

# SPIRITUALISM USED TO DEFRAUD HIM, CHARGE MADE BY BELIEVER

W. H. M. Tiedemann Com-  
plains That Loan of \$2000  
Secured Fraudulently.

## MEDIUM WON CONFIDENCE

Man Says He Truſted Woman and She  
Acted as His Business  
Advisor.

Alleging a conspiracy to defraud  
clocked in spiritualism, W. H. M.  
Tiedemann today filed suit in the  
circuit court against Helen de Vore  
Wrenn, a medium, and Edice Wilson to  
recover \$2000. The complaint pictures the  
plaintiff as an over-confident believer  
in spiritualistic seances and over-zealous  
follower of a medium, and that  
through misrepresentation and advice  
with intent to defraud he was mulcted  
of \$2000.

According to the complaint, Hattie  
Wrenn, mother of Helen de Vore  
Wrenn, is a medium of the spiritualistic  
church, and the plaintiff for a  
number of years was an attendant at  
this church and the private readings  
of the medium. As a preliminary to  
the story of how he was separated  
from the \$2000, the plaintiff alleges  
that Hattie Wrenn, the medium, had  
won his confidence and had volunteered  
and presumed to act as his business  
advisor and loyal friend.

Wanted to Talk Business.  
The medium, the plaintiff says, had  
frequently told him that she would  
never advise him wrong and that he  
would never lose anything by follow-  
ing her advice.

Shortly prior to February 8, 1916, it  
is alleged, the defendant, Hattie  
Wrenn, meeting plaintiff at "The  
Church of the Soul," told him that the  
other defendants wished to meet him  
at the Wrenn apartments in the Al-  
mira talk over the telephone. Helen  
"could make some good money."  
The meeting was held, it is alleged,  
and the plaintiff was told how Wilson  
had secured some valuable timber land  
to Helen Wrenn to become hers ab-  
solutely in the event of the death of  
Wilson. The land was said to be lo-  
cated in Yamhill county, and contained  
11,000,000 feet of timber. Its value at  
that time was said to be \$10,000, but  
\$12,000 could be got by holding it un-  
til May, 1916.

Plaintiff Advanced Money.  
A loan of \$2000, the complaint says,  
was wanted, and upon the advice and  
recommendation of Hattie Wrenn that  
it was safe, the plaintiff advanced the  
money, receiving a purported mort-  
gage.

Faith in the advice of the medium  
was shaken when the plaintiff discov-  
ered that instead of 11,000,000 feet of  
timber on the land, there is but about  
2,000,000 feet, and the land value has  
shrunk to \$2000. Charging that the  
\$2000 loan was obtained under misrep-  
resentation and intent to defraud, the  
plaintiff seeks to recover his money.

## MCALL IS TAKEN TO PRISON

Convicted Slayer Vainly Protests at  
Being Handcuffed.

Marcus H. McCall yesterday denied a  
new trial on the charge of murdering  
William M. Shaner, today entered upon  
his life imprisonment in the state peni-  
tentiary. He was taken to Salem this  
morning by Deputy Sheriff Phillips.  
McCall turned morose when informed  
yesterday of the court's decision  
against him, and last night balked

## SCENE OF FATAL ACCIDENT NEAR CORVALLIS



Automobile in which Miss Irene Medinnis of Portland was plunged  
to death from Dixon Creek bridge. Picture taken just after the  
body had been recovered.

Corvallis, Or., March 21.—It is prob-  
able that some action will be taken  
toward safeguarding the approach to  
the bridge over Dixon creek. It was  
from this approach that Miss Irene  
Medinnis of Portland went to death

when she was removed from his former  
prison cell and corridor companions  
and placed in a solitary part of the  
jail.  
When taken from the county jail  
this morning McCall objected to the  
use of handcuffs and protested against  
being shackled. His protests were un-  
heeded.

## NEW COMPANIES FORMED.

American Fuel Co. and Pacific  
Building Co. File Articles.  
Articles of incorporation of the  
American Fuel company were filed to-  
day in the county clerk's office. The  
incorporators are C. L. Watson, of Ab-  
erdeen, Wash.; W. C. Watson and H. F.  
Brookway of Portland. The capital  
stock is \$10,000, divided into shares of  
\$100. The company will engage in a  
general fuel business.  
The Pacific Building company, organ-  
ized to conduct a building business, also  
filed articles of incorporation. The in-  
corporators are E. C. Heckbert, J. H.  
White and O. R. Webb of Portland. The  
company is capitalized at \$5000, with  
shares \$1 each.

## COURT HEARS AUNT'S PLEA

Father's Request for His Child Is  
Denied.

In denying yesterday a writ of ha-  
beas corpus brought by R. W. Turner  
against James T. and Jennet E. Hen-  
dryx to secure the custody of his son,  
5-year-old Charles Turner, the relin-  
quishment of the boy by the father at  
the time of a deathbed promise given  
by the aunt to the baby's mother that  
she would nurture the child was held  
complete by the court. The court also  
took into consideration the fact that  
the child had been reared by the aunt,  
Mrs. Hendryx, as her own son among  
her family of five children.  
The mother of the boy died at the  
time of his birth and he was taken

# SAMUEL WEINSTEIN A RESIDENT OF RUSSIA IN STRENUOUS TIMES

Was Witness of Scenes That  
Took Place During Revolu-  
tion of 1905.

## PEOPLE HAPPY FOR A DAY

Draws Comparison Between Events of  
That Time and Those of the Re-  
cent Successful Outbreak.

Living in Russia at the time of the  
revolution of 1905, Samuel Weinstein,  
now a student at Reed college, gives  
the following graphic account of the  
days of excitement and peril, that is  
today being reenacted on Russian soil.  
"From 7 o'clock one morning until  
4 o'clock in the afternoon, 1905, I  
was in Rovno, about 30 miles from  
Odessa, but being only about 3 years  
of age at the time, I do not remember  
much of what happened, except that  
the poor people were happy for almost  
a day.  
"It had been reported at the hour  
of 7 that the people were freed, and  
everybody went around calling out,  
'svoboda,' meaning freedom of the  
press and freedom of speech. There  
was much talk about the czar. People  
called him all sorts of names, and took  
pictures of him, which they destroyed  
in wrath and derision.  
"About 1 o'clock, however, word  
came that the Cossacks had the right  
to shoot anybody on sight. They  
chased the populace through the  
streets, until 'svoboda' meant 'freedom  
to kill.' A cruel persecution followed,  
until the police had entirely suppressed  
the revolution.  
"The present revolution has been  
brewing for a long time. Its success  
is due largely to the fact that students  
there are in sympathy with social re-  
form, more than any other class of  
people.  
"Weinstein came to America in 1907,  
and has lived in Portland since then.  
He was the first boy mayor of Port-  
land. He made a record on the debat-  
ing team of Lincoln High school for  
two years, and has been on the inter-  
collegiate teams at Reed since enter-  
ing there.

# Luckless Guests Lose In Luckless Hotel Life-Saving Serum Lifted by Prowlers

This is a tale of a luckless hotel and  
its luckless guests.  
St. Patrick's day formally opened the  
new Pilot Butte hotel at Bend, and  
many were the guests invited for the  
opening.  
The visitors came in special cars and  
as they traveled into a far country,  
many fearing the altitude and the  
snows brought anti-altitude serum in  
their valises.  
Arrived at Bend they were shown  
rooms and with huge appetites de-  
scended upon the dining room, where  
two sittings were planned. So great  
was their hunger, however, that all en-  
deavored to sit down at once.  
And while they partook of Mrs.  
Pilot Butte's cooking, some bold Raf-  
fles crept through the hall and rooms,  
lifting from valises to suitcase, to  
dressing bag, and back again.  
With every lift he took what was  
more precious than pure gold and more

of be desired than rare jewels—the  
anti-altitude serum.  
The guests, their hunger appeased,  
later in the evening made way to their  
chambers to take a drop as a protec-  
tion against the snow. From room to  
room continued a procession of loud  
cries and wails and shrieks and curses.  
An excited mob congregated in the  
halls. Great was the woe.  
A supply of small hardware having  
failed to arrive, no locks had been  
placed on the doors before the opening  
and Raffles had unopposed entry to  
room after room.  
Just how many quarts (of what was  
once called Scotch in the days gone by  
in Oregon) were procured by the in-  
truder is not known.  
A vigilance committee was organized  
to search the spot and an awful vengeance  
was promised the miscreant. He was  
not found, however.

# Alcazar Troubles Now Entirely Ended

Albert McGovern, Leading Man, Says  
Friction Did Not Involve Members of  
Company Primarily at All.

Troubles that have been besetting  
the domestic calm of the Alcazar play-  
ers at the Baker are now entirely ended,  
according to Albert McGovern, who  
plays the hero roles in that company  
of popular players.  
"I am only sorry that my name  
should have been mixed up in the air-

ing of the difficulty," Mr. McGovern  
explained today. "As I understand it,  
the friction was between the leading  
woman and the management rather  
than between her and the rest of the  
company.  
"I hope to stay here all next season,  
because I like Portland and enjoy the  
fringe I have made. But when the  
trouble first began, not wishing to be  
even an incidental party to it, I told  
the management that I had another  
offer and would leave if that would  
clear the situation.  
"I learned afterward that the ar-  
rangement had already been made  
whereby the friction should come to an  
end."

# WOLF WILL BE KEPT FROM SWISS DOOR IN SPITE OF 'BLOCKADE'

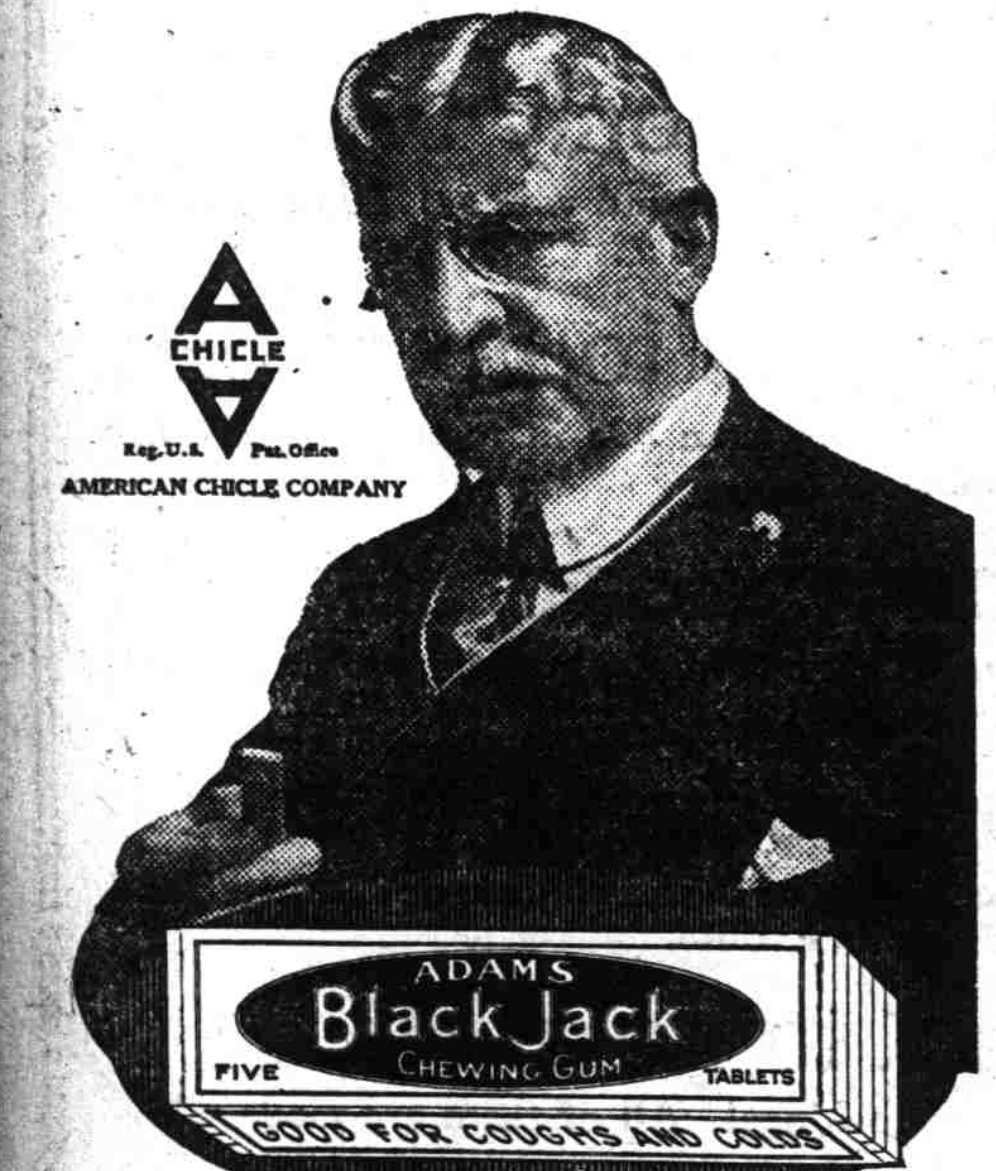
French Blockade Minister De-  
clares Allies Will Furnish  
Swiss With Necessities.

## By Wilbur S. Forest.

Paris, March 21.—(U. P.)—On au-  
thority of Denys Cochin, minister of  
blockade, the United Press is able to-  
day to announce as proof of the in-  
effectiveness of the German submarine  
blockade that the allies have agreed  
to continue re-ventualing of Switzerland.  
Cochin has just returned from a study  
of the Swiss situation. He announced  
that France, after a deduction to the  
amount of necessities which the Swiss  
need for their own consumption, in  
order to prevent any overflow to Ger-  
many, had agreed to "keep the wolf  
from the Swiss door."  
"We have told the Swiss," he said,  
"that it is impossible for us to fur-  
nish them with a single plate more—  
but we will serve them promptly."  
Cochin is the supreme head of the  
inter-allied commission which decides  
Switzerland's future needs.  
"Regarding the pretended submarine  
blockade," the minister continued, "it  
harms one out of every 100 vessels.  
Entry statistics of our and allied  
countries prove this eloquently."  
"Over French railroads the Swiss re-

# Judge and Prisoner Argue Question of Sanitation of Jail

"Think it sanitary?" asked  
Municipal Judge Stevenson of  
R. Perry, Yan-hill rancher, ar-  
rested for splitting in a street-  
car, in court this morning.  
"Just as sanitary as for the  
city to have a drinking cup for  
a hundred prisoners in its jail,"  
replied Perry.  
"You've been punished  
enough," said the judge. "It is  
a shame for a man as delicate  
as you to have had to drink  
out of a common cup."  
"Ah," said Perry, "there's  
just where I fooled them. I  
didn't drink out of that cup."  
Perry spat in a Woodstock  
car shortly after midnight un-  
der the very eyes of Patrolman  
J. L. Schad. He spent the bal-  
ance of the evening in the city  
jail.  
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FORGED RECEIPT IS CHARGE.  
Boarder Accused of Signing Name  
of Landlady.  
W. A. Hodge was arrested last night  
on a complaint charging him with the  
forgery of a receipt for \$25 applicable  
to a \$90 board bill dating back in 1914.  
Hodge was sued recently in District  
Judge Jones' court by Mrs. H. J. Hill  
for the board bill. At the hearing he  
produced the \$25 receipt bearing Mrs.  
Hill's signature, but which was declared  
a forgery by Mrs. Hill. The court also  
ordered the receipt to be a forgery.  
Hodge is ready to continue defend-  
ing this service regularly and rapidly.



# The Licorice Gum

"You may have the witness," says  
the attorney for the defense. Then  
he unwraps a piece of Adams Black  
Jack Gum. And why does he prefer  
Black Jack? Because the licorice  
flavor wards off throat infection  
and puts his voice in better condition  
to address the jury.

## JIM BRUSCO ON TRIAL FRIDAY

Charged With Stabbing to Death  
Garnet Stark in January.

Friday of this week Jim Brusco,  
Italian, will appear in the circuit court  
to defend himself against the charge  
of murdering Garnet Stark on the  
night of January 13, 1917.  
The assault which resulted in the  
death of Stark occurred in an auto-  
mobile near the corner of Millwaukie  
street and South avenue, in Sellwood.  
The occupants of the car were Stark  
who was driving; Brusco, with his two  
sons, 14 and 16 years old; Charles  
Stark, brother of the slain man, and  
his wife, Elsie Stark.  
In an altercation that arose in the  
car Brusco, who occupied the rear  
seat, stabbed Stark, the chauffeur, and  
after making his escape, walked into  
the police station next morning and  
surrendered himself.  
In admitting to the police that he  
had stabbed Stark, Brusco declared  
that he acted in self defense. The  
brother and sister-in-law of the victim  
said the assault was unprovoked.

## GERMANS CONTINUE TO LEAD

Thirteen Renounce Allegiance to  
Kaiser or Ask for Citizenship.

Germans continue to lead the aliens  
in the renunciation of their native  
lands, and applications for citizenship  
filed in the county clerk's office dur-  
ing the present month show 13 sub-  
jects of the Kaiser forswearing their  
allegiance. To noon today 61 petitions  
for naturalization had been filed with  
Naturalization Clerk Easter during  
March. In these petitions 16 countries  
are represented. The nationalities,  
with number of subjects seeking citi-  
zenship in the United States, are:  
Germany, 13; Russia, 6; Canada, 4;  
England, 3; Scotland, 1; Ireland, 1;  
Austria, 6; Denmark, 1; Norway, 2;  
Sweden, 4; Roumania, 1; Hungary, 1;  
Switzerland, 1; Greece, 1.

## SURGEON ASKS FOR DAMAGES

Dr. Coffey Says His Auto Was  
Forced Into Collision.

Damages in the amount of \$277 are  
asked in a complaint filed in the dis-  
trict court today by Dr. R. C. Coffey  
against the Portland Pure Milk &  
Cream company. The complaint al-  
leges that on January 14, 1917, Dr.  
Coffey's automobile, driven by his  
chauffeur, was forced into a collision  
with a street car on Barnes road near  
the city park through the negligence of  
the driver of a milk wagon. The plain-  
tiff asks for damages to the machine  
and \$125, representing the loss of  
use of the car during the 25  
days it was in the repair shop.

## Will Go Home.

Choosing rather to return to the sun-  
baked stretches of his native land than  
to spend a year on the upper tier of  
the Multnomah county building, Vela  
Diego, Mexican, now awaits deporta-  
tion. Diego yesterday pleaded guilty  
before Presiding Judge Gantembeln to  
a larceny charge and was sentenced to  
one year in the county jail. His re-  
quest, however, that he be permitted to  
return to Mexico was granted.

## Sent to Industrial School.

Raymond Mollett, a youth accused of  
having contributed to the delin-  
quency of a minor girl, was Tuesday  
given into the custody of the state in-  
dustrial school for boys by juvenile  
court Judge Taxwell. Mollett was  
recently indicted by the grand jury  
but remanded to the juvenile court by  
Circuit Judge Davis when the case  
was dropped because of the dread of  
publicity by the chief witness.

## Plaintiff Wins Case.

Verdict in favor of the plaintiff for  
\$500 was returned by the jury yester-  
day in Circuit Judge Kavanaugh's court  
in the case of Gust Johnson against the  
Home Telephone & Telegraph company.  
The plaintiff sued for \$10,000 dam-  
ages on the ground of false arrest and im-  
prisonment by Special Agent Streeter  
of the defendant company.

## Guilty and Paroled.

J. L. Wilson pleaded guilty Tuesday  
before Presiding Judge Gantembeln to  
simple larceny and was paroled to the  
Prisoners' Aid society under a sentence  
of one year in the county jail.

## Regular Divorce Quota.

Twenty maintained the daily quota  
of three default divorce cases, and de-  
crees were granted to Rosa May Elliott  
from Albin Elliott, Marion Bond from  
Wilfred Bond and Edna Carr from  
Frank Carr.

# Explosion Wrecks Chicago Paint Plant

Chicago, March 21.—(U. P. S.)—Hun-  
dreds of terrorized men fled for their  
lives today when a terrific explosion  
wrecked a section of the Sherwin-Will-  
iams paint company plant in South  
Chicago. The explosion ripped the roof  
from the building and crumbled one of  
the walls.  
Three men were reported missing  
this afternoon and believed to be dead  
in ruins. A Tuesday, 35, was rescued  
horribly burned.  
A dozen fire companies engaged in  
a battle to prevent flames from  
spreading to another building in which  
thousands of gallons of nitro benzene  
and beta naphthol, high explosives, were  
stored. It is believed the fire started  
in a chemical vat.

# Handsome Bedspread Now on Exhibition

Interest is evidenced in the hand-  
some crocheted bedspread, which is  
now on exhibition in one of the Fifth  
street entrance windows of Lipman,  
Wolfe & Co. The spread was made by  
Mrs. James Heatley, 501 West street,  
and has been donated by her to the  
British Red Cross society, which or-  
ganization will realize the most possi-  
ble out of it and use the money in  
the relief work which this organization  
is doing. Mrs. Heatley is a British  
subject and has a number of cousins  
and a nephew in the war, some of  
whom have been seriously wounded.

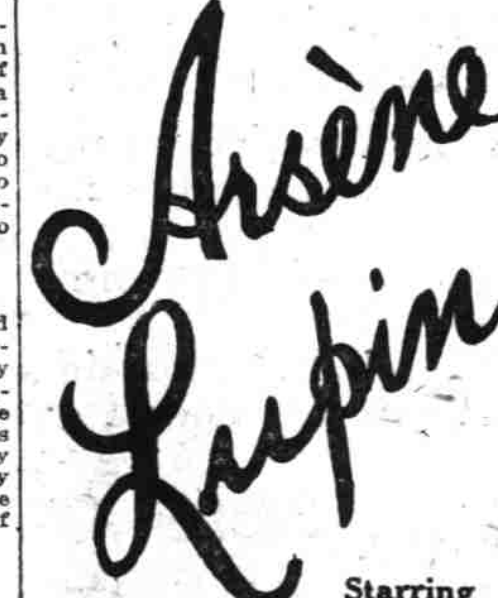
## Speeders Are Fined.

R. T. Moore and P. James yesterday  
pleaded guilty before District Judge  
Dayton to a charge of speeding and  
were fined \$15 each. The defendants  
were two of the motorists overtaken  
by Deputies Marks and Rexford Sun-  
day.

## Seeks Divorce for Desertion.

E. F. Henry today filed a complaint  
seeking divorce from Florence E.  
Henry on the ground of desertion. The  
couple were married at Portland Sep-  
tember 6, 1914.

## LAST DAY TODAY



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