

## MAHONEY GUILTY, DEATH IS PENALTY

Wife Slayer Grips Chair as  
Verdict Is Read.

## SISTER COLLAPSES IN COURT

Prisoner About to Rise, But  
Settles Back.

## FOUR WOMEN ON JURY

Each Answers Poll by Firmly De-  
claring That Death Is Pre-  
scribed Punishment.

SEATTLE, Wash., Oct. 1.—James E. Mahoney, charged with killing his elderly wife for her money, was found guilty of murder in the first degree, his penalty fixed at death, by a jury in superior court here to-night.

When the verdict was read Mahoney gripped his chair and seemed about to rise, but settled back in his seat. His sister, Mrs. Dolores Johnson, collapsed and was carried from the courtroom.

The jurors, four women and eight men, were polled, and each answered firmly that he or she had signed the verdict of guilty and the special finding specifying the death penalty.

**Mahoney Is Ex-Brakeman.**  
Mahoney is 35. He formerly was a railroad brakeman, and at the time of his arrest, May 3, was on night duty at the Washington state penitentiary, where he had been sentenced for robbery. He and Mrs. Kate Mahoney were married here February 18. She was 67 years old and owned property reputed to be worth \$200,000.

In April the couple had announced to friends a contemplated trip to St. Paul, a "deferred honeymoon." Mrs. Mahoney was last seen April 16, according to state witnesses. Mahoney's relatives testified they talked to her on the telephone April 17.

The verdict was reached at 11:10 o'clock, five hours and 40 minutes after the jury retired to deliberate. Crowds waited about the corridors all evening, and the courtroom was filled when the verdict was announced.

**Niece Causes Investigation.**  
The investigation that resulted in Mahoney's arrest was started by Mrs. Kate Stewart of Vancouver, B. C., who told the police she had received several letters from points in Idaho and Montana purported to have been written by her aunt, Mrs. Stewart pronounced the letters forgeries. After Mahoney's arrest, the police uncovered evidence that Mahoney had hired an expressman to deliver a trunk to the shore of Lake Union the night of April 16. There was further evidence that Mahoney had placed the trunk on a skiff and rowed out.

The authorities then began dragging the lake and employing divers, but with no result until August 8, when a trunk containing the body of a woman was found floating on the surface, a torn rope indicating that it had been cast loose from an anchor.

**Woman's Face Disfigured.**  
The woman's face had been disfigured by quicklime, but by other features and by clothing in the trunk the body was identified as that of Mrs. Mahoney. The defense denied the identity and offered testimony to the effect that Mrs. Mahoney was seen alive after the night she was supposed to have been slain. Mahoney did not take the stand.

**4 WOMEN ON MAHONEY JURY**  
Alleged Slayer Chews Gum During Closing Arguments.

SEATTLE, Wash., Oct. 1.—(Special.)—The case of James E. Mahoney, charged with the murder of his wife, was tried in superior court here to-night.

## POSTOFFICE EXPECTS \$2,000,000 RECEIPTS

PROSPECTS FOR RECORD YEAR  
DECLARED EXCELLENT.

Money Taken In Up to October 1  
3 Per Cent More Than for  
Same Time in 1920.

For the first time in the history of Portland the post office receipts are expected to pass the \$2,000,000 mark for the current year. Computations submitted to John M. Jones, postmaster, yesterday showed the receipts up to October 1 to be slightly more than 3 per cent heavier than they were for the first nine months of 1920. The total for the year of 1920 was \$1,960,000.95, the largest of any year in the city's history.

The gradual and steady growth of the city is depicted in the yearly figures of the post office receipts since it was established in 1849 under Thomas Smith, the first postmaster. In 1850 the receipts were \$52.95, and the following year they jumped to \$147.75.

Yearly receipts for every tenth year follow:

1850	52.95
1860	3,600.00
1870	14,534.66
1880	13,355.62
1890	143,771.14
1900	213,978.47
1910	929,164.52
1920	\$1,960,000.95

## FIRE HAULED TO ENGINE

Nothing Impossible for Oregon City  
Blaze Fighters.

OREGON CITY, Or., Oct. 1.—(Special.)—Mahomet, who visited the mountain when he found that the mountain would not come to him, had nothing on the Oregon City fire department.

The fire department last night found itself unable to reach a fire which was consuming 80 cords of wood on shipment on freight cars, so it had the cars hauled up the track to a point where the flames could be fought.

The cars were on the Willamette Valley Southern railway tracks below Green Point. The fire started about 7 o'clock, and police said it was of incendiary origin.

Finding that the fire engine could not play a stream on the flames, the firemen sent a switch engine after the wood. It was half an hour before the fire was put out. About eight cords of wood were burned. The name of the owner was not learned.

## PERSHING REACHES PARIS

General and 700 Soldiers Ready for  
Ceremony Today.

PARIS, Oct. 1.—General John J. Pershing arrived from Coblenz this morning and went immediately to the hotel Crillon, where he spent the morning considering plans for tomorrow's ceremony at the grave of the "unknown soldier" and attending to official business.

A composite battalion from all units of the American expeditionary forces on the Rhine, numbering 700 officers and soldiers, arrived shortly after noon.

## AUTOISTS ARE HELD UP

Harry Brown, 171 First Street, Re-  
ports Loss of \$619.

SALEM, Or., Oct. 1.—(Special.)—Harry Brown of 171 First street, Portland, while returning home from the state fair with his family in an automobile tonight was held up by two highwaymen near Woodburn and robbed of \$619 in currency, his watch and other valuables.

Mr. Brown, who returned to Salem after the hold-up, was unable to give any close description of the robbers.

## FEWER ILLITERATES HERE

Federal Report Shows Percentage  
Drops From 1.9 to 1.5.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 1.—The number of illiterate persons in Oregon 10 years of age and over in 1920 was 9317, or a percentage of illiteracy of 1.5 compared with 1.9 in 1910. The illiterates included 1529 native whites, the remainder being made up of foreign-born, Indians, negroes and orientals.

## ARMS COST RISE STAGGERS BRITAIN

\$1,000,000,000 Spent  
This Year on War Plans.

## GERMANY IS DEEMED LUCKY

English Labor Leader Hopes  
for Armanent Limitation.

## NEED IS DECLARED GREAT

George Barnes Says Washington  
Conference Will Have Best  
Wishes of All England.

BY GEORGE N. BARNES.  
British Parliament and Labor Leader.  
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LONDON, Oct. 1.—(Special by Wire-  
less.)—Truly this is a mad world.

Great Britain is spending in this year of grace 207,000,000 pounds sterling (normally \$1,000,000,000), on preparations for the next great war, compared to \$85,000,000 spent the year before the war but recently brought to a close.

It is not to be wondered, therefore, that as the date of the Washington conference for the limitation of armaments draws near, interest in it on this side of the water begins to quicken. The fact that the British prime minister, Mr. Lloyd George, can not take part will not lessen the British sense of importance in the event.

The keen interest of the British dominions in a settlement of the far eastern questions makes the conference a matter of dominant importance to us. Japan, about whose attitude there has been so much spoken, really has taken a lead toward a settlement. The statement of the Japanese prime minister this week gives every assurance of the good intent of the Pacific empire. While recognizing the predominant influence of the United States and Great Britain, he predicts a reapportionment of the powers on the way toward a removal of the causes of unrest in the Pacific.

## Japanese Premier Declared Right.

The Japanese premier is right. If the United States, Great Britain and Japan can reach a common agreement regarding the Pacific and if as a result of this understanding there is a reduction in armaments, the first world conference convened by America on American soil will mark a turning point in the history of the world.

Discussions in the assembly of the league of nations at Geneva, however, show the necessity for co-operation between that institution and the Washington conference. The league, despite the protests of some of the more ardent spirits, has voted to postpone consideration of questions affecting the manufacture and control of fire arms pending the conference called by President Harding.

In effect, therefore, Geneva waits on Washington, anti-militarists wait on Japan, and Japan waits on both. Hopes are centered in Washington. It is a good omen that fruitful results already have accrued from the preliminary discussions among the governments invited to the conference, concerning far eastern problems. Among these good results is the stated willingness of Japanese to restore Shantung to China under conditions more favorable than seemed probable immediately after the Versailles conference. Having stated her intentions respecting Shantung, Japan naturally will be reluctant to have this subject discussed at the conference.

Japan further has agreed with the United States respecting the international status of the island of Yap. All of which is particularly reassuring.

The British trade union council has

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## SAN FRANCISCO'S AID PLEGGED EXPOSITION

MAYOR ROLPH INDORSES ORE-  
GON'S GREAT PROJECT.

Vast Benefit to California and En-  
tire Coast in Developmental  
Work Is Foreseen.

BY DON SKENE.

Staff Writer for The Oregonian.  
SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 1.—(Special.)—Hearty endorsement of Oregon's 1925 exposition was given today by Mayor Rolph of San Francisco in a message of optimism and pledge of co-operation addressed to the people of Oregon and the northwest through The Oregonian. The following interview from San Francisco's "exposition mayor" is the first official announcement of the sentiment of this city regarding Oregon's great project.

"San Francisco will take a keen and friendly interest in Oregon's proposed Atlantic-Pacific highway and electrical exposition to be held in Portland in 1925," he said. "We firmly believe that the two world's expositions held in San Francisco and San Diego in 1915 were of vast benefit, not only to California, but to the whole Pacific coast, and a similar exposition in Oregon will find hearty support here. We know the great value of a world's exposition to any community, state or region, and we will be ready to the limit of our ability to support the 1925 project."

"The problem of the west is the development of the unlimited possibilities of Pacific commerce. I have often said that there is more to be

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## 20 BUILDINGS RUINED BY QUAKE IN UTAH

TEMBLOR CAUSES PANIC IN  
TOWN OF RICHFIELD.

Mountains Are Shaken and Great  
Rocks, Rolling Down Slopes,  
Cause Landslides.

SALT LAKE CITY, Oct. 1.—Earth-  
quake shocks have continued at in-  
tervals during the last 24 hours at  
Elsinor and Monroe, 20 miles south  
of Salt Lake. Five distinct shocks  
were felt last night and this morn-  
ing. A severe tremor completed the  
work of disaster in wrecking build-  
ings damaged Thursday. It is es-  
timated that 20 buildings at Elsinor  
and Monroe will have to be rebuilt.

At Richfield a near panic ensued when the shock struck there. People ran from their houses, stores and offices. Chimneys were thrown down, windows were broken and cracks appeared in several buildings. One man was injured by falling brick. At Elsinor two chimneys at the sugar factory toppled over.

At Monroe the hot springs sent forth water of almost blood red. The mountains to the east were shaken up and great rocks rolled down their sides. Reports from Monroe canyon are to the effect that boulders weighing many tons bounded down the steep sides, causing a landslide.

HARRISBURG, Ill., Oct. 1.—Two distinct shocks, believed to be earth tremors, were felt here at 3 o'clock this morning. Houses were shaken and sleepers aroused, causing con-  
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## DRIVE FOR RELIEF OF JOBLESS IS ON

Capital and Labor Join  
Forces in Crusade.

## BUSINESS IS CONSCRIPTED

Employment Must Be Fur-  
nished, Says Edict.

## LABOR'S AID IS PLEDGED

Organization of Community Bodies  
to Carry Out Programme to  
Start Immediately.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 1.—Capital and labor joined forces here to-night to give impetus to carrying out through community organization of the emergency programme for the immediate relief of the nation's idle wage earners adopted by the national conference on unemployment.

In an appeal to the business men and chambers of commerce of the country actively to support the programme, Joseph H. DeFrees, president of the chamber of commerce of the United States, declared that "business has a great responsibility in the situation and must furnish employment."

Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, in a formal statement expressed his confidence "that the trade union movement in each community will join locally in the effort to assist in the task of providing work for the thousands who are idle."

**Programme Is Launched.**  
Both Mr. DeFrees and Mr. Gompers are members of the conference and assisted in drafting the emergency programme.

Mr. DeFrees called upon the business men to offer the mayors in their communities immediate assistance in order to speed up the establishment of employment committees on a national basis.

"The situation cannot be met without proper organization," he said. "It is primarily a community problem. The existing unemployment presents a real problem which must have immediate attention."

American labor, Mr. Gompers said, would give its "whole-hearted support" to the emergency programme, which, he said, provided an opportunity for the co-operative action of all the agencies and institutions in each community to bring relief to the unemployed.

**Labor Support Assured.**  
"Labor," he said, "will endorse every constructive feature of the report which the unemployment conference has adopted. Beyond question America can solve the problem of unemployment if it undertakes the work in earnest."

Dissemination of the emergency programme was undertaken today by the conference members. Many of them residing in nearby states have gone to their homes until the sub-committees begin the consideration of permanent unemployment measures.

Others from distant states are understood to be in communication with their local authorities, urging the formation of the emergency committees and immediate initiation of relief measures.

## HIGHWAY PROJECT PROPOSED

Denver Paper Suggests Building  
of Transcontinental Roads.

DENVER, Oct. 1.—As a solution of the unemployment problem in this country, the Denver Post today telegraphed to President Harding and Secretary of Commerce Herbert Hoover suggesting the building of two hard-surfaced transcontinental highways.

Men out of employment would do

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## RETURN OF PROPERTY BY MEXICO DEMANDED

FLETCHER SAYS GUARANTEE  
MUST BE IN WRITING.

Recognition of Southern Republic  
Declared to Be Dependent on  
Meeting Requirements.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 1.—Under-Secretary of State Fletcher was quoted by Representative Hudspeth of Texas today as saying in connection with recognition of Mexico that "Mr. Obregon and his government must put down in black and white that all titles held by Americans shall be fully recognized and this must extend to states that have confiscated the lands of Americans for which they have issued state bonds that are not worth the paper they are written upon."

"The Obregon government has heretofore claimed that they have no authority over the states," the under-secretary continued, according to Mr. Hudspeth. "The states are misnamed. They have authority over states and must control the action of the states relative to American rights. When we recognize Mexico, it is not for a day, or month or a year, but probably for many, many years and we are not taking anything for granted, everything must be reduced to writing and must be recognized by the head of the Mexican government and its legislative body."

The Texas representative explained that he conferred with Mr. Fletcher on the general question of Mexican recognition and received assurance that the Chalmers zone controversy has been kept "in mind at all times in negotiating with the Mexican government and it is a part of the treaty stipulations." Commissioners will have to be appointed to settle it, he declared the secretary had told him, adding that "if I control the matter it will be settled right."

In reply to a question about the Mexican supreme court decision concerning the retroactive clause of section 27 of the constitution, Mr. Hudspeth said the secretary answered: "The supreme court decision only settles one matter, and that one is that it recognizes the lease of the Texas company made prior to the enactment of this constitution; it is not a precedent for other controversies of similar matters such as our supreme court decisions are in this country."

**Some Have Knife Wounds.**  
Those known to be suffering from knife or bullet wounds were: Sheriff Buchanan, Waco, shot twice in the right side.

Lewis Crow, Waco, shot in the right arm.

Carl West, Lorena, shot in the right arm.

Ed Johnson, Waco, shot in the right arm.

Jules Minier, Waco, shot in the right arm.

Will Austin, Lorena, shot in the right arm.

Charles Westbrook, Lorena, shot in the right arm.

S. Dumas, shot in the right arm.

**Fight in Business Center.**  
The fight to place the intersection of the main business streets where several thousand persons had gathered to witness the parade, when Sheriff Buchanan of McLennan county, leader of the posse, stepped in front of the approaching column and attempted to wrest the American flag from the leading white-clad figure.

The sheriff was the only member of the posse known to have been wounded. None of the participants in the parade was hurt.

Sheriff Buchanan, with Deputies Burch and Wood, left here early to-night for Lorena after having declared he would either stop the parade or know who was leading it.

About an hour before the parade was scheduled to start the sheriff went to the entrance where the paraders were being sent, having been told he could see the two men who were to lead.

He declared later they refused to give their names or to show their faces.

Up and down the road he walked, followed by a crowd, some hooting him, others arguing with him, a few declaring he was doing his duty.

"If they will only let me see who is leading I will not interfere," he pleaded again and again. Several times he was called aside by citizens.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 1.—After a conference with Attorney-General Daugherty Chairman Campbell of the order, and proponents of pending resolutions calling for an inquiry by the house, to attend the hearings, with such witnesses as they might desire to be present. In telegrams to senators and representatives yesterday, Simmons asked for a sweeping investigation of the Klan.

Some opposition has developed among house members, it is said, in an investigation on the ground that if it was deemed necessary it should be made by the department of justice.

## KU KLUX PARADERS AND POSSE BATTLE

Clash Follows Attempt to  
Hold Parade.

## TEXAS SHERIFF IS WOUNDED

Eight Others Are Injured in  
Dorena Demonstration.

## MORE PROBABLY ARE HURT

Both Gunfire and Knives Are Used  
In Clash—Number of Vic-  
tims Not Ascertained.

WACO, Tex., Oct. 1.—Nine men were known to have been wounded and others were thought to have received injuries when a posse, headed by Bob Buchanan