

## VETERAN SHOTS 2, THEN KILLS SELF

### Bullet Intended for Wife Hits Mother-in-Law.

## MAN CALLER IS WOUNDED

### Bloodshed Follows Refusal to Return to Husband.

## ATTACK IS IN HOME

### J. R. Chamness Breaks Up Party at Residence of Wife's Parents. Friend May Lose Hand.

After many futile entreaties and love notes to his wife begging her to return to him, J. R. Chamness, 27-year-old laborer, last night shot and seriously wounded his mother-in-law, Mrs. J. L. Cave, 102 Nebraska street, and then shot and killed himself. The bullet which hit Chamness' mother-in-law was intended for Mrs. Chamness. Harry Post, a friend of Mrs. Chamness, will probably lose his right hand from a third bullet fired by Chamness. Mrs. Cave was sent to St. Vincent's hospital.

The triple shooting occurred at 102 Nebraska street, in the Fulton district, at 11 o'clock. Mrs. Chamness and two other young women living in the house were entertaining Post and Elmer Payne, who live together at 68 Grand avenue. The two women were Miss Nell Morrow and Mrs. Nattie Klatt. Besides the five in the party, Mr. and Mrs. Cave and three small children were in the house at the time of the shooting.

Chamness ex-serviceman and married Miss Lorena Cave shortly after he was discharged from the army. During the war he was detailed in Liverpool, England, as a military policeman. Chamness' wife told Detective Cahill and Drennan after the shooting that their courtship had been very stormy and their wedded life more so. She said her husband had been neglectful, cruel and inconstant, and that she had finally left him shortly after the first of the year when he beat her severely, blacked her eyes, and told her he wished he had married a girl in Liverpool.

Mrs. Chamness then left her husband and went to live with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Cave, 102 Nebraska street. Chamness immediately started a bombardment of notes to her, pleading that she return to him or at least see him occasionally.

### Desperate Note Is Received.

Yesterday morning a plea that she meet him last night and couched in more desperate terms than usual was received. It followed several notes sent almost daily and several threats made during the week.

Mrs. Chamness scorned the note and told her friends that she was absolutely through with her husband. She and Miss Morrow and Mrs. Klatt went to a dance early in the evening and were accompanied home by Harry Post and Elmer Payne. Members of the family said that Post had been paying considerable attention to Mrs. Chamness.

### Party Is Disturbed.

Shortly before 11 o'clock the party was disturbed by the violent barking of Cave's dog. Payne went to the door, followed by Post, and saw Chamness standing in the yard. He cautioned Post to stand back, but Post went to the door. When he did so Chamness fired the first of the three shots. It hit Post in the right hand, the .38-caliber bullet fired from an army revolver shattering the bones badly.

Chamness then stepped around to the east side of the house to a window. The shot and the screams of the women in the front part of the house which accompanied it awakened Mrs. Cave. She turned on the light as she got up and then opened the door. When Chamness looked in the window she was standing silhouetted in the door and he evidently mistook her for his wife.

### Woman Hit Below Eye.

He fired through the window and the bullet struck Mrs. Cave on the left side of the nose just below the eye. First examination showed that it went through and upwards and emerged out the side of her head. Doctors could not say how seriously she was wounded. She fell but retained consciousness, and although in a great deal of pain, was able to talk. She was hurried to St. Vincent's hospital in an ambulance, where her condition was pronounced serious but not grave. She will probably recover.

When Chamness saw the woman crumple and fall to the floor he turned his revolver on himself and fired the third shot. It entered the left side of his head, completely pierced the brain and came out the right side. He died instantly. The coroner took charge of the body.

### Whole Neighborhood Excited.

The whole neighborhood was thrown in a turmoil by the shooting and the screams of the women and children. The three children in the house were sleeping in the dark room across which Chamness shot when he fired at Mrs. Cave. Neighbors called the

## 25,000 WILL CAMP TO BEAT HIGH RENTS

### SUMMER EQUIPMENT SAID TO COST ONLY \$90.

### Forest Preserve Camps Expected to Bring Greedy Landlords to Time Quickly.

CHICAGO, April 20.—Twenty-five thousand Chicago families will live in tents in the forest preserves near the city during the summer to avoid paying high rentals, E. A. Petter, manager of the Chicago Tenants' Protective league, announced today. All plans for the tent cities have been completely set aside and instead of a family could be equipped to live in a tent all summer for \$90, or only one month's rental for many flats.

The campers, he said, will be divided into two groups of 25 families each and a chieftain will be appointed for each group. No dogs will be allowed in camp but there will be no limit on children, it was asserted.

### BURNS FREED BY JURY

### "Not Guilty" Is Verdict in Case of Shooting of James Phillips.

"Not guilty" was the verdict at 9 o'clock last night of the seven women and five men who deliberated on the guilt or innocence of John L. Burns, alleged slayer of James H. Phillips, since 10:10 Wednesday morning. Circuit Judge Stapleton received the verdict at that hour and dismissed the jurors.

The trial concluded Wednesday is the third which Burns had faced, Burns failing to agree in the first two. In each of the previous cases the majority was strongly for conviction, but lacked the two or three votes necessary for unanimity of opinion.

### AUTO CUTS OFF POWER

### Entire California-Oregon Company System Put Out of Order.

MEDFORD, Or., April 20.—While driving his new car on the Pacific highway south of Medford yesterday, John Helman of Ashland lost control and ran into an electric power line pole at the side of the road, putting the entire system of the California-Oregon Power company out of service for five minutes.

### 300-FOOT FALL SURVIVED

### Autoist Who Plunged From Cliff Goes to Work as Usual Next Day.

HOOD RIVER, Or., April 20.—(Special.)—Wheeler Clark, young Mosier man, although he plunged from a 300-foot precipitous cliff along the Columbia river highway three miles east of here last night, attended his duties at the O.-W. R. & N. station at the neighboring city today, apparently little the worse for the narrow escape. Clark says he lost control of his car when a front wheel struck a hole at the side of the pavement. After the car had turned over several times Clark was thrown out. Clark was knocked unconscious when a loosened rock struck him on the head. The automobile was a total wreck.

## WOMAN TRIES SUICIDE

### Mrs. Susie Staley Takes Poison After Quarrel With Husband.

Mrs. Susie Staley made her third attempt at suicide last night. Hospital attendants said she was having severe convulsions from the poison she had taken and might die before morning.

## ENVOY ARRIVES IN BERLIN

### New American Ambassador Met by Entire Embassy Staff.

BERLIN, April 20.—(By the Associated Press.)—Alanson B. Houghton, the new American ambassador to Germany, arrived in Berlin today to take up his official duties.

## "HOOT" GIBSON MARRIES

### Helen Johnson, Vaudeville Actress, Bride of Movie Actor.

RIVERSIDE, Cal., April 20.—Edmund "Hoot" Gibson, motion picture actor of Los Angeles, and Helen Johnson, vaudeville actress, were married here today.

## PREMIER VISIONS PEACEFUL EUROPE

### Lloyd George Is Tired but Optimistic.

## SUCCESS COUNTED CERTAIN

### Great Results Expected of Genoa Conference.

## GERMANS COME TO TERMS

### Favorable Action on Part of Rus- sians All but Sure, Press Representatives Told.

GENOA, April 20.—(By the Associated Press.)—Facing 600 newspaper correspondents of virtually all the nations, the British premier today, after announcing that the Germans would accept the conditions imposed by the allies concerning the Russo-German treaty and that the soviet reply on the general Russian question would be such as to permit of further hopeful negotiations, declared his unshakable conviction that the Genoa conference would prove a great success.

He believed that it would restore harmony in Europe and was supremely confident that before adjourning it would adopt an agreement whereby all the nations of Europe would bind themselves not to commit acts of aggression against neighboring countries.

### Premier Appears Tired.

Mr. Lloyd George seemed fatigued as he entered the famous royal palace, where the first and only plenary session of the conference was held April 19. He found the green batz tables, which before were occupied by the conference delegates, now crowded to overflowing by the writers, who were glad to be present at a session which promised to disclose to some extent the future of the conference.

### Another Shock.

Describing the "fourth ice period," Mr. Johnson said that on this continent the ice cap extended south through Oregon and all into California. This

## TRACES OF GLACIER FOUND IN SELLWOOD

### ROCKY STRIP ACROSS DIS- TRICT IS EXPLAINED.

### Moraine of Ancient Ice Field Is De- clared to Have Been Discovered During Excavations.

That the moraine of an ancient glacier lies across the eastern part of the Sellwood district, and that this glacier was the means of depositing the rocky strip across that district, which has been disclosed by digging sewers and making other excavations, was the declaration yesterday of John W. Campbell, 1573 East Fifteenth street.

Mr. Campbell, who is now retired after a number of years devoted to merchandising in Portland, has long been interested in the study of geology and kindred topics, and he yesterday summed up his observations regarding the Sellwood glacier and the terminal moraine.

The north end of this terminal moraine, says Mr. Campbell, is between Nehalem and Miller avenues, and its south end is near Ochooco avenue. Its east side, he said, is just west of Crystal Springs creek, and its western limit is a curving line connecting near the intersection of Nehalem avenue and East Seventeenth street, thence curving to the south-west to near the intersection of East Sixteenth street and Tacoma avenue; thence south to Umattilla avenue and southeast, crossing Marion avenue, and on to the city limits. This embraces a territory about half a mile north and south and of varying width to nearly 1000 feet at its widest point.

"East of these limits, on Tacoma avenue, where the city laid a water main into Sellwood," said Mr. Campbell, "is the allied-up bed of an ancient lake. Here the terrain is clay, sand and gravel.

### BULLETS HAIL FROM FIRE

### Little Girl in Play Sets Off Ex- plodes Stored in Home.

BOISE, Idaho, April 20.—When Abigail Riehe, 14, fell the summer afternoon she and her brother were in the bedroom and Abigail's celebration had this result: The house was badly damaged by flames; Abigail, her father and firemen had close calls from exploding cartridges.

### EVANGELIST IS FOUGHT

### Opponents Burn Banner Advertis- ing Meetings at Elgin.

ELGIN, Or., April 20.—(Special.)—Opponents of T. H. Osborn, an evangelist, who has preached to crowded houses here for the last three weeks, Tuesday night set fire to a large banner advertising the meeting. The fire department and volunteers put out the blaze.

## GIRL IN PLAYFUL DASH IS KILLED BY AUTO

### CHILD JERKS AWAY FROM GRANDFATHER'S HAND.

### Driver in Sharp Swerve Unable to Miss Three-Year-Old Youngster. Rear Wheel Passes Over Body.

Edith Schumann, 3 years old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Schumann, 331 Corbett street, died within five minutes after she was struck by an automobile driven by F. B. Carothers, 2182 East Morrison street, just before 7 o'clock last night. The accident occurred on Corbett street, midway between Bancroft and Lowell streets.

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### Livestock Industry Hit.

This is particularly true in some branches of the livestock industry. The period of bringing livestock to maturity and sale extends not over a single season, but over several seasons, and some holders who bought and fed livestock at the prices of two or three years ago are not wholly free from distress.

This, however, is about the only field in which the change both of actual conditions and of psychology has not been complete. It is not merely that the distress of six months ago is ended. What is even more important is that a progressive distress, which would have become steadily worse, but which would have ended, without any doubt, in a widespread feeling of panic, has been averted.

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It must be restrained in some degree by the conditions of international trade. But it still remains true that we are securely started on a course of rising volume of business. Among the factors which add to this are the weather and other crop conditions in the farm states. There has been a frost in California, which has affected some of the fruit crops, but aside from that, throughout the country as a whole the start of the coming farming year is described in terms of great enthusiasm by persons who watch such things closely.

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### Hain Is Sufficient.

There has been moisture wherever it was needed in better proportion than during any spring the past five or six years.

The psychology of the farmers is favorable. They feel easier as to the present and more assured as to the future. They are disposed to plant large crops. Their disposition is to be economical about expenditures. As regards both farmers and workers, there is a disposition to save, and the available fund of capital in the country is increasing rapidly. All these conditions will come to the front in congress shortly when the question arises of what to do about the continuance of the war finance corporation. The lending of money on farm products was instituted last July, and its statutory period was one year. What will be done about continuing it must become a subject of debate and legislation in the near future.

One course would be for the government to cease lending more money and to abolish the war finance corporation except for the purposes of collecting the money that has been

## 72,328 REPUBLICANS REGISTERED IN COUNTY

### TOTAL NUMBER OF VOTERS ON BOOKS IS 99,435.

### Ratio of More Than Three to One Is Shown Over Democrats, Who Have 23,128.

Of the 99,435 persons registered in Multnomah county—according to the official count completed yesterday by Deputy County Clerk Gleason—72,328 are republicans and 23,128 are democrats, showing a ratio of more than 3 to 1.

The proportion of women to men registered as democrats is considerably greater than the proportion registered republicans. Figures show 43,171 male republicans, 25,157 female republicans, 13,492 male democrats and 10,238 female democrats. Those registering as independent are next in number to the democrats, mustering 2007 names.

### DALLES CHINAMAN KILLED

### Negro Seen Running From Scene of Murder Arrested.

THE DALLES, Or., April 20.—(Special.)—Chang Hong, 69 Chinese, thought to be a member of the Hip Sing tong, was found dead in the entrance to a store on First street at 8 o'clock tonight. Slim Turner, 27, negro, was seen running from the scene and is held as a suspect. A revolver was found a short distance from the body, apparently thrown away by the slayer. Two chambers contained exploded shells and a third shell bore the imprint of the hammer but had failed to explode.

Two bullets had pierced the body of Hong, one penetrating the heart. The head had been fired into the back. No motive for the murder other than tong affiliations was assigned by the police tonight. Hong was violating an order of the mayor issued last November following a long dispute that all Chinese must be off the shore by 6 o'clock.

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## CHIEF'S ACCUSERS DROP ONE CHARGE

### Failure to Prove Others Also Marks Hearing.

## CASE TO CONTINUE TODAY

### Allegation of Intoxication at Fires Is Withdrawn.

## SOME WITNESSES ABSENT

### Prosecution Expresses Hope to Have Testimony Given Later, Some Take Mr. Young's Side.

Withdrawal of The serious charge brought against John L. Young, chief of the Portland fire bureau and fallen charges made in the document signed by A. L. Fiegel, inspector in the fire marshal's office, yesterday featured the first day of the public hearing.

During the progress of the hearing, which will reconvene this morning at 9:30 o'clock, 29 witnesses were called by the accusers. Of this number several turned the tables and made excellent defense witnesses.

### Change Is Declared Needed.

"If the captains, lieutenants and battalion chiefs of the department are not obtaining discipline, it's time to change them," declared Mayor Baker. "Testimony is being offered here to substantiate the charges of the fire bureau is at low ebb. I don't believe that it is. I believe that Portland had a good fire bureau."

"But after all is said, the bureau is as good as the battalion chiefs, captains and lieutenants make it, and if the morale is not good, it is time for the commissioner in charge to remove some of these officers. As mayor of this city, I won't sit here without making a protest and permit the bureau to be ruined in an effort to convict one man."

### Witness Reported Absent.

A. F. Fiegel, appearing with Milton R. Klepper for the prosecution, declared that several important witnesses had failed to appear and that it was the hope of the accusers that they could be located before the case is resumed this morning.

"E. F. Dowell, ex-fire chief, is one of these witnesses, and the other is Miss Ailly Sumner. Both have made depositions containing some very serious charges," said Fiegel. "We have been unable to locate Miss Sumner, but hope to have her here tomorrow."

## SECRET HEARING IS DENIED

It developed that Miss Sumner, accompanied by her mother and Attorney Klepper and Fiegel, called on Commissioner Bigelow Wednesday and requested a secret hearing. The request was denied. Commissioner Bigelow explaining that he wanted the whole affair thrashed out in the open.

When Wallace McCamant, chief counsel for Chief Young, learned of the meeting, he entered emphatic protest against Commissioner Bigelow hearing the witness in the presence of counsel for the accusers, when attorneys for the defendant were not notified.

Commissioner Bigelow explained that he did not know what the young woman wanted when she went to his office and that he had denied the private hearing.

## TWO CHARGES WITHDRAWN

When the hearing opened yesterday Attorney Fiegel requested permission to withdraw the charge of intoxication and disorderly conduct brought against Chief Young at the

### CHILDREN, TAKE NOTICE— INVISIBLE COLOR BOOK IN SUNDAY OREGONIAN.

The newest game comes to you in The Sunday Oregonian. It is the Invisible Color Book. Dip a paint brush or ball of cotton in water. Brush lightly over the gray pictures. New look. See the magic colors—red, yellow, blue, green, purple. You cannot do it today, but you can do it every Sunday, as soon as you get your Oregonian. Each week will bring a new Invisible Color Book. Each book has four invisible color pages and four other pages of cut-outs, games, stories and drawing lessons. This wonderful book not only entertains you; it really teaches you many interesting things. Be sure to The Sunday Oregonian every week. Have your parents subscribe today.