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THREE DROWN AT HARRISBURG THIS MORNING

Roseburg Man Loses Life When Auto Goes Into River at Ferry.

SON LIVES HERE

W. R. Estep and Two Companions Dead as Result of Accident—Boys Swims Out.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
EUGENE, Ore., Sept. 25.—Three men were drowned at 5 o'clock this morning when the car in which they were riding plunged into the east side of the Willamette river at the Pacific highway ferry, at Harrisburg, Oregon.

The dead are:
W. R. Estep, of Roseburg.
Edward Boyer of Percy, Ill.
Archie Stevens, of Percy, Ill.

A fourth occupant of the car, Trevor Spiller, swam out. The three bodies have not been recovered.

The men were on their way to Eugene, and it is thought that they did not know the ferry existed at that point. Their car plunged through the ferry chain at the approach, and plunged into the river. Stevens was driving the car, which was owned by Spiller.

Estep is reported to have a son, Dick Estep, at Roseburg. Spiller has a mother, Mrs. Pearl Spiller, also of Roseburg.

The party came from Mount Harris, Colorado.

Trevor Spiller, 24, of Mount Harris, Colorado, who escaped by swimming after clearing himself from the submerged car, was rescued by Fred Hyland, ferryman, who helped the swimmer with his rowboat.

The car was going at about 30 miles an hour, when it reached the embankment, according to the story told by Spiller. The emergency brakes were applied, but the car broke the chains on the ferry, skidding on into the water.

Both Boyer and Stevens got clear of the car and swam about 100 yards down stream, crying for help. The elder man, Estep, was not seen after the accident.

Spiller had taken the west side highway on his previous trip, and did not know of the ferry, it is said.

Estep had been visiting a daughter in Mount Harris, Colorado, and was returning to his home at Roseburg.

Mrs. R. R. Spiller and Mrs. Clyde Crain, mother and sister of Spiller, were notified of the accident, and started for Harrisburg from their home in Roseburg. Spiller was a miner, and came to take his mother and sister back to their home in Colorado.

Stevens and Boyer were on their way to Bakersfield, California.

HARRISBURG, Ore., Sept. 25.—The body of Archie Stevens, 22, one of the three drowned here early this morning was recovered at 10:30 o'clock, about 50 yards down stream from where the auto went through the ferry slip.

ROSEBURG LADY, STRICKEN, FALLS ON STOVE

YAKIMA, Wash., Sept. 25.—With face and arms badly burned, the body of Mrs. Phoebe Catherine Strous, 65, was found lying against the hot kitchen stove in her home early yesterday morning by her husband, S. Strous. Physicians said Mrs. Strous had died of a heart attack.

NIGHT PROWLERS FAIRBANKS HOME FIRE ON OFFICER

Bullet Strikes Flashlight and One in Reply Hits Mark, Forcing Duo to Flight.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
LOS ANGELES, Sept. 25.—Early morning shots fired in the grounds of the home of Douglas Fairbanks and Mary Pickford, film stars at Beverly Hills, near here, a key sticking in the front door and the report of a neighbor that an auto was seen leaving the hillside locally about the time the disturbance occurred, led the police of Beverly Hills to believe after investigation today, that an attempt had been made to break into "Pickfair" about 2 o'clock this morning.

The watchman at the place, Tony Vanera, said that he had surprised two men who were working at the front door; that one of them fired at him, knocking the flashlight from Vanera's hand; that he returned the fire and believed he wounded one of the intruders, who fled.

The police announced that they will try to obtain fingerprints from the key found in the door and also seek a trace of the auto reported by the neighbor as being in the vicinity at the time.

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 25.—What was described by the watchman at the home of Douglas Fairbanks and Mary Pickford as an attempt by four gunmen to break into the Pickford-Fairbanks home in Beverly Hills, near here was reported to the police early today. Police are investigating.

The story told by the watchman, Anthony Aberia, known as "Black Tony," was that he heard unusual noises and when he started to investigate on the exterior of the house, he was fired upon. One bullet, he said, knocked the flashlight out of his hand.

Aberia declared that he returned the shots and believes that he wounded one of the intruders, of whom he said, there were four. Aberia is said to be somewhat of a pistol wielder himself. He formerly was an immigration guard on the Mexican border.

Police say they have found a key in the door indicated by the watchman, but nothing else to support his story.

RAZING CHINESE QUARTER BRINGS LEGATION PROTEST

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
WASHINGTON, Sept. 25.—The Chinese legation has called the attention of the state department to the move by city officials of Cleveland looking to the razing of buildings occupied by Chinese in that city on the theory that they constitute fire and health hazards.

The Chinese minister, who has been informed of the proposed action, was directed against Chinese generally in the Ohio city, took the matter up with the department formally and the legation is understood to be prepared to send an official representative to Cleveland if the situation is not cleared up soon.

C. L. Modlin adjourned his inquest indefinitely.

County Attorney Nichols announced that Mrs. Stelling would be called before the grand jury this afternoon to testify as to her relations with Cook.

AGREEMENT NOT YET REACHED ON DEBT OF FRANCE

American Conferees Submit Proposal Counter to One Received.

DETAILS ARE SECRET

Borah Enlarges Situation by Demanding Complete Information on All Loans Abroad.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25.—The American viewpoint was given to the French debt mission today in a meeting at the treasury between the negotiators of the two nations seeking a basis for settlements of the French war debt of \$4,000,000,000. Hardly more than 10 minutes was required for the second joint conference between the debt missions which was described as having made progress usual in such negotiations.

Today's joint session was called after the president had met with his cabinet in the regular Friday conference. Before the French and American delegates gathered around the conference table, separate meetings were held by the two groups to arrange for the exchanges which were to take place.

The separate meetings were held in the same section of the treasury building, only one room dividing the two missions. While these meetings were in progress, experts and advisers of the two groups were kept busy running back and forth between them.

"The Americans talked to the French today," was the description given at the treasury after the meeting.

There are always proposals and counter proposals in such negotiations, under Secretary Winston of the treasury, secretary of the American debt commission, said.

It was indicated that the American commissioners had pointed to the French points on which the original French offer could be made more acceptable. This was in line with the apparent feeling that the exchanges would devolve into a trading proposition.

Immediately after the joint session was adjourned the American commission went into separate session, and the French mission will meet later in the day to go over the suggestions it received.

Another joint session probably will be held tomorrow, but the French wishes in this regard will be respected.

The French commissioners refused to comment on the results of the session or the progress of the negotiations, and treasury comment was limited to the brief statement of Mr. Winston.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
WASHINGTON, Sept. 25.—American and French negotiators met for the second time today in an effort to find a solution for the long pending French debt problem.

Having placed what he regarded as a definite proposal before the American debt commissioners yesterday, Joseph Caillaux, French finance minister and head of the French mission, entered the room with the knowledge at least officially, that his plan was not acceptable to some of the Americans as first drawn.

Borah Gets Inquisitive.
WASHINGTON, Sept. 25.—Chairman Borah of the senate foreign relations committee today asked Secretary Mellon and Hoover of the American debt funding committee for full information concerning recent loans made in his country and European nations.

The Idaho senator said he had been informed that foreign nations were obtaining loans in this country at six and eight per cent interest and that the amount of such loans to "foreign countries and industries during the last year" had reached one billion dollars with one billion more in the progress of negotiation.

British Peer, At League Assembly, Renews Effort For World Disarmament

GENEVA, Sept. 25.—Lord Cecil, in a brilliant and moving address before the League of Nations assembly today, supported the resolution calling for the preparation of a general disarmament conference and the consideration of some system of conciliation and arbitration.

The characterization in the draft resolution of aggressive warfare as an "international crime," he said, "merited special attention from the entire world." He re-affirmed Great Britain's devotion to the principle of arbitration and cited her attitude in the dispute with Turkey over Mosul as evidence of his country's anxiety to further cause of peaceful settlement of international difficulties.

Lord Cecil voiced confidence that progress was being made toward the achievement of both disarmament and security.

Germany Asks Favors.
BERLIN, Sept. 25.—The German delegates to the security conference, invitation to which was accepted by the cabinet yesterday, are expected to carry on important private conversations with the negotiators of the security pact are proceeding.

In fact interest in political circles here centers quite as much in these private talks as in the formal conversations on the security issue.

It is recalled that the value of the London reparation conference lay as much in the gentlemen's agreements reached between the German and allied delegates as in the adoption of the lawes plan.

The Germans at the forthcoming meeting, the date and site for which are yet to be fixed, will stress privately that hand in aid with the security pact must go the following:

Reduction of Germany's burden of maintaining occupational forces. Immediate evacuation of the Cologne bridgehead held by the British.

Advancement of the plebiscite in the Saar Valley to a date earlier than provided in the Versailles treaty.

Rescinding of the League of Nations decision to conduct investigations in Germany from time to time in which Germany sees merely a perpetuation of the military control commission idea.

The pre-government organs are declaring that permanent renunciation of Alsace-Lorraine constitutes such a heavy sacrifice that Germany should be compensated by these concessions.

Lord Cecil declared amid applause that the League of Nations as established was the greatest international fact of today. He pledged anew Great Britain's support to the league and said the desire to march forward cautiously, as Britain was doing, "does not imply a reluctance to march to the end."

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
EUGENE, Ore., Sept. 25.—A revolver dropped from the pocket of L. R. Booker of Cottage Grove last night on the Pacific highway, south of Cottage Grove. The hammer of the gun struck the running board of his car, and the bullet pierced his abdomen.

Officials at the hospital here, where he was taken, report that his condition is critical.

Booker had stopped to re-counter proposals in such negotiations, under Secretary Winston of the treasury, secretary of the American debt commission, said.

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MAYOR FAVORS HIGHER LEVY TO RAISE REVENUE

Need Increased Personnel in Two Departments Is Recognized.

VOTERS HAVE POWER

Disapproves Suggestion to Boost Values Because State and County Would Profit.

Discussing the need of additional funds for the city government, particularly in the way of fire and police protection, Mayor George E. Houck today said he favored an increase in the tax levy limit rather than a higher valuation of the city's taxable property.

"If the valuation of the city's taxable property is raised, it will compel the city to pay about three dollars in county and state taxes for every single dollar the city would get for itself," said Mayor Houck.

"On the other hand, if the city allows the present valuation to remain and merely raises the levy, it will be providing more money for itself without contributing at the same time increased sums to the county and state."

Mayor Houck stated that at the present time the city's assessable property is placed at \$2,300,000, from which the city derives about \$25,000 on a levy of nine and one-half mills, which is a half mill under the maximum prescribed by the charter. He also cited the fact that the charter prohibits the increase in revenues from taxation from one year to another in excess of 6 per cent. Therefore, on the present revenue basis of \$2,000 the city could not raise more than about \$1,900 the first year.

Mayor Houck stated that he recognized the need of wider responsibility in the fire department and he is in favor of the suggested plan to employ three regular drivers, allowing them to alternate in lay-offs every third day. Only one regular driver and caretaker is employed at present, and he is required to handle two different vehicles in times of fires. After first drives to the scene of a fire with one truck, he is generally obliged to rush back to the city hall for the other. In case of illness or accident, there would be no substitute to act as an over-seer for the equipment.

An increase in the personnel of the police department is also favored by Mayor Houck, but he says the matter is up to the citizens themselves. There is a place for every dollar the city receives now, he says, and if further expansion is desired by the employment of additional employees there must be augmented income to offset it, and the city electorate itself has the power to provide the funds.

Mayor Houck added: "The fire and police departments are not the only ones that require more money. The upkeep of the streets at present is more expensive, and the renewal of pavement is alone quite an item. In different places throughout the city some of the original pavement is beginning to require repairs and this takes more money than can be conveniently diverted from other necessities."

"The money need of the city has naturally increased with its growth," said Mayor Houck, "but those at the head of the city affairs cannot remedy the situation unless the means of doing it are furnished by the municipality. An amendment to the charter increasing the tax levy limit would enable us to add about \$1,500 in taxes the first year. This would not afford us everything we need, but it would give us a start and at the end of two or three years more, if the increase were maintained, we would have ample funds for current needs at least. Let us, not however, add anything to the assessment valuation of property. It would look very queer on paper, no doubt, but it wouldn't be worth the big price we would have to pay for it."

DOUGLAS COUNTY BAND IN MOVIES AT LAND PRODUCT SHOW TONIGHT

The Copee movies showing the dedication of their power plant, Copee, No. 2, will be shown at the army this evening during the Home and Land Products show. The pictures include a number of action views of the Douglas County Concert Band, which provided the music for the dedication. The pictures are very clear and will prove very interesting to local people.

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LEAVES INFANT AS PACKAGE; SPEEDS AWAY TO ROSEBURG

MARSHFIELD, Ore., Sept. 25.—Arthur Rice and wife of Myrtle Point are today wondering whether or not to accept a package an unknown man left at their home last night. When unwrapped, the package was found to contain a lusty week-old boy.

The Rices, who are childless, took the baby to the local hospital for temporary care. After leaving the package, the donor sped away in an automobile toward Roseburg.

TELEPHONE LINE TO MYRTLE CREEK TO BE RELOCATED

Direct Route Along Highway Instead of Over Roberts Mountain to Be Constructed.

The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company's present toll line between Roseburg and Myrtle Creek over Roberts mountain will be relocated along a more direct route before the winter season, according to a statement issued by Mr. J. R. Farrington, manager at Roseburg.

Since construction of the Pacific highway there is little use made of old wagon roads, and this is especially true of the Roberts mountain road along which the present pole line is constructed. In order to get the line in a more accessible location, it is planned to rebuild a section approximately 12 miles in length. All of the through long distance business to the south, including San Francisco and Los Angeles, is routed over the present circuit and it is highly important for maintenance purposes that the line should be located near the highway.

In addition to the relocation work, three new circuits will be moved to provide the facilities needed to care for the business it is expected the increasing growth throughout the valley will develop.

It is estimated this work will cost approximately \$45,000. More than 450 new poles, over 1000 cross-arms and 340 miles of heavy copper wire will be used in construction and relocation of the line. Men are now at work on the project and it is expected the lines will be ready for service before the winter weather creates unsatisfactory working conditions in the mountains.

Mr. Farrington states that the usual service will be maintained while construction work is in progress.

GALES HAMPER RETURN OF McMILLAN VESSELS

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
WASHINGTON, Sept. 25.—Severe gales are whipping the northern coasts where the MacMillan Arctic Expedition ships Peary and Bowditch are cruising, but both vessels are safe, the Peary reported today in a wireless dispatch to the National Geographic Society.

The Bowditch, after being out of wireless touch with the Peary for 48 hours, was located in a cove off the Greenland coast near Godthaab, waiting for the gales to subside. The Peary is in the vicinity of Battle Harbor, Labrador.

SCHOOL GIRL STOLEN

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
BALTIMORE, Sept. 25.—Gertrude Benzel, 9, pupil in the Orangevale school, is reported to have been kidnaped by a white man in a limousine driven by a negro chauffeur while she was on her way to school this afternoon.

Napoleon of Baseball Admits His Team's Defeat Tonic for Sport; Regards World Series as Even Bet

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
NEW YORK, Sept. 25.—Far from being downhearted over the defeat of his club in the National league race for the first time in five years, John McGraw, grey-haired manager of the New York Giants, regards the triumph of the Pittsburgh club as a "good tonic" for baseball.

McGraw has nothing but praise for the Pirates, but predicts that the Giants will be back on top in 1926.

"Of course, I was eager to set a record of five straight pennants and get another crack at the Senators," said McGraw today, "but having got over the shock of having that ambition blocked, I am ready to admit that baseball fans—perhaps even the New York fans—were tired of the continuance of Giant supremacy."

PRODUCT SHOW DECLARED TO BE PREMIER EVENT

Finest Agricultural Display in Many Years Collected at Armory.

CROWDS ENORMOUS

Spacious Auditorium Filled to Capacity for Opening Night—Judging Being Completed.

GRANGE PRIZE AWARDS.
First Prize—Melrose Grange, 255.
Second Prize—Evergreen Grange, 815.
Third Prize—South Deer Creek Grange, 510.
Honorable Mention—Roscoe Grange, Looking Glass; Riverdale (Curry Estate).

Each of the entrants named received a flat award of \$25 in addition to the prize. Riverdale scored highest on quality.

The spacious auditorium at the armory was filled to capacity last night for the Home and Land Products Show. The commotion heard on all hands were practically unanimous in declaring the show to be by far the best. Roseburg has ever presented, and all in attendance were well pleased.

The program was opened with a band concert. The band played frequently throughout the evening, with special numbers interspersed. A saxophone duet was played by Mrs. Donald Gibbs and Mrs. Egan Spencer. A ballet dance was presented by Miss Marjorie Miller of Oakland, and Mrs. Fred Strang sang.

A fine address was made by Hon. A. C. Marsters, who used for his topic the subject of cooperation between the farmers and business men.

During the evening motion pictures were shown by The California Oregon Power Company.

This morning the judges were busy awarding the prizes to the booths. The task of deciding upon the awards was an exceedingly difficult one and required a great deal of time.

The respective displays offered are beyond question far superior to any other show of this character that Roseburg has known.

Upon entering the armory one finds the grange booths situated along the south side of the auditorium. Evergreen, Melrose, South Deer Creek and Rescue granges are entered, each having a showing of which each community may be proud.

The most interesting feature of these grange exhibits is the wide diversity of products shown by each. Flowers and produce are used in unique ways for decorations, and each booth is very artistically arranged.

Around the outside walls are arranged the commercial exhibits. The Maytag washing and ironing machines are attractively displayed.

The adjoining booth is occupied by a display of building materials, millwork and farm equipment by L. W. Metzger.

The Roseburg Dairy and Soda works has a delightfully arranged booth in which milk and dairy products together with soda fountain supplies are artistically displayed.

One of the most striking booths is that of The California Oregon Power Company, in which a relief replica of the Copco No. 2 plant, recently dedicated, has been worked out, presenting a beautiful appearance.