

O'BRIEN KILLED, NOT SUICIDE, HIS SISTER DECLARES

Momence, Ills., Dec. 28.—(I. N. S.)—Lieutenant Pat O'Brien, whose widely remembered escape from a moving train bearing him to a German prison camp startled the country in the early years of the world war, did not die a suicide on December 17 in his room in a Los Angeles hotel, but was murdered.

This was the word given out today by Mrs. Clara Clegg of this city, sister of the dead hero aviator, in an interview with newspaper men. Mrs. Clegg also told her interviewers that relatives and friends of O'Brien are insisting upon a more thorough investigation of the circumstances surrounding his death, and that the Los Angeles end of the investigation is to be conducted by Merwin O'Brien, brother of the flyer, and Virgil Moore, who was associated with him in his motion picture enterprises.

"My brother did not kill himself," Mrs. Clegg declared in her interview. "I am certain that he was murdered. I was with him on the day he was killed. I saw him at 4, 5 and 6 o'clock that afternoon and evening. It was his birthday, you know, and he was smiling and cheerful as ever."

"It is ridiculous to charge that he was insane," Mrs. Clegg said. "At 11 o'clock that night they told me he had killed himself. That was three hours after he died. I never could understand why I was not notified sooner. I went to where his body was. I noticed that there were no powder marks and that his little personal possessions had all disappeared. It was impossible to get definite information from the authorities. They seemed quite willing to take it for granted that he had killed himself. I know that he didn't write that letter. So far as I know, they didn't even hold an inquest."

According to Mrs. Clegg, friends and relatives of O'Brien rely upon the following testimony in their demands:

That Lieutenant O'Brien was threatened with death by a woman on four different occasions.

That Virgil Moore, an aviator friend of O'Brien's, once wrested a pistol from this woman as she sought to fire at O'Brien.

That Pat O'Brien did not write the death note found near his body, and that the note was written by the slayer to make it appear that O'Brien was mentally unbalanced.

That there were no powder stains or marks found about the wound.

Census Adds to Cost
Yakima, Wash., Dec. 28.—It will take in round numbers \$50,000 more to pay the county employees in 1921 than it took

Welch Not Guilty Of Blowing Dredge, His Mother Asserts

Astoria, Or., Dec. 28.—Mrs. Mary Welch, mother of Fred Welch, who is in jail at South Bend, accused of being the cause of the death of the four persons killed by the explosion on the dredge Beaver, returned to Astoria last evening and stated today that her son was innocent of any crime. She said:

"My son was not an I. W. W. or a radical. Prior to the destruction of the dredge Beaver Fred was employed on the vessel. On the evening of the fatality he was making a hammock in the cabin and had just stepped on deck when the explosion occurred. I have just returned from South Bend, where I saw him in jail. He tells me he does not know what caused the accident."

"On December 24 my son and I intended going to Portland, where on Christmas day he was to be married to Miss Ruby Cummings of Joseph, Or. Fred had already rented a home in Portland where he and his wife were to live. Mr. Christensen, who accused my son of this terrible deed, thought Fred was playing second hand love to Miss Behrke, but this is untrue. He was devoted to Miss Cummings, his fiancée."

Mrs. Welch also stated that Miss Cummings is now on her way to make her home at the Welch residence in this city and that the young woman expects to lend her efforts toward having the prisoner exonerated of the first degree murder charges now against him.

EXPANSION PLANS FOR CREAMERY AT EUGENE ARE MADE

Eugene, Dec. 28.—The management of the Eugene Farmers' creamery has issued to stockholders a proposal to extend operations by the erection of a new combination plant, equipped for the manufacture of milk powder, ice cream and ordinary creamery products. It is estimated that it will require from \$60,000 to \$75,000 for the plant.

At the coming annual meeting the matter will be submitted, with the question of whether the money shall be raised by increasing the capital stock, issuing preferred stock or bonds. It was suggested that in order to carry out the plan the stockholders accept shares for the earnings of the past year.

The increased business of the creamery company makes a new plant imperative, and, after careful investigation, the directors have concluded that milk powder equipment would be a valuable adjunct.

That the combined plant would enable them to care for a much larger quantity of milk without waste. Improvement in the dairy industry is shown by the fact that while the number of patrons of the creamery has decreased, the amount of butterfat and milk received from each member has

materially increased during the past year.

The combined efforts of Eugene churches, the Salvation Army and the Elks club resulted in the collection of such a mass of food, fruit, vegetables and clothing during the Christmas holiday that the committee was unable to find a sufficient number of needy families in the city to utilize all. The surplus will be used to tide over a number of needy families during the winter. An unusual number of men are unemployed here.

Non-Support Is Alleged
Vancouver, Wash., Dec. 28.—Margaret Cathcart has filed suit for divorce against Carl Cathcart. Non-support is charged.

Mandamus Actions To Compel Issuance Of Licenses Likely

Owners of certain vacant north end buildings, formerly occupied by soft drink and cardroom proprietors whose licenses have been cancelled by the city council, will likely bring mandamus proceedings in the circuit court to compel the council to license others to engage in similar businesses in those buildings. It was stated by attorneys engaged in defending proprietors recently put out of business by the council.

"The commissioners have arbitrarily

announced that friends, former employees or acquaintances of those whose licenses are revoked will not be allowed to engage in business in the places now closed; that works a hardship on the property owner which he will hardly submit to gracefully," one attorney stated. Another lawyer said that should the matter be taken to the circuit court the city council would be required to prove an applicant unworthy of a license or that he had ulterior motives or be compelled to issue the license should an application be made to engage in any legitimate business in the places now closed.

Acting Mayor Bigelow said he had received no formal notice of mandamus proceedings, adding that in his opinion the applicant for a license to engage in business in any of the buildings closed by the council would have to produce

a very clear record and first convince the council of his intention to conduct a legitimate business therein before the city granted permission to open any of the places closed.

Hearings in the revocation proceedings will be resumed Thursday morning with Mayor Baker presiding, at which time 16 dealers are slated for revocation of their licenses.

Repairs Being Made To Street Ends on City Water Front

The recent warnings from the department of public works to the effect that

all slips leading to the water on Front street would be barricaded unless properly repaired has had very salutary effect along the waterfront. Commissioner Harbor announced today: "I found on personal inspection this morning that property owners on both sides of each street end were making reasonable effort to place the ramps in order, with the exception of Salmon street, which is now barricaded," the commissioner stated.

The upper decks of the slip entrances along the waterfront are in bad condition. Harbor reported and the city will proceed at once to remove them, though their removal will not affect traffic to the docks.

A recently invented lock nut is featured by a coil spring that grips the thread of a bolt.

FACING The FACTS

The Staiger Shoe company, awake to the downward trend of prices, realize that every shoe in their shelves cost them more than that same shoe is worth today on the new basis of prices. They do not consider it good business to sell those shoes on the basis of cost to them. It is their unalterable policy to **always** sell at the lowest possible price at which **good** shoes can be sold. But don't get the mistaken idea that shoe prices are **much** below those of a year ago—they're not—nor will they be soon. There is a difference of from fifty cents to two-fifty a pair, the average being about half way between the two figures. However

Owing to changing market conditions, and that they may be able to **buy and sell** under these new conditions, they have determined to take a sharp **loss** on the **entire** present stock and have turned it over to me with instructions to "**Sell it—every pair!**"

I'VE CUT EVERY PRICE

Cut it without regard to **anything** other than to make it **low** enough to meet the public idea of what shoe prices should be! And never was a stock of the magnitude of this grouped into as few prices. I've looked at every line separately and thrown it into a price group that I **know** will sell it. But remember this—every sale is **cash—no refunds, no exchanges** after **11:30 A. M.** The store's usual careful service in fitting will govern all sales. I suggest morning shopping where at all possible.

SALE STARTS WEDNESDAY, 10 A. M.

WOMEN'S \$7 to \$12
SHOES and PUMPS.
Broken
lines.... **\$3.70**

WOMEN'S \$10 to \$15
SHOES and PUMPS.
Sizes incomplete, but
all sizes in group. **\$5.70**

WOMEN'S \$10 to \$15
SHOES, OXFORDS
and Pumps. A great
group, comprising all
sizes, all
leathers. **\$7.30**

WOMEN'S \$15.00 to
\$18.00 BOOTS in gray
shades, also two-tone
patent button. Arm-
strong's make.... **\$8.30**

WOMEN'S \$12.00 to
\$16.50 SHOES, OX-
FORDS and PUMPS.
All leather and every
wanted
style.... **\$9.30**

WOMEN'S "DR.
REED" SHOES, Regu-
lar \$17 at.... **\$12.30**

J. & M. \$18 to \$22.50
MEN'S SHOES, in all
leath-
ers... **\$13.70**

MEN'S "DR. REED"
\$17.00 SHOES
Priced
at.... **\$13.70**

MEN'S \$16 to \$17.50
"BOSTONIANS"
Priced
at.... **\$12.30**

MEN'S \$12.50 to \$15
"BOSTONIANS"
Priced
at.... **\$8.30**

MEN'S \$12 to \$14.00
"BOSTONIANS," dis-
continued
line.... **\$9.30**

MEN'S \$10 to \$12.50
SHOES. All styles.
Black or
tan calf... **\$7.30**

LITTLE GENTS' \$7.00
SHOES, like dad's.
Priced
at.... **\$4.70**

BOYS' \$9.00
"HOLLAND"
SHOES **\$5.70**
at....

BOYS' \$5.50 to \$8.00
SHOES, wear like
iron,
at.... **\$4.70**

YOUTH'S \$5.00
SHOES
Neolin
soles, at. **\$3.70**

GROWING GIRLS'
SHOES
Priced at
only.... **\$6.70**

GROWING GIRLS'
\$11.00 SHOES
Priced at
only.... **\$7.30**

LAIRD, SCHOBOR
& CO.'S \$9 MISSES'
SHOES **\$6.30**
at....

MISSES' \$5.50 AND
\$6.00 SHOES
Patent
button... **\$3.70**

MISSES' \$6.00 TO
\$7.00 SHOES... **\$4.70**

Laird, Schobor & Co.'s
Children's \$8 Shoes,
sizes 8½
to 11.... **\$5.30**

CHILDREN'S \$6.00
TO \$6.50 SHOES
Sizes 8½
to 11, at. **\$4.30**

"SOLDIER BOY"
\$5.50 SHOES... **\$3.70**

CHILD'S \$4.50 to \$5
SHOES
Sizes 5
to 8.... **\$3.30**

\$250



Prize Contest Still Open!

There's still an opportunity for you to win the \$250 prize for suggesting the right name for the first pure worsted knitting yarn spun west of the Atlantic coast.

Think what that means to Oregon—to have worsted yarn of pure, virgin wool, spun right here in Portland. Until we find the right name for this yarn it is being sold as

Oregon Worsted Yarn

But, we want a distinctive name for this yarn. It must be descriptive. We want it to suggest this pure worsted. Following are good sample names which, for various reasons, cannot be used: "Bo-Peep," "Columbia," "Minerva," "Good Shepherd," "Oregon." Put on your

thinking cap right now and SUGGEST A NAME—YOURS MAY BE THE WINNER!

If you have suggested a name—suggest another—or half a dozen more! Send in as many as you like! Oregon Worsted Yarn is sold by the leading dealers of Oregon at 50c a ball. It comes in all colors. Ask to see it!

Rules of Contest

The contest is open to everyone. Submit as many names as you like. Use blank or any kind of paper you wish. Impartial judges will decide upon the winning name. Only one can be selected. If the winning name is suggested by more than one person, the first one received will be awarded the prize. All names must be submitted by January 10. Announcement of winner will be made January 15, 1921. Send names to Oregon Worsted Company, Portland, Oregon.

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BETWEEN 4th AND 5th