

# REVENGE IS CAUSE

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## Greek Laborers May Have Dynamited St. Helens Mill.

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## LOSS IS FULLY \$50,000

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### Authorities Believe Fact That Aus- trian Had Been Employed on Creosoting Plant Work Brought About Desire for Revenge.

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ST. HELENS, Or., March 29.—(Special.)—As the result of a \$50,000 loss, partially insured, when enemies of the Columbia County Lumber Company last night dynamited and set fire to the plant here, the Sheriff is active in scouring the country for a party of Greeks, who it is believed sought to avenge themselves on a party of Austrians.

The Austrians had arrived here to do some work for the Interstate Construction Company in connection with a creosoting plant at the mill, and the fact that the destruction of the mill was from beneath leads the authorities to believe that the plot was well laid. Seven sticks of dynamite were found here tonight near the abandoned camp of the Greeks.

The Columbia County Lumber Company had no strike troubles such as are affecting the Grays Harbor mills. It employs only American labor and is considered to pay good wages. The workmen are of a permanent class, most of them married residents of St. Helens. H. F. McCormick is principal owner. He is manager of the big McCormick mill at St. Helens proper, and is brother of Charles W. McCormick, owner of the latter and the principal figure in the big McCormick Lumber Company, which loads vessels here constantly for coast-wise and offshore business.

A small part of the dock was also destroyed, but the lumber on the dock was saved. The steamer America, O. M. Abel, captain, which travels between Portland and Oregon Slough ports was impressed into service to help save the waterfront property.