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# READING OFFERED TO TRAP LANE

## HARVEY BROWN VICTIM OF VICIOUS PLOTTERS

### POLICE SUSPECT AGENTS OF STEVE ADAMS DID DEED

#### Ex-Sheriff of Baker Said to Have Been Shadowed by Men Who Looked for Revenge Because of His Activity in Steunenberg Case—This Is Emphatically Denied

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Baker City, Or., Oct. 1.—For weeks friends of Steve Adams have been on my trail and now they have got me," cried Harvey Brown this morning when he regained consciousness for a few moments. The injured man is rapidly sinking and it appears certain that there is no chance for his recovery.

Brown had known for some time that he had been shadowed and knowing the desperate character of the men who were after him had determined to leave this part of the country. He had made all preparations to start for California and was only waiting to make another clean-up in his placer mines before abandoning eastern Oregon forever.

"When I came in from my mine yesterday afternoon a man followed me home," said Brown. "I strolled down town last night and while on my way home I met another chap whom I recognized as a spy. I spoke to him but he refused to answer and I hurried on, hoping to reach home safely. I heard my gate there was a blinding flash and then everything became black. I can remember nothing after that."

"I feel positive that the attempt to assassinate me is the result of my work in the Steunenberg case. I was instrumental in the apprehension of Steve Adams and I honestly believe that ever since that time his friends have been on my trail."

Brown lapsed into unconsciousness again and it is believed that he will die within the next few hours. It is learned from Edward Flynn that Brown has expected death for some time. He informed Flynn last Saturday night that he had been trailed and that he expected that an attempt to assassinate him would be made.

Baker City, Or., Oct. 1.—Chief of Police Jackson has telegraphed to Spokane for Harry Draper's bloodhounds and they are expected here tomorrow morning. No clue has been obtained by the police as to the persons who dynamited ex-Sheriff Harry Brown. Every precaution has been taken to prevent the escape of the dynamiters from the city.

It is the opinion of Chief Jackson and Mayor Jones that the persons who committed the crime are connected with the Steve Adams case, as Brown was the man who arrested Adams.

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EX-SHERIFF HARVEY BROWN OF BAKER COUNTY WHO WAS VICTIM OF DYNAMITE OUTRAGE.

## GRAND JURY CLEARS RUICK

### Boise District Attorney Exonerated of Charges of Misconduct, Affiants Having Failed to Prove Statements—Governor Morrison on the Stand.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Boise, Ida., Oct. 1.—Deciding that the charges of misconduct preferred against District Attorney N. M. Ruick by members of the grand jury which indicted United States Senator Borah of complexity in the Idaho timber land frauds, were not borne out by the evidence introduced in the recent hearing, the present grand jury here this morning returned findings exonerating the accused lawyer.

Affidavits were signed by three members of the former grand jury charging the construction of a portion of the Cello canal, no actual work is being done toward the improvement of the Snake, but extensive preparations are under way. Colonel S. W. Rossler, United States engineer in charge of the work, announced today that specifications for a large self-propelling craft, equipped with drills for blasting and machinery for breaking gravel bars, are now under way to be submitted to bidders in the near future, the intention being to have it ready for use early next spring.

When the affiants were called to the stand to corroborate their affidavits they failed to follow their story and became badly mixed on cross-examination. As a result Ruick was exonerated by the latest inquisitorial body, which has been in charge of United States Attorney Timothy Burke of Wyoming.

Two indictments have been found by the latest grand jury but the names of the indicted men have not been made public, neither having been taken in custody. Former Governor John T. Morrison of Idaho was called to the stand this morning in the Borah trial for the purpose of connecting Senator Borah with the land fraud conspiracy. This was in response to an order of Judge Whitely that District Attorney Ruick must be connected before the case proceed further. The governor told of two visits paid him by Borah at his executive offices to find out what lands in townships 6-4 the state would file on. The witness said the senator asked him if it was necessary that he should file there and demurred on the amount taken. The deeds filed by Borah with the recorder were admitted in evidence. The defense admitted that they were filed by Borah.

## WILL CLOSE BURNSIDE BRIDGE FOR 60 DAYS

Bridge across the Burnside street traffic will be suspended for 60 days while the east approach is being rebuilt and the main structure redocked. Neither teams, streetcars nor foot passengers will be permitted to cross the structure if the plans of the county court are not changed.

The contract for rebuilding the east approach will be let this afternoon. County Surveyor Holbrook, to whom the bids were referred, recommended that the bid of Robert Wakefield, which was the lowest, be accepted. This recommendation will govern the letting of the contract unless the county officials find something that causes them to change their intentions.

## PRINCE IS ARRESTED FOR LEADING ROBBERS

(United Press Leased Wire.) Luga, Russia, Oct. 1.—Prince Peter Akropkin, the socialist leader, has been arrested here charged with being implicated in the robbery by revolutionists of the country house of Metropolitan Antonius.

## FORTY-TWO KILLED IN KOREAN WRECK

(United Press Leased Wire.) Keoul, Korea, Oct. 1.—As the result of a train leaving the track early today, 42 persons, including 39 Japanese soldiers, were killed or injured.

## WORK STARTS ON RAPIDS

### Government Forces Begin Removal of Obstruction in Columbia at Umatilla—Snake River Is Also Being Cleared—Want Open Navigation to Interior.

Carrying a large crew of workmen and in charge of two experienced swift water boatmen, a 30x70' drift scow left Riparia yesterday for Umatilla rapids in the Columbia, where the government engineers are about to commence the task of removing the obstructive boulders and ledges of rock that interfere with navigation. It is part of the work progress with the view of securing an open river far into the interior of the great crop belts of the Pacific northwest.

Blasting will continue at the rapids for some time. There are large quantities of rocks to be removed although the engineers are not seeking to gain a great depth of water at this time but rather a straight channel so low water craft may navigate with safety at the worst stage of the river or when the current is the swiftest.

## ETHERGRAMS MAY FLASH OVER THE SEA

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) London, Oct. 1.—"Not yet, but within a few weeks," said the manager of the Marconi company in Finch Lane today, when asked if he was ready to accept ethergrams for transmission to the continent. "Everything is in readiness to start," he continued, "when Marconi gives the word. Our capacity will increase with the demands of the public. The charge for ordinary wireless messages will be 10 cents a word, and for press messages 15 cents a word."

The cable companies have had their bid of belittling our efforts, but we will meet our charges or get out of running. The Marquis de San Giuliano, the Italian ambassador, returned yesterday from Chiden, Ireland, where he and his secretary had been having an interesting time in sending "ethergrams" or "ethergrams" to their friends in America.

The ambassador today said: "Although the whole thing seems like a dream, it is quite true—as true as communication by wire or any other reality. The electricity gives off powerful etheric disturbances. These travel merrily across the ocean, and reproduce themselves on the instruments on the other side. Happily these disturbances or impulses can be made to talk."

## DOES STATE NEED TO OWN RAILROAD?

### Important Question to be Brought Before People, and Many Seem to Favor the Project—Bonds Could Be Issued.

### Salt Lake Connection Would Bring Many People Here and Afford Transportation for Products Kept Are Out of Eastern Markets.

In response to a clearly defined public sentiment in favor of a state railroad across the state of Oregon a movement is being organized to survey and build a road. An opportunity will be given in the early stages of the work for the people of the state to vote on the question and decide for themselves whether they desire to issue bonds, as railroad financiers do, and build, operate and control such a railroad.

The belief of advocates of the plan is that if Oregon has a railroad connecting Portland with the Pacific northwest would be controlled and regulated by the state, and at the same time it is an injustice to those who are here and those who are to come to increase the difficulties with which the state is already suffering from miserably insufficient transportation facilities.

There are some miles that would cost \$20,000, but the bulk of it would cost from \$14,000 to \$25,000 per mile, he said.

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## COUNCILMAN WILLS EXPOSES POLITICAL SCHEME OF PLOTTERS



A. N. WILLS

## MRS. WAYMIRE IS LET OUT ON BAIL

Seven Hundred and Fifty Dollars Is Deposited by Attorney Fouts.

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## Sensational Charge That Conspirator Told Wills and ex-Auditor Devlin He Could Do the Mayor Harm by Using Woman.

Complete and incontrovertible proof of the existence of a diabolical plot on the part of political enemies of Mayor Lane to blacken his good name and if possible drive him from his position as the executive of Portland was furnished this morning by the statement of A. N. Wills, president of the city council, that E. E. Radding some six weeks ago had proposed to him and Thomas C. Devlin a plan by which Lane could be trapped in his office with a woman. The plan proposed by Radding was turned down by Wills and Devlin, according to the statement of Mr. Wills, and was evidently taken to other and more complainant men.

Councilman Wills is a political enemy of Mayor Lane and has in the past been opposed to him on many political problems affecting the government and conduct of the city and its affairs. To him and to Thomas Devlin, defeated by Lane for election to the mayor's chair, Radding took his dastardly plan after weeks of ingratiating effort to make himself friendly and acceptable to the men and he trusted to this political enemy to secure their acceptance and approval.

Radding's Distress Turned Down. "He asked me to help him in different ways," continued Mr. Wills, "and I believe this—that if Dr. Lane was to make his place fair. He wanted to make the unions think he was a great man."

"About six weeks ago," continued Mr. Wills, "coming to the meat of his story, and Radding was with us at that time. Radding in discussing municipal affairs we could catch the mayor with some human, and proposed that such a plan be carried out with our assistance. He said that in making such a coup we could turn the municipal government into one great body and I would have thought to do with such a scheme and Devlin also repudiated it at that time."

Devlin Interested in Radding. Radding since the conversation with Wills and Devlin has been befriended by the latter who sought to secure him employment with the Portland Railway, Light & Power company and interested in his behalf with S. G. Reed, secretary of that company. Since his arrest Devlin has also interested himself in Radding's behalf.



STEVE ADAMS, A PRINCIPAL IN THE STEUNENBERG CASE, WHOSE ARREST WAS BROUGHT ABOUT BY BROWN.

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