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TODAY'S WEATHER
Oregon: Tonight fair east, rain west portion; Thursday, fair south, rain north portion; increasing light southerly winds.

OUR MEN ARE AT THE FRONT

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PRICE TWO CENTS ON TRAINS AND NEWS STANDS—FIVE CENTS

HE BLAZED TRAIL ACROSS COUNTRY IN MURDER PLANS

Trunk Loads of Evidence Gathered As to Mean's Crooked Methods

MURDERED WOMAN'S BIG FORTUNE SQUANDERED

Believed Second Will Was Forged In Effort to Conceal Defalcations

By Georg. Martin
(United Press staff correspondent)
Concord, N. C., Sept. 26.—Loser in a first battle to keep himself from a road that might lead to the electric chair for the death of rich Maude A. King, Gaston B. Means today directed continuance of the fight from a prison cell here in his home town.

He chose his own battle ground. Here within four miles of the secluded spot where the state claims he deceived and murdered the wealthy widow of the late Chicago lumber king, after squandering her fortune in New York and other large cities, Means has started his fight for liberty.

Meantime, Chicago, New York and Washington department of justice representatives, buttressed with trunk-loads of evidence gathered from Means' blazed trail of "business management" for Mrs. King half way across the country, conferred with Solicitor Clement and Attorney General Manning of North Carolina, of the prosecution.

Means and his family are politically significant in this section. Brandon Means, Gaston's brother, is a county political leader. Confessedly the defense thinks it will have a better chance to win Means' freedom here than it would if Gaston were taken to New York and tried there on other charges.

Think Will Forgery
Means, in express agreement of his counsel, will have a chance to get out on bail on Monday night and October 8, when his case goes before the grand jury.

It appeared probable today he would try to get the case before a local jury and that the prosecution would ask, in case of an indictment by the grand jury a change of venue to another county.

Should Means be tried and acquitted on the murder charge here, he might still, under certain action by the New

PATRIOTIC WIDOW

New York, Sept. 26.—The patriotism of a Texas widow, whose nine children are helping in some way to win the war was related yesterday to President Wilson through the National Security league.

The widow is Mrs. Charles Montague of Bandera, Tex. Her sons, six of them, are in the army, with the exception of the youngest, who will be called in the next draft. Her three daughters are members of the Red Cross. Her husband was a Civil War veteran.

AMERICA'S WAR BILL

Washington, Sept. 26.—America's war bill for the first year will be at least eighteen and a half billion dollars.

Treasury experts today computed that the United States government is now spending about \$1,500,000,000 a month, \$50,000,000 a day, or more than \$2,000,000 an hour.

American loans to the allies to date \$2,426,400,000—at the rate of about \$13,480,000 a day.

STRIKERS REFUSE ARBITRATION AND EVERYTHING ELSE

Take the Position They Have the Top Hand and Employers Must Submit

BAY CITY BOILER MAKERS MAY STOP SETTLEMENT

Portland Yards Will Accept Any Adjustment Government Makes

Seattle, Wash., Sept. 26.—"The only thing which can prevent the strike of 14,000 Seattle ship yard workers next Saturday morning is the granting of their wage demands."

So declared Secretary A. E. Miller of the Metal Trades Council here this morning.

Miller said that the men would not agree to an arbitration of the demands by the shipping board or its adjustment committee, or by a committee selected by the men and yard owners.

"There was a time when we might have submitted to arbitration," said Miller, "but now with Skinner and Eddy Corporation operating one of the largest and most successful plants on the water front and paying our wage scale cheerfully, we will hold out until the rest are willing to do likewise."

Miller's statement followed the press reports that Louis P. Wehle, counsel for the shipping board's labor adjustment board, had announced at Washington late yesterday that the board would immediately take up the Seattle situation and at the direction of President Wilson consider the demands of the men on their merits.

Wehle is declared to have said the strike called here for Saturday to have been called under a misapprehension that the adjustment board would con-

ABE MARTIN

8 p. m.—Banquet of Oregon purebred breeders' association at Christian church restaurant.

Band music all day and evening by Elks' band and others. Races, high dives, etc.

Entries for Thursday's Races
2:20 trot—Purse \$2000. Dondo Lopez, Baby Lally, Mark H., Flora Dora Z. Geo. N. Patterson and Guy Boy.
2:30 pace—Purse \$750. Helen Hal, Babbles, Belle Pars, Miss Rice.
a special—Entries later.
One mile run—Purse \$200. Annie Phason, Drummer, Blackthorn, Solon, Bob Wade and Dandy Jim.
For 2-year old foaled in Oregon—Purse \$100. 4 furlongs. Little Nellie, Tell and Silveros.

It's a wonder th' ditches haist filled with autos the way most girls hug up th' '47 drivers. Miss Fawn Lippincott has finished her first pair of army socks an' they look almost alike.

AMERICAN SOLDIERS AND SAILORS GET TASTE OF WAR WHEN GERMAN RAIDERS DROP BOMBS ON LONDON

35,000 PASSED IN TODAY TO BEST OF ALL STATE FAIRS

City Like Deserted Village After Noon—For Salem Was At the Fair

LIVESTOCK EXHIBIT WAS SPLENDID FEATURE

Many Awards Made by Noon—Pig Club One of Day's Attractions

London, Sept. 26.—Upwards of 100 American soldiers and sailors got their first taste of war during the air raids of the past two nights on London.

The sound of the aircraft guns, bringing them to the first warning of the raid, was greeted with a cheer.

They marched out into the streets from the Y. M. C. A. hut, where they were playing cards and pool, singing, "We're coming, Kaiser Bill."

After the raid they joined the British in denunciation of the "baby killers."

A preliminary report by Lord French indicated there were two separate raids during last night. The first group of flyers failed to reach London, being drawn off by hot fire from anti-aircraft guns and aeroplanes. The second raid was of brief duration.

With twenty casualties reported in the first statement from Lord French, the total killed and wounded in the raids of Monday and Tuesday night amounted to 105.

"Not more than two machines penetrated our defenses," Lord French's statement today declared. "Six were killed and 10 injured."

"The second group of raiders was driven off."

The American soldiers and sailors brought under the fire of the raiders wanted to rush into the street to see the attack at the first sound of the guns. The sergeant in command ordered them first to remain at the pool and card tables at which they were playing.

They heeded the command to form in line two abreast. One man stopped, carefully racked the pool balls and put the cards away.

The sergeant sent his little detachment forward and they marched out and across the street to cellars.

While shells were bursting high overhead and lights sweeping the sky, the voices of the Americans were raised in their song of defiance to the Kaiser.

A score of American women war workers accompanied the sailors to the cellars prepared for refuge during such a raid. They were just as cool as the men.

When the "all clear" signal was sounded indicating the Germans had been driven off, the Sammys and sailors emerged from their cellars and returned to their games in the Y. M. C. A. hut.

CENSOR'S LITTLE JOKE

London, Sept. 26.—(By mail)

—In a letter home a Tommy gracefully mentioned that he had "sent a dozen Germans to hell."

The censor scored out the "Satanic reference and wrote above it: "It is not permissible to refer to the German headquarters."



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WINGS OF FREEDOM

FACE LONG SENTENCES

San Francisco, Sept. 26.—Daniel V. O'Connell and his five co-defendants today faced sentence for obstructing the draft and violating the espionage act. After an hour's deliberation, a jury in Federal Judge Van Fleet's court returned a verdict of guilty on two counts, carrying a total maximum penalty of 62 years in jail and \$30,000 fine for each convicted man.

CONVICT CAPTURED

Shedd, Ore., Sept. 26.—After a running fight on the main street of Shedd yesterday, Jeff Baldwin, escaped convict, was captured and today was returned to the state penitentiary at Salem.

Former Austrian Ambassador Was Also Doing His Bit

Washington, Sept. 26.—That former Austrian ambassador, Dumba, was taking an active hand in trying to get the United States to declare an embargo on munitions in 1915, is proven by papers in government possession today.

DRIVE BY BRITISH IN NEW OFFENSIVE ADVANCES LINES

Anzacs and British Charge German Trenches Following Counter Attack

FIGHTING MOST FIERCE OF ANY ON THIS FRONT

French Airing Missing, Probably Dead—Russia Scores German Reply

American Aviator Killed in Late Battle

British Gained Mile

London, Sept. 26.—Field Marshal Haig started another offensive today.

"East and north east of Ypres at 5:50 this morning we attacked Zonnebeke region today when the great British 'push' was resumed.

Close to Zonnebeke the Anzacs swept forward, taking the whole of the first objectives. Headquarters reports received as this is dispatched say the English troops to the right of the Antiopean fighters have been equally successful.

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Russians Score It

Petrograd, Sept. 26.—Germany's reply to Pope Benedict is warmly repudiated by Russians of all classes, according to a consensus of newspaper opinion today.

The regular fish dealers, also, have visions of spurious vercautk.

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