

## JAMES HUIRT MAKES CONFESSION OF MURDER TO OFFICERS AT LOS ANGELES

### Katherine Kruse Watson Who Believes Her Marriage to "Bluebeard" Was Legal Now Living in Salem with Friends and Husband Left Her Here Last Christmas

## PRICES SEEM DETERMINED TO GO ON UP

### Latest Reports From Federal Reserve Agents Throughout Country Show Condition Grows Worse

## FARMING CONDITIONS ESPECIALLY SERIOUS

### Only Hope Expressed Is in Decrease of Number of Unfilled Orders on Hand

WASHINGTON, April 29.—Reports from federal reserve agents throughout the country showed a marked tendency of prices to resume their upward movement, the federal reserve board reported tonight in its summary of business conditions for April. But the board noted the hopeful sign, from the consumers' viewpoint, of "anxiety concerning the overstrained situation resulting from excessively high prices and wages," which it believed forecast a slowing down in the skyrocketing of prices.

While high prices of necessities were obviously chargeable to inefficiency and under-production to a large degree, the board advanced the belief that the already high costs of production were aggravated by the added expense of obtaining capital. The result has been that, during April, conditions were not as favorable to a drop in prices as they were in February and March, according to the summary.

## 16 YEAR OLD CRIPPLE WINS BIG ESSAY PRIZE

### CAN MOVE ONLY TWO FINGERS AND HEAD BUT HEAD WORKS

### Colonel Jackson Presents Two Cups, Gold Watch, and Hundred Dollars From Various Donors

CHICAGO, April 29.—Jimmie O'Malley, aged 16, able to move only two fingers and his head because of paralysis, today received the war department's silver cup for writing the best essay on "what the army has to offer a young man."

The cup, together with another from a local gank, a gold watch from the Fort Sheridan "Recall" and \$100 from the Knights of Columbus, was presented by Colonel Jackson, a member of Major General Leonard Wood's staff.

The presentation took place in the Spaulding school, where Jimmie and 400 other cripples, most of them like O'Malley, being confined to wheel chairs, are educated.

## SUGAR 31 CENTS STILL GOING UP

### Top Price Hit on Chicago Market in Thursday Sales

CHICAGO, April 29.—Sugar has reached the highest price on record in Chicago today, according to commission men. A 1000-pound lot sold for 31 cents a pound, wholesale. Buyers attempted to buy more by offering 32 cents, but there was none for sale.

ATLANTA, Ga., April 29.—The Oglesby Grocery company, wholesalers, and W. A. Albright, president of the firm, were indicted by the federal grand jury here today on charges of profiteering in sugar by buying at 16 cents and selling at 20 cents a pound.

## BIG MAY DAY PLOT FEARED BY U.S. AGENTS

### Reds Spread Propaganda Throughout Country and Instigate Rising and Class Warfare

## WIDE-SPREAD WALKOUT PART OF RADICAL PLAN

### Little Apprehension Felt on Coast but Portland Officers Make Arrests

WASHINGTON, April 29.—Plots against the lives of more than a score of federal and state officials have been discovered by the department of justice as a part of radical May day demonstrations, Attorney General Palmer announced tonight.

The department has information, according to the attorney general, that the instigators of the May day demonstration here have been working "in direct connection and in concert" with leaders of disturbances set for Europe.

As in Europe, attempts are being made to incite strikes in all basic American industries, Mr. Palmer said, although he did not believe they would be successful.

## CORONER HEARS KILLING STORY

### Evidence Offered That Shots Came From Simons House

BITTE, Mont., April 29.—Testimony of Under-Sheriff Jack Whelan that the first shots in the strike riot on Anaconda road near the Nevadawater mine, the afternoon of April 21, came from the Simons boarding house, with the corroborating testimony of Chief Deputy Dave O'Connor that he saw men run out of the boarding house after the trouble started, featured the first day of the coroner's inquest in connection with the death of Thomas Manning, victim of the shooting, who died several days later.

## SCOTCH UNIONS WANT DRY LAND

### Congress at Dummerline Passes Resolution Favoring Prohibition

DUMFERLINE, Scotland, April 29.—The Scottish trades union congress has passed a resolution in favor of liquor prohibition.

## Let the Old Folks Ride in Your Automobile Sunday

Volunteers are wanted to allow the use of their automobiles Sunday afternoon when aged Salem people are to be treated to rides through the blossoming fruit districts near the city. A ride of about an hour will be given each party.

## Coast Not Very Apprehensive

TACOMA, Wash., April 29.—That officials in the west were not likely to be on the list mentioned by Attorney General Palmer in connection with May day developments, was the opinion of United States Attorney E. C. Saunders tonight in a long dis-

## DALLAS YOUNG MAN COMMITS SUICIDE

### ROY W. FINSETH ENDS HIS LIFE WHILE DESPONDENT

### Dead Man Member of Old Company L and Veteran of Mexican Border Trouble of 1916

DALLAS, Or., April 29.—(Special to The Statesman)—Roy W. Finseth, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Finseth of this city committed suicide about 3:30 o'clock Wednesday night by shooting himself with a 38-caliber revolver. The act was committed in his home at 216 Maple street and is believed to have been done in a fit of despondency. The fatal shot lodged just above the heart and death was instantaneous.

Mr. Finseth had lived in Dallas practically all his life, coming here with his parents from Portland when a small boy. He received his education in the Dallas schools and had been associated with the mercantile establishment of his father for the past several years. He was a likeable young man and his sad death caused a wave of sorrow and gloom to settle on the city this morning.

For several years he was a member of Old Company L, and was a veteran of the Mexican border trouble. At the time of his death he was first sergeant of the present Dallas militia company.

He leaves a wife and one small child, his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Finseth, and one brother, Lief S. Finseth, all residing in this city. Arrangements for the funeral have not yet been made.

## COURT CASE IS LOST BY PHEZ FIRM

### Decree Holds That Salem Fruit Union Is Not Obligated to Deliver Stipulated Annual Berry Tonnage

Judges Bingham and Kelly yesterday signed a decree dismissing the action of The Phez company against the Salem Fruit union and more than 100 local berry growers of Marion county, holding that the plaintiff cannot compel the fruit union to deliver the annual tonnage of berries prayed for in the complaint at a price to which The Phez company contended the defendants were bound by contract.

## APPEAL WILL GO TO STATE SUPREME COURT

### More Than Hundred Growers Named as Defendants in Fruit Litigation

The Phez company will appeal to the supreme court immediately. The action is dismissed without prejudice. The suit was instituted to compel the Salem Fruit union to deliver to The Phez company 1200 tons of berries annually which the plaintiff asserted the defendant was bound to do under a contract, also to compel the growers to furnish the berries to the union for delivery to The Phez company.

## STATE'S BONDED DEBT SOON TO REACH TOTAL OVER ELEVEN MILLIONS

With the issuing of \$1,000,000 in bonds by the state board of control on May 11, if favorable bids are received, to match available federal appropriations for the construction of post and forest roads, the bonded indebtedness of the state of Oregon will be raised to \$11,655,750.

## Case Goes to Court

The board refused and the commission instituted an original proceeding in mandamus in the supreme court to compel the issue. Just before the special session of the legislature last January the supreme court handed down an opinion sustaining the board of control. Consequently an act was introduced at the special session and passed authorizing the board of control to match by bonds any amount available from the government, without limit, as long as the state's total bonded indebtedness remained within the limit fixed in the constitution. This act had the effect of obviating the Bean-Barrett act, and although a bond issue of \$600,000 would still have been possible under the Bean-Barrett act, all bond issues by the board of control for post and forest road construction subsequent to the special session of 1920, beginning with May 11, will be under the new act.

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## REAL OREGON WILD MAN SEES FIRST BALL GAME

### TAKES FIRST TROLLEY RIDE AND VISITS PREMIER MOVIE SHOW

### Trolleys Are Not Needed and Population Can't Support Shows or Baseball

PORTLAND, April 29.—Lawrence H. Brown saw his first street car and his first baseball game here today. In the Upper Drift creek settlement, 10 miles south of Toledo, Or., where Lawrence has spent all of his 11 years, there are only two other boys near his age, hardly enough to form a baseball team.

When Lawrence came to Portland this morning to testify for the government in the arraignment of L. A. Hurst, charged with stealing government property from a forest reserve, he asked his guardian to take him to the ball game today. When he rode to the ball park it was his first trolley ride. Tonight he was to see his first moving picture show.

## OLD SIGNS TO BE TAKEN DOWN

### Boards on Highways Leading Into Salem Lead Tourists to Wrong Place

One of the earliest moves of the Salem committee back of the tourist camp ground movement doubtless will be to have removed the obsolete signs on roads leading into Salem directing travelers to the state fair grounds as a camping place.

These signs were placed on the thoroughfares approaching Salem when the fair grounds were used as an inadequately equipped camping spot, and the fact that the signs still stand in a number of places has already proved misleading to the earlier automobile tourists who have passed through the city, and will continue to be a nuisance unless they are taken down.

Definite action has been taken relative to the proposed "camping grounds on the Albert property just off Church street. An agreement has been entered into and the rent has been paid. As soon as the committee meets again in a few days to arrange certain details the builders will go to work equipping the grounds for comfortable camping.

## KILLED 4 OF WIVES OR MORE

### James R. Huirt Now Confessed Bigamist and Brutal Murderer of Four of His Many Wives at Least and Probably Several More

## FAVORITE METHODS ARE DROWNING AND HAMMER

### Says Two Were Drowned at Odd Times by Tipping Out of Boat in Washington and "Drowning" in Idaho River

LOS ANGELES, April 29.—James R. Huirt, held here for weeks while officers investigated his marriages to a number of women, confessed late tonight he had murdered two of them, according to officers, and made partial confessions of the murders of two others.

The confessions were made to Thomas Lee Woolwine, district attorney, and to a number of other officials.

The officers said that Huirt stated "he might have murdered more," but in his weakened condition, resulting from two attempts at suicide, he could not remember.

He also declared, according to the officers, that he had married "twelve or fifteen" women, "probably more," they quoted him, but he was "too weak to give details."

Huirt, according to the officers, confessed having murdered Nina Lee Delaney and Betty Prior, the former with a hammer near Long Beach, Cal., and the latter by crushing her head with a sledge hammer, near Plum Station, Wash.

He made "partial confessions" the officers said, of the murders of Bertha Goodrich and Alice Ledvignou. The former, the officers stated, he tipped out of a boat in Lake Washington near Seattle, Wash., and the latter he "drowned" in a river in Idaho.

They stated however, that Huirt's actual work in connection with the deaths of the two were they were killed "by accident."

Huirt told the officers they said, where he had buried the body of the Delaney woman, at a spot near San Diego, Cal., but they declined to state the exact spot public. They started there to disinter it, late tonight, the party being led by District Attorney Woolwine.

Huirt's confession was made in the Los Angeles county hospital where he lay on his cot, still weak from wounds he had inflicted in his throat and wrists three weeks ago, immediately after his arrest.

Although no official statement was given out, his confession was believed to have been made in the hope of less severe punishment than he would have received had he prolonged the investigation of his alleged crimes.

The confession, it was stated, was made to the district attorney, Huirt's attorney, three deputy sheriffs and a stenographer.

Officers gave out the following information concerning the four women whose deaths were mentioned:

**Murdered Women Had Money.**

Nine Lee Delaney, whose home was at Eureka, Mont., married Huirt under the name of Charles N. Harvey at San Francisco, December 5, 1919. She was last seen at a hotel at Santa Monica, Cal., January 28, 1920. She had property valued at \$20,000. Some of it was found in Huirt's possession.

Bertha A. Goodrich of Spokane, Wash., married Huirt under the name of H. L. Gordon, June 11, 1919, at North Yakima, Wash. Her body was found near Plum Station, Wash., the short time afterward. Trunks belonging to her were lo-

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