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HAS. SKERRETT ACCUSED OF STARTING BUNKER HILL FIRE

rmer Auto Line Owner Arested Today on Charge of Arson—Money Found

NSATIONAL DEVELOP-MENT IN HOTEL FIRE

aim That Blaze That Cost even Lives Last Week Was of Incendiary Origin

before Justice Pennock this afternoon and entered a plea of not guilty to the charge of arson in connection with the Bunker Hill fire, Ball was placed at \$3,000 and an effort is being made by friends to secure the amount and release the man. Examination of the prisoner will be made Friday morning at nine o'clock before Justice Pennock. the state being represented by George W. Watkins as District Attorney Liljeqvist is not expected back in time from Roseburg, Paul Zielke associate of Skerrett has been suppensed as witness.

artling was the course taken in Bunker Hill fire investigation this morning shortly after 11 ck Charles Skerrett was arrested Sheriff Johnson on the charge of a. Surprised as he came from the of August Frizeen where he just put in a claim for \$500 in-Skerrett declared that he police station revealed \$570 in were held barbound, backs hidden under his socks. he arrest followed the final deof the coroner's jury yesteron the case, declared their bethat the fire was purposely set that circumstantial evidence was inst Charles Skerrett.

heriff Johnson immediatly set a sight, th on the man, and with the fid Thr is deputies W. C. Laird and A. P. the trace was not lost of

has been a suppressed feeling perienced boatmen. further developemements would and to many the arrest this

his morning Skerrett, who has the surf beaten shores. staying with Mr. and Mrs. Mrs. Frost McDonald on North

r. Frizeen, representing the Sun amounting to \$500. The stateshowed, according to Skerrett, se books, and \$654,70 in personal side, pulled him aboard. cts, the total loss being \$1,420 .-

that suit was about to be brought his home. nst him for \$300, the papers beready to serve when the arrest lso it is known that Skerrett

out his Bunker Hill stage line weeks ago, immediatly bethe fire that destroyed his garand two machines on January The money found on his person morning might have been the ent for his line, according to Zelkie, associate of Skerrett for some time a driver on the

d no money, that the fire had him penniless. Suspicion was aed when it became known he

after the fire der this morning.

was taken into Frizeen's where d the officer he had no money ify suspicions.

than a \$5 gold piece and a Finds Hidden Wallet

he found the wallet. "What's about a month ago to Mr. Duncan of he demanded and Skerrett Bunker Hill. "Oh that's something I don't

was straightforward and unfal- one becoming acquainted with him tion at Mercy hospital, on cross examination. He through the auto business during the had been an f. W. W. the last few years.

Several British Ships are

RESCUED AT SEA!

SWIMS-PICKED UP BY FISH- . ING BOAT.

Roy Knight, missing since Sunday morning and given up for dead, has returned. He was picked up late Sunday after nearly being swept out over the bar in his frail rowboat and after the craft had capsized, leaving him struggling in the icy water several hundred yards from the shore.

The story told by the boy is one of a miraculous escape. Searchers had given up the quest, had come back discouraged after peeking into every nook and cranny of the bay and declared the boy was drowned. Word from the life saving station was to the effect that no boat was seen going out near the bar and the supposition was advanced that the boat had turned over in the bay and the boy had perished.

The young boy is a novice at boat handling. He set out Sunday morning to row down to Empire for clams. A storm brewing at the time, broke soon after with suit brought against them by Marcelpractically penniless. Search at such fury that boats for two days lus H, Dodge. The answer alleges

Caught in mid channel og a strong ebb tide the boat was swept Long before he reachrearing and booming but appeals for help in the lower bay were in vain, there were no boats then in tion,

Through the smoking white seas of the entrance the boat was driven with the tide. How the craft kept the entire investigation uppermost is a wonder to even ex-

A heavy overcoat added to his ge W. Craig at the home of difficulty. Under he went and oack afternoon that Tse N eGat, the Plute Claim Submarine Destroyed British daughter and son-in-law Mr. he came fighting to the top, kick- Indian charged with murder, escaping and squirming in the face of he store of August Frizeen where the waves to take off the coat. The wore to his fire loss of last Wed- waves beat him constantly against the upturned boat.

rance Company, had insured the boat and struck out, swimming is and personal effects for Skerwith all his might toward the shore. It was here that the fishing boat . FLORIDA BANK ROBBED . he had lost in the fire \$705.25 Tramp, of Empire, crossing out, oks, \$60 more as supplements hailed the lad, and plowing along-

Bastendorf Beach, where he was • up the cashier and obtainered • Planned To Leave

taken in, given dry clothes and approximately \$4000. Posmade comfortable, and it is there as a sea are now in pursuit.

The loss of the Oakby was apparent that the motion to suspend the rules approximately \$4000. Posmade comfortable, and it is there are now in pursuit.

Lydd last night. This message re-had carried. lically assured as he told many he remained while the searchers his friends. It is further known scanned the bay discouraged. Capt. he had many outstanding debts John Swing cared for the lad at

allowed to go free today on his own

recognizance. The fact that Skerret had declared he was without money, together with the later disclosure that he has given more than \$100 away during the last few days and the knowledge that George W. Craig lost between \$300 and \$500 in the fire has served to

that Skerrett had money before the weral times during the coroner's bill and several more \$100 bills in the rumors started soon after the fire. Mr. Craig stated to Sheriff was one of the first definite circumoccured.

\$50 apiece to Mr. and Mrs. knew the accused very intimately cording to the evidence before the and that he knew he had money, an want you," said Sheriff John-as he tapped Skerrett on the saw at least a week previous to the amount of more than \$500 which he

for the last six years, during which street, time he has worked at the Smith Bunker station Sheriff Johnson Mill and two years ago started his

Was Well Liked. Skerrett was well-liked by Bun-estimony of Jos Brooker yester- ker Hill people, practically every-

PLUCKY LAD, SWEPT SEAWARD LEAVES CAPSIZED BOAT AND

Rowing is of little use in such a was not surprised. Evi- predicament and the 15-year-old be against Skerrett is circumstan- lad, plucky all the way, watched he will be given a hearing at and waited. Two great seas caught o'clock on Friday morning and his boat, tossed it like an egg sheil be able to show that he had no onto its beam ends and collapsed th seven persons lost their lives. dropping the boy into the boiling waves several hundred yards from

With the coat loose the lad left

place suspicion at Skerrett's door.

boarding house, also declares he and was one of the last to retire, ac- system in general worked catastrophe of last week.

hed him. Hidden beneath his automobile line which was sold out rounding buildings.

Skerrett is unmarried and probing their disgusted five years
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spirits followed him and that
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Respectfully, ad heard women talking to him Craig have objected strenuously to of "dope" would probably be investnidnight last Wednesday. He was his attentions to their daughter be- igated.

Sunk by Mines and Torpedoes BARTON CASE WILL GO TO JURY SOON

[By Amociated Press to Coos Bay Times.]

ROSEBURG, Or., Feb. 24. -The final arguments in the case of J. S. Barton, accused of assaulting Madge Yoakum are being made this afternoon and the case will probably go to the jury tonight. The taking of evidence was completed at

ENGLAND IS SUPPLIED U.S. **CARTRIDGES**

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.-Allegaare being shipped weekly to the British government of the output "An unsuccessful search has been made," says the announcement, made," says the announcement, alic Cartridge Company and the Winchester Repeating Arms Company, were made in an answer filed today in the Supreme Court by Flint & Company, export merchants, to a the British government's order is

long as the supply may be required." Dodge, who is described as "doing business under the name of the given. afternoon, this body, after a ed there he could hear the surf Remington Arms Union Metalic Co., brought suit against the Flint firm is due him for arms and ammuni-

Band of Utah Piutes Make Getaway From Posse-Pursuit is Renewed

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.] WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 24 .-United States Marshal Nebeker tel-egraphed the Attorney General this ed from the entrenchment west of Bluff, Utah, after displaying a flag of truce and offering to surrender, The Marshal asked for 20 Navajo steamer police scouts from the Shiprock a Gern Agency to aid in the pursuit of the terday. fugitive and his companions.

[By Associated Press to Coss Say Timer.]

The boy was put ashore at the | bank of Stuart today, held .

coming serious. It was reported after the fire that Skerrett was a relative of Mrs. Craig, but this is

Zielkie Subpoenaed served a subpoena on Paul Zielkie. This afternoon Sheriff Johnson a close friend of Skerrett, so that . GERMAN BREAD CARDS he is certain to be here pending . other developments in the case.

Fire Near Room. According to the best evidence ace suspicion at Skerrett's door.

Later developments tend to show able to obtain, the fire broke out

first days trial of bread very close to Skerrett's room. This incendiary origin.

Skerrett was up late that night Coroner's jury.

Discovered Other Fire. Mr. Skerrett was one of the first men on the ground a few weeks Search of Skerrett's room this ago when his former Bunker Hill . we up a jack knife and where afternoon disclosed nothing to ver- Garage was destroyed. At that time it was stated that the gasoline ex-Skerrett has been on Coos Bay plosion had blown him across the This was not far from the President Wilson Says He Will Stand Bunker Hill boarding house and that fire endangered many sur-

> SKERRETT'S HABITS So far as can be learned today, Skerrett does not use tobacco or Last fall he underwent an opera-

Investigate "Dope" the last few years.

Skerrett is unmarried and prob. rumors in circulation in connection them. Will H. Parry, of Seattle, probably be the first time that a had no part in furnishing information in connection them. Will H. Parry, of Seattle, probably be the first time that a had no part in furnishing information in connection them.

Think 280 Men Went Down on Clan MacNaughton **During Recent Storm**

OAKBY AND ANOTHER SUNK BY SUBMARINE

Berlin Claims English Transport Was Also Sunk-More Naval Disasters

ANOTHER ENGLISH VESSEL SUNK

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.] EAST BOURNE, England, Feb. 24.—The steamer Royperana was sunk off this port late today and it is believed she was torpedoed. Her crew of 31 were saved.

LONDON, Feb. 24.-The official information bureau announced this afternoon that the Clan MacNaughton, an armored merchant cruiser, The vessel was last tions that 3,500,000 rifle cartridges heard of February 3, and it is feared

> "and wreckage supposed to be portion of this ship have since been discovered.'

The last signal received from the Clan MacNaughton was made early in the morning of February 3, and it is feared that she was lost during the bad weather at that time. Two an indefinite one to "continue as hundred and eighty men lost their lives when the vessel went down, The location of the disaster is no

> [By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.] BERLIN, Feb. 24.-Am official announcement was made last night that British transport No. 192 was sunk by a German submarine off Beachy Head yesterday afternoon.

a government collier, were landed explosions were not heard by the there and announced the sinking of their vessel, either by a mine or torpedo off Beachy Head. This probably is the vessel the Berlin announcement refers to.

TWO VESSELS SUNK.

Ships Near Folkestone.

[By Associated Press to Coos Say Times.] LONDON, Feb. 24 .- The British steamer Oakby was torpedoed by a German submarine off Rya yes-Her crew was rescued by a fishing smack, and landed at Ramsgate today.

The Oakby was bound from Lon-Gratia rescued the crew. The periscope of a submarine was seen be--Three men entered the . was made to tow the Oakby to port but she sank this morning off Folkestone.

The loss of the Oakby was appar-* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * ferred to the torpedoing of two sels off Hastings. One sank but the erew was saved and landed at Rams-The other was in a sinking condition and a mine sweeper was reported as endeavoring to tow her

CAUSE SOME CLASH

eards, which every German is required to have in order to receive his bread supply. caused some misunderstanding and friction, but the well. At restaurants many guests forgot to bring their . Independent Refiners of Cal- Carib struck a mine in the Bight cards, and were therefore

********** FIGHT ON APPOINTEES

not allowed bread.

By His Trade Commission

gressive Republican.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24 .-Spain authorized the purchase in America of twelve . army aeroplanes and equipment to the value of over \$2,000,000, according to Henry S. Moos, a Spanish · engineer who arrived today. ·

SAY AUSTRIA LOST 48000 IN CAMPAIGN

PETROGRAD, Feb. 24 .- The official report today says that between January 21 and February 20, the Russian army in the Carpathsays the announcement, ians captured 691 officers, 47,640 men, 17 cannon and 118 mitral-

BLOW SAFES AT

Postoffice and Hardware Store in Washington Town Robbed Early Today

CHENEY, Wash., Feb. 24.—Safes A dispatch last night from New in the Postoffice and Hubbard Hard-Haven, England, stated that eigh-robbers early today. About \$700 teen members of the crew of the was taken from the Postoffice and Cardiff steamer Brankhome Chine, \$70 from the hardware store. The

IS PASSED AGAIN

Senate Takes Action to Correct Error in Prohibition Measure

[By Associated Press to Coca Bay Times.]

wide prohibition bill passed by the sentatives would supervise the dis-by a jury in the Federal District Senate yesterday under suspension tribution of foodstuffs to the Ger-Court. Sentence will be passed don to Cardiff. The fishing smack of the rules, was sent back to a man civilian population, second reading today by unanimous consent of the Senate, in order to STUART, Fig., Feb. 24. • fore the explosion. An attempt correct an error in parliamentary procedure. Lieutenant Governor Taylor asked that this action be taken because of an error in ruling that the motion to suspend the rules

ENGLISH AVIATORS

ARE NOW MISSING (By Associated Press to Cook Bay Times.)

LONDON, Feb. 24.—Three aviators who participated in the raid against the German positions in Belgium are missing. This statement was issued tonight by the official information bureau,

TO EIGHT CENTS

ifornia to Ask Investigation of Standard Oil Company

PAKERSFIELD, Cal., Feb. 24 .-It is announced that the small inof the Senate fighting on the nom- per gallon, the lowest in years. It man instructions. inations for a new Federal trade is claimed that the smaller operacommission today by the announce- tors will be forced out of business. ment that he intended to stand by If the case is carried out, it will

OVER 400 SLAIN IN MUTINY OF HINDU TROOPS AT SINGAPORE

Government Declares Army Will Not Seize American Food for Civilians

[By Associated Press to Coss Bay rumos.] LONDON, Feb. 24. - W. Brooking, a member of the firm from Berlin, having in his posses sion a declaration from the German ettested by Ambassador Gerard, which pledged the German government not to assume control of the eargo of the Wilbelmina, nor of any other vessel arriving from Amer-ica. This declaration says such cargoes may be sold on the open market and will not be used by the

ABOUT OVERTURES

Believe United States Offered Hans, killing the men but sparing to Have Consuls Supervise Food Distribution

AUSTRIA FOODSTUFF

government has taken over all stocks of rye, barley, maize and flour products. Distribution of bread by the government will be undertaken in various districts.

(By Anneliated Press to Coos Bay Times. I

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 .- Administration officials today continued silent regarding the informal proposals that the United States made to Great Britain and Germany for an understanding on the questions of foodstuffs for civilian population of belligerent nations, and submarine warfare against mercantile shipping. It is generally believed that the suggestion was made that the on trial here since February 16 on

Mutineers Reported to Have Slain All Officers Except Colonel There

SECURED AGAIN REVOLT OCCURRED WHILE TO EGYPT EN ROUTE TO EGYPT

> French and Jap Marines Aided in Subduing Outbreak in British Port

MANILA, P. I., Feb. 24.-Four hundred members of the mutinous of W. L. Green & Co., of St. Louis, Indian regiment, which revolted at owners of the American ship Wil-owners of the American ship Wil-helmina, reached London today killed, as well as seven German pris-Singapore February 15, have been oners from the detention camp who Foreign Office signed by Gottlieb joined the natives when offered Von Jagow, Foreign Minister, and their freedom, according to reports their freedom, according to reports of the uprising brought here by pas-

sengers from Singapore. The mutineers are said to have killed all their officers save their Colonel, and then attacked civilians, several of whom were killed, inarmy or navy. The case of the cluding one woman. Other reports Wilhelmina is soon to come before received here were to the effect that there are rumors of unrest among the natives of Rangoon, Colombo and different parts of Java.

Revolt Was Sudden. The revolt came without warning. Half of the Fifth Light Infantry of Bengalese, on the way to Egypt, numbering 500, suddenly attacked and subdued the other half.

the women and children who sought refuge in transports in the harbor. The mutineers offered freedom to all Germans in the detention camp. Only seven acepted. Half of the regiment which remained loyal, soon organized with the civilians. In a running fight fourfifths of the mutineers were reported killed and it is believed that only about 100 remain at large. The loyal troops were reinforced the following day by sailors from French British and Japanese warships,

PLUMBER' TRUST MEMBERS GUILTY

Thirty-six Convicted in Federal Court at Des Moines,

lowa, Today

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.] DES MOINES, Feb. 24 .- Thirtysix master plumbers, who have been American Consular service repre- charges of violating the Sherman wide prohibition bill passed by the sentatives would supervise the dis- anti-trust law, were convicted today

Russians Renew Offensive

and Berlin Says Invasion of

Russia is Prevented

"FURTHER OBSTACLES" IS

REASON GIVEN BY BERLIN

Petrograd Claims Some Ad

vantages—Sharp Fighting

in Carpathians and West

LONDON, Feb. 24 .- Along the

East Prussian border in North Po-

Three German attacks on Przan-ysz, where the conflict was sharp-

est, were repulsed, says Petrograd,

but Berlin reports 1200 prisoners

A correspondent of a Paris news-

paper estimated that the Germans

ed hands several times.

TERRIFIC BATTLES IN PROGRESS ALONG EAST PRUSSIAN BORDER

CREW OF CARIB WERE ALL SAVED

American Steamer Sunk by Mine in Bight of Heligoland -Reports Today

BERLIN, Feb. 24 .-- A dispatch from the American Vice-Consul at land, some of the flercest engage-Bremerhaven declares that all the ments of the campaign in the East members of the crew of the Ameriare taking place, according to word can steamer Carib, sunk yesterday, from Petrograd, which reports that have been saved. It is said that the in these battles villages have chang-

ON WRONG ROUTE.

captured there, (By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) Berlin reports 'ifurther obstacles have arisen" to prevent an invasion WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 24 .dependent oil refiners will ask the Official notice of the sinking of of Russia. California authorities to make a the American steamer Carib was re-WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 23.— pany is making. The price has

To who it may concern: I have claim the capture of over 48,000

fighting still continues at the other. In the Carpathians, a series of detached battles continue with no

were driven back at one, but

In the West, heavy fighting is reported in Champagne and Vosges, Ferlin states that several violent attacks by the French were re-

J. O. PARKER. pulsed.

of Heligoland.

rigid investigation of the gasoline ceived by the State Department to-President Wilson met the rumblings dropped to eight and one-half cents outside the route prescribed by Ger-