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NO SPECIAL BUSINESS.

No business of importance is scheduled for the meeting of the board of school trustees this evening.

able that the business committee will have a report to make.

THE POST FOR THE NEWS

ITALIANS READY FOR A DESPERATE DEFENSIVE FIGHT

Teutons Now Seeking Opportunity to Break Trentino Front.

THE WAR SUMMARY. Powerful efforts are being exerted by the Austro-German invaders of northern Italy to pierce the Italian front in the eastern Trentino and by breaking forward to the plains from the Sugana valley outflank the Italian line on the Lower Piave, protecting Venice.

Berlin's official report today claims some successes for the Teutonic armies in this attempt. They took Mont Longara, northeast of Asiago, and further to the northeast made headway between the Sugana and Cismon valleys, storming defensive works in this area.

The fighting here obviously is of a desperate nature and the Italian forces have shown themselves in a mood for determined resistance. In the Asiago area last Saturday, for instance, two peaks in the same defensive zone as Mont Longara were captured by the invaders, but afterwards were retaken by the Italians in resolute counter attacks.

Between the Cismon and the upper Piave valleys the Italian line is straightening out to virtually an even line for the connecting link between the Piave and Trentino fronts. It is apparently in this process that the town of Fumane, about five miles west of Melite, which was reached Sunday by the Teutons, and an equal distance east of the Sugana, has been given up to the Austro-German advance.

MUCH TESTIMONY IN COPPER CASE

Government Witnesses Tell of Acts of Men Charged With Thefts.

A legal fight of no small proportions is marking the trial in federal court of Lew Jones, J. R. Williams and Harry Wade, three men accused by the government of having stolen copper ingot bars from freight cars in transit at Melstone, Mont., in the early part of this year. The stolen copper, the property of the Anaconda Copper Mining company, amounts to more than \$2,000 in value.

The government today introduced the evidence of four railroad conductors, weighing and checking clerks of the Blackledge smelter, station agents of Melstone, lumber company employes, draymen, postoffice officials and railroad special agents. Blocked by continual objections from the defense, the government showed the sealing and checking of the cars from the Great Falls smelter, their movement to and from Melstone while en route to an Atlantic port, and the fact that seals on some of the cars were broken when the shipments arrived at Melstone.

Used Fictitious Names.

Then District Attorney Wheeler and his assistant, J. H. Baldwin, sought to directly connect Jones and Williams with the case through the evidence of Melstone people. They introduced the evidence of Postmaster Harry H. Miller of Melstone, who testified that Lew Jones had a postoffice box under his own name and that he reserved another mail box in the name of Mike Corbin. This arrangement alleges that the name Mike Corbin is an alias used by Jones. Mrs. Miller, wife of the postmaster, testified that Williams asked for and received mail addressed to J. R. Winston, which name the government witnesses to be an alias of Williams.

Bought Lumber.

Harry Babbet, lumber company employe, said that Williams bought or talked of buying certain heavy lumber from him. L. C. Turner, a drayman of Melstone, testified that he hauled lumber from the yards to the depot and placed it in an empty car at the direction of Jones and that Jones subsequently told him that "it would do good to mention this." The government seeks to show that the lumber purchased at the Melstone yards and delivered to the freight car was used by the defendants in making a large box into which they loaded the alleged stolen copper and shipped it to Fargo, N. D.

Freight Agent Testifies.

Some time was spent in questioning and objecting to forms of questioning of L. Fealy, station agent at Melstone for the Milwaukee. Fealy said he billed out the car above referred to under the name of Ed Duggan, admitted that he was acquainted with the three defendants, and denied that any of the three defendants is the man who was represented to him as Duggan. Several questions followed Fealy's statements that he did not know the nature of the freight he billed out in the car.

Fealy stuck to his story that he had not seen any portion of the shipment made by Duggan. It is probable that he will again be called to the witness stand.

R. C. Hayward, a special agent for the Milwaukee railroad, was the principal witness of the afternoon. He told of opening the car containing the Duggan shipment and of finding that the "finger parts" were car brass and copper ingot bars. He had pictures taken of the box and its contents and talked with Williams in Fargo concerning the shipment, Williams being under arrest at the time. A note book found on Williams was introduced as evidence, the note book containing the number of the car with the shipment,

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and other instructions. The case was suspended at 2:30 this afternoon to allow the government to bring to Butte three other important witnesses. It is held impossible that the case be given to the jury by tomorrow afternoon.

WOMAN SAFEGUARDS NATION'S WAR PLANS

More than 75,000 people have entered the state war and navy building since the war began, and Mrs. M. Roberts Nichols has issued a pass to every one of them. The building is inaccessible except by pass, and Mrs. Nichols carefully safeguards the nation's war plans.

James Powers, aged 21 years and a miner, was ordered committed to Warm Springs this afternoon by Judge John V. Dwyer. He has a mother living in the city.

HOORAY! Billy Bates wires us all the way from Tacoma, Wash., to inform us that Wynn D. Bean is Superintendent of the street car lines in that city.

TWO WHITETAIL DEER BRING \$40 AT AUCTION

"Mugs" Thomas Successful Bidder—Fred Pilling Makes Deal.

Two white tail deer, confiscated from overambitious hunters by Deputy Game Warden Fred Pilling of Butte, were sold at public auction this morning.

"Come on," retorted Pilling. "Would you buy a deer for \$5 and then take it home and claim you shot it? Make your bidding at a real figure."

STRIKES INTERFERING WITH WAR WORK ENDED

That is Report of the Building Trades Section of the A. F. of L.

Buffalo, N. Y., Nov. 13.—All strikes affecting government work, shipping, munitions and other war enterprises have been called off by the building trades section of the American Federation of Labor, it was announced by Secretary Morrison this afternoon.

SPEED TEST TO BE HELD TOMORROW

Jensen and Sullivan Will Decide Which is the Slower of the Two.

"Going over the top" will have nothing on the speed test which will be held tomorrow in front of the Rialto theater, when C. S. Jensen, the manager, and Patsy Sullivan, of the Montana Life Insurance company compete for track honors.

It is understood that four doctors have been inveigled into being present with a supply of hypodermic needles to put some "pep" into the speed marvels.

Jensen modestly claims to have been some sprinter in his day and Sullivan has the same to say for himself. The general opinion of their friends is that both are "has-beens" in the arena of athletic prowess, and instead of Heilbronner having to decide which is the faster of the two, the race will develop into which is the slower of the two.

PATRIOTIC DANCE SPLENDID SUCCESS

The dance given at the Silver Bow club last evening under the auspices of the Woman's Patriotic association for the members of the Washington Coast Artillery stationed here was a splendid success in every way.

SUICIDE THEORY HELD IN DEATH OF M'NICHOLES

Empty Carbollic Acid Bottle Found in Room—Man Had Family Troubles.

Police officials still are investigating the death of Henry C. McNichols, who was found dead in his room at the South Montana street late yesterday afternoon.

McNichols had had some domestic troubles, it is said. Police court officials say that the man was arrested on a charge of disturbance of the peace time ago, his wife being the complainant.

Coroner Lane ordered the body taken to the Walsh undertaking parlor for inquest will be held tomorrow noon.

CONVICTED OF AIDING GERMAN TO ESCAPE

Columbia, S. C., Nov. 12.—The Orth, publisher of the "Daily Zeitung of Charleston, S. C., was convicted in federal court here today of aiding a German prisoner to escape from the federal penitentiary at Atlanta.

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