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NEFF'S BODY IS FOUND IN LAKE

Remains of Alleged Curry County Slayer Found Three Miles From Langlois

RIFLE IS BESIDE IT

Presumed to Have Committed Suicide Soon After Shooting of A. J. Wittman

AWAIT CORONER'S ARRIVAL

Paul Matheny, Who Has Been Searching for Him, Discovered It in Lake Floras—Ugly Stories Are Afloat About Crime

(Special to The Times.) LANGLOIS, Ore., Aug. 23.—The body of R. H. Neff, alleged slayer of A. J. Wittman, was found in Floras Lake about three miles from Langlois at 10 o'clock this morning by Paul Matheny. His rifle was lying beside the body and it is believed that he waded out into the lake and shot himself.

Matheny is the man who started out to find Neff after Sheriff Bailey and the posse had returned, saying that the search was useless and the best way would be for the officers to wait until Neff came out of the woods for food. Matheny announced that he would get Neff or that Neff would have to be the better man.

Neff's body was not disturbed in the water when found, word being sent to the coroner immediately. It is likely that a justice of the peace will handle for the coroner, who is at Gold Beach, far distant from the scene.

On account of the body not being taken up, it could not be definitely determined whether Neff's death was due to a bullet or drowning, but the presumption is that a shot killed him.

The body was said to be about five miles from the boat in which Neff is said to have crossed the lake.

Ugly Stories Afloat. There have been many ugly stories about the shooting and some intimations that perhaps others than Neff might be involved. None of these are definite enough to warrant an open investigation. Others point out that the shooting is the deed of an insane man and declare that the note found in Neff's cabin substantiates this theory.

So far as known, Neff has no relatives.

WIFE TAKES LYSOL

MRS. ALICE WILSON ATTEMPTS SUICIDE IN LODGING HOUSE

In Precarious Condition—Is Wife of Former Marshfield Bar Tender and Barnacle Crew

Mrs. Alice Wilson took poison in the Leslie Rooming House of North Bend at two o'clock this morning and is in a precarious condition at the Mercy Hospital this afternoon. She is the wife of Sid Wilson, former bartender at the Chandler and a member of the Barnacle crew.

The woman is about 30 years of age. It is said she had become despondent. Dr. Keizer was immediately summoned by those in the house who heard her means. He found an empty bottle of lysol at her side and at once set to work with a stomach pump.

This morning she recovered consciousness at the Mercy Hospital and was able to talk a little. Lysol is a corrosive and burns when coming in contact with the flesh. It is believed the woman will recover.

GERMAN CLUB HAS PICTNIC AND RIFLE SHOOT

About One Hundred Enjoy Outing at Piper's Grove Sunday—E. Kroninga Has High Score

The Coos Bay German club members and their families enjoyed a picnic at Piper's Grove on North Bend yesterday. About one hundred were in attendance and had a most delightful day. Various music diversions were indulged in. The big event of the day was the rifle contest in which E. Kroninga had high score and R. Peters, Jr., was second. Kroninga made 19 out of a possible 20 and Peters 17 out of 20. The rifle contest is held in German in "Schuetzen" and is supposed to be held there three or more Germans are allowed to take part. Races and other diversions were followed by a big picnic.

SEATTLE CUSTOMS MAN

WASHINGTON, D. C. President Wilson today appointed Roscoe Bruenher of Walla Walla collector of customs at Seattle.

HOLT WILL ESCAPE

GOV. JOHNSON REFUSES TO HONOR REQUISITION

Likely That Man Who Jumped Board Bill Will Be Prosecuted by the Federal Officials

(Special to The Times.) COQUILLE, Ore., Aug. 23.—S. D. Holt, alias H. O. Henderson, who is charged with jumping a board bill at the Traveler's Rest here, and also with hypnotism and white slavery, will not be brought back from California to face trial here, Governor Johnson, of California, refuses to honor the requisition of Acting Governor Olcott, of Oregon, and Deputy Sheriff W. C. Laird will have to return without a prisoner according to a message received by Sheriff Johnson. Holt and a woman appeared here as stage artists, but were very poor ones and about all they did was to accumulate the board bill at Mrs. Wilkinson's boarding house, which she alleges they failed to pay.

It is likely that the white slavery charges will be taken up by the Federal authorities in San Francisco. To Get New Jailor

It is announced that Sheriff Johnson has notified County Jailor Landrith that his services will not be required after September 1. Who will succeed Landrith is not stated. Landrith is a son-in-law of ex-Sheriff Gage. His wife has been boarding the prisoners, the two having been placed in office by W. W. Gage a long time ago. The commission of jobs, Mrs. Landrith acting as matron, he as jailor and the two feeding the county prisoners, made the place a fairly lucrative one.

Taxes Coming In The Sheriff's office expects a big rush of tax payments this week, the parties who failed to pay the first half of their taxes last spring, having to pay the whole tax before September 1 or suffer a penalty.

Sheriff Johnson is still stiff and sore from his auto accident, but is able to be up and around. He was at Bandon Saturday to make an arrest in an assault case growing out of a neighborhood row.

MARSHFIELD PARTY KILLS TWELVE DEER

(Special to The Times.) GOLD BEACH, Ore., Aug. 23.—Frank Denning, Walter Lawhorne, Pat Lundy and Ralph Matson, from Coos Bay, killed twelve deer near Wild Horse Prairie. Matson has started for home.

COQUILLE DEER HUNTER SHOOT HIS OWN FOOT

E. A. Bruenner Makes Frantic Rush After Buck, Slips Down Hill and Bullet Wounds Foot

(Special to The Times.) COQUILLE, Ore., Aug. 23.—E. A. Bruenner is nursing a damaged foot as the result of the deer hunt engaged in by Dr. Hamilton, Frank McKenna and Fred Schilt. Bruenner did not intend to do any hunting and took no gun along. But when the rest of the party got to firing the fever struck him and grabbing a 44 revolver belonging to Fred Schilt, he rushed out of camp and up the ridge. Not having caulked shoes on his going was rather slippery and in attempting to step up on a large log he fell and the gun was discharged. The ball struck between the small toe and the one next to it on the right foot, splintering a bone in each toe.

ROGUE RIVER CASES

COURT CONVENE AT GOLD BEACH BY JUDGE CALKINS

Expect Sensational Indictments Will be Returned by the Grand Jury—Fishing Trials

(Special to The Times.) GOLD BEACH, Ore., Aug. 23.—Circuit Court opened here today with Judge Calkins presiding and the grand jury was organized at once. Two men are awaiting in jail its action. They are Roberts, who beat a man with a hammer and another accused of having deer meat. Some sensational indictments are expected.

Probably one of the first cases will be the injunction of the Wedburn Trading Company against eighty men for alleged trespass. The first to be decided will be contempt charges for violations and the question of whether the injunction will be made permanent. The company is not objecting to the opposition fishing, but allege malicious interference with their seines by gill-netters. They ask to be allowed to continue the use of the seines for which they hold a state license and for protection against interference.

Land Grant Conference—Senator I. S. Smith has received a letter from Governor Withycombe saying he has called a conference of leading Oregonians to be held at Salem September 16 to discuss what shall be done with the Oregon land grants which are to revert to the government. He urges Senator Smith to

ST. LOUIS HAS THIRD FLOOD

Twelve Drowned, 2000 Families Homeless and Property Damage in the Millions

AFFECTS BIG AREA

Southeastern Missouri and Western Illinois Experience Distressing Conditions

ITALY AFTER TURKS

French Torpedo Boat Sinks German Torpedo Boat in Engagement off Ostend—English Submarine Sinks Turkish Vessels

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) ST. LOUIS, Aug. 23.—The Meramec River, which rose swiftly yesterday, flooding Valley Park, fell rapidly today, making possible a careful inquiry to determine the damage. Reports of the drownings remain unconfirmed.

One hundred were missing this morning. Equally distressing conditions prevail throughout Southeastern Missouri and parts of western Illinois. While the loss of lives in southeast Missouri and western Illinois is less than here, the damage to property and crops is far greater.

Rails and wire facilities are demoralized and the physical damage may aggregate \$5,000,000 and tens of thousands of farmers and villagers are homeless. Flood waters in the swollen Ozark Mountain streams, which empty into Meramec river came rushing down the Meramec in layers a foot high, tearing farms houses, club houses, bridges and barbers from their moorings and hurling them against each other in the mad rush for the Mississippi.

Hundreds of rescuers in boats were on the scene at day break. They toiled all day and last night, rescuing 600.

This morning men and women in tree tops and on roofs were still crying for help.

Almost the entire population of Valley Park were driven from their homes.

NEWPORT IS FLOODED

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Aug. 23.—The White river is coming over the Rock Island levee at Newport and the town will be flooded. A number of persons are reported drowned.

Money is Lost—Manager Hampton, of the Central Hotel, asked the advice this afternoon of Justice Pennock regarding the loss of \$1.25 from his till. He said he suspected someone but could not be certain. The money was taken from the hotel office.

VESSEL MOVEMENTS

Arrived Yellowstone, San Francisco, 3 p. m. Sunday. Kibburn, San Francisco, Eureka, 12:30 Sunday. Santa Clara, Portland, 10 a. m. Atlas, Gardiner, this morning. Speedwell, San Francisco, at Bandon today.

Sailed Santa Clara, San Francisco, Eureka, 1 p. m. Kibburn, Portland, 6 p. m. Sunday.

Due to Sail Roamer, Rogue River, tomorrow. Hardy, San Francisco, Wednesday. Sir Francis, Bandon and South, tomorrow.

Due Here Rustler, Rogue River, tomorrow.

Enjoy Outing—Yesterday the members of the Swedish Lutheran churches of Marshfield and North Bend enjoyed an outing on Isthmus Inlet. Rev. Bengtson accompanying them and conducting services there.

MHI Starts Today—Messrs Houck and Samuels had the Courtney mill on Isthmus Inlet running at full capacity today. They are prepared to run steadily now except a shut down which will be necessary when the Port Commission has Julius Larson start dredging the channel near the mill dock.

NAVAL BATTLE LOSSES HEAVY

Russians Announce Ten German War Vessels Were Put Out of Action in Battle

RIGA NAVAL BATTLE

Report English Submarine Sank One of Largest German Dreadnaughts Today

OTHER NAVAL ACTIVITIES

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JAPAN WILL GIVE RUSSIA MORE AID

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) TOKIO, Aug. 23.—The Kojumin Shimbun says: "Premier Okuma says that Japan has decided to give greater assistance to Russia to prosecute the war. The Premier would not give details but it is understood that the assistance would take the form of forwarding greater supplies of munitions."

It has been reported that Japanese troops and artillery might be sent into Russia to aid against the German invasion.

BULGARIAS PLACE

NEW TREATY BETWEEN BULGARIA AND TURKEY SIGNED

Turkey Grants Bulgaria Railroad and Bulgaria Will Remain Neutral—Italy Wars With Turkey

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) LONDON, Aug. 23.—The official Russian communication descriptive of the naval battle in the Gulf of Riga says: "In the Gulf of Riga, between August 16 and 19, the Russian fleet sank or damaged no fewer than two German cruisers and eight torpedo boats. At the same time a British submarine sank one of the best German dreadnaughts. The Russian gunboat Sivut'sa was sunk in a brilliant fight in the course of which she sank a German torpedo boat while she herself was in flames and sinking."

Petrograd previously had announced that the big German warship sunk by the English submarine was the battle cruiser Moltke. Her identity, however, seems not definitely established.

THREE ARE KILLED

Liner Drowned Makes Futile Effort to Escape Submarine

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) QUEENSTOWN, Ireland, Aug. 23.—The Lamb and Holt liner Diomed was sunk by a German submarine. The captain, quartermaster and steward were killed by shells fired during a pursuit of four hours.

An officer of the Diomed who landed here today with the other survivors, says two submarines were sighted. They were rigged with dummy funnels. One subjected the Diomed to heavy shell fire. The liner attempted to escape but surrendered after being pursued four hours. Two boats were lowered and 49 members of the crew got away, taking with them the body of the captain. Shortly afterwards one boat was swamped. Two Englishmen and five Chinese were drowned and the others were picked up. Diomed was a freighter of 4672 tons.

SINK GERMAN WAR CRAFT

Two French Torpedo Boats Defeat German off Ostend

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) PARIS, Aug. 23.—Two French torpedo boats encountered and sank a German torpedo boat off Ostend, Belgium, last night, says an announcement made here today. The French boats were undamaged.

ENGLISH GET BUSY

British Submarine Sinks Turkish and German in Sea of Marmora

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) SOFIA, Aug. 23.—The Turkish collier Espahan was torpedoed by a British submarine at Haidar Pasha and the German steamer Budos, loaded with munitions and provisions, was sunk in the Sea of Marmora.

HEAVY SEA LOSSES

It is announced that from Feb. 18 to July 31, when U. S. note protesting against Germany's submarine warfare was sent, Germany sank 218 vessels with the loss of 1632 lives. Since then she has sunk seventy vessels with the loss of fifty-two lives.

MORE CHANGES IN WAR LINEUP

Bulgaria Casts Lot With Turkey and Germany While Japan Will Assist Russia

ITALY IS AFTER TURKEY

Berlin Announces Capture of Ossowetz, Great Russian Fortress Near Warsaw

IMPEDING VON MACKENZEN

New Changes in Land Situation Announced Today—Expect German Advance Southwest of Warsaw—Other Developments

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) BERLIN, Aug. 23.—German troops occupied the fortress of Ossowetz, which was evacuated by the Russians, the army headquarters announced today.

This is one of the last impediments to Von Mackenzens advance south of Warsaw, being one of the pivots in the Russian line of defense.

ITALIANS AGAINST TURKS

Many Transports Leave, Presumably for Dardanelles

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) ROME, Aug. 23.—Several transports laden with troops and escorted by warships departed from Naples, Syracuse, Taranto and Brindisi for unknown destinations. It is generally believed that they are to be employed for operations against Turkey.

ITALY PRAISES U. S. ACTIONS

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) ROME, Aug. 23.—Appreciation is expressed in government circles here and by people of the weighty burden undertaken by the American embassy in Constantinople in the protection of Italian interests in Turkey.

BLOW TO ALLIES

Bulgaria held the crucial position so far as Turkey is concerned just now. Turkey being able to get supplies and war assistance from Germany and Austria through Bulgaria. Bulgaria was reported to have massed 150,000 men on the Turkish border Friday.

A later dispatch says Bulgaria agreed to observe "benevolent neutrality, if not more." This demonstrates the definite failure of the efforts of the entente powers to revive the allegiance of the Balkan states and induce them to join in the war against Turkey.

ITALY AFTER TURKEY

Formally Declares War on Sultan—Big Force Prepared

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) LONDON, Aug. 23.—Italy formally declared war on Turkey Saturday evening and the Italian Ambassador left Constantinople at once.

According to unofficial reports, Italy had five army corps prepared to sail for an unknown destination when the declaration of war was announced. It is generally believed that this force of 200,000 men is to aid the French and English forces at the Dardanelles.

The reason given in the note for Italy's declaration of war were the support given by Turkey to the revolt in Libya and the prevention of the departure of Italian residents from Syria.

Got No Deer

Geo. Ratnor and H. A. Wells have returned from a trip to the Rock Creek section, but they got no venison. Clem Wells made a big killing there last week and his stories of the large number of deer in that vicinity led Ratnor and Hank Wells to rush there, but they did not even see a deer.

CAUSE OF UNREST AWAIT GERMAN ARABIC REPORT

INVESTIGATION OF LABOR TROUBLES RESULTS IN CONFLICTS

Commissioners Appointed to Investigate Causes Unable to Agree—Submit Findings

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) CHICAGO, Aug. 23.—Summaries of the reports, three in number, of the United States Commission on Industrial Relations, as to findings and recommendations for the information of Congress, were made public here last night.

The commission, which ceases to exist today, was composed of three representatives each of the employers, the employed and the general public. It became apparent some time ago that they would be unable to agree on a single report, and it is said that none of the reports given out here can properly be called a "majority" report.

The personnel of the commission follows: Frank P. Walsh, Missouri, (chairman), John R. Commons, Wisconsin, and Mrs. J. Borden Harriman, representing the public; R. H. Ashton, Illinois; Harris Weinstock, California, and S. Thurston Ballard, Kentucky, representing the employers, and John B. Lennon, Illinois; James O'Connell, District of Columbia, and A. B. Garretson, Iowa, representing the employees of the employes, known as the "staff" report, drawn up by Basil M. Manly, Director of Research and Investigation for the commission, was signed by Commissioners Walsh, Lennon, O'Connell and Garretson. In connection with the main reports these commissioners issued three "Supplemental Opinions and Suggestions" as follows. One by Mr. Walsh, one by Mr. Garretson, and one by Mr. Lennon and Mr. O'Connell jointly.

The report of the public and the summary thereof, were written by Commissioner Commons. He and Mrs. Harriman signed it without reservation. Commissioners Ashton, Ballard and Weinstock approved it in large part and in part their dissent to portions of it, and to the Manly report are expressed in the so-called Weinstock report, signed by Weinstock, Ashton and Ballard.

The reports are identified as the Manly, or staff report; the Commons or report of the commissioners for the public, and the Weinstock report, which among other things express dissent from the findings of the other two reports.

The Manly summary finds "that the causes of industrial unrest group themselves almost without exception under four main sources which include all the others. They are:

"1. Unjust distribution of wealth and income.

"2. Unemployment and denial of opportunity to earn a living.

"3. Denial of justice in the creation, in the adjudication and in the administration of the law.

"4. Denial of the right and opportunity to form effective organizations." Remedies are suggested.

On the same subject the Commons report says: "The Manly report accepts the reports of these investigators as impartial and the Manly summary explains that 'where interests are affected statements of fact based entirely on the testimony of those witnesses whose interests might be regarded as adversely affected.'"

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The Weinstock summary says, concerning the work of the field agents: "We find that the alleged findings of fact and, in a general way, the comments made thereon in the report of the staff of this commission, under the direction of Mr. Basil M. Manly, which has been made a part of the records of this commission, without the endorsement, however, of the commission, so manifestly partisan and unfair that we cannot give them our endorsement."

In addition to the three main reports and the individual opinions and suggestions, the commission, according to an announcement by Mr. West, will make public on August 27, a report of the Colorado strike, and a few days later a report on the situation of the structural iron workers.

K. P. Parties Return.—Yesterday and Saturday night several auto parties returned from Crater Lake where they went to attend the K. P. Grand Lodge session. Fred Moore and party, Edgar McDaniel and wife, Archie Phillips and wife, E. L. Swearingin and party and C. H. Worrell and party were among those returning.

H. E. BULFMANN returned Friday night from Four Mile, near Bandon, where he sold creamery equipment to L. M. Strong. He says all the plants are now making butter, the Coquille creamery paying out about \$13,000 for milk this month.

SEC. LANSING ASKS AMBASSADOR GERARD IF KAISER HAS OFFICIAL REPORT OF SINKING

NO REQUEST FOR IT

United States Officially Leaves It to Berlin to Volunteer Information of Loss

NOT SURE ABOUT REPORTS

British Admiralty Says Arabic Was Unarmed, Carried No Contraband, Was Not Warned and Did Not Attempt to Escape

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 23.—Secretary Lansing today cabled Ambassador Gerard at Berlin, asking if the German government had received official reports of the sinking of the Arabic. The Ambassador, however, was not instructed to ask for one. It is officially stated that the government is not yet at all sure of the facts and considers its information very fragmentary.

Secretary Lansing said the situation was exactly as it stood Saturday; that no steps had been taken other than to get accurate information as to what had taken place. From the fact that Gerard was not directed to seek an explanation, the inference is drawn that the United States State Department decided to let the German government instigate any explanation it may have to offer.

CLAIMS OF ENGLAND

Say Arabic Was Unarmed, Without Convey and Was Not Warned

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) LONDON, Aug. 23.—Supplementing the official information given out previously concerning the sinking of the Arabic, the British admiralty today stated:

"The Arabic was an unarmed passenger ship, outward bound to a neutral port. Thus it was impossible for her to have been carrying contraband. She was sunk by a submarine without warning and she neither attempted to attack the submarine nor escape from it."

The admiralty denied that the steamer Dunsley, torpedoed shortly before the Arabic, was an armed patrol.

245 with labor and 265 were not affiliated with either group. In addition there were reports of field agents and investigators of the commission.

There was a difference of opinion in the commission as to the value of the work of the field agents. The Manly report accepts the reports of these investigators as impartial and the Manly summary explains that "where interests are affected statements of fact based entirely on the testimony of those witnesses whose interests might be regarded as adversely affected."

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