

SENSATIONAL EVIDENCE OFFERED AT TRIAL OF BOPP AND ASSOCIATES

Witnesses' Tell of Diluting
Powder and of False La-
bels Placed on Explosives.

San Francisco, Dec. 7.—(U. P.)—Sensational disclosures of diluting of powder intended for the Russian government, of false labels placed on explosives and a scheme to smuggle officials into a powder plant to "See American neutrality," were made by witnesses yesterday in the trial of Franz Bopp, German consul general, and others charged with conspiring against American neutrality.

William Fishbeck declared he had been told by Louis Smith, who is reported to have confessed to gain immunity, that he (Smith) being a German sympathizer, had put sawdust into explosives in order to hamper the deadly effect.

Max Lucke, editor of the Oregon Deutsche Zeitung, Portland, and formerly of the German house, testified: "Smith came to me and declared explosives were being packed in copper cans and were being falsely entered in manifests. He said he would smuggle any friendly person into the works to show them what was going on. I wrote Consul Bopp and Baron von Brincken held a conference with Smith."

Earlier in the day Smith was identified as a former Hercules Powder company employee and as the man who had gone to the Crowley Launch company in May asking to be taken to the powder works as he had lost his wife's wedding ring on a powder barge.

Later the barge was blown up in Seattle. Counsel for the defense sprang a surprise today when they openly admitted that both Louis J. Smith and Charles C. Crowley, alleged plotters, were employed by the imperial German consulate here.

Designing Architect Takes His Departure

T. Ronneberg, designing engineer of the architects of the new federal building under construction, left for San Francisco Wednesday. Ronneberg represents Lewis P. Hobart, architect of that city, who holds the government's contract for the designing of the building. Ronneberg, who comes to Portland only at intervals to view the progress of the foundation work, personally drew the plans for that part of the construction. In letting out the contract for the designing of the building, the government has pursued a different course in that kind of construction work than heretofore. Formerly it was done directly by the government's architects, according to supervising Architect Holloway.

North Yakima Elks To Hold Charity Ball

North Yakima, Wash., Dec. 7.—Elks of North Yakima are to hold a charity ball Tuesday, December 12, at their club rooms. The proceeds are to go to a fund to provide Christmas dinners for 1000 children. Last year the Elks provided a dinner for 600 children and an entertainment. Tickets are in the hands of a committee, of which George C. Wise is chairman.

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FUNERAL OF ACCIDENT VICTIM CONDUCTED



Emmett O'Connor.

Emmett O'Connor, who was accidentally killed near Aberdeen, Wash., last Sunday, was a graduate of St. Mary's school and also of the Jefferson high school in this city. He was employed by the O-W. R. & N. Co. as a clerk until a few months ago. When, on account of ill health, he resigned to take up outdoor work. The funeral was held Wednesday from St. Mary's church, Williams avenue and Stanton streets, and interment was in Mt. Calvary cemetery. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. O'Connor, of 74 East Seventh street, north, and by two brothers, John and Eugene O'Connor.

TWO CRAWFORDSVILLE BOYS ARE ACCUSED OF BURGLARIZING STORE

Lester W. Humphreys, Prospective Minister to Siam, Is a Native of Linn County.

Albany, Or., Dec. 7.—William Green, and Cedric Taylor, 14-year-old boys residing at Crawfordsville, have been arrested on a charge of breaking into the general store of W. H. Scott & Son, of Crawfordsville.

Their parents, Mrs. L. I. Randall and L. M. Taylor, have been cited to appear before the juvenile court and show cause why the boys should not be adjudged delinquent on account of the conditions of their home life.

Aged Tangent Woman Dead.

Albany, Or., Dec. 7.—Mrs. Hattie Marie Anderson, aged 81 years, died Tuesday afternoon at the home of her son, John Anderson of Tangent, pneumonia being the cause. She was born in Fagerholt, Sweden, January 22, 1835. In 1853 she came to America with her husband and son and settled in Nebraska. Her husband died in 1897. In 1903 she and her son moved to North Dakota and in 1911 came to Oregon, locating at Tangent, seven miles south of this city. She is survived by her son and seven grandchildren of Tangent, and other relatives in Illinois and Sweden. The funeral services will be held Friday morning, burial taking place in this city.

Sugar Beet Culture Will Be Developed

Inducements Held Out by Grants Pass Refinery Are Bearing Fruit and Japanese Planters Negotiate for Land.

Ashland, Or., Dec. 7.—Several large tracts of land suitable for the culture of sugar beets in the upper end of this valley, above Ashland, are being plowed preparatory to planting. The sugar company of Grants Pass has leased several tracts and at present has a caterpillar engine at work plowing.

Japanese beet growers, who are said to have formed a company of their own for the purpose of raising beets, are negotiating with local land owners for lease of their lands.

The Grants Pass factory is offering \$7 a ton for next year's crop and since substantial profits were made this year at \$5 a ton, many who heretofore have refused to consider growing beets are putting their land into beet fields. Some irrigation is deemed necessary, although the land which has sub-irrigation will grow good beets.

Rogue River valley beets are proving to be exceptionally high in saccharine content.

Ohio Ballots to Be Held for a Recount

Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 7.—(I. N. S.)—Secretary of State Hildebrandt yesterday wired election boards in the 88 Ohio counties to hold the ballots of the last election and prepare for a recount.

This is taken to indicate that Republicans will contest the apparent defeat of Governor Willis, Republican, by James M. Cox, Democrat, by 6000 votes.

Under the Ohio laws, all ballots would have been burned tomorrow had Hildebrandt not interfered.

Auto Takes Plunge; No One Is Injured

John Day, Or., Dec. 7.—Late Sunday evening a car driven by Charles Helmick went off the grade between here and Canyon and rolled down a 50-foot embankment. There were three occupants, all of whom escaped serious injury. The two-mile stretch of road between here and Canyon has been the scene of many serious accidents. It is believed that since the last two accidents within a week the county court will be forced to put the road in a safer condition.

Man Shot, Kills Assailant.

Los Angeles, Dec. 7.—(P. N. S.)—Shot in the thigh at a dance, after quarrelling over a girl, Toribio Jimenez today drew a knife and stabbed Trovia Hermanos, his assailant, to death, while several dozen dancers looked on. Jimenez was later caught and made a confession.

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