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FOUR BAKER PEOPLE HURT IN ACCIDENT

Car Overturns in Loose Gravel on Oregon Trail Near Hot Lake

THREE SERIOUSLY HURT, MEDICS SAY

Sheriff Jesse Breshears Investigates — Believes Wreck Due to Crowded Driver's Seat.

Three persons were seriously injured and a fourth was bruised and slightly injured about 6 o'clock yesterday evening when a coupe in which they were riding in loose gravel the other side of Hot Lake and overturned twice, coming to rest on its side with its back wheels nearly in the water at the side of the Old Oregon Trail highway.

The three who were hurt the worst were rushed to Hot Lake, and the fourth, Carl Coucker, of Baker, drove the car to the lake after other motorists assisted in getting it onto the road. The machine was badly damaged but the engine was unhurt.

A telephone call to Hot Lake this afternoon resulted in the information that no one was dangerously hurt, although the injuries are regarded as serious. Clyde Fresh suffered a broken shoulder and other injuries and two young women, Doris Qualls and Winnie Stewart, suffered painful injuries. All are from Baker.

Sheriff Investigates

Sheriff Jesse Breshears went to the scene of the wreck for an investigation last night and reports that he believes that a partial cause of the accident was the crowded condition, making it difficult to drive. In this state it is unlawful for more than three persons of 12 years of age or more to occupy the driver's seat. Mr. Breshears reports that the light coupe is registered in official records to books as belonging to Ed Lahm, of Durkee, Ore.

The car was coming to La Grande from Baker, it is reported, when it struck the loose gravel about half a mile the other side of Hot Lake. The pin was broken off the steering wheel and the car was guided into Hot Lake by use of the steering wheel spokes. The coupe went off of the road on the left-hand side, it is reported.

13 HURT IN PORTLAND

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 26 (AP)—Thirteen were injured, one woman, perhaps fatally, half a score narrowly escaped being hurt and three drivers were arrested as the result of traffic accidents yesterday and early today in and near Portland.

Mrs. George F. Watson, 66, McMinnville, Ore., was received at the Portland sanatarium yesterday suffering possible internal injuries, a broken collar bone and an injured spine after an automobile in which she had been riding had crashed

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HARVESTER TO BE SOLD HERE BY MR. TOWLE

Leonard Towle, of Cove, has taken the Union county agency for the Holt harvester and is opening headquarters on Jefferson avenue in La Grande today. He will spend most of his time here in connection with his business but plans to continue to make his home at Cove.

A carload of three machines are coming this week and will be displayed as soon as unloaded. His headquarters are next to the Ryan Fruit company building. Mr. Towle also expects to include Baker county in his territory as there is no agency there. He has had 15 years experience with harvesters. "I took this agency because I beleive the Holt is the best on the market," he says, adding that he believes the prospects here are very bright for his business.

Shrine Club To Be Formed Here

A Shrine club will be reorganized in La Grande Thursday evening when a dinner meeting of the Shrine lodge here will be held at the La Grande hotel at 6:30 o'clock. L. L. Snodgrass, of this city, has been appointed rajah for this district by Hugh J. Boyd, potentate of the Shrine lodge, of Portland, the appointment to be formally announced at Thursday night's meeting.

A Shrine club functioned here about eight year's ago, but for the past several years has been inactive. Plans are that a women's auxiliary will be formed after the club is organized.

Invitations for the dinner Thursday night have been sent out, however, all nobles of the lodge who have not received an invitation are invited to attend.

Epworth League Institute Held At M. E. Church

Three Sessions, with Average Attendance of 40—Churches Have Interesting Services.

Probably the most successful Union county indoor Epworth League institute ever held in La Grande closed at the First Methodist Episcopal church here last evening, about 60 persons attending the session yesterday afternoon and evening. Delegates from Cove, North Powder and Union attended the institute, which opened Friday evening.

There was an average attendance of 40 during the three sessions of the institute and certificates will be awarded to 10 or 12 young people who were present for all three sessions. The meeting closed last night with a consecration service conducted by the Rev. H. W. Parker, dean of the institute. Miss Eleanor Vernon, Mrs. Dexter Mattoon and E. A. Sayre were the instructors.

Dr. George H. Hillerman completed a successful Lenten mission at the English Lutheran church here last night, when he gave an address on "The Fact of Security," touching on questions bearing on one's safety from condemnation and assurance of such safety for the members of one's family. The services throughout the Lenten mission were well attended. Yesterday morning Dr. Hillerman spoke on "The Fact of the Word" in which he discussed the truth of the Bible. He left last night for Seattle, Wash., and plans to return to his home in Berkeley, Cal., about Easter time. He has been visiting the various Lutheran churches of Oregon and Washington.

Install Officers

The ordination and installation of Gustav Wissler as elder and Miss Grace Snook as deacon was a feature of the morning services at the First Presbyterian church yesterday. Both were elected for a term of three years at the annual meeting of the congregation, which was recently held. Other members of the session with Mr. Wissler are: H. H. Hanna, clerk, Hubert S. Eakin, O. L. MacDowell, W. B. Pickens, J. F. Bonsty, J. K. Wright, Dr. E. P. Mossman and C. M. Humphreys, and other members of the board of deacons besides Miss Snook are, Mrs. W. E. Buchanan, chairman, Mrs. A. T. Hill, secretary, Mrs. W. P. Mohr, vice chairman, Mrs. William Miller, Mrs. C. M. Humphreys, Mrs. T. A. McKinstry, Mrs. George Baker and Dr. Margaret Ingle. The installation service was conducted by Rev. J. George Walz, pastor and was followed by a short sermon on "Omnipotence of Prayer." The choir sang "Like As A Father" by Hesmer, conducted by W. W. Nusbaum in the absence of Mrs. A. L. Richardson. The subject of the evening service was "Christ Invites Himself." The morning sermon was a unique exposition of what prayer means.

During the session of the Bible school in the morning the nominating committee reported and the following officers were elected, most of them to succeed themselves for another year: O. L. MacDowell, superintendent; Mrs. Turner Oliver, assistant; Miss Goldie Owen, treasurer; Miss Ruth Neidderer, secretary; Mrs. I. C. Bowser, song leader; Miss Grace Geibel,

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Moving Picture House to Close 5 Days a Week

The Colonial theater, starting today, will be closed five days of each week and will be open to the public only on Saturdays and Sundays. This will be continued for an indefinite period, according to Francis Greulich, proprietor.

The theater will open at 2 o'clock on Saturdays and Sundays and at 7 o'clock in the evenings of those days.

Golfers Now Using Permanent Greens

Many golfers spent most of yesterday on the La Grande country club golf course, which is reported to be in good shape. All permanent greens are now in use, and unless weather conditions are unfavorable the use of these greens will continue. A crew of men is at work at the golf course doing some seeding, and also laying tile for drainage purposes.

Benefit Dance Is To Be Wednesday

La Grande Aerie No. 259 will give another benefit dance on Wednesday evening, the proceeds to go into the fund being raised by the committee appointed by the lodge to assist in defraying the expenses of the meeting of the state aerie in this city next June.

The committee reports that everything points to a very successful dance with a large crowd in attendance.

FINISH PLANS FOR BUILDING ON FIR, ADAMS

Mrs. Grace Snyder Will Erect One-Story Concrete, Brick Structure

SIX STORE ROOMS TO BE PROVIDED

Work of Tearing Down Grande Ronde Valley House Scheduled to Begin Immediately.

Completion of plans for a one-story business building on Fir street and Adams avenue were announced this morning by Mrs. Grace Snyder, owner, and Charles Miller, architect. The structure will replace the pioneer Grande Ronde valley house and workmen were to begin tearing down the back buildings today.

Next Monday Moon's Drugstore is to be re-opened in the rooms formerly occupied by Andrews' Variety store and will remain in operation there until the Snyder building is completed, when the store will return to its present location.

Receive Bids Soon

As soon as this is done the major work of razing the wooden building will begin and work will go forward as rapidly as possible. Bids will be received about the first of April for the new structure. Actual construction will start just as soon as the premises are cleared off.

The tearing down of the pioneer building and the construction of a modern brick business house will be another step in the upbuilding

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OPERA STARS GO THROUGH SUNDAY

Mary Garden in Bed But Edith Mason, Chewing Gum, Interviewed

Grand opera came to La Grande last night. Like fleet ships on a dark night two great trains with blue and yellow black cars steamed into La Grande, stayed for 10 minutes and then steamed out—back to their world of glamorous excitement, crowds and Chicago, whence they came. But while the trains—like glorified circus cars they were, with 500 persons and tons of baggage—stopped here they brought to La Grande soil such a collection of world celebrities, stars of the most brilliant of all types of music, as probably never were here before. Mary Garden in La Grande! Hackett, Van Gordan, Edith Mason, Rosa Raisa, these and dozens of others, whose natural gifts have brought them world fame.

Many Meet Trains

To the 50 or more La Granders who sought and had a glimpse and bit of conversation with some of the celebrities, the stop was one that will linger long in memory, for it is not often that "small towners" have such an opportunity. And in that happy memory will stay one firm conviction — opera stars aren't high hat!

Let anyone dare to tell the La Granders who visited with them last night that they are. True, Mary herself had retired. (It must have been so, for her maid, the conductor, and the porter were agreed—and yet there were those who declare that they caught glimpses of the Mary of international fame). But Edith Mason was there, with the graciousness of Queen Marie

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Volley Ball Teams Near End of Series

The business men's volley ball class, which has been playing regularly at the La Grande hotel ballroom this winter, is now conducting an interesting contest among its own members winners of which will be treated to an oyster supper at the hotel soon by the losers. A series of 12 games is being played with the date of the final game set for next Friday night. So far in the contest, which is exactly half over, the team captained by Sherwood Williams is in the lead, with four games to the other team's two. The business men have had a number of pleasurable recreational evenings this winter at volley ball and this contest is a pleasant climax to the season. The teams follow: Mr. Williams' team: J. H. Peare, John Garrity, Dr. R. G. McCall, Leon Stoddard, Claude Mackey, T. J. Scroggin and William Miller. T. K. Bellamy's team: H. E. Dixon, R. V. Copsey, S. L. Thompson, W. O. Clinger, F. L. Meyers and Dr. Lee Bouvy.

Minam Lumber Co. Suit Decided In Circuit Court

Foreclosure Order at Enterprise to Distribute Claims of More Than $160,000.

ENTERPRISE, Ore., Mar. 26—Judgments for more than $160,000, with proportionate interest and costs, have been entered in circuit court on order of Judge J. W. Knowles in his decision of litigation over the property of the Minam Lumber company according to the Enterprise Record-Chieftain. The matter came up on a foreclosure suit brought by Harriet E. Buswell, doing business as the Buswell Lumber company against the Minam company and a long list of personal defendants.

The Minam company operated for several years, and with profit at the first. The company got its logs cheap, floating them down Minam river on high water in the spring, and sawing them at its mill at Minam. Then adversities came and the mill closed and for a year or so the property has been in litigation. It is understood that Judge Knowles' judgment, decree and order establishes the relative interests of various creditors, which will determine the proportion each will receive in the final distribution.

His order includes the following points:

1. That defendant, La Grande National Bank, recover from Minam Lumber Co. and from L. E. Caviness, administrator of the estate of J. L. Caviness deceased, $3600 with interest and costs, and $6646 with interest and costs.

2. That La Grande National Bank recover from Minam Lumber Co. and H. S. Brownton $3600 with interest and costs.

3. That La Grande National Bank recover from Minam Lumber Co. and L. J. French $8,576 with interest and costs.

4 That La Grande National Bank recover from Minam Lumber Co., L. J. French, L. E. Caviness, administrator, H. S. Brownton, C. H. Conkey, Bruce Cox and F. C. Goff $81,000 with interest and costs.

5. That Harriet E. Buswell recover from Minam Lumber Co. $57,362 with interest and costs.

6. That judgments and decrees in favor of La Grande National Bank in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 be first lien on certain described mortgaged property.

7. That judgments in favor of La Grande National Bank in paragraph 4 be first lien on certain property.

8. That judgment in favor of Harriet E. Buswell in paragraph 5 be second lien on certain mortgaged property; and a first lien on state franchise for logging in Minam river, and on the splash dam in this river, and on timber contracts with the Forest Service.

Robert S. Eakin, grand master for the state of Oregon, will make his official visit at that time and will speak during the evening. He will be accompanied by the district deputy grand master, Weston F. Shields, of Wallowa.

All master Masons are invited to attend the meeting. An attendance of about 250 is expected from the three counties, including about 50 from La Grande.

La Grande Gets Touch of Winter

Following a bright, sunshiny Sunday with a maximum temperature of 50 above, winter made a defiant gesture early this morning that resulted in an inch of snow and a minimum of 31 above zero. The snow was melting rapidly this morning.

Yesterday the highways were covered with motorists, gardeners were busy about their homes and a large number of persons were present at the trapshoot and similar events. The weather forecast today indicates warmer weather tomorrow, pointing to an early retreat of Boreas' spring appearance.

Van Elsberg Trial Set For Tomorrow

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Van Elsberg are under $200 bonds each on charges of possession of liquor as the result of a police raid at 1211 Second street Saturday night, according to police records, which state that half a gallon of moonshine liquor was found in the house.

Trial has been set for tomorrow night at 7:30 o'clock in municipal court.

Master Masons To Gather at Union

A tri-county meeting of masters Masons from Union, Wallowa and Baker counties will be held at Union tomorrow evening in the K. P. hall there. The Union lodge will be host at dinner at 6:30 o'clock and the meeting will follow.

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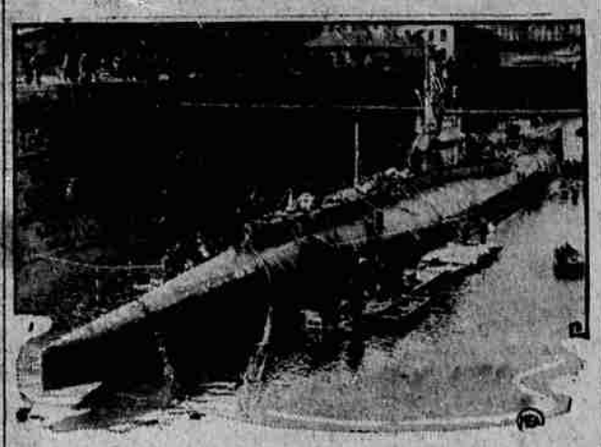
SUBMARINE S-4 RAISED



Here is a general view of the submarine S-4 after withdrawal of the water laid her bare. When this picture was taken, bodies of the members of the ill-fated craft's crew, were still entombed within. The S-4 sank after a collision off the East Coast several weeks ago.

Campbell Seeks Union-Wallowa Seat In House

ENTERPRISE, Ore., Mar. 26.—Several new candidates have come forward during the week to swell the small list previously in the field. Most of them have proceeded at once to complete their legal candidacy either with petitions or declarations.

O. F. Campbell, superintendent of schools at Wallowa, has announced himself an aspirant for the seat of representative in the legislature from the 24th district, consisting of Wallowa and Union counties. He will not circulate petitions but has filed his declaration of candidacy with the secretary of state at Salem. Before agreeing to take the step, Mr. Campbell was assured by the school board that he had their approval and that a vacation will be given him while the legislature is in session if he is elected.

A graduate of the University of Idaho, Mr. Campbell was superintendent at Joseph a couple of years and is now in his second year at Wallowa. He has spent his summer vacations largely in the county and part of the time has worked at Wallowa Lake Wonderland. He is a republican.

No other candidate to succeed C. A. Hunter, retiring representative, has come into the field.

O. S. C. Singers Appear At Hot Lake in Concert

Members of the Oregon State college Madrigal club spent yesterday in La Grande on their way to Baker, where they will appear tonight, and were luncheon guests at noon of Dr. W. T. Phy at Hot Lake, where they gave a 40-minute concert, beginning at about 11:30 o'clock. Several selections from the operetta "H. M. S. Pinafore," which will be presented at the high school auditorium here Friday night by the club, were given during the concert.

Ted Roy is the leading man in the operetta, which is said to be the best amateur production heard for several years. Former students of the college took the club members to Hot Lake yesterday. Those taking cars were: Hugh E. Brady, Leal Russell, Bob Smith, Harry Waggoner, Raymond McKennon, Marjorie Reynolds, Mrs. Lee Reynolds, Mrs. Charles Reynolds, Audmer Playle, Ray Price, Melvin, Larson, R. L. Poarch and Clark Fitzgerald.

The operetta company will be in La Grande all day Friday.

JUNIOR CLASS PLAY AT UNION GIVEN FRIDAY

UNION, Ore., Mar. 26 (Special)—The junior class play "The Winning of Joy," a drama in three acts was presented Friday evening before a full house at the gymnasium here. Supt. Roy Conklin directed the play, the cast included, Uncle Joe Reeves, Bob Cox; Dave Reeves, his foster son, Glenn Miller; Pa Vernon (Jim), his brother-in-law, Kenneth Hutchinson; Bill Vernon, his nephew, Ray Delap; Joy King, orphaned step-niece of Pa Vernon, La Verne Clarke; Ma Vernon, Joe's sister and Jim's wife, Gertrude Wheeler; Kate Vernon, her daughter, Vallie Geertsen; Mrs. Simms, Peggy Weaver; Hettie Sims, her daughter, Doris Kirk; Benjamin Assafilty, Keith Coburn; the Rev. Phineas Barker, Alfred Stonedahl.

The high school girls quartet, consisting of Jane Smith, Leona Spray, Vallie and Nellie Geertsen, sang two selections between the first and second act. They were accompanied at the piano by Miss Gertrude Hobbs. Several selections were given by the Union band.

CAMPFIRE GIRLS HOLD CEREMONIAL

More Than 100 Participate—Firemakers Rank Is Awarded Seven

About 200 persons interested in the work of the Campfire Girl organization in La Grande gathered at the L. D. S. Recreational hall on Fourth street Saturday night for the grand council fire, which was held there with more than 100 campfire girls participating.

One of the outstanding parts of the ceremonial was the awarding of the fire-makers rank to seven campfire girls, this being the first time this rank has been awarded in La Grande. Three girls of the Sacajawea group, of which Mrs. Leif H. Awes is guardian, received the rank, Verla McLane, Edna Jensen and Natalie Ebert, one girl from the Soangetaha group, of which Mrs. Elmer Skala is guardian, Dorothy Brownton; and three girls from the Hunita group, of Muddy Creek, of which Mrs. Fay Christensen is guardian. The wood-gatherers rank was also awarded to about 15 campfire girls.

Sunrise Call First

The program opened with the sunrise call, which was given by the Soangetaha campfire group. After a call a number of girls dressed in gowns entered and formed a circle around the candles in the center of the room, the candelabrum consisting of seven holders, symbolizing the seven points of the Campfire law. The bugle call was given by Miss Mary Culp, after which a second group of girls in middies entered and formed two circles around the girls in gowns. There was a roll call of camps, and each camp answered with its cheer. The fire lighting ceremony then took place with the Wawokiye group, of which Mrs. W. T. Phy is guardian, lighting the fires of work, health and love, which combine to make the campfire watchwork "Wohelo."

The birthday candle was lighted,

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North Powder Man In Hospital Here

NORTH POWDER, Ore., Mar. 26 (Special) — Charlie Harris, while drilling a well on Bennet Harrison's ranch on Wolf creek was caught in the cable of the well drill and before the engine could be shut down, he received serious injuries. His collar bone and three ribs were reported broken. Mr. Harris was taken to the Grande Ronde hospital for medical attention.

The Grande Ronde hospital reported this afternoon that Mr. Harris' condition is good, and he is recovering nicely.

Felt Mean, So He Fired Lumber Yard

HILLSBORO, Ore., Mar. 26 (AP)—Eight hours after he is alleged to have set fire to the R. L. Tucker Lumber yard here, causing a loss of $8000, Alexander Rossen, 28, was in the county jail here today charged with arson, and according to local officers had confessed.

Rossen, captured by Patrolman Grant Zumwalt, is reported to have said: "I felt mean last night and wanted excitement."

Carr, Coolidge Will Be Speakers

An interesting program will be given at tomorrow's forum luncheon of the Union county chamber of commerce under the heading of "Keep Your Money at Home." J. J. Carr, of the La Grande Building and Loan association, and H. E. Coolidge, of the La Grande National bank, will be the speakers.

Benjamin Oesterling, high school student, will play a saxophone solo during the luncheon.

German Plane Ends First Lap Of Ocean Flight

Baron von Huenfeld Lands at Dublin Field Preparatory to Hop to New York City.

NEW YORK, Mar. 26. (AP)—The New York Evening Post, in a copyrighted story today, says that a German junkers monoplane with a crew of three men left Tempelhoffer airfield at 8:20 this morning (German time) on the first lap of a flight to New York.

An overnight stop will be made at Dublin where the plane will be refuelled for the long Atlantic hop. The aviators are Baron von Huenfeld, owner of the plane, Captain Koehl, pilot, and Mechanic Spindler.

With favorable weather conditions they plan to leave Ireland at daylight tomorrow and to arrive at Mitchell Field Wednesday morning.

Secret Start

The start of the flight from the flying field near Berlin, was made so secretly that even close friends of the fliers knew nothing of the departure, the paper says. Baron von Huenfield was said to have feared government interference with his plans as the result of growing public sentiment against the loss of human life in previous attempts.

The plane will not take the direct route to Dublin but will circle the place of exile of the former Kaiser Wilhelm at Doorn, Holland, where a bouquet of flowers and a message from the crew will be dropped. The baron shared for a time the exile of the former crown prince. It was expected that about 10 hours would be needed for this part of the flight.

The Post says that the pilot and owner became convinced after a flight last August which was abandoned after reaching Ireland, that a non-stop westward flight from Germany to America was impossible.

SAFE IN DUBLIN

DUBLIN, Irish Free State, Mar. 26. (AP) — The German Junkers transatlantic plane Bremen, on the first lap of a flight from east to west across the Atlantic, arrived at Baldonnel Airdrome late today from Tempelhofer field.

Aboard the Bremen were Captain Hermann Koehl, the pilot, Baron von Huenfeld and Mechanic Arthur Spindler.

The German fliers were met by Commandant Fitzmaurice, chief of the Irish air force.

The strictest secrecy ruled at the airdrome but it was understood that the German fliers would start their great undertaking with New York as their objective at the first opportunity.

McNary-Haugen Relief Measure Reported, 15 to 6

WASHINGTON, Mar. 26 (AP)—The house agriculture committee today reported the McNary-Haugen farm relief bill. The vote was 15 to 6.

Chairman Haugen said that no last-minute changes of any consequence had been made in the measure and he and Representative Purnell of Indiana, the ranking republican members, both declared that the measure was the best farm relief bill ever presented to congress.

The measure as approved, is a material revision of the bill passed by congress last year and vetoed by President Coolidge.

By a vote of 13 to 8 the house agriculture committee today rejected the Ketcham-Jones debenture farm bill as a substitute for the McNary-Haugen measure.

Manslaughter Case Starts in Eugene

EUGENE, Ore., Mar. 26. (AP)—Trial of Charles Murray, Eugene shoe man, charged with involuntary manslaughter, for the death of William L. Martin in an automobile accident, opened this morning in circuit court. Judge G. F. Skipworth presided.

Officers charge that Murray was intoxicated at the time of the accident. He was driving the car which struck Martin, a pedestrian.

Mother of First Lady Has Relapse

NORTHAMPTON, Mass., Mar. 26 (AP)—The condition of Mrs. Lemira Goodhue, mother of Mrs. Coolidge, has taken a turn for the worse, her personal physician Dr. J. E. Hayes, said today. Mrs. Goodhue, who has been at the Cooley Dickinson hospital since last December, suffered a relapse late yesterday and Mrs. Coolidge was notified immediately of her mother's condition.

TO GO TO MOTHER

WASHINGTON, Mar. 26 (AP)—Mrs. Coolidge will leave this afternoon for Northampton, Mass., where her mother, Mrs. Lemira Goodhue, is said to have suffered a serious relapse in her illness.

HEAVY RAINS IN CALIFORNIA CAUSE FLOOD

Several Rivers over Banks—Family of 5 Forced into Treetops

DANGER AT RENO IS PAST ITS PEAK

Hundreds of Acres of Crop Lands in Modesto Area Inundated—Roads Under Water.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Mar. 26 (AP)—The body of Zachariah Parker, 78, was taken from the swollen American river shortly before noon today. The aged man was drowned as he was leaving his flooded dwelling for high ground last night. Neighbors believed Parker became exhausted while wading through the water surrounding his home and was swept away. He had six children.

SACRAMENTO, Mar. 26 (AP)—The high waters of the Sacramento and American rivers were believed to have reached their crest here today and now are expected to recede gradually. While considerable areas not protected by levees were under water, no part of this city or any other section surrounded by levees was under water or in any danger.

The principal damage of the high water occurred in North Sacramento and lowlands along the American river near Sacramento. There a number of homes and farms were surrounded by water and in some cases as much as two or three feet of water was in the buildings.

Travel Cut Off

Travel north and east of Sacramento is cut off except by circuitous detours.

Except for the damage to furniture in houses in a few sections there will be little loss. There was sufficient warning to permit the removal of livestock.

Forty Japanese were reported marooned in the lowlands near Marysville, where the Yuba river had escaped from its banks. They were later reported safe.

Family Forced to Trees

The town of Malones narrowly escaped a flood when a three-inch rain in the mountains above Sonora swelled the Stanislaus river. The danger was averted, however, by lowering the gates of the big Malones dam and then raising them to control the run off. During the height of the flood a wall of water seven feet high poured over the parapet. The Stanislaus went out of its banks near Oakdale, and drove a family of five into the trees, flooded half a dozen small ranches, and six hundred acres of Orchard and vegetables. The danger in the Oakdale district was considered past last night.

The Pajoro river, further south, flooded 25 or 30 blocks of the city of Watsonville, including part of business district. Many residences were surrounded by water, and boats were used for transportation.

RENO FLOODED

RENO, Mar. 26 (AP)—Danger of the further inundation of Reno by flood waters of Truckee river diminishing considerably today as word from Boca dam, 22 miles up the stream, indicated hourly improvement in the situation there and less of a possibility that the structure would break.

After passing a night of anxiety, during which the police were prepared to spread the alarm in the event the dam broke, the stream showed a drop of 18 inches here. A torrent of water about five inches deep still was rushing over the dam but this represented a drop of five inches during the night.

The lower sections of the city were inundated yesterday and last night when the overflowing water entered many basements and covered a section of the city's park system. Freshets from the high Sierra, together with recent heavy rains, drove water over Boca dam to a depth of 18 inches at one stages of the flood. Fears had been expressed that the excess water would weaken the dam and break

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INVESTIGATION DEMANDED BY SENATE VOTE

WASHINGTON, Mar. 26. (AP)—The senate stood pat today in its demand that a congressional committee investigate the sinking of the submarine S-4 last December and turned down a compromise offer from the house that a presidential commission with some membership from congress make the inquiry.

The compromise was rejected 41 to 24, and the row between the senate and house as to who will investigate the disaster goes back to conference for further consideration.