

ENGINEER PRISONER FIVE YEARS IN MINE

Tacoman Escapes From Mexican Guards and Gets Home.

REBEL TROOPS ARE LED

Stay of Terrible Conditions in Underground Prison Are Told by American on Return.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 11.—(Special.)—The world war had been fought and won and he didn't know a thing about it. He was Mate Maguire, an American engineer, and graduate of the Boston Institute of Technology, who for six years was a soldier of fortune in the rebel army of Mexico and for five years and eight months a prisoner at hard labor in the Mexican salt mines, during which he never saw the light of day or a newspaper of any kind. Maguire reached Tacoma a few days ago after a thrilling escape from the mines in which he had been condemned to life imprisonment after his capture by the Mexican federals. He has just taken a position in the county engineer's office in Tacoma.

Life Term Is Given.

Young and adventurous, Maguire joined a troop of Americans who were fighting under Madera. He became second in command of all the troops and was part of the time directly under Villa. He was truly a soldier of fortune.

But one day Maguire and two other officers went into Chihuahua because they had heard trouble was brewing there. They entered a cantina through a rear entrance. Here they found several of Huerta's officers carousing. They had nothing to do but surrender to them. They were gagged, tied and taken 65 miles on horseback to the headquarters of the American half-breed, General Hill, serving under Huerta. Here at a general court-martial they were sentenced to life imprisonment in the salt mines of Chihuahua.

"It was worse than a death sentence to us," said Maguire. "We heard about the conditions of the salt mines, where unbelievable conditions were existing, and the workers were being just tortured to death. We were dropped some 1500 feet in the ground in a bucket. We felt as though we were being buried alive and when at last I stepped into the mine with its few dim candles, the famous lines 'All hope abandon ye who enter here' entered my mind. It was just pure and simple hell. Rats, gila monsters, scorpions, lizards, lice and every other imaginable underground creature were in the surroundings. Food consisted of beans and potatoes, which would turn an ordinary person's stomach."

World Lost Five Years.

"That was not a little tobacco we sacrificed just out of our pockets. Medical aid of any sort was available and the death rate ran about one prisoner a day. These bodies lay uncovered for weeks sometimes. In all the five and two-thirds years I was in there, I never saw as much as a newspaper or magazine. In fact I didn't know there was such a thing as the world war.

"But fate at last favored us. The guards, we noticed, were on a carousel that evening. When they came down the shaft I ended their careers with blowers from huge stones. We donned their uniforms and made off. I went toward the American border, which was 12 miles away. The other two officers went down south.

"Well, now I am here, thank God. Ambition for adventure is wonderful, but adventure itself of this sort is far from entertaining."

Maguire is going to make a systematic search for his family, whom he left in 1906 to go to Peru on an expedition.

LIQUOR GIVEN DR. COE

200 Gallons of Bonded Whisky Is Turned Over to Sanitarium.

If a popularity contest were to be started in Portland today there is no doubt that Dr. Henry Waldo Coe would win hands down. For yesterday he was the recipient of 200 gallons of high-proof bonded whisky from the United States government. Dr. Coe is the proprietor of the Sanitarium near Montavilla, where the insane from Alaska are cared for, and the liquor was released for their medicinal use. The donation came from the secretary of the interior.

APPOINTMENTS NOT MADE

County Court Refuses Appropriation of \$10,000 for Armory.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 11.—(Special.)—All special appointments which have been sought of the county court, including a bee commissioner, county nurse and appropriation of \$10,000 with which to aid in the erection of an armory at Silverton, were rejected today. Inability of the county to grant the concessions without exceeding the 6 per cent limitation amendment was given by the court as the reason.

The budget of estimated expenditures of Marion county for the year 1921 indicates that \$125 less will be expended on roads and bridges this year than last.

CLUB ELECTS TRUSTEES

Lumbermen to Dispatch Delegate to Washington.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 11.—(Special.)—At a meeting of the Lumber-

men's club of Tacoma today seven members were elected to the board of trustees. Ernest Dolge, retiring president, was appointed by the club as representative of the Tacoma district on the committee from the West Coast Lumbermen's association which will appear in Washington, D. C., December 14 to argue against the ruling of the internal revenue commissioner on inventory values.

WAR HERO GAINS LIBERTY

AMERICAN LEGION HELPS F. O. JACOBSON OUT OF JAIL.

Jury at McMinnville Unanimous in Recommendation That Judge Suspend Sentence in Case.

McMINNVILLE, Or., Dec. 11.—(Special.)—Frank O. Jacobson, ex-service man, totally disabled by wounds overseas, possessor of a croix de guerre and French citations for bravery, arrested as an accessory with Lee Weygandt in the burglary of the Miller Mercantile store at Sheridan, was set free by a jury in Judge Belt's court yesterday. Jacobson's story was told by state Commander Gilbert of the American Legion in the Oregonian a few days ago, after a full investigation.

Jacobson was in military hospitals nine months and when discharged was awarded \$30 a month by the government, but for some unknown cause this was cut to \$24. Living in a cheap lodging house in Portland, he met Weygandt, who induced him to look in burglary. Jacobson has been in jail 20 days awaiting a hearing.

SINNOTT UP FOR CABINET

OREGONIAN IS GROOMED FOR SECRETARY OF INTERIOR.

Governor Davis of Idaho Also Considered by Western Congressmen for Post.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 11.—(Special.)—It was revealed this afternoon at the capitol that senators and members of congress from the west are discussing just two men for secretary of the interior.

One of them is D. W. Davis, governor of Idaho, whose boom was launched here about two weeks ago. The other is Nicholas J. Sinnot, representative from Oregon, who occupies a splendid position in the contest by reason of being the chairman of the house public lands committee. Senator Burah has been urging Governor Davis for the place should President-elect Harding name a western man. It now comes out that representatives from the west, and especially those serving on the public lands committee, have been carrying on an active campaign for Mr. Sinnot for several days.

INFANT MURDER CHARGED

Nurse Accused of Killing Children at Wyoming Hospital.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Dec. 11.—Mrs. William A. Schultz, who was arrested in Dalton, Neb., was arraigned today on a charge of having murdered two infants after she had been discharged as a nurse at a private hospital here.

Pine Timber Nearly Exhausted.

HALFWAY, Or., Dec. 11.—(Special.)—Cutting down the last piece of pine timber in Pine valley has started the work being done on the H. W. B. Robinson farm near Halfway. Two wood cutting outfits are sawing the trees into 16-inch wood, cutting on shares. There is an 80-acre tract heavily wooded with yellow pine, which will require two or three winters for cutting. Not many years ago Pine valley was thickly grown with pines, but it has been cut out and the land put under cultivation. In many places only an occasional pine can be seen. A few small clumps of trees and pine thickets are left. Just enough to tell how Pine valley got its name.

Alleged Gunman Brought Here.

PRINEVILLE, Or., Dec. 11.—(Special.)—Deputy United States Marshal F. W. Fiv, alleged moonshiner and gunman, to Portland this week. Fiv, who was arrested charged with shooting Henry Koeh December 3 at his ranch on the Ochoco and running a still, could not produce the \$1000 bail required and was bound over to the federal court. Koeh was taken to The Dalles hospital and is reported improving.

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FUR SEALS INCREASING

BERING SEA HERD MULTIFLIES IN ALASKAN WATERS.

United States Steamship Saturn Brings 23,062 Skins and Total of Animals Is 548,473.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 11.—(Special.)—The herd of fur seals which spends its summers on St. Paul and St. George islands in the Bering sea continued to increase in population this year, according to a report brought south by the United States ship Saturn this week. The seal population is now estimated at 648,473. Twenty-three thousand and sixty-two seal skins were brought out by the Saturn and have been shipped east to be prepared for the market. Nearly 3000 additional skins were left on the islands owing to bad weather. A few more will be taken this month, bringing the total for the year to 27,000, the limit set by congress.

With a few exceptions, the skins are those of "bachelor" seals. An attempt has been made by the government agents to kill off as many as practicable of the young males in order to prevent unnecessary fighting and killing in the harems. This season every seal had an average of 41 wives.

It was stated at the Seattle office of the bureau of fisheries yesterday that the skins taken this year might not be offered for sale for many months on account of unstable condition of the fur market. A year ago seal skins sold at \$10 each, but during the price dropped to \$70. There is no definite price now.

The seals have been leaving the Bering sea for some weeks on the start of their long annual cruise to tropical waters. A group will be seen on the beach, who one will suddenly strike off for sea and then the animals will be seen no more until the following spring. Harems break up, the bulls forgetting about the cows and the cows losing and not looking for their pups.

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MEN'S WEAR

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mother in Ramsey, England, telling how the population of that country is still on war rations as to fats of all kinds, and that the allowance of butter is one ounce a week for each person. Mrs. E. A. Williams of this city, this week forwarded by parcel post a 3-pound package of Oregon creamery butter, about the most suitable Christmas gift she could select.

Official Court Announced.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Dec. 11.—(Special.)—The official count of the Elma town election showed that two councilmen on the people's ticket and one of the citizen's ticket were elected. A. H. Fleming was elected treasurer without opposition. The vote on councilmen stood: E. C. Gooty, 234; E. W. Rall, 188; M. L. Dawson, 178; C. D. Hendry, 173; J. W. Brewer and Frank Watkins, 116 each. Gooty and Rall ran on the people's ticket, and Dawson on the citizens.

Butter Sent as Yule Gift.

EUGENE, Or., Dec. 11.—(Special.)—Having received a letter from her

Student President Recovering.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Dec. 11.—(Special.)—Carlton Savage, of Waconda, president of the associated students of the University of Oregon, is reported to be improving from an illness which has confined him for several days to the university infirmary.

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