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TWO PORTLAND MEN KILLED AND THIRD HURT IN HOLDUP

Highwaymen Fire at Auto Party Robbery Fails.

SHERIFF'S POSSES FAIL TO FIND THEM

Two Dead Men Close Friends of Frank D. Cohan of Marshfield.

Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

PORTLAND, Ore., March 30.—Although Sheriff Stevens of Multnomah county and Sheriff Maas of Clackamas county, together with about twenty men have been hard at work since midnight last night, they have had no success whatever in trying to trace the murderous highwayman who last night attempted to hold up an automobile party and, unsuccessfully, fired a shotgun with fatal effect.

Two of the party, George Hastings, medical student, and Donald M. Stewart, a clerk, are dead.

Bruce D. Stewart and H. L. Tabb, other occupants, are uninjured. The spot where the attempted hold up occurred is a very lonely one and a clever criminal with some knowledge of the surrounding country might easily avoid capture and possibly escape detection forever.

The man-hunters have traversed a large section of the surrounding country but are declared to have been singularly unsuccessful in their efforts to find some trace of the assassin. The surmise that perhaps two men were involved in the shooting was the only development of the search up to one o'clock this afternoon.

KNOWN IN MARSHFIELD

Friends of Portland Holdup Friends of Frank D. Cohan

Frank D. Cohan of the Busy Corridor drug store this morning received a telegram from Portland, notifying him of the holdup, the members of an auto party being intimate friends of his. Hastings played quarterback on the Oregon Agricultural College football team in 1910 and 1911. He led in the initiation of three of his men in his fraternity. The telegram came from Bert Cohan, his brother, and gave no particulars other than that the tragedy occurred on the Oswego road, near Portland, at night. Most of the members of the party were members of the Multnomah Club of Portland.

YUAN WILL RETIRE

President of China Will Resign and Quit Public Life.

Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

LONDON, March 30.—There is reason to believe President Yuan Shi Kai will shortly resign and retire from public life, according to a news item dispatched from Tien Tsin today. He will ask the foreign powers to protect him.

PRIMARY IN ILLINOIS

Signature Passes Presidential Preferential Measure

Associated Press to the Coos Bay Times.)

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., March 30.—The Illinois House passed the presidential preferential primary bill by unanimous vote. The bill stands the form passed by the senate and is now to Governor Denen for his approval.

WED IN CALIFORNIA

Brewer, who lives near Arroyo, was married March 24 at Oceanview to a young woman at that place.

MILINERY—A display of elegant millinery on display at the HAY HOUSE STORE, NORTH WALKER. Your inspection solicited. E. YOGUE MILLINERY.

EASTER CARDS—ONE CENT AT NORTON & HANSEN'S two stores.

REMEMBER THE QUATERMASS FOR THE PHOTOS.

A CREAM EGG FRAPPE at NORTON & HANSEN'S.

CORONER'S JURY CENSURES GOV. MINERS AND OPERATORS HOPE TO PREVENT LONG STRUGGLE

Investigators of Killing by Nebraska Posse Returns Extraordinary Verdict Today.

(By Associated Press to the Coos Bay Times.)

SPRINGFIELD, Neb., March 30.—Members of the coroner's jury in the Blunt inquest today signed a statement resenting what they termed the "interference" of Gov. Aldrich in a letter written yesterday to Coroner Armstrong which they declare was evidently "written with a view of influencing the jury." There is considerable resentment over the action of the governor sending a letter to the coroner to be read at the inquest and it is freely voiced. The letter was addressed to the coroner and

citizens of Springfield and the tone, according to the statement of the jury, "indicated their inability to take action on and lack of intelligence in handling a matter of this serious character." The jury returned a verdict shortly after midnight recommending that Chief of Police Briggs of South Omaha, his special deputy, John C. Trouton, and Sheriff Myers of Lincoln, be held to the district court for killing Roy Blunt and that Sheriff Grant Chase of Sarpy county be censured for not preventing shooting which resulted in Blunt's death.

Blunt was killed in pursuit of the convicts who recently escaped from the penitentiary at Lincoln. Blunt, a young farmer, was forced by the convicts to drive a wagon in which the convicts tried to elude the posse.

BALDWIN CASE DECIDED NOW

Supreme Court Turns Down Claims of Anita Turnbull-Baldwin.

(By Associated Press to the Coos Bay Times.)

SAN FRANCISCO, March 30.—By a unanimous decision of the supreme court here today the heirs of Lucky Baldwin are confirmed in their possession of his estate estimated to be worth approximately \$11,000,000, and the claims against it of Beatrice Anita Baldwin or Turnbull, are dismissed.

CANADA SCENE OF BIG STRIKE

Walkout of 4000 Railroad Construction Laborers Blamed to I. W. W.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

VANCOUVER B. C., March 30.—Four thousand of the five thousand men employed in railway construction camps along the Canadian Northern Railway between Hope and Kamloops struck today for higher pay and shorter hours. Many of them are heading for Vancouver to carry on the propaganda here. The men have been receiving \$2.50 and \$3.25 for ten-hour days. They demand a minimum of \$3 for a nine-hour day. This the sub-contractors refused to grant. It is said that most of the men are members of the Industrial Workers of the World, which have been organizing and holding meetings for several weeks past.

VESSEL POOL IS ATTACKED

Suit Begun to Dissolve Combination of Big Steamship Companies.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

NEW YORK, March 30.—A suit for the dissolution of certain steamship companies engaged in traffic between New York and the far east by way of the Suez Canal was filed by the United States government here today. The companies are charged with pooling freight rates and rebating to concerns who ship exclusively over their lines.

BOAT RACE FAILS

Rough Water Interferes with Oxford Cambridge Race

(By Associated Press to the Coos Bay Times.)

PUTNEY, Eng., March 30.—The annual eight-oared rowing contest between Oxford and Cambridge which started this morning at the Putney bridge was declared no race after both shells were waterlogged. Both crews had difficulties soon after the start owing to the rough water created by strong head winds. Their progress was very slow and soon both shells were more or less waterlogged and as the race progressed, matters became worse. Cambridge dropped out first, Oxford's boat capsized but the crew righted her and completed the course. The judges declared no contest. It will be rowed again April 1.

THANK FIREMEN

We wish to express publicly our sincere appreciation of the gallant work of the members of the Marshfield Fire Department and especially the Galloway boys and Will Stepp, in saving our other house from destruction this morning.

PETER CLAUSEN and wife.

All sizes CHICKEN NETTING and CATTLE FENCE at MILNERS'.

ROSARIES, CROSSES, LOCKETS, BRACELETS and RINGS for EASTER GIFTS at Red Cross Drug Store.

Arrange Conference for April 10 to Try and Adjust Differences.

EXPECT BOTH SIDES TO MAKE CONCESSIONS

Part of Men in Anthracite Fields Quit Work Today—Ready for Strike.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

NEW YORK, March 30.—Another meeting of the anthracite operators and a committee miners the date of which will be set today has been arranged in hopes that a settlement of wage and other questions will be amicably reached and that the suspension of work in the hard coal region which begins April 1 will be of short duration. It is reported that the operators are willing to grant a small increase in wages. Whether the miners will draft a new set of demands can not be learned.

CONFERENCE APRIL 10 President Boer and President White Discuss Mine Strike

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.)

PHILADELPHIA, March 30.—As a result of telegrams exchanged today between George F. Baer, representing the operators and John P. White and other officials of the mine workers union, a conference will be held here April 10 to discuss the demands for higher wages and better working conditions.

It is expected that at the conference each side will concede something and that an agreement will soon follow.

HOPE FOR PEACE Operators Willing to Make Slight Concessions now.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, March 30.—Although a suspension of work has definitely been called in the anthracite mines to take effect at midnight Sunday, measures are under way by the United Mine Workers of America today to improve the situation caused by the dispute. President White of the Union expected to arrange a date of meeting between the anthracite miners and operators for a settlement of the differences.

At the same time the bituminous miners and operators hoped to complete an agreement whereby the miners will accept a slight increase in pay instead of enforcing the original demands.

MANY QUIT WORK

Strike Sentiment Growing Since Suspension Order.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

SHAMOKIN, Pa., March 30.—Many miners did not report for work today and others went to the mines, got their tools and went home. Since the suspension order the strike sentiment is much stronger.

FRANCE TO STOP STRIKE

Eight-hour Day Law Enacted by Chamber of Deputies.

(By Associated Press to the Coos Bay Times.)

PARIS, March 30.—The Chamber of Deputies today passed a bill providing for an eight-hour day for the coal miners. It is believed the action will remove the possibility of a general strike in the coal fields.

RESUME IN ENGLAND

Many Miners Vote to Resume Work in Great Britain

(By Associated Press to the Coos Bay Times.)

LONDON, March 30.—Returns today from the scattered coal districts of Great Britain show a large majority of the miners desire to resume work. In many places the vote was five to one in favor of it. It is expected that there will be a general resumption Monday.

THREE BRAVE SAILORS

Sec. Meyer Commends Members of Crew of Jaal Jones.

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, March 30.—Three members of the crew of the United States torpedo boat Paul Jones have been officially commended by Secretary Meyer for bravery in the recent explosion on that vessel. Two of these men, Gus Smerick and John J. Eberlein, entered the fire room immediately after the explosion and groping their way through the hot steam "speeded up" the blowers. The third, S. A. Goodson, descended into the fire room, turned on the blower and crawled around the boiler and crawled around the boiler to res-

SCREEN DOORS, Window Screens and FLY KILLERS at MILNERS'.

PLAN TO KEEP UP PORT WORK

Money to Operate Dredge Oregon Pledged at Chamber of Commerce.

At a meeting at the Marshfield Chamber of Commerce last evening, a fund of \$7000 to continue the dredge Oregon on the harbor improvements outlined by the Port Commission was guaranteed and steps taken to secure a reorganization of the port at the earliest possible date. The meeting was one of the most largely attended that has been held in many months, the Chamber of Commerce being crowded. Dr. McCormac, who presided, announced at the opening of the meeting that it was a "get together" session and that in the discussion of a means of overcoming the difficulties he desired to have all personalities eliminated and his wish was complied with, making the gathering a most harmonious one.

Dr. McCormac stated that there were two important things for the meeting to do, one to provide a way of keeping the Oregon here and the other of reorganizing the Port Commission. As to the first, Engineer F. E. Leefe explained that the work outlined for the Oregon by the Port Commission would cost somewhere between \$7000 to \$9000. He said the previous commission projects the Oregon had done had cost \$5225.75 and besides this he had received \$1000 to be utilized in planting Holland grass. The work to be done was in widening the channel to a width of 500 feet between the Cold Storage and Porter mill. To do this to a depth of 18 feet would require the removal of about 120,000 yards of dirt outside the government project which would cost about \$7000, or to increase the depth to 19 feet would cost possibly \$9000. Owing to the necessity of getting federal approval of the work, which had been granted before with the understanding the Port Commission would pay the costs, he asked that the Chamber of Commerce guarantee the money at once to Major Morrow.

After a momentary discussion, A. H. Powers said that he thought there were enough men present who would guarantee the money needed until the port could be reorganized and raise it. For one, he said he would personally guarantee \$5000 of the amount. J. W. Bennett then said he would guarantee another \$1000 of it and Wm. Grimes said that he would guarantee \$1000 of it. This brought forth considerable applause from the assemblage.

People to Pay Tax.

There was a lengthy discussion of the present status of the Port. Dr. E. Mings stated that the liabilities of the Port consisted of a \$3000 mortgage due in April on the Adams waterfront property on North Front street, on which \$9000 had been paid. Also \$1820 to C. A. Noble for bunkhead but in front of Ferris, the money having been guaranteed by the Port Commission when the property owners were slow in repossessing because of the desire to prevent the dredgings being pumped over on the mud flats. Also about \$1000 due H. Larson for Catching later dredging, \$1000 having been paid him on the work. He said the Port had \$1700 on hand and the balance of this year's tax, the total tax being about \$24,000.

Dr. McCormac wanted to know what would be the best thing to do about carrying the Port. A. H. Powers suggested that every property owner in the Port district be requested to pay in his port tax if he has not already done so and then have a trustee or some one expend it in improving the harbor until the Port could be reorganized, thus not letting the work stop.

J. W. Bennett was then called on by Dr. McCormac. He said that he was glad, as he always had been, to do anything he could to help improve the harbor. He said the past should be forgotten and the people should now get down to business. He

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HOUSE BURNS EARLY TODAY

Fire of Unknown Origin Destroys Building on South Sixth Street.

Fire of unknown origin totally destroyed a vacant house on South Sixth street about 3 o'clock this morning. The house was owned by Peter Clausen.

Although the fire department responded promptly, the fire was under such headway that they could do nothing beyond keeping it from spreading to the adjoining houses. One of these also belonged to Mr. and Mrs. Clausen and was occupied by Chas. H. Curtis and wife. For a few minutes, it looked as though it must also burn and most of the fixtures were carried out. The home of Mrs. Alice Sneddon was also threatened for a time.

Mrs. Clausen stated this morning that she had not estimated their loss. She said that they had insurance on it but she was not positive whether or not it had expired. They were just overhauling the house preliminary to leasing it. Henry Johnson yesterday started in the work and lost his tools in the fire.

Mrs. Clausen believes that the fire either resulted from tramps or others starting a fire in an old stove in the basement or that it was of incendiary origin.

TELS ABOUT BANDON CASE

Coroner Wilson Returns From Investigation of McDuffee Shooting at Bandon.

Coroner F. E. Wilson returned last night from Bandon where he conducted the inquest in the McDuffee tragedy yesterday. He is convinced that the verdict returned by the jury he empaneled there is correct, that is that it was a case of attempted murder and suicide.

There were all sorts of rumors afloat and when he reached there the day before yesterday, the people there generally had a suspicion that there was something involved besides what had first been given out. McDuffee's body had not been moved from where he fell and persons who first saw him were responsible for the report that he was not powder burned. Mr. Wilson found that he was badly powder burned, some of the hair from the temple being burned, indicating that the muzzle of the 44-calibre had been held close to his head. The bullet passed clear through his head.

Only two bullets had been fired, the first one passing through Mrs. McDuffee's body and falling on the floor of the pantry. Mrs. McDuffee was getting along fairly well when Mr. Wilson left.

The witnesses did not go deep into the causes of the family trouble that led up to the shooting. On the morning of the fatal affair, McDuffee walked up and down in the street in front of W. F. Spencer's restaurant. General Holman happened to be in the restaurant and McDuffee remained outside. For some unknown reason, McDuffee had been suspicious of Spencer, it was claimed.

The witnesses before the coroner's jury were Dr. Huston, John Davis, C. Baumgartner, Allen Boyd, Mrs. M. L. Wilkinson, G. W. Gatenby, W. F. Spencer and S. S. Shields, and a statement from Mrs. McDuffee was also read.

Allan Boyd is the 20-year-old stepson of McDuffee. He saw McDuffee shoot himself.

The coroner's jury was composed of Gus Barr, Henry Pulson, Ray McNair, Burr Dyer, L. A. Reeves and R. Walker.

GARDEN HOSE at MILNERS'.

THINK ALLENS SURROUNDED

Capture of Virginia Courthouse Assassins Expected Very Soon.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

HILLSVILLE, Va., March 30.—Sidna Allen, leader of the Allen clan, and Wesley Edwards, his nephew, the fugitive courthouse assassins, are believed to be surrounded on Sugar Loaf Mountain. Every line of escape is said to be guarded and a battle may take place before night.

POLITICS IN A BAD MUDDLE

Roosevelt Campaign Manager Announces Many Contests Are Planned.

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, March 30.—The seats of 112 of the delegates to the republican national convention so far chosen will be contested according to Senator Dixon today at the Roosevelt headquarters here. Though the Taft managers claimed that 254 delegates are instructed for him, Dixon credits him with only 36 and gives 62 to Roosevelt and lists 94 as uninstructed. The contests include the election of ten delegates in Indiana where the Roosevelt managers will attack the validity of the state convention because a contested county delegation was allowed vote on its own eligibility. Twenty delegates were selected last week. Mississippi is claimed outright by both the Taft and Roosevelt managers. They are not included in the list of contested delegates in the Roosevelt statement, Roosevelt managers maintaining they carried the regular convention and have the regular delegates to Chicago.

OHIO FOR TAFT

Republican State Central Committee

Sustains President.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

COLUMBUS, Ohio, March 30.—The Taft administration was endorsed and Taft was endorsed as a candidate by the republican state central committee here today.

DENIAL FROM KAISER

Emperor Did Not Urge Fortification of Panama Canal.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

BERLIN, March 30.—The North German Gazette today denies a report that Emperor William had in a recent conversation urged a strong fortification of the Panama canal.

PLAN HARD CAMPAIGN

Madero Arranging to Quell Revolution in Mexico.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 30.—The Madero government is preparing a formidable campaign against the rebels in Mexico, according to telegram received here today from Madero's private secretary.

Ties for Road—The first shipment of ties for the Terminal Railway arrived today, about 600 being brought up on a scow from South Slough. It is expected that the first shipment of rails will be received on the Redondo today.

Seeks Relatives—Marshal Carter has received a letter from C. R. Wilson of 220 Golden Gate avenue, San Francisco, asking him to locate the family of a man named "Whitted" who was killed in an accident in Curry county in 1903 or 1904. He does not say why he is trying to locate the family.

ANGLER'S LICENSE at Milners'.

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See our ad on page 3—Red Cross Drug Store.