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EIGHT PERSONS KILLED WHEN AUTO DROPS OFF CRATER LAKE HIGHWAY INTO ROGUE RIVER

Pennsylvania Family of Six Persons and Aged Couple of Jacksonville, Oregon, Victims of 200-Foot Plunge at Lookout Point—Sun Believed to Have Blinded Driver at Turn—Four Bodies Recovered.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

MEDFORD, Ore., Sept. 13.—Identification of the dead in the automobile tragedy at Lookout Point, on the Crater Lake highway near Prospect, yesterday afternoon, was made this morning by Mr. and Mrs. William Schriewer of Akron, Ohio, as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Norris, Akron, Ohio; Dewitt Talmadge Norris, aged 6 years; Georgia Mary Norris, aged 4; Sarah Nan Norris, aged 3; Jesse Kitchen, Maheffen, Pa., owner of the automobile, and Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Beige, Jacksonville, Ore.

The Schriewers and Norris's, all of Akron, have been touring the country, the Norris family in the large touring car of Jesse Kitchen of Maheffen, Pa. The Norris family were old friends of the Beige's and made the trip to Crater Lake with them. The Schriewers remained at an automobile camp in this city over Sunday.

The body of Theodore Beige was recovered at 10:30 this morning, according to a phone message from Prospect. It was fouled on a rock in the swift current and for hours, the rescuers were unable to extricate it. The other bodies are believed held beneath the car, which is pinned in place by a huge log that fell with the car. The work of recovering the bodies is slow and tedious as it is necessary to use a block and tackle to lift the car to a plateau of rock above the water.

MEDFORD, Ore., Sept. 13.—Eight people, partially identified as D. T. Norris and wife an dfour children of Maheffen, Pa., and an aged couple, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Beige, of Jacksonville, Oregon, were killed Sunday afternoon when a large touring car, bearing Pennsylvania license 812-369, plunged off the Crater Lake highway at a turn in the road called Lookout Point, near Prospect, into the raging waters of Rogue River, 200 feet below.

The identification of the dead is uncertain. The party registered at Crater Lake entrance as "D. T. Norris and party, Maheffen, Pa." Fred Fick, a merchant of Jacksonville, reported to the Mail Tribune this morning that the Beige's, neighbors were visited by friends from Pennsylvania, and that they journeyed to Crater Lake Sunday. Although under the impression the party left in two cars, he fears the aged couple were in the death car, as they had not returned home this morning.

River Holds Bodies.

None of the bodies have been recovered up to 9 o'clock this morning. They are believed to be pinned beneath the car, which is held in the river by a log, loosened by the plunge of the vehicle.

One body was loosened from the wreck and was fouled between huge rocks in the river. Rescuers strived from 4 o'clock until dark yesterday to recover it, without avail. A rope was finally passed around an arm and the body made fast until daylight. A tourist guide of the commercial club of Akron, Ohio, and a camp ground ticket from Rupert, Idaho, were found near the scene of the tragedy.

State Traffic Officer O. O. Nichols believes that the accident was caused when the driver, in making a sharp turn at a lively pace, was blinded by the sun. Tracks in the road showed that the brakes had been applied and that the automobile skidded 150 feet before hurtling off the precipice.

The coroner and sheriff's deputies left this morning to remove the bodies which are in an almost inaccessible spot in the river.

W. J. Burgoyne, a traveling salesman of Portland, who was standing on a concrete bridge near the scene, was the only eye witness to the accident. He saw nothing but a cloud of dust, and heard a muffled scream and loud roar as the car plunged over the embankment.

Auto Crash Kills Woman

DALLAS, Ore., Sept. 13.—Mrs. L. D. Fraden, of Bend, about 28 years old, died in a local hospital this morning following an automobile accident from which she never regained consciousness. The machine, in which she was riding with two men, failed to negotiate a sharp curve on the Pacific highway, south of Rickreall, and crashed into a telephone pole.

John Solum, one of the men, received a fractured arm and J. E. Allbright a broken shoulder blade. Unfamiliarity with the road is given as the cause of the accident. The automobile was a complete wreck.

Four Bodies Recovered.

MEDFORD, Ore., Sept. 13.—The bodies of four of the eight victims of the automobile accident at Lookout Point on the Crater Lake highway near Prospect, Ore., had been recovered from Rogue River up to noon today. They are:

Dewitt Talmadge Norris, aged 6 years, and his father, D. T. Norris, refrigerator mechanic, Akron, Ohio; Jesse Kitchen of Maheffen, Pa., aged 35, and Theodore Beige, of Jacksonville, Ore. The bodies of Mrs. Norris, a sister of Kitchen, her two daughters, aged 4 and 3 years, and Mrs. Beige of Jacksonville, are still imprisoned in the car.

The bodies of the two men and

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Senator McNary Foresees Lively Contest to Maintain Republican Senate, But Prophesies Victory

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

SALEM, Ore., Sept. 13.—United States Senator Charles L. McNary will leave tonight for Chicago to begin work incident to the senatorial campaigns in the various states where elections are to be held this fall.

"An active campaign will be made," he said today. "In all of the 32 states where senators are to be elected. Naturally it is the strong desire of the Republican party and the committee having in charge the campaign to maintain a working majority in the senate in order to carry out the policies of the administration under the leadership of the president.

The contest to keep the senate Republican will be close, as most of the senators to be elected represent Republican and doubtful states. A loss of a few states would turn a Republican majority into a Republican minority, thus politically dividing the congress, and producing a condition most embarrassing to the president during the remainder of his term.

"There are seven Democratic and 25 Republican senators whose terms expire and whose successors must be selected at the November election. Consequently, the main battle-ground will be upon Republican soil. The situation gives the opponents of the Republican nominees a distinct advantage. However, in my opinion, the accomplishment of the Harding and Coolidge administrations are sufficiently appreciated by the voters in the states where contests are to be held to keep the senate a Republican body after the fall elections. My work will be largely conferring with and assisting the national committeemen and Republican state organizations in the conduct of the campaign in middle and western states. I shall return to Oregon in early October for a short time to render such assistance as I can to the Republican party and its ticket and then visit a number of states where contests are anticipated.

"I shall go to Washington city before returning as I have a number of matters to present to the departments of government involving state and community activities."

BECKLEY LOSES ARM AS RESULT OF HUNTING ACCIDENT

EUGENE, Sept. 13.—Orville S. Beckley, Elkton rancher, who was accidentally shot by a companion while hunting Friday, on the Umpqua, is still in a serious condition at the Pacific Christian hospital. It was necessary to amputate the right arm elow the elbow. Three blood transfusions have been given to Mr. Beckley in an effort to save his life.

Mr. Beckley suffered great loss of blood in being brought the distance into Eugene. The bone in the arm was shattered where the bullet penetrated.

TWO CITIES WILL CELEBRATE COAST AIR MAIL DEBUT

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 13. — To test planes, schedules and pilots for the opening of the coast air mail service Wednesday, the Pacific Air Transport company today sent planes in both directions between Seattle and Los Angeles. Conditions were the same as in actual service, except that no mail was carried.

Portland and Vancouver, Wash., business men are planning a ceremony for Wednesday noon, when the plane from Los Angeles leaves Pearson Field at Vancouver for Seattle.

FLOODS SWEEP GREAT AREA OF KANSAS; 3 DEAD

Three Rivers on Rampage Following Worst Storm in Twenty Years.

DAMAGE WIDESPREAD

Score Towns Under Water and Losses Are Huge in Livestock, Buildings and Crops.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

EMPORIA, Kansas, Sept. 13.—Three known dead, hundreds of homeless families sleeping in churches and schools, and uncounted losses in livestock, crops and buildings, was the toll today of the worst storm that has swept this region in more than a score of years.

That the high water mark of the floods that have inundated a score of towns has not yet been reached was indicated today by reports from Burlington, Madison, Iola, Neosho Falls and intermediate points located on three rampaging rivers.

Starting at the head waters of the Cottonwood, the Neosho and the Verdigris rivers, when unprecedented rainfall throughout the water sheds turned every gulley into a raging torrent, the flood swelled volume as it advanced.

Over a region sixty miles long and twenty-five miles wide hastily organized rescue parties commandeered boats and fought their way through streets where only the roofs or second floors protruded above the turbid waters.

Three Fatalities.

In one such rescue Billy Brandon lost his life when the boat in which he and his parents fled from their home struck a submerged tree and capsized near Madison. Charles Rodgers, 60, fell dead when he peered from his bedroom window to see water stretching to the horizon from his front porch. A farmer at Osborne was killed by lightning.

Water was rising on the Neosho at Burlington at midnight at the rate of three inches an hour. Approximately 20 miles upstream on the Cottonwood it was rising a foot an hour.

That the flood will wreak still greater havoc when it strikes the lower reaches of the Neosho was expressed by observers at Iola, where the water is rising rapidly.

GOVERNMENT HOLDS SMALL SALE OF LANE CO. TIMBER

The smallest public timber sale ever held by the Roseburg land office was an event this morning, two out of three tracts offered for sale being disposed of for the total sum of $8,169.29. The W. A. Woodard Lumber company of Cottage Grove bought the timber on 240 acres in Lane county, paying $7,206.89, while 40 acres in Lane county went to Fred A. Johnson, of Eugene, for $1,262.40. A third tract located in Jackson county, went unsold.

FINE EXHIBITS ARE EXPECTED AT COMING FAIR

Products Show Expected to Be Biggest Event of Its Kind Held Here.

BOYS BAND TO PLAY

Heads of All Departments Report Much Interest and Competition in All Lines.

Indications regarding the Douglas County Products Fair to be held at the Armory Thursday, Friday and Saturday, September 16, 17 and 18, point to one of the largest affairs of its kind ever held in the city. The chairmen of the various committees have been particularly active and have completed detailed arrangements which insure exhibits of a very worthwhile and interesting nature.

The program will be interesting and instructive and will provide attractions in which everyone will find something of interest.

It was announced this morning that the Roseburg Boys Band will make an appearance on the opening night. Prof. Germain, manager and director of the band, is calling a special meeting on Wednesday evening, at which time the boys will outline their program and will practice. He is especially desirous that all boys be present.

The flower show which is a part of the fair is attracting much attention, and Mrs. Foster Butner, chairman of the committee is looking forward to one of the biggest floral exhibits Roseburg has ever known.

Entries close at 8 p. m. on Wednesday, September 15, and all exhibits must be at the Armory before 9 a. m. Thursday. The committee wishes to have it plainly understood that vases will not be considered in the judging. Containers will be furnished for single specimens, but exhibitors must furnish vases or containers for bouquets. The flower show is confined to exhibits of Roses, Asters, Dahlias, Zinnias and special groups of any of these classes.

The poultry division has George Burt and H. M. Moreland as joint chairmen. This show is not to be a pet stock display, but is for showings from commercial pens. Rabbits are to be included also.

As prunes are the most important commercial crop in the county this class of fruit is being given just twice as large prizes as are offered for other classes. Chairman Arthur Marsh predicts a great deal of competition.

The grain exhibits will be exceptionally heavy this year, according to Dave Buscnhark, chairman.

Over ten individual farms and market gardens will participate in the competition in that class, according to Walter Hetcher, chairman. Much interest is being shown

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UMPQUA CHIEFS TO TAKE IN FEW MORE MEMBERS

Vacancies in Club to Be Filled After Banquet on September 22.

FINE SHOWING MADE

Record of Past Three Years Shows Valuable Work Done for Benefit of Community.

An opportunity for a limited number of Roseburg men, interested in the welfare of the community, to become members of the Umpqua Chiefs, Roseburg's popular booster club, is to be given starting with September 22. At that time it is proposed to open the membership long enough to fill a few vacancies and bring the organization up to its full strength.

The Umpqua Chiefs were organized three years ago for the purpose of boosting for Roseburg, an aim which has been most efficiently fulfilled during the short time the club has been in existence. The club has twice visited the state fair and has carried off full honors and all prizes in hospitality club competition. Frequent trips have been made to various localities and only recently the club went to Eugene and participated in the Trail to Rail celebration. All of these trips have been of decided booster value to the community. In addition the chiefs have sponsored the Strawberry carnival each year, the last event having been staged for the first time in history without a bit of solicitation for funds. All civic and county enterprises of a worthy nature have had the support and cooperation of the club, while it has frequently put on entertainments and joined in celebrations in Roseburg and nearby towns. Altogether its work is one of perpetual boosting for a better city and county, and the attracting of new settlers to the Umpqua valley.

The organization has its foundation on the old Umpqua tribe of Indians. Its costume is the Indian blanket and headdress, with, however, a distinctive grey marching suit for street wear. Its organization, however, is based on tribal customs, with each chief a representative of some particular resource of the land in which the tribe makes its home.

The membership in the organization is limited. When the club was first formed it was made up of only fifty members. This limit, however, was raised to 75 some time ago. Since the organization a number of members have been lost through death or removal, a few are to be weeded out for non-attendance at meetings and non-participation in activities. It is the purpose of the Chiefs to open the membership in the organization for a brief time and fill these vacancies, when membership will again be closed. It was decided at

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Primaries Will Be Held Tomorrow in Nine States; Liquor Issue Is Foremost; Klan Splits Colorado

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

WASHINGTON, Sept. 13. Voters of nine states trudge to the primaries tomorrow to express their desire for state and national offices.

In Massachusetts, home state of President Coolidge, his personal friend Senator William M. Butler chairman of the republican national committee, is opposed for renomination by Washington Cook, member of the governor's council. Cook's campaign is based upon modification of the Volstead act, public ownership of railroads, oil fields and water power and direct election of presidents. Former Senator David Walsh is an outstanding figure in the democratic primary.

More than 250,000 persons qualified to participate in the democratic Louisiana primary, which is to determine whether Edwin S. Broussard, the incumbent, or Jared Y. Saunders, a former governor, is to be elected to the senate. Prohibition and toll bridges have been the principal issues. Senator Broussard is a wet, while Saunders is dry.

Klan Colorado Issue.

In Colorado primaries observers saw the culmination of a two-year fight for control of the Republican party between Senator L. C. Phipps and Senator Rice W. Means, who is running for renomination, and Clarence C. Hamlin, republican national committeeman. Senator Means is the directing head of the state Ku Klux Klan, while Hamlin leads the anti-Klan faction of the party. The campaign has been one of personalities without a national issue.

In Washington, Senator Wesley L. Jones, chairman of the senate commerce committee, is opposed for renomination by a field of six candidates, including Frank E. Hammond, an avowed wet. Senator Jones is a dry.

In New York nine congressional contests were to be settled and members of the state legislature were to be voted on.

Senator Porter H. Dale was before the voters of Vermont for their approval.

Wet Leader Running.

In Maryland, Senator O. E. Weller was opposed for the republican nomination by Representative John Phillip Hill of the third district. Representative Hill has devoted much of his campaign to advocating modification of the Volstead act.

In Michigan the voters acted upon state officers and issues, in addition to nominating candidates for representatives.

In the South Carolina run-off election, Senator Ellison D. Smith was opposed to Colonel Edgar A. Brown, speaker of the state house of representatives, neither having obtained a majority in the previous primary.

CLARK SUBMITS OUTLINE OF THE PHONE SITUATION

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 13.—Alfred E. Clark, Portland attorney, requested by Governor Pierce some time ago to make an investigation of the Pacific State Telephone & Telegraph company in Oregon, today submitted to the governor a report on a preliminary survey of the telephone situation, and he agreed to undertake a complete inquiry provided funds are made available to employ competent experts and other necessary assistants.

"It is my opinion," Mr. Clark says, "that valuations and rates are too high; that service could be changed and improved. A thorough investigation before a competent and impartial tribunal would, I believe, result in a readjustment of rates that would save the people of Oregon hundreds of thousands of dollars a year, eliminate offensive business methods and improve service in such a way as to remove many of the causes of public irritation.

"The Oregon properties of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company, for the purpose of fixing the rates which it may charge, have a valuation of approximately $26,000,000.00, and for the purpose of fixing the taxes it pays, have a valuation of about $10,500,000.00. A like situation exists with respect to several other large public utilities in Oregon."

DR OWENS-ADAIR DEAD AT HOME IN CLATSOP CO.

Pioneer Woman Physician Dies at An Advanced Age.

EARLY SETTLER HERE

Operated First Millinery and Dressmaking Shop in Roseburg Before Taking Up Medicine.

Press dispatches today carry the account of the death of Dr. B. A. Owens-Adair, one of the best known of women physicians in the state, and one of the pioneer settlers in the Umpqua Valley. Dr. Adair passed away at the age of 86 years at her home near Warrenton, in Clatsop county, Saturday night.

She was born in Missouri and crossed the plains to Oregon with her parents in 1843, the family settling on Clatsop Plains near Seaside.

In 1853 the family moved to a place near Roseburg and in the following year, when the girl was but 14 years of age, she was married to a man named Hill. This marriage resulted in a divorce a short time later, and at 18 years of age Bethania Owen, having been given back her maiden name, started to school, walking daily, with her younger brothers and sisters, several miles to the Roseburg school.

Determined to secure an education regardless of her age and the hard work necessary to pay the costs, she accepted a place as a household worker at the home of a friend in the state of Washington and continued her studies with such success that in spite of the fact that she was supporting a child from her early marriage, she qualified herself to teach school in a period of four years of study.

In 1865 she made a trip to Roseburg and was persuaded to set up a millinery and dress making business which proved to be a decided success from the start, being the first business of its kind in the city. In 1867 she made a trip to San Francisco to perfect herself in this work.

In 1871 she took up the study of medicine, despite the prejudice of the pioneer folk against a "woman doctor." She was aided in her efforts, however, by Dr. S. Hamilton, one of the first medical men in the county, Hon. S. F. Chadwick, one of the early Oregon governors and a Roseburg pioneer and Jesse Applegate of wagon train fame. Through the encouragement of these men and her own determination and perseverance, the plucky woman finally left her business and went to Philadelphia, where she completed her medical education.

Seventeen years after she had fled as an unlettered child from an abusive husband, with a tiny baby in her arms, she opened an office as a practicing M. D. in the city of Portland. Within a few years she had saved sufficient

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AIMEE M'PHERSON'S "DOUBLE" CLEVERLY PLANNED HOAX, IS CONFESSION OF PARTICIPANT

Woman Prisoner Declares She Was Hired by Evangelist to Arrange "Miss X" Affair at Carmel Cottage to Deceive Ormiston's Wife, Who Intended to Name Mrs. McPherson in Action for Divorce.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 13.—The Examiner, in a copyrighted story today, says Mrs. Lorraine Wiseman-McDonald-Sellaff, $18 a week seamstress, has confessed that her story of having shared a seaside cottage at Carmel with a sister, the anonymous "Miss X" and Kenneth G. Ormiston, former Angelus Temple radio operator, was a fake for which she was to receive $5,000 from Aimee Semple McPherson, the evangelist.

The admission was made in a sworn statement.

The alleged confession climaxed a dramatic meeting bettween Mrs. Sellaff and her twin sister, Mrs. Virla Kimball of Oakland, and is said to have been made at the direct request of the latter. They met in the newspaper office, Mrs. Sellaff having been taken under guard from her cell in the county jail where she had spent two days since her arrest Saturday on charges of issuing worthless checks. The sisters kissed, and, after a consultation with her lawyer, Mrs. Sellaff announced her intention of "making a clean breast of the whole thing." She then proceeded to dictate her statement, which was acknowledged later by a notary.

"Good Money" Offered

Mrs. Sellaff began her affidavit by stating that she was approached in San Francisco on about July 30 by a man who gave his name as "Mr. Martin," and who asked her if she would come to Los Angeles on "some work which would pay good money and would only take a few weeks or not all of that time." She said the man could give her only a few details, but informed her that the work was in connection with the McPherson case. She stated that she was instructed to send a telegram to District Attorney Asa Keyes at Los Angeles, declaring that her sister, who was in the east, had been with Ormiston at Carmel and that she had wired the sister to return immediately.

The same day Keyes received a wire from San Francisco signed "Belle Owen." Mrs. Sellaff said she left that night for Los Angeles. Unable to reach Keyes over the telephone upon her arrival here, she said she went to Angelus Temple.

"I had some time in getting in because no one knew me, but I told them it was in regard to the Carmel case and that I had come to help Mrs. McPherson out," Mrs. Sellaff said.

"I talked with Mrs. Kennedy and Mr. Veitch, one of her attorneys," the statement continues. "I could not tell them much because I did not know how to go about it until I had got some information. I met Mrs. McPherson for just a few minutes that day."

Aimee's O. K. Given

Mrs. Sellaff said she remained in town two days during which time she went out to the temple quite a number of times, talking with Mrs. Kennedy and Mrs. McPherson.

"During these two days I at no time talked with Mrs. McPherson alone with the exception of just a moment when Mrs. McPherson told me it was all right and to go ahead," the woman related.

"They told me to go ahead," she continued to dictate, "and they would pay all my exponses and that if I could do this I would be well paid."

"Miss X" Also Hired

Mrs. Sellaff stayed in Los Angeles a few days longer, she stated and then left for San Francisco, "and got in touch with the young lady that she knew to be reliable to appear as Miss 'X'.

"The reason of Miss 'X' being there was because Mr. Ormiston's wife was coming to Los Angeles to sue him for divorce and name Aimee Semple McPherson in the complaint. With a Miss 'X' there, Mrs. Ormiston could not do this. I then came south and told Mrs. McPherson and her mother that I could get in touch with a Miss 'X' and that while it would take a little while to get all the facts of the case and to produce her, it would not be advisable to rush it," Mrs. Sellaff stated.

She next went to Carmel and San Francisco to see if any of the persons who were reported to have seen Mrs. McPherson in the northern cities could identify her, according to the woman's story.

Miss X Revealed.

She said she then reported back to Angelus Temple. "I saw Mrs. McPherson and Mrs. Kennedy at that time," she stated. "Mrs. Kennedy at that time gave me $50. This was the second $50 she had given me—the first amount was given me the second or first day. At both times I gave receipts for same as 'expense money'."

Mrs. Sellaff returned to San Francisco where she got in touch with "the lady known as Miss X," she stated.

Mrs. Sellaff revealed the identity of the mysterious "Miss X" by saying she was a certain Miss Rachel Wells, a friend of long standing whom she induced to come to San Francisco from Philadelphia. The two went to Salinas immediately upon arrival of Miss Wells.

"I brought her down to Salinas. It had been arranged before through Mrs. Kennedy that I was to see Judge Bardin in Salinas," Mrs. Sellaff stated.

She described a meeting with Judge Bardin and Roland Rich Woolley, attorney for the Los Angeles evangelist.

"When they asked me to bring this little lady known as 'Miss X' over, Judge Bardin asked me if she was the lady who was at Carmel. She stated she was and also while there she gave an affidavit to that effect."

Keyes Doubted Her Story

Mrs. Sellaff next told of another trip to Los Angeles and of a visit made to the office of District Attorney Keyes. She said she had several interviews with the district attorney. Keyes, she said, made repeated requests for her to produce "Miss X." After making promises and disappointing Keyes on several occasions, Mrs. Sellaff stated, the district attorney told her frankly that he did not believe her story.

"While in San Francisco I had to have some money immediately and called on the telephone a Mrs. Frame, asking her to get in touch with Mrs. Kennedy to wire me $50. Mrs. Frame must have done this, for within a couple of hours I had received the money. The money was sent to the Continental Hotel and I got it.

Promises More Later.

"In my next affidavit," the statement concluded, "I will continue to tell more regarding some very amazing facts. I will also tell of the promise made by Mrs. McPherson and Mrs. Kennedy to pay my expenses and the promise made by Mrs. McPherson to the

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Alien Agent Doesn't Know Whether Daugherty Got Any Share of Large Sum Paid for Alien Property Return

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

NEW YORK, Sept. 13.—Richard Merton, key witness for the government in the trial of former Attorney General H. M. Daugherty and Thomas W. Miller, former alien property custodian, received a quarter million dollars for his efforts in having the assets of the American Metals company turned over to the Societe Suisse by the alien property custodian. He admitted this on the witness stand this afternoon.

In answer to questions he said he still had $125,000 of this sum. He had spent about $75,000 for charity and admitted that he lost $25,000 in buying German marks, which he characterized as "poor business."

A letter from government files tending to show that the Societe Suisse Pour Valeurs de Mataux was not German owned was read into the testimony today at the resumption of the trial by William S. Rand, counsel for Miller.

The government has claimed that the Swiss organization was a holding company for the two German organizations, the Metallbank of the Metallgeselschaft. The assets of the American Metals company, owned by the German companies were seized during the war and sold for $7,000,000, which later was turned over to the allegedly neutral Swiss organization.

Merton has testified that he paid $441,000 "commission" to the late John T. King to obtain the impounded assets. United States Attorney Buckner has alleged that this money was a bribe and was split between Miller and Daugherty. Merton testified today that he had no knowledge of a "split up" of a $444,000 fee between the accused and John T. King, former Connecticut national committeeman.