SLEUTH CHARGED BY FRANK M. RYAN

Ironworkers' Head Says Detective Tried to Kill Him With Revolver.

WARRANTS ARE ISSUED

Complainant Says Operative for National Erecters' Association Attacked Him on Refusal to Discuss Alleged Threat.

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 27. — Charges that he assaulted and attempted to kill Frank M. Ryan, president of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers, were made in warrants issued tonight against Robert J. Foster, a detective.

Foster, who is employed by Walter Drew, counsel for the National Erectors' Association, in gathering evidence for the Federal grand jury investigation of the dynamite conspiracy, said he visited the iron workers' headquarters today to inquire about a report that Drew was being "shadowed" about the country.

Ryan said that after he had refused to discuss the subject and had forced the detective out of the door he was struck by Foster with a revolver. One of the warrants charges that Foster struck Ryan with premeditated malice to kill and murder.

Detective Active in Raid.

Early in the grand jury investigation of the dynamite conspiracy, Foster assisted in a raid on the offices of the Iron workers' headquarters, formerly occupied by J. J. McNamara, the convicted secretary-treasuror of the union. Correspondence and books belonging to McNamara were said to have been obtained.

"I went to the iron workers' offices to inquire about a report which concerned Mr. Drew," said Foster. "Today I received information from Chicago that certain men were trying to find Drew because of his work in getting evidence about the dynamite conspiracy. I merely wanted to tell Ryan we knew about it."

Ryan said he told Foster to see the iron workers' attorney about it.

Reward for Drew's Head Denied.

"The story that Foster told me concerning the report that $5000 had been offered for Drew's head was absurd," said Ryan. "I told him I did not want to discuss it, but he insisted, and after I had forced him out of the office he drew a revolver and began hitting me with it."

Ryan, who lives in Chicago, has been here to consult with the iron workers of this city regarding certain evidence obtained for the use of the grand jury.

VANCOUVER ELKS PRIMP

Parade Uniforms Ordered and Lodge Is Out for Prizes.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 27.—(Special.)—Vancouver Lodge of Elks, No. 823, has already ordered suits for 250 members, to be worn in the parade when the National convention of the Grand Lodge of Elks is to be held in Portland, July 8. Vancouver aims to win the first prize for the largest number of members, outside Oregon, in line. A special steamer will be chartered and run to Portland and tied up at the dock there, and the Elks will march from the steamer to join the parade.

The suits to be worn by the Elks will be white flannel Prince Albert coats, with two rows of large pearl buttons down the front, white trousers, white shoes and white silk hats with a purple band. They will carry nobby canes and streamers of Elks' colors. Arrangements are being made to engage the bands from the Second Field Artillery and the Twenty-first Infantry, which will be stationed here then, and a fife and drum corps.

Vancouver will also try for the fat man's prize, as the lodge here has a member who weighs almost 400 pounds.

STATE'S POWER DEFINED

Regulation of Charges and Rates of Public Service Corporations Fixed.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 27.—The State Supreme Court today held that the power of the state to regulate the charges and rates of public-service corporations, as vested in the State Public-Service Commission, is paramount to that of the municipalities, and issued a writ restraining the lower courts from interfering with the rates of the Independent Telephone Company of Seattle, as fixed by the Commission.

The new rates are higher than the old, but the court says that if the Commission can lower rates it can raise them. It is specifically stated, however, that cities may regulate by franchise and ordinance and that the state power only supersedes that of the municipality when it is exercised.

REVISION WORK DELAYED

Proposed Tax Commission Changes to Wait Until February.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 27.—(Special.)—It probably will be the latter part of February before the commission to revise the tax commission of the state holds another meeting. A desire to wait until after Commonwealth day at Eugene may make some difference in the date as State Tax Commissioner Galloway has been arranging plans so that the subject of taxation will be thoroughly discussed there at that time in as many of its phases as possible.

The various members, who were assigned the task of handling the details in connection with the six or seven bills, which it is probable the commission will pass on before they are sent to a vote of the people, have from time to time reported that progress is being made, and it is probable that by the time the next meeting closes these bills will be well under way toward formulation, if not entirely completed and in readiness for the voters.

Mother on Visit Dies.

BINGEN, Wash., Jan. 27.—(Special.)—Mrs. Catharina Thams, wife of Jurgen Thams, died Thursday, January 25, aged 62. Mrs. Thams was the mother of John C. Thams, a prominent business man here, and Miss Minnie M. Thams, assistant postmaster. Mrs. Thams came here to visit her children last Summer and had set the date for her return home, but the day before she was to start was taken ill. Beside the two children here, she leaves two daughters and one son in Iowa. The body was taken East today, accompanied by the children, to Dennison, Ia.

UMATILLA CONFAB CALLED

Reclamation Engineers to Confer at Hermiston Over Project.

E. G. Hopson, supervising engineer, and D. C. Henny, consulting engineer, of the United States Reclamation Service in Portland; O. P. Morton, Deputy United States Attorney, of Portland, and John H. Lewis, State Engineer, of Salem, will leave Portland tomorrow for Hermiston, where they will meet A. P. Davis, of Washington, chairman of the Board of Chief Engineers of the Reclamation Service, and H. D. Newell, who is in charge of the Umatilla project. All will confer at Hermiston with the exception of State Engineer Lewis, who will be present only at the public hearings to be held at Pendleton and Arlington.

Mr. Lewis, who is not a member of the Board of United States Engineers, will outline any possible requirements of state control of water and advise the public on any points that may arise as to the jurisdiction of the state. The Board of United States Engineers has no jurisdiction on water rights or the use of water.

Mr. Davis recently was a consulting engineer on the Panama Canal. Not long ago he visited Turkestan under detail by the Russian government to inspect an irrigation project involving 2,000,000 acres of land. Mr. Newell has had charge of the Umatilla project and has carried out all the surveys and investigations of the Western project.

COOKERY TAUGHT WITH SUCCESS TO WILLAMETTE VALLEY STUDENTS.

DOMESTIC SCIENCE CLASS AT INDEPENDENCE HIGH SCHOOL.

INDEPENDENCE, Or., Jan. 27.—(Special.)—A class in domestic science, organized by Miss Carrie Pimm in the Independence High School, has proved highly satisfactory. Miss Pimm is a graduate of Oregon Agricultural College, in the class of 1911. Her work here was so successful that Superintendent Stockton, of the Eugene schools, secured her to put in a course of domestic science in that city. Miss Mary E. Cate, of Corvallis, a graduate of the Oregon Agricultural College in the domestic science and art department, class of 1910, takes up the work in the high school here.

TIETON LANDS WITHDRAWN

Homestead Entries Restricted to Those With Preference Rights.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 27.—In a public notice issued today by the Secretary of the Interior for the opening of the third district of the Tieton unit in the Yakima irrigation project, Washington, it is stated that until further notice no homestead entry will be allowed for any farm unit shown on plats except entries of those persons who are entitled to preference rights to irrigable lands in the district and they are limited to one farm unit.

Such persons will be notified by registered mail that they will be allowed to make homestead entry for one farm unit. The first installment of charges for building is $27.90 per acre of irrigable land and for operation and maintenance $1.50 per acre, a total of $29.40 per acre.

TELEPHONE LINES JOINED

Chehalis and Rural Companies Reach Agreeable Adjustment.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Jan. 27.—(Special.)—All differences between the local telephone company and the Silver Creek rural company have been adjusted after months of controversy, and the latter has been connected with the local system. Under the agreement the Silver Creek company will cut off certain of its connections with Cowlitz Prairie section and readjust its lines in the southern part of the county.

A total of 175 new telephones in the country to the east of Chehalis are added to the list that may now be reached through the local system. This city has one of the most extensive rural telephone systems of any town on the Pacific Coast.

CUTOFF TO BE BUILT SOON

Connell Northern's Activity Revives Rumor of Early Work.

ELLENSBURG, Wash., Jan. 27.—(Special.)—The Connell Northern Railway, a subsidiary corporation of the Northern Pacific, today filed a deed from the state for a tract of land three miles from the Columbia River in Kittitas County. The land is for station purposes on the Ellensburg-Ritzville cut-off, the right of way proper having previously been bought to within 12 miles of Ellenaburg.

This revives the report that the cutoff, which will shorten the main line between Spokane and Seattle 100 miles, will be built this Summer.

WATER CONTRACT DRAWN

Central Oregon Irrigation Company Fails to Sign Draft.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 27.—(Special.)—Sidetracking, for a time at least, the Benham Falls project, the Central Oregon Irrigation Company representatives and the Desert Land Board completed a draft of a contract on the remainder of the project tonight.

That this may be only tentative, as before, however, is evidenced by the fact that neither side signed it, and then refused to do so tonight. This is taken as an indication that even further changes may be made. The agreement as it stands, barring a few minor changes, is as those previously drawn.

RATE FIGHT BEGUN

Millions in Freights Involved in Struggle.

ADVANCE IS THREATENED

Hearing Will Open in Chicago Monday—Roads Declare They Will Not Recede Unless Commission Compels Them To.

CHICAGO, Jan. 27.—(Special.)—A gigantic struggle between every railroad operating in the western part of the country, scores of commericial organizations and thousands of shippers in cities and towns throughout the West will be begun in Chicago Monday at a hearing before George N. Brown, chief examiner of the Interstate Commerce Commission. The issue, which involves millions in freight rates, is whether the roads shall be permitted to put into effect on February 15 next a long list of changes in what is known as the Western freight classification.

It is charged that the rail carriers, by shifting hundreds of classifications, are seeking to achieve the same results, so far as advancing freight rates are concerned, that they attempted to obtain in the big freight rate proceeding decided adversely to them by the Interstate Commerce Commission a year ago.

The railroads declare the changes are reasonable and that they do not propose to recede from their position unless compelled to do so by the Interstate Commerce Commission. Leaders of many commercial bodies contend that the alterations are radical and impose a heavy burden upon shippers generally.

Plans for presenting arguments and evidence to Mr. Brown were discussed at a meeting today. Those present included representatives of commercial organizations in Indianapolis, Detroit, Minneapolis, Kansas City, Des Moines, Pittsburg, St. Louis and Chicago. There also were present members of the North Dakota Railroad Commission, Kansas Public Utilities Commission, Oklahoma Corporation Commission, Texas Railroad Commission and Iowa Railroad Commission.

FROSTED ORANGES SOLD

Peddlers on Street With Spoiled Fruit—Jobbers Issue Warning.

Frosted oranges are being shipped from Southern California to Portland and are being sold by peddlers on the streets of this city. The principal fruit jobbers have tried to stop the movement, as the sale of such fruit tends to injure the trade in good oranges, but without success. Two carloads of oranges that had been frozen were received from the Los Angeles Citrus Fruit Auction and offered to peddlers at $1 a box. The lowest jobbing price of sound oranges is $2.25 a box. The peddlers were afraid to touch the frosted article, however, until it had been passed upon by the city Market Inspectors and the health authorities. These officials, it is said, passed the fruit and the hawkers lost no time in getting it upon the streets.

There is about as much juice in one of these frosted oranges as in a croquet ball and a person buying any of them on the street corners is not likely to repeat the experiment. Still the peddlers get their profit and that is all they care about it.

A part of the Los Angeles shipment has been sent to nearby towns. One hundred boxes were shipped by express to Salem yesterday, and the authorities of that city have been warned by fruit men to look out for them.

DERAILED CARS TAKEN FAR

Two Freight Vehicles Carried 3-4 Mile and Trains Are Held Up.

EUGENE, Or., Jan. 27.—(Special.)—Derailment of two freight cars three miles south of Eugene today delayed passenger train No. 18 for seven hours and No. 20 for two hours. Southbound No. 19 was held back four hours.

The cars were dragged three-quarters of a mile and fell into a culvert before the engine stopped.

RACE OF FUTURE IS FOUND

Tribe Beats Widows and Believes in Ghosts, but Multiplies Fast.

BERLIN, Jan. 27.—(Special.)—Dr. Nekes, an authority on Africa, has found in the neighborhood of the new German territory surrendered by the French a tribe he describes as the "people of the future," assigning to them the virtues of civilized people as well as the original strength and "manliness" of the aborigines.

The new nation is a branch of the mighty Fang race, called Jaunde. Its people number 500,000 and are increasing rapidly. The whole nation is pushing eastward from its native region, near the sources of the White Nile.

Dr. Nekes says that the people are amazingly intelligent, powerful physically and fond of work and have an astonishingly rich language. They can express in native idiom the most modern ideas of modern things—such as cigars and telephones.

The people are divided into three social classes—freemen, freedmen and slaves captured in war. Their religion consists partly of ancestor worship and partly of belief in ghosts. They consider that all evil comes from witchcraft and sorcery. Hence they have witch finders.

Regarding women as the source of all mischief, when a chieftain dies, the people beat his widows to make sure they punish the right one.

Nekes regards them as intellectually on the level with Europeans of the middle ages. He says they have the same fixedness of purpose unspoiled by modern softness.

Strong efforts are to be made by the German government to persuade these rapidly-multiplying people to settle in the new German territory, where they will be looked after carefully until they are fully able to provide for themselves.

RETAILERS ARE BLAMED

PACKERS CONTEND THAT THEY MADE LOW PRICES.

Sales Made at Less Than Cent a Pound Profit, Dealers Got Remainder, Is Asserted.

CHICAGO, Jan. 27.—Efforts to show that the retailers were largely responsible for the high price of dressed beef were made by counsel for the defense at the packers' trial today.

On cross-examination by Attorney John Barton Payne, Steiner G. Langher, margin clerk at the G. H. Hammond & Company plant of the National Packing Company at Chicago, who was on the stand all day, read long lists of shipments from plants of the company at Chicago, Kansas City, St. Louis, Omaha and St. Joseph, Mo., to show that in 1909 the actual selling-price of dressed beef to retail dealers in Eastern cities ranged from 5 to 8¾ cents a pound.

The figures read showed that in this period, a large part of the shipments actually was sold by the packers at less than 7 cents a pound and in many instances the profit was less than 1 cent a pound. These sales were cited by the defense to refute the Government's contention that the packers' profits on fresh meats were excessive.

SALE RETURNS $120,000

R. A. Proudfoot Sells Quarter Block at East Third and Burnside.

The quarter-block at the northwest corner of East Third and Burnside streets was purchased of R. A. Proudfoot yesterday by local investors for $120,000. The ground is improved with a four-story reinforced concrete building used for hotel purposes. The property is considered one of the most centrally-located on the East Side. It adjoins the holdings of the Southern Pacific.

It is rumored that the sale of this parcel is the forerunner of other activity in that district.

WOMEN HARCOURT'S FOES

Secretary's Life to Be Made Uncomfortable by Suffragettes.

LONDON, Jan. 27.—Lewis Harcourt's life is to be made miserable if the suffragettes can do anything to make it so. In reply to a deputation Harcourt, who is Secretary of State for the Colonies, reiterated his opposition to woman suffrage, and the head of the deputation declared that the women of Great Britain would do all in their power for his discomfort.

WELL-KNOWN INSURANCE MAN ACCEPTS POSITION WITH UNION CENTRAL LIFE.

D. C. Herrin.

Mr. Herrin has entered into a ten-year contract as state manager for Oregon with the Union Central Life of Cincinnati, with offices at 301-2-3 Rothchild building.

Mr. Herrin is a native Oregonian, and has been identified with the life insurance business of this state for years. His many friends will be pleased to learn of his connection with the Union Central, one of the eminently successful life insurance companies of the United States.

Its resources consist in large part of mortgage loans — over $60,000,000 — which the company says is yielding over six per cent interest, and secured by property valued at more than $235,000,000—by sworn appraisement.

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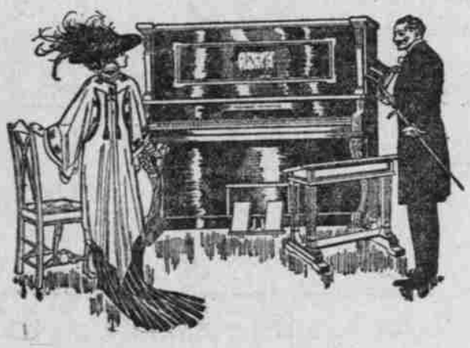

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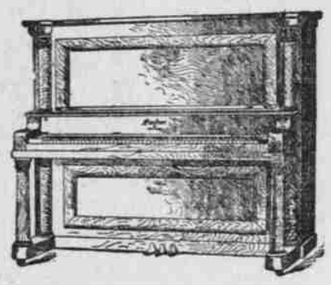

Pianos, the names of which are household words, must be disposed of at prices which will never again be duplicated. We must positively clear our floors. The first week of February will find men at work with hammer and saw and chisel, transforming our store into one of the most beautiful in the City of Portland; bringing into realization a dream which has been forming for months past. **This work cannot be done properly in a store crowded with pianos.** We will not permit it. Progress will be slow, work expensive, pianos damaged, customers dissatisfied; in fact, there are many reasons for our decision to sell our pianos at these prices at this time. You will note that this list contains the names of well-known makes of pianos. We repeat: Take advantage of this opportunity.

$750 J. & C. Fischer Grand, slightly shopworn	$585
$625 Weber Piano, mahogany, slightly shopworn	$500
$450 Vose & Sons Piano, mah., lightly shopworn	$350
$500 J. & C. Fischer Piano, mah. slightly shopworn	$350
$500 J. & C. Fischer Piano, wal., slightly shopworn	$350
$500 J. & C. Fischer, dull mag., slightly shopworn	$340
$375 Kohler & Chase Piano, returned from rent	$275
$450 Wheelock Piano, slightly used	$290
$350 Weiler Piano, slightly used	$225
$375 Draper & Sons Piano, slightly used	$275
$350 Andrew Kohler Piano, slightly used	$290
$300 Kohler & Campbell Piano, slightly used	$235
$650 Kohler & Chase Player, mission, slightly used	$525
$300 Stafford Piano, slightly used	$210
$300 Hoffman Piano, mahogany, slightly used	$190
$350 Kohler & Campbell Piano, mah., slightly used	$245
$300 Andrew Kohler Piano, oak, slightly used	$190
$450 Chickering Piano, ebony case, slightly used	$125
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