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BIG STEAMER BURNS TODAY IN ATLANTIC

Northern Pacific Which was Only Sold Yesterday a Wreck

FOUR REPORTED AS AMONG MISSING

Captain and Skeleton Crew Safe; Was to Have Been Put Into Service on Pacific Coast Run.

(By Associated Press)
NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—The former transport Northern Pacific, which last claimed the headlines in the newspapers in 1919 when she crashed into a sand bar off Fire Island with 3,000 American soldiers aboard, today was destroyed by fire 40 miles off Cape May, N. J. Messages reported her as abandoned by Captain William Lusti and the skeleton crew that taking her to dry dock at Chester, Pa. The rescue of all the crew was reported by a steamship rushed to the scene.

The latest message stated that the vessel, blazing fiercely, is listing hard to starboard and was driving southeastward.

(By Associated Press)
NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—The Northern Pacific, for several months tied up at Hoboken, was sold to the Admiral line, the sale being completed yesterday, and was to have been put into service between Seattle and Los Angeles after conditioning at Chester, Pa., to replace the Governor. The crew of 27 was rescued. Four employees of the Sun Ship Building company are reported missing.

Commercialization of Lakes Denied by State Official

Alarm of Local Sportsmen Over Rumors Had No Foundation Burdett Declared.

News that several private interests had taken up land surrounding Lake Aneroid and Horseshoe lakes and were intending to commercialize them for their own interests, was recently received by the Wing, Pin and Fleetfoot club of La Grande, which had in the past stocked these lakes with several varieties of game fish.

Action was immediately taken to ascertain the truthfulness of the report and A. E. Burdett, state game warden, disproved the reports in a letter stating that such action could not take place as the lakes are situated in a national forest and that there was no foundation for the report.

He also states that parties from Pendleton have made application for about 2 acres of land on the banks of these three lakes, the land to be used for the purpose of erecting summer hotels, but that this action has nothing to do with the supposed commercialization of the lakes.

AGED INDIAN DIES

(By Associated Press)
CASS LAKE, Minn., Feb. 8.—Gabe-nash-gew-wance, also known as John Smith, a Chippewa Indian, reported to be 133 years of age, died Tuesday.

No Lengthening of Skirts Required Here

When Commissioner William J. Buchanan, in charge of the Year of the Salvation Army issued an order in Chicago several days ago that all Salvation Army lassies must lengthen their skirts to within seven inches of the ground and that every Salvation Army lassie in 77 countries and colonies where the organization operates with the possible exception of the troupe wearing Chinese and Japanese costumes would be affected, the latter part of his statement with the exception that proved the rule.

The exception is the Salvation Army in La Grande. Captain

BEARING BENEDICT XV'S BODY TO TOMB



Section of the funeral procession bearing the body of Pope Benedict XV to the basilica of St. Peter's Rome. The bier is seen in the rear, supported on the shoulders of Vatican attaches. Attendants in military uniform are members of the Swiss Guards, the Vatican's official military organization.

NEW SCHEDULE OF TIME MAY BE ADOPTED

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—A national convention of business, professional and scientific men to discuss the question of calendar reform with a view to indorsement of a bill now pending in congress to establish a new calendar dividing the year into 13 months of 28 days each, convened here Tuesday at the National Museum auditorium under the auspices of the Liberty Calendar Association of America. The "Liberty Calendar" bill which has been introduced in the house by Representative Schaef of Minnesota, with the indorsement of the association, would put the new time schedule into effect in 1928 to give the "other nations an opportunity to follow."

All Years Alike.
The bill is advocated by the association as affording a standard time schedule for every year which would definitely fix for all time the dates of every day of the week by the uniform 28-day month division and thus dispense with the need of yearly calendars and end the inconvenience of having to refer to these to establish the coincidence of "days and dates."

In 365-day years the odd day remaining would be disposed of as "new year day" the first of the year and retained as a legal holiday. In "leap year" the additional one day lap would be disposed of by creating a "leap year day" between the months of June and July as a legal holiday. The extra month of the calendar would be called "Vern" to include the vernal equinox and begin spring.

The proposed calendar would begin the week with Monday instead of Sunday. Thus 1928 is selected for installing it, advocates explained, because the next day after the first is a Monday. The same dates for every month then would be fixed for every day of the week until the end of time. An estimated saving of \$25,000,000 a year now expended on calendars is one argument of the association in support of the proposal.

TO RESTRICT RADIO PHONES

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—Secretary Hoover was directed Tuesday by President Harding to call a conference of army, navy and commercial experts on wireless telephony, to conduct an investigation looking towards restriction of the use of the wireless telephone.

UNIONISTS KIDNAPPED IN ULSTER

(By Associated Press)
BELFAST, Feb. 8.—A large number of leading Unionists of counties Fermanagh and Tyrone in the Ulster area were kidnapped from their homes early today.

Fifteen have been arrested in connection with the kidnappings. The raiders, it is believed, came from the counties Cavan and Longford near the border.

DEATH REPORT DENIED

(By Associated Press)
LONDON, Feb. 8.—The London Times Wednesday morning withdraws the statement made by its Rome correspondent in a dispatch dated Monday that Cardinal Marinelli died in the Vatican prior to the election of Pope Pius.

New Jersey and Delaware are both sore—California beat them to a tax on visitors who remain in it in announcing that the fruit the city more than five days. Here crop would be a failure because of a hint for the owners of summer homes in the country.

"GRANDMA" WRIGHT HAS PASSED AWAY

Mrs. Elizabeth A. Wright passed away at her home this morning at 8:30 o'clock. Her death was quite unexpected as she was in the best of health yesterday and became ill only a short time before her death, which was caused by apoplexy.

Mrs. Wright was born in Indiana on March 25, 1845, and spent the early part of her life there. She moved to La Grande about 10 years ago and of late has been living at the home her son, J. K. Wright. She was well liked by all who met her and she leaves, in addition to her surviving children, a host of friends who mourn her passing.

The surviving children are: J. K. Wright, of this city; O. C. Wright, of Henson, Texas; and Mrs. A. D. Parker of Nipe Mills Falls, Washington.

The body is at Bohlenkamp chapel and the funeral arrangements will not be made until her son, J. K. Wright, returns from California, where he is now visiting.

CLEARING OF DRIFTS HAS BEGUN

This afternoon the state highway department and Union county began the clearing of the Old Oregon trail between La Grande and North Powder. Snow drifts have greatly impeded traffic in places along the highway, especially in the section between Union and North Powder. The wind keeps the road between here and Union more or less passable so that automobile traffic is not entirely tied up on this section.

The work is being done with the county road machinery, the caterpillar and grader being used to back the huge drifts. R. H. Baldock, division engineer of the state highway commission, and John F. Birney, county roadmaster are in charge of the work.

Mr. Baldock and Mr. Birney both declared today that they do not want to let things come to such a point where tourists will be inconvenienced as is now the case in Multnomah county and several other sections.

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EFFORT TO SILENCE MURDER EVIDENCE IS LATEST DEVELOPMENT

UNFAVORABLE WEATHER IN WESTERN PART

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—Crop conditions for the last half of January are covered in reports received by the Bureau of Markets and Crop Estimates, United States Department of Agriculture, from its field agricultural statisticians in the different states.

A larger quantity of corn than usual is still remaining on the farms and marketing is very slow. A large portion of the crop is being fed to livestock. Much interest in a better grade of seed corn is being shown.

Wheat Damaged.
The recent cold weather has probably caused some damage to the winter wheat crop in the North Central states, especially in the southern portion where the crop has little or no snow covering. Further deterioration has been checked in Nebraska by recent moisture and much wheat that appears dead has a very healthy underground stem and root system. The condition continues poor in Kansas and some injury will probably result from the recent low temperatures. Due to the drought, a greatly reduced acreage has been sown in New Mexico. The condition of the crop is generally favorable in Washington. Some damage is reported in western Oregon from alternate freezing and thawing.

Some damage to the rye crop in the southern portion of the North Central states is reported from recent thawing and freezing. The condition throughout the northern section is generally excellent.

Some late potatoes are still in the ground in Oregon and considerable damage is reported. Moderate farm reserves are reported in North Dakota and considerable quantities are in warehouses. A large surplus is still in the hands of farmers in Wisconsin. Potatoes are being shipped steadily from Colorado, but a considerable quantity still remains to be shipped.

Many cars of sweet potatoes are being shipped from various districts of Arkansas.

Oranges Hurt.
Serious damage to lemons and naval oranges is reported from the frost of January 29 in California. Citrus fruit in Arizona has been slightly damaged by frost. Strawberry plants in Tangipahoa, La., are full of blossoms and young fruit and an early shipping season is indicated. The warm weather caused fruit buds to swell in New Mexico. Interest in pecan growing is increasing in Mississippi.

All classes of livestock are generally in good condition and very little disease is reported. Conditions are generally favorable.

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Police Report that Powerful Influences Are Directing Investigation in Certain Channels and Throwing Obstacles in Way of Others.

(By Associated Press)

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 8.—Indications that powerful influences in the motion picture world would endeavor to direct the Taylor murder inquiry into certain lines and prevent extension in other directions were reported today by officers.

They said they had been meeting unexpected obstacles, growing daily. A disappearing clue today was a handkerchief initialed "s" found near Taylor's body, and which police believe belonged to a motion picture producer.

Scorned Lover Sought.

(By Associated Press)
LOS ANGELES, Feb. 8.—The police have obtained the information that

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BULLETINS

(By Associated Press)
YORKVILLE, Pa., Feb. 8.—One was killed and a number wounded in a fight today when the Wheeling Steel plant reopened today after being shut down since last July when the company and the union were unable to agree.

(By Associated Press)
LONDON, Feb. 8.—Former Premier Orlando has accepted the invitation of King Victor Emmanuel to form a new cabinet succeeding the Bonomi ministry which resigned last week, says a Rome dispatch.

(By Associated Press)
PORTLAND, Feb. 8.—The bout here last night ended with a decision in the third round in favor of Joe Welling when Eddie Plamian's ear was split, throwing blood over the fighters, the referee and many ringside spectators.

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—The Baker reclamation project in Oregon with an initial appropriation of \$100,000 was included in the bill reported by the house committee today.

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—Fire on the roof of the treasury building was controlled this afternoon.

THE DIFFERENCE A FEW WEEKS MAKE



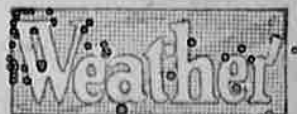
Parents to Blame for Laxness in Morality

PORTLAND, Feb. 8.—Lack of old-fashioned parental authority, which commanded respect and obedience, is responsible for the modern girl of today with immodest and expensive gown, grotesque hair dress, rouge and lip stick, in the belief of Mrs. Lela G. Baldwin, head of the women's protective division.

This sentiment is expressed by Mrs. Baldwin relative to the general lowering of moral standards in an extensive annual report submitted yesterday to Police Chief Jenkins.

Mrs. Baldwin reaffirms her belief that parents should be prohibited in the police school of the city for the reason that the police is the greatest body of juvenile delinquency.

Relative to public dances, Mrs. Baldwin states that operators of her division have taken the number of dances during the year.



Tonight and Thursday rain with moderate to strong southeasterly winds.