

## DYNAMITE PLOT IS LAID TO SLEUTHS

Destruction of Mill to Throw Suspicion on Labor at Stockton is Charge.

### ACQUITTED MAN ACCUSES

One Detective Recently Arrested With Suit Case Near Cache of 50 Pounds of Explosives Stolen From Boxcars.

Oregonian.

Martinez, Cal., Sept. 29.—Thomas J. Mooney, tried and acquitted here three times within the last year on a charge of having high explosives in his possession, appeared before the grand jury here Monday and asserted that the theft last Thursday of a case of dynamite from a boxcar near Martinez was part of a conspiracy of detectives to blow up the Sperry flour mills at Stockton, Cal.

Labor troubles have been acute at that point for several months. A warrant immediately was sworn out for the arrest on a charge of having explosives in his possession of J. C. Emerson, who says he is a private detective employed by the Merchants and Manufacturers' Association of Stockton.

### Whereabouts is Known.

Emerson, who was taken into custody Friday while wandering about with a suitcase near a bridge where 50 pounds of the stolen dynamite was found cached in a clump of tules, was released yesterday. Sheriff R. R. Veale said tonight, however, that Emerson's whereabouts were known.

Three detectives in the employ of the Merchants' and Manufacturers' Association, of Stockton, told Sheriff Veale on Saturday

that they had found 350 pounds of dynamite along the railroad track.

Mooney told the grand jury today, it is said, that he was representing the Inter-Defense Association of the Stockton labor organization. He asserted that the alleged "dynamite plot" was for the purpose of throwing suspicion on the labor interests of Stockton.

### Dynamite Car Robbed.

It is not definitely known just how much dynamite was taken in the robbery last Thursday of the boxcar filled with explosives from the Hercules Powder Company at Pinole. The car was broken open at Bay Point, five miles north of this city.

Deputies from the Sheriff's office are conducting a search for a quantity of dynamite which it is believed has not yet been accounted for.

Mooney was arrested about a year ago in connection with the finding of a boat laden with high explosives and an infernal machine.

## Married Men And War

Fear of Fate of Families Keeps Many From Battle

London, Sept. 28.—The fear of what may befall his family and children is making many a man refrain from enlisting.

The old taunt of "an ungrateful country" holds good. The bad example of the government at the conclusion of the South African campaign is not forgotten. The present government must do its duty with regard to the families of those who have gone to the front if it wishes to enroll the pick of the married population.

## TEACHERS DROP EARRINGS

Ridiculing of Baubles by Eugene Superintendent Like Ban.

Eugene, Or., Sept. 30.—Eugene school teachers are discarding earrings.

Disapproval of earrings by C. I. Collins, Superintendent of Schools, has been announced, and, although no order against the wearing of earrings has been issued, the effect has been similar.

"The war has put Paris out of commission as the world's fashion center, but we seem to have taken to importing from Zuzuland," says the Teachers' Bulletin, issued by the Superintendent of Schools. "The hideous, barbarous, disfiguring ear baubles of the most savage races are all the rage. May the Lord deliver us from noserings and tat-toosings."

## THREE TONS OF PRUNES DESTROYED BY FIRE

Dallas, Ore., Sept. 30.—The fruit drier on the farm of J. N. Conn, a mile southeast of Dallas, was totally destroyed by fire of unknown origin yesterday. Three tons of dried prunes were destroyed. Loss on building and equipment will aggregate \$3000, with \$1500 insurance. There had been \$1000 insurance on the fruit, but about five tons of it had already been marketed.

## Want Religious Liberty

The Catholic Societies of America are asking President Wilson not to recognize any government in Mexico that does not grant religious liberty. They allege that priests and nuns have been robbed and murdered and church property destroyed. Heretofore the Catholics have flourished in Mexico and were very powerful; but it seems that Villa, Carranza and some of these Latter Day Organizers propose to not only change the form of government, but also would change the form of religion. President Wilson has promised to do everything possible for those in danger.

## ALLIES STILL TRYING TO OUTFLANK TEUTONS

Terrific Struggle Going On Without Decisive Results For Either Side.

Paris.—A battle of extraordinary severity is raging at the western end of the Anglo-French and German battle line in the region of Noyon, 69 miles to the north of Paris, where the French were striving to outflank General von Kluck's reinforced army.

Hand-to-hand fighting between the allies' left and the Germans' right was reported by the military authorities here.

Germany had dashed its first and second lines of reserves against the Franco-British front, it was stated, and General Joffre was heavily reinforcing the allies.

On the eastern end of the fighting line the French officially admit that their line has been forced back by the Germans across the river Meuse near St. Mihiel, a point about 20 miles to the south of the French fortress of Verdun.

The losses of the last few days on both sides are said to exceed all other engagements of the war. Stories have reached here from Belgium that the Germans, unable to bury their dead on the field, have sent the bodies behind the army by trainload in order to avoid epidemics.

### Reported German Right Wing Broken.

London.—A Paris dispatch says: "It is said here that the German right has been entirely broken and is now being pursued by the allies. All the automobiles in northern France have been requisitioned for the purpose of pursuit.

"Armored motor cars with mitrail-leuses are also being used to pursue the retreating enemy.

"It is officially announced that Peronne has been recaptured."

### Luxemburg Paid in Part for Damages.

Copenhagen.—It is reported here that Germany has already paid to the grand duchy of Luxemburg \$250,000 as partial compensation for the damage resulting from the violation of its neutrality.

### Kaiser's Fifth Son Ill.

London.—Prince Oscar, Emperor William's fifth son, has been obliged because of heart sickness, to enter a hospital, according to a telegram from Berlin.

### Sweden Faces Socialism.

Stockholm, Sweden.—The final results of the general elections for members of the Swedish parliament show that the socialists have 57 seats, the conservatives 86 and the liberals 57.

The liberals lost 14 seats to the socialists. The conservatives neither lost nor gained, yet at the conclusion of the war it is expected that a socialist government will be formed.

## AEROPLANE DROPS BOMBS ON PARIS

Paris.—Four bombs were dropped on the city from a German aeroplane Sunday. One missile, exploding in Avenue du Trocadero at the corner of Rue Freyolnet, flew the head from the shoulders of a man who was standing on the corner with his daughter, and crippled the child. The other bombs did little damage.

It is believed that the first bomb dropped was intended for the wireless station or the tower, or possibly for the nearby buildings containing army stores. It landed in Avenue du Trocadero, not far from the tower, and the explosion was heard for many blocks.

The houses in the vicinity were badly damaged, many of the walls cracking and windows being shattered. The bomb struck only a block from the American Embassy at No. 5 Rue de Chaillet where Ambassador Myron T. Herrick, who did not accompany the government to Bordeaux, still makes his home.

### Peace Pacts Ratified.

Washington.—Peace commission treaties with Great Britain, France and Spain were ratified by the senate, making 25 nations in the series negotiated by the state department which have been approved by this government.

## OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Events Occurring Throughout the State During the Past Week.

### Round-up a Great Success

Pendleton.—The 1914 Roundup is a thing of the past, which it can safely be said is regretted by all. It has been a wonderful show most wonderfully staged.

The new world champions are:

Broncho buster, "Red" Parker; Cowgirl broncho buster, Bertha Blancett; bull dogger, Fred Spain; steer roper, Tommy Grimes; cowboy relay rider, E. A. Armstrong; cowgirl relay rider, Ruth Parton; pony express rider, Fred Spain.

### Road Agreement is Filed.

Hood River.—The contract between the O-W, R. & N. company and Hood River county for the use of portions of the railroad right of way for the construction of the Columbia Highway was filed here with County Court Clerk Hanson.

The county agrees to finish the highway in three years or relinquish all claim to use of the railroad right of way.

### Uniform Road Dragging Urged.

La Grande.—Granges of Union county have started a movement to get uniform dragging of county roads by the King drag system. The county court has purchased many drags. The granges believe that they can educate every farmer who has land abutting a highway to get into the movement and drag his own piece of road at the correct time, with the result that the bad road question will largely have been solved.

### Dredging is Discontinued.

Marshfield.—The government dredge Oregon, which has been at work here for some time past, has stopped operations and is to be removed to Grays Harbor. The government appropriation was exhausted and the dredge has been working on money furnished by the port commission. The government bar dredge Col. P. S. Michie is idle on account of no operative funds, but will remain here.

## STATE BANKS ARE LIBERAL

Superintendent's Figures Show Reserve Reductions General

Salem.—Reports received from 162 state banks and trust companies out of 176 to September 12 by State Superintendent of Banks Sargent show that they are not hoarding money. The report shows that 85 state banks have decreased their reserve percentages and 71 increased them since June 30.

"Judging from the figures in my possession," said Mr. Sargent, "it does not appear that the charges made by Secretary McAdoo against national banks in certain districts apply to the Oregon state banks to any extent. Out of 162 institutions 93, in spite of the unfavorable conditions prevailing, have extended their lines of credits; 40 have been obliged to reduce their loans on account of a shrinkage in deposits, and only 29 have failed to increase their loans with a corresponding increase in deposits, a majority of which have fully met the legitimate demands of their customers."

### Citizens Rout Safe Crackers.

Albany.—Fired upon after they had blown off the outer door of a safe, three men who attempted to rob the merchandise store of Dennis & McKercher at Crawfordsville were forced to flee without obtaining any booty. The robbers had not yet penetrated to the money drawers when a number of men were attracted to the scene by the explosion and opened fire with rifles and shotguns.

### Sheridan Has Cannery.

Sheridan.—The first unit of Sheridan's packing and fruit canning establishment was dedicated by the Sheridan Fruitgrowers' association, and 250 farmers and their families gathered in the big warehouse to rejoice over the event.

The entire plant, costing \$3000, will be completed and ready for the season of 1915.

### Cigar Stores and Groceries Closed.

Eugene.—Eugene is to be a closed town to the extent of soda fountains and cigar shops on Sundays, according to the announcement made by J. M. Devers, district attorney. A week

ago he notified grocery stores on the outskirts of the city that they must close on Sunday, in conformity with the state law.

Dallas Prisoner Confesses Wrecking. Dallas.—D. M. Deal, who gave himself up to officials here, confessed to wrecking the Willamette Valley limited train No. 23 on the Southern Pacific, near Salem, June 18, 1913. A reward of \$5000 had been offered by the railroad company for the conviction of the person or persons implicated in this transaction.

## BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON

A monster rally to further the Normal school movement was held on the institution's grounds at Ashland.

Mayor Rice of Roseburg will provide that city with a rockpile this winter where prisoners can be put to work.

More than a million trout of the Eastern brook, rainbow and black spotted varieties were released in the streams of Polk county last week.

Examinations for admissions into the army and navy will be held at the Oregon agricultural college next month, army officers being in charge.

Thomas H. West, of Portland was elected vice-president of the American Institute of Banking at the closing session of its twelfth annual convention at Dallas, Tex.

Dr. Virgil W. Knowles, cholera expert of the government bureau, has taken up the work at the Oregon Agricultural college for the purpose of ridding hogs of the disease.

The official directory of the schools of Jackson county shows that the county has 101 schools and employs 233 teachers. There are 6806 children of school age in the county.

Five bodies of nine washed ashore at Newport and Gardiner from the steamer Francis H. Leggett have been identified and arrangements are being made for their final disposition.

The Modoc Point irrigation project, which will irrigate about 6500 acres of land in the Klamath Indian reservation, will be fully completed this fall, according to Project Engineer H. W. Hincks.

A train load of cattle was ditched on the Sumpter Valley railway, near the smelter. There were 235 cattle in the wrecked cars, and all miraculously escaped injury except one which had a leg broken.

A verdict of manslaughter was returned by the jury in the Sprague murder trial at Baker. Henry Sprague was indicted for murder in the first degree for killing D. Yamagata, a Japanese, living in Baker.

A second suit to restrain the state railroad commission from executing its order recently made to increase the passenger fares of the United Railways Company between Linton and Portland, was filed at Salem.

The government surveying party, which is conducting a state line examination between Oregon and California, have completed their work in the Waldo country and gone south through Ashland to strike east along the line in pursuance of their work.

State Highway Commissioner Bowlby has announced that six miles of a link of the Pacific Highway, which is being constructed from the California line to Ashland, has been accepted by the state. There are seven more miles under process of construction and which will be completed in the near future.

Two hundred delegates from 73 organizations composing the Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs will meet in Eugene October 12, 13, 14 and 15 to formulate a number of bills which the women of Oregon expect to bring before the state legislature next year. This will be the 14th annual convention of this organization.

Announcement has been made by State Engineer John H. Lewis that H. K. Donnelly has gone to Enterprise to assist C. E. Strickland in the survey of Wallowa valley, and that the work will now be rushed. The survey will cover all irrigated lands, power plants and reservoir sites on the Wallowa river. A controversy has arisen over water rights on the stream, and the purpose of the survey is to settle these.

According to a report submitted to the United States bureau of education by State Superintendent of Public Instruction Churchill, the rural schools of the state have been standardized during the last year; the industrial fair work has grown until 12,000 children are participating; more than 300 Parent-Teachers' associations have been organized; a complete school record has been adopted and a recreation manual published.

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