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HERMAN ERICKSON IS DROWNED BY ANCHOR CABLE SNAGGING

Raftsmen Lose Life As Result
of Boat Being Turned
Over.

GOOD SWIMMER BUT
COULDN'T SAVE SELF

Leaves Widowed Mother and
A Sister in Finland—
Rescued Boy's Body.

Herman Erickson, 22 years of age, was drowned in Coos Bay just below the Coos Bay Creamery at 7:30 Saturday evening. With Andrew Anderson he was handling a log raft and in drawing in the anchor, the cables snagged and he was thrown under when the boat upset.

Although he was a good swimmer, he was unable to extricate himself after falling into the water. The body was recovered by Anderson and several friends at a distance of about 20 feet from shore.

The deceased has lived in Marshfield for about two years and was a member of the Swoml Society which will have charge of the funeral tomorrow afternoon. He has a widowed mother and sister in Finland.

Mr. Erickson had been employed by Victor Wittick as a raftsmen for the past six weeks. Only a few weeks ago, he aided in recovering the body of Carlo Wittick who was drowned at North Bend.

The coroner's jury, composed of A. M. Peter, Foreman, T. S. Harvey, C. Seler, J. Barkman, Alex Johnson and John Hill, today rendered a verdict of accidental drowning while in the performance of his duties as a raftsmen.

The body is at the undertaking parlors of Coroner T. J. Lewis.

CLAIMS TO HAVE BEEN
ROBBED SATURDAY NIGHT

Fred. Gedda Reports Loss to Police
and Is Arrested Together
With Two Suspects.

Fred. Gedda reported to the police that he had been robbed of a watch and a small sum of money Saturday night. In company with several friends, he had been making the rounds, and Marshal Carter does not put much confidence in the story. However, Gedda was arrested and also two Greeks whom he alleged assaulted him and took his watch and money. He was unable to identify them. The matter is being further investigated however.

SPOOK NOT IMMUNE.

Australia Insists On Payment of Duty
On Article Brought by Him.

MELBOURNE, Feb. 22.—T. W. Stanford, brother of the founder of the Stanford university, and a noted Australian spiritualist, has discovered that the Australian custom house will not recognize spook smugglers. Officially Stanford is at the head of the spiritualists of Australia. A few years ago he discovered and engaged a medium who claims that when in a trance he can cause matter to pass through matter by a law of which only spiritualists are cognizant.

Recently a Melbourne spiritualist newspaper printed a list of articles which Stanford's medium materialized at local seances. The customs officials read of the articles, thereby discovering what dutiable materials had been delivered into Australia without payment of the duty levied under the tariff. The officials applied to Stanford for payment of the duties. Stanford claimed the articles were not dutiable, as they had not been imported in the ordinary sense of the word, but had been transported with instantaneousness of thought from India. The customs officials, still skeptical, reported the facts to their superiors. All Australia is now anxiously awaiting the verdict.

TO OPEN NEW SCHOOL FRIDAY

Preparations Made For Exercises
There In The Evening
—Teachers Chosen.

Marshfield's handsome new high school building will be thrown open to the public next Friday evening when a short program will be given following which an opportunity will be afforded all residents to inspect the new edifice. The building is complete, furniture and fixtures, and is declared to be one of the best in Southern Oregon.

While the full program has not been arranged, it is understood that an effort will be made to make the formal exercises brief owing to the large crowd that is likely to be present. J. W. Bennett, chairman of the Marshfield school board, will preside and there will be talks by County Superintendent W. H. Bunch of Coquille, Superintendent Raab of North Bend, Superintendent Golden of Marshfield, and by Dr. J. T. McCormac of the school board.

Teachers Are Elected.

At a special meeting of the school trustees, the following teachers were elected for the high school: Nannie Lyon, Blanche Williams, Rebecca Stump, Kathleen Bennett, Josephine Eddy, Katherine Wells and Millie Johnson, the latter two being new teachers. Rebecca Stump was appointed teacher of elocution for both schools and Mrs. Ella Rood was promoted from teacher of the Sixth Grade to principal of the lower grade classes. Prof. James G. Ferguson, principal of the High School, will assign the teachers of that school to their various branches.

There will be another special election on Friday evening at the new High School when a vote will be taken on issuing \$7,500 in bonds to complete furnishing the building and also to provide additional departments which it is proposed to start soon.

LIBBY MAN IS PIN CUSHION

Phil Breen Has Needle, Swallowed
Twenty-Five Years
Ago, Removed From Hip.

Phil Breen, a miner at Libby, some days ago felt a slight pricking sensation just above his right hip. Thinking it was a splinter, he had several friends examine the spot, but nothing was found to indicate anything of the kind. Being in town Saturday, he called on Dr. Ingram. On examination it was found that a needle was embedded about three-quarters of an inch under the skin. When the object causing the trouble was removed and found to be a needle, Mr. Breen at once remembered of swallowing one twenty-five years ago, and the fact that the object was lying almost flat with the skin, point outwards, furnishes proof of his assertion. Dr. Ingram says that although he never performed such an operation before, that there are several cases of the same kind on record where objects swallowed were found in different parts of the body.

The needle removed from Mr. Breen is in a perfect state of preservation, and Dr. Ingram wanted to keep it, but the man who had carried it for twenty-five years thought he had a prior claim on it and would not part with it.

MANY HURT IN OMAHA RIOT

Mob Assails Greeks As Result
of Shooting of Policeman
and Serious Results Follow.

(By Associated Press.)
OMAHA, Neb., Feb. 22.—The rioting which began in the Greek quarter of South Omaha yesterday did not subside until an early hour this morning and the total casualties are:

Five suffering from gun shot wounds.

Eleven Greeks so badly beaten that they had to be taken to the hospitals for treatment.

Large number of others received

bruises during the melee.

Large number of stores and shops partially wrecked by mob.

The riots were the outcome of the shooting of Policeman Edward Lowery last Friday and followed a mass meeting at which the shooting was denounced. A wild mob of men and boys started for the Greek quarter and the clash followed. Today N. J. Mandanis, president of the Greek colony, received the following message from L. A. Coro Milas, Greek minister to the United States: "Leave it to the law that is your protection." The message was read to a gathering of one thousand Greeks. Many Greeks are leaving South Omaha today. All is quiet today.

FIVE KILLED IN DELAWARE WRECK

Passenger Train Carrying
Crowd to Welcome Fleet In
Head-On Collision — Vic-
tims' Bodies Cremated.

(By Associated Press.)

DELMAR, Del., Feb. 22.—Seven men were killed or burned to death early today in a head-on collision between an express train and two

locomotives on the Delaware division of the Pennsylvania Railroad. Two passengers were injured.

Princess Trixie, the famous educated horse, was burned to death.

The train was crowded with passengers bound for Hampton Roads to witness the home-coming of the battleship fleet. The wreck immediately took fire and it was impossible to rescue those under the wreckage.

RAINEY POURS OUT HOT SHOT

Illinois Representative Answers
Critics of His Speech At-
tacking Panama Canal.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 22.—Asserting that his recent speech in the House relative to the purchase of the Panama canal had brought upon himself "vilification, misrepresentation, and abuse almost without parallel in the history of that body," Representative Rainey of Illinois, today delivered in the House a lengthy speech in reply to the charges that the information upon which his remarks were based had been obtained from ex-convicts and black mailers, this accusation having been made openly in the House by Representative Lovrin of Massachusetts. Rainey declared he did not attack the canal but simply attacked the graft connected with the enterprise. "True loyalty to this great enterprise," Rainey said, "means that you must expose and denounce all kinds of graft in connection with it in order to avoid the pitfalls which the French companies fell into, and I propose to do this whether it meets with the approval of the next president or not. I want to say to all those who are spending so much time abusing me that I have not yet commenced this fight. I have only trained my guns on some of the least objectionable features of Panama matters."

J. C. WILCOX RETURNS.

North Bend Liquor Man Home But
Refuses to Talk.

J. C. Wilcox, the North Bend liquor dealer, whose appeal to the Supreme Court to escape serving the balance of a year's sentence in the county jail for the alleged violation of the liquor laws, was decided against him returned on the Alliance today from Portland. Mr. Wilcox was irate over the reports that were circulated in North Bend and Marshfield to the effect that he would not return and "face the music." Beyond condemning the parties starting the report, Mr. Wilcox said he had nothing to say now. When an effort will be made to have him returned to jail to serve the balance of his term is not known as Sheriff Gage he will not return from Frisco until tomorrow.

TRY Lillian Coal. 'A' Street Dock.

SEED OATS for sale at Haines'

AMERICAN BATTLESHIP FLEET IS WELCOMED HOME TODAY

NARROW ESCAPE IN OIL FIRE

W. E. Dungan, Watt Short and
R. P. McClellan Have
Thrilling Experience.

W. E. Dungan, Watt Short and R. P. McClellan had a narrow escape from severe injury in a launch fire on South Slough Friday night. As it was, all of them sustained burns and each is thanking his lucky stars for escaping as easily as they did.

Mr. McClellan who recently arrived on the Bay from Texas wanted to see more of it and Messrs. Dungan and Short volunteered to show him what they knew of it. The trip down the bay was made all right until the storm came up. In steering up South Slough, they forgot the "Point" and went aground. The tide was coming in with great force and spray was dashing all over the little craft. After heroic work, they succeeded in getting her afloat again.

Soon after going under the canvas cabin, Mr. McClellan attempted to light a cigar. The head of the match broke and flew into some distillate oil that had slopped out of the can on the floor. In a moment, the interior of the boat was a seething mass of flames. A five gallon can of the oil was quickly heaved overboard but there was so much oil in the bottom of the boat that it threatened everything with destruction. Finally by all three using their overcoats, they succeeded in quenching the flames. Everything they had in the boat was badly scroched and all of them had burns about the hands and face.

Meanwhile their lantern had been extinguished and the latter part of their combat with the fire was in darkness except the light from the burning distillate. Finally, they succeeded in reaching shore and made for Ed. Stoltz's home where they were cared for and spent the night.

The fact that the oil happened to be distillate, a poor grade of gasoline, instead of the regular gasoline was the only thing that prevented an explosion, the thought of the porbable result of which causes them to shudder.

CYCLONE HITS KANSAS TOWN

Seven Reported Killed, Many
Injured and Heavy Damage
Done at Reece.

(By Associated Press.)

KANSAS CITY, Kan., Feb. 22.—It is reported that the town of Reece on the Missouri Pacific, forty miles east of Whita, was destroyed by a tornado. Seven are reported killed. No particulars are obtainable as the wires are down.

PROPERTY LOSS HEAVY.

But Casualties at Reece May Not Be
As Great As Reported.

(By Associated Press.)

WICHITA, Kan., Feb. 22.—Passengers from Eldorado, Kan., say they learned there was no one killed at Reece but that four were injured. The property loss is heavy.

ALLIANCE IN FROM PORTLAND

Steamships With Many Aboard
Had Good Trip Down
the Coast.

The steamer Alliance arrived this morning after a good trip from Portland. The sea was calm almost all the trip and few passengers were sick. The Alliance is scheduled to sail for Portland at 10:30 Tuesday morning. Her incoming passenger list follows:

A. B. Daly, Geo. Handy, J. F. Stickney, H. Hoerck, W. Hutchison, E. N. Deady, J. Folkinson, W. C. Irvine, Mrs. W. C. Irvine, Vera Irvine, W. Hoagland, Mrs. V. Hoagland, Fred. Hoagland, Ruth Hoagland, Wilma Hoagland, F. Fahrenwald, Elmer Parker, Mrs. J. C. Jones, W. S. Paige, E. J. Kennowitz, C. M. De Somer, F. O. Mays, Mrs. F. O. Mays, E. Steele, Jno. McCrae, H. A. Franklin, E. T. Brewer, W. P. Hickman, J. Vandenberg, Mrs. Vandenberg, G. Clendenin, J. Andrise, L. Oldenberg, J. Oldenberg, W. Oldenberg, P. Oldenberg, D. Van Roehm, J. C. Lee, C. A. Boyce, Paul Riebe, J. H. Chryst, Tom Chryst, E. P. Edwards, J. C. Wilcox, C. Timmons and twelve steerage.

IDAHO PROJECT OPENED TODAY

Over 5,000 Celebrate Formal
Opening of Pappett-Boise
Reclamation Work.

(By Associated Press.)

BOISE, Ida., Feb. 22.—Five thousand people, including representatives of the United States reclamation service, Governor Brady and members of the Idaho legislature were witnesses today of the formal opening of the Pappett-Boise project, one of the largest reclamation works undertaken by the federal government.

TAFT IS SPEAKER.

President-Elect Principal Figure In
Philadelphia Event.

(By Associated Press.)

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 22.—President-elect Taft was the central figure in the celebration by the University of Pennsylvania of Washington's birthday. The exercises took place in the old academy of music into which 4,000 persons crowded. Washington's birthday has been celebrated by the university since 1826 as anniversary day. Taft was cordially received.

U. S. Navy Squadrons In
Hampton Roads After
45,000 Mile Cruise.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT
THERE TO GREET THEM

Thousands of Others at Old
Point Comfort to Bid Them
"Welcome Home."

(By Associated Press.)

OLD POINT COMFORT, Va., Feb. 22.—With their homeward bound pennants streaming far behind them, twenty-eight bands playing "The Star Spangled Banner" and saluting cannon roaring tribute to the President of the United States, the battleships of the American Navy ended their world cruise today. After steaming in review before President Roosevelt whose eagle crested flag of blue was at the main mast of the cruiser-yacht Mayflower, the sixteen white battleships finally cast anchor in Hampton Roads whence they started fourteen months ago on the notable journey of 45,000 miles. Joy over the home-coming was written on the face of every blue-jacket and officer of the sixteen ships.

As she led the beautiful column of battleships out of Hampton Roads fourteen months ago, the Connecticut steamed again today at the head of the returning squadrons and in the wake of the white ships of the fleet followed a welcoming host in gray, four battleships and five powerful cruisers being in the escorting column, which went a thousand miles to sea to convey a preliminary word of welcome to the famous squadrons.

The day was not as propitious as might have been desired, the early morning fog giving way to a gray day, anything but attractive to the thousands upon thousands gathered at all points on Hampton Roads to witness the return of the fleet.

Foreign naval attaches, immense parties of government officials, high officers of the army and navy boarded a small fleet and steamed out to greet the incoming vessels and witness the review by President Roosevelt. The Mayflower with President Roosevelt and party on board steamed at the head of the long column into Hampton Roads and when the home-coming vessels had anchored, she took up a position in the center of the fleet. Admiral Sperry and other flag officers together with the captains commanding, were received on board and to them President Roosevelt extended his cordial thanks, which he afterward expressed anew to the officers and crews of the four divisions' flagships, the Connecticut, Louisiana, Georgia and Wisconsin.

Health Is Good.

Health officer of the port boarded the Connecticut and granted a clean bill of health to the entire fleet. When the Mayflower came up the harbor, the fleet saluted the President by a din of whistles. In a quarter of an hour the flagship launches took the admirals and their staffs and the captains of the fleet on board the Mayflower. President Roosevelt delivered addresses of welcome and then started on his round of the divisional flagships.

SHOOTING IN TEXAS.

Man and Wife Shot Down On Principal Street.

(By Associated Press.)

MARSHALL, Tex., Feb. 22.—Jesse Dennison shot and instantly killed Mrs. W. Ford and dangerously wounded her husband today on a principal street. They were neighbors. No cause is known.

CASTRO WILL RETURN.

Venezuela's Guested President to Return As Private Citizen.

(By Associated Press.)

DRESDEN, Feb. 22.—Castro is planning to return to Venezuela to resume life there as a private citizen.