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MILLER CONVICTED OF MYRTLE POINT BANK ROBBERY TODAY

Former Cook Found Guilty of Blowing Safe for \$10,500 Last November

JURY OUT SEVERAL HOURS DELIBERATING

Big Victory for District Attorney Liljeqvist—Henryville Case Begins

(Special to The Times.)

COQUILLE, Or., June 25.—The jury in the case of Larry Miller, charged with robbing the Bank of Myrtle Point last November, this afternoon brought in a verdict of guilty.

The case was submitted to the jury soon after 9 o'clock this morning and the verdict was returned about 2 o'clock.

Immediately after the verdict was announced, C. I. Reigard, attorney for Miller, made a motion for a new trial. This was taken under consideration by the court.

Miller's conviction was an circumstantial evidence, the many stories he told to different ones and practically confessions of guilt were accepted by the jury as bona fide, although he denied them on the witness stand.

The conviction is a decided victory for District Attorney Liljeqvist, who insisted on holding Miller and trying him for the crime after others had declared that Miller was simply a fakir. Mr. Liljeqvist worked hard in getting the evidence against Miller.

Immediately after the conclusion of the Miller case, the trial of Dan Brovine and J. Dempsey for rioting at Henryville was started. Eleven jurors had been obtained at 3 o'clock. Jas. Ferrari was also indicted, but as he is under sentence for killing John Kelly during the melee, he will not be tried on this score. He will be retained here as a witness.

More Criminal Cases It was reported here today that there might be some sensational developments in the Myrtle Point case now that Miller has been convicted. Sheriff Gage went to Coos Bay and Deputy Sheriff Clyde Gage went to Myrtle Point.

Just what is doing could not be learned.

TALKED TOO MUCH Sheriff Gage came over today noon from Coquille. He was not surprised to hear of Miller's conviction. He said that Miller had simply talked himself into the penalty.

Sheriff Gage understood that the \$2500 reward which the Bank of Myrtle Point offered for the arrest and conviction of the robber was withdrawn some time ago. Detective Mitchell has been paid by the bank.

Vaughan, although telling of Miller's admissions to him, rather spoiled the effect of his evidence by foolish remarks on the stand. Ferrari, who had some good evidence, got irritated about something and did not come through on the witness stand.

Big Dry Goods House Failed H. B. Claffin & Company, of New York, Had Liabilities of \$35,000,000

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

NEW YORK, June 25.—The great dry goods house of H. B. Claffin & Company failed with liabilities of \$35,000,000 and assets estimated at \$40,000,000. The company controls or is affiliated with thirty retail stores throughout the United States and it was the endorsement of their paper, held by more than 3000 banks, that caused the crash. A reorganization is contemplated that will be acceptable to the creditors and stockholders.

Announcement was made this morning that the so-called Claffin stores, strictly speaking, would be closed, pending adjustment of the company's affairs.

President John Claffin announced that the failure was due to the unprecedented shifting of trade centers in New York, the uptown movement of business seriously curtailing the company's profits.

Among the stores affiliated with the Claffin Company are the White House at Spokane, the Peoples at Tacoma and the McDougall & Southwick at Seattle.

Libby COAL. The kind YOU have ALWAYS USED. Phone 72. Pacific Livery and Transfer Company.

WANT TO GET LEVINE FUNDS

Creditors of Former Coos Bay Merchant Start Bankruptcy Action

Creditors of S. T. Levine, who ran the L. X. L. clothing store in North Bend last year and moved it to this city in January and soon afterwards made an assignment, have instituted involuntary bankruptcy proceedings against him.

Levine unceremoniously left after conducting a big sale and the disposal of the stock and fixtures failed to anywhere near pay the creditors. Levine's present whereabouts are unknown. He went from here to San Francisco.

Levine was formerly in the clothing business in Montana and has a brother in business at Miles City. He is said to have property in some of the Montana towns and the bankruptcy proceedings will enable the creditors to get to it.

BAR CONFETTI; STOP DISEASE

County Health Officer Culin Will Rigidly Enforce Law Against Its Use

Dr. Walter Culin, of Coquille, Coos County Health Officer, has taken steps to suppress the sale and throwing of confetti, sale and use of duster ticklers, etc., during the Fourth of July celebration.

He states that owing to the prevalence of contagious and infectious diseases in many parts of the county make it imperative that rigid steps be taken lest regular epidemics follow the celebrations.

In a letter to Dr. Straw, City Health Officer in Marshfield, Dr. Culin says that the use of confetti, the duster ticklers, etc., are the best possible means of spreading any contagious or infectious diseases that people who are mingling with the crowds may be afflicted with.

Coquille to Stop It. Dr. Culin says that he has already received assurances from Mayor Morrison of Coquille, that the Coquille authorities will give him their hearty support in suppressing this menace to the public health.

Dr. Straw has already stated publicly that he will not permit the sale or use of confetti, the duster ticklers, etc., during the celebration here. Although the new city ordinance prohibiting these things do not go into effect until after the celebration, the state health laws give the health officer ample power to deal with the situation and the penalty under the state laws is much more severe both on the parties selling or using the stuff in violation of the Health Officer's orders than are the penalties fixed by city ordinance.

In addition to whooping cough, mumps and measles, which have been so prevalent in Marshfield and North Bend the past month, it is stated that there are a number of cases of smallpox in the outlying districts. It is on this account that the health officers are taking the precautionary steps.

ROOSEVELT IS NOW POLITICIAN

Says He Has Ended Career as Geographer—Calls Colombia Deal Blackmail

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

OYSTER BAY, L. I., June 25.—Colonel Roosevelt, who returned last night from Europe, permitted himself no rest today but immediately got to work on his correspondence and other matters which accumulated in his absence. "My career as a geographer ended last night," he declared. "For the next four months I suppose I shall be a politician."

Colonel Roosevelt's statement issued last night saying that the payment of twenty-five million dollars to Colombia was "blatant blackmail" was the main topic of discussion among party leaders today.

MOYER PLANS WAR ON I. W. W.

Says Peace Cannot Be Re-established Until They Are Driven Out of Butte

MOYER THREATENED.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) BUTTE, Mont., June 25.—The announcement of President Moyer of the Western Federation in Helena last night that he intended to return to Butte caused a sensation here today when the citizens read the interview. Men connected with the proposed vigilantes openly said that if Moyer should return without protection that his life would be in danger.

They declared that if Moyer appeared here or attempted to assert the jurisdiction of the Western Federation that certain men connected with the insurgents of the old union would again put up armed resistance. President McDonald said he intended to rid the new independent union of miners of Industrial Workers of the World. The vice president, secretary and treasurer of the new union are acknowledged to be members of the Industrial Workers.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) HELENA, Mont., June 25.—Governor Stewart was urged to assert state control in Butte by President Moyer of the Western Federation of Miners, who left Butte in an auto yesterday and made the 73-mile trip directly to the state capital. Governor Stewart refused to comment after a conference about the Butte riot. Moyer declared that peace will not be restored until the Industrial Workers element, which he said was in control, was eliminated.

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SOUTH DAKOTA STORM

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) CLEAR LAKE, S. D., June 25.—A man, a woman and a child were fatally hurt in Tuesday night's tornado. Damage amounting to \$40,000 was done.

If you own an auto you auto be in the auto parade at the celebration.

CHRISTOFFERSON BROKE RECORD

Flies Over Peak of Mount Whitney, Reaching Height of 16,000 Feet

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) INDEPENDENCE, Calif., June 25.—Silas Christofferson flew over the peak of Mount Whitney, attaining an altitude of 16,000 feet and establishing a new American record.

Was On Coos Bay. Silas Christofferson, who has won new laurels by his flight today, in well known on Coos Bay, having made a number of flights here two years ago under the auspices of the Coos Bay Times, giving the first exhibitions of aeroplane flying that were ever seen in this section.

BIG RACE TOMORROW.

Over 200 Oarsmen to Enter Poughkeepsie Regatta—Ready Today.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., June 25.—220 bronzed oarsmen, representing Washington, Cornell, Columbia, Pennsylvania, Syracuse and Wisconsin, rested today for tomorrow's annual intercollegiate regatta on the Hudson, the blue ribbon event of American college rowing. From every one of the training camps came word that the crews are fit.

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HUERTA'S END BRINGS PEACE

United States Agrees to Restore Friendly Relation Then Mediators' Plan

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) NIAGARA FALLS, June 25.—Definite assurances were given today by the Mexican mediators that a meeting is to be held in the near future between the representatives of Huerta and the Constitutionalists with a view of bringing about a final peace settlement. This action it is declared, will allow the completion of last night's protocol agreeing that diplomatic relations between the United States and Mexico shall be restored and all other international differences considered settled when a new provisional government succeeds the Huerta administration. When the two Mexican factions have adjusted their internal problems, the mediation board will formally reconvene and protocolize the result.

PROSPERITY SAYS WILSON

President Declares Country is on Verge of Most Prosperous Era

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) WASHINGTON, D. C., June 25.—"A new constitutional freedom for business," is the object of the administration's trust legislation program, President Wilson told a party of Virginia editors at the White House today. He predicted that the country is on the verge of a great business revival.

EX-SENATOR IS SHOT IN THIGH

W. H. Reynolds Painfully Injured by Accidental Discharge of Revolver

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) NEW YORK, June 25.—W. H. Reynolds, former State Senator, was shot and painfully wounded last Saturday by the accidental discharge of Mayor Mitchell's pistol, according to a statement issued today by the Mayor. Reynolds, Mrs. Mitchell and a friend of Mrs. Mitchell and the Mayor, had returned from the Mitchell farm, where the party had been target shooting. The Mayor, in alighting, dropped the pistol to the sidewalk. It was discharged and the bullet entered Reynolds' thigh, passing through and shattering the bone of a finger when it came out. The Mayor said Reynolds had not wished anything said about the accident, fearing it would worry his family, now abroad.

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General Villa's Army Captures Zacatecas After Long Siege of Town

GIVES THEM CONTROL OF OVER HALF COUNTRY

Now Plan Capture of San Luis Potosi and Guadalajara—Mediation Progress

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) EL PASO, Tex., June 25.—The taking of Zacatecas by Villa's troops Tuesday night places the entire Northern part of Mexico and much more than half of the republic's territory in the hands of the Constitutionalists. It marks another stage in the race of the three rival leaders to Mexico City. Villa from Zacatecas will probably move against Aguas Calientes almost directly to the South whence the remnants of the Zacatecas garrison retreated. General Gonzalez has been ordered to take San Luis Potosi and General Obregon is about to attack Guadalajara.

IN NEW POSITION.

Constitutionalists Can Now Demand Major Terms.

The Constitutionalist victory at Zacatecas has placed them in a position to demand major terms and would impel Carranza to withdraw whatever objection he might have to sending delegates to meet the Huerta mission. If the Mexican factions reach an agreement, it will bring the mediation proceedings to a successful conclusion. The American and Huertista delegates have again signed the conditions for the resumption of diplomatic relations between the two republics.

Carranza's plan to proceed at once from Saltillo to the American border at Nuevo Laredo is with the chief purpose of being in direct communication with his agents in the United States when they begin negotiations with the Huerta delegates. The Constitutionalists here believe the conference will begin the first of next week.

VILLA TAKES ZACATECAS.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) ZACATECAS, June 24 (Delayed in Transmission).—The fiercest fighting on both sides and an unusually heavy loss of life to both Federals and Constitutionalists ended last night in the capture of Zacatecas by Villa. It required four days of battle to take the Federal stronghold in Central Mexico. As usual, General Villa was in the van of the attacking party but seemed to bear a charmed life. Five members of his staff who accompanied him were wounded. Heaps of dead on the mountain sides and in the city bore mute testimony of the ferocity of the fighting.

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ENTRIES FOR CONTEST ARE BEING MADE AT THE GUNNERY FOR THE BIG EVENT

Plans for the motorcycle race to be pulled off on the Fourth of July have been practically completed. A large number of entries are expected. These entries are being made at The Gunnery and all motorcyclists are requested to make inquiry about it and help it along. Plans for the parade are also progressing and today the prizes for the best decorated floats were increased to \$50, \$30 and \$10.