

CORONER'S JURY CHARGES MURDER TO A. E. LAWRENCE

DEAD WOMAN'S SON IS RELEASED FROM CUSTODY

After Hearing Statement of Dying Woman, Coroner's Jury Accuses Rival in Homestead Battle of Shooting Mrs. Alma Kuehne—Hunters and Lawrence Are All Held for Murder on Warrant Today.

A Earnest Lawrence, and not Mrs. G. O. Hunter, shot and killed Mrs. Alma Kuehne in the battle at Dodd Hollow yesterday morning, say the members of the coroner's jury, following the inquest at Merrill last night.

As a result, Lawrence and Mr. and Mrs. Hunter are all under arrest, charged with murder. The warrant was issued on complaint of Marshal T. M. Durham of Merrill, by Justice of the Peace E. W. Gowen.

Members of the coroner's jury were Fred Stukel foreman, Dan Colwell, Homer Moore, E. C. Faber, O. E. Irwin and Joe Stukel. The salient portions of their verdict follow: "That the said bullet wound was inflicted by a gun in the hands of one A. E. Lawrence; that the act took place on the homestead of Mrs. Alma Kuehne on the 20th day of December, 1915, at the hour of 9 a. m.

"That we believe A. E. Lawrence guilty of a crime thereby." The doctors who attended the wounded woman and E. M. Bubb, no-tary who took her dying statement, were called as witnesses, and the woman's statement made just before she died was read. In this she said that Lawrence shot her, and then struck her after she had fallen, wounded.

The evidence introduced tended to show that the fatal wound was caused by a steel jacket bullet apparently from a rifle of the .30 calibre type. Lawrence and the others have stated that Lawrence fired one shot with a 30-30 rifle. The bullet passed through the body, so it is impossible to accurately state what calibre rifle the bullet was from.

Following the inquest, Andrew Kuehne, son of the murdered woman, was released from custody by District Attorney John Irwin. Prior to that time he had been under surveillance. The time for a preliminary hearing has not been set as yet. Irwin, Sheriff Low and others are making further investigations at the scene of the shooting this afternoon.

Lawrence is confined in the county jail, and Mrs. Hunter and her children are under guard at the Hotel Hall. Late this afternoon Hunter, who was wounded in the battle, was discharged from the hospital, and he has been placed in the city jail, awaiting the hearing before Justice Gowen.

OVER \$3,100 IS OUR LICENSE FEE

HUNTERS ARE MOST IN EVIDENCE, WITH ANGLERS SECOND—COUNTY RECEIVES PARTIAL REBATE ON ISSUES

According to the reports compiled by the county clerk's office, a total of \$3,100 was paid in Klamath county this year for sportsmen's licenses. This is divided as follows:

New Ambassador From Mexico



Ambassador Eliseo Arredondo

Eliseo Arredondo, former chief of the Washington junta of the Carranzistas, has just been appointed to this country from Mexico. Ambassador Arredondo is a first cousin of General Carranza on his mother's side, and is a native of the state of Coahuila, where the Carranza family has lived for years.

CHRISTMAS EVE AT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

ELABORATE PROGRAM PREPARED FOR ENTERTAINMENT OF MEMBERS AND FRIENDS—LITTLE TOTS TAKE PROMINENT PART

The members of the Christian church and their friends are in for a treat on Christmas Eve, when a program will be rendered at that church that is far superior to the programs usually rendered on such occasions.

For one thing the various numbers have been thoroughly rehearsed, and that, added to the unusual merit of the different sections, will add to the entertainment of the evening.

One number, a drill entitled "Christmas Pulling," and participated in by the little tots, promises to be very pleasing. A cantata, "Santa's Elves," is also calculated to entertain, and the constant rehearsals insure a splendid production.

Then, too, there will be a play under the title of "A Search for Happiness," which is sure to be entertaining.

The program will be about an hour's length, and will be interspersed with readings by a quartet, with music of other descriptions to round it out in a perfect manner.

After the program will be the Christmas tree exercises, when the little tots will receive candies, etc., for their splendid behavior during the past year.

SNOWSLIDES BOTHER THE O. W. R. & N. COMPANY LINE

LA GRANDE, Ore., Dec. 21.—Four snow slides on the line of the Oregon-Washington Railroad and Navigation company near Bacon blocked all traffic since last night.

AUSTRIA ISN'T SEEKING A ROW WITH AMERICA

SO SAYS HER STRONGEST CITIZEN COUNT TIZCA

In Interview With United Press, the Nobleman Says That There will Be No Quarrel if Washington Keeps Cool in the Ancona Case, and Says Everything Can Be Adjusted Very Nicely and in Regular Order.

By KARL ACKERMAN (United Press Correspondent)

BERLIN, Dec. 21.—Count Stephen Tizca, Austria's premier and strongest man, today assured the United Press that there will be no quarrel between Austria and the United States, providing American officials keep cool. He says Austria has no reason for quarrelling, and doesn't intend to do so.

Austria, though, he held, objects to America's manner of seeking a disavowal of the sinking of the Ancona. The American consul at Budapest says the cordiality of relations have not been interrupted by the trouble. He believes there will be no severance of relationships.

United Press Service

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 21.—Colonel House is going to Europe again in a fortnight. He goes unofficially as the president's agent, to take information to American ambassadors regarding the administration's attitude on impending international questions.

GIRLS, NO USE TO ASK JOBS IN CAL.

NEW LAW PROHIBITING HIRING GIRLS UNDER 18 YEARS FOR ANY WORK IN CONTACT WITH PUBLIC TO BE ENFORCED

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 21.—The new law prohibiting girls under 18 years of age from selling articles on the streets or in public places, and from being employed in any way that would cause them to thus come into contact with the general public, will be strictly enforced by the state labor commissioner's department.

Deputy State Labor Commissioner John S. Blair has been giving much attention to the law that prohibits boys under 16 from selling papers, and now that law is in good working order he will turn to the matter of enforcing the law relating to girls.

Theaters will be the first places investigated. Many theaters employ girls as ushers, and Blair has been informed that in many places the girls are less than 18 years old. In some of the theaters girls are also employed to sell candy during intermission.

Drunken Villistas on Rampage in Juarez

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 21.—Two Americans were shot, one fatally, in rioting at Juarez today resulting from the Villa garrison refusing to give control of the town to Carranza's forces and officials.

While engaged in looting, the soldiers attacked the street cars, firing at the passengers. Many were slightly wounded, as many of the cars were packed with people. Every saloon in the city was robbed

SPAIN LATEST TO BECOME WARLIKE; ORDERS GUNS, ETC.

BRITISH PRICK UP EARS AS A RESULT

Order for Twenty Million Dollars' Worth of Munitions and Machinery is Seen to Be Made—A Commission of Five Generals Has Been Here for Several Months Investigating, It is Stated.

United Press Service

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Spain is the latest European nation to begin putting on martial airs.

It became known today that Spain is in the American market to purchase munitions and machinery to complete the equipment of Spanish munitions plants. The total expenditures will be close to \$20,000,000.

Don Jose Salas, Spanish consul general here, today admitted that a commission of five Spanish general staff officers are here quietly placing the big orders. He says they have been at work since February.

United Press Service

GIBRALTAR, Dec. 21.—The Spanish war department has issued an order substituting the latest type of Remington rifle for the Mausers used at present by the Spanish army.

Besides this, Spanish recruits are in constant training, and the size of the standing army has been greatly enlarged.

These facts, together with the fact that large purchases of supplies are being made in America, are taken as deeply significant by English authorities.

MARRIED WOMAN STILL TEACHER

SUPREME COURT RULES THAT WEDDING IS NOT SUFFICIENT GROUNDS FOR DISMISSAL OF INSTRUCTOR

United Press Service

SALEM, Dec. 21.—The supreme court today ruled that the fact that a woman teacher becomes married during the school term is not sufficient grounds for her dismissal by a school board.

In this decision, which is of high importance all over the state, the higher court sustains the circuit court, which command the Portland school district to reinstate Mrs. Maude Richards and pay her back salary.

The general education board of New York, one of John D. Rockefeller's philanthropic enterprises, announced recently it had made gifts totaling \$375,000 to four colleges, and had provided the funds for a number of novel experiments in the field of education.

Charles Edison, Inventor, Poet and Theatrical Producer



In addition to writing music and good poetry, inventing automobile parts and assisting his wizard father with his inventions, Charles Edison, son of Thomas A. Edison, is spending one third of his time this winter operating his little music theater on Fifth avenue, New York.

The idea of Edison's little theater (it only accommodates 140 people) is to give expression to artistic American singers and players. Young Edison created the theater because of his deep sympathetic interest in budding American musical genius.

Another third of his time he devotes to work in his father's laboratories. He is called the "repair man." His work is much in the nature of an efficiency expert, because his duties are to see to it that there are no imperfections in the manufactured products invented by his renowned daddy.

The remaining third of his time he writes poetry under the nom de plume, "Tom Sleeper," and music, and plays the gentleman; and it is said of him truly, that he really has a good time. Charles Edison is 26 years of age, and already has to his credit a valuable patent of his own invention for a part of an electric automobile.

A box car. A railroad employe slipped them their revolvers. Before driving the brigands away they narrowly escaped death several times. They returned to Salina Cruz and will go to Vera Cruz from here by water.

WOULDN'T ALLOW JURY DICTATION

MISSOURIAN HAS BILL AIMED TO STOP FEDERAL JUDGES FROM DICTATING WHAT VERDICT THE JURY SHALL RETURN IN A CASE

United Press Service

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 21.—Dictation by federal judges of jurists' verdicts would be prevented under the terms of a bill Representative Dyer of Missouri has prepared, he says.

"Procedure rules now permit judges to make stump speeches from the bench, practically decide cases and dictate what verdicts juries shall bring in," said Dyer. "So much latitude is allowed in their instructions that they sometimes usurp the functions of the jury. I shall urge a law to require them to give their jury instructions in writing, and to not improperly influence them.

BRITAIN CALLS A MILLION MEN TO THE COLORS

MAKES A TOTAL OF FOUR MILLION IN RANKS

Without Mentioning Conscription, Asquith Introduces Measure in Commons for Raising a Legion to Support Troops Now Engaged in Different Theaters—Changes Being Made in General Staff.

United Press Service

LONDON, Dec. 21.—Premier Asquith today introduced a bill in the house of commons, calling to the colors a million more men. This will bring the number of enlisted Britishers and colonial up to four million.

No mention was made of conscription by Asquith in his talk. He referred to heavy losses sustained, but said both sides were suffering the same way.

"At the end of sixteen months, we are fighting in the various theaters of war with 1,350,000 men," he said. "It is imperative that we augment this force with another nearly as large."

The war office today announced that Sir William Robertson, the British chief of staff in France, has been recalled. He becomes chief of the imperial general staff, succeeding Sir Arthur Murray.

Murray, it is announced, gets an "important command." It is generally believed that he will be in charge of the Egyptian operations.

Athens dispatches say a Russian warship escorting fifteen troop ships, bombarded Varna yesterday.

United Press Service

PETROGRAD, Dec. 21.—It is announced that General Ruskay has been relieved of the command of the defense of the Riga-Drinsk line, owing to ill health. He remains a member of the war council, and Cesar Nicholas has conferred congratulations for his services.

(Editor's Note—General Ruskay commanded the Galician expedition which captured Lemberg.)

United Press Service

BERLIN, Dec. 21.—Dispatches state that Greek troops in the fort at Karaburnaz, dominating Salonika, fired on a French detachment which failed to halt when so commanded. The French fled.

ANOTHER BOUQUET FOR OUR SCHOOLS

EDUCATIONAL JOURNAL CITES KLAMATH COUNTY'S RURAL SCHOOL PROGRESS AS EXAMPLE FOR REST OF STATE

The following from the Oregon Teachers' Monthly will be of local interest:

That the payment of good salaries, combined with good business methods, will secure teachers that are well prepared for their work, is shown by a report recently filed with Superintendent J. A. Churchill by Superintendent Fred Peterson of Klamath county. The teachers in the rural schools of Klamath are paid an average of \$77 per month, which is larger than the salary paid by any other county in the state to the teachers in its country schools.

Upon examining into the preparation of teachers of that county, it is found that 55 per cent of the teachers are graduates of colleges, 25 per cent are normal schools, and 20 per cent of them are graduates of normal schools.

Over 200 pupils were women in Great Britain.

ALL IS READY FOR THE BIG SHOW

LAST REHEARSAL HELD LAST NIGHT, AND MEMBERS OF CAST ARE READY TO DON COSTUMES AND GREASE PAINT

All is in readiness for "The Follies," the big local talent show to be given for the benefit of the Library Club's Philanthropic department tonight and tomorrow night. Last rehearsals were held last night, and the thirty or more participants will be letter perfect when they present the show.

Seats are going fast, and there is every indication of a big house. The doors will open at 8 o'clock, and the show will start at 8:30.

Some Live Wire.

The difference between an ordinary wire and a live wire was discovered this morning by a local youngster, when he grasped the latter at a report recently filed with Superintendent J. A. Churchill by Superintendent Fred Peterson of Klamath county. The ground being wet, he received the full force of the current, and unable to let go, he rolled on the ground and yelled until a policeman cut the wire. It was impossible to get any further particulars, for all existing sprint records were lowered by the kid the instant the juice was cut off.

The American commission for relief in Belgium will undertake similar work in Poland, as requested by Germany, provided the consent of Russia and its allies can be obtained. It is estimated that \$20,000,000 a month will be required to feed the destitute millions in the eastern theater of war.

WEALTHY MEXICANS ARE DONE WITH MEX RAILROADS

United Press Service

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—"No more railroad trains through the interior of Mexico for us," announced Pedro A. Garcia and Sebastian Laco-tour, following their arrival from Matatlan on the steamer San Jose.

A hand to hand battle in a box car with brigands settled this question for them. Both are wealthy men of Matatlan. They started by rail from Salina Cruz to Vera Cruz. En route the train was attacked by brigands. They were awakened in the middle of the night by shots and took refuge in