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## DEPUTIES PROBE PISTOL DUEL IN DESERT COUNTRY

### Water, Whiskey or Woman Believed Cause of "Bad Lands" Shooting

### MEN BITTER ENEMIES

#### Cattle Ranch Foreman and Former Employee Dead Following Gun Battle

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif., Nov. 10. (AP)—Water, whiskey or a woman probably figured prominently in the "Bad Lands" shooting in which Bill Robinson and Mat Burts were killed last Sunday at Government Holes, an isolated watering place east of here and near the Nevada line.

Such was the belief of sheriff's deputies who today continued their investigation of the gun fight on the theory that it was another one of those duels such as occasionally remind authorities that the old wild days of the west have not vanished in that section northwest of Needles known as the Ivanpah range.

#### Two-Gun Man

Robinson was foreman of the Rock Springs Cattle company which controls most of the water holes on the range; Burts was a former employee of the company, a "two-gun" man imported from Arizona six years ago to help wage war on cattle rustlers who were terrorizing the country.

It was two years ago that Burts lost his job with the Rock Springs outfit, and since then, investigators allege, he has been suspected of a connection with various liquor troubles in the district.

#### Bad Blood

Robinson came to the district several months ago, heralded as a man who "wouldn't use his boots for running." Bad blood between him and Burts soon was evident, according to deputies, and the theory tentatively accepted is that the two men met to settle some quarrel over water rights on the range, or over liquor transactions or over a woman. A woman is reported to have accompanied Burts on his one way trip to Government Holes.

## Two Killed In Auto Crashes

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 10. (AP)—Mrs. L. R. Golt died at a hospital today from internal injuries received when a runaway automobile ran into her husband's machine which was parked on Brooklyn street.

Mrs. Lillian P. Newton was killed almost instantly yesterday when an automobile in which she was riding as a guest went into a ditch on the Base Line road.

## Forger to Serve Term in Prison

EUGENE, Ore., Nov. 10.—Loyal Emery, who entered a plea of guilty in circuit court here Saturday on a charge of forgery, was today sentenced to serve a term of three years in the state penitentiary. Sentence was pronounced by Judge G. F. Skippworth.

### Grim Reaper Defeated

50 New Babies Arrive in Klamath County; But 18 Funerals Held

### Births Exceed Deaths

An old man, bent and haggard, wielding a sharp-bladed scythe was turned back during October by a long angular and rather comical appearing stork.

All of which is the symbolic manner in which to tell the story of how births exceeded deaths in Klamath county during the month of October.

That file in the county health office which bears the title "vital

## Witness Flays Air Policy Of Both Branches

### Captain Oldys Strong Colonel Mitchell Witness

WASHINGTON, Nov. 10. (AP)—The government's air policies both at home and in far-off American possessions were assailed today in defense testimony before the Mitchell court martial.

Captain Robert Oldys of the air service, called to support Colonel Mitchell's charge of near treasonable disregard of national interests in aviation, declared he had in his possession a letter written by the American minister to Guatemala in 1923, warning of a scheme by "alien interests" to establish a foothold in Central America near the Panama canal.

The minister, the witness said, unsuccessfully urged the Washington government to establish an air mail service to Central America. Actual presentation of the letter in evidence was delayed, temporarily at least, by objections from the prosecution.

Captain Oldys also quoted at length from the aviation report presented in 1923 by the Lassiter board of army officers, containing recommendations for air defense of the Philippines and Hawaii, which the witness said had been approved by the secretary of war, but never carried into effect. This report, he said, described the situation in the air service as "unfortunate and critical."

## City Engineer Quits; Darley Gets Position

### Eugene Henry Leaves Services of the City

Eugene B. Henry resigned as city engineer last night, to take effect November 17.

Charles T. Darley, his associate in the firm of Jensen, Henry and Darley, was appointed to succeed him.

Eligibility of Mr. Henry to be city engineer was recently questioned by the state board of engineering examiners, on the ground that Mr. Henry was not a registered engineer. Shoals of legal complexities faced the city, because of the questionable right in which the paving bonds were thrown, due to Mr. Henry's reputed ineligibility.

No comment either from the council, the mayor or the resigned engineer was forthcoming. It had apparently all been settled.

However, it became known last night that the resignation and appointment were but steps to clear up possible legal entanglements.

In name, C. T. Darley will be the city engineer, and his seal as a registered engineer will appear on all plans and specifications calling for city improvements. But in practice, it is known that Mr. Henry will continue to discharge the duties of city engineer.

## STILL AT LIBERTY

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Nov. 10.—Although two days and a half have elapsed since the sensational escape of Frank Holmes, Ward Daniels and Ernest Browning from the state penitentiary early Sunday morning, and guards, aided by deputy sheriffs, have combed the entire vicinity, none of the trio had been captured up to 1 o'clock this afternoon.

## FOURTEEN SHIPS FULL OF LIQUOR REACH NEW YORK

### Rum Runners Arrive Out- side limit with big Cargo of Holiday Booze

### OTHERS ARE COMING

#### All Points Along Atlantic Coast Report Christmas Liquor Vessels

NEW YORK, Nov. 10. (AP)—Fourteen ships of the rum row fleet have reappeared off the New York coast laden with holiday drinks.

New tactics have been evolved to meet any repetition of the coast guard blockade of last summer that drove away the vessels anchored there. The new flotilla does not anchor when coast guard vessels make their appearance the liquor armada takes to its heels until coast guard vessels run out of fuel and have to go to port for replenishment. Business goes on during their absence.

Skippers returning from the sea report that not only has the group off New York grown to 14 in number, but that four vessels are hovering near Boston, and others farther south.

## Murder Trial Is Under Way

### Hyman Huntley Faces Jury in Medford Court

MEDFORD, Ore., Nov. 10.—Testimony in the trial of Hyman Huntley, 58, charged with first degree murder, began in the circuit court today, after Bert H. Smith of Ashland had been selected to fill the vacancy caused by the illness of A. R. Brown of Ashland. Huntley is accused of mortally stabbing his brother-in-law, Jesse Gibbs, 28, in a quarrel on the night of September 2, over the alleged attentions paid by Gibbs to Mrs. Huntley.

Up to noon today, four witnesses, City Policemen Joe Cave, Loggitt and Sunderman, and Sheriff Jennings, had testified to the surrender of Huntley, following the fatal affray, and conditions at the Huntley home.

The courtroom at the morning session was packed, including a number from Douglas and Coos counties, friends of the defendant and of Gibbs.

## Post Office Safe Blown by Robbers

SHERIDAN, Ore., Nov. 10. (AP)—The safe in the post office was blown open here at 3:25 o'clock this morning and although there was a large amount of cash in the strong box the three yegmen were frightened away before they had an opportunity to gather up their spoils. Hearing the explosion H. P. Karsten, a merchant who was sleeping in his store opposite the post office, looked out the window and shouted at the trio. One of the men fired a bullet through the window just above Karsten's head. As they ran the men scattered. They left their tools behind.

## ADMITS SHE HAS COLORED BLOOD

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., Nov. 10. (AP)—Counsel for Mrs. Alice Jones Rhineland, now being sued for annulment of her marriage to Leonard Kip Rhineland, on the grounds of fraudulent representation of her race, today admitted in open court that their client had some colored blood.

## Pierce Pardons Lane Bootlegger

SALEM, Ore., Nov. 10.—A reprieve was issued by Governor Pierce yesterday to Frank Oplis, a prohibition law violator in the Lane county jail. The reprieve relieves Oplis of paying a fine of \$500 that was assessed against him by the court in addition to serving six months in jail. He has completed the jail sentence.

## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS November eleven is set aside as Armistice Day throughout the Nation, marking the cessation of hostilities in the great World War, and  
WHEREAS it is customary to observe that day by entering into festivities of a patriotic nature

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Mayor, and Common Council of the City of Klamath Falls do recommend and urge that all places of business in this city close on November eleven, nineteen hundred twenty five, at twelve noon and remain closed for the balance of the day and that the citizens of this city observe Armistice Day in the most befitting manner.

Fred R. Goddard,  
Mayor,  
Chas. I. Roberts,  
F. H. Cofer,  
E. H. Balsiger,  
E. C. Stuckey,  
Z. J. Powell.

## Heavy Vote Is Cast Today By County Farmers

An exceptionally heavy vote, one which may break all previous records of the Klamath Irrigation district water users' elections, is being cast today in the election of two directors for the irrigation district board, according to reports from Malin and Merrill received early this afternoon. Sixty per cent of the voters in Malin had cast their vote up to 3 o'clock. At Merrill a large majority of the water users had voted. Residents of Olney precinct will probably vote 100 per cent, according to reports received. Twenty-five votes had been cast in the small precinct. At Mt. Laki precinct, 31 votes had been cast, with the majority of the votes of that district yet to be cast.

## Canned Heat Drinkers On Bread, Water

Klamath's "canned heat" nuisances are taking the bread and water cure in the city jail today. And this simple but effective diet will be continued indefinitely, or until the motley crew of "red noses" decide to call it enough.

The sorry crew of derelicts who get drunk on canned heat were rounded up over the week end after numerous complaints were made of their "mooching" operations along Main street. Heretofore they have been left in the hoosegaw until they sobered up and were then escorted to the city limits and told to keep going.

But like the fabled bad penny, they always come back. Yesterday the police rounded them up again and tried a different cure. The canned heat artists were put to work on the streets. But they wouldn't work. So they were returned to jail and the bread and water diet started today.

As soon as they agree to call off the "strike" and do a little real work, they'll be given something more substantial.

## LEST WE FORGET

WASHINGTON, Nov. 10. (AP)—A cessation of governmental, industrial, commercial and business activities for a brief space at 11 o'clock tomorrow in observance of Armistice Day was recommended to the country today by President Coolidge.

## BIG TAX SLASH IS AUTHORIZED BY COMMITTEE

### Levy on Automobiles Will be Greatly Reduced Dur- ing Coming Year

### OTHERS ANNOUNCED

#### Cigars may cost Less, House Ways and Means Com- mittee Decides

WASHINGTON, Nov. 10. (AP)—Reduction of the automobile taxes and repeal of many of the special levies was voted today by the house ways and means committee.

The tax on all grades of cigars was reduced and the levy on alcohol was cut in half. Other taxes which the committee would repeal are those on jewelry, camera lenses, photograph films and plates, fire arms and ammunition, smoker's articles, coin operating machines, works of art and Mah Jongg sets.

#### Theatre Tax

No change was made in the taxes on admissions and dues, although the committee voted to exempt legitimate theaters housing the spoken drama from the admission tax if the treasury deems it advisable.

The following occupational taxes, which apply on proprietors, were repealed:

Brokers, including pawn brokers, ship and custom house brokers; billiard rooms and bowling alleys, shooting galleries, riding academies, autos for hire, tobacco manufacturers and yachts and motor boats.

#### Narcotics Tax

It was also agreed to reduce from \$3 to \$1 the annual tax on physicians who dispense narcotics and to cut from 50 cents to 25 cents the tax on each deed or conveyance amounting to \$500.

The total amount of revenue which the government would lose as a result of the changes would amount to slightly more than \$100,000,000 annually, Chairman Greedy said, and would wipe from the statute virtually every so-called nutsane tax.

Many of the levies which the committee voted to repeal yielded less revenue annually than it cost the government to collect taxes, said Chairman Green.

## Council Refuses To Pay Cost for Mounted Officer

If stray horses trample all over your lawn from now on, just call up your favorite councilman and tell him your troubles. He may be able to help you. And then again, maybe he can't do a thing.

All of which means that the city council last night turned down a chance to have a mounted policeman round up all stray animals for the low cost of \$1 per day.

Councilman Powell put a motion asking the council to authorize \$1 daily for a horse and saddle, which one of the patrolmen offered to get and use in this work.

But the motion "died a burning." Nobody would second it. It would cost too much money, some of them thought.

## WILL OPEN BIDS Decision on Construction of Ash- land Normal School to Be Made Soon

SALEM, Ore., Nov. 10.—Bids for the construction of the new southern Oregon normal school at Ashland will be opened at a meeting of the board of regents in Salem on Thursday of this week. It is thought the building will be completed by January 1, 1927. The cost will be about \$175,000, appropriated by the 1925 legislature.

## ILLINOIS BANKS TO CLOSE EARLY

CHICAGO, Nov. 10.—Some Illinois banks are closing at the noon hour and others an hour earlier in the afternoon, to reduce robbery hazards, it was disclosed today. The protective department of the Illinois Bankers' association has recommended the rule to its members.

## Klamath Folks Will Celebrate Armistice Day

### Varied Program Offer- ed People of The City

Klamath Falls will pause tomorrow, November 11, in memory of that date on which the World War came to a close, November 11, 1918.

Armistice day, tomorrow will mark the seventh anniversary of the end of the war, in which the United States joined hands with other great powers to control the rising menace of Prussian imperialism.

At the last state legislature, Armistice day was declared a state legal holiday and in accordance with that statute, all banks in Klamath must close, all schools will close and no legal business can be transacted at the county court house or city hall, both of which will also be closed for the day.

Most of Klamath Falls' business houses are planning to close their doors for the day at noon tomorrow. Owing to the fact that Armistice day is not a national legal holiday, the post office and the Reclamation Service offices will remain open throughout the day.

So far as appropriate festivities to recognize the occasion are concerned, the American Legion post is, as it always has been and always will be, the moving factor. Tonight the legion is sponsoring two dances, one at the Scandinavian hall and the other at Altamont dance pavilion.

Tomorrow at 1 p. m. an impressive ceremony, at which the corner stone of the new American Legion Memorial building will be laid, is to be held by the legion.

Two o'clock the referee's whistle will start the football game between Klamath county high school and Alturas high school, which will be held on the fair grounds field.

A special picture will be shown at the Pine Tree theater at two performances tomorrow night, 7 p. m. and 9 p. m. Following the movies, the Armistice day celebration will wind up with dancing at Altamont and the Scandinavian hall.

## GET MURDER JURY

### Man Who Killed Portland Man in Melon Patch Is Put On Trial

McMINNVILLE, Ore., Nov. 10.—As court recessed at noon today the jury had been selected to try J. F. Trent, McMinville farmer, charged with second degree murder for the slaying of George O. Hamblin of Portland and the serious wounding of the latter's father, F. E. Hamblin.

Trent, it is charged, killed young Hamblin and wounded the father on the night of September 25, when he believed them to be robbing his watermelon patch.

## SEEK TO MURDER RUMANIAN RULER

VIENNA, Nov. 10. (AP)—A communist attempt to assassinate King Ferdinand of Rumania has been thwarted.

Lying in wait at a country inn for the king to return from hunting, a band of communists was captured by troops after repulsing grenades with revolvers and hand grenades yesterday.

Advice today from Galatz, Rumania, describes the affair.

One soldier and one gendarme were wounded.

## Grave Yard Disturbed

### Equules of Range Wander Over Last Resting Places of Citizens

Linkville cemetery was invaded yesterday by a band of stray range horses. Heavy hoofs trampled over graves where prominent residents of Klamath are laid in their last resting place, and the horses soon stamped down what little evidence there was of care of the plots.

## KLAMATH FALLS SHOWS INCREASE OF POPULATION

### Present Number Estimated at Over 10,000 Within City Boundaries

### 560 INCREASE IS NOTED

#### Transient Population Believ- ed to be Particularly Large in City

An estimated gain of 560 in population during the past four months is the latest testimonial to the rapid growth of Klamath Falls.

This gain in population became known today with the announcement by F. Ray Dunn, resident manager of the telephone company, that since the last telephone book was issued June 20, 112 new telephones have been installed in homes within the boundaries of the city.

Long experience and the law of averages have shown that one telephone denotes five people. Multiplying the increase in telephones by five, the figure of 560 is reached.

Specifically: The number of telephones in Klamath Falls June 20 was 1813; on October 20, 1925; increase, 112.

Again utilizing the five persons to one telephone ratio, the population in Klamath Falls is shown to be near the 10,000 mark, or to be exact just 9625.

The one-to-five ratio is declared to be too low for Klamath Falls, by citizens in close touch with the growth of the community. They point to the transient population, which while here does not utilize phone service of private telephones, and of hundreds of working people in the small homes, whose financial condition precludes having telephones.

From whatever angle it is viewed, the present population of Klamath Falls is declared to be in excess of 10,000.

## Chest Workers Meet Tonight

Christmas chest workers will gather at the chamber of commerce quarters at 8 o'clock tonight to perfect the organization for Christmas charity work this year. Delegates have been asked to attend from all civic, fraternal and religious organizations of the city.

Committees will be appointed and the plan of procedure outlined for the work to be carried on during the Christmas holidays.

## QUAKE IS RECORDED

### Severe Shock 5000 Miles from New York Reported by Seis- mograph

NEW YORK, Nov. 10. (AP)—One of the most severe earthquakes of the year was recorded today on the seismograph at Fordham university. The exact distance of the disturbance could not be given, but experts of the university said it centered more than five thousand miles from New York.

## HONOR BLIND MEDIC

CHICAGO, Nov. 10. (AP)—Blind for 59 of his 71 years but despite the handicap a winner of a place as an authority on heart and lung diseases, Dr. Robert H. Babcock, noted Chicago specialist, tonight will be honored by 150 of his colleagues. He has practiced here for 42 years.

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