

SHERIFF TO FOLLOW BRUMFIELD'S TRAIL

Murder Suspect Is Believed Hiding in California.

TELEGRAPHIC HUNT BEGUN

Roseburg Officials Request All Police in Southern State to Be on Watch.

ROSEBURG, Or., July 26.—(Special.)—Sheriff Starmer will leave tonight for northeastern California, where he will take up the trail of the fugitive autist believed to be Dr. R. M. Brumfield, wanted for the alleged murder of Dennis Russell, July 13.

PORTLAND TENOR HOME

HAROLD HURBUT PLANS TO STOP HERE 3 WEEKS.

Visitor Says Things Are Still in Bad Way in Italy—Pleasure Expressed at Being Back.

BY JOSEPH MACQUEEN. Harold Hurbut, the Portland tenor and whose home is now in New York city, arrived yesterday at the Hotel

It is very probable that the fugitive will endeavor to hide out for several days, the officers believe. They are confident that this is what he did in eastern Oregon, as he was reported seen at Redmond July 18, and by the Shoemakers near Crater Lake park Sunday.

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returned to their owners in as good condition as when taken over by the government. During the period of government operation, it was admitted that it was morally and legally bound to fund the government's large sums on various accounts such as compensation, depreciation and maintenance.

There has been at no time any question about the justice of funding such indebtedness to the government. Indeed, it has been deemed a reasonable degree ever since the return of the railroads to their owners.

There is no thought to ask Congress for additional funds. Perhaps \$200,000,000 will be necessary. The railroad administration has, or will have, in the progress of funding, ample securities to meet all requirements if Congress only will grant the authority to negotiate these securities and provide the agency for their negotiation.

With this end in view you are asked to extend the authority of the war finance corporation so that it may purchase these railway funding securities accepted by the directors of the corporation. No added expense, no added investment is required on the part of the government, there is no added liability, no added tax burden.

FARMERS' RELIEF URGENT

"Pending proposals for relief and their discussion have already brought to the attention of Congress the very promising possibilities of broadening the powers of the war finance corporation for the further relief of agriculture and livestock production.

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With his message the president sent his Congress a large amount of data from Director-General Davis of the railroad administration showing the progress of liquidation work and treating present financial conditions.

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RAZOR'S ARGUMENT OF AGE'S DEFENSE

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STEEL EARNINGS DECLINE

SUM DECLARED SMALLEST OF ANY SINCE MARCH, 1915.

United States Corporation Report Announces Figures for Quarter as \$21,892,016.

NEW YORK, July 26.—The United States Steel corporation reported today that its earnings for the quarter ended June 30 were \$21,892,016, the smallest of any quarter since March, 1915, just prior to the war boom, when they fell to \$12,457,803.

Regular dividends of 1 1/2 per cent on the preferred shares and 1 1/4 per cent on the common were declared, but to meet the requirements of the common dividend, on which only 36 cents was earned, it was necessary to draw from the corporation's huge undivided surplus.

Analysis of the corporation's monthly business shows earnings of little more than \$8,000,000 in April, about \$4,400,000 in May and a drop to slightly less than \$1,000,000 in June. Net income for the second quarter amounted to \$13,221,250, against \$20,556,339 in the preceding period. This item would have shown more drastic reduction, but charges and allowances for depreciation were much smaller than in the first quarter of the year.

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GREAT NORTHERN ASKS UNCLE SAM FOR \$15,000,000.

Application Based Upon Assumption That Refunding Operations Will Offset Obligations.

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