

COMPANION OF SLAIN HUNTER CLEARS FACTS

The bullet which killed Henry Milot last Sunday ranged upward instead of down, and was fired when the gun fell and struck the running board of the car he was leaving at the time, according to Charles Evans, local gunmaker, who was with Milot on the "rock chuck" hunting trip.

Evans, in a letter to The Herald and News, recounted the events of the tragedy and his discovery of the cause of the accident. On the trip were Milot, his wife, Janet, Ray Billings and Evans. They drove to the ridge that parallels Rabbit flat on the east.

About 200 yards before reaching the top, Evans said, the car was stopped when several "bob-squirrels" were sighted. Milot took two or three shots from the window of the car with his left hand, remarked he could not hit anything with his left hand, and got out of the car. He and Billings walked a short distance up the road and back.

"Once while near the car," Evans recounted, "Henry (Milot) was starting to aim at a squirrel when his revolver went off a little before it was completely aimed, as the trigger pull was pretty light, and he remarked how light the pull was. The bullet did not go into the ground near his foot, but off into the hillside away from the car."

Evans said that contrary to first reports, the gun used by Milot was not a .45 automatic pistol, but a single action army Colt of .45 calibre, frequently referred to as the "Frontier" model. The gun may be examined at Evans' shop.

After making the short stop mentioned, the party drove on to the top of the hill. When a stop was made there, Milot got out by the left hand door and Evans by the right door, and had his back to the car when he heard a shot.

Evans said he thought at first Milot had fired at a squirrel until he heard him say "Oh!" and even then he thought Milot had stumbled. When he heard him repeat "Oh!" Evans ran with Billings to the wounded man. "When we lifted him," Evans

said, "Henry said 'my leg and never spoke again.' He was placed in the rear seat and rushed to a hospital in Klamath Falls. Evans paid tribute to the driving of Mrs. Milot, who took the wheel. Milot died at the hospital before a doctor reached him, his companions being startled because the wound had appeared to be only of the flesh type and not serious and they had believed him unconscious because of shock and fright. Both they and a nurse thought a stimulant would revive him but he passed away before the stimulant could be administered.

Evans said he at first thought Milot had pulled the gun off as he was drawing it from his holster. He said there were two marks made by the bullet and at first we all thought the bullet had entered at the groin near the crotch and had passed out seven or eight inches below and well toward the back of his left leg.

However, the gunsmith, upon further investigation, found there were no powder burns on the clothing and only one hole, and "that was where we at first thought the bullet had emerged."

Evans said he became convinced the bullet had entered where it had been thought it emerged. He said he later examined the wounds, and found he was correct, the bullet had gone up instead of down and had lodged in the abdomen. In its upward course, it had "all but emerged, making an oblong wound" and then passed on up into the abdomen.

"It had severed the large artery and all the bleeding had been internal which alone would have brought death in a very short time even if the large bullet had not entered the abdomen," said Evans. "The location of this upper wound would render use of a tourniquet impossible and no earthly power could have saved his life. . . . He was almost gone when we laid him on the hospital bed and not more than 20 or 25 minutes had elapsed after the accident before we had him in the hospital bed, and had there been a surgeon with the party he could not have saved his life."

"As I have stated, the gun is a Colt, .45 calibre single action and the hammer must be cocked by the thumb before firing when the gun is in proper working order. Someone, perhaps before Henry had bought the gun, had either by 'fanning' the hammer or in an attempt to lighten the trigger pull had done away with the safety catch on the hammer, which would permit the firing pin to rest on the head of a 'live' primer and in some manner when he stepped from his car the gun slid from the holster and the hammer spur struck on the aluminum step on the running

Nazis Threaten Twin Kingdoms of the Near East



Iraq and Iran have a lot in common: their names are alike, they both produce oil, both are kingdoms, and both are likely targets of a German drive into the Near East. Map shows oil fields and strategic location of these two countries at gateway to the Orient.

She Doesn't Like Her Picture Taken



Isabelle Messmer, identified by fingerprints as a "female Dillinger," killer of a baseball player in Texas and a fugitive from justice in two states, wildly battles three men and one woman court attendant in San Francisco where she was arrested. Main object seemed to prevent her picture being taken.

Major Test for Mortar



Maj. J. H. Hausman gets first-hand information first about army's new 60-mm. trench mortar by placing shell in gun tube. Looking on is J. T. Duffy, head of Erie, Pa., company manufacturing them.

MAN FOUND DEAD IN LODGING ROOM

William Seigmund, about 50, for the past 14 years employed as machinist at Ewauna Box company, was found dead in his room at 410 South Fifth street shortly before 6 o'clock Wednesday night. Mr. Seigmund was first noticed by a newsboy who stopped at his room. The body was in a half-sitting position on the bed with the head on a rocking chair. Death was attributed to natural causes.

Mr. Seigmund was a member of the Willamette Valley Union of Machinists, and is survived by a sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Carter, South Bend, Ind. The remains are at Ward's Klamath funeral home.

board of his car and there being no safety catch on the hammer caused it to fire. There is a distinct mark on the aluminum step where the hammer spur struck.

Evans asked that his account be given to clear up any confusion or false impressions concerning the accident.

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WOMEN FINED ON DISORDERLY COUNT

Roselda Jackson Hood and Agnes Godown Chocktoot, both of Beatty, pulled from the US government canal near the Main street bridge in mid-afternoon Wednesday after they had jumped into the water at the scene of the quintuple drowning earlier in the day, appeared in police court Thursday morning and entered pleas of guilty to the charges of being drunk and disorderly. Both were fined \$50 and sentenced to 25 days in the city jail.

Fifteen drunks and four others charged with being disorderly, appeared before Police Judge Leigh Ackerman.

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PLANE OUTPUT IN U.S. EQUAL TO GERMANS'

WASHINGTON, May 1 (UP)—Airplane production in the United States nearly equals that of Germany; but the output of some war materials must be increased five-fold to meet the challenge of the axis powers, business leaders of the country were told Wednesday.

Addressing delegates to the annual convention of the chamber of commerce of the United States, Col. John H. Jouett, spokesman for the aircraft industry, reported combined American and British production of war planes substantially exceeds the German output. He said the American planes equal or surpass the performance of foreign aircraft.

Production Director John D. Bigger reported progress of the huge armament program, but he said the effort must be expanded. Before the end of 1941, he said, production of power must and will again be trebled; monthly production of military planes and rifles must be doubled; tank production quadrupled; small arms production trebled and machine gun production increased five-fold.

Jouett said March plane output was 1200; that 18,000 would be turned out this year and 30,000 in 1942. He revealed that existing plans call for a total of 44,000 new planes, of which 16,500 will go to the army, 8,500 to the navy, 16,500 to Britain and Canada and 3,600 bombers to be distributed among the three groups.

EARTHQUAKE
UNALASKA, Alaska, May 1 (AP)—A sharp earthquake tremor of 32 seconds duration at 11:11 p. m. (PST) last night shook buildings and rattled dishes in this Aleutian islands community. Dishes were broken in several homes.

He's Crowing About This



Bantam rooster apparently takes over town of Bagnell, Mo., as Osage river floods town. Foxy fowl is shown floating down main street, giving deserted village store the go-by.

COOK ELECTED TO HEAD DRUM CORPS

Carl K. Cook was elected president of the American Legion drum corps at a recent meeting of the organization. Dr. M. E. Cooper is named vice president; Wyatt Peck, secretary; Jack Benner, quartermaster; S. V. Pickett, music instructor; Joe Sollenberger, drum instructor; Carl K. Cook, drill instructor.

The drum corps members will meet at 12 o'clock noon Sunday in preparation for the trip to Redding on June 1, at which

time there will be a competition between California and Oregon corps. It is understood that the Klamath Falls group, state champions, will represent Oregon.

The northernmost point in the United States is Lake of the Woods, Minn.

APRIL UNUSUAL IN WEATHER RECORDS

The month of April, just removed from the year's calendar, was outstanding in a number of ways as far as the United States weatherman was concerned. In the first place the precipitation was 'way below normal, as a mean temperature in the 40 years' record is .89 of an inch, and this past month chalked up just .80 of an inch.

In the second place, April had a minimum of 27 degrees, which is the highest minimum on record and occurred in the many years recorded by the weatherman only in the years 1923, 1939, 1940 and 1941. The April maximum on record was 85 degrees in 1934, and the lowest minimum on record was 14 degrees in 1911 and again in 1918.

Mean maximum for this month was 59 degrees; mean minimum, 35.1 degrees; mean, 47 degrees; maximum, 71 degrees; minimum, 27 degrees. Warmest day was April 25, coldest, April 17.

There was the greatest daily range of temperature, 38 degrees in all, on one day during the month. Precipitation totaled .80 inches; greatest 24-hour precipitation was .44 inches on April 9; snow total for the month, .5 inches.

During the month there were nine days with .01 precipitation or more, 12 clear days, 10 partly cloudy days, eight cloudy days. April of last year showed a mean temperature of 48.2 degrees as compared with 59 degrees this year.

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