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## BANDON SHOOTING AFFAIR IS ENSHROUDED IN MYSTERY NOW

Bert McDuffie Dead and Mrs. McDuffie Badly Wounded Early Today.

DEAD MAN CHARGED WITH DOUBLE CRIME

Rigid Investigation of Tragedy Will Be Made by Coroner Wilson.

(Special to The Times.) BANDON, Ore., March 28.—The discovery this afternoon of some strange circumstances in the McDuffie tragedy may result in some startling developments. This will probably come out at the coroner's investigation. Pending this investigation, it is difficult to get at the facts in the case.

It is now claimed that a step-son of McDuffie's witnessed the tragedy. He is about 20 years old.

It was stated this afternoon that Mrs. McDuffie was not badly injured, but that striking a bone and glancing blow of the vital organs and inflicting only a bad flesh wound.

A strange fact is that Mrs. McDuffie is badly powder burned, while McDuffie does not show any traces of the powder burns. Another peculiarity is that although he was right-handed, the bullet wound was in the left side of his head.

Mrs. McDuffie is a sister of Mrs. Arthur Coach of Bandon. Her mother, Mrs. W. L. Beach, also resides in Bandon.

McDuffie was a painter by trade. He has two or three brothers and other relatives in this section.

### EARLY REPORT OF IT

Real Cause of McDuffie Tragedy Not Yet Ascertained.

(Special to The Times) BANDON, Ore., March 28.—After shooting his wife through the breast, Bert McDuffie this morning turned the revolver on himself and blew out his brains. He died instantly but it is practically certain that his wife will recover.

The shooting occurred shortly after 6 o'clock this morning in a house in which Mrs. McDuffie had been living since she and her husband became estranged a month or so ago.

The McDuffies have been conducting a small hotel here known as the Popular. It was known that their life was not free from family jars, in fact some very serious ones occurred at brief intervals.

A month ago, following one of these family disturbances, Mrs. McDuffie left him and established a home of her own where she and their young son resided.

McDuffie went there this morning and soon after he reached the house, the shooting followed.

McDuffie was a middle aged man and his wife is about 35. Mrs. McDuffie was formerly Miss Laura Ivan Leuen, being a member of one of the best known families in the Coquille Valley. She and McDuffie were married ten or twelve years ago.

There are all kinds of stories afloat concerning the affair and the causes that led up to it but most of them are highly overdrawn and some are without any foundation.

Coroner Wilson has been summoned from Marshfield and was expected to leave there at 2 o'clock. A thorough investigation will be made.

### BANDON WOMAN VERY ILL

Mrs. W. P. Holman Suffers Paralytic Stroke at Home There.

(Special to The Times) BANDON, Ore., March 28.—Mrs. W. P. Holman, mother of City Marshal Holman of Bandon, suffered a paralytic stroke and is in a critical condition. Owing to her advanced age, little hope is entertained for her recovery.

### FONDREN FOUND GUILTY

COEUR D'ALENE, Idaho, March 28.—William A. Fondren was found guilty today for killing Isaac C. Copez in a dispute over a homestead claim. Fondren alleged self defense.

### FOR RECALL OF JUDGES

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) PHOENIX, Ariz., March 28.—A bill submitting the judiciary recall amendment to the people at the next general election passed the Lower House of the Arizona legislature today. An identical bill is in the hands of the Senate committee on constitutional amendments.

### ALL sizes CHICKEN NETTING and CATTLE FENCE at MILNERS'.

## PREDICTS GREAT RAILWAY STRIKE

Chief Stone of Engineers Says Less Than 10 Per Cent of Men Will Oppose it.

(By Associated Press to the Coos Bay Times.) NEW YORK, March 28.—Warren E. Stone, grand chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, predicted today that when the result of the strike vote on the wage question is made public, April 10, it will be found that less than 2500 of the 25,000 engineers in the brotherhood will oppose the strike.

"It is significant," said Stone, "that in none of our conferences with the eastern railroads representatives have they once declared our demands unjust. They do not say we do not need the increase, they say merely that they cannot afford to grant it because they were not allowed increased freight rates. They claim that the Interstate Commerce Commission stands in the way of the raise and as the commission represents the public, that is the stumbling block. That is why I repeat that the public needs an object lesson to convince them that the roads are entitled to more pay for the freight they carry. Freight rates are bound to go up."

## S. P. TO BEGIN ON THIS END QUIET NOW IN ROCK ISLAND

Frank B. Waite Expects Railroad Construction Near Coos Bay Soon.

That the Southern Pacific is planning to begin construction on this end of the Coos Bay-Eugene line early this spring is the news that Frank B. Waite of Sutherlin brought here today. Mr. Waite arrived on the Breakwater this morning to look after business interests on the Bay.

While in San Francisco recently, Mr. Waite visited the Southern Pacific officials. At the office of Chief Engineer Hood, he was given to understand that construction would be started on the Coos Bay end of the line this spring and that it would be rapidly pushed to completion.

Mr. Waite says that the prospects of Coos Bay getting other lines is also good. Business conditions along the coast are improving, in his estimation.

Mr. Waite is a candidate for the democratic nomination for state senator from Douglas County this year.

## ALLIANCE IN EARLY TODAY MANY ARRIVE ON BREAKWATER

Steamer Arrives From Portland and Will Sail Tomorrow for Eureka.

The steamer Alliance arrived in early this morning from Portland. She had a good trip down the coast and brought a good cargo of miscellaneous freight and a fair passenger list. Many passenger were bound through to Eureka.

The Alliance will sail at 7:30 tomorrow morning for Eureka.

The Alliance is now back on her regular ten day schedule and will sail from here for Portland next Monday.

This morning she had 150 tons of freight for Marshfield besides a shipment of pipe for the Dredge Oregon.

Among those arriving on the Alliance were the following:

C. Frost, J. J. Inkaasi, M. J. Tawler, Carrie Card, Leslie Jensen, C. H. Stewart, A. Edwards, Mrs. A. Edwards, Danny O'Brien, Mrs. G. Larrobe, G. H. Larrobe, Geo. L. Burton, Mrs. G. L. Burton, J. Smith, Ole Olson, T. Johnson and J. Sealer.

## GAGE APPEALS TO GEO. BROWN

Sheriff Uncertain About Interfering With Marshfield Prize Fight.

To determine whether or not he should interfere in the proposed 20 round fight between O'Brien and Henderson here Saturday night, Sheriff W. W. Gage has taken the matter up with District Attorney Geo. M. Brown at Roseburg. Mr. Gage had not heard from Mr. Brown last evening and he was undecided what he should do.

It is understood that a number who are opposed to prize fighting have appealed to the sheriff and he is in doubt as to what he should do. Some of the County officials are understood to have taken the stand that there is only one thing for him to do and that is to prevent the holding of the bout, especially when Sheriff Stevens of Multnomah county refused to permit it to be pulled off there.

The petitions asking the city

## STRIKE OF NEARLY HALF MILLION MINERS IN AMERICA EXPECTED

### GREAT STRIKE NEARLY OVER

Believe That End of English Coal Miners' Trouble Is in Sight.

(By Associated Press to the Coos Bay Times.) LONDON, March 28.—The end of the coal strike which so far affected many millions of the population of the United Kingdom the last few weeks is believed to be at hand. Many miners will grasp the first opportunity to return to the pits but others desire to wait the result of the referendum on whether or not the strike will be continued. The latter class is willing to go to the extent of offering violence to carry their point and it is these which necessitated the dispatch yesterday of troops to Chicks, Wales, where men returned to work a few days ago and where a body of strikers tried to prevent their fellows working.

Destitution among the working classes is everywhere apparent. Miners are living in a state of semi-starvation in various parts of the country. Settlement can come none too soon for, of the two million men beside the miners who have been thrown out of employment, at least half do not belong to any trade organization and therefore do not receive "out of work" benefits.

### APPEAL BY ASQUITH Premier Urges Miners to Support Minimum Wage Bill

LONDON, March 28.—Premier Asquith issued an appeal to the miners of Great Britain today to accept the minimum wage bill which, he said, would affect largely what they had fought for. Premier Asquith made this appeal in a speech to the Liberal members of the House of Commons.

### UP TO KING GEORGE House of Lords Passes Minimum Wage Bill.

(By Associated Press to the Coos Bay Times.) LONDON, March 28.—The House of Lords this afternoon passed the miners' minimum wage bill without amendment. It has now only to receive the royal assent.

### LORIMER WILL HOLD POSITION Senate Committee Sustains Illinois Senator in Election Contest.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) WASHINGTON, D. C., March 28.—The right of Senator Lorimer of Illinois to a seat in the United States senate was upheld today by a special investigating committee which decided that the senate's vote sustaining Lorimer in the last congress on substantially the same charge barred any further proceedings against him. The vote was five to three.

### LORIMER'S CASE UP. Investigation of Illinois Senator's Case is Resumed

WASHINGTON, Mar. 28.—The Senate Lorimer committee today resumed consideration of the case of the Junior Senator from Illinois with the expectation that the report might be voted upon before adjournment. The test vote in the committee yesterday seemed to indicate that the committee stood 5 to 3 in favor of Lorimer and under these circumstances it is certain that majority and minority reports ultimately will be made to the Senate. Friends of Lorimer appeared confident today that he would retain his seat.

### NEW MOVE IN CHINA Disband War Department to Hasten Coalition.

(By Associated Press to the Coos Bay Times.) HANKOW, March 28.—General Li Yuen Heng, vice-president of the republic, has disbanded the war department at Wu Chang to facilitate coalition.

ANGLER'S LICENSE at Milners'.

### Shut-Down of Most of Coal Mines Next Monday Practically Certain.

NEITHER SIDE IS WILLING TO CONCEDE President White Says Anthracite Tie-up Has Practically Been Ordered.

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.) CLEVELAND, March 28.—With only three days intervening before the time set for the shutdown in case no agreement is reached, the hope of averting the widespread coal strike in the United States, beginning next Monday, centered today in the sub-committee appointed by the bituminous operators and miners agreeing on a compromise wage scale. All other means of agreeing had failed and it was said that unless a compromise was soon effected 350,000 miners would quit Sunday at midnight and the suspension would be in effect a strike.

### HARD COAL STRIKE

Shut-Down in Anthracite Field Regarded as Inevitable. (By Associated Press to the Coos Bay Times.) NEW YORK, March 28.—It was learned today from an authentic source that the anthracite coal operators are making no move to prevent a suspension of work in the anthracite fields and that they regard suspension at midnight, March 31, inevitable. No meetings of the committee of ten which conferred with the miners' representatives have been held since the termination of the negotiations, it was said, and none are scheduled.

### AWAKENED TO HEAR THREAT San Francisco Man Tells Wife of Intention to Kill and Tragedy Follows.

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.) SAN FRANCISCO, March 28.—George Noel, a chauffeur, probably fatally stabbed his wife and then committed suicide early today in their apartments. He was suffering from melancholy, due to illness. Noel awakened his wife, informed her of his intention to cut her throat. The woman ran but was slashed about the face and neck before she escaped into the street. Noel then cut his own throat.

### BLAME I. W. W. NOW (By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

BOSTON, March 28.—The responsibility for the strike lock-out situation in Lowell, Mass., cotton in where fourteen thousand operators are idle, is laid at the door of the World, in a statement Manufacturers Association.

ANGLES' LICENSE at Milners'.