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Two Transients Face Murder Charges

NEWMAN AND MOORE BOTH IN BAD SPOT

Moore Confesses to Killing, District Attorney Carl Helm Reports.

COMPANION'S SHOT ALSO MENTIONED

Ex-convict From Texas Being Questioned Today in Connection With E. L. Smith's Death.

Fred Moore, alias Robert King, 22, has confessed to the slaying of Eldon L. Smith, Union Pacific railroad detective, at Hilgard on the night of Aug. 4, District Attorney Carl Helm announced here this morning. This definitely verified reports received by the Observer and published yesterday.

Mr. Helm said the confession was made at Pendleton Wednesday night. Yesterday Mr. Helm and Railroad Detectives Cogburn and Aarhus took the prisoner to Hilgard and went over the ground of the killing, and then took Moore to Baker, where he showed the officers where he and a companion, Jack Newman, ex-convict from Texas, did some practice shooting before the slaying at Hilgard.

To File Murder Charges

Mr. Helm said that he probably would complete filing of murder charges against both Moore and Newman some time today. Speculation on the street that Moore might plead guilty could not be verified by Mr. Helm, who could not say what the prisoner or prisoners would elect to do.

Moore was placed in the county jail here late last night after the return from Baker, where officers found a lead bullet from one of the guns used in the target practice.

Moore's confession was not made public by the district attorney, although Mr. Helm gave a brief summary of what Moore said in an interview with the Observer.

The Prisoner's Story

Moore's story, in brief, follows:

Moore bumped against Mr. Smith at Hilgard while the detective was ejecting a number of transients from a freight train and Moore thought the detective's flashlight was a gun. Moore pulled his own revolver, a .32

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PLAN TO SELL CERTIFICATES IS AGREED ON

A plan to sell a labor certificate, equal to a wage earner's pay for one day, to wage earners of the city in order to obtain money for the Union County Labor exchange was drawn up last night when the business and professional men met at the Sacajawea Inn. Practically the only form of employment available now is that of cutting wood, but a slow market makes it impossible for the worker to make enough money on which to keep himself and family.

The plan of the exchange is to sell the certificates which are redeemable at once in wood or in produce in 60 days so that money may be advanced to the workman on which he can live until cold weather accelerates the market.

A round table discussion of the problems of the exchange and relief matters of the city and county now and for the coming winter was held, and it was decided to call a meeting of the service clubs in La Grande next Tuesday at 7:30 p. m., at the Sacajawea Inn.

An effort is being made now to obtain an outside market now for wood.

Judge U. G. Couch, county judge, announced that he expects to receive information about road work for the coming winter in the near future.

Dud Rankin Has An Even Chance

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Aug. 19—Dud Rankin's flying pupil, Dr. Mark Phy, of Hot Lake, flew here yesterday and after examining the injured flier gave him an even chance of recovery.

Mr. Rankin, La Grande flying school operator and brother of Dick and Tex Rankin, Portland airmen, was injured Monday when supports gave way while he was making repairs to his plane and the heavy ship pinned him to the ground, breaking his back.

WEATHER FORECAST

Oregon: Fair tonight and Saturday and over the week-end but cloudy or foggy near the coast; temperature above normal in the interior; moderate northwest wind offshore.

WEATHER TODAY

7 a. m.—64 above.
Minimum: 59 above.
Condition: Clear.

WEATHER YESTERDAY

Maximum 92, minimum 59 above.
Condition: Clear. Range—33 degrees.

WEATHER AUG. 19, 1931

Maximum 91, minimum 59 above.
Condition: Clear. Range—32 degrees.

Marks Has Not Resigned; May Do So, However

In Case Linn County Senator Gives up Post, Kiddle Virtually Assured of Presidency.

By Clayton V. Bernhard
(Associated Press Correspondent)

SALEM, Aug. 19 (AP)—Willard L. Marks, of Albany, president of the state senate, said today he had not yet resigned from the state senate nor had he accepted the position offered him as federal commissioner in bankruptcy, but added he was "seriously considering qualifying for the position and would make a definite announcement within a short time."

Acceptance of the federal position automatically disqualifies Marks for a seat in the state legislature under the Oregon constitution. Should he accept the position proferred him, Marks said he would tender his resignation simultaneously. The senate president told the Associated Press today he "would regret exceedingly retiring from the legislature," and that it was because of his associations in the senate that he has debated the acceptance of the bankruptcy commissionership.

By reason of his position as president of the senate, Marks is lieutenant-governor, and would succeed to the governorship in the event of a vacancy there. During the past year and half Marks has been in the governor's chair three times, once for more than a month when Governor Julius L. Meier was out of the state.

The resignation of Marks would re-

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Ashes Where Old Centennial Stood Since '76

By Mrs. L. Z. Terrall
(Observer Correspondent)

UNION (Special)—Only the charred ruins remain as a grim reminder of the fire that destroyed several places of business here yesterday. The flames, evidently starting from ashes that had been dumped there in the morning, were at the rear of the hotel and had gained considerable headway before the alarm was turned in, about 11:30. In a short time the streets were filled with people who gathered from far and near and the front of the buildings were hastily cleared of furniture and other equipment. Everything that could be salvaged including doors and windows were removed while fire fighters fought the flames from the roof of the Haggerty grocery and from the rear of the burning buildings. About noon when the task of getting the flames under control seemed hopeless a call for help was sent to La Grande and in a short time a fire truck and several firemen arrived and and started their attack at the rear of the building. For more than two hours the flames burned furiously but they were prevented from doing damage to the surrounding buildings.

The old Centennial hotel, one of the landmarks of Union, was built in

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Grouse Season Opens Tomorrow In 3 Counties

With the opening of the grouse season tomorrow, sportsmen of Union, Wallowa and Baker counties will have a double opportunity of securing game birds for their dinner.

From Saturday to August 25 the sagehen and grouse seasons will run concurrently, so that sportsmen will be permitted under the law to take three sagehens and four grouse, a total of seven birds.

The bag limit on grouse is four in one day or seven in seven consecutive days. The season will be open only in Baker, Union and Wallowa counties. The grouse season will run from August 20 to September 20, inclusive. Sportsmen will be permitted under the law to start hunting half an hour before sunrise and continue until sundown.

Situation In Mine Zone Tense Today

TAYLORVILLE, Ind., Aug. 19 (AP) — Ten thousand or more striking union coal miners stopped all mining operations in this area today and leaders announced they planned to spread over Southern Illinois and continue their campaign.

More than 2000 miners protesting a reduced wage scale picketed Peabody Coal company mines near Taylorville. Only a few employes appeared for work and they turned away without attempting to enter the mines.

Illinois national guardsmen were held in readiness to move into the picketing zone, but there were few reports of violence.

Ice Box Looted By Two Thieves

C. L. Mackey reported to city police last night about 10:30 that his ice box had been looted by two men who forced the screen door. The thieves were not apprehended.

Mrs. Mackey was at home and when she heard a noise on the back porch went out to investigate. She came upon the two men, one of whom was emptying the contents of the ice cabinet into a sack while the other held the screen door open. They ran away.

The loss was estimated at about $4.

4190 BANKS GIVEN LOANS FROM R. F. C.

Secretary Mills Reveals Figures in Address at Providence.

MORE THAN ONE BILLION LOANED

Cabinet Member Denies That Corporation Benefits Only the Great City Institutions.

PROVIDENCE R. I., Aug. 19 (AP)—The reconstruction corporation lent $1,219,000,000 to 4947 institutions including 4190 banks and trust companies from February 2 to July 31.

Secretary Mills made the figures public today in an address at commencement exercises of Bryant-Stratton College of Business Administration here.

He denied the corporation had helped only the great city banks and other large institutions, and described the efforts to revive business.

Mills said the corporation had advanced $736,000,000 to the banks and trust companies. Of that sum, $30,000,000 went to aid in the reorganization or liquidation of 346 closed banks.

Other Loans

He added that $68,000,000 was loaned to 541 building and loan associations; $67,000,000 to 73 insurance companies; $81,000,000 to 60 mortgage loan companies, $767,000,000 to ten agricultural credit corporations; $80,000,000 to 14 livestock credit corporations; nearly a million and a half to five joint stock land banks; $26,000,000 to eight federal land banks; $405,000 to three credit unions, and $230,000,000 to 43 railroads and receivers.

"Of the $1,219,000,000 authorized," Mills said, $976,000,000 had actually been disbursed on July 30 of which $110,000,000 has been repaid. In addition to the above, 500,000 individual

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EASTERN OREGON MEDICS TO MEET

Twelve Counties to be Represented at Session in Baker Tomorrow

Medical men from 12 counties are expected to gather in Baker tomorrow for the annual meeting of the Eastern Oregon District Medical society of which Dr. G. G. Gordon, of Baker, is president. The meetings will be held in St. Elizabeth's hospital.

Counties which will be represented are Baker, Crook, Gilliam, Grant, Harney, Malheur, Morrow, Sherman, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa and Wheeler.

Other officers are Dr. T. J. Higgins, of Baker, vice president, and Dr. J.

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STEEL DEATH NOT SUICIDE, JURY REPORTS

PENDLETON, Ore., Aug. 19 (AP) — Mystery attending the death here Wednesday of Fred Frank Steel, ranch employe, whose body was found near the range of the Pendleton Gun club, continued to confront investigators today as they sought some solution of the case.

A coroner's jury last night returned a verdict that Steel "came to his death at the hands of persons unknown." The top of his head shot away, Steel's body was found in a weed patch on the Umatilla Indian reservation. His arms were folded over a high power rifle.

Piccard Plans Another Flight At Hudson Bay

Stratosphere Aviator and Scientist to Make Third Trip in Balloon Next Summer.

By R. G. Hadfield
(Associated Press Staff Writer)

DESENZANO, Italy, Aug. 19 (AP)—Prof. Auguste Piccard rested today after his record-breaking ascent into the stratosphere yesterday, announcing he would begin immediately to prepare for a third ascent from the northwest shore of Hudson Bay, in Canada.

"The moment we finish the work of calculating the results recorded by our instruments on yesterday's flight," he said, "we will begin preparations for the third experiment.

"We plan to take off from the northwest shore of Hudson Bay, as close as we can get to the North Pole. Our purpose will be to complete the study of cosmic rays at a point where the lines of magnetic force penetrate the stratosphere.

"A solution for many scientific problems will be ,provided when we know how the rays act under these conditions."

Next Summer

The third expedition, he said, would not begin until the middle of next summer.

His next scientific move, he said, would be to take the instruments he carried with him yesterday to a height of more than 10 miles above the earth, to Zurich, Switzerland, the starting point of his flight, to have the seals removed and the results verified.

"Then," he said, "will begin several months of figuring on our experiments and after that we will be free to start planning the third flight from Hudson Bay."

Refreshed by a good sleep after the fatigue of his 12 hours in the frozen upper regions yesterday into

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Wound Brother Of J. H. Blunt In Robbery of Bank

J. H. Blunt is in receipt of a clipping from a Scottsburg, Ind., newspaper relating the story of a desperate bank robbery there in which his brother, Robert W. Blunt, cashier of the bank, played an important part.

The robbery occurred July 22 when three men entered the bank and ordered President W. H. Montgomery, Cashier Blunt and the Misses Hazel Gillispie and Margaret Swan, employes, and James Sand, a patron, to put up their hands.

Mr. Blunt refused to put up his hands or to surrender and was trying to strike the leader when another of the trio hit Blunt over the head, knocking him down. In spite of this Mr. Blunt knocked the revolver from his assailant's hand, and another bandit picked it up and hit the cashier six or seven blows over the head, which dazed him. After the three scooped up $4397 and ran from the bank, Mr. Blunt recovered and rushed from the bank, his face and head covered with blood, and began firing at an auto speeding west from the bank. It was believed from the crash of glass in the rear of the robbers' auto that at least one of the cashier's bullets hit the car. The robbers returned the fire and one bullet pierced Mr. Blunt's right arm near the shoulder, passing through the fleshy part of the arm. He then walked to a doctor and smilingly remarked, "Doctor, I need fixing."

Bank at Beloit Is Robbed of $70,000

BELOIT, Wis., Aug. 19 (AP)—Officials of the Second National bank said an audit, being completed today, would show the loot taken by seven bandits would exceed $70,000 instead of the $50,000 originally estimated.

The six young women used by the bandits yesterday to screen their escape reported they could identify all members of the gang for whom police in Wisconsin and Illinois are searching.

W. C. T. U. NOT TO SPONSOR THIRD PARTY

Mrs. Ella A. Boole Reiterates Belief Time is Not Ripe For Move.

SUCH ACTION IN 1936 IS POSSIBLE

Slogan of "No Compromise" Sounded in Final Address of Convention in Seattle.

SEATTLE, Aug. 19 (AP)—D. Leigh Colvin of New York City, chairman of the executive committee of the prohibition party, declared here today that Senator Borah of Idaho, is still considering an invitation to run for president on a new political party ticket. "There is more than a possibility he will accept, I think," Colvin said.

SEATTLE, Aug. 19 (AP)—The executive committee of the Woman's Chris-

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John N. Garner Hitch-Hikes Into San Antonio, Tex.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Aug. 19 (AP)—John N. Garner, Democratic vice presidential nominee, hitch-hiked into San Antonio early today on his way to his home at Uvalde to resume a vacation interrupted by political conferences in the east.

The speaker of the house traveled by airplane yesterday from Cincinnati to Austin, where the plane was grounded last night by a rainstorm. The Texan traveled the 80 miles between Austin and San Antonio in a motorcar with two young men whose names were not learned. The men offered the speaker a ride.

Fall From Horse Fatal to Rosell

WALLOWA, Ore., Aug. 19 (AP) — Dick Rosell, of Wallowa, died yesterday from injuries believed to have been suffered when he fell from a horse. He started for his home from Wallowa Wednesday night and when he failed to reach home a search started. He was found by the roadside badly injured.

Aged Couple Hurt In Auto Collision

GERVAIS, Ore., Aug. 19 (AP)—Serious injuries were suffered by Mr. and Mrs. A. Bierwood of Gervais, both past 80, when their automobile collided with a truck near here last night. The name of the truck driver was not learned. J. Banderbeck, driver of the Bierwood car, was uninjured.

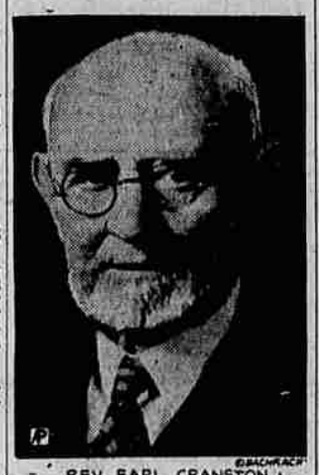
AGED WOMAN LOST ON MOUNT EMILY

Mrs. Vincenberg, grandmother of W. A. Berry, U. P. railroad employe, is lost somewhere on the slopes of Mt. Emily according to word reaching the sheriff's office this afternoon. She was lost last night and search today failed to find her. Sheriff Breshears is to leave for the mountain this afternoon. Mrs. Vincenberg is 80 years of age.

Mollison Spans Ocean

Bishop Earl Cranston, 92, Methodist Leader, Dead Today at New Richmond

NEW RICHMOND, Ohio, Aug. 19 (AP)—The Methodist Episcopal church lost one of its greatest leaders last night by the death of Bishop Earl Cranston, 92.



REV. EARL CRANSTON

Retired 16 years ago, the bishop had been in failing health several months.

Bishop Cranston was chairman of the commission to reunite his church with the Methodist Episcopal Church South, and was author of a book on the subject, entitled "Breaking Down the Walls."

A captain in the Civil war, later a bookkeeper and grocery clerk, the churchman was ordained a minister in 1867, and was elevated to the bishopric in 1896. He was resident bishop in Washington, D. C., for 12 years.

Funeral services will be held at the home at 3 p. m., Sunday. The body will be given a temporary resting place beneath a favorite buckeye tree in the front yard of his home. In October it will be removed to the Arlington national cemetery.

Reunion His Goal

Whatever his other interests, reunion of Methodism remained Bishop Cranston's primary task.

"It sounds like a confession of judgment at the bar of public opinion," he once wrote, "for the using of millions of consecrated money to perpetuate divisions which are without justification.

"Divided Methodism must become so thoroughly ashamed of its present way of living in sight of God and men, that it will be less exacting as to the details of its new habitation."

He deplored the treaties, heightening division, drawn up between the churches of the north and south concerning the establishing of new pastorates. He felt deeply the change in the country's complexion which came about since the separation, later accented by establishment of the Methodist Protestant church, which was also included in his plans for unification.

"It is to be regretted," he said, "that many of our brethren south contend our church has no right to be in the south at all. In this they are sincere. But both churches have become national in the same sense. The North is in the South. The South is in the North. Both are in the West. The people are thus learning better things of each other than they

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BUSINESS SHOWS DEFINITE GAINS

Wholesale and Retail Lines Continue to Register Improvement.

NEW YORK, Aug. 19 (AP)—Business in wholesale and retail lines continued to register definite improvement during the past week under a well sustained sentiment of optimism, the weekly mercantile reviews said today.

"Total business activity appears improved," said Bradstreet's, "particularly in wholesaling lines where inquiries and interest have been unquestionably evident. In some cases larger orders have resulted, retail trade appears somewhat spotted. An unusually large number of reports mention collections as slightly improved, and this can be taken as an extremely encouraging factor. General business activity is only a little better, but that little is enough to arouse considerable hope."

Dun's reported that steady improvement in business sentiment in all lines is being reflected strongly in a broader buying movement.

"The outlook," this review asserted, "is brighter than at any time in the last six months, and for some branches of activity better than at any time in the last two years. Ac-

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LARGE SCALE PLAN DEVISED TO AID CREDIT

NEW YORK, Aug. 19 (AP) — A large scale plan to supplement existing credit facilities in the commodities field was well on its way to actual operation today.

Formation of a $50,000,000 commodities finance corporation to finance the movement of raw materials, was announced last night by Mortimer N. Buckner, president of the clearing house association here. It will be incorporated today or tomorrow in Delaware.

It is backed by the Young committee of industrialists and bankers, as well as leading New York banks. The plan is to bring the large excess funds of New York banks to the aid of borrowers in other sections where credit is scarce.

Bankers asserted the fund was in no sense a "pool" but merely a banking fund to assure a proper volume of credit.

Two Executed In McAlester, Okla.

McALESTER, Okla., Aug. 19 (AP) — A white man and a negro, convicted murderers, were put to death in the electric chair at the Oklahoma penitentiary here early today.

I. J. Alder, the white man, a 50-year-old farmer, was convicted of slaying his brother-in-law, Tom McDonald, because he was not served enough pie at a family dinner. Alder also killed Mrs. McDonald.

The negro, Fillmore Davis was sentenced for killing Guy Jarvis, Blaine county undersheriff, when the officer tried to arrest him on a gasoline theft charge.

NEW BIDDER FOR SPEED CROWN

LONDON (AP) — Another attempt to beat Sir Malcolm Campbell's land speed record will be made at Daytona next February by Capt. Alastair Miller, heir to the baronetcy of Miller of Glenlee.

Curtis Pleased With Reaction To His Speech

TOPEKA, Aug. 19 (AP)—Vice President Charles Curtis said today he was "greatly pleased" with the reaction to his acceptance speech yesterday in which he expressed his personal opposition to repeal of the eighteenth amendment.

"The reaction has been fine and I am greatly pleased with the many telegrams I have received," he said.

Preparatory to departing tonight for Washington, the vice president spent the morning in his office.

Mr. Curtis did not make any of the congratulatory messages public.

HOOVER CANCELS MEETING

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19 (AP)—President Hoover today cancelled his customary semi-weekly cabinet meeting.

The president conferred with Secretaries Hyde and Doak, both of them reporting routine affairs only had been discussed.

Ohio Democrats To Hear Nominee Deliver Address

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Aug. 19 (AP)—Ohio Democrats assembled for their state convention today with their chief interest centered on the forthcoming address of the presidential nominee, Franklin D. Roosevelt. He will speak at 4 p. m., eastern standard time, (1 p. m., Pacific time) tomorrow in the Columbus baseball park.

Heading the program for today and tonight were the problems of forming an Ohio Democratic platform and the selection of a candidate for lieutenant governor.

Leaders predicted the platform will endorse the prohibition plank adopted at the national convention, and that it also may advocate repeal of the state's own prohibition laws.

Opening speakers of the conven-

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Four Killed In Plane Accident

FONTE SAN PIETRO, Bergama, Italy, Aug. 19 (AP)—Two Italian army fliers were killed today when their plane crashed through the roof of a farmhouse. The building caught fire and two children were burned to death. A woman and another child were saved.

THREE KILLED IN CRASH

TOULON, France, Aug. 19 (AP)—The pilot and two passengers of a French naval bombing plane were killed today when the ship crashed and burned during a training flight.

Snow Falls Last Night in Michigan

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. Aug. 19 (AP)—Snow fell here last night, as the temperature dropped to 32 degrees.

SET GOES TO 50 GAMES

DROITWICH, England (AP) — What is probably a record in first class tennis was set up in a tournament here when a mixed doubles set between E. W. McKerrow and Miss B. Haseltine and F. V. Read and Miss M. J. Eddy went to 50 games. McKerrow and Miss Haseltine won at 26-24.

BRINGS HIS PLANE DOWN AT VILLAGE

British Flier First to Make Westward Solo Flight of North Atlantic.

CROSSES NEARLY 3000 MILES OF SEA

Weariness Prevented Him From Continuing on to New York — Fuel Not Exhausted.

PENNFIELD RIDGE, N. B., Aug. 19 (AP)—Captain J. A. Mollison, the first man to make a solo flight westward across the north Atlantic, landed just outside this little village at 11:45 a. m., E. S. T., today, too tired to go any further.

For more than 30 hours he had pushed his The Heart's Content, stripped down so that it was little more than a flying gasoline tank, across nearly 3000 miles of ocean through weather that was none too good. He had plenty of fuel and, but for his own weariness, might have gone on to New York, he said. When he got this far, however, and saw through a break in the clouds a broad meadow below him, he dropped down to a perfect landing.

Village of 300

Pennfield Ridge is a village of not more than 300 population. Even telephones are scarce, but Captain Mollison was on a long distance wire reporting his landing a few minutes after he was down.

Farmers and fishermen crowded out from the village to the field about a half mile from the tiny railroad station.

They had seen him sooning and had heard the roar of his motor. His wheels had hardly stopped rolling before the first arrivals were crowding about him.

What he wanted most of all was a rest so one of the farmers took him to his home nearby. The captain asked that his wife, the former Amy Johnson, be notified of his safety. Word was telephoned to St. John, 40 miles up the coast to the Bay of Fun-

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VETERANS OF SADDLE WILL JUDGE EVENTS

PENDLETON, Aug. 19 (AP) — Three veterans of the saddle, well known to every stockman and round-up fan of the west, will judge the events of this year's Pendleton Round-Up.

Henry Collins, president of the western epic, announced today that Hugh Strickland of Burbank, Cal.; Allan Drumheller of Walla Walla, and Dr. W. D. McNary, superintendent of the East Oregon state hospital at Pendleton, will "ride herd" over the stirring show Sept. 8 to 10.

Strickland, famous throughout the world as a bronc rider, steer bulldogger and calf roper, is a familiar figure at Pendleton Round-Ups. Drumheller, a judge in several other years, formerly rode in the relay races. Dr. McNary, who hasn't missed a round-up since 1911, used to race his own string of horses on California tracks. He still owns a string of saddle ponies.

Widow of Slain Man Held in Jail

RENO, Nev., Aug. 19 (AP)—Jackie Peggy Lee, 21, said by the police to be the widow of Dr. Louis Fowler Dodd, found slain near Folsom, Cal., has been held in jail here for three days, by federal narcotic officers.

Last night she confessed to Police Chief Kirkley, he said, that she and her husband had been engaged in the traffic of narcotics prescriptions, and the officer said Dr. Dodd was being sought by the narcotic officers when the Lee woman was arrested.

Refueling Flight Record Equalled

CURTISS FIELD, N. Y., Aug. 19 (AP) —Mrs. Louise Thaden and Mrs. Frances Marsalis equaled the women's refueling endurance flight record at 4 p. m. (E. S. T.) today when their plane had been in the air 123 hours. They kept on flying.

Wheat Today

CHICAGO, Aug. 19 (AP) — With Canadian country deliveries of wheat reported as almost three times larger than a year ago, wheat prices today lacked aggressive support.

Messages from the American northwest indicated that domestic farmers were holding their wheat back with surprising tenacity. Pit traders here were disinclined to press the selling side of the market, fearing that concentrated buying might develop the same as it did yesterday.

Wheat closed unsteady, 1¼ @ 1⅝c under yesterday's finish. Corn ⅛ @ ⅜c off, oats ⅜ @ ⅝c down, and provisions unchanged to 5 cents lower.

Five Killed In Auto Fire

Four Oregon Girls Return From Three Weeks Tour Through Alaska

Imposing snow clad mountains which hurl wisps of glacier fed waterfalls over their steep sides and dirty little fishing vallages along the coast line characterize Alaska for Marguerite Klopfenstein, Mildred and Myrtle Hoyt, of La Grande, and Mabel Ash, of Corvallis, who have returned after three weeks spent in Canadian and Alaskan waters. Sailing from Seattle on July 19 on the S. S. Alaska, they spent three weeks in the north and returned to spend the fourth week of their month's sojourn in Seattle, Portland and at the Oregon beaches.

Having several hours unscheduled time, the boat which carried 128 passengers, went 45 miles up the treacherous uncharted Behm's canal, the second excursions made into the canal by any boat since the World war. Amid showers of rain they also visited the fish canneries of Ketchikan, the principal industry of the seaport towns which spread along the beach, their inward expansion curbed by the high mountains which rise sheer above the coast.

Close to Glacier

After leaving Ketchikan they sailed remarkably close to the Taku glacier, within 300 feet, and they report that the vibrations from the ship's whistle would break great ice bergs from the mass. Because of the ice bergs it is usually impossible to sail as close as 300 feet to the glacier which extends from 90 miles back in the mountains into the water. They also visited the Mendenhall glacier at Juneau, a dead glacier, which they believed did not equal in beauty the Taku.

Juneau offered for their entertainment a trip to the Alaska Juneau gold mine, the only paying low grade ore mine in the world, where only 87 cents in ore is realized in each ton of rock. Visitors were not allowed in the mines, but they inspected the mill after a steep climb up 1050 steps.

See Scenic Spots

Arriving at Skagway, they took the railroad to Lake Bennett, the gateway to the interior, traveling over the old trail of '98 through Dead Horse gulch and other scenic spots. Lake Bennett is at the top of White Horse pass, from where the gold seekers went on into Fairbanks and Cordova

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Blaze Follows Collision; Two Others May Die

MIDLAND, Mich., Aug. 19 (AP)—Mrs. George Messer, 41, and her four children were fatally burned and two other persons were injured in an automobile which caught fire after a collision here today.

The dead are: Edward Messer, 12; Forest Messer, 10; Stella Messer, 6, and Ruth Messer, 4. All are children of Mr. and Mrs. Messer, of Thompsonville, Mich.

Messer, 43 years old, and Harry Crane of Bear Lake, Mich., the seventh occupant of the Messer car, were taken to a hospital here, seriously burned. Mrs. Messer, 41, was taken to Mercy hospital at Bay City where she died. Neither of the two are expected to live.

The Messer car collided with one driven by George Patrick, which bore an Ontario license. Patrick was carrying two five-gallon cans of gasoline on his running board, and in the collision the cans burst. The gasoline was sprayed over the Messer car, which caught fire. The seven occupants were trapped.