

### YEGGMEN TAKEN WHILE TRYING TO ROB POSTOFFICE

There is now no doubt that two of the three burglars captured in Riddle last Sunday night while attempting to break into the postoffice of that town are Sam Slide and E. C. Collins, the Phoenix postoffice burglars who at their recent trial in this county were freed because of a technical fault in the indictment.

E. J. Gallagher of Spokane, United States postoffice inspector, who has been investigating the case and who talked with the prisoners in the Roseburg jail, arrived in Medford Tuesday and visited police headquarters where he at once identified the photographs there of Slide and Collins as the two burglars caught at Riddle.

Inspector Gallagher hoped to get trace here of the identity of a third man under arrest who worked with Slide and Collins, but returned to Roseburg today without having any success in this line.

**Yeggs Are Ex-Convicts.**

Slide and Collins are criminals with known records, the former having served a term in the Walla Walla penitentiary in Washington, and Collins a term in the San Quentin, California, penitentiary.

The arrest of the burglars at Riddle was rather dramatic and was accompanied by pistol firing. The first known of the appearance of the trio of burglars in Douglas county was last Friday night when a store in Canyonville was broken into and robbed. Deputy Sheriff Hopkins was assigned to investigate the case on Saturday morning.

He first gained trace of the men by watching the unknown man of the trio who had taken a room in the hotel at Riddle and made purchases of groceries and supplies which he took to Slide and Collins, who were camped out in an orchard on the outskirts of the city.

In a round about way Hopkins kept up to the orchard unobserved near enough to hear the trio planning to break into the Riddle postoffice Sunday night.

**Story of Capture.**

Late on Sunday night Sheriff Quine and Deputy Sheriffs Hopkins and Bonnenbaugh concealed themselves outside the postoffice building and awaited the arrival of the burglars. The latter did not show up at the planned time and the officers had almost given them up when about 2 a. m. Collins and Slide were observed breaking into a blacksmith shop near by from which they emerged with tools.

The burglars then came on to the Postoffice building and disappeared around a corner of the structure. Waiting awhile the officers then started around the corner with drawn revolvers and came upon Collins and Slide just as they were prying up a window.

The two burglars at once started to run and the officers began shooting at them. At the first shot fired Collins dropped to the ground. It developed later that the reason he did so was because he had a bottle of nitro glycerine in his hand and was afraid a bullet might hit it.

**Ran Into Barber Wire.**

Slide, who had started to run in another direction, ran into a barbed wire fence and bounded back, but got up and succeeded in getting away. By morning, however, Sheriff Quine located him at the burglars' orchard retreat and placed him under arrest.

In the meantime during the night the sheriff's party arrested the third burglar, or lookout to Slide and Collins, in his room at the hotel.

All the prisoners refused to talk, but Slide and Collins claimed they were twin brothers and that their names were Mathison. They are suspected by the United States authorities of having committed a series of postoffice burglaries in northwestern states. On their persons were found several articles stolen from the Canyonville store, and wire fuses, caps, nitro-glycerine and other paraphernalia of safe-crackers.

### FIRE ENDANGERS GIANT REDWOODS

SAN JOSE, Calif., June 21.—Forest fires revived during the night by high winds are again approaching centuries old redwoods in the California Redwood park, commonly known as the Big Basin, in the Santa mountains, according to reports received here early today from State Fire Warden H. S. Dool.

Already more than 10,000 acres of timber of small commercial value have been swept over, he said.

Hundreds of mill men and ranchers are backfiring and cutting new trails in the effort to check the fire.

### HOW IT FEELS TO WING AN AIRSHIP IN AIR BATTLE

Dr. Robert W. Clancy is in receipt of a letter dated May 5, written by his cousin, 23 years old, Lieut. E. C. Clancy, No. 12 squadron, Royal flying corps, France, which was written to the officer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. U. Clancy, of Stirling, Ont. The letter shows the workings of the mind of the young Canadian who the being worshipped as a hero by his comrades evidently thought more of the folks at home. The letter reads in part as follows:

France, 4-5-17.  
Dearest Mother, Dad and All:  
Well, I have good news for you all today. Yesterday afternoon I shot down a Hun plane. My squadron has been out here nearly 18 months and it is only the third machine that has been brought down by the squadron in that time. So of course all the fellows are as tickled as coons.

The artillery plane we drive can only go about 85 miles an hour, whereas Fritz, in his scouting plane, was going 120 to 130 miles an hour, so he was really going rings all around us.

Suddenly I heard a funny noise around us and the next second a Hun plane was going at us pell mell. I grabbed my machine gun and let him have all the lead he wanted. He put his nose down and crashed to the ground. The pilot wondered what I was shooting at when I first started.

I never before experienced the same sensation as I did when I saw the Hun plane crashing. I just felt like crawling back and hugging my pilot. He is a prince of a fellow about my own age.

Another squadron saw the Hun come down, and when it was announced who brought it down they sent all kinds of compliments. My C. O. is simply tickled to death that one of his squadron brought down a Hun, because with our slow machines we are supposed to be gone when a Hun scout attacks us.

Don't worry, mother, for you see I am quite capable of taking care of myself.

May 5.  
Well, here I am scribbling a line to you again. This is a peach of a day over here, but very hot and sultry. Expect to go up in the air in a few minutes, so just thought I would get busy and write before I went up.

Flew over Vimy ridge. When I left the front line trenches there nine weeks ago you couldn't put your head above the parapet, and now there is a big camp where our front lines used to be and observation balloons are floating over the ridge where the Hun used to be. All this has happened in nine weeks, so you can imagine how hot things are over here now.

I suppose dad has the farm all in seed by now. Tell him that I will put it in next year if all goes well. Bringing down that Hun is going to help me wonderfully in getting promotions.

Will ring off now. Cheerio, all.  
Your affectionate son,  
ED.

### CROP CONDITIONS IN WEST PROMISING

ST. PAUL, June 21.—An unparalleled crop condition in the northwest at this season of the year now exists, according to W. P. Kennedy, vice-president of the Great Northern railway, who returned today from two weeks' trip thru Montana, North Dakota and Minnesota.

"It is a long way to a crop yet, but things have never been so promising in the northwest as at present," said Mr. Kennedy. "The northwest this year seems certain to be a big factor in feeding the world and in helping to bring victory to the United States in the war."

**Run Specials to Ashland Roundup.**

The Rogue River Round-Up officials of Ashland have received definite word that the chamber of commerce and the Merchants association of Portland have decided to run a special train of about fourteen coaches from Portland to the celebration at Ashland, leaving Portland on the night of July 2 and arriving at Ashland the morning of the 3rd. About 200 people are expected to be on this train.

The Coos Bay people will also have a special train to Ashland during the celebration and it will also accommodate the public from Eugene to Ashland.

The Round-Up management are a live bunch and the celebration will be the biggest event ever staged in southern Oregon.

### WARNING ISSUED AGAINST SWINDLERS O. & C. GRANT LANDS

Warning against swindlers operating in O. & C. land grant lands is sent out by the department of the interior as follows:

Attention has again been directed to the fact that many inquiries are being made to officials of this and other departments relative to the opening to settlement of the lands within the limits of the grant to the Oregon & California Railroad company in Oregon, title to which was declared to be reverted in the United States by the act of June 9, 1916, (39 Stat., 218.)

**Classification First.**

Under the terms of the act, no dispositions can be made of the lands re-vested in the United States until after due classification thereof and the payment of the taxes as provided by section 9. The land department has been exercising due diligence in the matter of classifications as well as the ascertainment of the taxes accrued and unpaid, but on account of the litigation instituted by the railroad company, calling into question the constitutionality of the act, final action has been somewhat delayed. The supreme court in its decision, dated April 23, 1917, fully upholds the constitutionality of that act.

These lands are not yet open for entry and settlement and will not be open until they have been fully restored in the manner directed by said act under such rules and regulations as may be adopted to govern such restoration. In the meantime it is utterly useless for persons to attempt to acquire any preference right upon any of these lands. There is no method or manner by which any filing can be made that would give any preference right for the purchase or requirement of any of these lands, or of any right whatever which can be respected by this department. When the lands have been classified, public notice will be given from time to time fixing and defining the terms upon which the lands are to be disposed of and the time of their disposition.

**Locators at Work.**

The attention of the department has been called to the fact that there are already at work in the field locators who are claiming that thru their services preference rights can be secured by the payment of a small fee. The department desires at this time to again warn the public that no such preference rights can be obtained at this time and that any money paid to such locators will undoubtedly be money thrown away.

It is the policy of the department that when the lands are ready to be thrown open for settlement and entry the public is to be notified thereof so that everyone will have an equal opportunity and an equal chance. This policy will be strictly adhered to.

### ABUNDANCE OF MOTOR TRUCKS

WASHINGTON, June 21.—The war department's requests for bids for 35,000 army motor trucks brought responses from 87 concerns thruout the country and when the offers were opened today it was found that the total number for which bidders are ready to contract is many times the government's requirements. How many will be ordered has not been determined.

Virtually all the big motor car companies and many of the smaller concerns submitted bids. Many types and sizes were offered, the prices ranging from \$1,031 for one-ton trucks to \$4,600 for five-ton vehicles.

The concerns—the Pierce-Arrow Motor Car company, the Harbut Motor Truck company, and the Nash Motors company—each offered to build the whole 35,000. There was one offer of 10,000 and several of 5,000.

Three companies offered to build at cost plus ten per cent profit.

### SPOKANE CONTRACTORS BUILD CANTONMENT

SPOKANE, June 21.—Award of a contract for the construction of an army cantonment at Battle Creek, Mich., to Porter Brothers, contractors of this city, was announced here today upon receipt of information from Washington. The contract includes the entire construction and equipment of the cantonment, and will approximate \$3,000,000. About 26,000,000 feet of lumber will be required, it is expected.

### MEDFORD MAID SEEKS ADVICE ON WEDDING SOLDIER

A Medford girl who signs herself as Millie McC and who is probably the sweetheart of some stalwart member of the Seventh company or I company, propounded the following query to the editor of the social troubles and society department of a Portland newspaper:

"Medford, Ore., June 17.—Dear Marian Miller: I am 18 and just thru high school. I am going to work on July 1 in an office, but my sweetheart, who is going to war, wants me to marry him secretly first. My mother doesn't like him. What shall I do? Please advise me. MILLIE McC."

Marian, who is probably some crusty old maid and a regular kill joy, came right back in yesterday's paper with the following answer:

"Don't marry secretly. Kiss him goodbye and don't promise anything. You may change your mind a dozen times before the war is over and so may he. Hasn't your mother been a pretty good friend to you for 18 years? stay by her until you know your own mind. The fact that you ask me shows that you know a marriage would be silly now. MARIAN MILLER."

### FLOUR REDUCED IN PRICE NOW SELLS FOR \$12

CHICAGO, June 21.—Flour sold today at \$2.40 less per barrel than a week ago, standard spring patents bringing \$14 and bakers' brands \$12.10. Nearly 50 cents of the decline was registered yesterday.

### 16 BABY VICTIMS OF GERMAN AIR RAID ARE BURIED

LONDON, June 21.—Sixteen children, only two of whom were over five years of age, the victims of the last German air raid on London, were given a public funeral yesterday and their bodies laid in a common grave in an East End cemetery over which a monument will be placed. Seldom, if ever, in the history of the country, have children been accorded such a funeral. The Marquis of Crewe attended in behalf of the government, while Major-General Sir Francis Lloyd, general officer commanding London district, represented the army. There were messages from the

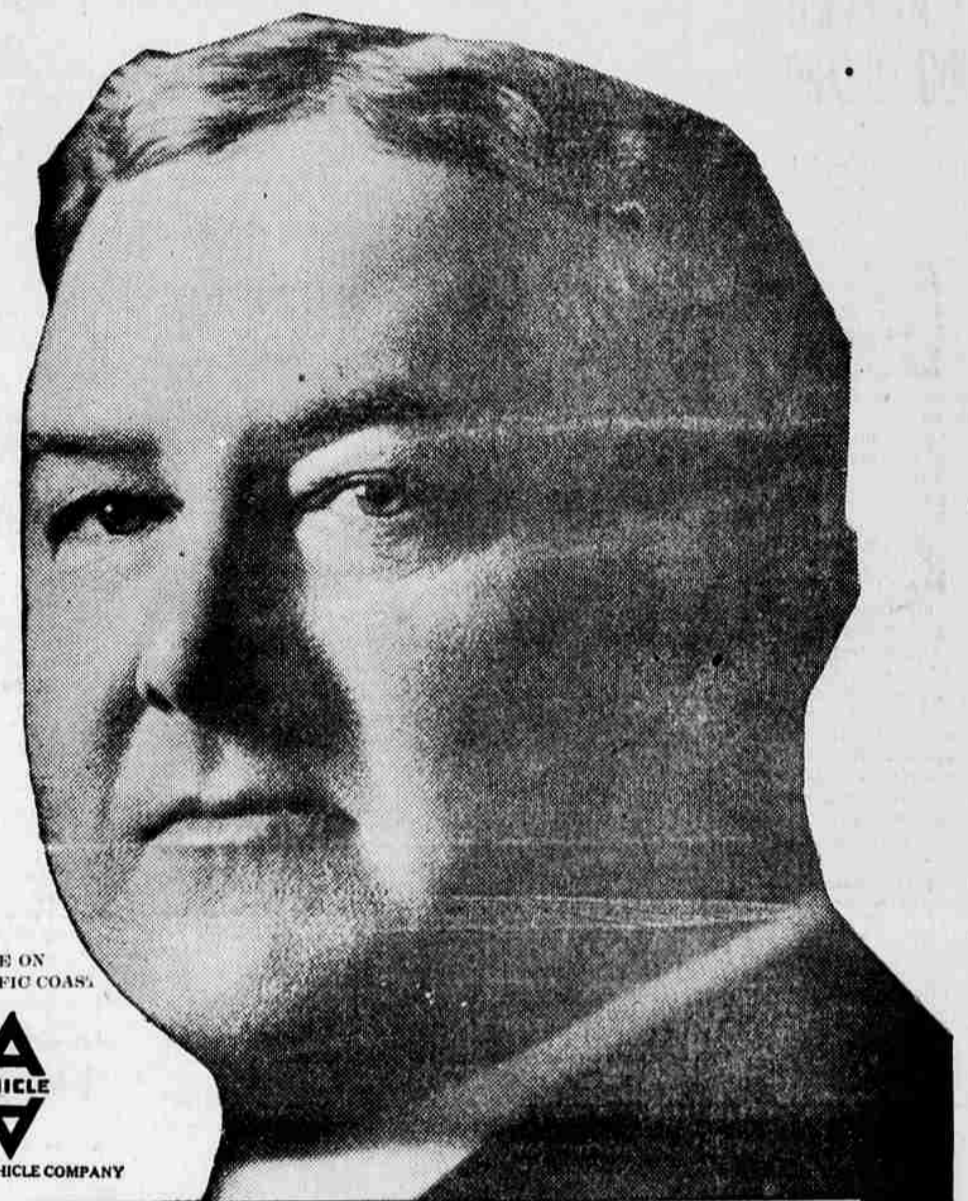
king and queen, while the bishop of London, assisted by the bishop of Stepney, conducted the services in the church, which was a bower of flowers, sent by children from all parts of the country.

Most of the floral offerings contained perfunctory words of sympathy, but others did not mince matters. These nearly all bore the inscription: "To Our Children—Murdered by German Aircraft."

### BASKET LUNCH FOLLOWS EAGLE POINT PREACHING

At Eagle Point on Sunday next, June 24th, at 10:30 o'clock in the morning, Rev. F. W. Carstens of Medford, with Rev. W. E. Smith will have a service at the Baptist church, Rev. Carstens officiating.

After the service a basket lunch will be served in some shady glen. All the people of Eagle Point and vicinity, are invited and are expected to attend the service, and to bring their lunch baskets with them.



**JOHN CORT**, one of America's foremost theatrical managers, says: "Adams Pepsin Chewing Gum impresses me as being an effective nerve steadier and brain quieter. I chew it regularly and derive real benefit from it."

*John Cort*

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