

METEOR ROCKS SIX CITIES WOMAN DESPONDENT, COMMITS SUICIDE

VIRGINIA IS SHOCKED BY HUGE BOLIDE

Grove of Trees Partly Buried by Phenomenon Last Night

IS COMPOSED OF ENTIRELY OF METAL

Large Depression Made When It Collides With the Earth After Flashing Across the Sky.

(By Associated Press)
NORFOLK, Va., May 12.—A meteor which flashed across the Virginia skies last night and rocked homes in half a dozen cities by the shock of landing, was found today 12 miles northwest of Blackstone, in Nottawa county.

Striking in a grove, the meteor made a depression in the earth 500 square feet in area. Several trees were buried beneath the falling body in the hole. The meteor is composed apparently of some metallic substance.

Charges Padding of Payrolls as Leading To Present Strike

Union Man Declares Stevedoring Companies Are Operating Grafting Game to Labor's Detriment.

(By Associated Press)
PORTLAND, May 12.—The state board of conciliation began investigating the longshoremen's strike, J. A. Madsen was the first witness for the union. He charged the employers treated the union unfairly and charged that the stevedoring concerns padded the payrolls, paying commissions to captains or stevedoring agents to obtain contracts and that the concerns quoted rebates.

Chairman Woodward called for proof and Madsen said he would comply. William D. Wheelwright, employers' chairman, denied Madsen's charges and said the employers would prove them erroneous.

Substitute Bill is Offered Senate on the Soldier Bonus

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, May 12.—A substitute soldiers bonus bill, under which veterans would receive 50 per cent cash payments, was introduced today by Senator Bursum, republican of New Mexico, and referred to the senate finance committee. The bill would provide a bonus to be financed by refunding foreign debt, the Secretary of the Treasury being authorized to sell such an amount of foreign bonds as is necessary.

French Delegates are Obstinate on Project

(By Associated Press)
GENOA, May 12.—France will never agree to the project for a mixed commission sitting indefinitely while the conference is going on to study Russian affairs, the French delegates stated.

Foreign Minister Benes of Czechoslovakia, said the conference must be adjourned within a few days, accepting the French proposal to appoint an international committee without a Russian representative to consider financial problems.

(By Associated Press)
GENOA, May 12.—Great Britain

PEGGY JOYCE BARRED FROM THE MOVIES

Broken Hearted Breaker of Hearts Will Not be Featured by Movie Producers.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 12.—Peggy Joyce, returning from France "broken-hearted" as the result of the suicide of an admirer, will not be featured in moving pictures. The Motion Picture Theater Owners of America, meeting in convention here today, unanimously adopted a resolution barring films in which she is featured.

The resolution, after referring to current reports that pictures are to be produced featuring Miss Joyce, and stating that theater owners always have been opposed to "exploitation by our screens of all such objectionable lines of conduct," adds that:

"We protest against the exhibition of such pictures in the interest of a clean screen and wholesome entertainment and we do hereby declare to the American public that we will not permit the presentation of such pictures in our theaters."

FINDS NO SIGN OF DAMAGE BY RECENT FROST

"No damage to the fruit in the Grande Ronde valley has been reported to me," stated County Agent H. G. Avery this morning. "The frost might possibly have nipped a few blossoms, but from indications the crop will be unaffected by the frosts we have experienced in the past few nights."

Mr. Avery has covered practically all of the county in the last two days. Yesterday he was in Cove and the day before he accompanied the South-Hughes agricultural class of the Elgin high school, in a tour over a large part of the valley.

Home Damaged by Fire Yesterday Evening

The house belonging to J. M. Gouland, situated at 1302 Jackson street, was partially destroyed by fire last evening at about 7:45 o'clock. The building was of frame construction and consisted of eight rooms. Apparently the fire was caused by the leaving of a big fire in the cook stove, which was situated too near to the wall, thus lighting the wall paper. The fire department made a fast run and checked the fire before more serious damage was done.

The interior of the rear of the house was destroyed and the front of the house was damaged by smoke and water. The total amount of damage amounted to about \$800, which was covered by insurance.

ROAD ACROSS MOUNTAINS IS PASSABLE NOW

Fish Hatchery Being Enlarged

New Breed of Fish are To Be Hatched at Union Plant

(Special to The Observer)
UNION, May 12.—Work was begun at the fish hatchery just outside the city limits of Union yesterday for the creation of three acres of new breeding ponds for the fish industry. A shipment of 100,000 fall Rainbow trout has been received from Idaho which means that a new breed of fish will be started in Eastern Oregon and that the Union hatchery will be the home of this fish. It is the intention to so perfect and enlarge the hatchery at this point that it will be able to hatch its own eggs.

MRS. PIERCE OPERATED ON CARELESSNESS CAUSED FIRE

PORTLAND, May 12.—Mrs. Walter M. Pierce, of La Grande wife of one of the Democratic candidates for governor, underwent a major operation at Good Samaritan hospital Wednesday. Her condition is reported to be satisfactory. Mrs. Pierce came to Portland May 8 for the operation.

HUSBAND WANTS FREEDOM

PORTLAND, May 12.—Max H. Luellwhite, 18, today filed suit for annulment of his marriage to Mary Jory Hawley Luellwhite, divorced wife of Willard P. Hawley, Jr. The marriage took place in Turlock, California, four months after her divorce from Hawley.

For the first time this season the road between Pendleton and La Grande was used when four Ford cars, driven by tourists, made the trip Wednesday. The going was rough and only a light car can make the distance without being hauled. Yesterday morning a Cadillac arrived in La Grande after going over the road but had to be towed over four miles of the distance.

The spring flock of tourists is now going through La Grande in ever-increasing numbers. The average per day now amounts to about fifteen or twenty, counting those who have come down from the Wallawa district and those who are headed for the beauty spots in Wallawa county.

Until Wednesday, when the four Fords made the first trip from Pendleton to La Grande, the tourists were shipping their cars over that stretch and during the past week about thirty cars were shipped to the Round-Up city.

The state highway department announces that the Pendleton-La Grande road will be open to all traffic within three weeks providing the weather remains pleasant.

CARELESSNESS CAUSED FIRE

UNION, May 12.—Fire last night destroyed the private garage back of the A. E. Eaton place in North Union, burning up the Hudson Sedan owned by George Delap, stage driver between Union and La Grande. The car was valued at about \$1300 and was insured for \$750. A few tools and other less valued articles were lost also.

No cause for the fire was known but apparently it resulted from a cigarette or match carelessly thrown in some dry grass at the side of the garage.

EXPENSIVE SPRING MILLINERY



BOY SCOUTS TO AID DRIVE ON SATURDAY

House to House Canvas Will be Undertaken to Wind up Y. M. C. A. Campaign.

With four teams yet to complete the canvass of their districts the Y. M. C. A. drive is short of the total amount to be raised, about \$1300. Teams No. 1, 2, 3 and 4 are still working and are confident of going over the top.

The Boy Scouts of La Grande will take up the burden tomorrow with a house to house canvass, soliciting from those who have not been seen in the regular campaign and are expecting to raise a considerable amount in this manner. Sixteen hundred dollars must be paid on outstanding bills and the note against the association must be partly met with the funds being collected. In addition to these two items the Y. M. C. A. must have funds to cover the regular running expenses.

The teams were entertained at dinner last evening at the home of Mrs. F. L. Meyers, who was assisted as hostess by Mrs. H. K. O'Brien, Mrs. A. T. Hill, Mrs. A. R. Hunter and Mrs. A. C. Hampton. The dinner was delicious and the ladies were highly complimented upon their delightful entertainment.

Enthusiasm was rampant at the banquet and all felt that the entire amount would be raised in a short time. The four teams not yet over the top have been handicapped by the absence of some of their members.

Speaking of the drive, several members stated that never before had the people subscribed so willingly. In one instance a firm that is leaving town this week, gave \$50.00. Many of those solicited had their check ready before the canvassers arrived.

SHOT HERSELF EARLY THIS MORNING AT HOME OF ONE OF HER DAUGHTERS HERE

Two Arrested for Robbery

Man and Woman Held for \$500,000 Theft Last Month

(By Associated Press)
SAVANNAH, Ga., May 12.—John Vardeman, alias J. W. Hollis, and Bertha Fern Vardeman, confessed to the robbery of the Chase National bank of New York City of \$500,000 in securities, according to detectives who said \$10,000 worth of bonds are still missing but will probably be recovered. The robbery occurred April 18. A country-wide search led to Savannah, where Vardeman and his family recently established themselves.

CARPENTIER TO MEET DEMPSEY DURING YEAR

(By Associated Press)
LONDON, May 12.—An agreement for Carpentier and Dempsey to meet either in London or Paris before next May was reached by Jack Kearns and Frances Descamps. The managers agreed to leave the promotion of the event to the parties offering the best terms.

Carpentier and Dempsey may meet other men in the meantime but defeat of either would cancel the agreement.

BULLETINS

(By Associated Press)
PITTSBURGH, Pa., May 12.—The Peterman mine in Pennsylvania township was blown up early today by dynamite. The explosion threw stones almost a quarter of a mile. A farm house nearly a quarter of a mile away was damaged by the blast. No one was hurt.

(By Associated Press)
PEKING, May 12.—A hundred American soldiers have been despatched to Tongshan, a few miles northeast of Tientsin to maintain communications and protect foreigners.

Mrs. A. B. Larabee Had Tried Self-Destruction Several Times

SHOT HERSELF AND WALKED OUT OF ROOM

Lived But Few Minutes After Collapsing Near Her Bed; no Inquest to be Held.

Despondent over ill health, Mrs. A. B. Larabee, of Caldwell, Idaho, committed suicide at the home of her daughter, Mrs. G. W. Ruple, 1513 X avenue here this morning. Mrs. Larabee has been visiting here and this was her third recent attempt at suicide, once having tried death by poisoning, another time by slashing her wrists with a knife and this morning shooting herself.

Mrs. Larabee left her bed at about 3:50 this morning, went into an adjoining room, took an empty .45 caliber automatic pistol out of a trunk, placed one cartridge into it and, apparently stooping over the open trunk, shot herself in the left breast.

After shooting herself she walked back into the bedroom and collapsed just before reaching her bed, dying several minutes later. Her daughter, who with her baby was sleeping in another part of the house, awoke just after the shooting but did not recall hearing the shot. However, she heard her mother on her way back to her bedroom and entered the room just as she collapsed.

Recently while at Hales visiting with another daughter, Mrs. Larabee tried to slash her wrists with a knife but her daughter intervened in time to prevent serious harm. Another occasion recently she is said to have taken some iodine with suicidal intent.

Mrs. Larabee was 52 years of age. She is survived by her husband, A. B. Larabee of Caldwell, Idaho, and the following children: Roy Wardell of New Meadows, Idaho, Mrs. Asa Toney of Hines, Oregon, Mrs. T. W. Swart of Caldwell, Idaho, Mrs. G. W. Ruple of this city and Richard Larabee of Caldwell, Idaho.

Her mother, Mrs. Julia F. Casseering of Caldwell, Idaho, also survives and a brother, John Randall, also of Caldwell.

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Dr. Phy's Prize Bull Calf Has Fine Record

The Holstein bull calf valued at \$1,000 to be awarded by Dr. W. T. Phy, of Hot Lake, to the winner of the first honors in the grade dairy cow class at the Union Live Stock Show, to be held June 7, 8 and 9 at Union, is a calf of exceptionally high breeding, being a perfect type of Holstein-Friesian bull.

Its pedigree is as follows: Sire, "Carnation King Matador," the senior herd sire of Dr. Phy's herd at Hot Lake. The sire is the only son in the state of Oregon of "Carnation King Sylvia," the celebrated \$100,000 bull.

The dam is "Hazelwood Josephine," a prize-winning cow of the same sire. She held the following

state of Oregon records for butter fat production: Junior, three years, seven-day butter fat production; Junior three years, 105-day butter fat production; Junior, four years, seven-day butter fat production.

Tonight and Saturday generally clear with light frosts early in the morning in exposed places in the east portion of the state.

Weather