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Another Coast Steamer Goes Down

A SURVIVOR TELLS OF THE BIG WRECK

Girders Broke in Big Drift When Testing Ship's Control

DIVERS WORK TO FIND WRECK

Only One American Survivor—Clings to Fabric and Jumps Into the River to Save Himself

HULL, Eng., Aug. 25.—The cause of the ZR-2 disaster, in which most of the crew, including Americans, perished yesterday, was reported due to the breaking of a longitudinal girder amidships made of aluminum alloy, cutting the ship in halves.

Explosion occurred immediately after the breaking. Divers are today exploring the river for the fire-twisted wreck.

RECLAMATION WILL BE SLOW

Director Reclamation Service Says New Projects Probably Not to be Begun

PORTLAND, Aug. 25.—Little hope for the opening of new reclamation projects is held by A. B. Davis, director of the United States Reclamation service, until financial conditions throughout the United States have improved and the people have reached a prosperity that will make them willing to stand the burden of additional taxation.

Mr. Davis is in Portland awaiting the arrival of his chief, Secretary of the Interior Fall. He spoke briefly yesterday at the chamber of commerce luncheon held in honor of Ambassador Marc Peter of Switzerland.

"One of the best things that possibly could be done for the west would be the chartering of a special train and bringing congress out here to see for itself the needs of the country as far as irrigation is concerned," said Mr. Davis. "Thanks to the representatives from the northwest we are able to obtain some things for the west."

"To speak truthfully, the present status of the treasury department is not one that will justify immediate work on proposed projects in Oregon. The service itself is badly embarrassed as regards finances and we are in much the same position that many business men now find themselves in."

Work will be continued on the Umatilla and Klamath projects, according to Mr. Davis, but there is extreme doubt whether work will be done any further than investigation on the Powder river, Deschutes and Tualuma projects.

THE WEATHER.

PORTLAND, Oregon, Aug. 25.—Tonight will be fair and Friday will see fair weather also.

Miners Trouble Looms in West Virginia Today

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25.—The war department received an urgent appeal for troops to restore order and prevent lawlessness in the Mingo coal fields of West Virginia today.

FREIGHT RATES ORDERED DOWN

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 25.—Reductions in westbound freight rates, ranging as high as 45 per cent have been declared by the transcontinental rail carriers for hundreds of manufactured articles, including all types of furniture, C. W. Lucas, freight traffic manager of the Southern Pacific company announced Wednesday. The new rates become operative October 29.

STAGE LINE SERVES MANY

When T. P. Ficklin came down from La Grande and bought a home in Union, after he had played the Canadian land game on the winning side, he decided he could not rust out. After he had visited with George Benson and the rest of the boys he started a stage line between Union and La Grande and he is hauling a lot of people.

It has proven quite a convenience and Tom makes play out of the job. He says he is like everyone else, waiting to see what turns up and in the meantime he is pressing his foot on the accelerator in order to go people across the valley.

Tom shares the Observer's belief in hogs and it would not be surprising to see him enter the hog business over near Union. He is an old hand at the business game and sees plainly that if he had fifty brood sows this fall with barley selling for ten dollars a ton there would be some easy made money in the hog industry.

IRISH WANT TO DEAL FOR PEACE

Republican Cabinet's Reply Such to Indicate a Continuation of Negotiations

DUBLIN, Aug. 25.—The Irish Republican cabinet's reply to the letter from Lloyd George under date of August 13th, in which the Premier denied Ireland's right to secession and declined to refer the Irish dispute to foreign arbitration, leaves an "unmistakable opening" for a continuation of peace negotiations, according to reports here.

LONDON, Aug. 25.—The Irish cabinet's reply was delivered to the Premier's official residence at one o'clock today.

RESTAURANTS REDUCE PRICES

Portland Eating Houses Down to 1917 Level as Result of New Price War

PORTLAND, Aug. 25.—Hats and eggs, with potatoes, for 20 cents brought the echo of another price war to Portland. The proprietor of a dairy lunch on Washington street declared last night that the new price schedule, which is exactly the same as the charges for food were in his establishment in 1917, is here to stay.

At 12 o'clock last night the new price schedule was inaugurated, with the result that breakfast dishes, such as bacon and eggs with potatoes, were being sold for 20 cents; two eggs cooked any style for 10 cents; pork chops for 15 cents and pork sausage with potatoes for 15 cents. The new schedule not only prevails in the breakfast dishes. Dinner and lunch specials will be sold at the same reduction. For instance, the prices of foodstuffs for those meals will include roast beef at 10 cents, roast pork and apple sauce at 15 cents, and roast veal with dressing 15 cents. Steaks have also met the price ax, and it is now possible to obtain them for from 15 cents for the small steaks to 40 cents for the special T-bone cuts.

There has been a general reduction in restaurant prices in Portland within the past few months, but the figures quoted yesterday were said to be the lowest since pre-war days.

Visits His Own Grave!



Here you see J. F. Hurley at his own grave in Salem, Mass. Hurley, Civil War veteran and former mayor of Salem, is home on furlough from the soldiers' home in Virginia. While home, he went to see the grave where he has prepared for his last resting place. Many other soldiers go to see it.

Germany Signs Peace Treaty With America

BERLIN, Aug. 25.—The treaty of peace between Germany and the United States was signed here at five o'clock this evening, bringing to an official end hostilities between the two nations. This is one state document which has occupied the attention of the world and became of especial importance when the United States failed to enter the League of Nations.

Foreign Minister Rosen, in signing, expressed great gratification for the resumption of friendly relations. American Commissioner Drexel, replied with reciprocal sentiments. The treaty consists of three articles. The preamble recites sections two and five of the Porter-Knox peace resolution.

BANKER DEFENDS RESERVE POLICY

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25.—Stringent rate policies were made necessary in the Kansas City federal reserve district during 1920 because of the disproportionate manner in which the system's lending power was being absorbed. Governor J. Z. Miller of the Kansas City reserve bank testified Wednesday before the congressional commission on agriculture. Governor Miller defended the policy by which banks were charged 6, 7 and 8 per cent progressively on loans in accordance with the totals they borrowed. During May, 1920, he said, the 14 banks in Kansas City had borrowed 50 per cent of the reserve bank's lending power and nine banks in Omaha had borrowed 23 per cent.

JAPAN WILL BE AT CONFERENCE

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25.—Japan's "heartly and appreciative acceptance" of President Harding's invitation to participate in the Washington disarmament and far eastern conference was expressed in a note received at the state department Wednesday from the Japanese minister of foreign affairs.

The Japanese government in accepting the invitation, however, expresses the hope that the agenda of the far eastern conference would be arranged prior to the meeting in accordance with its suggestion that matters concerning only a few nations or which are accomplished facts be not brought into the discussions.

MYSTERY OF CRIME DEEP

Officials Lose Faith in Confession of Alleged Slayer and Seek to Solve Problem

PENDLETON, Aug. 25.—Facts that seem to indicate that Louis Ragains was not shot by Jess Brunn, as described by witnesses at the inquest held Monday afternoon, have been brought to light by officials following a close examination of the premises where the body was found by officials Sunday morning and where witnesses aver that Brunn shot Ragains in self-defense.

While officials state that they are unable to reach any conclusions regarding the mystery, they reiterate their belief that the truth has not yet been brought out at the inquest, and that further investigations will be made until all the facts surrounding the slaying of the postmaster of Mc Kay last week are cleared up.

Find Bullets in Wall.

The finding of a bullet stuck in the wall of the Wright cabin where witnesses say the shooting occurred is a further complication, in the opinion of officials. This bullet was found by Deputy District Attorney Randall and Deputy Sheriff Ridgeway in investigations made Tuesday. Deputy Coroner Brady and Deputy Sheriff Spears who made the first trip to the cabin and inspected all the walls for signs of a bullet in the daylight, declare that no mark whatsoever was found. Officials cannot explain the presence of the bullet found on the second visit unless it was missed in the hurried investigation Sunday morning or had been placed there since the killing by one interested in the crime.

That a mysterious letter in a woman's handwriting might also play a part in the crime was hinted at in some quarters. This letter was given to Brunn by Charley Wright as Brunn was being returned to Pendleton for incarceration in the county jail, as the car with the deputies and Brunn passed that being driven by Wright to the cabin where the body was found. The note is said to have been found by Wright tucked to a sign-post on the trail leading to the cabin. It is now being held by officials as possible evidence.

Forester Will Check up on County Warden

SALEM, Aug. 25.—(Special)—H. J. Eberly, assistant state forester, left for Jackson county today where he will pass a week inspecting the work that has been accomplished by the deputy fire wardens in that section of the state.

E. S. King, also an assistant in the office of the state forester, started today for Wallawa and Union counties where he will check up on the deputy wardens.

Disastrous timber fires have been less numerous this year than for many seasons past, according to reports on file in the office of the state forester.

REAL BEAR SHOWS UP ON EXCHANGE

NEW YORK, Aug. 25.—That playground of "bulls and bears," the New York Stock Exchange, had a real live bear on its hands Wednesday. A baby bruin was captured right in the entrance of the exchange late yesterday by William Rohr, a guard. The bear attached to a chain, was led in by a young man who arrived in a limousine. The man dropped the chain and decamped when Rohr made a lunge for him.

BUDDIES OF THE WAR STICK IN CIVIL LIFE

BAYONNE, N. J., Aug. 25.—How "buddies" of the battlefield stick together after they have become comrades of civil life was illustrated to a court room filled with interested spectators here recently.

Michael Zwanick of this city, overseas service man, charged with a minor offense, was about to go to jail for 30 days in default of payment of a \$25 fine. Joseph Rush, in the courtroom crowd, recognized the young prisoner as a man with whom he had served in the campaigns in France. Taking his hat, Rush started a collection in the court. Then he went out and made a house to house canvass which netted him enough for the fine and costs. Recorder Cain accepted the payment and released the soldier, who declared it was his first and last time before the bar.

Both men are members of the American Legion here and they served together in Co. "H," 210th Infantry.

SIGNS MUST BE REMOVED

Highway Commission to Clear Right of Way of all Signs

The division engineer's office of the state highway commission announced today that all signs along the right of way of the state highway through Union county must be removed on or before September 1 or the highway commission will remove them. This warning is given to give those business houses and others having signs along the highway the opportunity of removing their signs now as otherwise they will be destroyed.

Signs on private property adjacent to the highway will not be removed unless they obstruct the view at railroad or road crossings. If the view at crossings is obstructed the signs will be torn down, regardless of whether they are on private property or not, the law being very strict in this respect.

USE FOR SHIPS IS POINTED OUT

Wooden Vessels Lying Idle May Provide Vacations for Shut-in Disabled of War.

BOSTON, Mass., Aug. 25.—Use of wooden ships of the United States Shipping Board, built during the war to offset submarine losses and now lying idle in several seaports, to provide summer outings on the ocean for disabled "shut-in" war veterans is sought by the Massachusetts department of the American Legion.

The matter has been taken up with the Shipping Board by Senator David I. Walsh as the instigation of the Massachusetts Legion's hospitalization committee. "I shall be glad to co-operate with the Legion in this meritorious work," Senator Walsh writes from Washington, "and I hope to be of assistance."

Complete crews which would man the wooden steamers already have volunteered from along Boston's waterfront, the Legion department here reports, and a fund for necessary repairs and expenses of the trip, being raised by popular subscription, now exceeds \$1,000.

EUGENE PREPARES TO SCARE IDLE AWAY

EUGENE, Oreg., Aug. 25.—This city will have a municipal woodpile or rock pile for drifters and floaters during the coming winter, if the sentiment expressed by council members brings results. All members look for a heavy influx of jobless men, but do not consider it right for the city to "shoo" them on to some other town, where the same problem will be faced. For that reason work at a small wage has been proposed.

FREIGHTER IS SINKING OFF WEST COAST

One Life Boat Filled With People Unaccounted For

ENGINE ROOMS WATER SOAKED

Steamer Cordova Goes to Rescue—Crew is Putting Into Astoria

SEATTLE, Aug. 25.—The freighter Canadian Importer is reported sinking 623 miles southwest of the Columbia river, while the steamer Cordova, which reached the disabled vessel last night, is headed for Astoria with survivors from all but one of the life boats.

The Canadian Importer's engine room is flooded and the ship has drifted helplessly. Part of the crew set out in life boats for the land.

Sister Ship Recently Wrecked.

ANCOUVER, B. C., Aug. 25.—The steamship Canadian Importer carried a crew of forty-five. Captain Bissetts of Vancouver, master, and most of the crew were signed here. The vessel is a sister ship of the Canadian Exporter, which was wrecked recently at Willapa Harbor. She was carrying lumber for Melbourne, Australia.

Appeals for Aid.

SEATTLE, Aug. 25.—Broadcast appeals were sent to ships over the North Pacific to watch for the missing boat load of Canadian Importer survivors.

The steamship Cordova has been unable to locate the boat loaded with men, according to messages thus far received.

The Cordova was from Honolulu to Astoria and Portland. She picked up the distress call when near Canadian Importer last night. The message said, "We are sinking fast, hurry. Have seventeen feet of water in the engine room."

Cause of Accident Unknown.

SEATTLE, Aug. 25.—The Cordova is expected to reach Astoria Saturday morning. Captain Bissetts messaged to his home office at Vancouver, but did not tell the cause of the accident.

Conflicting Report Comes.

PORTLAND, Aug. 25.—The Canadian Importer is afloat and is in no danger, a radio message from the Cordova said. Captain Bissetts refused to say as water was not gaining. He preferred to wait for a tug from Vancouver. No word has been received from lifeboats.

WASCO WHEAT HARVEST DONE

Only Small Percentage Has Been Sold by Farmers—Expect Rise in Prices

THE DALES, Aug. 25.—The harvest of Wasco county's 1921 wheat crop is now about completed, according to local mill men. They estimate the production at figures which range from 1,400,000 to 1,500,000 bushels.

Very little wheat is being offered for sale at the present time, however, the growers preferring to gamble on the market reaching \$1 a bushel. At present buyers are offering about 95 cents a bushel, net, to the growers.

Some ranchers are selling small parts of their crops at this figure, probably more to realize money than for any other reason, mill men say. It is estimated, however, that not more than 200,000 bushels of the county's wheat has been sold at the current quotation.

Large quantities of wheat are now being hauled to The Dalles for storage in the Co-operative Union elevator, according to L. F. Hill, elevator manager. The elevator has a capacity of 50,000 bushels. Already more than 20,000 bushels have been stored.