

\$327,210 TO BE SPENT ON OREGON TRAIL

Four Separate Projects under way on La Grande-Kamela Stretch.

WIDENING WILL BE FINISHED AUG. 31

Resurfacing Work to be Done Dec. 31 and Grande Ronde Bridge Will be Built Sept. 30.

With the completion of improvements now in progress on the Old Oregon Trail highway between Kamela, at the summit of the Blue Mountains, and La Grande, that stretch of highway will become one of the favorite pleasure drives in the west, both from the point of view of scenery and comfortable travel.

Incidentally, the work now in progress on the La Grande-Kamela stretch of the Old Oregon Trail highway will cost \$327,210, the total of four contracts.

The earliest of the projects to be completed on this high mountain road will be the 1.4 mile widening and regrading job between Kamela and Hilgard. Kamela is in Umatilla county, but the widening of the road will be done in Union county so most of the improvement is in this county.

Straightening Curves
The width of the highway is being extended from 20 to 32 feet and numerous curves straightened out, so the drive will be one of the fastest mountain roads in the country. Unusual difficulties have been encountered by the contractor, Klein said, for the reason the railroad and telephone and telegraph lines parallel the highway most of the distance, making "shooting" a delicate business, yet not a train has been delayed by blast.

At present the contractor is working to meet the deadline of two tractors on the job. The cost of the project to the state will be \$172,000.

As this work nears completion it is being followed over the same route by the contractor, Klein, resurfacing the highway with macadam, 20 feet wide. This contract was let to Homer G. Johnson February 27, last, and will be completed December 31, 1930 at a cost of \$108,000. The job required 73,000 cubic feet of crushed rock. This is being laid at an average of 400 yards daily and 4,000 yards had been placed July 1. The road will be 108,000 feet long.

Between Hilgard and La Grande 6.5 miles of resurfacing and maintenance material work is in progress to be completed August 15. The resurfacing has been completed and the crew is crushing rock for maintenance. The road is being widened by a maintenance crew. Later it will be oiled. Clyde R. Seitz of La Grande is the contractor and the contract price is \$250,500. The date for completion of a reinforced concrete bridge over the

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ERNEST PATTY IS RECOVERING FROM INJURIES

Dean Ernest M. Patty, of the Alaska College of Fairbanks, narrowly averted death last week when he successfully fought his way of a snow slide after having been rolled down the mountain side. Patty, formerly of La Grande, is recovering from his injuries in the Seward hospital under the care of Dr. A. D. Haverstick. His face is badly bruised and cut, and he has a very deep cut under his left eye. His right arm is broken near the shoulder and his body is also bruised and cut. The famous Patty's cheerful smile refuses to be wiped off, however, and the dean is becoming very anxious to return to his home in Fairbanks where his wife and three small sons wait for him.

"Dean Patty was in the Moose Pass cut inspecting property but when the accident occurred he was at Haverstick mine near Hope, Alaska. He and three others were just coming out of the mine when caught by the slide. Aside from one of the men being knocked off his feet the dean was on the outer edge of the group, was the only one caught. Down he plunged while the others watched horror-stricken. These men later told very vividly that each time he was glimpsed as he emerged from the slide he was fighting for his life. The dean realized that he had to fight or all would be over. At last he broke free from the slide which continued for more than a thousand feet down the mountain. When they arrived at his side he gave them instruction how to treat his broken arm. It was eight hours before he reached medical aid. Numerous friends and acquaintances have visited him daily. He is very appreciative for the many courtesies extended to him. He will be soon as he is able to return to his home in Fairbanks—Seward Daily Gateway."

The above item from the Seward Daily Gateway describes the injuries sustained by Ernest M. Patty, formerly of La Grande. The paper was recently received by his mother, Mrs. Patty Hutchinson.

Seeks Solariums For Lake Bathers

CHICAGO, July 19 (AP)—Lake Michigan bathers if health commissioner Arnold H. Kegeles has his way, may soon be able to absorb the sun's rays without the hindrance of a bathing suit.

DIVORCE SUIT FILED

LOS ANGELES, July 19 (AP)—A divorce suit brought by Mary Lewis against Michael Bohnen, whom she married in 1927 while both were Metropolitan opera stars, today was on file in superior court here. The suit is the second in two years, charges desertion.

Miss Lewis, working in speaking pictures in Hollywood, asserts her baritone-husband deserted her July 1, 1929, and went to Germany.

Hall, Two Homes Are Destroyed At Cove, Oregon

Fire Loss Estimated at \$15,000, Partly Covered by Insurance — Smoker is Blamed.

By Mrs. A. G. Conklin (Observer Correspondent)
COVE, Ore., July 19 (Special)—Fire, starting in the Macabee hall at 1 o'clock this morning and spreading to two adjoining residences, caused approximately \$15,000 loss here before the flames burned themselves out. The fire started on the part of those fighting the spread of the fire prevented it from eating into the Stevens house, although a walk on the place caught fire. Handicapped by insufficient water, the fire fighters had to direct much of their attempts to saving nearby places, after realizing the impossibility of saving the two-story hall and the two homes.

The fire started in the upstairs part of the Macabee hall, following a dance, and the general belief is that a carelessly thrown cigarette or match was responsible. The blaze spread quickly, attacking the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Robinson on one side and the Joe Gayette house on the other. The contents of the Robinson place were all destroyed. The fire started in the upstairs part of the Macabee hall, following a dance, and the general belief is that a carelessly thrown cigarette or match was responsible. The blaze spread quickly, attacking the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Robinson on one side and the Joe Gayette house on the other.

Practically Cove's entire population turned out for the fire, many joining in the plan of cutting the blaze. Several telephones and light and power wires were burned but fortunately, no one was injured by the fire.

Band Protest In Attorneys' Hands; Decision Soon

A letter received by the band from Joseph Stearns, attorney in Portland, says the matter of a protest concerning the awards in the northwest band contest, is now in the hands of attorneys for Sherman Clay & Co. and the Hayden Island Amusement Co. At present the contractor is working to meet the deadline of two tractors on the job. The cost of the project to the state will be \$172,000.

Additional protests have been received in Portland and these will also be decided at this time.

Portland, Ore., July 17 (AP)—We cannot thank you enough for bringing the Municipal band of La Grande to the U. S. Veterans' hospital last Sunday evening. This was one of the nicest treats the patients have ever had and the staff and music made them forget their ailments for the evening and filled them with "pep" and happiness. Even the bed patients enjoyed the music as a microphone was used in the auditorium and broadcast throughout the hospital. Every number played was beautiful and well selected and every minute of the program was enjoyed.

Please accept my sincere thanks of the patients and the Red Cross.

(Signed) Marguerite Sweet, Director, Red Cross Service.

12 Epworth League Members At Meet

The La Grande delegation of 12 Epworth Leaguers are enjoying themselves greatly, according to word received from Wallowa lake today, where the annual institute for Eastern Oregon and Southwestern Idaho is being held.

Three male delegates arrived yesterday and the La Grande league will have charge of the young people's service Sunday evening.

Spike Malone In County Jail Again

Spike Malone, convicted a short time ago on a charge of possession of liquor, is in the county jail today. He is charged with unlawful possession of bonds in the amount of \$1,500 and intoxicating liquor together with two former convictions of the prohibition law.

Malone was arrested earlier this week by Sheriff Jesse Breshears, Officer Johnson and two federal agents. He was bound over to the grand jury yesterday in justice of peace court.

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FIGHT HALTS TO HEAR NAVY TREATY TEXT

First Break in Two Weeks of Debate in Senate Against Pact.

LEADERS BELIEVE VOTE IS NEARING

Action Today May Signal the Approach of the End of a Losing Fight by Opponents.

WASHINGTON, July 19 (AP)—The fight against the London naval treaty let up long enough today in the senate to permit the reading of the treaty text for amendments.

It was the first break in the steady flow of speeches against the pact since early in the week when the opponents left the burden of debate to the opposition.

Taking the floor today after two long speeches yesterday, Senator Charles McNary, Republican, California, asked, after he had spoken in a hoarse voice for about thirty minutes, about procedure for disposition of the treaty.

Sensing that a break had come, McNary said:

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EXPLORER WILL REBUILD "O-12"

United States Navy Submarine to Be Used by Sir Hubert Wilkins.

By Howard W. Blakeslee (Associated Press Science Editor)
NEW YORK, July 19 (AP)—When Sir Hubert Wilkins' submarine sails on its expedition to the north pole next summer, what will protect her from crashing into sub-surface blocks of ice?

This question, always the first asked about this project, was put to Lieutenant Sioan Danenhower, who, with Simon Lake, will rebuild the United States submarine O-12 for the voyage and himself sail her under the polar ice.

The answer is a law of nature, the operation of which Commander Danenhower found for himself last summer at the bottom of Long Island sound in the tiny submarine Defender. It is an action of buoyancy which he said even few naval men have realized.

The Defender had wheels to run on the bottom. But when she hit a rock the wheels seemed to be rubber balls, bouncing her easily upward out of harm's way.

Her weight was close to nothing, that is, just a little heavier than the water. She was not greatly different from a balloon bouncing along.

The same principle, with the wheel over the sub's rudder, and the bouncing done downward, will be used under the ice. The wheel will run on a sticky trolley above the conning tower. The lower end of the trolley arm will be pivoted like an automobile shock absorber within the sub.

The ship's buoyancy will be about 2,000 pounds, sufficient to keep her trolley bumping lightly along the under surface of ice.

A protective arch called a jumper like a wartime net protective device—will curve above her back from bow to stern. Commander Danenhower said she will be strong enough to withstand collisions at four knots an hour—the highest underwater speed contemplated.

Even so, the sub is not made to crash icebergs nor the underwater ice crags and "rafts." These obstacles are not believed to exist in the polar sea.

In their request to the navy for the O-12, Wilkins and Danenhower wrote: "There are no icebergs of great size within the Arctic large pressure ridges have been observed only near the coast and the deepest of these extend not more than 100 feet over sea level."

The O-12 can descend 200 feet.

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Business Institute To Be Staged In La Grande On July 30 and 31

Bringing modern methods in good merchandising, advertising, selling, window trimming, cost accounting and checking on bad credit accounts to merchants of La Grande and neighboring towns, the third annual Business Institutes conducted by the school of commerce of Oregon State college and the Oregon Retail Merchants association will be held here Wednesday and Thursday, July 30 and 31.

Local arrangements for the two days of meetings are in charge of a committee of merchants consisting of H. B. Parker, E. S. Burnett, Max H. Barvis, R. A. Epling, and Roy Farnum. Three authorities on business methods will be in charge of the program. The first day will be devoted to instruction in the various phases of the business. Prof. H. T. Vance, head of courses in merchandising at Oregon State college, who has had years of experience in advertising and merchandising, will handle advertising and selling at the institute. Business management will be under the supervision of Prof. E. E. Bosworth, head of courses in accounting and auditing and a certified public accountant.

O. F. Tate to Attend
O. F. Tate, secretary of the Oregon Retail Merchants association, will lead the discussions and conferences on store arrangements. From practical experience Mr. Tate has learned that new aggressive types of retail outlets into the merchandising field make it necessary for a detailed analysis of merchants' problems.

Dean Smith Will Be Welcomed In Portland Monday

Former La Grande Boy, Who Was With Byrd Antarctic Expedition, Flying to Oregon.

PORTLAND, Ore., July 19 (Special)—All Portland will have a hand in welcoming Lieutenant Dean Smith, starting in the Macabee hall at 1 o'clock this morning and spreading to two adjoining residences, caused approximately \$15,000 loss here before the flames burned themselves out.

Plans for a reception at Swan Island, a stag dinner at Multnomah hotel, a trip up the Columbia highland, and a boat trip to Astoria were worked out by a meeting of members of the hospitality committee of the chamber of commerce, the Aero Club of Oregon and representatives of the junior chamber of commerce yesterday afternoon.

Mayor Baker, Julius L. Meier, president of the Aero club of Oregon; W. L. Merry, chairman of the chamber of commerce hospitality committee and the membership of the latter group will be on hand when Lieutenant Smith lands on Swan Island at 2:25 p. m. Monday in a West Coast Air transport plane from San Francisco. Mrs. Rhonda Smith, his mother, will be at the head of the welcoming line.

Royal Welcome to Be Given
Lieutenant Smith will receive a royal welcome in the air before landing. It was announced by A. C. Albrecht of the junior chamber of commerce, a fleet of six planes of the 48th bombardment squadron from Sand point will arrive at Vancouver Sunday for training at Peas-

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Air Service Is Discussed Here Friday Evening

J. D. Lynch, representing the United Airways Co. of Portland, left his home last evening for a discussion of the proposition of a passenger and express service, between Eastern Oregon points and the Oregon metropolis, with about 10 local business men, all of them prospective shippers.

Mr. Lynch feels encouraged by the situation here, believing that business men are becoming more interested in the project, and is of the opinion that in due course of time, something definite may be worked out. The meeting last night was at the Saca-Java Inn.

Incidentally, Mr. Lynch complimented the chamber of commerce and city highly for their efforts to purchase land for an airport during the last year or two. He said that such steps are not necessary until the community knows it is in need of an airfield and he said that legitimate business men are making use of the emergency landing field under certain conditions. He cited the cases of two Oregon cities which spent \$50,000 and \$75,000 respectively last year, and still refuse to make use of the emergency landing field.

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\$600,000 Project Celebration Held

GRAND RONDE, Ore., July 19 (AP)—Officials of Oregon, highway department representatives, good road advocates from all parts of the state, and hundreds of Oregon's citizens were here today for the celebration marking the completion of the \$600,000 project that has opened a new automobile route to the ocean.

At 9:30 a. m. caravans from Portland and coast and Willamette Valley points gathered to mark the opening of the new route. During the afternoon a parade proceeded over the new highway to Otis where the cut-off connects with the Roosevelt highway.

Rumors Say Flier Being Cared For

LONDON, July 19 (AP)—A Rangoon dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph says a British aviator who was shot down in the Bay of Bengal, was being cared for in a certain village.

The report was being investigated although it is difficult to make a search difficult. No other case of the aviator was found in the region where his companion, Jimmie Matthews, said he left him after their England to Australia plane crashed more than a fortnight ago.

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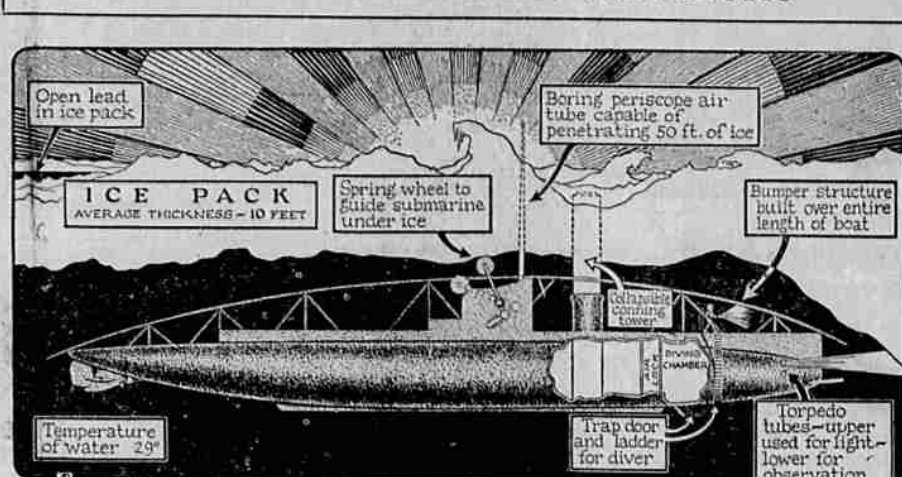
The weekly weather forecast indicated no general breaking of the drought in the corn belt, and pointed to a continuance of excessively hot weather menacing the corn crop. Severe damage already to corn was reported from various sections, and at the maximum the corn market shows a rise of more than 7c a bushel from the lowest level of the present week.

Corn closed nervous 1/4-3/4c a bushel higher than yesterday's finish. Wheat closed unsettled, 1/2-1 1/2c a bushel, 1 1/2c advanced and provisions unchanged to a rise of 5c.

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WILKINS' SUBMARINE TO VISIT ARCTIC



This is the first detailed diagram of Sir Hubert Wilkins' polar submarine, as described by Lieut. Com. Sioan Danenhower, who will rebuild and sail her. Wilkins is planning to explore the north polar areas next summer, and believes that the above carrier will be so equipped to be protected from crashing into sub-surface blocks of ice.

Judge Knowles Sustains Baker In Lien Action

BAKER, Ore., July 19 (Special)—A dispute of many years standing between the city of Baker and Mrs. Stella Messick, wife of Mayor J. B. Messick and owner of residence property at Third and Court streets, regarding unpaid sidewalk and paving assessments, has been decided in favor of the city by Circuit Judge J. W. Knowles, of La Grande, who heard the case here several weeks ago and whose opinion has just been rendered.

The liens aggregate approximately \$2000, including interest. Both sides will pay their own costs under the court decision, which however is subject to appeal to the supreme court.

The principal issue was the quality of the paving, which Judge Knowles frankly stated was "bum," but he cited various authorities to prove that when the city accepts an improvement that act becomes binding upon the abutting property owners unless fraud can be shown. He said that the defendant should have contested the quality of the work before when the contractor was paid off the property owners were bound to pay their assessments as they came due.

The city was represented in the case by O. B. Mount who will prepare the decree for Judge Knowles to sign. Under it the property will be sold to satisfy the liens, which were previously paid, J. B. Messick, of this city, and J. D. Slater, of La Grande, represented Mrs. Messick in the action.

Wealthy Clubman Shot by Officer

CHICAGO, July 19 (AP)—The prominent John H. Roemer, wealthy clubman and well known corporation lawyer, was shot and probably fatally wounded early today by a policeman in the busy uptown section of Sheridan Road, Broadway and Montrose avenue.

Roemer was holding the point of a pistol against the head of a young woman when officer Edward Starnberg ran up, deflecting the aim just as the 60-year-old attorney pulled the trigger. Roemer then turned the gun toward the policeman, who opened fire.

Doctors doubted if Roemer would survive.

Auto Plunges Into River; Man Drowns

PORTLAND, July 19 (AP)—Jack Lester, 45, drowned in the Willamette river here last night when his closed automobile plunged from a dock after striking an obstruction. He was a watchman for the Union Oil company and the accident occurred on the company dock.

Witnesses said the car was traveling too fast and got out of control. It hit an oil valve and crashed through the low railing, and fell in to 40 feet of water.

Bookkeeper Guilty Of Murder Charge

LOS ANGELES, July 19 (AP)—William Burkhardt, 23-year-old bookkeeper, today is under conviction of first degree murder for the slaying March 24 of his estranged wife, Anne McKnight Burkhardt, actress. A sentence of hanging was recommended by the trial jury last night.

Burkhardt was accused of slaying his wife after efforts to effect a reconciliation had failed. Sentence will be passed Monday.

MINEN PLANT CLOSED

SALEM, Ore., July 17 (AP)—The management of the Oregon Lint mill today announced that the plant would be closed temporarily because of lack of orders. It was believed operations would be resumed not later than August 7.

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THREE HANGINGS DECIMATE GANG

Lamar Bandit Pack Down to One — Jake Flegle, Who is Unapprehended

CANON CITY, Colo., July 19 (AP)—Three hangings left the Lamar bandit pack with only one member alive today.

Colorado last night exacted the death penalty in a double hanging of two confessed hold-up-killers, George J. Absher and Howard L. Royston. Only Jake Flegle, unapprehended, survived of the four men that stormed into the First National bank at Lamar, Colo., in May, 1928, and took \$20,000 and left four dead men in their wake. Ralph Flegle, brother of Jake and reputed leader of the pack, was executed here a fortnight ago.

Last night appeals by attorneys for Royston and Absher for executive clemency were denied by Governor W. H. Adams. A stay of execution for six days also was denied. Officers asking the stay were attempting to learn from the two condemned men details of other criminal activities in which the Flegles were thought to have been involved.

The men embraced with the Catholic faith and were baptized by Father Regis Barrett, prison chaplain. They went to their deaths calmly and quietly.

Prison officials asked the men if they had any preference in the order in which they died. "I'll go," Absher said simply. The trap was sprung for him at 9:40 and he was pronounced dead at 9:55. The trap was sprung for Royston at 10:37 and he was pronounced dead at 10:52.

Before going to the execution chamber, Absher was taken to Royston's cell. They said goodbye and shook hands.

Royston Leaves Will
Royston made a will leaving his few possessions to his wife who is in California with their baby daughter. Royston's body will be sent to Richmond, Cal. for burial. He has previously requested he be buried in the prison cemetery to "save expense."

A war service organization was asked to supply funds to give Absher a burial.

AMERICAN NET TEAM DEFEATS ITALIANS, 3-0

AUTHEUIL, France, July 19 (AP)—America's youthful tennis team today defeated the French in the Davis cup, eliminating Italy in the interzone final by sweeping the first three matches.

The crack doubles combination, of Walter Austin, Texas, and John Van Ryn, East Oregon, N. J., scored the deciding victory, defeating Brian Humbert De Murguio and Allison and Gies, both of Chicago, had chafed with slight victories.

Oregon Crater Co. Is Enjoined Today

NEW YORK, July 19 (AP)—The Oregon Crater company, owner of 120 acres of land on Bald mountain near Baker, Ore., and the brokerage firm of McAdow and company and three individuals were enjoined today from further stock sales.

The state bureau of securities asserted no effort had been made to develop the Bald mountain property although literature of the corporation predicted it would be a phenomenal producer of gold, silver and other metals.

The individuals enjoined were Raymond B. Keizer, president of Oregon Crater; Charles E. McAdow, president of the brokerage firm and A. Monteith Richardson.

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE
BROOKLYN, July 19 (AP)—The Chicago Cubs gained a virtual tie with the Robins for the National league lead today by winning the final game of their "crucial" series, 5 to 4.
Chicago 5 8 0
Brooklyn 4 6 1
Coburn, Teaschout, Root and Hartnett; Vance, Phelps, Thurston and Deberry, Lopez. E. H. E.
Boston 9 10 0
Pittsburgh 4 11 2
Brane and Hemaley; Smith, Sherd and Spohrer, Gowdy. R. H. E.
First game: 10 15 0
Cincinnati 3 10 3
Philadelphia 5 10 3
Pentol and Gooch; Hansen, Elliott, Collins and Renss. R. H. E.
First game: 4 8 1
Cleveland 5 8 2
Fischer, Hadley and Spencer; Ferrell and Sprinz. R. H. E.

Clifford Case Hearing Nears End In Portland

PORTLAND, July 19 (AP)—Possibility that the game commission hearing of charges of inefficiency and laxity brought against Harold Clifford, warden, and E. H. Clarke, chief deputy, by several sportsmen's clubs, might be concluded today, was indicated as the hearing re-opened this morning. Warden Clifford continued statements began yesterday tending to discredit unsworn testimony of witnesses for the complainants.

In speaking of the testimony of J. Page Bond, Portland, who said he overheard Clifford and Clark talking in Clark's house, and that large sums of money were mentioned, as well as a "50-50 split," the warden said he had gone to Clark's house to discuss with him a purely administrative matter—that of selling bass from the Columbia slough.

While they were there, Clifford testified Clark complained about the salary he was making and mentioned the sum he considered necessary to support his family. Clifford said he recalled that \$2000 was the amount mentioned.

Clifford vigorously denied taking as much as a dollar outside his salary, since he has been in office. "I have one working for me I want to take as much as a dollar outside of my salary I would write out his resignation at once," the warden declared.

In discussing the administration of his office since he has been warden, Clifford declared that under his direction "the game department has pulled out of a deficit of approximately \$50,000 at the time he took office, and now has \$44,281.50 over and above all outstanding claims, as well as approximately \$30,000 additional due the department from 850 license selling agents throughout the state."

"I have never instructed any warden's office to do anything of the kind," Clifford declared.

Capone Denies That He Knows Lingle's Killer

MIAMI, Fla., July 19 (AP)—Alphonse Capone today denied a report regarding a copyrighted story written for the St. Louis Star by Harry Brundage, a reporter.

"If he is trying to build his reputation on what he thinks is a scandal, not the truth, he is a deliberate liar," Capone asserted. "I will defy him to say that the statements he has made are true. I will face his before any grand jury and deny them on his face."

"It is the truth when he said I gave Lingle a diamond belt buckle. Lingle was a dear friend of mine. The buckle was a Christmas present."

To Be Married In High-Flying Ship

OAKLAND, Cal., July 19 (AP)—Nan M. Halsbery, postmistress at Tejunna, Cal., and R. D. Champam, postal employee of Pendleton, Ore., both attending the postmasters' convention here, will be married today in an air liner 4000 feet above the earth by Postmaster Nate W. Friend, of Oakland, who is an ordained minister. The couple plan an aerial journey.

20-Foot Python Terrorizes Town

ROCHESTER, N. Y., July 19 (AP)—After a night blind dog was locked with more than the usual caution, residents of the lake side community of Sea Breeze, seven miles north of here, took up the search today for the 200-pound, 20-foot Indian Python which escaped yesterday from the reptile exhibit of Edward Hayes, park concessionaire.

During the night, more than one hundred men with searchlights, led by police and deputy sheriff, beat the brush and woods in the vicinity of the park and nearby Troutquod Bay.

MOST OF U. S. SIZZLES IN SEVERE HEAT

Three-Figure Readings Common Throughout All But Pacific Northwest.

SEVERAL DEATHS ARE ON RECORD

Nation's Granaries Facing Drought — Iowa Worried About Corn — People Crowd Beaches.

OREGON WEATHER ENJOYABLE