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## CRIME IS ADMITTED BY FIEND

### W. R. Horner, Taken in Custody in Seattle, Tells of Murdering Mrs. Bassett and Two Daughters at Night in Tent

### SHOOTING FOLLOWED ARGUMENT IN NIGHT

### Man Reluctant to Make Confession—Says Husband's Death While Hunting Was Accidental

SEATTLE, Wash., May 23.—W. R. Horner, a mill worker, who was arrested Friday night in Okanogan county by officials investigating the murder of Mrs. Nellie Bassett and her two children at Kelso, Wash., on May 17, at midnight confessed to the triple killing, according to Sheriff John Stringer.

The confession, according to Sheriff Stringer, was made when Horner, after stoutly maintaining his innocence after a severe cross-examination, broke down when the pictures of the bodies as they were found in a tent near the Pacific highway, were dramatically thrust before his eyes.

"I did it! I did it!" he is alleged to have declared brokenly.

"We were sleeping in the tent when she woke up in the middle of the night and insisted on my marrying her. I refused, and we got to quarreling. I remember seeing the rifle and shooting all of them as they lay in their beds."

Horner, however, stoutly protested that he did not kill Fred Bassett, husband of the murdered woman.

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## Some Dealers in Danger of Violating Orders

Any dealer in flour who took a flour order yesterday or before and delivers it tomorrow will be violating orders of the federal food administration, for a wheatless period has been declared from May 27 to May 31. This information is furnished by F. W. Steusloff, food administrator for Marion county. As soon as an announcement was made that the period from May 27 to 31 would be wheatless some people began hoarding wheat products. A meeting of all dealers and retailers is called for 2 o'clock, May 31, when further details of the order will be arranged. During the stated period all sales are stopped except to bakeries and logging camps. The serious shortage of wheat is the reason.

## WOMEN BURNED IN WORKROOM

### Red Cross Bandage Makers Caught in Fire—One Loses Life in Smothering Blaze

NEW YORK, May 25.—One woman Red Cross worker was burned to death here today and another badly scalded in a fire which destroyed the printing establishment of Walter N. Brunt, where 40 of the workers were engaged in turning out Red Cross bandages.

Mrs. H. M. Lambert sacrificed her life when she attempted to smother a pan of flaming celluloid with her apron.

The fire caught the dress of Mrs. Kate Brand, who was working alongside of Mrs. Lambert. Miss Margaret Morgan, secretary of the company seeing her plight, rushed to her aid and carried her to safety. Mrs. Brand was badly burned, however, before her clothing could be extinguished. Miss Morgan was uninjured.

## Six Hundred Men Taken in Custody by Posses

PHOENIX, Ariz., May 25.—More than 600 men have been taken into custody by a posse acting under the direction of United States Marshal Dillon in rounding up alleged draft evaders in Phoenix tonight. Squads of deputies invaded motion picture shows, billiard rooms, restaurants and cigar stores, arresting all men of draft age who were unable to show classification cards. As fast as arrested the men were placed in a stockade.

## DEVOY CALLS SINN FEINERS PLOT A FAKE

### Editor of Gaelic-American Brands Exposure False—Denies He is German Intermediary

### CONSPIRATORS ARREST CALLED UNJUSTIFIED

### Only Opposition to England Avowed Movement Against Conscription

NEW YORK, May 25.—John Devoy, named in the British press bureau's official exposure of alleged German Sinn Fein Irish uprising plot, as an intermediary, in America between Germany and the Irish leaders, issued a statement here tonight branding the London announcement as "an impudent fake." Devoy is the editor of the Gaelic-American, an anti-British weekly newspaper published in this city.

Declaring that there was no conspiracy justifying the arrest last week of 500 Sinn Feiners, Devoy also asserted that the "never had any dealings directly or indirectly with and agent or emissary, official or unofficial, of the German government since the United States entered the war."

Devoy termed the British announcement a "hash of old stories" and said they were brought up to date "by the addition of the later inventions."

## Rediculous Announcement

He ridiculed Premier Lloyd George's announcement of "a conspiracy for a great rising in Ireland" and the statement that "no taunts would drive the government to give away the sources of its information" as an admission by the prime minister that "the evidence will not stand the test of an examination of court."

The sole object of the charges made officially in London, Devoy said, is to create antipathy to Ireland in America. Irish leaders in the United States have had no dealing with Germany since this country became a belligerent, he stated.

## DOCTOR GIVES OPINION

The only opposition to England in Ireland, he continued, is an open and avowed movement to restrict conscription.

Devoy first obtained nationwide notoriety when after the unsuccessful Irish rebellion of Easter week, 1916, he accused President Wilson of giving information to the British government which betrayed Sir Roger Casement and frustrated the German plans to land arms and munitions in Ireland in support of the uprising. Later he modified his accusations, naming state department officials instead of the president.

## STATEMENT IS BELIEVED

LONDON, May 25.—The bulk of the newspaper opinion in London accepts the statement issued by the Press Bureau as convincing proof of the guilt of the Sinn Fein leaders and of the probable guilty knowledge by their followers of the progress of the conspiracy.

Accordingly, the government's action is endorsed as wholly justified. Some regret is expressed that evidence of the latest incidents cannot be divulged as fully as in the matter of Sir Roger Casement's plot, but this is not held to invalidate the case against any of the men under arrest.

## U. S. GUNBOAT STRIKES ROCK

SHANGHAI, Wednesday, May 25.—An American gunboat proceeding to Chung King struck a rock ten miles from Joring Tuesday. Although badly damaged she succeeded in returning to port.

## SOLDIERS AND MOB IN FIGHT

### Rioters Attempt to Burn City Hall—Garrison Regiment Called Out

HALIFAX, N. S., May 25.—The wildest riot in the history of this city occurred tonight when returned soldiers attempted to rescue other soldiers who had been arrested by the police. The mob tried to wreck and burn the city hall and the police headquarters, cut the hose when the fire department arrived, and forced the firemen to retreat.

The mob held sway until the garrison regiment arrived with loaded rifles. Hundreds of marines with loaded rifles and fixed bayonets, landed from warships, succeeded in dispersing the crowds.

Several persons were injured, including three police officers. The damage to the city hall will amount to several thousand dollars.

## SALEM TO GET WAR CONFERENCE

### Two-Day Session Early in June Is Plan of Gill and Steusloff

The Salem citizens who attended the war conference in Portland this week brought back with them an impress and impulse of patriotic enthusiasm which is to be projected into every section of Marion county if plans now forming are carried through. It is the desire and purpose of the Salem delegation that the inspiration of the conference shall bear fruit here, both in devising ways and means for war service and in stiffening the morale of war workers.

Manager R. S. Gill, of the Salem Commercial club, and Chairman Steusloff of the county defense council are now hard at work upon the arrangement of a two-days war conference to be held in this city in the fore part of June, with the determination that it shall bring about a closer coordination of forces in all branches of war activity, in short to put Marion county on a war basis.

## WAR YOUTHS EXCUSES ARE OF NO AVAIL

### War Department Will Not Tolerate Slackers on Day Set for Registration

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## DEFENSE WILL TRY TO PROVE TEACHER INSANE

### Mental Disorder Thought Inherited—Miss Lusk's Mother Attempted Suicide

WAUKESHA, Wis., May 26.—Grace Lusk completed telling the story of her life at her trial for slaying Mrs. Mary Newman Roberts today and the defense immediately began the examination of expert testimony to prove her insane.

Dr. H. W. Powers, formerly of Chicago, and now a resident of Milwaukee, in answering a hypothetical question nearly 5000 words in length, declared that in his opinion the defendant was not of sufficient mental capacity at the time of the tragedy to distinguish between right and wrong and that she was suffering from paranoia.

The question cited at great length Miss Lusk's early history, the fact that she frequently suffered from headaches which rendered her unable to perform her duties as a school teacher; that there was an apparent strain of insanity in her family; that just before meeting Dr. David Roberts she had suffered a nervous breakdown, and her relations with the veterinarian.

Earlier in the day the prosecution succeeded in introducing a copy of "Love and Marriage," a book by Ellen Kay, which Miss Lusk reviewed in a paper for a woman's club. Miss Lusk, who was on the witness stand, protested against questions regarding her review of this work, declaring that she had written other things asking "why don't you bring those up?"

After Miss Lusk left the stand her aged father, A. P. Lusk, was called when he was on his honeymoon his wife attempted to commit suicide because of some trivial remark he had made.

More alienists will be called to testify for both the prosecution and defense when court opens Monday.

## MURDERER OF MRS. ROBERTS CONSTANT SUFFERER FROM HEADACHES

MADRID, May 25.—The German submarine U-65 which entered the port of Santander yesterday morning was forced to come into the harbor because the accumulators of the vessel had been damaged. The submarine is one of the 500-ton class and carries one deck gun and two torpedo tubes.

A Spanish gunboat has been sent to Santander to convey the submarine to Ferrol for internment. The crew of the boat has been interned in the inner of the country.

## Baker Defends "Work or Fight" War Regulations

WASHINGTON, May 25.—Formal denial that Provost Marshal General Crowder's "work or fight" regulations were promulgated with intent to affect labor conditions was made by the secretary of labor, designed to modify certain provisions in the way of deferred classification in the draft now granted some registrants and are not intended as an indirect conscription of labor.

## GERMANS OPEN SHIP PASSAGE

### Vindictive, Sunk at Ostend in British Raid, Shifted Toward Piers

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The basin at Bruges which is connected with both Ostend and Zeebrugge is full of German shipping but the canal is not being used.

## FUND PASSES QUOTA

WASHINGTON, May 25.—With subscription to the American Red Cross second war mercy fund passed now at more than the minimum quota of \$100,000,000 workers in the campaign rested tonight in preparation for a strenuous closing day Monday. Officials expect a big outpouring of dollars at the finish and expressed confidence tonight that the fund would be heavily oversubscribed.

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## CROWDER URGES STUDY OF DRAFT REGULATIONS

### Burden of Performing Duty Rests on Individuals—Forgetfulness Banned

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## More Peasant Uprisings Against Rule in Ukraine

MOECOW, Saturday, May 18.—Peasant uprisings against the new government in Ukraine are reported in the evening papers. In the Tchernigov government, the peasants drove out the new officials and defeated German-Ukrainian troops sent to suppress the movement in Poltava. The peasants were victorious in a battle with the troops which lasted three days and resulted in heavy losses.

Peasant opposition and a strike by railroad men as a protest against the new regime are greatly interfering with the export of grain to Germany from Ukraine and the special commission in charge of exports is temporarily inactive. General von Eichelhorn, the German commander in Ukraine, has urgently requested that a large number of railroad men be sent there from Germany.

## GRAND JURY TO MEET MAY 29

### Several Interesting Cases to Occupy Attention of Coming Session

There is prospect of a busy session for the grand jury which will convene on Wednesday, May 29, though the majority of the matters coming before the body will be of minor importance.

Otto Bark is held to the jury on the charge of burglarizing a school house near Woodburn. The case of Saun Louie, the Chinaman who was assaulted some weeks ago in the canteen house in the basement of the Hubbard building, will come up for investigation.

A case on non-support and a case of adultery are in view, and there will be the investigation of a drug-gist accused of selling a certain brand of "bitters" in too generous quantities to certain customers.

## NAVY RESERVES HAVE QUARTERS AT 385 STATE

Recruiting headquarters for the United States naval reserves who are due to arrive here Monday for a three-day campaign for recruits will be located in the Red Cross headquarters at 385 State street. Men who are registered in the Class A-1 draft and who can secure a release from their local board may enroll in the naval reserves.

Those enrolling in the naval reserves will not be called for a period of ten days after which they will be sent to the Puget sound navy yard at Bremerton, Wash., for detention of twenty-one days. At the end of this period they are transferred to a naval training station either at Bremerton or to the naval training station at Seattle for their training.

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## INTERPRETATIONS DIFFER

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## ONIMET AND ANDERSON LOSE IN RED CROSS GOLF MATCH

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## THE WEATHER

Sunday fair, except showers; extreme northeast portion; moderate winds, mostly westerly.

## U.S. ALSO INVOLVED IN BREAK

### Severing of Diplomatic Relations Between Cuba and Mexico Felt to Be Indirect Action Against This Country

### DETENTION OF FABELA HELD REAL GRIEVANCE

### Minister's Luggage Searched by Official Thought Government Agent Seeking Papers

WASHINGTON, May 25.—In Mexico's sudden breaking off diplomatic relations with Cuba is seen an indirect action against the United States. Those here most familiar with Latin American affairs profess to see in the forerunner of more direct action, possibly an interruption of intercourse between the United States and Mexico.

Although without official information of a detailed character, it is understood that Mexico's real grievance against Cuba is the recent incident in which the Mexican minister to Argentine, Senor Ysidro Fabela was delayed in Havana while some official, ostensibly a Cuban customs inspector, reached his baggage and probably removed some papers said to be of an international character.

This incident is believed here to be the real cause of the break and those who entertain this belief are firm in the conviction that Mexico was convinced that the United States was responsible for the incident.

Disguise is Suspected.

When Senor Fabela's luggage was searched it was maintained by some that the person who did it was not a Cuban official at all, but some other agent in the disguise of a Cuban inspector or gendarme. Later, however, it seems to have been satisfactorily established that the man really was a Cuban inspector.

A break between Cuba and Mexico, it is felt disrupts friendly relations, but a long-standing friendly relationship in the opinion of those in close touch with the subject, it may actually give Cuba a free hand, as the Mexican foreign minister says in his announcement, but perhaps not in the manner suggested. America agents for some time have been reporting German agents operating in Cuba, some of them crossing frequently to the United States as Cuban citizens or Mexican citizens. A severance of diplomatic relations probably would leave the Cuban government feeling more at liberty to investigate the activities.

When first class powers are concerned, a break in diplomatic relations inevitably has been followed by war. Between lesser powers this rule often fails to hold good.

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