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## SEA TAKES NINE LIVES IN WRECK OF STEAMER IN COOS BAY

### Saved Through Efforts of Coast Guard—Seven Cling to Ship All Last Night and Were Rescued From Lifeboats This Morning by Life Guard.

afternoon when the crew essayed to take off the remaining crew after the tide was flooding. The C. A. Smith, with a crew of 24 men, was bound to San Pedro, and about 8 o'clock this morning, facing a very rough bar, was jostled by a breaker and swung across the channel. She straightened herself and was proceeding again, but was again buffeted by another huge breaker and a second time got across the channel and went onto the rocks of the sunken jetty, a mile from the coast guard station and about 700 feet inside the bar.

Her position at high water was such that the coast guard crew, which had been watching her progress against a dangerous sea, could approach and all could have been saved. Seven men had gotten into the lifeboat when the sea commenced to get rougher and the craft was struck by first one and then a second huge wave. Captain Jensen said that the rudder block was fouled at the time and they could not maneuver in the sea any longer and returned to the life guard station with the seven saved men and put them aboard the steamer Cleone which had been in the lower harbor.

### Rescued and Then Lost

MARSHFIELD, Or., Dec. 16.—C. N. Prescott, deckhand of the tug Oregon, was drowned today at the harbor entrance while the tug was attempting to reach the wreck of the steam schooner C. A. Smith. Prescott was swept from the deck of the tug and rescued immediately by the men aboard the life guard boat, and then while he lay half-conscious in the small boat, a huge wave washed him from the boat. He sank at once.

A graphic description of the experience of his crew, which resulted in the loss of Prescott, was given by Captain Harvey. When the tug went to the C. A. Smith, waves were dashing over the lumber vessel. A breaker hit the tug and tangled the tow line with the steering gear. When Prescott, who with another of the crew, went to investigate he was washed overboard. He was floating on his back when he was rescued by the coast guard crew, which was returning with the men from the C. A. Smith. He was picked up in an exhausted condition. While several of the men were trying to revive him another breaker struck the lifeboat and turned it over on its side.

Prescott was washed out. Charles Nordstrom, veteran member of the coast guards, grabbed him. Both went out of the boat, but some one caught Nordstrom's foot and dragged him back. Prescott, who was 27 years old, is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Prescott of Ashland. He had auto papers for both the Atlantic and Pacific oceans.

## GERMANY MAKES A PLEA TO COMMISSION

PARIS, Dec. 17.—Germany's request that the reparations commission agree to release its priority claim on Germany's resources to the extent necessary to permit Germany to borrow money abroad with which to buy the needed food was delivered to the reparations commission today by the German War Burdens Commission.

## REBELS CLAIMING TWO VICTORIES

VERA CRUZ, Dec. 17.—With the reported capture of Puebla and Cuautla, the revolutionary headquarters today claimed they held two lower points of the triangle which has Mexico City as their goal at Aleo Cuautla, taken yesterday, according to an insurance communiqué is within 60 miles of the capital.

## ELKS MINSTRELS TO SHOW TONIGHT

The Elks Purple and White Minstrels and "A Night in Gay Paree" will put over their barrage of music and fun at the Antlers Theatre tonight and a packed house is the prospect for the performance. The show will be presented again on Tuesday night to accommodate the large number who were unable to secure seats for tonight.

The curtain will rise promptly at 8:30 o'clock and from that time on until two hours have elapsed the mirth and merriment will be continuous. There will be some fine seats on sale at the box office tonight for the Elks Minstrels, said Manager Goux of the Antlers Theatre this morning. Some excellent seats are left in the balcony and also some good ones downstairs. The gallery will be sold at general admission of fifty cents.

The Elks charity committee and Manager Goux were very busy this morning decorating the front of the theatre for tonight's show. As the proceeds of the show will be used for Christmas charity work, it is thought that an extra large attendance for the minstrels will be recorded.

## WOOLWINE REPORTED TO BE IMPROVING

PARIS, Dec. 17.—Thomas Lee Woolwine, former Los Angeles district attorney, who is seriously ill, continued to improve today.

## NEGOTIATIONS TO START WITH GERMANS

PARIS, Dec. 17.—France and Belgium have agreed to enter direct negotiations with Germany on reparations, the withdrawal of the armies of occupation and the revisions in the Versailles treaty.

## JAPANESE COAL MINE COLLAPSES

TOKIO, Dec. 17.—Thirty miners are entombed in a coal mine at Kasuya in the Fukuoka prefecture, in southwestern Japan today. Collapse of portions of the mine entombed the men.

## SOVIET SEEKING U. S. RECOGNITION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The Soviet note asking negotiations with the United States to bring about formal recognition of the Russian government, was received by Coolidge today. Secretary Hughes was summoned to the White House for a conference.

## TWO HUNDRED DIE IN QUAKE SHOCKS

QUITO, Dec. 17.—Over two hundred were killed in an earthquake shock on the Colombian-Ecuadorian frontier, the latest report of the casualties show.

## LEGION IS AROUSED

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—(U. P.)—The release of the wartime prisoners has aroused the ire of prominent legion officials here. They brand the release as "outrageous."

## RURAL ROUTE ORDERED

A message received by the News-Review from Congressman W. C. Hawley today states that the Post Office department has authorized the establishment of rural route number 2 out of Oakland, to be effective on March 3, 1924. This route will serve territory east of Oakland. Many families are to be benefited by this new mail route and persons residing in the vicinity affected will be greatly pleased to learn of the action of the Post Office department.

## HIRAM JOHNSON BARRED

PIERRE S. Dakota, Dec. 17.—The South Dakota supreme court today refused to allow the name of Hiram Johnson to be filed as a minority candidate for president in this state. The court upheld the contention of Howard G. Fuller that all further filings in the republican minority column be prohibited.

## FORMER RESIDENT WILL SING TONIGHT

A community program by the Corvallis Chamber of Commerce will be broadcasted tonight from the Oregonian building between 9:30 and 10:30 o'clock.

## Society Girls Aid Tubercular Fund.



Miss Lydia Bunkett & Miss Betty Beardsley. New York Society girls hastened to volunteer their services at the recent benefit of the Society for Prevention and Relief of Tuberculosis. Among those cordially prominent to add to the success of the festa and then fundagione were Miss Lydia Bunkett and Miss Betty Beardsley. They took part in the "Nine O'Clock Review."

## MAYOR TO GIVE MESSAGE TONIGHT

The city council will meet tonight in its regular session. The meeting is quite important and it is expected that much interest will be shown. Mayor Rice has prepared his annual message to the council and will present it this evening, outlining the program which he hopes to see carried out during the coming twelve months, and expressing his desires concerning the various projects before the city government. The petitions asking for a bond election to provide funds for a library building were presented to Recorder Whipple this afternoon and will be placed before the council tonight. As the charter provides that only one initiative election can be held each year, it will be impossible to get the matter before the voters unless the council adopts an ordinance issuing the bonds and then refers the project to the residents at a referendum, and the petitions request that this action be taken. It is expected that there will be a large number of people before the council at the session tonight to discuss the various matters which are to be considered.

Mrs. James Lester Gault, who carries the soprano parts, is the director. Mrs. Gault, formerly Gertrude Conser, was a resident of Roseburg for several years and has many friends here who will be pleased to hear her sing. She has for the past several years been a resident of Corvallis and is very prominent in the musical circles of that city.

## POLICE SEEKING CONVICTION IN CLUE TO MURDER HEPPNER CASES

### Dead Body of Man Found on Columbia Highway Yesterday; Bullet Hole in Head.

### ROBBERY WAS MOTIVE

### No Identification Has Yet Been Made of Victim— Sheriff's Deputies Visiting Lumber Camps.

(Associated Press.) PORTLAND, Dec. 17.—The sheriff's deputies today visited the lumber camps along the upper Columbia highway in an effort to identify the body found with a bullet hole through the head and lying 20 feet from the highway near Warrendale yesterday. A trampled and bloodstained path leading from the road into a light growth of dogwood trees indicated that the body had been dragged from the highway, across the warm ashes of a road construction campfire, and down a short incline to the spot where it was found. The body, large, weighing more than 200 pounds, was dressed in a rough blue suit, gray workshirt, logger's boots and over-shoes. All pockets were stripped of valuables and only a knife, pipe and pocket comb remained. The only identification marks were two sets of numbers printed in ink within the vest. On the left side was inscribed, "Queen-9," while on the right hand side were the numbers "5961."

"It seems to me to be a clear case of murder," stated Deputy Sheriff Christofferson, who, with deputies Bailey, Burt, and Rexford, investigated the case. "Not only that but from all the evidence on the ground, it appears that the murder took place in an automobile and the murderer or murderers stopped at this point to get rid of the body. Robbery is a strong probable cause for the deed, for there wasn't a cent of money or any other articles of any kind left in the clothing, save for the pocket knife, the comb and the pipe."

## INSURGENTS HOLD SENATE GAINS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The republican insurgent bloc stood its ground today in the senate and consolidated gains already made in the house. The four-day truce over the election of the chairman of the senate interstate commerce committee ended with the insurgents still holding out against Cummins. The deadlock was unbroken on the fourth ballot today. Cummins and Smith being tied with thirty-nine each. Couzens of Michigan, eleven.

## U. S. TO LOAN HUGE SUM TO GERMANY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Official circles expect that a great American rehabilitation loan to Germany will follow the successful conclusion of the American-allied expert inquiry of Germany's financial recommendations. Such a loan will be the largest in history except the American loans to the allies. Other nations will probably join in making up the funds.

Alfred Roberts today paid a fine of \$10 in the local justice court on a charge of assault and battery. He was arrested on November 25 after a fight in which Clifford Howard and Ralph Pope were also implicated. Roberts entered a plea of not guilty but today changed his plea to guilty and paid the fine assessed against him.

## George Neuner, Deputy Attorney General, Back After Conducting Prosecution.

### GOING TO ASTORIA

### Will Represent State in Trial of Bootlegging Bribery and Arson Cases to Be Heard at Special Term.

Attorney George Neuner returned yesterday from Heppner, where he has been representing the attorney general of the state in the prosecution of Alvin Strait, a moonshiner who was arrested there several months ago after a desperate fight with officers. Mr. Neuner secured a conviction in the case and Strait was sentenced to seven years in the penitentiary.

Strait was arrested after standing off the county officers until he ran out of ammunition. The sheriff, district attorney, and other officers went to raid the still and moonshine plant operated by Strait, and as they approached, he opened fire. The officers dropped to the ground and remained "dug in" until the moonshiner had expended all of his ammunition.

He was arrested and stood trial. Attorney Neuner, who holds an appointment as assistant attorney general, was instructed to prosecute the case and has been engaged in that trial for the past ten days. The state's case as presented by the local attorney was quite plain and no difficulty was experienced in obtaining a conviction.

## COOLIDGE DELAYS PRIMARY CAMPAIGN

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The entry of Coolidge into the South Dakota primary campaign was delayed to await the outcome of legal action undertaken there to decide upon Senator Johnson's entry. It was declared at the White House today. The president was advised by the commissioner of Indian Affairs Charles Burke, administration leader in South Dakota to delay his entry.

## WRECK BREAKS UP

MONTREY, Dec. 17.—The wreck of the Flavel, grounded last week, broke up early today.

## SICK PRISONER GIVEN RELEASE

E. H. Head, who has been confined in the county jail for the past week, following his arrest on a charge of possession of liquor, was released last week and provided with funds to return home. A letter was received from his wife stating she and the children were destitute and after an investigation the officers learned that the family is in very hard circumstances. Mr. Head was on his way south to find employment when he was arrested in company with two other men. He was unable to pay his fine, but made arrangements to secure his release by giving the sheriff a bill of sale for his car, which will cover the amount of his fine and his expenses home. His health was badly impaired by his confinement and it was feared that his further detention would result in fatal illness.