

RIVER CUTTING INTO WEST BANK SWART REPORTS

The Willamette river is gradually forcing its way over against the west bank of the river across from Salem, cutting into the bank and in a few years part of the main channel will be flowing under the Polk county approach of the Willamette river bridge, according to prediction made by County Engineer Heda Swart, who not so long ago made some surveys of the river in this vicinity in connection with a gravel case in circuit court.

He stated that ten years ago he predicted the river would cut its way into the left bank and it is performing just as he expected it to do.

"In my opinion it is only a question of a few years before the steel trusses of the big bridge will have to be extended on into Polk county as the piling approaches of the bridge as they now stand will be inadequate to hold the bridge under traffic when setting into what will virtually be a part of the main channel of the stream.

"While the river is cutting away to the west the meander line on the east has remained virtually the same and the river is merely broadening out at this part. This is apt to shallow up the stream materially by the time the river cuts through a complete new channel under the bridge as I am certain it is bound to do in the course of time and probably not so many years at that."

THE BIG SHOT

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not tonight! Roy was coming back! Roy might be here at any minute.

"No, no!" she protested anxiously. "I can't let you in! Oh, I warned you never—never to come here!"

And then, before she had scarcely realized what he was doing, he had pushed her almost roughly away from the door, and had stepped into the hall.

His voice came harshly again, as he closed the door behind him: "You go along there into that lighted room I see down the hall! I'll talk to you in there!"

"Phall!" she cried out wildly. "What does this mean? Why do you speak to me like that? Go on into that room!" he repeated.

She obeyed him mechanically. She found her way to the desk and leaned against it—for suddenly her knees felt strangely weak. What did this mean? He was standing there on the threshold now—unbuttoning his coat. His face was haggard, ashen.

And then from under his coat he took out an object that, crumpled as it was, she could not mistake, and the sight of which, she knew, left her own face bloodless too.

"Here's your hat!" he said hoarsely. He flung it toward her. It struck the typewriter and fell to the floor on the far side of the desk.

"She did not move. It did not seem as though she had the power to move—or the power to speak. It seemed as though she had never seen so white a face as his.

"Why don't you speak?" he demanded almost incoherently. "Why don't you say something?"

"How—how did you get it?" she asked faintly. "Is that all you have to say?" He laughed at her bitterly. "You know very well how I got it, don't you? I found it in the cellar of the Murkman house—beneath the casement window!"

He came a step toward her. "Last night you asked me how I was going to explain the presence of the mysterious woman in my story. Do you know what I wrote? Did you read the papers?"

She shook her head. "I'll tell you, then! I said it was a woman who must have been one of the gang—but, oh, my God, I didn't know I was telling the truth!"

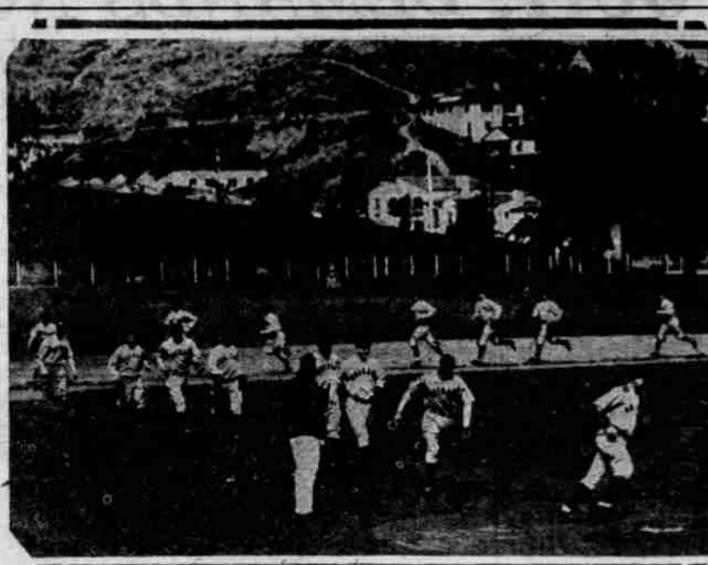
He was rocking on his feet, his words pouring from him in a shaking voice. "A thief! A criminal! You! I said she helped me to escape because she had probably taken pity on me; and that then she gave me the slip. Oh, yes, I protected you! I—I loved you. I

thought you were an honest woman! And now! No wonder you did not want me to come here!"

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"Where?" he flung out. "Anywhere," she said brokenly. "I—I do not know. To—to the police, I suppose, from what you have said."

"The police!" He laughed raucously. "Why do you think I had that hat hidden under my coat?"

"I do not know," she answered helplessly. "Because"—he was close to her now, and suddenly his hands closed fiercely on her arms—"because I have not forgotten that you saved my life last night—and because, God help me, I still love you! Do you understand? Enid, do you understand?—I love you! And I don't know what to do!"

She closed her eyes. When she looked again he had thrown himself into the desk chair, and his head was buried in his arms outflung across the desk. She laid her hand timidly upon his shoulder.

"I do not know how you came to be at—there tonight," she whispered; "but would it help, any, could you believe me, if I told you I—I am not—not a thief, or—or a criminal? But, please, anyway, do not let us stay here!"

He looked up at her, ignoring her pleading to leave the house—as though, indeed, he had never heard it. There was torment in his eyes.

"If any man had told me this about you," he said in strangled tones, "I think I should have killed him. But I was there in that house tonight myself. It was I who was behind that porriere in the library unless you were one of the gang, yes, and one of the Big Shot's gang, you could never have known any thing about Murkman's house, or his wall safe, or have been there tonight—for I set and baited the trap."

She stared at him wildly. In the face of what he was saying, all else, Roy, everything, was for the moment swept from her mind.

"You!" Her throat was dry and parched; she could scarcely speak. "A trap! I—I do not understand."

"It was a trap I arranged to get the Big Shot's gang. When I was held in the house I overheard Batty Rose and Skinny talking about Murkman's. Skinny was going to blow the safe. I heard enough to know that Murkman's valet was the inside man and something about the basement window being fixed."

"I fixed it up with Murkman and got help from my friend, Lieutenant Kingler. Murkman agreed to a trip, taking his man Hettin, but before-

NORBLAD RIGHT COREY ASSERTS

H. H. Corey, member of the public service commission, in a letter to Governor Norblad takes issue with Chairman Miller of the commission and O. C. Bortmeyer, the third member, relative to the commission's attitude towards the service-at-cost plan of Corey & Harlan in the street railway fare controversy.

"Referring to your letter addressed to the chairman of this commission in which you so forcefully point out the duties of this commission with its relation to the attempt on the part of the city officials of Portland to secure relief for the street car riders from the present 10 cent fare, the statement of Chairman Miller manifestly was made in behalf of the majority opinion signed by Mr. Miller and Mr. Bortmeyer," Corey writes.

The writer rendered a separate opinion in which he wholeheartedly endorsed the service-at-cost plan as advocated by the city's experts, Corey & Harlan.

"There was no understanding between Chairman Miller and the writer as to the attitude of this commission with respect to the cooperation with Messrs. Corey and Harlan."

Corey declares it is the commission's duty to cooperate with Carey and Harlan to the fullest extent with the city officials.

hand to adroitly arrange it so that Hettin got hold of the combination to the safe. This he did by asking Hettin to bring him some papers in his desk where he could not help but note the combination.

"We didn't know whether Hettin would fall for the combination 'plant' or not—and in one sense it did not matter. Our object was to get quick action. We didn't know who Skinny was, and we had been unable to find out anything about him; but we were sure that, after last night, he would have run to cover."

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ITALIAN RADIO STATION TO BE HEARD IN U. S.

Rome (AP)—Italy now possesses the most powerful radio broadcasting station in Europe in the recently inaugurated 50 kilowatt Post of Santa Palomba. The hero of the inaugural meeting attended by Communications Minister Costanzo Ciano, Maestro Mascagni and other notabilities was the modest young American electrical engineer, Edmund Laporte, who built the station on behalf of his R. C. A. LaPorte hid himself in his office while the flood of inaugural oratory was in full swing, and came out in time to receive Minister Ciano's personal congratulations.

According to the young American engineer who travels round the world building broadcasting stations, Russia means to make a bold bid for the first place in powerful European radio stations. Discussions are under way for the establishment in Moscow of a broadcasting station of no less than 400 kilowatts to be provided by the Radio Corporation of America. A station of such strength should ordinarily be audible in the United States.

The Rome station of Santa Palomba does not expect to be heard across the Atlantic, but the new short-wave station shortly going on the air at a distance of three or four miles from Santa Palomba will easily be audible throughout the American continent, under normal atmospheric conditions.

This station built by the Marconi company will run on 12 kilowatt power, with a wave-length of about 80 meters. It will broadcast the same program as the 50 kilowatt station with its 441 metre wave-length.

HIBBERT CELEBRATES HIS 58TH BIRTHDAY

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Those present were Mr. and Mrs. James Hibbert, Mr. and Mrs. William Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Foster, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Hibbert, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Louis, Miss Hester Hibbert, Mr. Johnson, Frank Foster and Wilfred Hibbert. Refreshments were served.

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BROUGHER ACCEPTS BOSTON CHURCH CALL

Boston (AP)—The Rev. J. Whitcomb Brougier of Oakland, Calif., a national figure in Baptist affairs, will be the next pastor of Tremont temple here if the church body approves recommendations voted by the board of deacons and executive committee. He would succeed Dr. J. C. Masse, resigned.

WARTIME FINANCE CONCERN TO QUIT

Washington (AP)—The war finance corporation, after operating nearly 12 years, is closing its books.

Organized by the government to aid essential industries during and after the war, the corporation operated on a capital stock of \$600,000,000 with no loss, despite making loans that totaled nearly \$400,000,000.

During the post war period alone, the emergency bank made loans of \$288,659,000 for agricultural and livestock purposes. Of this amount more than \$170,000,000 went to 4,317 banking institutions in 37 states.

Secretary Mellon points out that all except \$10,000 of the original capital has been retired at par, and, in addition, \$64,252,768 has been turned into the treasury as earnings.

This cannot be construed as profits, it is pointed out, because of the cost of money to the treasury which provided all capital.

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ROME BRUSHES UP RUINS FOR TOURIST TRADE

Rome (AP)—Archaeological excavations and restorations are to proceed with undiminished vigor during 1930, according to the program of Governor Prince Boncompagni Ludovisi.

Two million lire have been set aside from the municipal budget of Rome for excavations in the Imperial Forums; 2,000,000 lire for restoring and completely isolating from the surrounding slums the theater of Marcellus; 100,000 lire for excavating the Circus Maximus and a similar sum for the crypt of Augustus.

With the archaeological system at present in vogue in Rome, the ancient parts of the city are taking

on a new appearance. The Forums, temples and other historic monuments of the past no longer stand neglected in slums and mean streets. They are being gradually isolated, railed off, and turned into gardens, where, following the plan used on the Palatine, it is the care of the archaeologists to plant the shrubs and flowers that were in common use during imperial times.

The broken white marble columns of temples have been cleaned and polished so that they glisten in the sun as they did when the Caesars ruled.

WILL STUDY CRAFT

Brooks—The Brooks Community club held its regular meeting at their club house on Thursday. A pot luck dinner was served at noon, after which work was done on fancy work. The members plan to take up basket weaving at their next regular meeting, which will also be an all day meeting with pot luck dinner.

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