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PROBE STARTS INTO NATION'S AIR DEFENSE

Davis, Acting Secretary of War, Opens With Demand for Complete Truth.

SERVICE IS UPHELD

Assures Investigators of Fullest Co-Operation in Bringing Out Cold Facts.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) WASHINGTON, Sept. 21.—The American people were assured today by Acting Secretary of War Davis, that there is "no reason to be panicky about conditions of the army air service."

Testifying as the first witness before the president's air board, Mr. Davis broadly outlined the policy of the army air arm and pointed to the successful world flight by army planes as one achievement which has "proved its right to public confidence."

"The amount of equipment is inadequate," he said, "but this is controlled by funds available, while its personnel, although somewhat limited, is unexcelled by any air service in the world."

Mr. Davis, who first urged appointment of the board, pledged the full cooperation of the war department in the inquiry and said that during the investigation, charges were made against his administration, he would welcome an opportunity to reappear and answer them.

"The war department," Mr. Davis said, "welcomes this inquiry into the air defenses of the country by this board of disinterested citizens. National defense is a sacred trust of all the people. They have the right to know whether appropriations are being wisely and economically expended and whether the defenses of the country are planned, organized and equipped in the most effective manner."

"In the consideration of this vitally important subject, honest differences of opinion, naturally arise. They exist within the war department itself, as you will undoubtedly hear today and the proper expression of honest convictions is to be encouraged. The war department impugns the motives of no critics, it has the right, to demand the same fair dealing for itself. It seeks to keep an open mind on all rebuttable questions to adopt any constructive suggestions which it can approve, to improve the service wherever its means will permit."

Hard Facts Demanded

"In carrying out its serious responsibility for the national defense, it is morally bound to insist that mere assertions must be backed by hard facts, that due consideration must be given to the costly experience of the past in weighing speculations of the future that the change for the sake of change is unjustifiable. We here are all actuated by the same fundamental motive, that patriotic desire to safeguard our common heritage we may honestly differ as to the ways and means of accomplishment. In such a discussion there is no place for passion, personalities or prejudices. In that spirit we welcome this inquiry."

"On behalf of the war department, I am glad to offer the board the aviation industry's assistance and in my power, believe that the board wants sense, not sensation, facts not fancies. Arguments, not mere assertions. All studies, records or reports, whether public, confidential or secret are at your disposal. Officers, enlisted men and employees will appear before you if and when desired and will testify fully, freely and frankly. There has not been, is not now, nor will there be any "muzzling" of army officers in the expression of their individual opinions. In your constructive program, the war department will cordially cooperate. I personally have long felt that such an inquiry is essential, in order that public opinion may rest assured that the national defense is wisely being safeguarded and is in the hands of officers of ability, loyalty and vision, and not of mere bureaucrats."

"At this hearing I will confine myself to general statements of policy, leaving the details to be elaborated by the military and technical experts."

Adequate Funds Lacking

"In general, I believe that our personnel is at least equal in skill, hardiness and bravery to that of any other nation. The equipment is inadequate in numbers and part of it, being built during the war, unsatisfactory in condition, a situation which is gradually improving. This condition is due solely to lack of money and can be remedied only

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THE PROBE DEFENSE ACTION ASKED



DWIGHT DAVIS

Acting Secretary of War, first witness at the official investigation which opened today, pledges the fullest co-operation of the war department in the effort being made to give the American public the whole truth regarding the service.

MITCHELL, CRITIC OF AIR SERVICE, IS RELIEVED OF DUTY

Language Insubordinate in Gen. Hinds' Decision—Court Martial Will Follow.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Sept. 21.—Colonel William Mitchell, air service critic, was relieved from active duty September 19 by order of Major-General Ernest Hinds, it became known here today.

"I don't want to talk about it," Colonel Mitchell declared today. "Please say that I have nothing whatever to say."

"We have nothing to say," General Hinds said today. "Please say that there is 'no comment' from the eighth corps area headquarters."

Following the Shenandoah disaster, Colonel Mitchell, who is said to be one of the most decorated men in the army, and who at one time during the World War commanded the entire allied air fleets, issued a statement, in which he declared the recent air disasters were due to the "almost criminal negligence of the United States Air Service." Court martial charges which resulted and which are under preparation in Washington have been expected in San Antonio for some time.

In addition Colonel Mitchell expected to be called as chief witness before the air service investigators appointed by President Coolidge as a direct result of his charges.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) WASHINGTON, Sept. 21.—Action of Major-General Ernest Hinds in relieving Colonel William Mitchell from active duty at San Antonio is understood to have been based on General Hinds' feeling that language used by Colonel Mitchell relative to air service matters had been insubordinate to his superiors.

General Hinds reported his action today to the war department and while his dispatch was not made public, he was said to have expressed the belief that it would be prejudicial to discipline to retain Colonel Mitchell in a position where he would be compelled to ask for obedience from his own subordinates.

The order relieving of Colonel Mitchell from active duty does not require war department approval and there was nothing to indicate that the war department contemplated any action in the matter.

Colonel Mitchell probably will not be available for duty in the eighth corps area in any event during the next few weeks, since he is expected to be a witness both before the naval inquiry board investigating the Shenandoah disaster and the presidential aviation commission which began its deliberations here today.

Court martial proceedings growing out of the public utterances of Colonel Mitchell are in prospect within the next week or two, and almost certainly will be held in Washington.

Orders issued at the war department assigning Colonel Mitchell to duty at General Hinds' headquarters did not specify the duties that would devolve upon him. He was directed merely to report to General Hinds for orders.

Here Saturday

Among those to spend Saturday visiting with friends and attending to business matters here was E. C. Ishmael, of Cottage Grove.

CITY SCHOOLS OPEN TODAY FOR REGULAR TERM

Enrollment Today 1,292 Pupils According to the City Superintendent.

GRADES CONGESTED

Overflow Class to Be Established in Central School for the Third and Fourth Grades.

Roseburg's school opened today with a total attendance of 1,292 pupils, of which number 357 were high school students. This is fourteen below last year's registration of 1,306, but it is believed that the school attendance for the year will be fully up to last year if not better. Many families are still out on vacation, as a result of the late opening of the deer season, and consequently many pupils are yet to enter school.

The high school and Fullerton school show an increase, while the Rose and Benson school each show a loss.

The grade school change is explained by the fact that an 8th grade class is being established in the Fullerton school this year. (Continued on page 3.)

WALKER FAVORED TO BEAT SHADE IN FIGHT FOR TITLE

FIGHT RETURNS ON SHADE-WALKER GO TO BE BULLETIN.

The News-Review will bulletize the Shade-Walker championship fight round by round tonight starting at 6 o'clock. The wire to the Yankee Stadium and will give the local fight fans a fine service. The News-Review is the only newspaper in the state outside of Portland to furnish this service.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) NEW YORK, Sept. 21.—Dave Shade of California will have a two and one half pound advantage over Mickey Walker of Elizabeth, N. J., world's welterweight champion, when they meet in a 15-round title match at the Yankee stadium tonight. In the official weighing in today the challenger scaled 147 and Walker 144.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) NEW YORK, Sept. 21.—Mickey Walker of Elizabeth, New Jersey, will stop into the ring at the Yankee Stadium at 10 o'clock tonight to defend his world's welterweight title against Dave Shade of San Francisco, after side-stepping his relentless challenger since he lifted the crown from Jack Britton at Madison Square Garden in 1922.

Walker is a 7 to 5 favorite to win the 15-round bout. Both boxers are expected to weight in under the limit of 147 pounds. Shade is taller than the champion by two and one-half inches and has a longer reach by about four inches, which may count heavily in a close fight.

Exclusive of the knockout he registered over Jimmy Slattery of Buffalo, Shade shows only four knockouts in about 60 struggles. On the other hand, Walker has scored twenty knockouts in approximately the same number of contests.

There is little love between the principals, a situation aggravated by the long delay in making the match. For a time the champion was under suspension in this state for neglecting to answer the challenge.

If the weather is unfavorable the fight will be postponed until Friday.

Shade has a crouch, involving weaving and ducking, that puzzled Slattery. Walker is regarded as a faster boxer and heavier hitter than his challenger.

Before Walker won the title he met Shade twice in no-decision bouts in New Jersey. One went to the limit of twelve rounds and in the other Walker won in seven rounds, when Shade broke his right thumb.

Shenandoah's Last Hour Described By Surviving Officer to Naval Court

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) LAKEHURST, N. J., Sept. 21.—A graphic story of how the forward end of the wrecked Shenandoah was free-ballooned to a landing place near Ava, Ohio, on the morning of September 3, was given today to a naval court of inquiry by Lieutenant Commander C. E. Rosendahl, senior surviving officer, in the first official report of the accident to be made public.

After the forward end broke away, Commander Rosendahl with other officers who were left in this portion, got the section under control and finally landed it on a hillside. There was a high ground wind and the bag threatened about so that Rosendahl called for pistols and shotguns from nearby farmers with which to shoot holes in and deflate the helium bags.

Commander Rosendahl's report said the Shenandoah had circled one storm when the other was seen forming in the distance. He said it was apparent to Lieutenant Commander Lansdowne, the commanding officer, that this new cloud "either was coming toward us or building up very rapidly."

Suddenly the Shenandoah began to rise and the ascent could not be checked, the ship reaching an altitude somewhere near its pressure height. There the upward trend was checked momentarily, but the ship again began to rise very rapidly and then helium was valued for five minutes. The rise was checked.

In order to check the excess matter which the ship would gather in descending, orders were given to drop water ballast and much of it was dumped but the ship began a very rapid descent. Soon it levelled off and then began to rise rapidly again. It was apparent, the report said, that on the descent the ship could be saved only by dropping the fuel tanks.

Rosendahl went over into the ship from the control car to give the necessary orders and as he entered the ship the car broke off and fell.

Commander Rosendahl said he started out to give the orders when there was a terrific crash of metal and a combination of noises hard to describe.

"The bottom keel panel was pulled out," he asserted, "and a number of transverse in the keel severed."

"This was undoubtedly caused by the control car carrying away from the ship," he added.

"I cannot recall how soon thereafter, or whether it occurred simultaneously," he continued, "but I remember my next vision was that of the aft part of the ship floating rapidly away and down. This was preceded or accompanied by a crashing sound of metal. I realized at once that my section of the ship was afloat."

The officer heard the control car hit the ground and then he saw the aft portion settling on the ground. The forward section arose until those in it could scarcely see the earth and at the same time began spinning in a horizontal plane. After locating others in this section, Commander Rosendahl and his mates valued a gas tank and let out the contents of the gas tanks and the section began to descend.

After his official report had been read Commander Rosendahl was called to the stand to introduce the official order for the flight of the Shenandoah as well as the radio log. One section of the flight order read:

"Should the dictates of safety and the weather conditions existing make it advisable, the commanding officer of the Shenandoah is authorized to make such modifications in the above (time) (Continued on page 6.)

SPICE OF THE NEWS

FISH TAKES POLE; DIVES; GOODBYE.

NAPA, Cal.—Julie W. Holmes dove into the Napa river in pursuit of his fishing pole which was jerked from his hand by a fish. His body was recovered an hour later.

FALLS 3 FEET, DROWNS IN 2 FEET.

MODESTO, Cal.—A fall from a bridge three feet high into two feet of water is believed to have been responsible for the death of Dominic E. Roncone, of Oakland. His body was found face downward in the water. A loosened plank in the bridge is believed to have caused his fall.

GEYSER AS DEHYDRATOR.

SANTA ROSA, Cal.—Plans for utilizing the steam from Calistoga Geysers for drying vegetables and fruit were announced by George Andersen, rancher and capitalist. Andersen has been operating a small dehydrator for some time as a test plant.

A NEW HINDU TRICK.

SAN PEDRO, Cal.—When Uday Singh, Hindu, was lodged in the immigration jail here to await deportation, he told officers he would lose caste if his turban were taken from him, so they let him keep it. The unwound turban dangling from a second story window of the jail told how Singh and Julian Urrea, Spaniard, also awaiting deportation, had escaped after loosening the barred window with a smuggled monkey wrench.

2 MORE ON AVIATION'S DEATH LIST.

SPOKANE.—Lieutenant Schuyler Priestly, 30, and Private John A. Avey, Jr., 25, were killed at the Earl Heisington aviation field when the airplane in which they were riding crashed to earth from an altitude of 400 feet. The accident occurred during the air circus in which 23 planes were taking part.

PROGRAM FOR HOME PRODUCT SHOW IS READY

Specialists in Agricultural Lines to Make Addresses on Afternoons.

HURD TO BE SPEAKER

Marketing Plans to Be Discussed by Specialist From O. A. C. on Thursday at 3 P. M.

Roseburg's Annual Home and Land Products show will open on Thursday of this week and it is anticipated that the program to be offered will be better than ever before. Meetings will be held on Thursday and Friday afternoons, and on Saturday night the show will conclude with a very interesting entertainment.

The program committee has worked with the idea in mind of furnishing something beneficial as well as entertaining. On Thursday and Friday afternoons speakers will be brought in to discuss subjects of importance and interest to agriculturists and business men.

On Thursday afternoon C. J. Hurd, of the marketing department of the Oregon Agricultural College, will speak on problems relating to the marketing of farm crops. It is expected that his address will have an important bearing on the plans now being advanced for the formation of a city produce market, and all growers of the county and the merchants of the city are invited to be present and hear this talk, which will doubtless be of a great deal of importance.

The musical program on Thursday will be furnished by the Douglas County Concert Band, which will present one of the programs to be repeated at the Oregon State Fair. The band will be assisted by Mrs. Fred Strang, who will sing.

In the evening an address will be made by Ioseph A. Costello, who will speak on a selected topic. Friday afternoon County Agent B. W. Cooney is to speak on the Products of the county, dealing particularly with the diversity of farm crops possible in the county. W. G. Paul of South Deer Creek, will also speak on Friday afternoon using as his topic the subject of flowers.

Music on Friday and Saturday is being arranged by the Helpline Studio.

Each night motion pictures will be shown by the California Oregon Rosey Company, showing educational on hydro-electric development in the territory served by the Company.

Bellows Radio Shop is preparing for the installation of radio equipment, which will furnish programs each evening.

ANOTHER JANGLE BREAKS LOOSE IN STATE GAME BODY

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 21.—Complete minutes taken by the clerk of the July 13 meeting of the game commission, at which A. E. Burghdoff and M. L. Ryckman was removed from the positions of state game warden and superintendent of hatcheries, were ruled out in favor of a more concise account of the proceedings presented today by a committee chosen at the previous meeting to make the revision. The minutes accepted are free from the personalities with which the July 13 meeting was full.

Captain Burghdoff lodged a protest at changing the minutes. "The method of handling the minutes is unprecedented," he declared. "Mr. Averill insisted that the minutes were not legal until accepted by the commission. If that is so, his position as state game warden is not legal nor is any action of his since his appointment legal." He announced that he would take all possible action to prevent the change in the minutes.

Commissioner Baner of Corvallis told the commission that after a recent inspection trip he was convinced that the state had too many hatcheries and not enough good ones.

The construction of an ice house at the Tumalo hatchery near Bend was ordered. The planting of 100,000 black spotted trout fry in Devils Lake, along the Roosevelt highway, was authorized.

STOLEN CAR; DRUNKEN DRIVER—FATAL FOR MYRTLE POINT WOMAN

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) NAPA, Cal., Sept. 21.—A stolen automobile with an alleged drunken driver, careening wildly down the wrong side of the road near St. Helena, crashed into a car containing four persons, killing one of them, Mrs. Emma Louise Spiess, 61, of Myrtle Point, Oregon. All of the others in both cars escaped injury. Milton Walcott, 21, of Vallejo, was arrested and admitted that he had taken the car and was driving it when the collision occurred.

AUTO BARLEY MISSES COOLIDGE; DRIVER IS TRIED AND FINED \$45.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) WASHINGTON, Sept. 21.—After having forfeited collateral bond of \$25, Nathan D. Smith of Baltimore, whose automobile yesterday narrowly missed President Coolidge, today had the forfeiture set aside, stood trial, and was fined \$45. Smith appeared in court a short time after his case had been called.

ASK PROSECUTOR FOR MAN THOUGHT DOVEY MURDERER

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) OLYMPIA, Wash., Sept. 21.—A. Rurie Todd, former mayor of Kelso, Washington, accompanied by a party of five men and two women, were in Olympia this morning seeking the appointment by Governor Hartley of a special prosecutor to take charge of the prosecution of George H. Norris, city engineer of Kelso, arrested Sunday night in connection with the murder of Thomas Dovey, former editor of the Cowitz Valley News.

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Kelso Official Accused of Slaying Editor—Feud in City Becoming More Virulent.

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"The circumstances in this case convince me that the prosecuting attorney will not act," Todd said, "so we are going to ask the governor to appoint a special man. The governor said before that he would take action when we had definite information to work on if the local authorities did not and we believe we have that information now," Todd said.

He referred to affidavits, which he alleged would trace certain of Norris' movements on the night of the Dovey shooting and which had been filed with Governor Hartley last week, he said. Gardner stated this morning that he had no knowledge of the affidavits, but they might have been filed with the governor without his knowledge as he was out of town on the day Todd asserted the papers were delivered in Olympia.

Todd and his party, the other members of which would not divulge their names, told of leaving Kelso last night in two cars under police guard and reported what they considered an attempt to intercept their car last night near Chehalis.

KELSO, Wash., Sept. 21.—A Rurie Todd, former mayor, left here last night, saying he was going to lay before Governor Roland H. Hartley charges in connection with the slaying of Thomas Dovey, Kelso editor, who was shot June 19. Todd yesterday swore out a warrant before Justice of the Peace W. M. McCoy of Castle Rock charging George H. Norris, superintendent of the Kelso water works with murder in the first degree. After Norris had been arrested he was ordered released by Hile Inms, Cowitz county prosecutor, who declared that a warrant for a felony could not be issued by a justice of the peace, and that no evidence had been found to connect Norris with the death of Dovey.

Inns denied that Todd had given him evidence upon which to base any charges against Norris.

INSANE NEGRO LYNCHED.

MILLERIDGEVILLE, Ga., Sept. 21.—While Dixon, negro inmate of the state sanitarium for insane persons, who last week killed Miss Amy Oxford, a nurse, was taken from the colony farm near here to the Wilkinson county line last night and lynched.

RELATIVES IN FATAL FIGHT NEAR MEDFORD

Hyman Huntley, Formerly of Dillard, Stabs to Death Jesse J. Gibbs.

12 CUTS INFLICTED

Suspected Wife's Prayer Fails to Convince Her Husband or Quiet His Feelings.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) MEDFORD, Ore., Sept. 21.—Jesse James Gibbs, 28, a mill worker and Coos county homeowner, is dead and Hyman Huntley, 59, a laborer, is in the county jail, as a result of a stabbing affray here early Sunday morning. Bad blood over the attentions said to have been paid to Mrs. Hattie Huntley by the dead man is given by the authorities as the cause of the fatal quarrel. Huntley surrendered to the police and a coroner's inquest will be held and a formal charge filed against Huntley today.

According to the sheriff's version of the affair, the two men, who are brothers in law, and their families have been living in the same house. Gibbs had been employed nights and sleeping days in an adjoining shed. The Huntleys had been quarrelling and Gibbs was blamed for the domestic storms.

Saturday night, a Rev. Dewey conducted a prayer meeting at the Huntley home. The prayer meeting concluded about midnight. The domestic trouble of the Huntleys was a subject of discussion and the Rev. Dewey advised Mrs. Huntley to pray alone for peace with her mate. In accordance with the suggestion, Mrs. Huntley is said to have gone to the shed where Gibbs was sleeping and knelt in prayer.

Huntley, according to the sheriff, called the rest of the family and went to the shed and eavesdropped. While this was going on, Mrs. Huntley left and a quarrel started with her husband. In the course of the argument, Huntley is alleged to have struck his wife in the face. Gibbs, awakened by the hubbub, appeared on the scene and took Huntley to task for the attack. A fight started between the two men and Huntley stabbed Gibbs twelve times, it is alleged.

Hyman Huntley, previous in his employment at Medford, lived about Dillard and Broadway, Desha county, for twenty years or longer and is well known to practically all of the residents of those sections, as well as to many people in Roseburg, coming to this city frequently. He left Dillard only a short time ago, it was learned today, going to Medford to join his family, who had preceded him there.

CITY MARSHAL AND STAGE DRIVER STAGE BATTLE

Considerable excitement prevailed this morning at the city hall as a result of a fistie encounter between Israel Ketch, city marshal, and J. H. Hayes, Rock Creek stage driver. Hayes was arrested, last week charged with ignoring a stop sign, and objected this morning to the fine, claiming that he was not exceeding a speed of 5 miles an hour. He and Ketch entered a word battle, and it is alleged that Hayes became abusive. The officer finally became angered and reaching across the counter struck Hayes several times in the face. The battle was assuming serious proportions when it was stopped by City Recorder Whipple.

EUGENE-BEND WINTER STAGE SERVICE LIKELY.

EUGENE, Ore., Sept. 21.—Proposals formed this week-end that the Eugene-Bend stage line will be operated continuously all winter long.

Plans are being made to keep McKeezie Pass open during the snow season, according to owners and operators of the line.

M. A. Reed and M. C. Hickman, owners, plan to confer with representatives of the bureau of public roads at Portland asking permission to operate a power snow packer to be driven ahead of the stages.

They will go on to Rainier National Park to inspect the snow packer and equipment used in the park last year to keep roads open.