New Air Service Links Alaska, U. S.

National Defense Step Taken, Governor Says; Federal Air Bases Being Built.

KETCHIKAN, Alaska, June 25.—(AP)—After flying northward on the first pay-passenger air line link between the states and Alaska, Governor Ernest Gruening hailed the new service today as a stride in national defense and expressed the hope for a hundred Alaskan air fields.

The 26-ton Alaska clipper, operated by Pan-American's subsidiary, Pacific Alaska Airways, flew here from Seattle yesterday in slightly over five hours over a route which has required four days by boat. Twenty passengers were aboard.

"It is hard these days to separate commercial air expansion from air defense," declared the Alaskan governor. He expressed the hope for air fields the length and breadth of the vast territory, "chiefly for defense."

"We spent $100,000,000 on the island of Oahu, Hawaii," he added, "and possible enemies of the United States are closer to Alaska. We want to stop air attacks before they reach Seattle or Portland."

Governor Gruening called attention to the awakened federal interest in Alaska's defenses. Last fall the navy began work on two new bases at Sitka and Kodiak, with the possibility of the second becoming a submarine as well as an air base. Recently a $2,900,000 defense base was approved for Dutch Harbor and another projected for the extremity of the Aleutian Islands.

A $1,000,000 army air training base is under construction at Fairbanks, in the interior, and $12,000,000 has been appropriated for an air base at Anchorage. The first contingent of ground troops left Seattle Saturday for the latter.

Scientist Warns Of Dire Droughts

By HOWARD W. BLAKESLEE
Associated Press Science Editor

SEATTLE, June 25.—(AP)—Prediction that the worst droughts in 20 centuries are about to start was made to the American association for the advancement of science today.

The evidence for them is in the strata of rocks, which are easily seen layers, one over the other, in what are called sedimentary rocks.

The report was made by Halbert P. Gillette, of Chicago, appearing before the association's geology section. These rock layers were once mud and sand, which in time were pressed into rock.

Each layer depended for its thickness, Mr. Gillette claims, on rainfall. Thick layers depict lush cycles, thin ones droughts.

The rock layers resemble the tree rings and the layers of clay known as varves, both of which have been used by scientists to make reliable and proven predictions about recurrence of weather cycles.

However, tree rings and clay varves cover only a few centuries of the past at most. Mr. Gillette declares that the rock layers are a permanent record of the earth's whole past since rain first descended.

Studying them for the last 15 years, and checking them against what is known of tree rings and clay varves he finds many cycles, some long, others short. Dry cycles he says are now about to superimpose.

Industry Warned

Dean Ballard, Seattle chamber of commerce labor relations department member, told a panel meeting of the association that France had demonstrated that "you can't lick your enemy with a six-hour day interspersed with strikes, when your enemy is working 12 hours a day."

He quoted French Premier Marshal Petain stating France had but one-sixth of Germany's equipment strength, then added:

"I predict there will be a change in the United States. The union boys have had a good thing for seven years now—seven extensive fat years. The pendulum has come too far. It's time for the employers now.

"I hope we can educate the employers not to let the swing go too far their way. We may have to chloroform all employers over 40 years of age. They must realize that action always brings reaction."

DAILY DEVOTIONS
DR. CHAS. A. EDWARDS

There are people in the world who hear the words of Jesus, but they will not believe. Their lives are so taken up with material that the spirit of God cannot even penetrate. They are like the wayside soil, nothing can grow on it; others hear the spiritual urgings of Jesus, but they cannot seemingly understand. They live such shallow lives that the ideas and thoughts of Jesus cannot find root. There are still other individuals who hear the living words of Jesus but they are not willing to accept the challenge to following Christ. The many selfish interests of every-day living crowd out all possibilities for Christian living. Unwholesome attitudes and motives crowd out the good seed. But, thank God, there are good individuals who hear the word, and who respond by applying them to their life experiences. The gospel of God still has vital energies, and dynamic forces, which when given receptive lives, produces most startling and unexpected transformations. Great spiritual results can be expected from persons that are consecrated unreservedly to Jesus Christ, for it is through these lives God can speak, and work. Amen.

Bill Signed to Begin 3rd Set of Panama Canal Locks

WASHINGTON, June 25.—(AP)—President Roosevelt signed today the $222,718,717 war department civil functions bill which includes $15,000,000 for starting work on a third set of Panama canal locks.

Contract authorizations of $99,000,000 in connection with the locks also are included. War department plans call for bomb-proof construction.

The total will finance non-military work of the department, including $68,909,310 for rivers and harbors and $70,000,000 for flood control.

Oakland

A. L. Mallery spent the week-end here visiting with his family. He returned to camp early Saturday.

Mrs. Reba Hartley of Sutherlin was in town Wednesday on business.

A. M. Lemmer and family of Cottage Grove visited with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lemmer, at Oakland over the week-end.

Jerry Sittser departed Tuesday for Deblake, to be gone a week or two on a business trip.

Jackson A. Bliss, a former teacher in the local high school here, was in town Tuesday visiting friends. Mr. Bliss is in Eugene for a part of the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. John Musgrove and children of Sutherlin, and Mr. and Mrs. M. L. McKinney and children spent the week-end near Steamboat on the North Umpqua river.

Troy Jenkins arrived Saturday from Gresham to spend a short time here visiting.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Medley spent Sunday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Jones in the English settlement.

L. A. Cooper and Jean Hughes were in town from Sutherlin shopping Thursday.

Stephen Lalkant of Salem visited at the homes of Mrs. Nettie Smith and Roy Miller Tuesday before returning to his home in Salem.

Irving Halvanson spent the week-end here visiting his mother, Mrs. Esther Halvanson, returning to Coquille Sunday.

Donald and Miss Roberta McKinney of Millwood spent Friday visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Miller.

Miss Ann Bovingdon of Roseburg spent the week-end visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bovingdon.

Bob Morris departed Friday for Corvallis. He will be employed with the state forestry commission this summer.

Paul Lemmer and his brother, George N. Lemmer of Spencer, Nebraska, who is visiting him, were in town on Thursday.

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By Sylvia

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SERIAL STORY

GHOST DETOUR

BY OREN ARNOLD

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CAST OF CHARACTERS

ROSELEE DALE and CHRISTINE PALMER—Partners in a summer tourist venture at Goldcrest.

DICK BANCROFT and FRANKLIN LARRAWAY — They also found an interest in Goldcrest.

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Yesterday: Carl Quait, the "professor," neutered to the bank, followed by Franklin, and then Christine. Christine hears Franklin fire, then Quait and at that moment he sees Franklin topple behind the teller's cage.

CHAPTER XVI

The New York collegians had gathered for their lunch at the Ace High hotel, had joined in a rousing yell for the old west and Roselee, when a shot cracked out on the thin desert air. Instantly the group quieted.

Then a second and louder report was heard. But by now the tourists were convinced it was all in fun. One member of the party whispered "bandits" in a mock hysteria and still others pretended to duck under the table to safety. Suddenly then everybody laughed.

Everybody, that is, except Dick Bancroft and Roselee Dale.

These two, as if by some electrical thing, turned instantly to stare at each other from across the room. Instantly, too, they moved toward the front of the hotel hallway, serious of face, quietly alarmed. Nobody noticed them. Then singing was started, and Mrs. Hogan came bustling in, smiling broadly, carrying a great tray piled high with barbecue sandwiches.

There were no more shots. Roselee and Dick came together at the doorway and looked out. They saw nothing. Nothing save the saddled horses that were hitched across the street, heads low as if dozing, and Mrs. Hogan's burros who seemed asleep on their feet. Roselee and Dick turned from the door, looking hastily over the crowd.

"You see Christy, and Franklin?" Roselee asked.

"No," said Dick. looking. "They're not in here. They were a minute ago."

"Did you hear those shots, Dick?"

"Sure. Everybody."

"Whatever do you suppose—? Nobody'd be shooting now, at noon."

"Well, somebody was. There's no car moving; couldn't have been a backfire. Anyhow I know gunshots when I hear them. Pistols, I'd say."

"Well, Dick, I—I don't like it. I—LOOK!"

She had turned back to the door. Her last word was a loud cry, and she was pointing.

Her cry instantly electrified the crowd this time. This was no joking.

"LOOK!" she shouted, and instantly everyone was crowding to the hotel door and windows. Before he quite realized it, Dick Bancroft was surrounded by a group of shoving, curious travelers, pressing him with questions.

"Hey!" begged Dick, trying to edge through. But he couldn't find an opening. He'd have to make one.

He could see, though. He looked over their heads and out through the big front door.

Roselee was already on the front porch, staring spellbound.

Across and down the street they saw a man leap from a near window of the old Goldcrest bank. It was the man with the umbrella, who had been with the tourists party that morning. He was running now toward the horses that were saddled and hitched nearby.

He ran desperately hard, swinging a pistol in his right hand. No one else was in sight for the moment. Then Christine Palmer suddenly appeared in the same window from which the man had leaped.

"My lord," exclaimed Dick. He elbowed his way toward the door.

"Chris-tine!" yelled Roselee.

But Christine heard nothing. They saw that she too held a pistol. They watched her lean out of the bank window pointing her gun, aiming it as carefully and as calmly as if she were on a target range.

CRACK!

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The report was less of a roar in the outside. Before, the shots had been muffled "bonus." Here was a sharpness, followed by a quick staccato echoing from cliffs and buildings everywhere.

"OH! CHRIS-TINE!" Roselee screamed it.

The man with the pistol was hit.

He seemed to stumble as he neared the saddle horses. He reeled once or twice, came to his hands and knees. He had dropped his gun, so he picked it up, forced himself to rise, moved limpingly to grasp one horse's reins.

Ages seemed to pass while he untied the animal and mounted. Christine still stood in her window, framed there, the lovely blue silk shirt and white neckerchief she was wearing—and her brand-new cowboy hat—all combining to make of her a portrait of a western maiden come to life on the gray bank building wall.

Actually, of course, Time had ticked but a few seconds. Christine lifted her weapon as she saw the man actually get into the saddle. CRACK! CRACK-CRACK! She fired three times.

But evidently she hit nothing this time, for the horse was turning and Quait was leaning low and cursing. But the fury of Quait made him hesitate for a moment more. He raised his own weapon, aimed it at Christine and fired.

"TOO-COOCH!" yelled Roselee frantic again, and leaped off the hotel porch in a run. The people behind her had been motionless until then.

Quait spurred his horse with his heels, started off at a gallop down the street.

Nobody knew what Roselee Dale was doing or hoping to do. Perhaps she herself acted from some unspoken urge. While the tourists looked she untied the other horse and mounted it, turned it to follow the man Quait.

"HEY! . . . HEY, FOR GOD'S SAKE!" young Dick Bancroft was shouting.

He literally forced his way through the press of collegians and ran down the ghost town street. But he was too late!

(To be continued)

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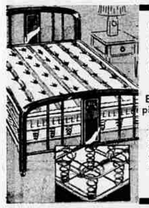

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