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Suspicion May ed Soon Say Officials

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Old Boy Is ffic Violator

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age 14, of Merrill
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ria was arrested late
noon by R. E. Knowles,
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operating a truck for
obtaining a permit
lic service commission.

AL WARFARE BY CHEMISTS

ELES, Aug. 4.—Prohibi-
tive warfare by the
ference, was denounced
to humanity and to the
United States, in re-
orted at the 70th meeting
merican Chemical society
1,000 leading chemists
united here Tuesday in
that inasmuch as the
local goes no further
Washington conference, its
at this time would em-
logical prosecution of
search in behalf of na-
e, "which at any time
stened by pacifists, who
pose have combined with
its."

25,000 YEARS RE DISCOVERED

Aug. 3.—Two fossilized
lla, estimated to be 25-
old, have been discovered
at Dorsten, near Es-
to dispatches.
who examined the skulls,
primitive form indicated
belonged to the ice age
id, which would put their
one years.

Girl Fails At Channel Swim By Single Mile

Current Saps Strength Of Plucky French Girl As Goal Sighted

CAPE GRIZ NEZ, France, Aug. 5.
(United News)—Mme. Jane Sion
abandoned her attempt to swim the
English channel within little more
than a mile and a half of the Eng-
lish coast Tuesday night.

The plucky girl, gasping and
shivering, was lifted aboard the tug
which had accompanied her, and
rushed to Calais on the French coast.
Mme. Sion battled through dark-
ness during the final hours of her
effort to become the first woman
to swim across the tricky channel.
The long hours in the water gradu-
ally sapped her strength until finally
she was compelled to give up. The
English side of the channel has
ruined the hopes of hundreds of
swimmers before this.

Dangerous currents, some sweep-
ing one way, some another, inter-
fered with the girl's swimming.
Gertrude Ederle and Lillian Har-
rison, American and Argentine girls,
respectively, have been training with
Mme. Sion, and each of them is
anxious to be the first of her sex
to conquer the channel. Miss Ederle
has postponed her start from day
to day, and although she had hoped
to get away for Dover Tuesday, it
was decided that the moment was
not propitious.

Mme. Sion entered the water at
8:10 a. m., and struck out for
Dover, 32 miles away as the crow
flies, but anywhere up to 50 if one
must swim in and out of cross-
currents and tides. Miss Ederle
watched the start. Miss Harrison
was aboard the tug which accom-
panied the French swimmer.
The French side of the channel
was calm, and Mme. Sion made good
progress. Shortly after mid-after-
noon Mme. Sion was reported 12
miles from the French coast, with
prospects of her success improving.

S. P. PREPARING EUGENE SHOPS

Land Trade Is Conditional Upon \$175,000 Bond Issue By City

EUGENE, Aug. 4.—(United
News)—The Southern Pacific rail-
way, through F. L. Burkhalter,
first assistant general manager, Pa-
cific system, Monday night signed
an agreement to accept 209 acres of
land adjoining the city of Eugene
on the north, in exchange for 255
acres of land belonging to the com-
pany at Springfield, and install on
the Eugene tract terminals, shops
and a tie-treating plant.

The agreement is conditional upon
the voting by the people of Eugene
of a bond issue of \$175,000, at an
election to be held August 18, pro-
ceeds of which will be used to pur-
chase the site of the new terminals.
The agreement was reached by the
railroad committee of the Eugene
chamber of commerce, and was an-
nounced at a meeting Monday night.
The tract at Springfield has been in
possession of the railroad company
for 13 years, and was intended for
the site of the improvements, which
now, it is definitely determined, will
be located here.

The site of the proposed railroad
plant extends for two and one quar-
ter miles along the track from a
point about 100 feet beyond the
northern city limits.

Strahorn In Portland On Railroad Matters

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 4.—
(United News)—Robert E. Strahorn,
president of the O. C. & E. railway
company, is in Portland on business
connected with the carrying through
of his project to connect Klamath
Falls and the interior of Oregon
with the outside world. Recently
the Southern Pacific committed it-
self to aid the Strahorn project
financially.

3 KILLED, MANY HURT AS HOTEL WALLS CAVE IN

Firemen Digging In Ruins Where 7 Victims Are Believed Buried

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Aug. 4.—
(United News)—Three persons were
killed, seven were badly injured and
six are reported to be imprisoned
in the debris of a rooming house
which collapsed here late Tuesday
afternoon.

Two of the seven maimed, all of
whom were taken to hospitals,
are not expected to live.

A few moments before the struc-
ture crumbled to the ground, J. M.
Holliday, 79, was seen going to
his room, in his hand he carried
a bottle of medicine for his in-
valid wife.

Firemen sifting through the
debris found Mrs. Holliday in her
wheel chair, by her side was the
lifeless body of her husband.

William Danks, a negro workman
was the third to perish. His badly
mangled body was recovered from
the wreckage a few moments be-
fore he died.

One hysterical workman said four
of his companions still were in the
ruins. Search for additional bodies
was going on at dark, although
rescue workers expressed the fear
that none of the trapped could be
brought out alive.

Brilliant Defense Is Helping Scott

Silent Love Of Father Is Shown In Dramatic Court Scene

CHICAGO, Aug. 4.—(United
News)—The mystery of mother love,
and the silent love a father bears
his son, gripped a Chicago court
room as Mrs. Rilla Scott and
Thomas, her husband, took the wit-
ness stand here to fight for the life
of their boy, Russell, in order that
he might spend the balance of his
ill-starred days in a prison mad-
house.

Thomas Scott had obtained one
of Chicago's keenest criminal law-
yers to plead that the boy had be-
come insane under prison confine-
ment, and should therefore not be
hanged.

The lawyer, with knowledge of
the relentless laws which govern
destiny, based his fight Tuesday not
only on the sins of the son, but on
the weakness of the father, who
gave him life. He pleaded that Rus-
sell's sin was that of tainted birth.
"Thomas Scott was a drunkard,"
William Scott Stewart told the court.
"At one time he became insane and
tried to leap from a hospital win-
dow."

Father Admits All

As the father listened, the lawyer
stressed that he had been an alco-
holic at the time of Russell's con-
ception. The madness which he as-
cribed to his client was inherent, he
said. Two brothers and a sister of
Mrs. Scott had gone crazy, and two
of them died of convulsions. Stew-
art declared, Russell, he said, had
had convulsions as an infant. In
recent years he had been a drug
addict.

Mrs. Rilla Scott, her square face
white and heavy, her buxom figure
loose with weariness of the long
struggle, took the stand briefly to
admit the truth of the lawyer's
statements. Thomas Scott himself
similarly testified to his own shame
—that his boy might be declared
mad.

Earlier in the day attorneys had
testified for the defense. Delusions
of persecution riot in Scott's sick
brain, they said. Failure, defeat,
disappointment and prison had shattered
his mind. "Paranoia dementia," was
the name given the condition they
said they found in examining him.

RECKLESS DRIVING

BATAVIA, N. Y., Aug. 4.—A mo-
torman here is held for reckless
driving. Ralph Christiansen made
the charge, declaring that while he
was waiting for a break in the traf-
fic, the motorman had driven his
trolley car into the rear of his au-
tomobile.

Van Winkle Says Gov. Pierce Is Sadly Lacking

Up To Judge Leavitt To Name Prosecutor In Elliott Case

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 4.—(United
News)—Attorney General Van Win-
kle has informed Gov. Pierce that it
is not in his province to prosecute
E. L. Elliott, district attorney of
Klamath county, on a charge of mal-
feasance in office. He declared the
circuit judge in that district should
appoint a special prosecutor.

Elliott is charged with failing to
properly account for some supplies
seized in a liquor raid. It was at-
torney General Van Winkle's opin-
ion, however, that Elliott was not
disqualified to prosecute William
Levens, state prohibition director
and L. L. McBride, special state
agent, who are alleged to have taken
property illegally in a raid.

MINERS DECIDE UPON WALKOUT

Nationwide Strike To Be Called After Failure At Arbitration

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Aug. 4.
(United News)—Unable to reach
any basis for agreement, anthracite
miners and operators broke up
their wage conference Tuesday
night and left the public to face a
strike in the anthracite fields,
which is scheduled for September 1.
The negotiations were cut short
by the representatives of the min-
ers, headed by John L. Lewis, pre-
sident of the United Mine Workers
of America. The miners declared
that the operators had not only
refused to grant any of the dem-
ands of the workers, which car-
ried any suggestion of increased
costs, but had emphasized the nec-
essity for a reduction in wages.

Effective Deadlock

The deadlock which caused the
negotiations had centered chiefly
around the demand of the miners
for a 10 per cent wage increase,
but the operators had also refused
to grant the demand for the
"check-off" under which mine com-
panies deduct union dues from pay
envelopes of employees.

After a session lasting four
hours, the miners moved to adjourn
the conference sine die, subject to
the call of either side through
the chairman. This motion was
seconded by the operators and the
conference came to an end.

Neither side has any apparent in-
tention of resuming the negotia-
tions here and if another meeting
is held to avert the strike which
the miners promise when the pre-
sent working agreement with the
operators expires at the end of Aug-
ust, it will come through either fed-
eral or state mediation. In the
latter case, an attempt at settle-
ment probably will be made by
Governor Gifford Pinchot of Penn-
sylvania.

Trouble Reported To Be Brewing In Owen Valley

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 4.—No evi-
dence of violence against the water
lines of this city was reported from
outlying stations in Owens valley by
police officers on guard here.

Reports were received here Sat-
urday that an attempt would be
made to dynamite the great pipe
system which conveys the water 150
miles from Owens valley to this city.
Thirty-five officers, armed with
shotguns, are patrolling the water
near its source.

UNITED STATES EXPORTS MANY MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4.—Revers-
ing its general policy of kindly and
brotherly deeds, the United States
shipped more banjos, saxophones
and other jazz instruments out of
the country in the last fiscal year
than ever before. These exports are
valued at \$15,221,727, as against
\$12,429,471 last year.

FORD BUYS 200 MERCHANT SHIPS FROM U. S. GOV'T

Will use Some Of Ships To Transport Fords Into Europe

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4.—(United
News)—The shipping board has ac-
cepted the offer of Henry Ford for
200 government vessels, for which
Ford will pay \$1,706,000.

The decision came after an all-
day meeting of the board Tuesday.
Acceptance of the Ford bid had been
recommended to the board by Pres-
ident Leigh Palmer, of the emergency
fleet corporation.

Ford will scrap most of the ves-
sels, but will retain a few of them,
in which he will install Diesel en-
gines to use in oceanic trade. His
bid was the highest made when the
board re-opened negotiations after
turning down the offer of the Boston
Iron & Metal company of Baltimore.

With the acquisition of these gov-
ernment vessels, the Detroit auto-
mobile manufacturer becomes the lar-
gest individual ship owner in the
world, according to officials of the
shipping board.

Many To Be Scrapped

The ships were sold for scrapping.
Under the contract, however, Ford
can retain 50 of them, and equip
them with Diesel engines. Whether
this number will lend themselves to
sea service is not known. Many of
the vessels are obsolete.

If as many as 50 are available,
Ford will be master of a sizable
fleet, which he may use in the South
American trade. Some weeks ago,
he indicated his desire to obtain re-
frigerator ships in which he could
transport automobiles to South Am-
erica and bring tropical fruits to
this country.

Fifty May Be Kept

Aside from the fifty which may
be kept, the fleet must be scrapped,
under the terms of the sale, with all
engines, boilers and auxiliaries. The
Ford bid differed in this respect
from the bid of the Boston Iron &
Metal company of Baltimore, which
provided that the engines, boilers
and other parts were to be re-sold.
The Baltimore company's bid was
turned down by the board, which
objected to throwing this quantity
of machinery upon the open market.

With this sale the shipping board
inaugurates a new policy. It con-
stitutes the largest single sale made.
Ever since the war the board has
been trying to get rid of the gov-
ernment's vessels, to sell those that
are useful to private companies for
operation, and to sell the others for
scrapping, as in the present deal.

Ford, who nearly lost his oppor-
tunity to buy these ships, when his
first bid failed to reach the board,
was mainly responsible in the first
place for the board's action in put-
ting the 200 on the market. Chair-
man O'Connor of the board, went to
see the manufacturer in Detroit, and
Ford indicated he would like to buy
as many as 400.

Subsequently, the board approved
the scrapping of 200, which was
opposed by Commissioners Thomp-
son and Lissner, who contended the
board had no authority for such a
large scrapping. Attorney General
Sargent recently ruled that the ac-
tion was legal.

Expect More Bids

Chairman O'Connor, in a state-
ment, commenting on acceptance of
the Ford bid, said he had "a firm
belief that other Americans will
shortly submit bids of such a char-
acter that some of them at least may
be promptly recommended, and fa-
vorably received by this board."

He said that Ford's announce-
ment, "that he proposes to buy ships
and make a bid for ocean trade,"
is most welcome news.
"The importance of this announce-
ment can be assured only by the
scale and success of his operations."

Many Killed As Result Of Ammunition Flareup

LONDON, Aug. 4.—Many persons
were killed and many injured, when
an ammunition depot at Plevna, Bul-
garia, exploded Tuesday, according
to a dispatch from Sofia to the
Central News.
The blast destroyed the Plevna
railway station.

Sisemore Given Post On Calif. Cattlemen Assn.

First Carload Left Here Yesterday Under New Market System

Linsay Sisemore, prominent Fort
Klamath cattleman, was elected to
the board of directors of the Cali-
fornia Cattle Growers' association
during a meeting of that body in
San Francisco last week, according
to W. C. Dalton, who attended the
meeting representing the Southern
Oregon organization. Sisemore will
serve on the board as the repre-
sentative of Oregon.

According to Dalton, the orderly
marketing system, which aroused
the interest of Klamath cattlemen
during the early part of July, is
apparently a perfect success from
all standpoints and the project has
met with little opposition.

5900 In Association

There are now more than 5000
members in the organization, in-
cluding membership from Califor-
nia, Oregon, Arizona, Utah, Nevada,
New Mexico, Oregon, Arizona and
Nevada are the three most recently
admitted states to come under the
association. Idaho is at present
signing up according to Mr. Dalton.

Southern Oregon in itself has
signed up 15,000 cattle with an out-
look of more as the production is
increased. The first carload to be
marketed through the orderly mar-
keting system in Oregon was ship-
ped south to Oakland yesterday by
W. C. Dalton, including 60 head of
Shorthorn calves.

Heads of the Klamath branch
include Linsay Sisemore of Fort
Klamath, president; W. C. Dalton,
Malin, vice-president; C. A. Hen-
derson, county agent, secretary-
treasurer.

CHEAPER FREIGHT RATES IN OFFING

Coolidge Thinks Merger Of Eastern Roads Would Relieve Farmer

SWAMPSCOTT, Mass., Aug. 4.—
(United News)—President Coolidge
has tacitly approved the Vanwear-
ingen Nickel Plate \$1,200,000,000
railroad merger.

He believes that when it is con-
summated—and he expects it to be
approved by the interstate com-
merce commission and placed into
effect without a great deal of de-
lay—many of the transportation ills
of the nation will be relieved.

The other railroads according to
information ranching the summer
white house are holding off their
congressional plans until the com-
merce commission approves the am-
bitious plan of the Vanwearingen
brothers, for a 9,000 mile third
major eastern trunk line. After
that they will come forward volun-
tarily with mergers which will fol-
low in principle the Ripley consoli-
dation plan approved by congress
and adopted by the commission in
a modified form. This plan contem-
plates the merging of the 161 class
one railroads of the country into
21 gigantic systems, without aban-
doning any present trade routes and
without giving any line a monop-
oly in any field.

To Relieve Farmers

Mr. Coolidge, it was said, thinks
that these tremendous transporta-
tion systems could through the
commerce commission arrange
equitable freight rates, so that a
fair profit would be made on each
system as a whole. This, he fore-
sees, will eliminate most of the
present complaint against unequal
rates between sections.

The president has taken notice
of the dissatisfaction in many parts
of the country with rail rates, par-
ticularly in the farming regions.
He is prepared if necessary to ad-
vocate legislation but he thinks that
voluntary mergers along economic
lines will clear the way to adjust-
ment without law making.

YOUNG LAKEVIEW POSTAL CLERK IS HELD FOR THEFT

Trusted Youth Out On Bonds Following Indict- ment By Grand Jury

Under bonds of \$15,000, Charles
E. Arzner, for six years a trusted
employee of the Lakeview postoffice,
faces charges of theft and confisca-
tion of government funds, following
an investigation by the Lake county
grand jury early this week.

Arzner, 26, is said by the Lake-
view postmaster, to have "mis-
placed" funds at different times,
until suspicion was aroused and
Arzner dismissed from the employ
of the office. He has a wife and
several children.

Investigation followed what was
supposed to have been an alleged
theft of \$50, when Arzner was said
to have put in his own pockets
C. O. D. funds and money taken
in on parcel post packages. The
grand jury followed up the investi-
gations and found a much larger
sum missing than at first reported.
According to United States Marshal
C. C. Wells, who served in the case,
the exact amount will not be known
until the trial of Arzner, which has
been set for September.

Bonds of Arzner were provided
by prominent residents of the Lake-
view country. E. H. Hogan of Med-
ford made the initial investigation
into the affair, which resulted in
the arrest of the trusted employe.

Boy Confesses To Murdering Father

WAHOO, Neb., Aug. 4.—(United
News)—Adolph Smetak, 26 years
old, confessed to county officers here
Tuesday that he beat his aged father,
John Smetak, to death with a ham-
mer last May and then threw the
body in a well on their farm.

The young farmer was arrested
following the discovery of the body
by officers, who conducted the
search at the instigation of neigh-
bors of the Smetaks.

The elder Smetak was killed May
3, during an argument, according to
the confession. Young Smetak al-
layed for some time the suspicions
of neighbors by telling them that
his father had gone to Montana on
a visit, preparatory to returning to
his former home in Bohemia.
Smetak was a widower and he and
his son lived together.

Prison Editor Was Quite A Foreflusher

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Aug. 4.
(United News)—As editor of the
weekly Clarion, newspaper publish-
ed in the state prison here, Ken-
neth C. Fiebelkorn was a reform-
ing geneltmen of no mean ability.
Just before he had finished his
bit behind the gray walls he wrote
a series of articles entitled: "How to
go straight and why."
Tuesday Fiebelkorn was "dressed
in" again at the prison and be-
gan serving 15 years for highway
robbery.

MILLIONAIRE TAKES POISON BY MISTAKE

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 4.—George
A. Johnson, millionaire, died at
his home here from poison sold him
by a druggist by mistake.

An examination revealed that
Johnson had swallowed several
pills containing bichloride of mer-
cury. He had ordered bicarbonate
of soda pills, it was learned.
In investigation to fix responsi-
bility for the fatal mistake was be-
gun by police shortly after the
death.

ANOTHER CHANNEL SWIMMER

CAPE GRIZ BEZ, France, Aug.
5.—(Wednesday)—Col. Friberg, an
Englishman, is off toward Dover,
on a mysterious channel swim, for
which he arrived unexpectedly.
Friberg entered the water at 2:20
a. m., and thrashed away in the di-
rection Jean Sion took 18 hours and
ten minutes before him.