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BRUNN EXONERATED BY CORONORS JURY FOR KILLING RAGAINS; SELF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY TODAY CONVINCES JURY IN FEW MINUTES

Joe Cunha, Jr., and J. Roach Say Dead Man Was in Rage While at Cunha Cabin.

'HALF DRUNK OR HALF CRAZY' SAYS WITNESS

Brunn to be Liberated as Result of Findings, Facts Preserved for Grand Jury.

Jesse Brunn, or Jesse Roberts as he is better known, was exonerated from all blame for shooting Louis Ragains early last Sunday morning at Wright's cabin in the mountains near Starkey Prairie by the coroner's jury in the verdict brought in this morning at the conclusion of the testimony in the inquest.

The verdict finds that "Louis Ragains came to his death as the result of a gunshot wound, the said shot being fired by Jesse Roberts, or Brunn, and we further find that the said shot was so fired by the said Jesse Roberts or Brunn in self-defense."

The verdict was signed by A. H. Cox, E. F. Averill, J. P. Murphy, C. F. Bloom, William Hanson and S. F. Bowman.

Murder Theory Exploded. After hearing the testimony of James Roach and Joseph Cunha Jr., who were the only witnesses examined this morning, it required only a few minutes for the jury to draw up the verdict.

Roach was with Ragains during the day Saturday and Cunha talked with Ragains when the latter and Roach came down to the Cunha cabin Saturday evening, and the testimony offered by the two men corroborated the stories told by Charles Runyon and George M. Shields at the earlier session of the inquest held last Monday morning.

"Half Drunk, or Half Crazy." Ragains and Roach rode away from the Wright cabin Saturday evening about 6:30 and arrived at the Cunha cabin between 8:30 and 9 o'clock, the testimony of Roach showed, and his story was verified by Cunha as to the time of arrival.

Roach said that Ragains and Brunn had an argument before he and Ragains left the Wright cabin. Roach put up his horse at Cunha's, and arrangements were made for him to stay all night with the Cunha boys. Ragains, however, said he was going back "to the top," meaning up the mountain to the Wright cabin.

Cunha told of his efforts to dissuade Ragains from his plan of returning to the Wright cabin. Asked whether he thought Ragains was drunk, Cunha declared on the stand that it was his opinion that Ragains was "either half drunk or half crazy."

"Usually a person can reason with a man, but it was impossible to reason with Ragains. He had his mind made up to go back, and we couldn't persuade him not to go, so we let him

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THE WEATHER

Reported by Major Lee Moorhouse, weather observer. Maximum, 86. Minimum, 43. Barometer, 29.59.



Tonight and Saturday fair.

BRITISH PEACE OFFER IS GIVEN FINAL REJECTION

De Valera Couches His Refusal in Terms Leaving Loophole for Further Negotiations.

BRITISH CABINET MEETS TO CONSIDER IRISH REPLY

Republican Leader is Re-Elected President; Has Unqualified Support of Followers.

LONDON, Aug. 25.—(U. P.)—De Valera, acting for the Irish republicans, formally rejected the British peace proposals, it became known here today. But he couched his refusal in terms leaving a loophole for further negotiations. The British cabinet is meeting, considering the Dal Eirann's reply. Britain's first answer will probably take the form of setting a time limit in which the Sinn Fein might accept the British government's proposals, is the general belief here.

De Valera Re-elected Leader. Dublin dispatches state that De Valera has been re-elected president of Ireland and has the unqualified Dal Eirann and Sein Finn support. He read the Irish reply to Great Britain to the Dal Eirann, emphasizing the importance of the Sinn Fein aims. He said that as the present fighters pass on, others will come to take their places, until the last Irishman is gone and the British Empire is no more.

Government is Worried. The English press agrees that the government is worried over the Irish peace reply but may take advantage of the "loophole." De Valera's reply to Lloyd George said, "I laid the British proposals before the Dal Eirann. The parliament unanimously rejected them. The Dal Eirann is now ready to appoint representatives to negotiate on a broad guiding principle of 'government by consent of the governed.' We refuse to accept conditions involving the surrender of the whole nation."

Cabinet Members Re-elected. DUBLIN, Aug. 25.—(A. P.)—De Valera's reply to Lloyd-George sums up Southern Ireland's position and must remain unchanged," DeValera declared addressing the Dal Eirann after reading the reply. The Dal Eirann re-elected De Valera and the cabinet members. It sanctioned loans of \$50,000 pounds in Ireland and \$20,000,000 in America.

Irish Do Not Seek War. LONDON, Aug. 25.—(A. P.)—"We have not sought war or do we seek war, but if war be made upon us we must defend ourselves and we shall do so," Eamon De Valera's letter to Premier Lloyd-George. The letter said the British governments' peace proposals were laid before the Dal Eirann, which rejected them unanimously but is willing to negotiate on the principle of government by consent of the governed. The letter proposed Great Britain and Ireland appoint representatives with plenary powers to negotiate details on this principle.

Dangerous to Delay Negotiations. LONDON, Aug. 25.—(A. P.)—Premier Lloyd George replying to De Valera warned him that owing to "action being taken in certain quarters it is dangerous to prolong negotiations." He declined to prolong the exchange of notes but would be happy to meet De Valera and his colleagues again.

BAND CONCERT WILL BE GIVEN THIS EVENING

Following is the program for the band concert which will be given this evening at 7:45 at Pioneer Park:

- March, Grand Entree... Vandercreek
- Medley Overture, Living Pictures...
- Waltz, Hassler... Dabney
- Selection, Moonlight... Kliekmann
- Girl... Balf
- March, Iowa... Barnhouse
- Serenade, Cupid's Wooing... Myers
- Intermission
- March, Repass Band... Sweely
- Selection, Imogene... Clay-Smith
- Waltz, That Wonderful Mother of Mine... Taylor
- Overture, Sky Pilot... Laurens
- Fox-Trot, Allah's Holiday... Friml
- March, Our Glorious Flag... Rosenkrans

IRENE CASTLE DANCES AGAIN.



Here is Irene Castle as she appears in a dance in the forthcoming "French Heels," a movie in which she is starred. This is her first dance for stage or screen in more than two years.

HAPPY CANYON WILL BE BIGGER, BETTER SHOW THAN EVER THIS YEAR

Program Almost Completely Changed From Former Years Some Stunts are Retained.

There will be more variety to the shows of Happy Canyon this year than for several years past, according to the belief of the directors of the night event who held an enthusiastic meeting Wednesday night at the Commercial Association rooms. The program has been almost completely changed from former years, only some of the old "institution" stunts being retained. A full list of the activities for the wild nights on the frontier have been arranged for, and the enthusiasm which marked the discussion of them last night indicated.

WHO WILL REIGN AS QUEEN OF LET 'ER BUCK CITY DURING ROUND-UP IS QUESTION CONFRONTING ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

Who will reign as the queen of the Pendleton Round-Up, September 22 to 24?

This is the question which confronts the Round-Up Association and which is to be decided within the next few days. From among the attractive girls of Pendleton is to be chosen one who will reign over the Let 'er Buck city during the three days and who will ride in the Round-Up parades. She will be a retinue of six Umatilla county girls who will ride also. Queen and maids, the association plans, will wear cowgirl costumes and other Pendleton women will also be urged to appear in the buckskin and sombreros of the West.

Prize List is Finished. The association has completed the prize list which totals approximately \$50,000 in cash, in addition to numerous merchandise prizes offered by local business houses and special trophies put up by outside individuals. Of the twenty-five events listed for the three big days, 18 are competitive. The largest prizes are for the steeplechasing contest, the cowboys' bucking contest and the cowboys' and cowgirls' relay races, all for the world's championship. In the steeplechasing, the champion will be awarded a \$400 cash prize and a \$150 prize saddle made by Hamley & Co., and presented by the Pendleton Commercial Association. Relay Prizes Large. In the relay races, the purse totals

NEW FURNITURE MAN A BROTHER OF A. H. COX

The Crawford Furniture Company, Incorporated, with W. C. Crawford as president, A. H. Cox vice-president and E. Cox as secretary-treasurer is the new organization which will conduct the business previously conducted by the Crawford Furniture Co., of Pendleton.

This firm under the management of W. C. Crawford has been one of Pendleton's most progressive firms and the object of the new organization is for the purpose of expanding to the point where it will be able to supply all the needs in home furnishings of Umatilla county residents. Many of whom have from time to time found it necessary to go to Portland to supply their wants. Mr. Crawford needs no introduction to Pendleton or Umatilla county people. The same may be said of Colonel Cox. The last named of the new organization is a brother of Colonel Cox, recently from California with several years experience in the furniture business and is said to be a clever salesman.

SECURITIES ARE FOUND IN BANK AND OFFICE

NEW YORK, Aug. 25.—(A. P.)—Securities worth \$25,000, stolen from McDonald and Company, of San Francisco, by Russell Lafayette Griffen, a 21-year old messenger, have been recovered in a bank here and in a desk which he had rented in an office to start speculating in stocks. The police gave out his confession saying he realized about \$2,000 on the rest of the stolen securities and spent it for travel and entertainments.

SULLIVAN IS FORCED TO ABANDON CHANNEL SWIM

LONDON, Aug. 24.—(U. P.)—Henry Sullivan, an American distance swimmer, was forced to abandon his attempt to swim the English channel after being in the water ten hours. He was in mid-channel when forced to quit.

LABOR LEADERS MAKE EFFORT TO AVERT BATTLE

Armed Force of Miners March Toward Mingo Co. as Protest Against Martial Law.

CITIZENS' POSSE AWAITS ONCOMING MINERS IN PASS

Posse is Armed With Machine Guns Trained on Road Along Which Miners Must Pass.

LOGAN, W. Va., Aug. 25.—(U. P.)—Several labor leaders are understood to be heading toward Madison, to confer with the armed force of miners marching into Mingo county as a protest against martial law there. These leaders will attempt to turn the miners from their purpose before they reach Logan, on the Boone county line, where huge citizens' posse awaits the oncoming miners in the pass, heavily armed with machine guns trained on the road along which the disgruntled miners must pass. This interview may avert the expected bloody battle.

Miners' Force Reported Large. Sheriff Don Chaffin and leading citizens of the posse say the posse will fight if attacked by the miners force, now reported camped close to the Logan-Boone county line. The miners force is reported totals 6000 armed men, with provisions carried in a motley caravan of mixed wagons and automobiles. Practically all are armed. It is reported they are plundering as they go, robbing stores and homes and seeking food, clothing and ammunition.

Troops Held in Readiness. WASHINGTON, Aug. 25.—(U. P.)—There is no immediate necessity for the dispatch of federal troops into West Virginia. General Bandholtz, who was sent to West Virginia to investigate conditions, reported to Acting Secretary of War Wainwright.

Bandholtz recommended, however, that troops be held in readiness for movement into West Virginia.

President and Cabinet Hold Discussion. MADISON, Aug. 25.—(U. P.)—Over 7000 miners, forming an army of marchers, attended the meeting. Kennedy, Mahoney and several leaders, addressed the gathering. On officials told the men that a continuation of the march would end only in disaster, and the probable slaughter of many of their number. President Harding, according to word from Washington, is in agreement with the cabinet the civil war situation in Mingo county. It is understood that the cabinet is discussing with the president just what policy the government will follow should an open armed outbreak result from the present situation, which government officials and officers on the ground regard as tense. Airplanes, bearing army officers are keeping watch over the miners line of march, prepared to give information regarding movements should the Kinney and Mahoney mass meeting fail to stop the union miners' apparent determination to plunge the county into a second bloody war.

SUBMERGED FOREPART OF DIRIGIBLE LOCATED BY DREDGING PARTIES

LONG CREEK MAN SAYS 'PENDLETON IS OUR NATURAL TRADING PLACE'

"Pendleton is our natural trading place and we are very anxious that a good road be constructed from Grant to Umatilla county," says J. W. Hardesty, Long Creek merchant, who with Bert Kenney, merchant of Dale, and C. E. Keeney, of Long Creek are in Pendleton today. The visitors will return this afternoon, taking with them two truck loads of merchandise bought in Pendleton. Besides groceries, the Grant county men are taking home furniture and clothing. The trip from Long Creek, Mr. Hardesty says, took two days of traveling over very bad roads, the worst stretch being the North Fork grade.

LOCAL CHILDREN WILL ENJOY 'AIR CIRCUS'

Pendleton children will get the thrill of their lives today and tomorrow at the "air circus" which has been arranged for by Rex Ellis and Ed Schiller of the Ellis-Schiller Co. in cooperation with the Red Cross in holding the water first-aid demonstrations here today, tomorrow and for three days next week.

Through the courtesy of Mr. Ellis and Mr. Schiller, children will be allowed to ride on the planes for \$2, the remaining \$2 for each ride being provided by the local men. Captain Charles H. Parralee and Ray Black will be in charge of the plane which will make flights beginning at 8 p. m. from the field back of the high school. The youngsters are to get passes at the Ellis-Schiller Co., entitling them to cheap rides.

In addition, Douglas D. Clark, airplane performer, and Aviator Taylor, the first man to jump from a plane to a moving automobile or train, will do a number of stunts. Mr. Taylor will walk out on the wings of the plane while it is in the air. It is emphasized that no stunts will be done while children are in the plane.

The life-saving instruction will be given at the city natatorium by Joseph Hedges, director. The hours are 10:30 a. m. for girls, 2 to 3 p. m. for boys under 15, and from 3 to 3:30 p. m. for boys and men over this age. There will be prizes given for swimming and diving at an aquatic meet which begins at 2:30 p. m.

'IN TIME OF PEACE PREPARE FOR WAR' SAYS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF RAILWAY DEPARTMENT OF FEDERATION OF LABOR

CHICAGO, Aug. 25.—(U. P.)—"It is well in time of peace to prepare for war. Therefore every member of our organization should preserve his money, his supplies of food and fuel."

This startling "war" announcement was issued in a statement from the executive committee of the railway department of the American Federation of Labor.

The committee condemned the action of the United States railroad labor board in taking away their pay for overtime work by railroads. Another conference of railroad labor chiefs will be held in the "near future," to determine whether "drastic action" will be taken, the statement concluded.

FORMER VICE PREMIER AND FINANCE MINISTER IS MURDERED TODAY

BERLIN, Aug. 25.—(A. P.)—Mathias Erzberger, former vice premier and finance minister, was murdered today near Offenbura, Baden. Twelve bullet wounds were found in the body.

Erzberger headed the German armistice commission which negotiated with General Foch in November, 1918. Shot Down in Black Forest. BERLIN, Aug. 25.—(A. P.)—Erzberger was shot down in the Black Forest by two youths while walking with Dolichsteg deputy Dietz.

Searchers Work All Night Hunting for Additional Bodies; Hope is Almost Abandoned.

HULL, Eng., Aug. 24.—(U. P.)—The entirely submerged fore part of the ZR-2 was found by dredging parties half a mile upstream from where the rear part lies. A giant crane is being sent to raise the mass of wrecked girders and frame work. Searchers worked all night hunting through the wreckage for additional bodies. The hope of finding more has been virtually abandoned today.

Byer Appointed on Inquiry Court. LONDON, Aug. 25.—(U. P.)—Commander Byer, who watched the construction of the ZR-2 during all stages of building has been appointed the American representative on the inquiry court investigating the cause of the aircraft disaster, it has been announced here.

Three More Bodies Recovered. HULL, Aug. 25.—(U. P.)—Three more bodies, one an American, Alfred Lofin, of Lake Charles, La., has been recovered from the ZR-2 wreckage. The other two are British sailors.

Will Share Loss Jointly. WASHINGTON, Aug. 25.—(U. P.)—United States and Great Britain will share jointly in the loss from the destruction of the ZR-2, for which the United States was to have paid \$2,000,000, according to the navy departmental announcement today. The navy department paid the British \$1,500,000 for the craft, \$500,000 being returnable to this country. Court inquiry convenes tomorrow.

CITY PLANNING BOARD WILL START STUDY OF NEEDED IMPROVEMENTS

Sewage Disposal, Auto Park Grounds and Other Subjects to be Given Consideration.

That there is a keen interest among Pendleton people for more public improvements in the city is a belief held by the City Planning commission following reading of several letters to the commission at the meeting last night in the city council chambers. One letter received contains 26 suggestions of steps that should be taken to make improvements in Pendleton.

Another conclusion reached by the commission is that the low tax rate permitted by the city charter is re-

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FIVE LOCAL GIRLS ENTERED IN CONTEST FOR LABOR DAY QUEEN

Miss Gertrude Jones, Miss Bessie Elkins, Miss Nettie Porter, Miss Frieda Green and Miss Thompson are contestants for the honor of representing Pendleton as queen at the big Labor Day celebration to be held at La Grande by the La Grande, Pendleton and Baker labor unions.

Ballots were cast for the queens last evening at a dance at Union hall, each ticket being valued at 100 votes. As a result of the contest stands: Miss Jones, 5,000; Miss Elkins, 4,700; Miss Porter, 2,500; Miss Green, 2,850 and Miss Thompson, 1,100. More votes will be cast at a dance next Thursday night. In addition to the local queen, there will be one from Baker and one from La Grande.

The local unions will take with them the Round-Up band for cowboys regalia. The trip is to be made by auto and Sandy McLean is now lining up the machines. Thirty-two cars have already been promised for the trip.

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