

250 ATTEND C. E. MEETING IN LA GRANDE

Paul Brown, Coast Secretary of the International Organization, Speaks

LOSTINE TO HAVE NEXT CONVENTION

Banquet Opens Evening Program With 243 Present; Address by Mr. Brown Inspiring One

Last night was primarily Christian Endeavor night in La Grande. Very close to 250 members of that great organization, 243 to be exact, gathered at the local Presbyterian church to participate in events which had been arranged in honor of the visit in this city of Paul Brown, of Los Angeles, California, Pacific Coast secretary of the International organization.

The gathering attracted groups of young people from Baker, Halfway, Lostine, Elgin and Perry, together with those from the La Grande Christian and Presbyterian churches. Halfway delegates had honor of making the greatest effort to attend, as 15 young people from that place made a trip of 118 miles to be here. Most of the out-of-town visitors returned home after the program last evening, while some few remained in La Grande over night.

243 at Banquet The first thing on the program was the banquet speech in the basement of the Presbyterian church with places arranged for 243 Christian Endeavorers. At this time the home department of the Presbyterian Sunday school acted as hostesses and not only prepared and served the lovely dinner, but did it also as their contribution with no expense to the young people enjoying it.

The banquet hour was made lively with the introduction of the different delegations present, the singing of group songs led by Mr. Brown and his mandolin, pep endeavor songs, inspiring songs, favorite religious songs, concluding with the crusade song, "Where He Leads Me I Will Follow." There were also songs by members of the La Grande societies. During this part of the evening Robert W. Leep, of Baker, president of the Grande Union presided.

Lostine Gets Convention

Important matters of business coming up included the invitation from the Lostine group to hold the spring convention, which comes May 31 to June 2, in their city and the invitation was unanimously accepted. Mr. Leep announced the approaching state convention which is to be entertained in Salem, April 18 to 21. The quota for this locality is 20 registrations and up to meeting time last evening only three had registered. During the evening, however 18 others registered, making one more than the required number. Another business item was the rising vote of thanks given the ladies of the home department who had made the banquet feature possible. Naturally the chief event of the entire evening was the inspirational address by the distinguished visitor, Mr. Brown. His closing remarks "Take life seriously—whether work or play, go into it with earnestness and 'Make Good For God,'" summed up his entire address, which was throughout a challenge to the young leadership.

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PLUMBERS OF LA GRANDE TO JOIN IN UNION

The Central Labor council met last night at the city hall at 8 o'clock in semi-monthly session with about 20 in attendance. Alex Manning, district business agent for the building trades crafts, was the speaker for the meeting. He spoke of business matters pertaining to organized labor and its advantages to business conditions in a locality. Mr. Manning is from Pendleton.

The members of the city asked to organize and took out an application for a charter. C. O. Thompson, president of the council, presided at the meeting. L. Evans is secretary.

WEATHER TODAY 7:30 a. m.—22 above. Minimum: 27 above. Condition: clear.

WEATHER YESTERDAY Maximum 55, minimum 29 above. Condition: clear.

WEATHER Mar. 8, 1928 Maximum 50, minimum 24 above. Condition: rain .15 of inch.

Lindbergh Will Inaugurate New Airmail Service

President Portes Gil to Turn from War Activities to Christen Trimotored Plane

MEXICO CITY, Mar. 8 (AP)—Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh, who has only just regained the use of his right arm, will inaugurate the use of his airplane here more than a week ago after a pleasure flight with his fiancée, is back in his favorite role of a good-will flier.

President Portes Gil today was to turn from his active direction of the war against the insurgents to christen the 41-motored plane in which the colonel will inaugurate the new airmail service between this city and Brownsville, Texas. The flight will be made tomorrow, starting at 7:45 a. m. Lindbergh will carry as his passengers Juan Guillermo Villanueva, chief of the civil aviation section of the department of communication, and probably two local newspapermen.

BAY CITY, Mich., Mar. 8 (AP)—Eddie Stinson and Randolph Page, Detroit aviators, made a successful take-off from the ice of Saginaw Bay this morning in an attempt to establish a new non-refueling airplane endurance flight. The plane carried approximately 800 gallons of gasoline, which Stinson hopes will keep it in the air close to 80 hours. They seek to better the record of the Germans, Rittick and Zimmerman, of 65 hours and 21 minutes.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 8 (AP)—Captain Ira C. Baker's proposed dawn-to-dusk flight from Brownsville, Texas, to Panama, has been indefinitely postponed because of complications arising out of the Mexican revolution.

Tigers to Start Track on Monday, Coach Announces

The first track call will probably be issued at La Grande High school Monday afternoon after school, according to Coach W. M. Christie. At that time a meeting of candidates will be held and afterwards a short workout will be held outside. Some work is being done in the school on the track, as to put it in the best shape possible at this time of the year.

The Tigers last year won the Eastern Oregon championship for the fourth consecutive year. Several veterans remain in school and hopes are again high for a winning team.

Sale of Tickets Indicates Large Crowd at Debate

A debate, says the Rev. Oliver Riley, Episcopal minister of this city, should possess the following qualities: logic, based on proved facts, free from personalities, concise and it should stick to the subject.

It is these qualities combined with the general interest in the subject and the renown of Judge Ben Lindsey that are expected to make the debate Monday night in the L. D. S. tabernacle in La Grande one of the outstanding educational and entertainment events of the season.

The famous juvenile court judge and Dr. Riley will uphold the affirmative and negative, respectively, of the companionate marriage question. Mr. Lindsey upholding it as an institution and Dr. Riley opposing it.

Tickets at the Glass Drug store are selling well. It is reported, the lower floor of the tabernacle has a seating capacity of 600. A number of seat reservations will be saved until Saturday night to fill the requests which are expected to come in from outlying districts.

When a similar debate was held recently in Portland between Judge Lindsey and a Jewish rabbi, from five to six thousand persons attended and the ticket receipts were \$8,000. Legion officials announce here. The debate is being sponsored by the La Grande post of the American Legion.

La Grande Masons At Cove Meeting

A delegation of La Grande Masons attended the district meeting of the Masonic lodge held at Cove Wednesday night. The evening began with a 7 o'clock banquet. A program was given which included a number of features by La Grande people. Miss Catherine Sartain entertained with a dance and Mrs. Howard Glenn gave a reading. George Birnie sang.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 8 (AP)—President Hoover stated today that the enforcement commission he is to appoint will consider enforcement of the law in respect to narcotics, immigration, trade restraint, the 18th amendment, and every other branch of federal government's law enforcement.

U. P. BUDGET FOR YEAR IS 28 MILLIONS

Announced by J. P. O'Brien, General Manager, in Portland Today

NO DETAILS OF DIVISION WORK

Projects Planned for This Section Not Learned Here; O'Brien Says the Outlook Is Good

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 8 (AP)—More than \$28,000,000 will be spent in Oregon, Washington and Western Idaho by the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation Company, northwest unit of the Union Pacific system, J. P. O'Brien, general manager, announced today. This is \$20,000,000 more than the road's 1928 expenditures.

The budget sets aside \$2,600,000 for improvements, including \$725,000 for replacing rail with heavier material; \$233,000 for yard and passing track extensions and lion-burns; \$240,000 for widening cuts and embankments; and \$229,000 for improvements to shops and engine handling facilities.

To Eliminate Crossings. An expenditure of \$4,000 will be made for elimination of grade crossings and improvements to signal systems.

New depot facilities and improvements to existing stations to the extent of \$100,000 are planned. New rolling stock and improvements to existing equipment will cost about \$402,000.

Based on 1928 operations, Mr. O'Brien estimates that about \$14,700,000 will be expended on wages and \$8,800,000 in material purchases.

Outlook Good. The general manager said general indications point to a good business year in the territory. "The general indications in this territory are for a good business year," Mr. O'Brien stated. "Every effort is being made to complete the improvement program as fully as possible in advance of the season of heavy fruit and crop movement."

UNCERTAIN ABOUT DEPOT

The U. P. budget as given out by Mr. O'Brien did not go into detail in reference to work in the various divisions and it could not be learned here today how much work will be done in the second division, nor whether an appropriation for a new depot in La Grande is included in the budget. It is said that even if a depot appropriation is not included, it would not necessarily indicate whether or not one was to be built here this year.

C. L. BERRY NEW RULER OF ELKS

Officers Elected at Meeting Last Night; Future Events Planned

C. L. Berry was elected exalted ruler of the Elks' lodge in La Grande succeeding Jesse V. Andrews, at a meeting of the lodge held last night. Other officers elected were: esteemed leading knight, L. Thompson; esteemed royal knight, Sherwood Williams; esteemed lecturing knight, R. J. Kitchin; secretary, W. R. Winters; treasurer, Park E. Taylor; tier, Frank R. Lee; trustee, three years, Fred G. Henning; Jesse V. Andrews was elected delegate to the grand lodge.

Plans were made for a dance to be held Mar. 17. Initiation will be held at the last meeting in March. It was announced.

Stage Line From Portland to Salt Lake City Established--Give Plans

PORTLAND, March 8 (AP)—Purchase for a consideration of \$145,000 of additional connecting lines giving the Columbia Gorge Motor Coach system uninterrupted entry into Salt Lake City, was announced here last night by W. T. Crawford, president and general manager of the Gorge lines. The Columbia Gorge company now operates between Portland and Pendleton.

The systems involved in the transaction are the Bee Hive Stages, Inc., operating between Twin Falls, Idaho, and Salt Lake City, and the Blue Mountain Transportation company, running stages between Twin Falls and Pendleton. Crawford said the acquisition of the lines provides a direct 269-mile line from Portland to Salt Lake City. Schedules on all runs will be revised.

20 Bids Opened On One Highway Project Today

Largest Number to Be Read for One Job; Commission Awards This Afternoon

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 8 (AP)—A record was established today at the meeting of the state highway commission when 20 bids were received for a section of road work. Roy A. Klein, secretary and chief engineer for the commission, said it was the largest number of bids to be read for one job since the board was started. There was a difference of \$100,000 between the high and the low bid for the one job.

The work in question is the resurfacing of 16.4 miles of the De Moss Springs-Grove Valley section of the Sherman highway in Sherman county, and furnishing 37,300 cubic yards of broken stone for betterment purposes. The highest bid was \$157,000 and the lowest \$54,000.

Receive Bidding Bids. For the first time in the commission's history, bids were received for oiling state highways. Heretofore the department has done its own oiling. There were only four bids for this work which includes oiling 6.6 miles of the Deer Creek-Shattuck Corner section of the Redwood highway in Josephine county, and construction of 11 miles of macadam highway. Approximately 270,000 gallons of oil will be needed.

The second most sought for contract is for grading 7.4 miles of the Springfield-Cornwall Hill section of the McKenzie highway in Lane county. There were 16 bids. Twelve bidders would furnish 25,500 cubic yards of broken stone for maintenance of the Coos Bay-Roseburg highway. Seven want to grade only eight-tenths of a mile of the Old Oregon Trail near Quartz station in Baker county.

Seven bidders view for resurfacing and widening the Klamath Falls-Lakewood Junction section of the Dallas-California highway.

There was equally exciting bidding for the various bridges to be erected this spring. One over Al-

NIGHT FLIGHTS REQUESTED OF VARNEY LINE

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 8 (AP)—Hal E. Nourse, of the Varney Air Lines, with headquarters in Boise, Idaho, said here today that the post office department has asked the company to be ready to come to Portland with their mail lines by June 1 and fly the night schedule instead of the day schedule as they are now doing. Headquarters would be moved here from Boise. This, it is said, would mean a saving of one business day on delivery east and west over the present schedule.

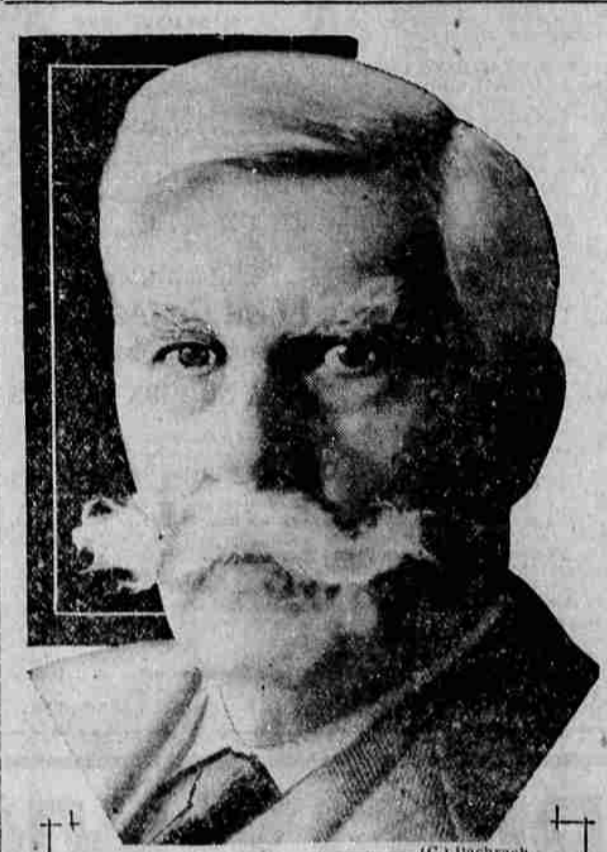
The post office department here intimated today that before fall the Varney lines will be flying a double schedule, with morning and night routes eastward. This would be in conjunction with a proposed separate passenger service which would extend from Portland to Salt Lake City, connecting Salt Lake with the excess fare Union Pacific trains and the Boeing and Transcontinental Air Transport transcontinental lines.

Eagles Plan Visit To Baker Mar. 13

Plans were made by the Eagles and Eagles' auxiliary last night for a trip to Baker next Wednesday when both organizations will be guests of the Baker lodges. The La Grande group will put on the initiations at both meetings. The Eagles will give the Cassaba degree. A dance is to be held following the meetings.

At the auxiliary meeting last night a sewing club was formed. The members will sew on articles to sell for lodge benefit. It will meet twice a month.

JUSTICE HOLMES 88 TODAY



Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes, a U. S. supreme court justice since his appointment by President Roosevelt in 1902, is 88 years old today. This is the distinguished jurist's most recent and best photo. He is a son of the famous poet, Oliver Wendell Holmes and was wounded at Ball's Bluff, Va., in 1861 while his company of Massachusetts Infantry was storming a Confederate position.

Drive Off Open End Of Bridge; Five Men Killed

ABERDEEN, Wash., Mar. 8 (AP)—Five men were drowned and five others were injured when a truck drove off an open end of the Washkah bridge near here early today. One of the automatic gates failed to function.

The dead are: Carl Corey, driver of the first machine; L. T. Corey, Carl's father; Charles Porter, driver of the second car; Jim Collins; A man named Harrison. The three men to escape from the closed automobiles which plunged into the Washkah river about 3 a. m. were: Joe Corey, brother of Carl Corey; George Read; Al Smith. All of the eight men were lugger and were traveling from Grand Creek to Cosmopolis.

Chrysler Plans For Skyscraper 68 Stories High

NEW YORK, Mar. 8 (AP)—Walter P. Chrysler, motor magnate, announced today details of the tall skyscraper in the world which he will build as a personal investment. The building, 68 stories high will dominate the Grand Central district, which now has a skyline surmounted by the peaks of tall buildings. The Chrysler building will occupy a site facing on Lexington avenue between 42nd and 43rd streets. Its cost is estimated at \$15,000,000.

It will rise 309 feet to exceed the Woolworth tower by 17 feet. The building proper will be 55 stories, above which will rise a dome of 12 stories. Excavation for the foundation is under way.

Hoover Outlines General Policies

WASHINGTON, Mar. 8 (AP)—President Hoover met with his cabinet today for the first time, outlining in a broad way the general policies of his administration and discussing with his advisers a variety of subjects, including the Mexican revolution. All members were present except Henry L. Stimson, secretary of state, who is en route from Manila. Despite reports which have been circulated that Secretary Mellon will resign as head of the treasury after serving a year in the cabinet of President Hoover, it was learned today that he has no definite time for his departure.

Justice Holmes Is Congratulated

WASHINGTON, Mar. 8 (AP)—Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes received the congratulations of his associates of the supreme court, and other friends today on his 88th birthday.

DYNAMITE BLAST BRINGS TRAGEDY

Four Killed and 30 Injured by Explosion at Scribner, Nebraska

SCRIBNER, Neb., Mar. 8 (AP)—Four men were dead today and more than 30 others injured in the explosion of a dozen cases of dynamite in a fire last night on the farm of County Commissioner Carl Hollander. The explosive was stored in the barn for use in blasting out ice around bridges. The dead are: Gus Pataack, assistant postmaster; Guy E. Clark, barber; Fred Ribble, mechanic; Fred Felgner, grain store owner. Two other volunteer firemen are not expected to live. They are W. F. Strubbe, garage owner, and Arthur Schoeneck, truck driver.

Felt 15 Miles Away. All the injured are being cared for at the Scribner hospital. A general call was made to all surrounding towns for doctors and nurses. Most of the injured are members of the city fire force. The explosion was felt at West Point, 15 miles north. The fire started from an under-estimated cause in the barn where County Supervisor Hollander had stored the dynamite which was to be used in blasting ice on the Elkhorn river.

When approaching the place were told by a spectator that there was no danger of explosion as there were no caps with the dynamite. Hardly had this assurance been given before a tremendous blast rocked the countryside. Men Blown 150 Feet by the blast. Pataack was killed outright, and the four others died shortly afterward.

Those most seriously injured in the hospital are: William Strube, broken leg, body mangled; Art Schoeneck, injuries undetermined, unconscious; Fred Pescher, fire chief, arm broken, possible skull fracture; Elmer Spill, crushed chest, arm broken, in two places.

Three Aviators Burned to Death

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Mar. 8 (AP)—Jesse Windham, chief pilot at the local airport, and two other aviators were burned to death at Oakland, Miss., today when their plane caught fire to the air and crashed. Reports received here listed the other victims as Bill Daniel and Morgan Ferrell.

WILL PLAY THE GAME

WASHINGTON, Mar. 8 (AP)—Secretary Lammot told newspapermen at the White House today he is "playing the game with his administration" and had resigned as a director of the association against the prohibition amendment.

Mexican Scrap Causes Concern; Texas Boy Hurt

Stray Shot from Juarez Hits Lad in El Paso—Americans Ready to Protect Life, Property

EL PASO, Tex., Mar. 8 (AP)—The first American casualty was reported here today with the announcement of the death of Lydia Roberts, two years old, at the emergency hospital. The child, whose parents are American citizens, was shot in the head this morning by a stray bullet from across the Rio Grande during the battle of Juarez.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 8 (AP)—Approach of the Mexican revolution to the American border with the battle at Juarez served today to increase official concern here. President Hoover and the heads of interested departments are maintaining the best possible contact with the situation below the boundary line. They are hopeful that the battle at the Mexican city across from El Paso will not endanger American life or property and that no international complications will develop.

The keenness with which the government is surveying the situation was exemplified in last night's conference between President Hoover, Secretary Good of the war department, General Summerall, the army chief of staff, Chairman Borah of the senate foreign relations committee and Secretary Kellogg. At the conference a general inventory was taken of developments to date and possibilities of the future were discussed. No Special Orders. Thus far no effort has been made to disturb the routine procedure that vests authority with the commander of the eighth corps area at San Antonio, Tex., to take the necessary steps to protect the American side of the boundary in the battle zone. Major General

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Artificial Lung Used To Escape From Submarine

KEY WEST, Fla., Mar. 8 (AP)—The newly developed artificial "lung" for use in escape from disabled submarines on the ocean floor, has been proved successful from a depth of 200 feet in the final tests conducted in Florida waters.

Lieutenant C. N. Mommens, and Chief Torpedoman Edward Kallnowski, yesterday overcame the tremendous pressure of 200 feet when they stepped out through a hatch on the deck of the submarine. Mommens, who invented the oxygen mask device, which somewhat resembles the gas mask in use during the war, and Kallnowski have made repeated successful tests with the "lung" from varying depths, but yesterday was their first venture at great depths. They first left the submersible at 140 feet, then returned and the under-water ship was towed to deeper water, where they repeated their tests. The men, in escaping from the sub, entered a water-tight hatch on the boat's deck singly. Standing erect, each man allows sea water to enter the hatch through a valve. When the air inside the hatch has been compressed to an equal pressure with the water outside, the water stops rising in the hatch, and the man opens an outer door and steps out.

The Mexican consul here and a Mexican army aviator are preparing to take off from El Paso in a plane bought by the Mexican government here yesterday. The plane

Walla Walla Car Wreck Kills Girl

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Mar. 8 (AP)—Leola Robinson, 16, died en route to a hospital here last night as the result of injuries received when a small enclosed car driven by S. M. Hanford of Walla Walla, turned over and was demolished on the highway near here. Kenneth Addison, of Portland, owner of the car, was severely injured. Hanford was also injured. Miss Rae Farnsworth, Walla Walla, escaped unhurt.

HOOVER HAS OWN WAY OF SHAKING HAND

WASHINGTON, Mar. 8 (AP)—President Hoover has a method all his own of shaking hands with white house visitors and it differs materially from that which was employed by his predecessors, Calvin Coolidge. The new chief executive extends his hand well forward so that those he greets are held at quite a distance and he has substituted a quick fall grasp for the sort of halfcatch of the hand he employed during his campaign. "I am pleased to meet you," is one phrase he uses as his callers are presented at the public reception. "I am glad to see you," is another while a third is "It is also of you to come to see us."

TEXAS CITY SEES REBELS TAKE JUAREZ

Sanguinary Battle This Morning Ends in Defeat of Federal Forces

STRAY SHOTS HIT OVER THE BORDER

List of Dead in Mexican City Given at 23; Newspaper Reporter Moans at Loss of Cream

EL PASO, Texas, Mar. 8 (AP)—El Continental says that soldiers of the government, defeated today by rebels in a battle for control of Juarez, will be disarmed and temporarily interned at Fort Bliss, Texas, under an arrangement made today.

JUARIZ, Chihuahua, Mexico, Mar. 8 (AP)—Raked by artillery, its principal streets transformed to a battleground, Juarez fell today before the onslaught of the invading revolutionaries after a sanguinary siege which completely routed defending federal forces.

Bombardments from rebel artillery left the sixteenth of September street, the city's famous thoroughfare, littered with the dead and dying while the insurgents charged in mounted columns against the fleeing federals. A battle that began at dawn had brought to the rebels possession of the government's seven strongholds shortly before noon.

Ramon Isidro Riego, commanding the federals in Chihuahua fled with his handful of followers to find shelter on the shore of the Rio Grande in plain view of hundreds of Americans in the Texas city of El Paso.

Strayed shots fired from the Mexican battle zone wounded one boy on the American side, Louis Chavez, 16, of age. Several bullet wounds through the windshield of automobiles and others smashed through the window of an El Paso home, but no one was injured other than the boy.

23 Reported Dead. The list of dead in the revolt was compiled unofficially today, showing the number of rebel victims, at 14, while nine federals were reported slain.

General Miguel Valles, in charge of the federal forces in command of the city, told a reporter for the El Paso Herald that the lives of none would be endangered, even those who fought against him, if they would come over to the rebel cause.

"Will there be any executions?" he was asked. "I do not know," he replied. "I have ordered my men not to take anything without paying for it. There will be no looting." After the first break fighting today, the defending federal troops, outnumbered 500 to more than 2,000, divided into detachments. Part of the soldiers were strung along the bank of the Rio Grande with the levee as a protecting breast-work.

Halted by Americans. Fifteen of the civilian volunteer defenders of Juarez threw down their guns and made a wild dash for the international bridge when the battle opened. They were halted on the American portion of the bridge and arrested by United States border patrolmen. Their ammunition was confiscated and they were led away.

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CUSTOMS MEN SURPRISE 400; FIND LIQUOR

NEW YORK, Mar. 8 (AP)—A extraordinary force of 123 customs men searched 400 passengers on the liner Shawnee, arriving today from Havana via Miami, seizing large quantities of liquor and 100 cases of liquor aggregating \$300.

A fine of \$5 for every large bottle found was imposed and \$2 for each small one. In addition 200 bottles were found in cabins, but on which no fines were levied as it was considered useless to try to find claimants. The passengers, were greatly surprised as they began to disembark. Ordinarily they would have been permitted to walk ashore with their baggage without a search as their bags had been inspected by the customs at Miami. Customs officials calculated that every third passenger had a stowaway of liquor and there were as many women as men among the offenders. Some of the passengers, noticing the customs men, returned hurriedly to their cabins, unloaded their liquor, and spread the word to fellow passengers who also left bottles behind them.