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## TWO ARRESTS MADE HERE FOR COUNTERFEITING AND MORE LIKELY

### G. HARSHMAN, of Eastside and J. S. Stevens, of Parisian Dye Works in Jail

ED DIES FOR SMALL CURRENCY AND COIN

To Have Made Close Investigation of Genuine—Carter Helps Federal Officer

S. Stevens, of the Parisian Dye Works, and Z. G. Harshman, were arrested yesterday shortly after noon and brought to the city jail in handcuffs and placed behind the bars, on the charge of counterfeiting small currency.

In a raid on the men occupied in the side, Chief of Police Carter and J. A. Glover, secret service detective, found between 40 and 50 sheets, the latter declared to be almost perfect. A small amount of money was found on hand and was taken for distribution.

With the capture of the men, came out a story of how for some time the officers have been on the watch for these men, spying on them from their homes, following them from place to place, waiting always until they should have completed their operations.

At a week ago Chief Carter went to a boat house occupied at that time by the two men north of the New Line dock, and while they were away slipped out several bundles. These he sent to Portland to the office of Mr. Glover, in charge of the secret service bureau at Portland.

Mr. Glover at once concluded that these men would have experts with them, and he came down as soon as the word was sent him that all ready for the capture. He arrived Saturday night overland and the morning round-up was held.

### Has Loathsome Disease.

While on the cabin at the waterfront, Harshman, the expert mechanic, was arrested and taken in custody. He was a man of about 50 years of age, and sickly in appearance. Harshman was placed behind the bars. Stevens had gone to Tar Heel where the officers went in search of an automobile they started for there and when half way there met a stage coming to Marshfield. Chief Carter and Operative immediately stopped the car. Stevens, sitting in the front seat, was covered with two guns and he had a chance to move from the seat. Handcuffed, he too was brought back and placed in jail.

### REFINANCING IS CAUSE OF FLURRY

John D. Goss Tells of Talk With Samuel Bloss, of Creditors' Committee

C. A. SMITH HOME FOR WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

A telegram received here yesterday announced that C. A. Smith had reached his home in Berkeley from Chicago, where he has been spending several weeks. St. Valentine's day is the anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Smith's wedding and he made an especially fast trip in order to spend the day with her.

"OVERHEAD REFINANCING." The cause of the C. A. Smith flurry, according to John D. Goss, who returned yesterday from San Francisco, where he went on legal business. With the lumber market at a low ebb the company found that a reorganization was necessary, he said, and it was a circular letter sent to the bondholders and spread the scare.

Mr. Goss talked with Samuel M. Bloss, of Chicago, a member of the creditors' committee. He was told that despite the fact that the lumber company and mill on Coos Bay, the Interoceanic Transportation Company and the selling end of the company in San Francisco have been making money that Mr. Smith owns great tracts of timber through Oregon and California that are in no way tributary to the mills here and at the present time have been acting as so much dead weight as far as any profit or income from them was concerned.

The entire holdings of Mr. Smith were grouped all in one bond issue, according to Mr. Bloss at the present time but the market at the present time will not admit the carrying of these extra tracts on which there is no present profit. To make the change in the bond terms it was necessary that the holders of these bonds select a committee of three from among their number, these men to handle the new arrangement.

As soon as possible some of the idle lands not tributary to Coos Bay will be sold, states Mr. Goss. Such a move had practically been made several months ago, \$8,000,000 being the contracted price, when the European war broke out and the project was crushed.

When the market went falling down the company found that they could not carry the interest on the non-producing tracts and immediately began securing some means for changing the first bond issue covering all of the Smith holdings, to change the terms and leave the mon-

## GREEN FOUND DIES FOR BAD MONEY

### Marshfield Man Discovered Evidence That Led to Two Arrests Here Yesterday

A likely clash over the reward offered by the government for the apprehension of counterfeiters came into evidence today when F. O. Green made claim that he was the one responsible for the apprehension of Z. C. Harshman and his alleged gang. It is said that there is a reward of about \$500 for the detection of counterfeiters and their outfit.

Mr. Green said, "A little over a week ago I discovered the plaster of Paris casts that had been made for dies for making spurious coin. It happened that Z. G. Harshman temporarily occupied one of my cottages on the waterfront, taking it about January 15. He left a week ago Saturday night. Just as soon as I found the evidence of counterfeiting I called up Marshal Carter and turned it all over to him. That was a week ago Saturday. Then he sent for the federal officers and one of them arrived Saturday night."

Mr. Green was rather reticent about the part that he played in the affair until it accidentally came to light. It is understood that he suspects that others were interested in the case.

J. S. Stevens, one of the men implicated, was formerly employed at Smith-Powers Camp 1 on South Coos River. He became identified with the Parisian last fall, later buying out the interest of his partner, Ray Goldworthy, who left for California soon after his marriage. Whether Goldworthy will be brought back to explain whether he had any knowledge of the alleged operations is unknown.

## TO MAKE CHANGES IN CONSTITUTION

### Plan to Reduce Two-third and Three-fourths' Majorities—Bryan's Bill

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 15.—A resolution to amend the federal constitution by providing that a majority instead of two-thirds of both houses of Congress may propose a constitutional amendment, and make its ratification by two-thirds instead of three-fourths of the states sufficient, was introduced today by Representative Bryan of Washington.

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### QUIT PORT ORFORD

Dr. Elgin, of Port Orford, who has been sitting for some time, departed on the stage Monday for Bandon, where he will take the boat for Portland.—Langlois Leader.

## ITALY AND ROME THREATENED BY WORST FLOODS IN CENTURIES

RIVER TIBER 57 FEET ABOVE Normal Today and Floods Vatican Districts

HISTORIC STRUCTURES MAY BE SWEEPED AWAY

Explosion of Lime Quarries Ruin Buildings—Populace Flee to Hills.

ST. PETERS' FLOODED.

LONDON, Feb. 15.—Italy, having just passed through a period of grave anxiety as the result of destructive earthquakes, is now facing new peril in the form of floods. Everywhere the streams are out of their banks, due to heavy rainstorms. In the low lying quarters people have been driven from their homes or are prisoners in the upper stories. Troops are aiding in the rescue work and are providing food to the sufferers cut off from supplies.

Information from upper Tiber indicate a further rise of a few inches, after which, unless there should come more rain, the waters will go down.

The river Tiber is more than 52 feet out of its normal banks and is rising two inches per hour. The Vatican quarter of Rome are generally flooded. The Pope has ordered the parish priests to aid. Two hundred patients of the hospital Santo Spirito near the Vatican were removed to the upper floors. The authorities have closed the road from Rome to the sea in which there are several deposits of carbide and lime. Some of these through infiltration from the Tiber, have already exploded, wrecking nearby buildings. The Subalic bridge, supposed to have been defeated by Horatius and two companions, and built 630 B. C., is under water. Other famous bridges built before Christ, are threatened with destruction.

## ALLIES BELITTLE GAINS MADE BY GERMANY LAST TWO DAYS

Berlin Reports Rapid Advance Against Russians in East Prussia and Poland

## CANADA TO SEND MORE TROOPS

THIRTIETH OVERSEAS BATTALION Starts for Europe—Travel on Steamers

## MONTENEGRO WAS ATTACKED SUNDAY

Austrian Fleet Bombarbs Antivari and Air Raiders Endanger King's Home

## BRIDGE WORK TO BE RUSHED AT ONCE

F. B. Waite arrived here today via Florence from Sutherland to look after interests on the Bay and coast with Receiver Walters and Attorney Bryson of the Kinney properties regarding his interests in them. He will probably remain here a few days.

## ITALY IS SWEEPED BY FLOODS AGAIN

Hill-fated Nation, Although Escaping War, Suffers Severely From Elements

ROME, Feb. 15.—The lower parts of Rome are flooded today by the river Tiber, which reached a maximum height of 57 feet. Considerable damage has been done to homes in the rural districts and the poorer section of the city, many persons fleeing for their lives. There has been much loss of livestock, but no human casualties have been reported. The streets around the Vatican resemble the thoroughfares of Venice, boats being the only means of travel. The sun came out at noon, giving hope of the abatement of the flood.

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## COST OF WAR TWO BILLION POUNDS NOW

LONDON, Feb. 15.—In a statement explanatory of the arrangements made at the recent conference between the ministers of finance of France, Russia and himself in Paris, Lloyd George told the House of Commons today that the expenditures of the Allies in the war during the current year would be two billion pounds, of which Great Britain is spending more than her two allies.

## GREECE BREAKS WITH TURKEY NOW

ATHENS MINISTER at Constantinople Withdraws Owing to Insult to Attache

## PROBE LOBBYING CHARGE IN SENATE

INVESTIGATION of Influences for and Against Shipping Bill—Negotiations

## SIMPSON WEALTH FIVE MILLIONS

ESTATE Left by Capt. A. M. Simpson Much Greater Than First Estimates

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