

WEATHER FORECAST  
Oregon: Tonight and Sunday prob-  
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moderate westerly winds.  
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## Mexico City Reported In Hands of Rebel Forces

### Mullinix Says Wife of Man He Shot Hired Him to Do Shooting; Woman Is Held

Indicted by the grand jury on a charge of assault with intent to kill, Mrs. Lena Steiger, age 62, wife of T. W. Steiger, a wealthy farmer residing a mile north of Salem, was in the county jail here today in default of \$5000 bond. Mrs. Steiger was arrested late last night by Sheriff W. I. Needham and deputies.

Jesse Mullinix, 40, in the county jail since March 25—the night on which Mrs. Steiger was shot and seriously wounded when he came from the barn on his farm after milking—furnished details to the grand jury in a confession that resulted in Mrs. Steiger's arrest as an accomplice. It was announced by the district attorney this morning. Mullinix was arrested for the shooting of Steiger, arraigned, and bound over to the grand jury under \$10,000 bond.

**Plot to Kill Told.**  
According to Mullinix's story to the grand jury, Mrs. Steiger plotted and planned the killing of her husband for more than a year back. Mullinix said that it was her plan to kill the wealthy farmer, and she, as his wife and only heir, would then share 50 per cent in the possession of his estate that is estimated at \$70,000.

Last March, according to Mr. Gehlar, Mrs. Steiger paid Mullinix \$100 to kill her husband, or hire a gunman to "do the trick." Mrs. Steiger about the middle of March, left for Eugene to visit a brother, where she was to stay until the killing was done. Twenty of the \$100 was given to her for transportation to Eugene by Mullinix, according to his confession.

**Gunman Sought.**  
Mullinix, in his statement to the grand jury, went to Portland in search of a gunman to do the killing. Fearing that if he would take another into his confidence it might become generally known, he returned to Salem, determined to do the killing himself.

Twice he went to the Steiger farm bent on murder. The first trip, he claims, he saw a gang of men working on a ranch near by, and he changed his mind. The second time he went to the farm he passed the house along the highway, but could not muster enough courage to shoot Steiger.

**Tells Of Shooting.**  
In detail he related how he went to the farm on the night of March 25 and met Steiger as he came from the barn. He told how he fired the shot, then fled, believing that he had killed the farmer. When Mr. Steiger carried in pain, Mrs. Steiger went to his assistance, it being the plan to waive all suspicion from her.

Mullinix told how he was discharged in August 1918 by Steiger. Mrs. Steiger, the night of his being discharged, warned him, his confession that Steiger had threatened to kill him if he ever returned to the farm. Mullinix had been employed as a hired hand to attend to the stock.

**Gun Is Found.**  
Only one clue has been missing that would hinge the crime jointly on Mrs. Steiger, authorities said today, and that was the loss of the revolver that fired the shot. Sunday Mill Creek, flowing through Salem, was drained and the revolver—one that had belonged to Mrs. Steiger—was found lying in the muddy bottom where Mullinix said that he had thrown it on the night of the shooting.

Steiger was not seriously wounded, and after three weeks in a local hospital, was fully recovered and returned to his farm.

Since August, 1918, when Mullinix was discharged, he states in his confession, Mrs. Steiger and he have held frequent and numerous clandestine visits. On several occasions Mrs. Steiger went to Mullinix's shack in North Salem. More than a dozen times he admitted to the grand jury, and Mrs. Steiger had registered in local rooming houses as "J. Smith and son," and had stayed together.

Mullinix lays all blame for the planning of the crime on Mrs. Steiger. He said that he believed the woman's authorities that he was glad to "have a hand" in "getting the old man out of the way."

A packet of letters written by Mrs. Steiger to Mullinix is held by Sheriff Needham. Terms she used in them to him were most endearing.

Mrs. Steiger's arrest and Mullinix's sensational confession recalls interesting evidence unearthed by authorities immediately after the shooting. The piece of blue apron found on North Church street, near Mill Creek, with nine cartridges the size of that shot Steiger scattered nearby, was said by Mullinix in his confession to have been torn from an apron belonging to Mrs. Steiger. The rest of the apron was found in Mullinix's shack on Shipping street a few days after the shooting.

Mr. and Mrs. Steiger have been married 15 years, and so far as authorities could learn lived harmoniously until the past year.

**Denied by Mrs. Steiger.**  
Mrs. Steiger in a statement to Sheriff Needham, denies any association with Mullinix and every portion of his story. She states that the 22 caliber Smith and Wesson revolver in question was sold by her to a Salem dealer in 1918. She also refuses to identify the weapon found in Mill Creek as the one formerly owned by her.

Mullinix states that he and Mrs. Steiger have been meeting about twice each month, since August 1918, staying at a Salem rooming house and registering as Mr. and Mrs. J. Smith. They also spent several nights at Mullinix's shack on Shipping street.

### Ukrainian-Pole Troops Occupy Kiev, Is Report

London, May 8.—Polish and Ukrainian troops captured Kiev Thursday night, according to an official statement issued at Moscow yesterday and received here by wireless.

The text of the statement says: "In the Kiev region, during the night of May 6-7, our troops engaged superior enemy forces northwest and southwest of Kiev. Toward evening, the enemy broke into the outskirts of the town, but were held up by our counter attacks. Later our troops, in accordance with orders, started to withdraw in order to the left bank of the Dnieper river.

"In the direction of Pytaloff our troops repulsed an enemy advance 28 miles south of Krasy. In the direction of Igumen (east of Minsk) the enemy attempted to cross the Bereznia river near Bereznia village, but was driven back across the river."

Reports that Kiev had fallen were current in Warsaw Monday of this week, but subsequent developments showed these reports to have been erroneous.

Kiev, a city of 250,000 before the war, is the capital of the Ukraine. The town has changed hands several times during the fighting between contending groups in the Ukrainian territory and the conflict between the Denikine forces and the bolsheviks.

Pushing northwesterly towards the Dnieper, the Poles and Ukrainians today, crossed the Ras river and captured Bialatserkiev, 40 miles south of Kiev, and Rokitna. The drive began in the Skvira region, continuing eastward and the northeasterly as part of the encircling movement about Kiev.

Bialatserkiev was the Polish gateway during the Tartar invasions. There stands the Polish defending castle built in 1515 which the bolsheviks used against the Poles. The castle was taken in hand to hand fighting.

Organized for the purpose of cooperative buying and selling of farm products the Junction City Cooperative Exchange of Junction City, Lane county, capitalized at \$12,000 filed articles of incorporation with the state corporation department here Friday.

The incorporators are Julius M. Wilde, Charles A. Reets, George H. Gilmore, Jacob Jager, William N. Jensen, H. P. Mackusen and P. H. Peterson.

Other corporations filing articles Friday were:

Federal Securities company, Portland, \$500,000; R. M. Fox, Fred C. Taylor and L. P. Anderson.

Ball Lumber company, Eugene, \$50,000; O. H. Ball, W. F. Gibson and Henry Shannon.

American Contractors association, Portland, \$25,000; Peter G. Schreuders, Jessie Withycombe and Lial H. Freeman.

Johnson & Simmons, Inc., Silverton, Marion county, \$15,000; A. E. Johnson, C. E. Ros and E. C. Simmons.

Resolutions of dissolution were filed by the Great Northern Casket company, Portland, and the Springbrook Canning company, Springbrook, Yamhill county.

**Motorcyclists To Have Picnic May 9**  
The Salem Motorcycle club will journey Sunday morning to a point five miles north of the city where a picnic and impromptu field meet will be held. The club members will be accompanied by women friends, about 25 motorcycles and sidecars making the trip.

A special lunch will be prepared by one of the club men, an ex-army chef. After lunch, stunts and general events such as sand races, broad jumps and climbing contests will be staged.

The picnic grounds are located on the east bank of the river, and the "trail" from Salem will be blazed with guide signs indicating the route taken.

### Jury Holds System, Not Hoff to Blame

Condemning the system which places the responsibility for the investment of state funds on the shoulders of one man the Marion county grand jury in its report on the conduct of the state treasury department by State Treasurer Hoff, which was filed with Circuit Judge Bingham late Friday afternoon:

Recommends the creation of a board of at least three members to be entrusted with the investment of public money.

Declares that provisions should be made whereby the state could go into the open market and bid on county, school district and municipal bonds, eliminating the middleman and his profits.

Condemns the policy of the state treasurer in investing such large sums of money in one locality or investment; also his theory and practice of buying bonds that pay a high rate of interest without looking to the value of the property back of the bonds that must ultimately redeem the principal.

Criticizes the policy of State Treasurer Hoff in paying for bonds before delivery thereof.

Criticizes the payment of excessive profits for bonds purchased by Hoff through Morris Brothers which, however, it holds up as "an impressive illustration of the cost of doing business through a middleman," rather than a fault on the part of the state treasurer "a condition that should not and must not longer exist."

Commends State Treasurer Hoff for investing industrial accident funds in Oregon bonds but expresses regret that he has not invested more largely in school bonds.

About \$10.00 has already been expended on the hatchery, Superintendent Ledgerwood told Ivan G. Martin, Salem attorney, and Thomas A. Tompkins, who sold the property on which the hatchery is being erected to the state, but additional funds will be necessary to complete the hatchery as it should be to accommodate all the fish-ways expected. Five thousand dollars of the above sum was appropriated by the legislature, and the other \$5000 was donated by the state fish and game commission.

The hatchery building contains 100 troughs, making it the third largest hatchery building in the state. There will be accommodations to feed 400,000 trout, and during the egg stage there is accommodation for 20,000,000 eggs. Just now there is difficulty procuring trout eggs, Mr. Ledgerwood said.

Work is under way on a pipe line that is being extended from the hatchery 2600 feet up Stout creek where a dam has been constructed. Later it is planned to dam the Santiam river near the old Silverton Lumber company's new bridge, when it will be possible then to handle steelhead and chinook salmon.

The appropriation from the legislature for the hatchery was gained largely through the efforts of Mr. Martin, who was then a representative. Mr. Martin and Mr. Tompkins returned the hatchery last night.

### Improvement of City Streets to Begin on Monday

With plans completed by City Street Commissioner Walter Low, the city's street improvement program will begin Monday morning.

With a crew of about a dozen men Commissioner Low will begin Monday improving Division street, between Water and Front, along in front of the Hunt cannery. The next street to be improved is Ferry, between 14th and 15th streets.

The street improvement program in this season in the city calls for the paving of about 40 blocks. All of these streets will have concrete base, and some of them will have asphalt surface, Commissioner Low said today.

The streets scheduled to be paved, and the number of blocks on them, are:

Ferry street, Fourteenth to Fifteenth, one block.

Division street, Front to Williamette river, one block.

North Church street, Highland to Pine, two blocks.

North Twelfth street, Marion to Union, one block.

North High street, Marion to Division, two blocks.

Maple avenue, Highland to Locust, four blocks.

Alley in block 3, Robert's addition, one block.

Brey's avenue, Center to D streets, three blocks.

North Sixteenth street, D to Market, four blocks.

Alley in block 5, city of Salem, one block.

Trade street, Church to High, one block.

Fourth street, Belmont and Pine, eleven blocks.

Alley in block 17, city of Salem, one block.

Summer street, Market to Fairgrounds road, seven blocks.

### Germany To Name New President Late In August

London, May 8.—Germany's presidential election probably will be held late in August, according to a Berlin dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company. The Deutsche Zeitung is quoted as saying President Ebert will not seek re-election.

### \$2,500 Per Year Held Minimum Salary Upon Which Five Can Live

Washington, May 8.—A minimum of \$2500 a year is necessary for the support of an American family of five, W. Jett Lauck, consulting economist for the railroad brotherhoods, asserted today before the railway labor board. Mr. Lauck, who yesterday charged corporate profiteers with being chiefly responsible for present living costs, presented today a demand on behalf of the 2,500,000 railway employees for the establishment of a minimum wage throughout the industry. He presented to the board a compilation of budgets on the cost of living.

"It is impossible," he said, "for a family of five in the United States to maintain itself even in decent poverty under existing conditions for a penny less than \$2500 a year."

He quoted the estimate made by Professor Royal S. Meeker, commissioner of labor statistics in August, 1919. The estimate was \$2262. The estimate for May, he insisted, should be \$2533.

Mr. Lauck in his statement declared that "the fundamental cause of all economic instability, all industrial unrest, all interruptions of production and distribution has been high prices and profiteering by organized capital and middlemen and retailers."

In concluding the brotherhood spokesman requested that the board curtail its examination of wage data and proceed immediately to the decision of Carranza garrisons reportedly with an unconfirmed report given out by revolutionists here that Mexico City, capital of the republic, had been taken by General Benjamin Hill.

Saltillo, capital of the state of Coahuila, which borders on the United States, revolted last yesterday, revolutionaries advised today said. It was announced that General J. Augustin Castro and Basereon Castro, former Carranza leaders, had revolted with their troops in several garrisoned towns, including Saltillo.

General Espinosa Mireles, Carranza governor of Coahuila, which is the home state of the Mexican president, fled with all the public funds to Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, where Carranza was reported concentrating to resist the revolutionists, it was announced.

Carranza troops at Lasvaca, across the international boundary from Del Rio, Texas, revolted, according to local rebel leaders. Coal mines and towns in northern Coahuila were reported in the hands of the revolutionists.

"Piedras Negras, across the boundary from Eagle Pass, Texas, will fall today," the announcement said.

"General Reynoldo Garza in a telegraphic communication with President Carranza asked him to resign and said he was holding Laredo notwithstanding the fact his soldiers were on the verge of joining the revolutionary movement."

All railway and telegraph communication between Aquila Calientes, Zacatecas, Torreon and Saltillo was reported cut.

### Moffitt Arrests 3 More Speeders

Three more motorists fell prey to Traffic Officer Moffitt last night for violations of the city traffic ordinance. Mrs. P. H. Spencer of Portland was arrested for speeding on South Commercial street. She deposited a bond of \$5, which was forfeited to the court.

C. M. Ruggles, arrested for speeding on South Commercial street, deposited a bond of \$5 for his appearance in court today.

W. H. Patterson was also arrested by Officer Moffitt for speeding on South Commercial street.

Two more motorists fell into the police net set for traffic violations Thursday night and the city realized \$5 for a fine from another offender today.

E. M. Angell, arrested several nights ago by Traffic Officer Moffitt for driving with faulty light, paid the fine to Judge Race this morning.

Theodore Fisher of Shaw, Ore., was arrested for parking his car on a sidewalk. He was released after being admonished of the requirements of Salem's traffic edicts.

Yerd H. Shrank of Independence was reported for driving past a standing streetcar at the corner of Miller and Commercial streets.

Report of a youth riding a motorcycle on the sidewalk near her home was made by Mrs. A. Runkler, 2440 North Commercial street.

### Petition Asking Albers' Freedom Being Circulated

Portland, Ore., May 8.—A petition asking that the prison sentence of J. Henry Albers, wealthy Portland milling man, convicted under the federal espionage act and sentenced to a three year term at McNeil's Island, be lifted by presidential clemency was circulated here today.

Burt C. Jones, a bookkeeper, was circulating the petition, which asked that the prison sentence be suspended upon payment of the fine also assessed against Albers.

Department of Justice officials said today they were informed that Albers personally had prepared similar petitions, giving as an excuse a plea that he was "going blind, and wished to die in peace."

Albers was convicted of making alleged remarks derogatory to the United States government while riding on a train between San Francisco and Portland.

### Farmers' Store Is Opened By Durdall

Re-establishing the Durdall plan Farmers' Cash Stores, C. Burton Durdall, well known Salem businessman, has opened a store at 247 North Commercial street. A general line of merchandise will be carried. The store was informally opened several days ago, but the supplementary stocks are still arriving.

The first Durdall Farmers' Cash Store was located on North High street, in the salerooms now occupied by the Salem Automobile company. Mr. Durdall discontinued the store during the present war, giving up business interests to serve two years in the navy. About five weeks ago, he opened a similar store at Silverton and in operating both of these enterprises, he states that "all efforts will be made to make these stores as successful and as useful to the public as our first stores proved themselves to be."

Boston, May 8.—Governor Coolidge has vetoed a bill intended to legalize the manufacture and sale of beverages containing not more than 2.75 per cent

### Three State Capitals In Rebel Grip

El Paso, Texas, May 8.—Revolutionary forces under General Benjamin Hill have taken Mexico City, according to an unconfirmed report received here today from Chihuahua City and made public by revolutionary leaders here.

The message from Chihuahua said: "It has been confirmed President Carranza left the capital for Vera Cruz."

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### Senators And K. C. Team Meet Sunday

When the Senators step into the diamond Sunday afternoon with Chet Hughes' Knights of Columbus team Biddle Bishop plans to present a new lineup to be tested by the fast Portland club.

Despite reports to the contrary, the Salem manager has received assurance from Billie Stepp, that he will be on hand to take his position in the outfield. By placing Stepp at center and shifting the infield, Biddle plans to overcome the fix that has stayed with the team since opening of the season.

Hayes will be seen at first, while Procter moves from third to second. Bishop, who has recovered from injuries received in the Salem-Rupert game of May 1, will cover third base. The grounds at Oxford Park are reported to be in first class condition and a fast game is predicted by the Senators.

The lineup for Sunday follows: Cole or Craig, pitcher; Kracko, catcher; Hayes, 1st base; Procter, 2nd base; Bishop, 3rd base; Miller, shortstop; Stepp, O'Mally, Holmes or Knickerbocker, in the outfield.

### Funeral For Old Resident Is Held

The funeral of Steven Balliet, 70, who died at a local hospital Thursday after a lingering illness, was held at the chapel of the Webb & Clough company at 2:30 p. m. Friday. Burial was in City View cemetery.

Mr. Balliet, who was the father-in-law of Mrs. A. Lanfield, 1525 Lee street, Salem, came to Oregon 38 years ago and has resided in Marion county and Salem most of that time.

Vancouver, B. C., May 8.—Coaline, morphine and other drugs of an estimated retail value of \$80,000 were seized by the Vancouver police Wednesday night, it became known today. Last week a seizure of \$50,000 worth of drugs was made at the same place, the police stated.

### LATE BULLETINS

Trieste, May 8.—Captain Gabriele D'Annunzio today captured the Italian steamship Baro Fejervary, bound from Trieste to Cantania with a cargo of grain. He sent two anti-submarine craft to make the capture.

Washington, May 8.—Rationing of sugar of manufacturers of non-essentials and an agreement between the United States and foreign countries not to bid against each other for this commodity were suggested today by Herbert Hoover as means of relieving the present sugar situation.

Washington, May 8.—Winter wheat production this year was forecast at 484,647,000 bushels or 75.6 per cent less than last year's crop by the department of agriculture today.

The condition of the crop May 1 was 79.1 per cent of a normal compared with 75.6 on April 1 this year, 100.5 on May 1 last year and 87.1 ten year average.