

# East Oregonian

DAILY SEMI-WEEKLY INDEPENDENT

## ROSEBURG DENTIST WHO ATTEMPTS SUICIDE WILL LIVE

**Brumfield Cuts Gash Four Inches Long in Throat With Crown From Dental Plate.**

**WILL BE TAKEN TO COURT SATURDAY ON STRETCHER**

**Misses Jugular Vein; Weak From Loss of Blood But is Expected to Recover.**

ROSEBURG, Oct. 21.—(U. P.)—Dr. Richard Brumfield, who last night attempted to commit suicide by slashing his neck with the sharp crowns from the dental bridge taken from his mouth, will live, Dr. Wade, the county physician, said. Brumfield has a slight fever and is semi-conscious. The jail attendant found the doctor covered with blood and investigated last night and found the cuts. A physician was summoned, stanching the flow, took stitches and dressed the wounds. The wounds will probably not interfere with him being sentenced tomorrow.

D. S. Hudley, the jail attendant, passing Brumfield's cell about nine o'clock, noticed the dentist lying half on the floor, with his clothes blood-stained and blood streaming from gashes in his neck. He hurriedly called Dr. A. S. Sether, who stopped the blood flow and bound up the wounds. Dr. Wade said today that he thought with proper care the dentist would be in condition to hear sentence passed tomorrow. A bit more determined effort, according to Wade, and Brumfield would have severed the jugular vein and the state would have been cheated of his life. Aside from a slight fever and a general strain from the shock of the wound and the grueling ordeal of the past two weeks, the dentist is showing signs of improvement from yesterday, when his morale seemed to desert him.

ROSEBURG, Oct. 21.—(A. P.)—Dr. Brumfield is weak from the loss of blood as the result of cutting his throat last night with a sharp piece of gold bridgework taken from his teeth. He is expected to recover unless complications set in. He was discovered about 9 o'clock after losing much blood. Sheriff Starmer said Brumfield may be taken on a cot to the court tomorrow to receive the death sentence. His throat was cut four inches on the left side and scratched on the right side. He missed the jugular vein.

## LEGALITY OF DIVORCE DECREES QUESTIONED

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 21.—Legality of thousands of divorces in Oregon is being questioned by the testimony taken before referees and not in the presence of a circuit judge in a legal battle brewing in local courts in the divorce action brought by Mabel Steiwer against Leland P. Steiwer, president of the Steiwer & Carpenter bank and Butte Creek Land, Limestone & Lumber Company of Fossil.

It is common practice for circuit judges outside of Multnomah county to refer default divorce cases to referees, signing the decrees later, after a review of the evidence. Circuit Judge Parker of Condon granted Steiwer a divorce by this procedure, January 3, 1921, but the present suit of the woman ignores that action as illegal. She filed her complaint in the Multnomah county court October 8.

Aside from the legal question involved, the case may develop several sentimental angles if incidents surrounding the family feud of the Steiwers are brought to light. Mrs. Steiwer left her wealthy husband last December to go to Los Angeles, where she is expected to star in the "movies." According to E. V. Littlefield, attorney for Steiwer, Mrs. Steiwer was again married in the south. This marriage, a certified copy of the certificate of which is in the hands of the husband's lawyers, was performed just seven days after the decree was granted by Judge Parker, or 123 days before the six months' period required by Oregon law before a second marriage can be performed after divorce had expired.

Mrs. Steiwer came to Portland several months ago, having abandoned ideas for a film career for the present. She contends that she still is the wife of Steiwer. In her complaint she charges cruel and inhuman treatment as basis for a decree.

**DEFENSE CASE OPENS**  
TWIN FALLS, Oct. 21.—(U. P.)—The defense of Mrs. Lydia Southard, the alleged "Bluebeardess" opened their case by urging the approval of four motions to strike out the evidence pertaining to the deaths of Mrs. Southard's three previous husbands. The prosecution...

**CATTLE MARKET STEADY**  
PORTLAND, Oct. 21.—(A. P.)—Cattle are steady. Hogs are slow. Sheep are steady. Eggs are firm and butter is steady.

## BUSY ON RAIL CRISIS.



With a nation-wide rail strike threatened, President Harding is holding daily conferences with government officials dealing with transportation. Above he is shown leaving the offices of the Interstate Commerce Commission after a conference.

Below—the public group of the railway wage board snapped in Washington where they are holding daily conferences with the president and government officials, to avert the threatened rail strike. Left to right, G. W. Hanger, R. M. Barton and Ben W. Hooper.

## RACE WAR FEARED ON ACCOUNT OF WHITE MAN KILLING TWO NEGROES

CHICAGO, Oct. 21.—(U. P.)—It is feared that race wars of a year ago impended as a result of a moonshine-crazed white man running amuck in the negro quarter today, armed with a long butcher knife, killing two persons and wounding a third. The police rushed reserves to the district to quell any rioting. The murderer was not captured.

## IRISH PEACE PARLEY HAS BRIEF SESSION

LONDON, Oct. 21.—(U. P.)—Hundred of an Irish rupture were circulating freely following a brief meeting of the peace conference today. The meeting lasted barely over an hour. It was announced they would meet again Monday afternoon. No official reason for the abrupt termination was given out, although rumors declared disagreements over the alleged truce breaking had caused it.

Session scheduled for Monday.

LONDON, Oct. 21.—(A. P.)—Negotiations between British officials and Irish leaders today barely escaped being broken off. The Irish delegates are still apprehensive this afternoon that the session scheduled for next Monday may be the last.

**DEMPSEY AND WILLARD WILL MEET IN FIGHT TO FINISH NEXT JULY 4**  
CHICAGO, Oct. 21.—(U. P.)—Jack Dempsey and Jess Willard will fight to a finish in Jersey City next July 4, according to Tex Rickard, the promoter. Rickard said the necessary steps had been taken to amend the New Jersey boxing law to allow a referee's decision, and believes decision fights will be allowed generally by the time the big scrap time comes.

## COMMUNISTS ASK RELEASE OF SACCO AND VANZETTI

**Police Disperse Communists Gathered in Front of American Embassy at Brussels.**

**AMBASSADOR TO ENGLAND GETS THREATENING NOTE**

**Embassy and Residence of French Ambassador is Carefully Guarded by Police.**

BRUSSELS, Oct. 21.—(U. P.)—The police dispersed a communist gathering in front of the American embassy and made several arrests after the demonstration became noisy. The disturbance formed a part of the international communist efforts to secure the release of Sacco and Vanzetti, convicted of murder in Massachusetts.

**Threatening Letter Received**

LONDON, Oct. 21.—(U. P.)—Ambassador Harvey also has received threatening letters from communists demanding the release of Sacco and Vanzetti.

## FORMER BEAVERTON BAKER FILES SUIT AGAINST LOCAL MEN

**Asks \$15,000 for Alleged False Imprisonment and Detention Last July.**

HILLSBORO, Oct. 21.—Ray Mann, a former Beaverton baker, has filed suit here against Zoeth Houser, sheriff of Umatilla county, R. F. Ridgway, deputy sheriff of Pendleton, and N. J. Blydenstein, asking \$15,000 for alleged false imprisonment and detention last July. Mann alleges he was arrested in Washington county by Ridgway without a warrant and taken to Pendleton, where he was held in jail for an alleged felony.

Blydenstein failed to identify him as being one of a party which had committed larceny, Mann asserts, and he was turned loose, being forced to pay his fare back to the valley. Mann asks for \$10,000 general damages, \$5,000 punitive damages and \$32.20 special damages. Mann alleges he was held in custody from July 12 to July 14.

The suit is the result of Mr. Mann's being arrested at Beaverton last July by Deputy Sheriff Ridgway on a warrant sworn out by N. J. Blydenstein, justice of the peace Joe H. Parker for a man by the name of Raymond W. Hamm.

It seems that Raymond W. Hamm, also a baker, while residing at Hermiston, bought some flour from Mr. Blydenstein, issuing to the latter check against which there was insufficient funds in the bank. Mr. Blydenstein swore out a complaint for the month of September 24, 1920 on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses. At that time the officers were unable to apprehend the man.

During the summer of 1921, according to the sheriff's office, a baker who had worked with Hamm at Hermiston gave information to Mr. Blydenstein and the sheriff's office that Hamm was conducting a bakery at Beaverton, Washington county, Oregon. Deputy Sheriff Ridgway was given a general description of the man wanted and he went to Beaverton and arrested Mr. Raymond Mann, thinking him to be Raymond Hamm.

The description of Mann tallied with that of Hamm in detail as to general appearance, even to the color of the hair, as to occupation, both being bakers, and both were married and had one child. Ridgway also states that upon arriving at Beaverton he talked with a special officer's wife who told him that she was of the opinion that Mann had been around Pendleton about the time the crime was committed, although Mann denied this.

Deputy Ridgway brought Mr. Mann to Pendleton on the warrant sworn out for Hamm but upon his arrival here two Hermiston men and Mr. Blydenstein were unable to identify him as the man wanted. Mr. Mann then was released and returned to Washington county.

No papers have been served on the local sheriff's office but it is expected they will arrive here today.

## R. ALEXANDER FALLS AND SUFFERS COMPOUND FRACTURE OF RIGHT LEG

A compound fracture of the right leg was suffered last night by R. Alexander, Pendleton pioneer, when he missed the stepping going from the garage to the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Henry W. Collins, at 215 North Main street.

Mr. Alexander, with Mrs. Alexander and Mrs. Collins, had motored from Hotel Pendleton to the Collins residence. Because the front porch of the house was freshly painted, Mr. Alexander and Mrs. Collins went to the rear entrance. In the darkness, while going from the garage to the house Mr. Alexander slipped and fell, breaking his leg above the ankle.

Mr. Alexander is 71 years old and because of his age, it was feared that the accident might prove very serious. He is resting easily, however, and his temperature is normal. He is at the home of his daughter.

## LOCAL GRAIN BUYER EXPECTS BETTER PRICES

That a better feeling is prevalent among Portland business men is the statement of Henry W. Collins, Pendleton grain man who returned last night from a few days business trip to Portland. Mr. Collins states that there is much wheat clearing in Portland with much wheat coming in and plenty of tonnage to move it.

"According to the best figures we can get" said Mr. Collins, "there is only between 50,000,000 and 60,000,000 bushels of wheat left unsold for export trade. At the present time the wheat market is off, due to the probability of a general railroad strike, and due also to a financial depression among European nations, the German mark especially showing a marked falling off in value."

Mr. Collins states that better prices for grain may be expected as soon as conditions are readjusted in the foreign countries. As concerning the proposed rail strike, Mr. Collins states that in the event there is a strike, shipping will not be completely tied up, as there are too many men out of employment who are seriously looking for jobs.

## NATIONAL GUARD CAN BE MOBILIZED ON SHORT NOTICE SAYS GENERAL

SEATTLE, Oct. 21.—(U. P.)—Adjutant General Thompson admitted today that he was making preparations to mobilize the entire national guard in case a nationwide strike is called. "We have plans ready and can mobilize at a moment's notice," Thompson said. No orders as yet have been received from Washington, but Thompson is ready for eventualities.

## REVENUE OFFICERS GET DRUGS AND WHISKEY

NEW YORK, Oct. 21.—(U. P.)—After a pitched battle, revenue officers seized a quarter of a million dollars worth of drugs and whiskey as the liner Credic docked today.

## BODIES OF TWO NEGRO WOMEN FOUND ON ROAD

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Oct. 21.—(U. P.)—The bodies of two negro women, brutally murdered and hidden in the weeds alongside the highway, were the sixth of such mysterious cases in the last two weeks, according to the police. Recently the police found the body of a negro girl partially burned.

## HAYNES WOULD PROHIBIT SALE OF MATERIALS FOR MAKING 'HOME BREW'

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21.—(U. P.)—Several senators, in response to Prohibition Commissioner Haynes recent ruling, stopping the sale of ingredients for manufacturing home brew, may take the following steps to save this brand of bibulous goods in a resolution asked to state by what construction of the law he feels empowered to enforce such ruling, and amendments to the Volstead law giving more specifically and limiting more closely the prohibition commissioner's powers, and a complete revision of the Volstead law with a view of liberalizing it throughout.

**BANK AT WRAY ROBBED.**  
DENVER, Colo., Oct. 21.—(U. P.)—The police received a telegram from the sheriff at Wray stating that the Vernon Bank, near there, was looted of \$50,000 by two men who escaped in a motor car. No shooting occurred.

## RAILWAY UNION EXPECT NEXT MOVE TO AVERT GENERAL STRIKE TO BE MADE BY PRESIDENT

**UKIAH HERO WILL BE BURIED WITH NATIONAL HONORS**



Lou Casteel, of Ukiah, who lost his life while in action overseas, is soon to be buried at Arlington cemetery, Washington, D. C. His body was brought from France recently. He was a member of the Fifth Marines, the same regiment to which the late Sheldon Ulrich of this city, also killed in action, belonged. Casteel has a brother, Doc Casteel, residing in Pilot Rock.

**Labor Board Fails to Effect Settlement; Brotherhood Heads Would go to Capitol.**

**WESTERN ROAD HEADS PLAN TO MOVE TRAINS**

**Executives Poll Employes to Ascertain How Many Will Walk Out; May Call Help.**

Two more unions, maintenance of way laborers, numbering 400,000 and stationary engineers and others, numbering 40,000, voted to strike, thus swelling the total to walk out October 30.

**800 to Walk Out Saturday.**  
PALESTINE, Texas, Oct. 21.—(U. P.)—Indications are that 800 trainmen of the Texas International and Great Northern will walk out by noon tomorrow as the first move of the big general strike.

**Chiefs Will Attend.**  
CLEVELAND, Oct. 21.—(U. P.)—Brotherhood chiefs will attend a joint conference of the railway executives and railway labor board in Chicago Wednesday. Warren E. Stone, locomotive engineer chief, made this announcement after learning the board had ordered a meeting.

CLEVELAND, Oct. 21.—(U. P.)—Railway unions themselves expect the next move to avert the general strike will come from President Harding. Arriving from Chicago, where the railroad labor board failed to effect a settlement, the brotherhood chiefs reiterated their willingness to answer Harding's expected summons for them to come to Washington. W. G. Lee, president of the brotherhood of railway trainmen, announced that all five union heads will meet here Monday.

## OFFICER IS MISTAKEN FOR DEER AND KILLED

TACOMA, Oct. 21.—(A. P.)—The board of Camp Lewis officers are to investigate the death of Major Francis J. Dunigan, shot by mistake for a deer in the forest 70 miles from here. His companions reported that Pete Searnski, the guide, fired the fatal shot.

## OBSTRUCTION IN TUNNEL CAUSES TRAIN WRECK, FOUR MEN ARE KILLED

Accident Occurred on Main Line of Canadian Pacific 12 Miles East of Golden, B. C.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Oct. 21.—(U. P.)—Three trainmen and an unidentified man are dead and one trainman seriously injured as the result of a mysterious wreck last night in the Palister tunnel on the main line of the Canadian Pacific 12 miles east of Golden, B. C. The train was a double header freight with a long string of cars, proceeding east when it struck an obstruction in the tunnel and was completely wrecked. The obstruction is thought to have been a fallen rock accidentally overlooked by the night members of the repair crew working on the tunnel.

## ADMIRAL BEATTY GIVEN GREETING ON ARRIVAL

NEW YORK, Oct. 21.—(U. P.)—Admiral Beatty, commander of the British fleet during the war, was greeted by a great crowd led by Mayor Mylan when he landed from the Aquitania today.

## LOOK TO HARDING FOR ACTION

CHICAGO, Oct. 21.—(U. P.)—The railroad labor board looked to President Harding for further action and advice in averting the railroad strike. The board failed to effect a mediation when the union heads "stood pat" on the board's suggestions that they rescind the strike order on condition that the rail executives immediately cut freight rates and postpone the 10 percent wage cut. The union head said they had no right to hold up the strike, and even if they had there was no guarantee that the railroads would agree to a modification of the plans applying to them. As further steps in the strike plans, the unions gave official sanction to a walkout of the Texas International and Great Northern, to occur tomorrow, a week ahead of the general strike "to show the road heads we are not bluffing" as the union heads expressed it.

## SITUATION LOOKS BAD

Western railroad executives called hurried councils to consider plans for moving trains and keeping the mails and food in circulation.

Executives who claimed the unions did not dare to strike are holding different views. There was almost unanimous opinion that a deadlock had been reached and things looked bad. Executives are polling the employes to ascertain how many will walk out, while they are considering calling pensioned men back into the service.

**WILL OBEY ORDERS.**  
CLEVELAND, Oct. 21.—(U. P.)—The Big Four leaders here said they would obey the order to be present before the railroad labor board Wednesday.

**Ordered to Meet Wednesday**  
CHICAGO, Oct. 21.—(A. P.)—The United States Railroad Labor Board, backed by all the authority the government can place at its disposal today called the railroads of the country and the five big unions to appear here next Monday.

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## THE WEATHER

Reported by Major Lee Moorhouse, weather observer.  
Maximum, 56.  
Minimum, 34.  
Barometer, 29.66.  
Barometer is falling slightly.

**TODAY'S FORECAST**  
Tonight and Saturday fair.