

# TWO ARE CONVICTED ON BLACKMAIL CHARGES AS RESULT OF STORY

## Important Witness in Ruth Cruger Case Reveals Inner Workings of Ring.

New York, Aug. 21.—(I. N. S.)—The early arrest of a man said to be the head of a band of international blackmailers and who was his chief "ture" was today expected to result from Mrs. Consuelo La Rue's story told to the grand jury here of how she had been forced to become one of the principal members of the band.

Mrs. La Rue's story, dealing with a Spanish court, an underground chamber of mystery, drugged wine and rich South American merchants, after corroboration by others, brought about indictments of the man and a woman.

Mrs. La Rue, who figured prominently in the discovery of the murdered Ruth Cruger, dramatically told the story of her contact with the blackmailers to Assistant District Attorney James E. Smith and the grand jury.

Left West Indies in December Mrs. La Rue said she started for New York from the West Indies last December and on the steamship met a woman who said she was Mrs. Catherine Evans. Mrs. Evans appeared to be a wealthy woman, and talked with great deal of a brother who, she said, was the "most charming man in the world."

In New York Mrs. La Rue got her first sight of the charming brother. "He was a Spaniard," Mrs. La Rue said. "At times he had all the graces of a gentleman, but at others the frankness of a demagogue."

Mrs. La Rue got her first insight into the count's real nature one evening, when he took her to dinner in a downtown restaurant. The brother of his system of blackmail, with accomplices in several large cities of the United States and in some South American cities, she proposed that Mrs. La Rue join him.

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Park Superintendent W. G. Steel of the Crater Lake National park is aiding in the search.

According to reports reaching Klamath Falls, Mr. Marshall was last seen Tuesday afternoon, when, carrying his gun and a small quantity of ammunition, he wandered away from companion hunters and evidently became lost. On his failure to return his party searched for him. The search has been continued daily.

The point where Mr. Marshall was last seen is in the western part of Klamath county, and is that known as the Red Indian country. This section of the country is exceptionally rough.

It is feared that Mr. Marshall may have wandered into the Spruce Knob canyon from which he was unable to find his way out. Another theory is that he might have met with some accident or been overtaken by a dog in Red Bluff river. This river empties into the Rogue river, and searchers have been keeping a close watch for the appearance of the body in one of these rivers.

A. K. Wiggins, a Klamath resident, accompanied by his dog, is joining in the hunt. The dog is said to be unusually friendly to Mr. Marshall.

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LADIES take work home spare time. 41 dozen. Store 733 1/2 Wash st.

HELP WANTED—MALE AND FEMALE

HOP PICKERS WANTED

1700 hop pickers wanted for Liveley yards; tents, wood, water and good camps provided; 50c box will be paid; 10c per bush; 10c per bush; 10c per bush.

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## State Commissioner Wells Annuls All Rates Covering Builders' Business Here.

Salem, Or., Aug. 21.—Insurance Commissioner Harvey Wells Monday announced that he had given permission to write ship risks.

This was the important feature of his reply to a telegram received from W. H. LaBoeuf, chairman of the insurance committee of the Emergency Fleet corporation.

Commissioner Wells and Mr. LaBoeuf are engaged in a controversy over the placing of insurance on vessels under construction in Oregon. The insurance committee of the fleet corporation was endeavoring to place the insurance directly with the insurance companies at a low rate which would eliminate the agents' commission.

Commissioner Wells has been insisting that the insurance be placed through local insurance agents, so they would not be deprived of their commissions.

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Just Try This When Hairy Growth Appears (Modes of Today.) A smooth, hairless skin always follows the use of a certain cream. It is some water with plain powdered delatone. This paste is applied to the hairy surface and every day is rubbed off and the skin washed. Every trace of hair will vanish. The use of this delicate paste, but caution should be used to be sure that you get a real delatone. (Adv.)

# American Soldiers In France "Gassed"

## With the Expeditionary Army in France, Aug. 21.—(I. N. S.)—American troops "gassed" today. It was purely voluntary gassing, however, part of the battle hardening process. The soldiers donned their gas masks and went to the "gas chambers" to meet various kinds of vapors used by the enemy in his attacks.

There were drills in the donning of the masks and their proper adjustment. The soldiers quickly caught the idea and before long were putting on their air filters in four or five minutes.

The quartermaster's department announced the arrival of a big shipment of American tobacco and a big run on his store followed.

Thirty Cases Are Awaiting Action—Frank S. Doernbecher Is Chosen Foreman—Slacker Cases Will Be Up. After a delay of one day on account of a shortage of men, the federal grand jury was impaneled this morning by Federal Judge Wolverton.

About 30 cases are awaiting, most of them cases of slackers, espionage and bootlegging.

The men examined were: Frank Driver, Seattle; Fred L. Kieff, Michael, Seattle; dependents, William H. Crump, Benton county, Wash.; dependents, Corifus Simon, Grays Harbor county, Clatsop county, Clatsop county, Cal.; no exemption, George R. Hub, Centro, Cal., occupational claim; Herman K. Sanders, Norwood, O., dependents; H. R. Lochrey, Lafayette, Ind., no exemption.

Dr. E. P. Geary, J. E. Martin and D. B. Mackie comprise the board of division No. 5. No session of the appellate exemption board was held today. It is expected that all the continued claims will be taken up and disposed of Wednesday.

Russia Establishes Autonomous Ukraine Petrograd, Aug. 21.—(I. N. S.)—The provisional government has issued a decree that the following five governments will compose the future territory of autonomous Ukraine, namely: Kiev, Volyn, Podolia, Poltava and Tchernikov. The superior administration of the territory will be under the direct control of the provisional government. The agitation of the extremists and separatists in the Ukraine has experienced a lull because the signing of the provisional constitution "On for an undivided Russia," is becoming more and more popular with the masses.

Women and Children Guests of Railroad Guests of the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company: 10 car loads of women and children, are to be the public welfare bureau, are at Bonnetville today.

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