

AIRPLANE PILOT CRASHES IN MOUNTAINS

FOUND LAST EVENING BY 2 TRAPPERS

Escape from Death Regarded As Miraculous; Rescue Heroic One

MAN BUCKS SNOW THROUGH NIGHT

Relief Party Headed Into Mountains Back of Cove Today to Bring Harold Buckner Here

With both legs broken and suffering from other injuries, Harold E. Buckner, Varney air pilot, who crashed in the mountainous country back of Cove, was conscious today and resting in a trapper's isolated cabin awaiting aid from the outside world.

Pilot Buckner left Pasco yesterday on his regular trip to Boise and his machine passed over La Grande at 4:10 o'clock, according to the old O'Connell, manager of the local airport.

Hours later word came that he had reached his destination in the Gem State capital and it was also learned that a plane had been heard over the Horse Ranch, in the Minam country, 20 miles east of Cove at 5:20 o'clock in the afternoon.

This is far off the regular course and the opinion was quickly formed that Mr. Buckner had become lost and had been forced down somewhere in Union or Wallowa counties.

Officials Rush to La Grande. Charles Wright and Fred Belschow, both air mail officials from Boise, started for La Grande, reaching here during the night.

Early this morning plans were being made for an extensive search of the Minam country, both from Cove and Minam, when a telephone call came from Forest Ranger McCool, at Cove, telling in message but welcome details that the plane had crashed but that the pilot was safe although injured.

Mr. Wright, Mr. Belschow and Mr. O'Connell immediately started for Cove by car, accompanied by Dr. R. G. McCall, La Grande physician and surgeon, and from Cove were led into the Minam country by Forester McCool. Horses were used as the party started into the hills to bring the unfortunate flier to medical aid.

The Observer, in a telephone conversation with Mrs. McCool, who was in touch with men at the Horse Ranch, learned the details of the crash and rescue.

Mr. Buckner's machine, which is about a mile from the old Minam range station, at approximately 5:20 o'clock, ten minutes later it dived into a tree about a mile from a cabin occupied by two trappers, who heard the noise and started a search.

The cabin was 15 miles above the Horse Ranch on the Big Minam river. Going on foot, the trappers were at first unable to locate the plane, being a mile above the scene of the accident, but doubling back, they finally located the wreck. The plane buckled when it smashed into the tree, pinning the pilot in the cockpit, where the trappers found him.

Both legs were broken and, although he was conscious, he would have frozen to death in a few hours if help had not been immediately available, the trappers said. Mr. Buckner owes his life to the miraculous fact that—in a sparsely settled, mountainous country—his plane crashed within hearing distance of the two men.

Bucked Snow 15 Miles. The two men rigged up a stretcher.

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La Grande High Defeats Joseph Quintet, 32 to 7

Sixth Straight Victory for Tigers, Who Play Enterprise Tonight and Wallowa Saturday

The La Grande High school basketball team won its second game from Joseph last night at Joseph, the score being 32 to 7. It was learned today through a telephone call to Coach Ralph W. Christie, at Enterprise, where the Tigers play this evening.

The game was the sixth straight victory for La Grande in as many contests. The Tigers were in no danger of defeat at any time during the contest, ringing 10 points to Joseph's nothing in the opening quarter. At halftime the score had been boosted to 22 with Joseph scoring a field basket.

Vincent Newlin was high point man with 16 points. The starting lineup was V. Newlin, Wolfe, J. Newlin, Roe and Thompson, and later in the game eight other players were injected into the line-up.

After the game at Enterprise tonight the Tigers will meet Wallowa at Wallowa in the first game this season between the two teams, both of which are undefeated.

Band Program For Sunday Is Given by Loney

The program for the second winter concert of the La Grande municipal band, directed by Andrew Loney Jr., to be held at the Arcade theater Sunday, Jan. 20, has been announced. The program will begin at 8:15 p. m. and will last for about an hour, Mr. Loney said.

Eastern Oregon Baptists Meet In Local Church

The mid-winter conference of the Eastern Oregon Baptists convened in the First Baptist church here today for its annual sessions, with Dr. Moody, a returned missionary from the Belgian Congo, Miss Ina Burton, from Chicago, and Dr. G. C. Wright as convention speakers.

Eagles Organize Baseball Team

The Eagles baseball team was organized last night at the regular meeting of the lodge. Ernest Hood was elected captain and Orville Dean, manager of the team, which will start practice next Sunday indoors.

Snake Bite Costs Railroad \$28,000

LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 18 (AP)—Railroads must be careful about snakes in their roundhouses. Allowing a verdict of \$28,000 for a workman bitten in an engine pit, the state supreme court overruled the railroad's contention that snake-bite was a common risk of mankind; it held there was a distinction between nature's invitation to snake-bite habitation and artificial creations confined to a place of business activity.

HOFFMAN IS NOT GUILTY, JURY FINDS

Trial Result of Shooting During Deer Hunt Comes to End

NIGHT SESSION OF COURT CALLED

Death of Lewis L. Nichols, of Minam, Held Accidental By Wallowa Circuit Court

A verdict of not guilty was returned in the case of the state vs. Frank Hoffman, who was charged with involuntary manslaughter for the fatal shooting of Lewis L. Nichols, his hunting partner, who was mistaken for a deer on the morning of Sept. 15 near Minam, Ore.

The case started yesterday morning and a night session, ordered by Circuit Judge J. W. Knowles, concluded it.

The attorneys were Green and Hess, of La Grande, for the defendant, and District Attorney S. H. Burleigh, of Enterprise, conducted the prosecution.

Light And Power Merger Confirmed

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 18 (AP)—Guy W. Talbot, president of the Pacific Power & Light company, today confirmed announcement from New York that five gas plants of the company in the Pacific Northwest had been sold to the Northwest Cities Gas company of New York.

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COLD SPELL DUE HERE, PREDICTION

Weather Report from San Francisco Sent as Warning to Livestock Men

Marriage License First In Month

A non-marriage spell was broken today in La Grande and Union county when Jennette Hughes and Robert Mason obtained a marriage license. Both live in La Grande.

John D. Rockefeller Joins His Son In Effort to Oust Colonel Stewart

NEW YORK, Jan. 18 (AP)—The New York Times says today that John D. Rockefeller Sr. has brought his powerful influence to the aid of his son in the fight to oust Col. Robert W. Stewart from the chairmanship of the Standard Oil Company of Indiana.

Ten Charges Of Impeachment Are Facing Governor

Oklahoma Chief Executive, Henry S. Johnson, Is Accused of Negligence and Corruption

OKLAHOMA CITY, Jan. 18 (AP)—Ten charges of impeachment against Gov. Henry S. Johnson were reported to the Oklahoma house of representatives today by its investigating committee.

The governor was generally charged by the committee with neglect of the constitution and laws of the state of Oklahoma; gully of wilful neglect of duty; incompetency; corruption in office and of offenses involving moral turpitude.

West Decision Is Considered Today

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18 (AP)—The senate closed its doors today to consider in executive session the nomination of Secretary West, of the interior department.

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A "SKY PILOT"



The Rev. Theophilus Lee Jr. has forsaken his pulpit but he's still a "sky pilot." He's a regular air mail pilot between San Francisco and Los Angeles. After war-time flying Lee became a minister.

SPOKANE BANK FAILS TO OPEN

Coeur d'Alene Bank Also Closes Doors; Herrick Notes Figure

SPOKANE, Jan. 18 (AP)—The Exchange National bank of Spokane failed to open its doors this morning. A simple statement of the closure was noted by W. H. Baldridge, national bank examiner in charge. The bank has approximately \$2,000,000 in deposits.

The Chronicle printed an estimate that the Exchange National "probably will pay out on the basis of 75 or 80 per cent. However, with the added assessment that will be levied by the national banking department and the clearing up of paper held, the bank may pay out 100 per cent."

Notes of Fred Herrick, prominent northwestern lumberman, who recently filed a voluntary petition for bankruptcy on the same day that some of his creditors filed an involuntary petition, were understood here to have figured prominently in the affairs of the bank.

IDAHO BANK CLOSED

COEUR D'ALENE, Ida., Jan. 18 (AP)—The First Exchange National bank of Coeur d'Alene closed today. A notice on the door said "Closed by order of the directors."

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One Bill Passed By Legislature In Opening Week

Only Major Problem Taken Up Concerns Revision of Motor License Fees; Plan Outlined

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 18 (AP)—Both houses of the Oregon legislature, immediately following a joint session at which Frank M. Warren, H. A. Sargent, W. L. Sargent, W. L. Thompson, Phil Metchan and Albert Tucker were elected as commissioners of the port of Portland without opposition, yesterday adjourned until Monday morning, completing the first week of the 35th assembly.

The record for the week shows one bill, that appropriating \$25,000 for legislative expenses, passed by both houses; 19 bills were introduced in the senate and 151 in the house; one act of the 1927 legislature increasing the salaries of justices of the peace was passed over the governor's veto by the senate, and two votes of acts of 1927 were sustained by the house.

Several Repeal Bills. Of the 151 bills introduced in the house 137 were handed in by the committee on repeal of laws, which for the past two years has been scanning the Oregon statutes with an eye to trimming out deadwood. Only one of these bills, that repealing the section requiring the newspaper publication of county court proceedings, promises any contest. Bent on holding down petty and freak legislation members in both house and senate are closed but so few bills have been introduced, and while they anticipate a flood of proposals next week they expect to keep the total considerably under the usual total for a session.

So far the problem of revision of the motor license fees has been the only topic of major legislative importance to get under way, aside from preliminary work on the preparation of the routine appropriation bills by the ways and means committee. The absence of Representative Carlin, chairman of property tax revision committee, has delayed introduction of the heavy tax bills until next week.

Opp Introduced Thursday. The 151st bill, the only one introduced during yesterday's session, comes from Metcalf of Columbia county and seeks to protect school districts in their vested property rights by making it impossible, as under the present law, for any combination of school districts to divert some other school district of its high school and merge it with some other school district. The bill amends section 5299 Oregon law as amended by chapter 72, general laws of Oregon for 1925.

The house also passed Thursday morning the senate joint memorial to congress asking for tariff protection against foreign competition of timber and timber products.

HIGH COUNCIL RESTRAINED BY COURT RULING

LONDON, Jan. 18 (AP)—The high council of the Salvation Army was today restrained by the chancery court from electing a successor to Bramwell Booth, deposed general. The injunction operates until after a hearing by the court which was set for 10:30 a. m. next Monday.

Rushing Help To Quake-Stricken City of Cumana

CALACAS, Venezuela, Jan. 18 (AP)—Stretchers and all the smaller craft available today were rushing toward city of Cumana, which was ravaged by an earthquake, with food and medical supplies, and tents. They were also carrying nurses and doctors to care for those injured.

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FIVE KILLED BY TORNADO IN MID-WEST

Twister Sweeps Through Missouri, Illinois and Indiana Today

SCHOOL CHILDREN SUFFER INJURIES

Several Residences Damaged and School House Is Wrecked Near Maunie, Reports Say

By The Associated Press. Five persons were reported killed and nearly a score were injured today in a tornado which swept northward through Cape Girardeau, Mo., struck Maunie, Ill., near the Indiana line and then dipped again at Fort Branch, Ind.

The dead are: Marjorie Hargrave, age 4, Cape Girardeau, Mo.; Budee Hargrave, 3 years old, a brother; Dorothy Mas Henry, age 13, Maunie, Ill.; Bernice Tucker, daughter of a minister, Maunie, Ill.; Mrs. Mary Nole, Fort Branch, Ind.

Fifteen other school children were reported injured at Maunie when two school houses were blown down. Farm Buildings Wrecked. No other casualties were reported at Cape Girardeau but several farm buildings were wrecked.

At Fort Branch, David Nolan and a five-year-old grandchild were injured. Several houses and out-buildings were blown down and communication lines crippled.

CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo., Jan. 18 (AP)—Two children were killed and their father was injured about 11 a. m. today when a tornado demolished their farm home, 20 miles south of Cape Girardeau. The dead were Marjorie Hargrave, 4, and her brother, Budee, 3 years old. The father, Luden Hargrave, was reported seriously hurt.

EVANVILLE, Ind., Jan. 18 (AP)—A wind storm sweeping across Southern Indiana and Illinois today was reported to have caused the deaths of two school children at Maunie, Ill., and that of a woman at Fort Branch, Ind. Much property damage was caused.

Several residences were reported damaged in the vicinity of Maunie and a school house was said to have been wrecked. At Fort Branch two houses were demolished, reports said.

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CHARLES HILTON DIES. PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 18 (AP)—Charles Hilton, 51, died at his home here last night. He had lived in Portland for several years, moving here from Eastern Oregon. He was a senator in the Oregon state legislature in 1901.