles, 72,593.

## VILLA CHIEF STILL ALIVE

### Mexico City Advances Denial Execution of General Angeles.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 23.—Private advice received here from Mexico City late today indicate that General Felipe Angeles, Villa chief, has not been executed as reported last night from San Antonio and that powerful efforts were being made to save his life.

The statement that Angeles had been put to death without trial by court-martial, the advices said, were untrue in the Mexican capital to be untrue.

## THE CORNER GROCERY CLUB



## FINANCIAL SKY FAST CLEARING, SAYS GLASS

### SECRETARY'S FORECAST IS RATHER HOPEFUL ONE.

### Further Reduction in Treasury Deficits Promised—More Certificates to Issue Soon.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.—Secretary Glass tonight forecast a further reduction in monthly deficits of the treasury from the October record and announced that on December 1 the semi-monthly issues of treasury certificates of indebtedness and tax certificates would be resumed.

While rates on all money have been soaring and the situation in financial centers has been the occasion of some concern, treasury officials point with satisfaction to the reduction of government securities held by banking institutions during the last five months. In that period Mr. Glass' figures showed war bonds and indebtedness certificates held by financial houses dropped \$125,000,000. Meanwhile, also, the nation's debt fell to \$26,210,905,000, or a net reduction of \$285,000,000 from its highest mark at the end of August.

The reduction in the country's debt resulted largely from the increase in treasury receipts through the sales of war materials. Decrease in current expenditures also aided materially.

The new series of indebtedness certificates to be issued will bear date of December 1 and will be payable on February 15, 1920. The interest rate will be 4 1/2 per cent. Tax certificates to be issued at the same time, at the same interest rate, will be payable March 15, 1920, or on the date on which a tax installment is due.

The total amount of indebtedness certificates outstanding on November 1 was \$1,634,671,000. Tax certificates outstanding on the same date amounted to \$1,827,586. Of this amount, however, \$746,369,500 is payable on December 15 next, income and excess profits installments due on that date.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 23.—Individual investors are invited to subscribe to two new issues of treasury certificates of indebtedness, dated December 1 and bearing interest of 4 1/2 per cent. Governor John U. Calhoun of the 12th federal reserve bank here was advised today.

Short maturity and tax exemption features are expected to make the certificates popular. Greatly reduced maturities February 15 and the other March 15. They range in denominations from \$500 to \$100,000. These are the first issues since September 15.

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## MAN IS SHOT DEAD TRYING TO GET KIN

### Guy R. Nelson Succumbs in Arms of Wife.

## THOMAS MILLER ARRESTED

### Attempt Made to Get Sister-in-Law, Thought Prisoner.

## MURDER CHARGE IS FILED

### Shooting Takes Place on Porch of First-Street Home.

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