

\$10,000 SENT SON BY MRS. BERGDOLL

Funds Provided After Slacker's Escape.

BURYING OF GOLD DENIED

\$30,000 Declared Spent on Case Since Flight.

BOY'S RETURN PREDICTED

Dodger to Come Back as Soon as Armistice Is Signed, Says Woman, Causing Laughter.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 12.—Not a dollar of the \$100,000 in gold obtained from the treasury was put in a pot for burial in the mountains, Mrs. Emma C. Bergdoll of Philadelphia testified today before a house committee investigating the escape of Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, her slacker son.

Mrs. Bergdoll declared that doctors, lawyers and others had cost her upwards of \$30,000 since her son's escape.

Answering an appeal for help, Mrs. Bergdoll, less than a month ago, sent Grover, who is in Germany, \$10,000, she said.

Intention to Come Home.
"What is Grover's intention about staying in Germany?" John H. Sherrburne, counsel for the committee, asked, and Mrs. Bergdoll's eyes sparkled.

"As soon as the armistice is signed, he is coming home," and the laughter infuriated her.

"Well, there are thousands of other slackers and they never mention anybody's boy but mine," she cried.

"There are plenty of them in Philadelphia—nearer home than Germany." Asked how much Grover was worth, Mrs. Bergdoll made a mental calculation and answered:
"Half a million."

Bonds Taken in Trade.
There was some questioning as to whether he owned any Liberty bonds and on her answering in the negative "Do you own any?"

"Yes, but I didn't buy any. I got a couple of fifties the other day in a trade for a house."

In giving a detailed account of two trips to Washington for the gold and returning with it to Philadelphia while James E. Romig, former police magistrate, drove the car, Mrs. Bergdoll denied that she was acting for her son.

"It was mine, to do with as I pleased," she said. "Nobody can find it and Grover didn't get any of it—not a nickel."

Romig Followed by Woman.
She declared she never heard a word about any buried treasure until after the escape, and that the late Clarence Gibbons, her attorney, had told her her son had been let out to pay her a friendly visit. None of her money, Mrs. Bergdoll testified, was turned over to Grover for use in getting out of the country.

Mrs. Bergdoll was called after Romig, her confidential adviser, who, like his mother, is awaiting sentence for conspiracy to aid Bergdoll in evading the draft, had been put through a four-hour grilling. Romig stuck to his story that he never saw the gold after it was dumped on the Bergdoll kitchen floor.

After concluding the examination of Mrs. Bergdoll and Romig, the committee, which had been working long hours since Monday, quit until Tuesday.

SIX KILLED IN WRECK

Twelve Freight Cars Are Piled Up in Railroad Ditch.

EL PASO, Tex., May 13.—Six persons were killed today when 12 freight cars piled up in a ditch at Eagle Flat, Tex., on the Texas & Pacific railway, according to a report made by train crews.

Eagle Flat is 112 miles east of El Paso. A coroner left for the scene of the wreck tonight on a wrecking train.

The dead had not been identified.

EYE VALUED AT \$20,000

Father Sues Uncle of Girl Scratched by Vicious Rooster.

WAUKEGAN, Ill., May 13.—A suit for \$20,000 damages for the loss of his 6-year-old daughter Lenore's left eye, which, it was alleged, was scratched out by a vicious rooster, was filed by Leonard P. Kingsley against Emil Wienecke, the child's uncle.

Wienecke owns the rooster, which is declared on other occasions to have shown a disposition to attack persons.

HUNTERS FOR DIVORCE EXPECTED IN OREGON

WASHINGTON LAW REQUIRES EXTRA SIX MONTHS.

New Regulation in Northern State Is Considered Likely to Cause Exodus of Liberty-Seekers.

Oregon bids fair to outstrip Nevada as the mecca of unhappy couples as the result of new divorce laws in Washington, which are expected to shunt thousands of incompatibles who formerly would have sought that state over the Columbia river line. Under the new legislation it will take six months longer to obtain complete freedom in Washington than in Oregon after residence qualifications are fulfilled.

Easterners who would in the past seek Seattle or other Washington cities in establishing statutory residence preparatory to filing divorce petitions will not hesitate in the state to the north once they discover that Oregon offers release in six months' less time, it is believed.

This situation was caused by the introduction of the interlocutory decree in Washington, similar to that in effect in California. Under the new Washington law only an interlocutory decree may be entered at the time suit is heard, the final order not being made until six months have elapsed. In Oregon the final decree may be entered the day of the hearing.

According to information received from J. Grant Hinkle, secretary of state, Olympia, Wash., the introduction of the interlocutory decree does not change the statutory time for residence nor the provisions as to the hearing. In other words, a year's residence in Washington is required before suit can be filed and a divorced person cannot marry again after issuance of the final decree until six months have elapsed.

In Oregon the residence requirement is the same, and also the provision with regard to remarriage, but there is no intervening interlocutory decree.

SEARCH FOR TUG KEPT UP

Mine Sweepers and Submarines Hunt for Conestoga.

HONOLULU, T. H., May 13.—Search for the missing naval tug Conestoga has not been abandoned, contrary to reports.

Mine sweepers and submarines are still seeking the vessel, naval authorities announced today.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 13.—Wide search in the Pacific has revealed no trace of the naval tug Conestoga, which left San Francisco for Samoa, via Hawaii March 25, Rear Admiral W. H. Shoemaker, commanding at Honolulu, cabled the navy department today. Fifteen naval vessels and a number of aircraft have covered an area of 500 miles since May 2, the message said, and rumors current May 10 that the Conestoga had been sighted were unverified.

The tug was commanded by Lieutenant E. L. Jones and carried a crew of three other officers and 43 men.

COUPLE BRAVES JINX "13"

PairLaughs at Black Friday and Weds at Vancouver.

VANCOUVER, Wash., May 13.—(Special.)—As today was black Friday the 13th, but one couple was brave enough to embark upon a matrimonial voyage. They were J. W. Dupuis, 26, son of Frank Dupuis, the well-known boxer of former times, and Miss Vina L. Evans, 24, of Portland.

They were married by Frank E. Vaughan, justice of the peace. The couple knew that the day was supposed to be a very unpopular one for persons starting out in life, but they laughed and said they were not afraid.

SOL HOT PINCH HITTER

Sun-Starved Local Weather Fans Treated to 80-Degree Day.

Old Sol went to bed yesterday in the role of pinch hitter and slammed heat rays on the sun-starved Portland weather "fans" to the tune of 80 degrees. His batting represented the "hottest day of the year" and returned to friend sun a 100 per cent efficient average for his day's work.

Although Sol still holds down a utility berth on Manager Wells' 1921 team, the weather bureau boss avers that his new recruit is a "comer" and will be used to good advantage again today.

ROYALTY IN AUTO MISHAP

Blowout Overturs Car of King and Queen of Spain.

LONDON, May 13.—King Alfonso and Queen Victoria of Spain escaped injury today when their automobile overturned while they were going to the Hippodrome to attend the races, said a dispatch to the Central News from Madrid.

The accident was due to the bursting of a tire.

TORNADO HITS CAROLINA

Several Injured and Property Is Damaged at Roseboro.

RALPHIGH, N. C., May 13.—Several persons were injured and considerable property damage caused by a tornado at Roseboro and Long Branch late today, according to reports received here.

Telephone lines are down and detailed reports have not been received.

3 DEAD; 40 MINERS BOTTLED IN FIGHT

Battle in West Virginia Is Still in Progress.

FIRING GAINS IN INTENSITY

Veritable Hail of Shots Directed at Secluded Men.

WOMEN, CHILDREN HIDING

Cellars and Dugouts Used for Refuge; Many Reported Without Food or Water.

WILLIAMSON, W. Va., May 13.—Three men were reported by state troopers to have been killed today in a battle at McCarr, and telephone reports to the office of the New Howard Coal company at Gates indicated that 40 miners were surrounded by belligerent forces.

Captain Brockus, with 15 state police, boarded an engine bound for McCarr at 6 o'clock. The firing was reported to be increasing in intensity.

Mountain Battle General.
The reports from the New Howard company indicated heavy firing had begun at their mines at Gates, between Matewan and Sprigg. Advice to the company relative to the 40 miners being hoisted in, said the men had taken refuge in sheltered spots in their camp and were being subjected to a veritable hail of shots.

The mountain battle was general again today, according to passengers arriving from the troubled area. Terrified women and children were reported hiding in cellars and dugouts, in many cases without food and water.

Dan Whitt, said by the state police to be a non-union miner, was reported shot and killed at Matewan when he ventured out to obtain water for women and children.

Bullets Strike Towns.
State troopers working in the firing zone reported today that most of the shooting was directed from mountainside to mountainside on the Kentucky and West Virginia sides of the Tug river. Bullets were said to be striking in nearby towns.

Richard Beverly, who, according to the state police, is a member of the United Mine Workers of America, was arrested in the Kentucky mountains and will be brought here charged with participating in the battle.

Firing in Villages Protested.
An embassy of the state forces taking part in the battle, which has raged for two days in the Mingo mountains along Tug river, late tonight approached the stronghold of a leader of the mountaineers under a

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MAN BELIEVED SHOT IN ROBBERY FOUND

Discovery Made in Park. Victim Identified. About 25 Years Old—Chance for Recovery Declared Small.

OREGON CITY, Or., May 13.—(Special.)—An unidentified man, shot through the body just above the heart, was found at Canemah park at 10 o'clock tonight by a party of autoists, who took him to the Oregon City hospital. Physicians say the man has a slight chance to recover.

The authorities here believe the man was held up and robbed, and was shot because he resisted. No marks of identification were found on or in his clothes.

The man was about 25 years old, of sandy complexion, with blue eyes. He was dressed in a blue coat, brown trousers held up by a belt, and a blue flannel shirt.

The report as given by the autoists was to the effect that no weapon with which the shooting was done could be found near the body. There were no signs of a struggle, it was said.

It was also considered possible that the man might have destroyed all marks of identification, and then attempted suicide. The sheriff and a squad of deputies went to the scene to investigate further.

The party which found the wounded man consisted of Howard Buttle, F. E. La Point, 222 East Kelly street, and a Mr. Newberry, 1651 East Fifteenth street North, all of Portland.

CONVICT ORDERED FREED

Embezzler's Service in San Francisco Recognized by Governor.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., May 13.—The five-year sentence of C. Vincent Ricciardi, San Francisco attorney, sent to San Quentin penitentiary last February following his conviction on a charge of embezzling money from a client, today was commuted by Governor Stephens, the sentence to expire at once.

In his order commuting the sentence Governor Stephens said that one of the principal reasons for the release of Ricciardi was that the former attorney became an active agent in the exposure of corrupt conditions in San Francisco.

It was said that the San Francisco grand jury, bar association and police department had asked for clemency for Ricciardi.

SUGAR JUMPS 20 CENTS

Fine Granulated Cane Product Now Quoted at \$7.10 to Jobbers.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 13.—The price of sugar advanced today from the record low price which has been in effect for three days, the two local refineries announcing a 20-cent increase in fine granulated sugar, making the price \$7.10 a hundred pounds to jobbers for cane sugar. Beet sugar increased 10 cents to \$8.30.

Higher prices paid in New York for Cuban raw sugar was responsible for the increase, it was said by refiners, who also stated that indications did not point to further price climbing unless a higher tariff was placed on sugar.

100 PER CENT POOLING OF GRAIN IS FAVORED

Resolution Is Adopted by Oregon Growers.

Action Is Taken in Spite of Opposition by Entire Delegation From Umatilla County.

THE DALLES, Or., May 13.—(Special.)—With the entire Umatilla county delegation in opposition, members and directors of the Oregon Grain Growers' association today adopted a resolution which previously had been adopted by the United States Grain Growers, Inc., at the recent meeting in Chicago, permitting the Oregon Co-operative association to obtain members under contracts calling for a 100 per cent pooling plan. Under the resolution the association will work in this state upon the 100 per cent pooling plan, until 1924.

The entire Umatilla delegation declared in favor of "local option," explaining that the big ranchers in that county are in favor of the more elastic selling plan adopted by the national organization. Under the national selling plan, 100 per cent pooling is not required, although organized state co-operative associations wishing to go ahead with the plan may do so and still be eligible to membership in the national organization.

George A. Mansfield, president of the Oregon State Farm Bureau, contended that any concession to Umatilla county, such as permitting growers in that county to become members of the Oregon association, under the national plan of contract, would cause serious trouble in the ranks of the state organization and almost certainly necessitate the abrogation of contracts by causing grain growers in all of the other counties in the state to demand the same privileges.

The following national and state executives attended today's meeting: W. P. Schilling, head of the millers' association of Minneapolis; Minn.; J. A. Howard of Chicago, president of the American Federation of Farm Bureau; U. L. Burdick of Kansas City; George C. Jewett of Spokane, head of the Northwest Grain Growers' association; Hector MacFlemson, head of the bureau of marketing of the Oregon Agricultural college; C. A. Spence, grand master of the granges of Oregon, and George A. Mansfield, president of the state farm bureau.

OREGON CITY, Or., May 13.—(Special.)—Arrangements have been completed for meetings to pool the wheat crop of Clackamas county, with the growers of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana. Among the places where meetings are to be held are: Canby, Monday, May 16; Molalla, Tuesday, May 17; Beavon Heights, Wednesday, May 18; Wilsonville, Thursday, May 19; Logan, Friday, May 20; Sunnyside, Saturday, May 21.

CHILD OF AUTHOR DEAD

Daughter of William Allen White Fatally Injured by Horse.

EMPORIA, Kan., May 13.—Miss Mary White, 16 years old, only daughter of William Allen White, author and publisher of the Emporia Gazette, died this morning.

Injuries received in a fall from a horse last Tuesday were the cause of death.

DEAL FOR ALBERS MILLS REPORTED

Wealthy Seattle-Miller Is Seeking Plant.

NEGOTIATIONS UNDER WAY

Moritz Thomsen Contemplates Reorganization.

LAND RECENTLY OBTAINED

Erection of New Plant on East Side Believed to Be Planned; Milling Boom Here Indicated.

Reorganization of the Albers Bros. Milling company into a new corporation to be headed by Moritz Thomsen, millionaire miller of Seattle, is under way, according to a report current here, which was not denied last night by William J. Albers, vice-president of the Albers Bros. Milling company.

William Albers, however, denied all knowledge of the details of the transaction, which, he said, was being handled by his brother, George Albers, president of the company, who has gone to San Francisco.

Moritz Thomsen, owner of a small mill in this city and of several large mills on Puget sound, is the miller who a little more than a month ago traded the Chamber of Commerce building in this city for 11 parcels of industrial property on the east side of the river, between the Hawthorne and Burnside bridges.

Intention Not Yet Learned.
This property was given by the Spokane, Portland & Seattle railway for the building. No statement as to what he intended to do with this property has been obtained as yet from Mr. Thomsen.

The newly acquired Portland property of Mr. Thomsen was said to be well situated for the establishment of a flouring mill. One tract is on the waterfront and the others near by. Though no statement of the programme of the Albers and Thomsen interests could be obtained last night, it was reported to include the consolidation of the properties of the two concerns and the erection of a new mill on the east side.

MILLING BOOM INDICATED

The acquisition of this property by Mr. Thomsen is one of a number of indications of a boom in the Portland grain milling industry as the result of a decision favorable to this city in the Columbia basin rate case.

The Albers Bros. Milling company is capitalized at \$5,000,000. Its property includes two cereal mills and two docks in this city, and mills also at Seattle, Tacoma, San Francisco, Oakland and Los Angeles. Another mill at Ogden, Utah, is operated under lease by this company.

The Albers Bros. were generally believed in milling circles that the deal was well under way for the acquisition of a controlling interest in the Albers stock by Mr. Thomsen, the exact stage of the negotiations could not be learned here last night. That the deal was in progress was unofficially admitted by persons in a position to know, but a conflicting report was received by one local milling company that the negotiations had fallen through. No information of the failure of negotiations, however, had been received last night by William Albers.

THOMSEN DELAYS DECISION

Possible Chance of Accepting Presidency Is Admitted.

SEATTLE, Wash., May 13.—(Special.)—Moritz Thomsen, president of the Centennial Mill company, who has received an offer of the presidency of the Albers Bros., declared today that he had not accepted the offer. However, he expected to attend a meeting of bankers and stockholders of the company in San Francisco next week.

When pressed as to whether there was the slightest chance of his accepting the position, Mr. Thomsen said:
"There is a possible chance."

Mr. Thomsen declared that the meeting he will attend is just a mere incident in a previously planned business trip. He said his reorganization of the Portland plant is planned.

ROBBERS SPOIL OWN PLAN

One Shoots Other, in Hold-Up of Man Carrying Money.

MANDAN, N. D., May 13.—Highwaymen frustrated their own attempts to rob E. J. K. Costello, Seattle traveling salesman, here last night, when one robber discharged his revolver and shot the other, George E. Rawlins, through both legs.

Costello, the intended victim, who was carrying a large sum of money, escaped harm. The other would-be robber was captured at Dickinson, N. D., late last night.

Previous to the robbery Costello had related hold-up yarns at a hotel here. Later, while taking a walk, two men told him to stick up his hands. He started what he thought was a friendly escapade. When he failed to meet their demands the shooting followed.

GASOLINE DROPS; GAS WILL FOLLOW

Motor Fuel Price Goes Down 2 Cents.

REDUCTION LONG EXPECTED

Companies Report Supplies Generally Abundant.

CRUDE OIL ALSO CHEAPER

Further Reduction in Cost of Gas to Consumers in Portland Counted Certainty.

Announcement was made yesterday that a cut of two cents a gallon for gasoline had been put into effect at service stations throughout the city, and this was followed by the statement by the Portland Gas & Coke company that because of a further drop in the cost of crude oil, there is to be cheaper gas, probably by June 15.

According to a statement given out by John A. Laing, general counsel for the gas company, notice was received by his company yesterday morning to the effect that there had been another drop of 25 cents a barrel, making a total reduction of 45 cents this month. He announced that he had notified the state public service commission at once, so that its experts could get to work on a new schedule necessitated by the extra 25-cent drop in crude oil. Work on a schedule that had been under way since the previous cut of 25 cents a barrel was made public had to be abandoned for the latest turn in affairs.

"We are not in a position to say just what the reduction in the cost of our product will be, but it will be considerable in the aggregate," said Mr. Laing. "We are not the deciding force, as that is a function of the public service commission. We notified the commissioners at once and they will have their experts prepare the new schedule. I should say, offhand, that the total savings, should prices remain stationary for 12 months, would be about \$100,000."

Company Might Lucky.
Mr. Laing said the company had a good supply of oil, which, he explained, is "mighty lucky," considering the marine strike.

Portlanders began paying the 2 cents less for their gasoline with the opening of the service stations yesterday morning. Telegrams from California headquarters, received by each of the four oil companies dispensing motor fuel yesterday morning, announced new prices of gasoline and fuel oil, and the cut here became effective at once.

Under the new schedule gasoline is selling in Portland for 28 cents a gallon at service stations. This is a decline from 30 cents and brings the basic price of gasoline down to 28 cents, 2 cents additional going for the state road taxes. The new price prevails at all stations of the Standard.

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HERE'S WHERE THE WORLD BEGINS SQUARING UP ACCOUNTS.



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PROCLAIMING THE OREGON EXPOSITION OF 1925.

In the big Sunday issue of The Oregonian, section five, page eight, will appear the official proclamation of the Atlantic-Pacific Highways and Electrical Exposition, bearing the signatures of Governor Olcott, for the state, Mayor Baker, for the city, and J. L. Meier, chairman of the next great world's fair.

The proclamation calls upon citizens of Oregon to "combine their efforts as one great army" toward the fullest realization of this opportunity, and to further the cause "with the same spirit that prompted the pioneers who blazed the trail of our first civilization."

That the proclamation be widely circulated, reaching every possible destination, officials of the exposition ask that readers of The Sunday Oregonian purchase extra copies of the issue, mailing to friends the entire copy or the section containing the proclamation.

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