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CROSS OF LEGION FOR AMERICAN AVIATOR

PARIS, March 13.—The American aviator Sergeant Major Raoul Lufbery has been decorated with the cross of the Legion of Honor. The announcement gives the following reasons:
 "Existing under the French flag for the duration of the war, has given proof as aviator of remarkable boldness and has brought down up to December 27, 1916, six enemy machines, has already twice been mentioned in army orders and decorated with the military medal."

GERMANS REGRET LOSS OF BAGDAD

LONDON, March 13.—The Koelnische Volks Zeitung is quoted by the Central News Amsterdam correspondent as saying the occupation of Bagdad was inevitable.
 The event must be regretted, but it has not the least influence on the decision of the war, the newspaper says, Mesopotamia being a secondary theater of operations. The loss of Bagdad, it comments, is nevertheless, painful to the Turks.

CONTEST SALARY LAW FOR JUSTICES

HELENA, Mont., March 13.—The recently passed law placing justices of the peace on a salary system will be contested in the supreme court. A local justice will demand his salary for the present month and bring friendly mandamus proceedings when the auditor under advice of the county attorney, refuses to issue a warrant. The law affects all the large towns of the state.

OBITUARY

HOLST—Jeanette Holst, 12 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Holst, died March 12 at the family home at Same Valley, pneumonia being the cause of her death. She was a native of Eagle Point. Funeral will be held at the residence at 1 p. m. Wednesday. Interment will be in the Same Valley cemetery.

GREENE—Mrs. Carrie O. Greene died at the home of her brother, William E. Tunny, 425 North Holly street March 12, 1917. Private funeral services Wednesday. Remains will be taken to Rising Sun, Indiana, for burial.

MILTENBERGER—Mrs. Julia C. Miltenberger died at the home of William Ulrich, March 10, 1917, aged 73 years, 11 months, and 2 days. Death came from general debility. With her husband, the late David Miltenberger and her only child, Mrs. William Ulrich, she came to the coast in 1870 and settled in the Williams creek district in Josephine county. Later the family moved to a farm near Portland, where Mr. Miltenberger died. For the last eight years she has made her home with her daughter in this city. Funeral services were held at the Catholic church Monday, March 12, Rev. John Powers officiating. Interment was in Jacksonville cemetery.

Royal Arch Mason's Society Communication to-night, conferring Royal Arch degrees. All companions cordially invited to be present.
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MINING MEN TURN ATTENTION TO LOCAL MINES

BY W. W. WATSON.

Inquiries received by persons here familiar with the mining situation in this territory indicate that a few mining men in San Francisco, Colorado and Montana have recently turned attention toward the southern Oregon country as a mineralized area for the first time since the Mineral Development league began to organize its work for exploitation of the Blue Ledge copper field. There is a measure of encouragement in the nature of the inquiries. In some instances, a brief discussion of the apparent permanency of the present high copper quotations is conducted affirmatively, while others speak as enthusiastically of the continuance of high prices for quicksilver. Again, among the more plebeian metals iron is referred to as a continuing source of wealth, while numerous inquiries are made as to the existence here of platinum and tungsten temptations. Altogether, the letters received suggest that persons in intimate touch with mining development in important regions have at last turned definite attention toward southern Oregon as a field of possible attractions in that line.

Campaign Only Begun.

This is reassuring to the league members who have been most active in organizing local forces for the purpose of collecting and disseminating such information as is desired. Its work has scarcely begun; yet not all of the seed thus sown has fallen among the tares by the wayside. This suggests to the league that its special mining number soon to be issued by the Mail Tribune, with specific data concerning conditions of development here, will bring a rich harvest of inquiries and a volume of personal investigations never before realized in this region.

The weather and its effect on travel in the mountain districts so far this season have been extremely unfavorable to the prosecution of the work undertaken in the matter of gathering the desired data by personal visit and inspection; but the fact that the idea of March are here, bringing with them midwinter conditions—an extraordinary circumstance in seasonal progress in southern Oregon—suggests that soon the other extreme may be expected. Then the waiting through of miners and prospectors will be able to pursue their work in the hills, while representatives of mining investment companies, who are apparently anxious to come and obtain information first-hand, will be able to make the necessary investigations.

Gophering the Surface.

Jay C. Monte, who has devoted several weeks to looking about this territory for "mining snags," left Saturday morning for San Francisco, his western headquarters. Like most mining investigators, he has pursued his task practically incognito and has little to say in definite statements about what he found. Concerning the

results of two or three visits to the Meadows district he says:
 "I believe it is a rich district and more extensive than prospecting to date has revealed. Much 'gophering' has been done as 'mining operations,' but the work is imperfect and results limited. There are rich deposits in that area. Conclusive work is not extensive. On a few properties, work for a period of several years, the results justify employment of capital in further exploitation. Values run high. Indications are abundant that it will develop some sensations in the near future. The need of the district is capital. It appears to be a large area of mineral deposits near the surface. It will not be expensive to work them. 'Pocket-hunters' appear to have combed the district in former years. They appear to be of that class of prospectors who expect to find gold lumps already molded for the mint. The entire Meadows area is an attractive territory."

Areas Much Alike.

Mr. Monte's description of the Meadows district may be extended practically to all of the mineral areas of southern Oregon and northern California "Gophering" characterizes much of the development work in all of them. Many extraordinary pockets of gold have been found in this region, notably in the Gold Hill district. Many are yet looking for pockets in a manner that indicates that less than a tub of gold will not satisfy them. Pocket hunting becomes a habit among miners who have had a little success at it. They promise themselves that, when they find the next big pocket, they will settle down to mining legitimately. Not many of them find the next pocket; but it is their wild out period in the gold hunting business—and some of them never get beyond it.

Mr. Monte, it will be observed, speaks very conservatively of the Meadows district. Mining men know that it is an unusually rich region; but those who have claimed most of the area there are not able financially to develop their properties. They are waiting for investors to share their promise of wealth and help them to tunnel it out of the earth. It is that class of mining men whom the league is now reaching with its information concerning the mineral attractions of southern Oregon.

SELECTING JURY TO TRY MRS. SMITH

DENVER, Colo., March 13.—Selection of a jury for the trial of Mrs. Stella Newton Moore Smith for the murder of her husband, John Lawrence Smith, January 31, last, proceeded slowly today.

For the first time attorneys for Mrs. Smith indicated what will be the probable line of defense, in their challenges to veniremen. Questions asked by attorneys for Mrs. Smith were directed to ascertain the views of the veniremen concerning the right of a person to self-defense and whether the prospective jurors believed a person had a right to defend his body from a physical assault. The defense also rejected jurors who had ever been involved in legal difficulties with a woman.

ADAMS TO TELL HIGHWAY PLANS AT STAR TONIGHT

At tonight's meeting at the Star Theater, State Highway commissioner E. J. Adams of Eugene will outline to Medford citizens the position of the new highway commission, toward the construction of the Pacific and Crater Lake highways. Mr. Adams arrived from Grants Pass Tuesday morning, where a meeting was held Monday evening, and will address Ashland citizens this afternoon.

Mr. Adams stated that he was opposed to the construction of the Tiller cut off at this time and that the Pacific highway should be the first road completed by the state. The program regarding the first road, which includes the Crater Lake highway, would have to be determined jointly by the state commission and the forestry bureau.

Will G. Steele has made the following report:

"There has been considerable inquiry as to what has been done by the committee appointed at the Appreciation banquet, in the matter of the Medford-Crater Lake highway and as there has so far been no opportunity for the committee to report, it appears to me as advisable that I give a brief account of the work.

"The members of the committee have been extremely diligent and have considered the matter thoroughly and carefully. A second meeting was held with the county court in Jacksonville immediately on its convening for the March term, the result of which was that I was sent to Portland to confer with the chairman of the Oregon Highway commission, and the forest officials, which I did, meeting the chairman and a representative of the forest service in the latter's office.

"I was turned down flatly and immediately returned to Medford to report to the committee, which was done at a meeting held at the Commercial club. The matter was then referred to Messrs. Gore, Westerlund, and Boos, who went to Eugene and conferred with Mr. Adams, of the commission who will meet the citizens of Medford at the Star theater this evening, for the purpose of telling them what the commission proposes to do for us.

"In conclusion will say the committee is still in active existence prepared to do whatever may be necessary in the premises and I believe the interests of the community could not be in better hands."

RUSSIANS RAID GERMAN LINES IN GALICIA

BERLIN, March 13.—Thirteen machine guns and more than 300 prisoners were taken by the Germans yesterday in raiding the Russian lines in Galicia, north of the Zlochoff-Tarnopol railroad, the war office announced today.

With Medford trade in Medford made.

WRECK VICTIM WILL RECOVER

The middle aged wanderer who was seriously injured in the freight wreck at Voorheis early Monday morning, who was thought yesterday to have small chance of recovering, regained consciousness this morning and according to the sisters at the Sacred Heart Hospital will recover.

To, L. E. B. Pichel he stated when picked up, that his name was McEligent. Today he refuses to make any statement as to his name or residence. Deputy Coroner C. Y. Tengvall holds an inquest over the body of J. M. Davidson of Modesto, Cal., who was killed in the wreck. At four o'clock this afternoon at Pichel's Undertaking parlor, No. 1010 North Davidson have yet been found.

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AMUSEMENTS TONIGHT

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