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BRUMFIELD HOLDS THEORY LAPSED

Mind Declared Blank as to Recent Events.

ALLEGED MURDERER IN JAIL

Dentist Brought From Canada by Douglas Officers.

CONCERN IS FOR FAMILY

No Anxiety as to Murder Charge Manifested—Removal to Rose- burg Soon Likely.

With his mind apparently restored to a normal condition and anxious to face his townspeople at Roseburg that he might "clear up a lot of puzzling questions," Dr. R. M. Brumfield, Roseburg murder suspect, arrived in Portland yesterday in custody of Sheriff Starmer and Deputy Sheriff Webb of Douglas county on the last leg of his journey from Calgary, Alberta, where he was taken into custody last week for the alleged murder of Dennis Russell, Douglas county woodsman, more than a month ago.

At the county jail, where he is held pending his removal to Roseburg, Dr. Brumfield yesterday showed none of the mental or physical strain which he is said to have suffered immediately following his arrest in Canada.

If he were dubious of his ability to prove his innocence of the crime which surrounded the entire northwest there was not an inkling of such anxiety in his placid features as he sat, cross-legged, on his jail cot and discussed briefly, to be sure—the plight which is taking him back to his wife and three sons in Irons.

Questions to Be Cleared.
"I am glad to be back, but only wish I were in Roseburg now," he said in an interview at the county jail yesterday.

"What makes you glad to be back?" he was asked.

"I want to see my wife and boys," he answered, and there was a pronounced quiver of the lower lip, showing that mention of his wife and children had affected him more than he cared to show.

"Is there any other reason why you are anxious to return to Roseburg?" he was asked.

"Yes, there are some puzzling questions—" and his voice drifted away into silence as his eyes sought the chill, cement floor of the cell.

"Do you mean you will be able to answer some of these questions which are puzzling the people so much at present?"

"Yes," he whispered in a voice scarcely audible through the steel bars a few feet away.

Interview Restricted One.
Sheriff Starmer, who permitted the interview only on condition that reporters would not ask the dentist any questions concerning the actual murder with which he is charged, promised Brumfield he would be taken on to Roseburg within the next day or two.

To determine whether Dr. Brumfield is feigning insanity or lapse of memory, George Neuner, district attorney of Douglas county, yesterday had the prisoner examined by Dr. William House, alienist. This examination took place in the county jail shortly after the noon hour.

Every effort was made to keep secret the fact that this insanity examination had been held. In fact, all of the actions of the Douglas county officials have been cloaked in secrecy during the few hours they have been in Portland with their prisoner.

Whether Dr. House has submitted a report of his examination to Mr. Neuner and what recommendations were made if the report was submitted are things which Mr. Neuner did not confide to the public.

Narcotic Story Scouted.
A report that a small vial containing some white powder which may prove to be a narcotic was found in Dr. Brumfield's cell at the noon hour yesterday, was not considered seriously by Sheriff Starmer. This vial, the sheriff said, was found under Brumfield's pillow in the jail at Calgary. It in no way resembles any of the common drugs or narcotics, although the sheriff admitted there was a possibility that it was a narcotic.

When queried concerning this vial and its contents, Dr. Brumfield laughed good-naturedly.

"That was nothing but salt heptatica," he gave me for indigestion," he said. "I never even took any of it. Instead, they gave me four big doses of salt."

If Dr. Brumfield has not eaten since his arrest at Calgary last week, he more than made up for it yesterday. Sheriff Starmer said he ate a big breakfast on the train from Spokane yesterday morning, while he consumed a full allotment of food in his cell at the noon hour yesterday. Again at 4 o'clock in the afternoon he called for and received a bowl of milk, which did not interfere with his evening meal an hour later.

Thoughts Are for Family.
It was evident from his every action and word that Dr. Brumfield's thoughts are for his wife and boys, and if he is anxious concerning the murder charge which he faces, there is

RETAIL FOOD PRICES TAKE JUMP UPWARD

UNITED STATES STATISTICS
SHOW INCREASE IN PORTLAND.

Sugar, Cabbage, Onions and Bananas and 19 Other Products, Though, Decline in Cost.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 17.—Retail food prices in the Portland area in July over June prices, while the prices of wholesale foodstuffs advanced 1.56 per cent and wholesale farm products 1.75 per cent, the department announced today.

Of 43 articles on which retail prices were obtained, 16 showed increases, including potatoes, 26 per cent; eggs, 20, butter 16, and wheat 14 1/2 per cent.

Decreases were noted in 27 articles, including sugar 9 per cent, cabbage 5, onions 5, and bananas 2 per cent. The general increase in prices in St. Paul was 3 per cent; in Milwaukee and Minneapolis, 5; Buffalo, Detroit and Rochester, 7; Butte and Indianapolis, 6; Boston, Cleveland, Columbus, Denver, Peoria, Portland, Me., 5; Jacksonville and Newhaven, Portland, Or., Salt Lake City and Seattle, 4; Chicago, Louisville and Scranton, 2; Baltimore, Houston, Newark, New Orleans, New York and Washington, 2; Atlanta, Birmingham, Charleston, Pittsburgh, and Richmond, 1, and in Cincinnati, Philadelphia and San Francisco less than five-tenths of 1 per cent.

In Los Angeles there was a decrease of 2 per cent; Norfolk, 1; in Dallas, Little Rock and Omaha, the decrease was less than five-tenths of 1 per cent.

Wholesale prices dropped during the month in all commodities as they are grouped by the department, except foodstuffs and farm products, the decreases varying from one-half of 1 per cent in cloth and clothing to 6 per cent in house furnishings. Building materials went down 1 per cent, fuel and lighting 1 1/2 and chemicals and drugs 1.75 per cent. Wholesale prices of metals and metal products decreased 3.25 per cent.

FARMERS FORCED TO QUIT

577,000 Acres in South Dakota Now Reported Idle.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 17.—The interstate commerce commission was told today by Maurice Eien, assistant secretary of the reclamation service, that high freight rates were largely responsible for a great increase in the number of farmers delinquent in payments on irrigated lands.

The average of delinquency, he said, has risen from 4 to 8 per cent in other years to 42 per cent, and will result in curtailing reclamation work.

(Special.)—Klamath Indians on the reservation are 150 richer apiece today as the result of the division of \$200,000 from the government for proceeds from sale of timber on unallotted lands.

A fund of \$275,000 was available for distribution last fall but no receipts from sales of timber had been taken place, bringing the fund above the \$400,000 mark.

This sum distributed today was about 60 per cent of the money in the Indian communal treasury.

Four years ago about \$400,000 was distributed among the Indians, with the provision that it be invested in rats in the present distribution is unconditional.

WOOD MAY ACCEPT POST

General Released From Agreement to Head University.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 17.—The board of trustees of the University of Pennsylvania at a special meeting today, in response to the request of Secretary of War Weeks, released Major-General Leonard Wood until September 1, 1922, from his agreement to become head of the university.

This action leaves the general free to accept the appointment of President Harding as governor-general of the Philippines.

HOUSE FARM BILL BACKED

Senate Measure Protested by Producers' Representative.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 17.—Enactment in the house form of the bill authorizing formation of co-operative agricultural associations was urged today by Milo B. Campbell, Colquhoun, Mich., president of the National Milk Producers' association, before the congressional agricultural commission.

Farmers would prefer to have the measure killed, he added, rather than enacted in the form recommended by the senate committee.

GERMANS KILL 24 POLES

Many Reported Wounded in Fight Near Frontier Villages.

BERLIN, Aug. 17.—(By the Associated Press.)—Twenty-four Poles were killed and many wounded today in a fight between Germans and regular Polish troops near the frontier villages of Sternalitz and Kostellitz in upper Silesia.

The Germans drove the Poles across the frontier.

LODGE WANTS ALL TO CUT WAR BILLS

General Arms Reduction to Be Demanded.

U. S. OUTLAY IS DEFENDED

Senators Discuss Question of Conference Publicity.

WOMAN DELEGATE ASKED

Feminine Voters See President About Having Representative as American Envoy.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 17.—(By the Associated Press.)—The question of open or secret sessions at the disarmament conferences started a Senate debate today in which Democrats criticized some of the steps taken by the administration to adopt in the administration. Chairman Lodge of the foreign relations committee, who has been selected as one of the American delegates, gave his colleagues some glimpses of the attitude he intends to adopt in the conference.

The outburst was short-lived and failed to develop any general expression of senate opinion on the subject of public or closed sessions. Further debate on the question was assured, however, by presentation for future consideration of a measure which would instruct the American delegates to insist that the conference sit with open doors.

Senator Lodge did not express his views in regard to publicity, but he did assert that in the negotiations over disarmament itself he would hold to the principle that the only solution was a "general disarmament."

He declared no one would work more earnestly for disarmament than he, but that he would hold to an unshakable conviction that to insure success there must be "general reductions" all along the line.

War Funds Defended.
Later in the day the foreign relations chairman, speaking on a good roads bill, asserted it was false economy to save money for roads by taking it away from the army and navy, whose reductions, he asserted, had been "carried too far already," under existing conditions.

Without specific mention of the disarmament proposals he reaffirmed his belief that this country could not now make further curtailments in its military and naval establishments without menacing national security.

While the senate debate was in progress, President Harding listened to the plea of a group of women political leaders that he appoint a woman on the American delegation to the conference, and told them he was confident a way would be found to utilize woman's influence and intelligence in an automobile accident near Taft, Cal.

POSTMASTER JOB IS SOUGHT BY FIFTEEN

K. K. KUBLI, R. H. THOMAS AND THIRTEEN OTHERS APPLY.

State Representative, School Clerk Included in List of Men Who Would Grab Local Plum.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., Aug. 17.—When the time for filing applications for the civil service examination which is to select a postmaster for Portland closed yesterday, 15 applicants had signified their intention of entering the contest as follows:

Ralph W. Jamard, John M. Jones, present acting postmaster; Edward J. Ball, Fred T. Hojm, Robert L. Russell, Alfred E. Lincoln, K. K. Kubli, Weston G. Shellenbarger, C. W. Linbaugh, Harry A. Pittenger, Robert G. Lynn, Robert H. Thomas, Frank E. Ross, Edward C. Mears and Harry G. Durand.

Several well-known Portland men are found on the list of applicants for the lucrative position of postmaster of this city. K. K. Kubli has been active in legislative work as a state representative, and is head of a large stationery firm; R. H. Thomas is school clerk for the Portland district, and Edward C. Mears is a local attorney.

In addition to John M. Jones, present postmaster, there are several applicants from the postoffice here. Edward J. Ball is superintendent of mails, Harry A. Pittenger is in charge of the money order department, and Alfred E. Lincoln is superintendent of station F. Harry G. Durand formerly was assistant postmaster.

MINE PURCHASE BLOCKED

Company Is Enjoined From Co-Partnership Agreement.

SPOKANE, Wash., Aug. 17.—Upon the application of Eugene R. Day and Mrs. Sarah E. Smith, minority stockholders in the Hecla Mining company, Superior Judge Bruce Blake today granted a temporary injunction restraining the board of directors of the Hecla company from performing any acts, official or otherwise, toward purchasing the property of the Star Mining company at Muller, Idaho.

The injunction was granted for 30 days until the hearing on the application for permanent relief. The action blocks the plan by which the Bunker Hill and Sullivan Mining company and the Hecla company today agreed to purchase and operate the Star mine under a co-partnership agreement.

FATHER IS ADMINISTRATOR

John D. Spreckels to Manage Estate Left by Son.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 17.—John D. Spreckels was granted special letters of administration for the estate of his son, John D. Spreckels Jr., by Judge Dunne here today. No will was found, Mr. Spreckels said.

John L. McNab, who was in court as attorney for Mrs. Sadi Wirt Spreckels, divorced wife of the son, said he was informed that a will had been made bequeathing to Mrs. Spreckels much of the large estate.

John Spreckels Jr. died following injuries received in an automobile accident near Taft, Cal.

ELECTROSCOPE FAILS TO DISCOVER RADIIUM

SCIENTIFIC DEVICE USED IN SEARCH FOR \$6000 TUBE.

Sewers Scoured by Reed College Professor in Vain Hunt for Expensive Mineral.

That there is little possibility of the \$6000 tube of radium which was lost from St. Vincent's hospital still being lodged in the sewer pipes was the report made yesterday by Professor A. A. Knowlton, head of the department of physics of Reed college, who has been carrying on a search for the tube since Monday. The method by which Professor Knowlton worked to find the radium was taken up following a telegram from the insurance representatives in Pittsburgh, who had insured the tube to Phil Grossmayer.

The radium tube was lost from the hospital last Friday, and was owned by Dr. Ralph C. Walker, x-ray specialist, who was treating a cancer patient at the hospital. The tube it is thought was emptied into a sewer. A possible theory that it had been thrown into the incinerator at the hospital was disproved shortly after the search started.

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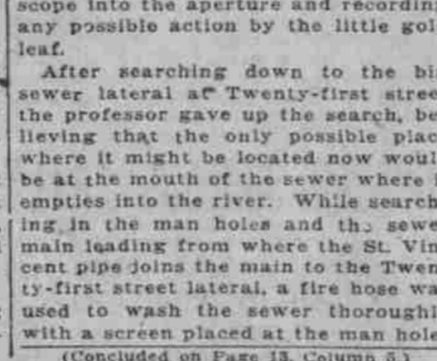
Professor Knowlton and his assistant, H. H. Houston of Reed college, began work Monday with the electro-scope checking up carefully throughout the hospital and thence down into the sewer pipe leading from the hospital to the main sewer. The means by which the radium might be detected with the use of the electro-scope were first experimented with by the Reed experts, who found that the presence of one milligram of the radium could be detected by the action of the electro-scope when the lead, away, even though the distance be through various walls, or through earth.

In view of the fact that the missing tube contained 50 milligrams of radium it was believed by the professors that the tube could be located if within 200 feet of the electro-scope. The action of the electro-scope is explained by the fact that the gamma rays thrown out by the radium which travel at a speed of 186,000 miles per second will cause the little gold leaf to discharge the electricity, when it will fall back into its normal position, as before it was charged.

The searchers employed a plumber to assist them in the work in the sewer or mains and then watched closely any possible action for the 200 feet from the hospital through the private sewer pipe to the main sewer. Along this main the method followed was to experiment with the electro-scope at every man hole, lowering the electro-scope into the aperture and recording any possible action by the little gold leaf.

After searching down to the big sewer lateral at Twenty-first street the professor gave up the search, believing that the only possible place where it might be located now would be at the mouth of the sewer where it empties into the river. While searching in the man holes and the sewer main leading from where the St. Vincent pipe joins the main to the Twenty-first street lateral, a fire hose was used to wash the sewer thoroughly with a screen placed at the man hole.

NOW IF THE DEMOCRATS HAD WRITTEN IT.



THAT'S A RICH MAN'S MEASURE— IT'S A CRIME!

\$193,000,000 REDUCTION IN TAXES -- PRETTY BLAME GOOD IF I DO SAY IT MYSELF

NEW TAX SCHEDULE

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—The Berlin bourse has suspended operations temporarily because of the recent high pressure of activity, according to advices received here today by international bankers.

In the last three weeks speculation on the bourse has attained enormous dimensions, exceeding in volume almost any pre-war period. Shares of numerous industrial companies have been most favored on reports that control is being sought by foreign interests.

Martinique Has Quake.
PORT DE FRANCE, Martinique, Aug. 17.—(By the Associated Press.)—A light earthquake was felt here today.

A disturbance occurred at 11:15 o'clock this morning.

\$7,000,000 TIMBER DEAL NEGOTIATED

Eccles Property in Nehalem to Be Sold.

EASTERN COAL MAN BUYER

22 Miles of Railroad Involved in Transaction.

TRACT IN FOUR COUNTIES

27,000 Acres Lie in Columbia, Clatsop, Washington and Tillamook Sections.

A deal for the David C. Eccles timber tract of 27,000 acres lying in Columbia, Clatsop, Washington and Tillamook counties, is about to be consummated with a turnover of capital amounting approximately to \$7,000,000, it became known last night. Involved in the deal, as part of the property transfer, are 22 miles of railroad from Burlington, to the tract.

The buyer, with whom negotiations were carried on through Chicago financial agencies by Mr. Eccles, is Charles Keith of the Central Coal & Coke company of Kansas City, Mo. Mr. Keith, it was understood, represents capitalists of Kansas City.

War Changes Plan.
They were said to have taken an option on the property several weeks ago, but delay in closing the deal was encountered, due to their reported unwillingness to take over the railroad.

Not more than \$2,000,000 in cash will be transferred, it was said, the remaining \$5,000,000 being in notes and other paper securities.

The property is considered one of the richest timber tracts in the country. It was purchased by Mr. Eccles of Pennsylvania in July, 1917, through Paul C. Bates of Portland, after an option had been held for six months. Mr. Eccles was reported to have paid \$4,000,000 in cash and paper for the property.

It was Mr. Eccles' intention to market the timber through the Oregon Lumber company, of which he and Charles T. Early of Portland are owners. The close of the war and the subsequent demoralization of the lumber market made the marketing of the timber at profitable prices impossible, it was said, and little work in developing the tract was done.

Timber is Heavy.
The timber consists of yellow fir, spruce, hemlock and cedar, and was said to cruise approximately \$9,000 per acre.

To expedite the logging operations, the railroad to the tract was built, and before the present deal got under way \$30,000,000 feet of timber were sold to the Inman-Poison Lumber company of Portland for a sum approximating \$11,110,000.

A lumberman who has had considerable experience in constructing logging railroads, estimated the value of this road at \$70,000 a mile, or \$1,540,000 in all.

It will be necessary for the new owners of the large and valuable tract to start operations soon after they take into the property, according to local lumbermen. To offset the interest on capital involved it will be necessary for the holding company to log and market approximately 100,000,000 feet of timber annually. There are no mills contained in the purchase and it will be necessary for the owners to market the logs in the Portland market, through shipment to Burlington. If it is found impossible to market all of the logs, sold to the Inman-Poison company, a mill may have to be constructed either here or in Burlington to saw the surplus.

Deal Subject of Talk.

The proposed deal has been talked about in lumber circles in Portland for several weeks, but nothing definite was done towards final consummation of the sale until several days ago. Coming at a time when the lumber market is none too strong and when the manufactured product is not moving rapidly, due to high freight rates and slack building conditions, it created much comment among timber men, who say it heralds the approach of better times.

BERLIN BOURSE SUSPENDS

Operations Halted Because of Recent Spectacular Trade.

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EMPLOYMENT SHOWS GAIN IN INDUSTRIES

FACTORY FORCES INCREASED IN EIGHT BIG LINES.

Iron, Steel, Hosiery and Underwear Plants Reduce Payrolls and Lay Off Workers.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 17.—Increase in the number of persons employed in July over the number employed in June were shown in eight out of 14 industries for which the department of labor published figures today.

Manufacturers of men's ready-made clothing reported that they had increased their forces in July to 28,314 from 25,938 in June, an increase of 8.8 per cent.

Leather factories employed 12,135 in July, as against 11,701 in June. Boot and shoe factories making reports to the department had 89,358 workers on their July payroll, as against 87,600 in June.

Automobile factories employed 79,064 in July, as compared with 76,734 in June.

The greatest decrease was shown in the number employed in 115 iron and steel factories, which in July had on their payrolls 109,778 persons, as against 115,411 in June, a decrease of 4.8 per cent.

Hosiery and underwear factories cut their forces from 27,928 in June to 26,677 in July.

THREE NEGROES EXECUTED

One of Trio Prays for Children of Man He Had Slain.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Aug. 17.—Will Allen, Charley Graham, negroes, convicted of the murder of Harry Allen, a merchant in Hardin county, and Hamp Gholson, a negro, convicted of the murder of Isaac Levy, a Memphis jeweler, were electrocuted at the state prison here today.

Gholson offered a short prayer for the children of the man he had killed, Prison Chaplain Meyers said Gholson last night asked: "Do you suppose that God will forgive a man who has killed six men?"

EX-PRESIDENT IMPROVING

Mr. Wilson's First Appearance at His Law Office Noted.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 17.—Woodrow Wilson's first appearance yesterday at his law offices here was taken by his friends as evidence of the former president's improving physical condition.

Hainbridge Colby, former secretary of state and Mr. Wilson's law partner, also was at the new offices, where Mr. Wilson spent some time in conference.

TAX LAW TEST PROPOSED

California Statute Affecting Aliens Put Up to Courts.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 17.—Foundation was laid today for a test of the California alien poll tax law as it relates to citizens of Mexico, with the arrest of G. D. Kappa on the charge that he had declined to register under the act.

Kappa was taken into custody and an appeal was made to the state supreme court for a writ of habeas corpus.

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ENTHUSIASTIC DIN GREETS 1925 FAIR

Rain Fails to Quench Portland's Welcome.

THOUSANDS IN CELEBRATION

Noise-Making Autos Stream Through Downtown Streets.

MAYOR TALKS IN TUMULT

It Is Opening Gun for Exposition That Means Our Opportunity.

Shouts City's Executive.

Enthusiasm, that even a summer downpour of rain failed to quench, was Portland's greeting to the 1925 exposition last night. Thousands gathered in a tightly packed mass of humanity about the speakers' platform between the Portland hotel and the old postoffice building, where noise-making automobiles streamed through the downtown streets to celebrate recognition of the exposition by President Harding and congress.

Redfire flickered, lighting up a square of shining faces, interspersed with grotesque shadows of hundreds of umbrellas. Mayor Baker's voice boomed out above the clanging horns and spluttering backfire of automobiles, announcing the "first gun of the exposition." A blinding flash and explosion that shook back the crowd around the platform met his words, but it was only the over-fired flash pan of an enterprising photographer.

Prosperity Forecast for All.

"It is