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## DENTIST TO HANG FOR RUSSEL MURDER

### BLACKMAILER'S THREATS FAIL TO MATERIALIZE

### POLICE GUARD SWEDENBURG HOME AGAINST UNKNOWN; THREE NOTES DEMAND \$1,000; RUSH TO CATCH LETTER WRITER FAILS.

Following the unavailing efforts of local police authorities and the sheriff's office for the past several weeks to apprehend the perpetrator of an attempted blackmail of Dr. Francis G. Swedenburg, 990 Boulevard, prominent Ashland doctor now touring the southern states, for \$1,000, the physician's home is now guarded by armed men, according to statements by the police department.

Police state that prior to the departure of Dr. and Mrs. Swedenburg the early part of this month, the doctor received two notes, printed in crude long-hand fashion, signed "I. W. W.," and demanding \$1,000. Each note contained a threat to blow the Swedenburg home "to hell" if the demand was not complied with and the money dropped from a moving car at the north end of the Mountain View cemetery at 10 o'clock the night of October 10.

The notes were not taken seriously by the Swedenburgs and were turned over to the police for investigation. Continued efforts to locate the note writer after the first threat was made were without results. Dr. and Mrs. Swedenburg, thinking the whole matter the work of a practical joker and refusing to consider the threats seriously, left Ashland for a six weeks' tour of eastern and southern states, leaving their two daughters, Genevieve and Eleanor, at the home. Besides the two girls, Miss Louise Lennart is living in the Swedenburg home.

In the morning or afternoon of October 10, police state that a third note was slipped under the door of the threatened home. This letter emphasized the fact that the time limit for giving the money had expired and reiterated the threat if the previous notes. That evening the police "planted" a bulky envelope dropped from a moving auto of the same make driven by Dr. Swedenburg. The envelope was marked \$1,000 and placed according to the instructions of the would-be blackmailer. With a cordon of special policemen detailed to the scene of action near the Mountain View cemetery, developments were awaited, but failed to materialize. The only suspicious sign of any kind was the sudden departure of a Ford roadster that had been parked near the cemetery.

### FIST FIGHT BREAKS OUT IN FRENCH CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES DURING DEBATE

PARIS, Oct. 20.—A violent uproar broke out in the chamber of deputies when the debate upon the government's general policy was renewed. Deputy Mendel, of the Clemenceau faction, attacked M. Escoffier, of the socialist party, by punching him in the jaw.

### DEPUTY TREASURER TO BE NAMED

SALEM, Or., Oct. 20.—Appointment of a successor to James Crawford, deputy state treasurer, will be announced about November 1, according to O. P. Hoff, state treasurer. Although Mr. Hoff has refused to intimate the identity of the appointee, friends of the treasurer said he probably would come from Portland. Mr. Crawford recently was appointed reporter for the Oregon supreme court. He will make his headquarters in Portland with the exception of one day a week when he will be in Salem.

### U. S. Navy Buys Historic Yacht America for \$1

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 20.—The United States navy has just bought one of the most famous boats in the world. It cost the government \$1. The historic yacht America, first winner of the cup from England, is now a navy ship. Through the generous co-operation of a number of patriotic men, including Secretary of War Weeks, the old yacht has been rescued from her old berth at Boston, where she rested for years, reconditioned, and towed down the coast by a sub chaser to the naval academy at Annapolis. Here she was presented to the navy by Charles Francis Adams, skipper of the Resolute, on behalf of the Eastern Yacht club of Boston. Rear Admiral Henry B. Wilson officially received the boat for the navy. The trip was made under the command of William U. Swan. The plan originally was to present the boat to the navy. The navy, however, is not allowed to receive a gift, accordingly the department purchased the boat by paying \$1.

### FORESTRY ASSOC. URGES FIGHT ON THE PINE BEETLE

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 19.—Ravages of the pine beetle in forests cause greater loss than forest fires. This is shown in a report from J. F. Kimball, secretary of Klamath-Lake Counties Forest Fire association, of Klamath Falls, Or., to the American Forestry association. Facts and figures as to this form of forest devastation were placed today before Senator McNary and Representative Sinnott, of Oregon, who are urged to put forth every effort for the passage of relief measures now in congress.

The report from Secretary Kimball shows that on an area of less than 800,000 acres there has been an annual loss of \$300,000 for ten years. The loss by fire was 10,000,000 feet of pine, while the loss caused by the beetle reached 1,000,000 feet. Inasmuch as private timberland owners would be spending money uselessly if the United States government does not co-operate in fighting this pest on public lands adjoining private holdings, the American Forestry association is asked to direct the campaign for getting action through federal legislation.

Now is the time to start the warfare against the beetle, the association points out. From now until next March is the time to locate the infested trees. The limbs and main trunks can be cut down and burned. If 75 per cent of the infested areas can be treated, the remaining timber can be protected for several years. Investigation shows the beetle can be attracted to girdled and felled trees. As a rule, two or three "trap" trees to the acre are enough to get results.

The pest is a borer and is particularly destructive to the timber in the mountains of California, northward into Oregon and Washington, and eastward into Montana. The bugs dig winding egg galleries in the bark and the result is a stripped and dead tree.

### RUSSIAN MOB ATTACKS AMERICAN CONSULATE

BREST, Russia, Oct. 20.—A mob of several thousand, singing revolutionary songs and waving flags, attacked the American consulate here today. A number of windows were broken by the flying missiles before the police rushed to the scene and stopped the disorder. When a police guard was placed around the building the mob shouted, "Release Sacco and Vanzetti." A number of persons were injured and the ringleaders were arrested.

## Hoover Copes With Food Problem Of R. R. Strike

### EAGLE POINT MAN INDICTED FOR 2ND DEGREE MURDER

MEDFORD, Or., Oct. 20.—Thirteen indictments and one not true bill were returned by the grand jury Tuesday afternoon. Of this number, three were John Doe indictments, two of the number being for alleged violations of the prohibition laws. It is said.

Raleigh Matthews, of Eagle Point, was indicted on a count of second-degree murder, as a result of the fatal shooting at Eagle Point last month of Wilbur ("Wig") Jacks. True bills were returned against J. Oswald and Jesse Housely, charging the manufacture of intoxicating liquor. The alleged infraction of the Volstead act occurred on a farm on Griffin creek last summer.

John H. ("Ham") Lewis was indicted on a count alleging receipt of stolen goods, knowing same were stolen. This is a case arising out of thefts from the local national guard company.

John Goodwin, taxi driver; James ("Shine") Edwards, taxi driver, and Ernest S. ("Dud") Wolgamott were indicted on counts charging selling intoxicating liquor. Two indictments each were returned against Edwards and Wolgamott. An indictment charging burglary was returned against Ward Chamberlain, and Charles Randall was indicted for the alleged making of a contract to dispose of intoxicating liquor.

A not true bill was returned in the case of Frank A. Milligan, former Southern Pacific depot agent at Talent, charged with embezzlement. The grand jury continued its deliberations today.

### County Teachers Elect Delegates To State Meet

Jackson county's teachers' institute closed yesterday afternoon with the election of three delegates to the state teachers' convention to be held in Portland the latter part of December. The elected delegates are W. R. Hughes, coach of athletics at the local high school; Professor Hendricks, superintendent of Central Point schools, and Prof. G. A. Briscoe, superintendent of Ashland schools. The three delegates will represent the interests of the Jackson county schools in accordance with a policy approved at the local institute in reference to school problems that are expected to be discussed at the state meeting.

### FIRST COMPANY STAGES ANOTHER HARVEST DANCE

The army has been the scene of great activity this week, preparing for the company's annual harvest dance. Fall foliage of various kinds and colors have entered largely into the scheme of appropriate decoration and makes the building a very fitting place for the affair. Judging from the past inquiries regarding the event, there will be a large crowd in attendance. Overalls and bungalow aprons will be necessary, as no others will be allowed on the dance floor.

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The Tidings has been a consistent and loyal supporter of the Ashland chamber of commerce ever since the present management took charge of the paper ten years ago. It has been always among the largest contributors in cash to the club's activities; besides, for all those years we have made it known that one column each day was open FREE to the commercial club to exploit the interests of the town. Since the present secretary has been at the helm very little of this space has been utilized. Whether for lack of ability to write the dope, indisposition to do it, or lack of knowledge of what was necessary to give the public, we do not know; he has simply failed to avail the club of this FREE space.

On the other hand, he has persistently DEMANDED that The Tidings advertise FREE such money-making schemes as he might see fit to launch, regardless of whether we approved them or not. For example, advertising FREE Passmore's PRIVATE music classes. Because we refused to do that he threatened to organize a boycott among the merchants against The Tidings, advocated sending the club's printing to Medford and otherwise attempted in every way to injure this newspaper's business. And all of this while The Tidings was ONE OF THE LARGEST CASH CONTRIBUTORS TO HIS SALARY.

We admit we have a grievance, but, apart from that, there is a principle involved. It is this: Can a chamber of commerce secretary do more good for the town by supporting its institutions or by organizing boycotts against them? He did that to The Tidings simply because he was sore. Is it not reasonable that when he gets sore at you he will do the same thing to you? HAZ KIK.

### REPORT GOOD VALUE AT GOLD COIN MINE

Dr. A. M. Knapp, president and manager of the Gold Coin Quartz and Placer association, has returned from the Alice mine, located in the Applegate district about fifteen miles out of Grants Pass. He reports that the crew of men he has working upon this property has shown up a six-foot vein of \$50 ore on an average, not considering the very high-grade ore. This is one of the several properties belonging to the Gold Coin association.

Work is rapidly progressing upon the Gold Coin mine on Forrest creek and the fifteen-foot ledge upon this property, according to the owner, is showing up some extremely high-grade ore. Work upon the Pearce and Bowden placer ground will be pushed along continuously for operations as soon as the rains of the season will supply the water under the adequate water right facilities which have been acquired.

### CORKS SPELL HIS NAME

POPLAR BLUFF, Mo., Oct. 20.—The most freakish "doctor sign" in the world attests the health of this community. Hanging over the sidewalk is the "shingle" of Dr. J. L. Harwell. It is ten by eighteen inches, with the background made up of 3,000 pills, pink pellets predominating. "Doc's" name is spelled out with corks from medicine bottles. Old surgical instruments and bottles decorate the top of the queer sign.

### A. M. Beaver to Build New Store Bldg. On 1st St.

Contracts were let this morning by A. M. Beaver, of the Beaver Realty company, for the construction of a \$5,000 concrete one-story business block on First street directly in the rear of the present Beaver block. Work will be started on the building Monday of next week under the direction of A. L. Lamb, who has been awarded the contract. The property has a frontage of seventy-four feet on First street and has a depth of twenty-five feet. The valuation of the lot, with improvements, is said to be about \$5,000, and is at present occupied by a lunch stand and a shoe-shining parlor, both of which will be removed at once. The building will contain five storerooms, four of which will be 20x24 feet. The fourth room will be 12x16 feet.

### ARMAMENT DATA IS COMPILED BY U.S. FOR USE AT PARLEY

By W. H. ATKINS (I. N. S. Staff Correspondent) WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 20.—Old Man Figgers will hold the whip hand at the arms parley next month. The mathematical wizards are the midgets upon whose calculations the diplomatic giants will rely in their maneuvering.

Figures, in huge stacks, showing the financial and economic effect of a particular course of political action with respect to armament are to be at the finger tips of the delegates. The American "big four" will enter the conference with the most elaborate set of charts ever compiled by the government. The charts are now being prepared under the direction of Secretary of the Treasury Mellon. Secretary of State Hughes, co-operating with the treasury, has asked that the classified tables lack nothing in completeness. They will be so arranged that America's delegation will have detailed comparisons available upon almost every conceivable proposition that may be presented.

### Local Druggist Tops Bad Luck With Car Loss

The present age and era of man, the superstitious admit, is modern, but nevertheless one in which broken mirrors, leaning step ladders and black cats run riot in the dreams of the unlucky. Admitting as a premise that fate is capable of dogging a man with bad luck, the curious are wondering how many broken mirrors mark the trail of F. H. Short, proprietor of the East Side pharmacy, whose Ford car, in his possession six hours, was stolen from in front of his place of business last night at 8 o'clock, making a total loss of \$2,850 by robbery in four months.

The car, purchased at noon yesterday from W. E. Snyder, had been parked in front of the drug store all afternoon without showing any ambition to leave its new owner. Shortly before 8 o'clock Mr. Short made sure of the safety of the car. When the pharmacist locked up his place of business the machine was gone. Circumstances surrounding the robbery are similar to the theft of Mr. Short's large Studebaker car about two months ago. Both machines were stolen at 8 o'clock in the evening. The car was valued at \$350. Because of his short time of ownership, Mr. Short was at first unable to give an accurate description of the machine, police state. The car had been purchased by Mr. Snyder from a rancher living ten miles east of the city and a hurried trip to the former owner was necessary before the license number of the car could be obtained.

Besides the Ford and Studebaker cars, valued at \$2,000, Mr. Short is the loser of \$500 worth of rugs stolen from a warehouse since moving to Ashland from Tacoma, Wash. in June, when he purchased the East Side pharmacy from J. J. McNaid.

Idaho Visitor—W. N. Jay, of Moscow, Idaho, brother of Mrs. S. A. Hawks, 128 Factory street, arrived today for an extended visit.

Hotel Ashland Grill caters to home folks as well as commercial and tourist business. 27-47  
Columbia river sawmills will load 20,000,000 feet in October for the Orient.

### DOCTOR'S WIFE WILL CONTINUE COURT BATTLE

### BRUMFIELD'S CONTROL BREAKS WHEN WIFE VISITS HIM IN CELL; DECLARES INNOCENCE; WIFE TO CONTINUE HER FIGHT

ROSEBURG, Or., Oct. 20.—Dr. Richard M. Brumfield, Roseburg dentist and formerly prominent in business and social life here, must pay with his life, to "be hung by the neck until dead," for the murder of Dennis Russell, laborer, whose headless and mutilated body was found beside the burned and wrecked car of Brumfield near here July 13. The jury returned a verdict of murder in the first degree against the dentist shortly before midnight after a deliberation of about four hours.

The state's case centered around the charge that Brumfield killed Russell and by camouflage tried to substitute the body for his own with the hope that his family could collect \$16,000 in life insurance.

Attorneys for the defense claimed that Brumfield is insane and was mentally irresponsible at the time of the murder. Dr. B. F. Seale, Eugene alienist, testified yesterday that, in his belief, Brumfield was insane from July 10 to August 15, and that he was still unbalanced.

The convicted man, staring death in the face, received the verdict without a twitching of a muscle and maintained one of the most remarkable displays of gameness ever seen in the court room.

Mrs. Brumfield's head sank slowly until it reached her husband's shoulder. He put his arms around her and kissed her on the mouth. Head erect, the doomed dentist marched from the court room like a soldier as he was led back to jail.

"Just as sure as there is a God in heaven, I'm innocent, but I'm not afraid to meet death," Brumfield stated this morning.

Dr. Brumfield said that he had slept well during the night and that he felt good except for a sore throat. He declared he had not been able to "help his lawyers much," and that, as the evidence was "damning as it could be," he wasn't surprised at the verdict.

### HOGS COAST CHAMPIONS

GRANTS PASS, Or., Oct. 20.—By virtue of defeating first-prize stock of Washington and California on fair circuits, Hayes & Harter, owners of the Heart of the Valley ranch, are claiming the championship of the Pacific coast for their drove of Hampshire hogs. During the season eight grand and eight senior championships were given the herd, with a total of seventy-three ribbons for the season.

### PROPERTY VALUES LOWER

HOOD RIVER, Or., Oct. 20.—County Assessor Wickham has announced a complete summary of the 1921 tax roll. The county's total valuation is placed at \$8,360,000. The total valuation for last year was \$9,956,875. Mr. Wickham lists 21,068 acres of land in cultivation, its assessed value being \$4,117,655. Despite the great number of motor trucks in use here, horses, now numbering 1,115 and valued at \$51,905, show an increase.

The county's 1,267 cows and cattle are valued at \$58,215. New and improved instructions for making Bordeaux by adding sugar to prevent decomposition of the spray now are available for distribution by the Oregon Agricultural college experiment station. Cliff Payne makes medicine cases.