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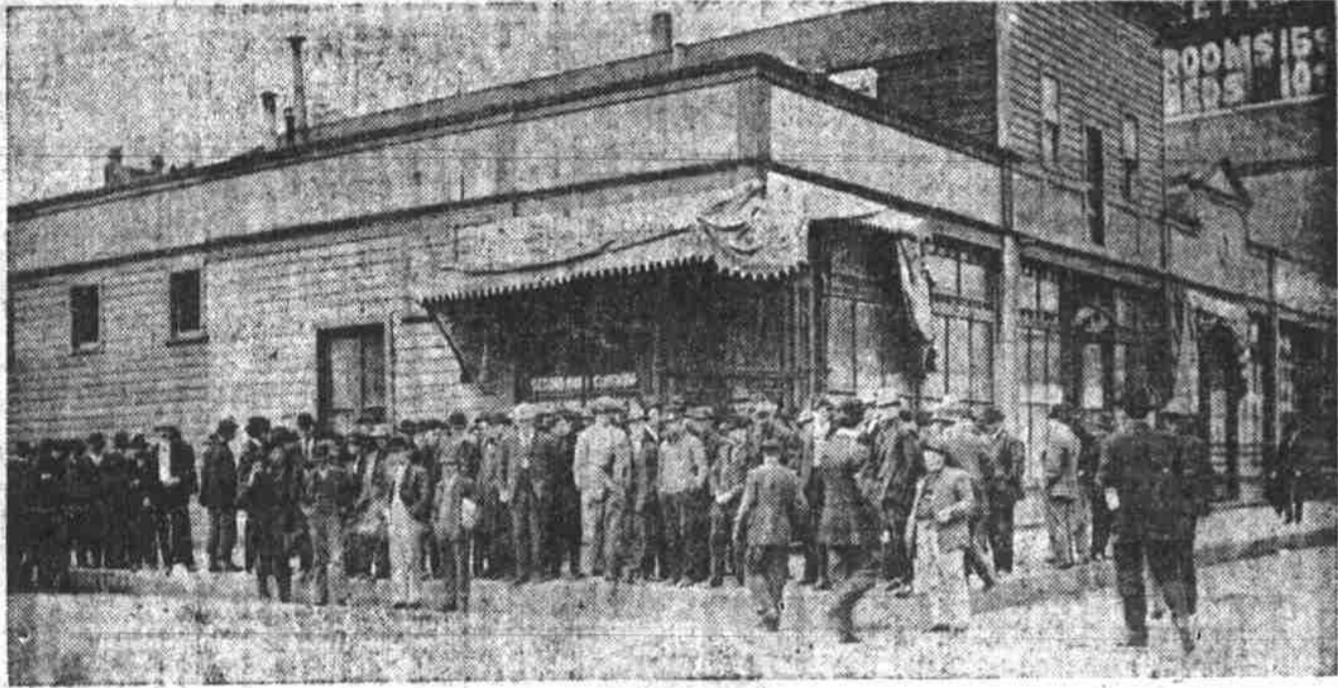
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## GASPIE CRIMES WORK OF MANIAC

### THUG IS CAPTURED AFTER EFFORT TO KILL CHINESE



Second-Hand Store at the Corner of Second and Couch, Where H. Neumen Was Murderously Assaulted by Gaspipe Thug.

### MAN CALLS HIMSELF "JACK THE SPLITTER"

The "Splitter" this afternoon at 3 o'clock said that his real name is Jack La Rose, that he has been a marine fireman on the U. S. gunboat Housatonic, and that his home is in Rome, Georgia.

He declares that he reached Portland last night and knows nothing about the attacks upon the two Jews Monday and yesterday. Frequenters of Erickson's and other Second-street resorts say they have seen him hanging around for at least three days.

Following a murderous attempt to kill John Chow, a Chinese tailor at 249 Ankeny street, at 11 o'clock this morning, a man who gives the name of "Jack-the-Splitter," was captured after an exciting chase down Second street.

The prisoner is said by the police to be the man who made two other daylight attempts to murder north end merchants this week.

"The Splitter" is a powerfully built man of 23 or 24, dressed in common clothing and evidently a logger or miner. He is an American and is either feigning insanity or suffering from delirium tremens. It is believed by the detectives that he is possessed by a mania to crush people's skulls.

In each instance, the assault upon Max Hermann Monday night, that upon H. Neumen yesterday and the third upon the Chinaman today, the circumstances are practically identical. In each case the man had entered a store, asked the proprietor to show him something on a shelf or case and as the unsuspecting merchant bent over to reach it, had struck him on the skull with a piece of iron pipe, wrapped in newspaper.

In every instance the assailant has dropped the pipe and simply made his escape, it not having been shown satisfactorily in any case that money has been stolen.

This morning at 10 minutes after 11 o'clock the splitter entered the tailor shop of Chow Wah, at 249 Ankeny street. He accosted John Chow, one of three Chinamen in the little shop and asked him to show him some cloth, pointing to a bolt on the shelf. Chow turned to get the cloth and as he did so the splitter took the gaspipe wrapped in newspaper, which he was carrying under his arm, and struck the Chinaman across the back of the head.

Chow fell to the floor, stunned by the force of the blow, and his assailant

### PRESERVE COUNTRY'S RESOURCES

Governors and Delegates of States Gather at Washington to Confer With President About Plan to Stop Waste of Natural Wealth.

Matter of Importance to Every Section of Union—Destruction of Nation's Supplies Must Be Stopped If We Would Be Prosperous.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, D. C., May 13.—With President Roosevelt presiding, the great conference of governors, called by the national executive to discuss ways and means for preserving the country's natural resources, opened this morning in the east room of the White House.

Forty-one state and territorial governors were in attendance. Thomas R. Shipp, of the forestry service, was chosen general secretary and W. J. Magee recording secretary.

A number of subjects of national interest not included in the general call will be discussed on Friday afternoon. They are as follows: A universal divorce law, including the classification of offenses for which a decree can be granted, the extradition of criminals on the telegraphic order of a governor, a universal agreement on the treatment of cattle afflicted with tuberculosis, the care and segregation of consumptives and better supervision of quarantine regulations.

The Oregon delegates are Chief Justice of the Supreme Court Dean, F. C. Knapp and E. S. Jackson. Mr. Knapp was unable to attend.

After the opening ceremonies the president said in part: Our fathers, though they knew so little of the resources of the country, exercised wise forethought in reference thereto. Washington clearly saw that the perpetuity of the states could only be secured by the union, and the only feasible basis of union was an economic one; in other words, that it must be based on the development and use of their natural resources.

Accordingly, he helped to outline a scheme of commercial development, and by the influence of interstate waterways a commission was appointed by Virginia and Maryland.

It met near where we are now meeting in Alexandria, adjourned to Mount Vernon, and took up the consideration of interstate commerce, that of water. Further conferences were arranged, first at Annapolis and then at the representatives of all the states met for what was in its original conception a waterways conference, but merely they had closed their deliberations the outcome was the constitution and mineral resources of a nation, which made the United States a united action.

The constitution of the United States thus grew in large part out of the necessity for united action in the use of one of our natural resources, the wise use of all of our natural resources, which are our national question of today. I have asked you to come together now because the enormous consumption of these resources, and the threat of imminent exhaustion of some of them, due to reckless and wasteful use, once more calls for common effort, common action.

The discovery and utilization of mineral fuels and alloys have given us the lead over all other nations in the world. The discovery and utilization of coal and iron have given us our railroads, and have led to such industrial development as has never before been seen. The vast wealth of lumber in our forests; the riches of gold and silver, the discovery of oil, the discovery of our transportation facilities, the conditions of our life, unmade in comfort and convenience.

The steadily increasing drain on these natural resources has promoted to an extraordinary degree the complexity of our industrial and social life. The enormous stores of our natural and gas are largely gone, and they have been so injured by neglect and by the division of responsibility and the lack of interest in dealing with them that there is less navigation on them now than there was 50 years ago.

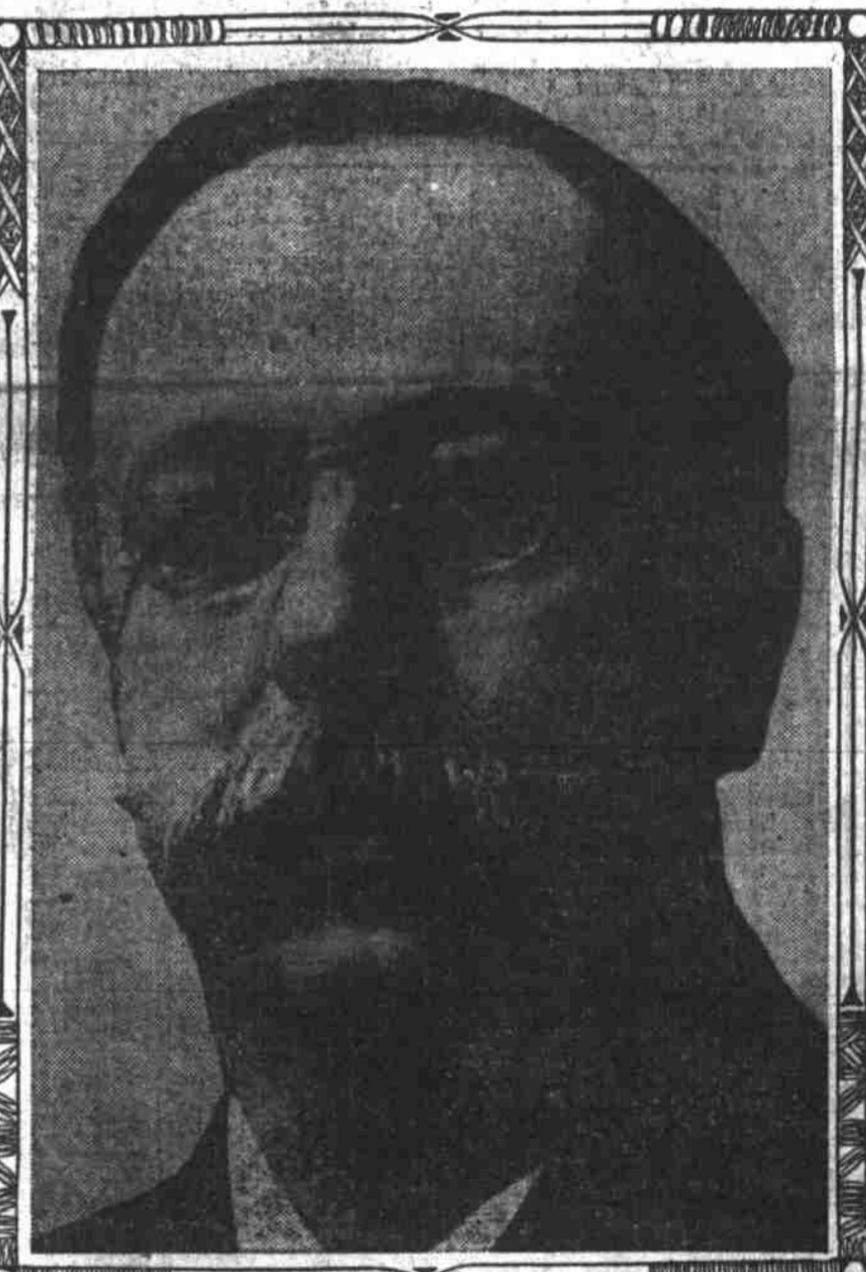
Waterways work. It is largely because of this that I appointed the waterways commission last year and that I have sought to perpetuate its work. I wish to take this opportunity to express in heartfelt fashion my acknowledgment to all the members of the commission. At great personal sacrifice of time and effort they

### RAILROADS ATTEMPTING TO DEFEAT CHAMBERLAIN

#### RAILROAD "MACHINE" AT WORK

In California the Lincoln-Roosevelt league is fighting a desperate battle to unseat the political machine of the Southern Pacific company. In Oregon the machine that is dominated by the Harriman interests is trying to stamp out the people's desire for direct vote for United States senator and Statement No. 1. The latest move, reported from The Dalles by The Journal's special correspondent, is to throw the strength of the Harriman machine against Chamberlain in favor of Calk.

#### HON GEORGE C. CHAMBERLAIN



### Whom the Corporation Political Machines are Trying to Defeat for United States Senator

QUESTION TO THE PEOPLE OF OREGON— "WILL YOU LET THEM DO IT?"

### DAUGHTER OF MAYOR TOM JOHNSON FILES SUIT FOR DIVORCE

(United Press Leased Wire.) Cleveland, May 13.—Bessie Johnson Mariani, daughter of Mayor Tom Johnson of Cleveland, has decided to ask the courts for a legal separation from her Italian spouse, Signor Mariani, whom she recently married.

Divorce papers have been filed here by her attorneys, but they contain little as to the details of her complaint. She simply alleges cruelty and abandonment.

Signora Mariani has not been living with her husband for some time. Shortly after the marriage ceremony she left him in the Strafford hotel, New York, and it was understood at that time that she would never return to him. Since then a daughter has been born to Mrs. Mariani, and she will ask for the custody of the child, who is not 2 months old. She is now with her mother in Danville, New York, but it is reported that she will go on the stage again.

San Francisco, May 13.—Under guard of two deputy sheriffs, J. Dalzell Brown, confessed accomplice in the wrecking of the California Safe Deposit & Trust company was taken to San Quentin today to serve his sentence of 18 months for embezzling \$65,000 worth of bonds of the Sacramento Gas & Electric company deposited with the trust company.

As the prisoner was taken from the county jail he seemed completely resigned to his fate and showed little emotion.

### FEAR HIS POPULARITY

Machine, Much Alarmed, Tries to Slaughter People's Choice for U. S. Senator—Make Friends for Candidate.

By Don F. Steffa. (Special Dispatch to The Journal.) The Dalles, Or., May 13.—Governor George E. Chamberlain will not be elected to the United States senate from this state if the railroad corporations can prevent it. Already he has become a target for the enmity of the lines traversing Oregon, and these interests have pitted themselves together in an effort to defeat the man who is rousing the voters against legislature and congressional bribery and corruption and at the same time advocating measures giving greater powers to the public.

Unmistakable evidence has developed that the railroads throughout eastern Oregon have marked Chamberlain for slaughter at the June election, but their obvious efforts have turned the tide in Chamberlain's favor. The undercurrent of opposition to him does not rise to the surface where it can be combated, but is stealthily at work in the towns and cities along the railway lines. Out in the rural districts there has been no apparent attempt as yet to turn votes against the Democratic candidate, but the silent, unseen hand is working diligently at Baker City, La Grande, Fossil, The Dalles and other places where it is believed effective work can be done.

Chamberlain's position in the present campaign has met with widespread favor among the masses of the people in eastern Oregon. Flat-footed and without equivocation he has told them what he intends to do if elected, and has made promises, which if he is able to carry them out in the capacity of United States senator, will cut the fingers of the corporate hands throbbing with hate.

In every address he has made during his tour of the state Governor Chamberlain has openly advocated measures to check the greed of the railroad and other interests. He has declared himself in favor of laws giving greater power to the interstate commerce commission and restricting the corporations. In addition he has vehemently advocated Statement No. 1 as a measure, which through the people, will place a quietus upon the corrupted senators representing the same corporate interests now silently at work in this state to defeat him.

### WOMEN AUTOISTS OFF FOR PORTLAND

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Portland, Me., May 13.—Several thousand people witnessed the starting today at 12:30 of Mrs. M. E. Teape and her daughter, Mrs. Vere McKelvey, of Sandpoint, Idaho, from the La Fayette hotel, for Portland, Oregon. It is the first attempt ever made by two women to cross the continent alone in an auto and the trip is made in a light car ever used for a transcontinental trip. They are using a two-cylinder runabout of eight-horsepower.

Mayor Lightfoot gave the two women a letter to be delivered to Mayor Lane of Portland, Oregon.

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