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STEAMER IS BURNED AT SEA

Seventy Six Passengers and Crew In Life Boats When Rescue Boats Come

RADIO TELLS STORY; HELP SENT VESSEL

Fate of Lifeboats Is Uncertain, Indicate Wireless Messages.

"GOODBYE TO ALL" IS LAST WORD SENT

Vessels Hurry to the Rescue But Had Not Arrived When Last Man Had Abandoned Burning Vessel, Says Radio.

SAN PEDRO, Calif., Oct. 12.—The passengers of the City of Honolulu are reported safe, according to messages received from E. L. Debeney's yacht, Casanovia, which picked up the S. O. S. signals and rushed to the scene. The crew of the ill-fated ship numbered two hundred.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 12.—Passengers were being removed into lifeboats from the steamer City of Honolulu, which is burning in the Pacific ocean, two days off shore from Los Angeles, according to a radio message received this morning.

Help Is Asked For. The message was addressed to the steamer Enterprise, and the message asked the Enterprise if she was coming to the rescue.

Twelve minutes before the Honolulu had sent a wireless stating that she was lowering boats and was sending out S. O. S. calls constantly. Bad Fire Is Raging.

While the message itself was brief, it portended serious conditions aboard the ship. "Bad fire raging" was the short but significant message received by the Enterprise.

Immediate assistance was essential, it was added later.

The boat gave her position as Latitude 31.07 North and Longitude 121.40 West. The position of the Enterprise at the time was given as Latitude 22.17 North and Longitude 126.12 West.

Calls Go Unanswered. Radio calls sent to the burning vessel from 9 o'clock until 9:50 this morning by the Federal Telegraph company were not answered, and it is judged from this that all persons have taken to the boats.

Explosions may have created disaster far greater than first reported. The fire on the Honolulu was entirely beyond control at 10 a. m. and at that hour the ship was being abandoned by the captain, chief of floor, first officer and radio operators.

"The captain and the gang are leaving the ship. Good-bye to you all," said the last radio message from the ship.

The steamer Enterprise, nearest of three vessels to the ill-fated ship, had not reached the burning vessel when the final message was sent.

76 Passengers Aboard. HONOLULU, Oct. 12.—There were 76 passengers aboard the City of Honolulu when she left here for Los Angeles. Sixty-four of them were sailors and 12 third class.

The nature of the sea and what prospects the boats will have has not been indicated by radiograms.

Hope For Success in Financial Drive Today

If the average response is met with in those whom are yet to be interviewed, the Y. M. C. A. confidently expects the financial drive to go over the top by this evening. The reports that were received from the various workers on their respective territories were very good. Several have not yet subscribed their quota, but will probably not be interviewed until a later date due to the fact that some of the team workers are out of town on business but they will be entered in the lists of those who have entered within a very short time, in all likelihood. The various committees working on the financial drive made the

7,000 Miles By Parcel Post



Julia Kaban, eight, has been safely delivered to her father in America after having journeyed 7,000 miles from Bavaria in the care of the postal authorities. She wore a parcel post tag.

WATER SYSTEM IS IMPROVED

Rebuilding of Chamber at Intake Does Away With Many Detriments to System.

A report made by the city manager proved to be the most important phase of the meeting of the city commission held last evening. Dr. H. S. Brown and Sherwood Williams were present.

In the report, Mr. Kratz states, "Considerable progress tending to the betterment of the water supply of the city has been made recently at the Beaver Creek intake. Formerly the intake, with a diameter of 14 inches on the inside and with a screen box 2 1/2 inches in width, was easily clogged up by sand, trash and gravel, thus stopping the water supply occasionally or lowering the outflow."

"The matter has been attended to and the water supply is now coming as per schedule. The intake dam has been extended eight feet into the bank and raised 2 1/2 feet, and the intake chamber, now 10 by 16 feet, has been designed with several gates that may be opened and closed easily keeping out the sand and gravel that tends to clog the system. A floor on the intake makes sluicing possible and with this arrangement, the chamber can be kept clean at all times without detrimental results in regards to the flow of water to the city."

Mr. Kratz also states that the caretaker of the dam will have new headquarters situated at the intake instead of about a mile distant as is now the case. This will do away with some avoidable occurrences such as the bursting of the spillway that happened this spring. Permission to clean the creek bottom of stumps and other detriments was asked of the commission but they deemed it inadvisable to act on this matter at the present time.

The remainder of the meeting was devoted to the monthly bills and other routine matters of minor importance.

LONE BANDIT ROBS ENTIRE NIGHT TRAIN

Occupants of Pullmans Relieved of Jewelry by Daring Robber.

VALUABLES STRIPPED FROM PASSENGERS

Bandit Cleans out Sixty-Eight Passengers, Then Drops Off Train Just Before It Enters Station at Chicago Terminal.

CHICAGO, Oct. 12.—Sixty-eight Chicago-bound passengers in sleeping cars were robbed of their jewelry and money by a negro bandit who boarded the Santa Fe California Limited out of Kansas City last night.

According to reports received here, the bandit with his face covered with a handkerchief, went through two cars, ordering the passengers from their berths and robbing all of them. Rings and necklaces were torn from the women.

The negro swung off the train 10 blocks from the station.

PIERCE AT BEND. BEND, Oct. 12.—That Walter M. Pierce, candidate on the democratic ticket for the governorship of Oregon, will be in Bend on the night of Thursday, October 12, to speak on political issues, was the word received today by J. A. Estes, local party leader. Estes has made arrangements for the use of the Legion building and expects that Pierce will begin his address at 8:15 o'clock.

WARREN ACQUITTED. THE DALLES, Oct. 12.—Philip Warren was acquitted of the murder of Prohibition Agent Todd.

THE BUSY MAN'S NEWSPAPER

SPORTS - AMERICAN AND FOREIGN

CHES, WAL AND HICKORY NUTS

THE WHITE MAN'S BURDEN

WAR

PEACE

CHECK OFF!

FOOTBALL

A KNOCKOUT

TAX COLLECTION APPEARS GOOD

With Week's Mail Yet to Be Opened, Collection Expected to Nearly Equal Last Year.

Although the reports of the Union county tax collections will not be available for about ten days, present indications point to a very satisfactory collection. The amount delinquent is expected to be possibly a little larger than that last year, but it is impossible to make an accurate guess as yet. What has been already taken in proves that the collection will be nearly as much as last year, at the least.

The county collection in La Grande and vicinity has just about cleaned up but about one week's mail yet remains unopened in the tax collector's office. This is practically all from outlying districts, most of it in small lots. The county tax collector has been handicapped by shortage of help and is doing the greater share of the work himself.

The majority of the taxpayers in the county have paid their taxes or part of them, it has been ascertained, and the delinquent list is expected to be, even if greater than last year, lower than many of the counties in the state.

BROTHERHOOD TALKS TURKEY

John Hodgins and Rev. W. C. Ross Discuss "Turkey and Europe;" Attendance Very Good.

The Presbyterian Brotherhood met last evening at the home of J. F. Healy with a very good attendance. The subject "Turkey and Europe" proved to be very interesting, although regret was evidenced that William Miller, who was to have discussed the matter, was ill. John Hodgins and Rev. W. C. Ross, ably handled the matter, presenting the situation in an interesting and easily understandable manner. Beginning with the time when the Turks first entered Europe, they dwelt on the progress and the history connected with their reign up to the present time. Round table discussion followed the completion of their talks.

Rev. W. J. Hughes of Prairie City; Rev. W. F. Shields of Walla Walla; Rev. William Baird of Baker, and Rev. J. C. Templeton, of Eugene, all gave short talks. Other out-of-town guests were John McDonald of Walla Walla and Leonard Olson of Lostine.

At the close of the discussion a delicious two course luncheon was served and a social hour observed. The next meeting will be held the first Wednesday in November.

SCHNEIDER'S CHARGE HAS REPUDIATED

DEATH FROM DRUGS UNDER QUIZ. TACOMA, Oct. 12.—As the result of the death last night of Joseph Ryan, apparently caused from drug, three companions have been arrested. Art Meyers of Tacoma was arrested last night and George Walter and William H. Hunt at Portland today. They are all being held for investigation, and the police are trying to determine whether Ryan took the drug by mistake or whether it was administered by the companions.

PENDLETON IS AFTER ROADS

Organization Formed to Get Highway Link to Grant County.

PENDLETON, Oct. 12.—WHEREAS, The improvement of the highway from Pendleton southward through Grant county, thence to Burns and Lakeview is of extreme importance for the following reasons:

1. The territory affected geographically embraces a very large portion of the State of Oregon.

2. This district has long been settled but the development has been retarded by the lack of transportation.

3. There is a particular need of a north and south road because only through such a road many farmers and stockmen have proper access to market and financial centers.

4. The present condition of the road between Pendleton and Grant county is intolerable and has been defined by the State Highway Commission as the worst road in Oregon.

5. To improve this road would not only be of inestimable service to people in the intervening territory but would be an asset to the State from a tourist standpoint through providing a connection between the Columbia River Highway, the Old Oregon Trail and the Oregon-Washington highway with the John Day Highway.

WHEREAS, The improvement of this north and south road is imperative if the people living adjacent to such road are to have the service they are entitled to and if the interior country is to be developed in accord with its possibilities.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By this association that its officers and executive committee be instructed to use every proper effort in their power to bring about the early improvement of the road for its entire length but that the securing of a better grade north from the north fork of the John Day be treated as a particularly urgent matter.

BE IT RESOLVED, By this Association that the county court of Umatilla county be urged to hold in trust the \$5,000 of bond money voted for this road, so as to have the same for meeting federal and state funds when the same can be secured.

BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be forwarded to the county courts of Umatilla, Grant, Harney and Lake counties, the state highway commission of Oregon, the district forester in Portland and members of the Oregon delegation in Congress.

Mossie Is President. With the above set of resolutions the association formed at Pilot Rock yesterday to work for the north and south road went on record for a determined move to bring about results. A live organization was perfected with officers and executive committee who will work vigorously to arouse the entire district from Pendleton to Lakeview to support the demand for a good north and south interior road. The following men are in charge of the association.

Officers. President—James Mossie, Ukiah. Vice President—Felix A. Johnson, Harney. Hon. Vice President—Mrs. Mary Davis, Harney. Secretary—Treasurer—C. I. Hart, Pendleton.

Directors. G. A. Hartman, Pendleton; R. G. (Continued on Page Five.)

INJUNCTION IS ISSUED

NEW YORK, Oct. 12.—Federal Judge Hand today granted a temporary restraining order prohibiting the federal officers from putting into effect the federal order to seize ships and liquor under Daugherty order.

MARKETS STEADY

PORTLAND, Oct. 12.—Livestock, grain and butter are steady.

Lewis Hollweg, Bigamist Arrested in La Grande

Lewis Hollweg, of German nationality, was arrested here today, ten years of age in La Grande to go to Salem, where he will face a charge of bigamy and probably bigamy from another wife whom he married about fourteen months ago and who is now the mother of an infant child. Word was received by the sheriff's office Monday and John Striker, deputy sheriff, arrested Hollweg that evening. He was taken to Salem last evening by Constable DeLong, who arrived in the city yesterday. Whether a bigamy charge will be made is uncertain. According to the Salem authorities, Hollweg is a very nice young man.

SCHNEIDER'S CHARGE HAS REPUDIATED

Hayes Will Be Released Today as Result of New "Confession."

SCHNEIDER GRILLED AND THEN GIVES IN

Former Saloon Keeper Now in Spotlight Following the Charges Filed by Step-daughter; Inquiry Is Continued.

SOMERVILLE, N. J., Oct. 12.—Raymond Schneider today repudiated the alleged confession accusing Clifford Hayes, aged 19, of the murder of Rev. Hall and Mrs. Mills. Hayes probably will be released today, it was unofficially announced. Schneider earlier in the day collapsed under a severe grilling and the physician worked half an hour to revive him.

Officers handling the Hall-Mills murder mystery drew a close veil of secrecy about themselves Wednesday, evading the army of newspaper men who camped on their trail.

Through the inevitable "leaks," however, came reports that most of the day's activities tended to draw more sharply into the spotlight Nicholas Bahmer, saloonkeeper, who was jailed Tuesday night on a statutory charge preferred by his daughter Pearl, 15, also in jail on a charge of incorrigibility.

Bahmer's record was checked and rechecked, and his story of his whereabouts on the night of the slaying of the Rev. Edward Wheeler Hall and his choir leader, Mrs. Eleanor Reinhardt Mills, was gone over closely. Attempts also were made to question him further, but jail attendants reported he was so badly shattered of nerve as a result of deprivation of alcoholic stimulant that he was unable to talk coherently.

Daughter Makes Charges.

Bahmer's daughter had told the authorities, in one of her many statements, that Bahmer had threatened to cut both her own throat and that of Raymond Schneider, her sweetheart, on the night that the minister and choir leader were slain and the latter's throat was slashed. Bahmer denied this, but admitted he was looking for Schneider that night with a pistol. He said, however, that he was at home and in bed when the murders were committed. His pistol, he added, was a .45 caliber, white that with which the slayings were committed was a .22.

While the authorities were checking up new leads and rechecking the story told by Schneider, on which 19-year-old Clifford Hayes has been arrested for the murders, citizens of New Brunswick forged ahead with plans for a "tag day" Saturday to raise a "Hayes justice fund." They openly express belief that Hayes was "framed."

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