

BOY'S MOTHER IMPPLICATED IN COLWELL CASE

State Seeks to Prove She Not Only Inspired Shooting but Actually Fired Shots.

UMAPINE POSTMASTER TAKES STAND TODAY

Testifies He Saw Tracks of Boy and Woman Close Together.

Ed Hoon this afternoon testified that, subsequent to the shooting, Mrs. Colwell told him that the boy, "only did it to defend his mother." He also testified that she told him he fired in self-defense.

That the state will seek to prove that Mrs. Cora Colwell not only inspired her 14 year old son, Lawrence, to go out "sunning" for J. E. Short but actually fired the shot or shots that caused the aged rancher's death is indicated by the testimony which has been introduced thus far in the murder trial.

The boy admits having shot the old man with his shotgun, claiming self-defense, but has always stoutly denied that his mother was present. It is becoming apparent, however, that the state is holding to the belief that he was shot also by a revolver and that the boy's mother fired the shots.

There is no testimony yet introduced to prove that Mrs. Colwell was present when Short was shot. Edgar Holm, postmaster and special deputy sheriff at Umatilla, testified this morning that he saw the tracks of a boy and a woman close together near the scene of the shooting. He was subjected to a grilling cross examination by Col. Bailey who sought to show that the witness was not an impartial one.

It is expected that Sheriff Taylor will also be called upon to testify relative to the tracks as it is said they were pointed out to him by Holm.

Mrs. Colwell Had Pistol.

It is expected that Mrs. Colwell will admit that she left the house in company with her son to search for the old man's son, John, who had forcibly taken possession of the horse in dispute. She will also probably admit that she carried a revolver. Mrs. Louie Anspach, a neighbor, testified that Mrs. Colwell called at her house while looking for the younger Short and had a revolver. The boy has always declared that he and his mother separated after leaving the house, the mother going toward the Anspach place while he walked in the direction where a little later the shooting occurred. His story has been that the old man climbed out of a buggy to open a gate just as he came in sight from behind a barn. He claims he asked the old man where John had taken the horse and that the other grabbed his shotgun and fired. He says he also shot and that the old man fell, though he claims the other shot first.

Claims Four Shots Fired.

E. S. Holmes, a shepherd who was in the neighborhood, testified that he heard four shots in quick succession. This is one of the strongest links in the state's supposed theory that Mrs. Colwell was present and fired two shots. Dr. C. W. Thomas testified as to the wounds found on the deceased. Several shots had entered the right breast and a little to the left two others had entered and passed through the body. It is presumed the state will contend that these wounds were caused by pistol balls.

Dr. Thomas also testified that two shot had struck the right arm of the deceased man, one striking the forearm at an angle and the other striking the biceps. The stock of Short's gun also shows that a shot had struck it at an angle. The wounds in the arm and the mark on the gun stock tend to indicate that the gun was held in a horizontal position as if at the shoulder.

T. O. Goodman, Holm and others testified to gun wads being found at the scene of the shooting. One line of wads led directly from the point where the boy is supposed to have stood to the point where the body had fallen and the other led from the latter spot at an angle, as if the charge had passed several paces from the boy. Whether the state will claim that this indicates that the old man was shooting at a third person or that

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WASHINGTON BOY IS KILLED IN ACTION

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—General Pershing cable today that Corporal Walter Roberts, the son of Mrs. Kate Roberts, of Thurline, Wash., was killed in infantry action on the French front Sunday. It is not stated what the action was, but it is believed to have been a hard engagement.



G'WAN, SMILE!

PRESIDENT WILSON CENSURES CHAMBERLAIN FOR SPEECH CRITICISING WAR DEPARTMENT

President Wilson yesterday sharply criticized senator Chamberlain for insipidities cast on the war department at a speech made in New York Saturday night, at a dinner attended by Roosevelt and other critics of the government.

In his statement President Wilson said: "Senator Chamberlain's statement as to the present situation and effectiveness of the government is an astonishing and absolutely unjustifiable distortion of the truth."

"As a matter of fact the war department has performed a task of magnitude which has not only met the extraordinary requirements of the hour, but has done so with an efficiency and a speed which have been a source of pride to the people of this country."

"There have been delays and disappointments and mistakes in carrying out the war plan, but these have been due to the complexity of the task and the magnitude of the task and not to any inefficiency of the government."

"It is hoped that the investigations which have been made will result in a more efficient organization of the war department."

and maturely perfected, and inasmuch as these measures have been the result of experience, they are much more likely than any other to be effective. If the congress will but remove the few statutory obstacles of rigid departmental organization which stand in their way.

Further Delays Feared.

"The legislative proposals I have heard of would involve long additional delays and further our experience in the war is not such that we can afford to wait for the new organization which stand in their way."

"My association and constant conference with the secretary of war have taught me to regard him as one of the ablest public officials I have ever known. The country will soon learn whether he or his critics understand the business in hand."

"To add, no senator Chamberlain did, that there is inefficiency in every department and bureau of the government is to show such ignorance of actual conditions as to make it impossible to attach any importance to his statement."

"I am proud to infer that that statement sprang out of opposition to the administration's whole policy rather than out of any serious intention to reform its practices."

An Extensive Speech.

"In my New York speech I had not prepared the address and spoke 29 minutes extemporaneously without notes. I pointed out that from Banker Hill to the present time we had had no military organization or policy."

"The press report of my address was correct. But my remarks were directed to the military establishment and not to other departments."

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THRIFT STAMP CAMPAIGN TO BE ENERGETICALLY CONDUCTED

Preliminary plans for an energetic prosecution of the thrift stamp campaign in Umatilla county were laid yesterday afternoon at a meeting of the executive committee in the latter building. The meeting was attended not only by representatives of practically all of the local organizations but by nearly all of the out-of-town campaign managers.

Umatilla county is expected to subscribe \$190,000 during the year 1918 for war savings stamps. These stamps will bear interest at the rate of 4 1/2 per cent compounded quarterly and thus, from an investment standpoint, are better than the Liberty Bonds.

The stamps, which entered in 1912, are for the small investor and no one person will be permitted to subscribe for more than \$100 of the issue.

It is expected that there will be an agent or agent handling these stamps for every 100 people in the county, according to Chairman Roy T. Bishop. The district managers will organize their committees and the school children will probably assist in reaching all of the homes. To reach her quota Umatilla county must subscribe \$20 for every man, woman and child.

The campaign will continue throughout the year and there will probably be no home campaign unless the people fail to respond to the call properly.

The East Oregonian will publish general information relative to these stamps so that the people may become familiar with the plan of helping the government finance the war.

Among those from out of town who attended the meeting yesterday afternoon were: Asa R. Thomson of Echo, Thomas Campbell of Hermiston, R. A. Holle of Stanfield, William of Umatilla, E. C. Schmitt of Pilot Rock, L. L. Llewellyn of Adair, Roy Penland of Heitz, W. S. Gleiser of Athena and G. W. Price of Milton.

64 YEAR OLD VETERAN TRIES TO GET IN CORPS

The Marine Corps has changed its policy in the last forty-three years, but not so the spirit of veterans who completed its ranks in 1875, according to the report of John McCarroll, 64 Harrison avenue, Boston.

McCarroll, who is 64 years of age, applied to Major General Barnett for permission to re-enlist, offering his services in any capacity, and calling attention to the fact that he had enlisted in the Soldiers of the Sea at Boston on December 6, 1875, and had been honorably discharged from the service.

His offer was regrettably declined by the major general, who expressed his hearty appreciation of the loyal and patriotic spirit which prompted it and pointed out that Mr. McCarroll was barred from service on account of his age.

FINANCES OF NATION ARE BEST EVER

Curtailment of Private Security Issues Not Necessary Says Federal Reserve

BETTER RESULTS FORECAST FOR 1918

Report to Congress Reveals Reserve System is Big Success.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—That curtailment of private security issues and investment in new enterprises are unnecessary as war measures is advocated by the Federal Reserve in its report to congress. Simultaneously it says the nation's financial structure is the soundest ever and the brunt of the war following the period of financial expansion has been borne successfully by the reserve system. Better results are forecast for 1918. Loans and deposits to November 17 were nine and a half billion, the net deposits ten and one third billion.

The gross earning for the year were fifteen million, eight hundred thousand, the net earnings eleven million two hundred thousand. Six million eight hundred thousand dividends were declared. The report favored federal incorporation of banks engaged in industrial and foreign banking whose reserve was held by national banks operating under the federal reserve.

PRICE FIXING BILL HAS ENORMOUS SCOPE

Draft is Submitted by President to House Agricultural Committee.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—The President submitted to the house agricultural committee a draft of a bill for national price fixing on an unprecedented scale by which he hopes to eliminate profiteers and control wholesale and retail prices. The details are withheld, but commitment says they are wide in scope. If congress does not empower Hoover to enforce the law, he will have to make do with the executive order which he has issued.

PROTESTS FIRING ON U. S. GUNBOAT

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—American Minister Reisch has formally protested to China the firing on the American gunboat Monowacy by the Chinese, killing one and wounding two sailors. It is believed revolutionists were responsible.

TRANSPORTATION IS DEALT HEAVY BLOW BY SNOWS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—Heavy snows on the eastern seaboard have dealt the national railroads a staggering blow. With the Garfield fuel order at an end tonight transportation east of the Mississippi is hopelessly clogged with no chance to dig it out in the face of further bad weather. The fuel and railroad administrations were conferring to decide on the next step.

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RED CROSS CAN USE ALL PIECES OF OLD MUSLINS

Ladies, save your old pieces of muslin. The Red Cross wants all of the old muslin it can get for use in wrapping up the surgical bandages and splines which are being made at the workroom. Those having old sheets or other muslin goods are asked to call Mrs. Elmer Cleaver whose telephone is 1211. The muslin must be clean. Another new supply of knitting yard has been received and can be had by calling Mrs. P. E. King who has charge of the yarn. So many ladies of the city and county are plying their knitting needles these days for the Red Cross that it has been a job to keep supplies of yarn on hand. The chapter has just sent 90 sweaters and some wristlets and scarfs to Camp Lewis where practically all of the garments knitted here are sent.

Incidentally, the Red Cross has announced that knitters should follow the old directions for knitting sweaters as the directions recently given out for publication were those formulated by the navy league instead of the Red Cross.

NEW RUSSIA WANTS RECOGNITION FROM PEOPLES OF WORLD

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PETROGRAD, Jan. 22.—New Russia wants recognition from the peoples of the world more than the governments of the world, she looks forward hopefully to a world proletariat which combines to stop war, slaughter, and eradicate the causes for future war. The bolshevik ministry of foreign affairs this morning outlined the Russian viewpoint in a special statement for the United Press.

Appeals to Peoples.

"The Russian people hitherto have been ruled from above. They now rule themselves. They stand and fight against all foes wherever found with a full pride in the consequences of having contributed an immortal page to the history of mankind. The government of the United States appeals primarily not to the governments but to the peoples of the world, whom it seeks to unite with the purpose of ending the world slaughter and eradicating the causes of war, namely, imperialism and ambition.

Appeals Primarily Not to Government but to Proletariat Democracies.

It is first time government. Any recognition which foreign governments bestow on the present Russian government will be welcome, principally as a testimony to the power, frankness and undisguised purpose of the Russian revolution. We are not concerned in old time diplomatic usages. Ours is a first time in the history government—the government of the exploited and oppressed."

"We can hope to succeed not in proportion as we are recognized by foreign offices of other countries but in proportion as we receive the active support of the proletarian democracies of the world."

K. OF C. WILL HAVE FULL SUM TODAY

Nearing the top and going strong, is the substance of the reports today on the Knights of Columbus war fund drive in Pendleton. By midnight the \$2000 quota assigned to this city will be reached or not far away and the committee declares Pendleton will again take front rank in the supporters of war activities.

Mrs. E. J. Soumeville, chairman of the house to house committee, announced this afternoon that her committee had turned in over \$200 and that no reports had been made from a number of the districts. The men committee on the business streets are getting the bulk of the necessary sum.

FRENCH ARE REPULSED

RELIAN, Jan. 22.—The French attacked on a wide front north of Tourle Paris but were repulsed in a hand to hand conflict.

HALF OF FALKENHAYN'S REORGANIZED TURKISH ARMY HAS DESERTED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—A hundred and sixty thousand Turkish troops, one half of Falkenhayn's reorganized Turkish army, deserted in the journey to Constantinople and Palestine, official cables say. Falkenhayn returned to Constantinople, his entire plan for the rehabilitation of the Turkish force abandoned. Typhus is on the increase in Constantinople and elsewhere. The interior Turkish situation is acute.

T. R. ARRIVES TO BACK UP CHAMBERLAIN

Will Use His Influence Against President; Feeling Grows Bitter.

PARTY LINES ARE BEING DRAWN TAUTER

Battle Opens Thursday When Senate is Reconvened.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—Colonel Roosevelt arrived here today and received a steady stream of callers at his daughter's home. He frankly said his purpose was to help speed up the war and confer with congressmen. He disclaimed any purpose of replying to Senator Stone. "I am infinitely less interested in what Senator Stone says about me than what the President says about Senator Chamberlain."

"The national motto should be: 'Tell the truth and speed up the war.' I expect to see Senator Chamberlain first and then Hiram Johnson." Chamberlain announced that later he would reply to the President in the senate.

After breakfast, Roosevelt assumed those who defend inefficiency, lack of warmth and delay. He said he was here to boom war measures. Chamberlain's determination to fight to the last ditch for a war cabinet and munitions director measures were unshaken in the face of White House opposition. There is little hope the war cabinet will pass either house in the face of the administration hostility.

HALF OF UMATILLA COUNTY RESIDENTS HAVE INCOMES \$5000

Fully 50 per cent of the residents of Umatilla county who are subject to the income tax law this year had incomes of \$5000 or more last year, according to William Kennedy, deputy internal revenue collector who is here assisting in making out the returns. Inasmuch as he has not yet received any blanks for those having incomes beyond \$5000, he is considerably handicapped in his work.

Unless these blanks arrive before January 24, the date of his departure for Heppner, those with the incomes beyond that amount will probably have to do the best they can in filling out their blanks.

Kennedy is probably the busiest man in the county these days as his office, the court house is besieged all day with those wishing his assistance and advice. Yesterday a large delegation from the east end of the county called on him and he was unable to accommodate them all. The deputy working at Hood River writes that he has very little to do.

INEFFICIENTS BEING WEEDED OUT OF ARMY

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—The war department is proceeding toward the weeding out of inefficient officers and authorized divisional commanders to order before the "plucking board" any officers considered unfit to hold a temporary commission higher than a normal peace time rank. If found unfit and the war department copies their records they will be removed to their previous status.

General Pershing retains his power to discharge inefficient officers below the rank of brigadier general except those with regular army commissions.