# COL. BECK WAS SHOT FROM REAR, ASSERTS SHERIFF

Oklahoma City, Okla., April 6.—Colonel Paul Ward Beck, handsome post flying field commandant, killed by Judge Jean P. Day, who declared Beck had attempted to attack Mrs. Day, was shot from the back, Sheriff Ben Dancy was quoted as declaring in a story printed in the Oklahoma News today.

"Paul Ward Beck never hid from anybody. He faced death in the line of duty too many times for that."

Major R. B. Haddock, relative of General Pershing and a member of the "death bridge party," made that comment today on the assertion by Judge Day that Beck hid behind the curtains when Day returned from taking guests from the party, and saw the officer struggling with Mrs. Day.

"It was not like Beck to hide behind such flimsy things as curtains when caught in a tight place."

Through the tangled web of conflicting stories shadowing the alleged accidental slaying authorities today visioned disclosures which threatetned to roc kthe army post to its very foundation.

For while brother officers of the slain airman—killed by a bullet which tore away his skull, as he was a guest in the home of the man who had paved his entrance into scores of homes on Capitol Hill—sought to defend Beck, Forest Hughes, prosecuting attorney, announced he "was on the trail of a series of gay parties in which the glamor of the uniform mixed with the brew bottles" would be revealed.

**HOME LIKE MILITARY POST**

Hughes, it became known, based his investigation into the killing of Beck on reports that "the Day home, in the hours preceding the tragedy, resembled a military post."

That other officers than Beck and Major R. B. Paddock were present at the party which preceded the tragedy was denied both at Fort Sill and at the Day home.

Day's story of the tragedy, according to Hughes, has been disproved in the finding of the bullet lodged in Beck's brain.

The mushroomed pellet entered from the back of the airman's head, splitting against the skull and penetrating every part of the head in a dozen fragments.

"How a man could be facing another and then shoot him in the back of the head is beyond me," Hughes said, commenting on Day's story.

In answer to Hughes' statements, Day reenacted the tragedy in its entirety.

**"DADDY DID RIGHT," SHE SAYS**

With his 20-year-old daughter, Dorris Day, as a witness, Day, with the aid of his wife, detailed every move he claims to have made in the brief space preceding Beck's death.

"Daddy did exactly right—I glory in him," Miss Day, tears streaming from her eyes, told the group who witnessed her father's portrayal.

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Miss Day's statement is believed to have prompted her mother in demanding the right to tell her complete story before a coroner's jury Saturday.

"I want to tell my story—tell it all," Mrs. Day said.

"I have nothing to hide—I did no wrong.

"My husband is the only man I love."

Mrs. Day is expected to come to the defense of the military men of Fort Sill.

"It is silly to say our home resembled an army post," she said.

"We had many army men as guests—chiefly friends of Colonel Beck, but our home was never the scene of gay military parties in which liquor played a part."

"Since my wife will testify, I, too, will tell my story to the coroner's jury Saturday," Day announced, overruling the whims of his counsel.

## Dr. Charles Sheard, Optometric Expert, To Visit Portland

Dr. Charles Sheard, editor of the American Journal of Optometry, author of several text books on optometric subjects, will be a Portland visitor early in June. Through Dr. Floyd B. Dayton, regional director of the American Optometric association, Dr. Sheard has consented to make a brief tour of Northwest cities, delivering lectures of interest to the profession as well as laymen.

Dr. Sheard is coming to the coast as the principal lecturer at the Western congress of Optometry, which will be held in Los Angeles late in May. Following the congress at Seattle, two years ago, the doctor visited Portland and addressed the Kiwanis club and was the guest of local optometrists at a banquet. Last October Dr. Sheard visited London for the purpose of delivering the Thomas Ydung memorial address before the British Ophthahmic society.

In addition to Dr. Dayton, president of the Oregon Association of Optometrists, Dr. Charles A. Rusco Jr., George F. A. Walker, C. B. O'Neill and A. B. Reynolds will act as a general committee to receive Dr. Sheard. The program committee includes Drs. D. R. Haylor, D. A. Chambers, Edward W. Wheeler, Edith I. Phillips and Henry E. Morris. Dr. Shearman W. Moody of Eugene will be toastmaster at the banquet to be given in Dr. Sheard's honor.

## State Chamber Bureau Showing Splendid Results

Results obtained by the organization and service department of the State Chamber of Commerce since its organization one month ago have been decidedly satisfactory, said Roy T. Bishop, director in charge, in an announcement issued today. During the past month Bishop reported that Morris J. Duryea, secretary of the department, has visited many communities, including Salem, McMinnville, Hillsboro, Corvallis, Albany, Silverton, Eugene and Astoria. Many communities of Eastern and Central Oregon have requested the service of the department in assisting in the solution of community problems. The service is carried on free of charge, said Bishop.

**PIERCE RETURNS HOME**

Walter M. Pierce, who has announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for governor at the coming primary election in May, left for his home at La Grande last night after spending a week in Portland. He will make his formal filing as a candidate with the secretary of state Saturday.

## J. E. Bennett Seeks Election to House On G. O. P. Platform

J. E. Bennett, president of the Independent Meat Dealers' association, announced his candidacy for representative in the legislature from Multnomah county today. He seeks the Republican nomination.

Bennett was born in Mercer county, Missouri, in 1891, and came to Portland in 1905. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, the Progressive Business Men's club and the Woodmen of the World.

In announcing his candidacy Bennett has adopted the slogan "Honest, fearless, effective service; strict economy." He favors a graduated state income tax, with fair exemptions, and the provision that for every dollar collected from income sources its equivalent shall be deducted from the real property tax. He is opposed to the repeal of the educational institution millage taxes. He is opposed to legislation unfriendly to labor, and also to laws that would tend to stifle business. He is opposed to any increase in the gasoline tax, and in favor of a readjustment of the automobile license schedule, feeling that it is in some instances too high and inequitable. He is opposed to Japanese land ownership. He opposes a property tax qualification in limitation of the right of suffrage.

# EPIDEMIC TAKES TENTH VICTIM

Ten deaths resulted from the septic sore throat epidemic with the report Wednesday of the death of Miss Helen Harmon, whose father, Ed L. Harmon, died a few days previous. Mr. Harmon was on his deathbed when his daughter became ill. Mrs. Elizabeth Harmon, the mother, is also ill, but is expected to recover.

First symptoms of Miss Harmon's illness developed Sunday. She became steadily worse until her death. She was 35 years old. She came to Portland with her parents from Charlotte, Mich., in 1896. She was the only child.

Funeral services will be held at Portland crematorium Friday afternoon.

Five cases were reported to the city health bureau today. All, however, were cases which developed from March 26 to 28.

Indications are, health officers say, that the epidemic now is almost wiped out.

Three of the cases reported today were traced to the Pleasant View dairy. They are: Mrs. Anna Linderman, No. 812 Northrup street; Sanford Werdel, No. 190 Savier street, and Mrs. Alice Heaton, No. 731½ Hoyt street.

The Pleasant View dairy will continue to operate, but will pasteurize its milk, the bureau announced.

Two other cases reported were those of Mrs. Henry Stephenson, No. 812 Overton street, and Mrs. Leon Wolff, No. 185 Laurelhurst.

# SIX MEN LEFT BOAT, CAPTAIN TESTIFIES

Tacoma, April 6. — (U. P.)—"I told Mrs. Stewart that I would help her unless something came into my mind to change it, and that something came. I did see six men come off the "Queen" on the night of March 17. One of those men might have been Stewart."

This testimony of Captain Reed, owner of the "Queen," from which Fred A. Stewart, Kelso banker, disappeared on the night of March 17, 1921, was the sensation of the trial today in federal court here.

Mrs. Stewart is suing for $45,000 insurance from the Prudential and Mutual Life Insurance companies. They refused to pay the policies on the ground that Stewart is not dead. They declare that he feigned the disappearance and later fled to California and Mexico.

Stewart was cashier of the defunct Kelso State bank. He disappeared the night before the bank's failure. Reed took the stand late yesterday and cross examination by Attorney Maurice Langhorne began today.

"So you knew at the time that six men got off that boat, but you did not tell a soul?" Langhorne asked the witness.

"I did," he replied. "I only told Mrs. Reed, my wife. She told me I was a fool not to tell what I knew. And when I saw all the suffering that bank failure caused I made up my mind to tell it."

O. B. Rupp, defense attorney, declared that he would introduce depositions from persons in California that Stewart had been seen in Los Angeles and Hanford, Cal., subsequent to his disappearance by persons who knew the banker intimately.

Rupp also declared that he would produce a deposition from the captain of a steamer plying between San Francisco and Salina Cruz, that Stewart, or a man resembling him, had taken passage on his steamer for Manzanillo, Mexico.

## Admiral Mayo to Be Festival Marshal

The floral parade in the next Rose festival will begin on time, according to Admiral Henry T. Mayo, who accepted the role of grand marshal. His acceptance, he said, was based on the stipulation that he would not be required to ride a horse or walk. He named as his aides, Major George Mayo, U. S. engineers, and Lieutenants R. E. Kerr, John A. Beckwith and Harold C. Jones of the navy and naval reserves.

## Relatives of Woman Suicide Are Sought

Mrs. Belle Ryan, formerly Mrs. Belle Van Cleve, who moved from Portland to San Francisco about six weeks ago, committed suicide in that city last Sunday, and San Francisco authorities are trying to locate relatives. She has a brother in the vicinity of Eugene and two aunts in Portland. Mrs. Ryan is said formerly to have lived at 45th avenue and 74th street, in the Mount Scottdistrict.

## Census Report Shows Growth of Local Industries

Although the shipbuilding and allied industries of the city swelled the United States manufacturing census of this city in 1919, preliminary estimates made by Elmore W. Sanderson, census agent, in charge of the biennial report revision locally, indicate that the industry of the city will far surpass that of two years ago.

The 1919 report credited Portland with 846 industries. In addition to elimination of the shipbuilding plants, the new census does not include automobile repair shops and dyeing and cleaning establishments. This means a flat reduction of 79 plants. Although no official announcement of the results can be made by Sanderson, his early reports indicate that the 1921 record will surpass that of 1919.


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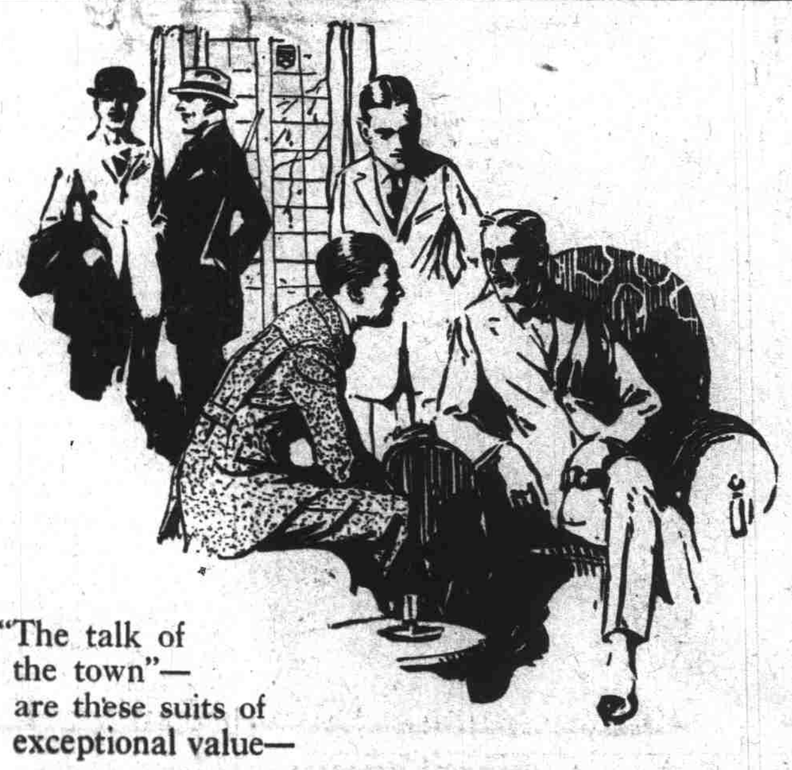

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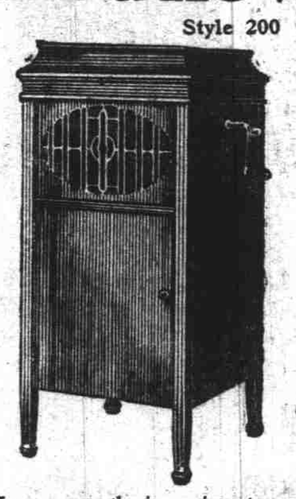

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