

GRAND JURY MAKES 3 SECRET CHARGES

Report Silent as to Soldier Bonus Fraud Case.

ARRESTS ARE EXPECTED

Many Witnesses Heard, but Action Is Not Indicated; Nine True Bills Returned.

Although the federal grand jury, in presenting a report of its work for the past two weeks, late yesterday afternoon, made no specific mention of its investigations of the central Oregon soldier bonus frauds, known to have been under investigation, three secret indictments were returned, which caused some speculation in official and veteran circles.

Such indictments, by law, are secret until after the persons accused and the persons accused arrested at once. No intimation as to the identity of the accused persons would be revealed by members of the United States attorney's staff, clerks or officers of the court. Bench warrants will be issued and the persons accused arrested at once. All matters coming up for grand jury investigation—either state or federal—are supposed to be matters of the greatest secrecy until after the investigation has been completed, but in the Bend case there was no secret as to the probe that was being conducted.

Prize Values Charged.

The case arose because of alleged overvaluation of lands which the state accepted as security for loans under the Oregon soldier bonus law. Two of the appraisers were removed from office in the latter part of October. The case created considerable comment in Deschutes county at the time a committee of the American Legion investigated it.

A month ago, when a deputy United States marshal appeared in Bend with some 50 subpoenas for various persons having knowledge of the case, the fact that the government was investigating that phase of the matter that had to do with supposed fraudulent use of the mail became an open secret in the Deschutes county seat. The day before the present grand jury convened two special cars were chartered on the Spokane, Portland & Seattle railroad to convey the two scores of witnesses who had been served to Portland.

For a week the corridors of the federal building were packed with Bend people, ranging from bank president to homesteader, who were awaiting their turn to appear before the grand jury. No attempt was made to keep secret the fact that the investigation was under way. What transpired in the jury room, though, has not been allowed to leak out.

Necess Is Taken.

Even though none of three secret indictments returned pertain to the persons accused in the Bend cases, there is chance for further action. The grand jury, in submitting its report, merely adjourned for the holidays and will reconvene after the first of the new year to conduct further investigations.

In addition to the three secret indictments nine true bills were returned and three persons held to be innocent of the charge placed against them.

Because he paid the fare for Mrs. Foster from Vancouver to Portland or a street car Harold DeYarmon was indicted for white slavery. The alleged crime was committed on August 17. DeYarmon is in the county jail.

Two men, who had in their possession a pair of stolen government rifles, were also held to answer to a trial jury. They are Emil Giovanni and Armand Wattie, arrested at Fish Lake, Marion county.

Richard Dyer, private soldier at Vancouver barracks, who aroused the suspicions of officers when he was seen driving about in a Peerless automobile, was indicted for transporting the car, a stolen machine, from Oregon to Washington.

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The three not true bills freed Joseph Huber, accused of transporting a stolen automobile in interstate commerce, and Willard Johnson and McKinley Jackson, charged with introducing liquor on the Klamath reservation.

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Bridegroom Shown to Have Falsified to Mother-in-Law.

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winning consent of the bride's mother to the marriage. It was shown that the bride was only 15 when they were wedded on November 5 in Vancouver. Major was shown to have represented himself to the prospective mother-in-law as 21 years old. Immediately after the wedding he was found to be 32 years old. Relatives immediately interfered and the pair separated when the man's true age became known.

Other divorce complaints filed yesterday were those of Frances against Bert Trindle, Connie A. against Lowell E. Smith, Samuel W. against Bertha V. Helmers and Olive Fay against James Keady.

DOCTOR'S KIT IS STOLEN

BAG TAKEN BY ADDICT FOR FEW GRAINS OF DRUGS.

Unknown Thief Later Tells Owner Where Case Is After Narcotics Are Removed.

Physicians of Portland, with whom the story is current, are guarding closely their medical and surgical kits since a wishful drug addict took toll of Dr. E. J. Labbe through the theft of the inevitable "little black bag" of the divers ways in which narcotic slaves outwit the law to gratify their craving; the instance is without local parallel.

"He didn't get a great deal," said Dr. Labbe, "scarcely enough to make stealing worth while—merely the morphine and cocaine tablets that it is customary for doctors to carry."

A night or so ago Dr. Labbe had parked his car before his residence, at the head of Lovejoy street, leaving his medicine kit in the auto. A few minutes later, when he again took the wheel, he glanced at the back seat to discover that the bag was gone. Though he racked his memory to account for the loss, he could not recall the thief, but he did not seriously entertain a thought of theft. However, he notified the police.

Hours later, as the physician was "making up" sleep, his telephone rang, and a masculine voice answered his hail. Was this Dr. Labbe speaking? It was.

"You'll find your bag, doctor," said the voice on the wire, "in a vacant lot at Park and Davis streets." Police removed the kit, its contents unaltered, with the exception of the missing narcotic pills, precisely where the unknown addict had said it would be found—in the public playground opposite the custom house.

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DEAN OF TEACHERS DIES OF PNEUMONIA

Long Illness Fatal to Miss Christina MacConnell.

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Well-Known Instructor Taught in Public Schools of Portland for 42 Years.

Miss Christina MacConnell, dean of Portland school teachers, died early yesterday morning, after a prolonged illness from pneumonia, at the home of her grandniece, Mrs. Edward J. Falline, 516 East Twenty-first street North. Private funeral services will be held.

Forty-two years of service in Portland schools, continuous until her retirement a year ago, rounded out a career of great constructive value. Of her 32 years of life 59 were spent in the school room as an instructor, for Miss MacConnell had been a teacher of 17 years before she came to Portland.

Scores of middle-aged men of this city, and many others, scattered over the continent, recall the well-loved school teacher as she who taught them when they were boys, and scores of matrons likewise summon back those days when the city was far smaller than now, and Miss MacConnell was the "new teacher."

With these memories merge those of the younger generation, who took the wheel, he glanced at the back seat to discover that the bag was gone. Though he racked his memory to account for the loss, he could not recall the thief, but he did not seriously entertain a thought of theft. However, he notified the police.

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While in Portland Dean Thompson will attend a meeting of the deans and faculties of the schools of commerce and business administration of the Pacific coast universities and colleges. A large number of college men will be in attendance from California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana.

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