

# JURORS CLAIM TWO CONVICTED ARE INNOCENT

### Launch Move to Secure Release of Two I. W. W.'s Convicted of Second Degree Murder in Armistice Day Outrage at Centralia.

SEATTLE, May 17.—A joint affidavit setting forth the belief of two jurors in the case that seven alleged Industrial Workers of the World convicted of second degree murder in connection with the slaying of Warren O. Grimm during an Armistice day parade at Centralia, Wash., in 1919, were innocent, may be made the basis of an appeal for pardon for the seven men. It was announced at the legal bureau of the Seattle Central Labor Council today. The seven men are now serving sentences of from 25 to 40 years in the state penitentiary at Walla Walla imposed following their conviction at Montesano in March, 1920.

Ten men were originally placed on trial, two being acquitted and a third adjudged insane.

The affidavit signed by W. E. Inman and E. E. Sweetser, both of Grays Harbor county was made public by the legal bureau of the Seattle council. In it the two jurors set forth that "the evidence showed, as affidants verily believe, that all the defendants were innocent and not guilty and that not one of the defendants, killed, wounded or harmed anyone." The affidavit further declares that the two jurors, believing that "in the face of the hysteria that then existed," in the event of a divided jury and a new trial, "innocent men might have been hung," deemed it better to have a second degree murder verdict against seven and acquittal for two, thus leaving the two free to work for the release of the others.

The seven men now serving sentences for the murder of Grimm are Britt Smith, Bert Bland, O. C. Bland, Eugene Barnett, John Lamb, James McInerney and Fay Becker. Loren Roberts was adjudged insane and Mike Sheehan and Elmer Smith were found not guilty. Grimm was slain together with three other service men during an attack by alleged I. W. W. on a marching column of veterans.

### Prisoner Confesses To C. Point Robbery

Jack Law, who was arrested last Saturday for numerous robberies and who in his alleged confessions implicated Leo Summers, who was also arrested for a part in the robberies is reported to have confessed to the robbery of the Central Point station several days ago.

According to Sheriff Terrill he claimed to have broken into the station alone and says he had no accomplice in that particular robbery. Other robberies to which he has confessed according to Sheriff Terrill are: Brown's store, at Eagle Point, Lewis Confectionery, at Eagle Point, Ashpole's Hardware at Eagle Point, the Conro Fiero residence at Central Point and two houses on Griffin Creek.

## Coming to the Page Theater



Peggy Brown, "Queen of the Dance," in the New Passing Show coming to the Page theater, May 23rd.

## PROSPERITY WEEK TO BE CONDUCTED IN MEDFORD SOON

The Retail Merchants Bureau will in a very short time conduct what has been named as "Prosperity Week," which will be a concentrated effort to bring to Medford the citizens of the extreme sections of the county, from Josephine county and from northern California. Their object is to attract the class of people who are only occasional purchasers of merchandise and to do this in an attractive offer of merchandise is to be made as well as furnishing them special entertainment.

The extent of the advertising campaign and the entertainment that will be furnished will depend upon the amount of money the merchants provide for that purpose. Committees have been appointed to solicit these funds and they will start on this mission tomorrow morning.

A specified sum of money has been suggested which each merchant will be asked to contribute in order to distribute the total expense in an equitable manner and in accordance to the benefits which the committee feel each merchant will receive.

## WENATCHEE K. K. WANTS TO WORK UPON THE QUIET

WENATCHEE, Wash., May 17.—The Ku Klux Klan is organizing in Wenatchee. There are anywhere from 12 to 150 members at present and there will be 500 members within six months, according to C. L. Stoddard of Roseburg, Ore., a Klan organizer.

"We can do the maximum of good by working without publicity and privately so far as possible," said Stoddard.

WENATCHEE, Wash., May 17.—The next move in regard to the Greater Wenatchee project is to eliminate all land speculation which has proven disastrous to so many projects. Marvin Chase, state hydraulic engineer, told the executive committee of the organization today. A meeting of the directors will be held tonight at 7:30, but owing to the fact that Mr. Chase only had a short time to be here, a meeting of the executive committee was called this morning. The reason for doing away with all speculation is purely a business one for when the lands under any project are thrown in such a financial condition, that they cannot be properly improved they are not in a position to pull their part of the load in a financial way, Mr. Chase said.

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## NOT DOWNHEARTED REGARDING MAKING THE COUNTRY DRY

WASHINGTON, May 17.—Prohibition Commissioner Haynes is being kept busy answering letters from all over the country asking if he is growing discouraged over the job of keeping the United States dry. It was said today at prohibition headquarters. Mr. Haynes, it was declared, is not downhearted.

## BRIDEGROOM FACES A BIGAMY CHARGE

ARDMORE, Okla., May 17.—Ludie Kinney, accompanied by his young bride, nee Miss Opal Revroot, missing Ardmore heiress, is at an isolated ranch in New Mexico and his arrest on a bigamy charge sworn to by the girl's father, is momentarily expected, Sheriff Ewing Landon declared here today.

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., May 17.—The sheriff's office here today said Opal Revroot, Ludie Kinney and Jack Corby, have been located here but only one of the three has been detained. Officers are out today seeking the two others. The sheriff refused to say whether the one detained was Opal Revroot, missing Ardmore heiress, but said he had hoped to have all three in charge later on.

SANDWICH, England, May 17.—(By the Associated Press.)—Mrs. W. A. Gavin of New York, holder of the metropolitan championship title was eliminated from the ladies open golf championship play here by Miss Cox of Royal St. Davis, two up and one to play.

## GIM CHUNG China Herb Store

This is to certify that Gim Chung of Medford, Ore., has cured me of colic and stomach trouble. S. M. Leonard, 509 J St., Grants Pass, Ore.

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Medford, Oregon, Jan. 13, 1917.

This is to certify that I, the undersigned, had very severe stomach trouble and had been bothered for several years and last August was not expected to live, and hearing of Gim Chung (whose Herb store is at 214 South Front street, Medford), I decided to get herbs for my stomach trouble, and I started to feeling better as soon as I used them and today am a well man and can heartily recommend anyone afflicted as I was to see Gim Chung and try his Herbs.

(Signed) W. R. JOHNSON, Witness: Wm. Lewis, Eagle Point, W. L. Childreth, Eagle Point, M. A. Anderson, Medford, S. B. Holmes, Eagle Point, C. E. Moore, Eagle Point, J. V. McIntyre, Eagle Point, Geo. Von der Heiden, Eagle Point, Thos. E. Nichols, Eagle Point.

## CANCEL DEBTS IN RETURN FOR CUT EUROPE'S ARMIES

CHICAGO, May 17.—Europe, to escape the bankruptcy toward which it is heading, must alter its political and financial course, Joseph R. Noel, former head of the Chicago Association of Commerce, who has returned from a three month's trip to Europe, said.

"It must balance budgets, restore gold standard, cancel paper money, re-establish trade relations and throw away an attitude of jealousy," he said.

"I believe in future years we will find it expedient from a selfish standpoint to cancel the debt of millions that Europe owes us. But we should first put over some good old fashioned bargaining and get reduction of their armies, repudiation of paper money and the cessation of extravagant expenditures and trade barriers."

## PAVING SUIT FILED AGAINST THE CITY

Suit was filed in the circuit court this morning against the city of Medford to restrain the issuance of deeds on paving assessments. The injunction was filed in the name of Earl H. Fehl for and on the behalf of all of the taxpayers of the city. Judge Calkins has promised an early hearing on the application.

On April 15, 1922, notices were served on 500 taxpayers of Medford that in 60 days deeds would be issued to the city.

There is at present a suit in the supreme court to test the legality of these assessments.

## JUMPS AFTER HAT, MAN IS DROWNED

ABERDEEN, Wash., May 17.—Dean Sawyer, 12 son of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Sawyer of Hoquiam, and R. B. Elgie, 45, a shingle-weaver, were drowned yesterday afternoon. The Sawyer boy slipped off a raft in a mill pond last evening. A child companion, unable to swim, ran for aid. The body was recovered. Elgie jumped from the west bridge over the Chehalis river to recover his hat, which a gust of wind had blown into the water. He swam about aimlessly and sank before sailors in a rowboat reached him. He is said to have relatives in Tennessee.

## Secret of a Good Disposition

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## 3,500,000 DAYS LOST IN ENGLAND IN ONE MONTH

LONDON—It is estimated that 3,500,000 working days were lost in Great Britain in March owing to labor disputes involving 280,000 workers. The principal disputes being in the engineering and shipbuilding industries.

Unemployment in March, though still bad, showed a further slight improvement despite the adverse effect of the engineering dispute, says the Labor Gazette which publishes the estimate above.

Among industries showing improvement were iron, mining, pig iron manufacture, the building trades the cotton and wool textile industries and the clothing trades.

Changes in rates of wages reported as having taken effect in March resulted in a reduction of over 225,000 pounds in the weekly full time wages of about 1,250,000 workers

and an increase of 800 pounds weekly in the wages of about 10,000 others. Coal miners in Northumberland, Yorkshire, north Staffordshire, north Wales and Scotland sustained reductions varying from under two per cent to over eight per cent, the paper states.

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