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GARDNER HURT; BELIEF OF WARDEN

Official Thinks Bandit Lies in Woods.

CORDON THROWN ABOUT SPOT

Guards Are Within Earshot and Sight of Each Other. POSSIBLE CLEW IS FOUND

TACOMA, Wash., Sept. 6.—That Roy Gardner, California mail robber, who yesterday afternoon made a sensational break from the federal penitentiary on McNeill's island near here, is seriously wounded and lying in hiding beneath the dense undergrowth of a 150-acre wooded tract on the island is the theory upon which Warden Thomas Maloney based final instructions to his little army of guards and special deputies tonight.

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MR. BAKER'S MOTHER DIES

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CHILE STORM CENTER AT LEAGUE ASSEMBLY

TROUBLE BREWING OVER TACNA-ARICA QUESTION. Bolt by Delegation Reported if Matter Is Placed on Agenda as Asked by Bolivia.

GENEVA, Sept. 6.—(By the Associated Press.)—The air was charged with electricity when delegates to the League assembly gathered today. The storm centered around the Chilean delegation, a number of the leaders engaging in discussion with Augustin Edwards, head of the delegation, regarding the Tacna-Arica question. It had been reported that the Chileans would leave the assembly if this question was placed on the agenda, as requested by Bolivia, for revision of the treaty of 1904. The report was persistent until Senator Edwards gave out a denial.

TRIO PLEDGES TO HOLD

While an armed cordon was placed around this tract, the men being so close together as to be within sight and earshot of each other, additional members of the prison force were slowly heating their way foot by foot through the brush supposed to be sheltering the wounded man.

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WAY SEEN OUT OF WELTER OF WASTE

Nation Working Out of Chaos, Says Chief.

PROSPECT CHEERS PRESIDENT

Letter to Senator McCormick Tells of Progress.

EXPENDITURES CUT DOWN

Triumph Already Held Achieved in Legislation and More Expected Within Coming Year.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 6.—

President Harding, in a letter reviewing achievements of the republican administration, particularly with reference to congress, declares that "surviving the national situation, it is a task that we are working our way out of a welter of waste and profligat spending at a most impressive rate."

ATTENDANCE FIGURES GIVEN

The attendance at all the schools in the city, as reported yesterday, September, 1920, and January, 1921, follows:

36,834 IN SCHOOLS FIRST OF TERM

EAST SHOWS GREATER THAN WEST.

Several hundred more children appeared at Portland schools yesterday morning to start the term's work than had been anticipated by superintendents and principals. The total enrollment was 36,834, as compared with 34,131 on the opening day of school last September. This is a gain of 2,703 pupils. It is expected that the registration will soon grow to more than 40,000, since many children are several days late usually in beginning school.

EAST SCHOOLS SHOW GROWTH

Schools on the west side showed little growth, some of them having the exact registration of a year ago. The principal growth in enrollment was in the high schools and in the schools on the east side, especially those in the outlying districts.

FEDERAL CONTROL ASKED

Government Urged to Take Charge of Salmon Industry. ASTORIA, Or., Sept. 6.—(Special.)—A resolution calling upon the United States government to assume jurisdiction over and control of the salmon fishing industry on the Columbia river was adopted by the Astoria city council tonight.

FORD INVITED TO CAPITAL

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 6.—Henry Ford was invited today by Secretary Weeks to come here at his convenience to discuss with government officials his proposal to purchase and lease the Muscle Shoals, Ala., nitrate plant and water-power project.

ST. HELENS JUSTICE BEREFT OF FAT FEES

TOWN CHUCKLES AT REVENUE TAKEN BY SHERIFF.

Motorists who arrived in Portland from St. Helens last night said that city was chuckling quietly over a little friction between Sheriff Wellington and M. F. Hazen, justice of the peace, which had resulted in the sheriff's sending all his spenders to jail on the ground of non-payment of fat fees. Judge Hazen is noted for his liking for speed trials, which net him \$2.70 each. Gossip in St. Helens had it that his row with the sheriff cost Judge Hazen \$108 yesterday.

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BRUMFIELD FIGHTS FOR VENUE CHANGE

Prejudice in Douglas County Is Charged.

JUDGE WILL DECIDE TODAY

Crowd Claps Hands in Course of Proceedings and Is Rebuked With Threat of Fine.

ATTORNEYS CLASH AT BAR

BY W. A. PETTIT. ROSEBURG, Or., Sept. 6.—(Special.)—Judge G. G. Bingham, at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning, will give his decision as to whether Dr. Richard M. Brumfield, alleged slayer of Dennis Russell, will be tried in the circuit court of an adjoining county or in Roseburg, where he has resided and was engaged in business for more than 12 years prior to the murder charged against him.

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—A resolution calling upon the United States government to assume jurisdiction over and control of the salmon fishing industry on the Columbia river was adopted by the Astoria city council tonight. Copies of the document will be sent to the Oregon congressional delegation. The resolution sets forth that the Columbia is an interstate stream, and that the efforts of the legislators of Oregon and Washington to pass laws to protect the industry adequately have failed, and that by reason of the operation of purse seines the industry is threatened with destruction.

RETURN IS DESCRIBED

Attorney Rice charged that when Brumfield was brought back from Canada, he was removed from a train at Edgewater, a hamlet some distance north of Roseburg, and spirited into the city in an automobile at night. Also that he at first was placed in a room on the second floor of the jail, but later was removed to the steeple of the institution. The transfer of the prisoner, Attorney Rice said, was due to resentment that had been aroused against him by newspaper stories, personal discussions and the fear that he would be shot on sight.

NEWS STORIES SHOWN

The court especially was asked to read a story appearing in a Portland afternoon paper under the heading "Harry's Crown Critical." It was alleged by Attorney Rice that this story, although humorous in its character and referring to the gossip of a rural harness shop, had contributed largely to the resentment aroused against Brumfield.

OTHER STORY WHICH APPEARED

in the same publication, in which the writer purported to give the details of the crime, together with the scenes of the various acts entering into its execution, was called to the attention of Judge Bingham.

ATTORNEY RICE QUOTED

in the wall of the sheriff's office. Attorney Rice said, there had been posted a photograph of the wrecked car, under the caption, "Brumfield murder car." This photograph, together with a highly sensational newspaper story, Attorney Rice averred, were placed in the sheriff's office on the very day that the jury panel in the Brumfield trial was called and in plain view of the tale-

ECONOMY HELD CAUSE FOR OUSTING BYRON

BURNS SAYS PORTLAND OFFICE TO BE DISCONTINUED.

No Charges Made Against Secret Service Agent—Resignation an Impersonal Matter. THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., Sept. 6.—W. J. Burns, chief of the investigation division of the department of justice, on his return to Washington today declared that the recent call for the resignation of Secret Service Agent W. R. Byron at Portland was incident to the general plan of the bureau to reduce expenses and that Byron was one of the 37 secret service agents whose resignations were asked.

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Exporters Merge to Operate in Portland.

BUSINESS ALREADY STARTED

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