



3 WOMEN DROWNED IN TUALATIN RIVER

Two Give Lives Trying to Save Another.

RESCUE ATTEMPT IS FUTILE

Lure of Crawfish in Deeper Water Causes Fatalities.

LOGGERS RECOVER BODIES

Mrs. Clemmie Fairhurst, Mrs. Florence Smith and Minnie Sandy Are Victims of Tragedy at Close of Morning's Outing.

VICTIMS OF TUALATIN TRAGEDY.

The drowned are: Mrs. Clemmie Fairhurst, aged 22, formerly of Weiser, Idaho, but now of West Linn; Mrs. Florence Smith, aged 23, of West Linn, who leaves a 2-year-old daughter; Minnie Sandy, aged 15, a sister of Mrs. Smith.

OREGON CITY, Or., Aug. 22.—(Special.)—The drowning of three women, members of a party of eight, crawling on the banks of the Tualatin River, about four miles from Oregon City, marked the tragic close of a morning's outing on the river today.

The drowned women are Mrs. Clemmie Fairhurst, aged 22, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Farmer, of Willamette; Mrs. Florence Smith, aged 23, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Sandy, of West Linn; and Minnie Sandy, aged 15, sister of Mrs. Smith, who lives with her parents at West Linn.

One Victim Leaves Child. Mrs. Smith leaves a 2-year-old child, whose father, according to Hattie Sandy, another sister of the drowned woman, has not been seen since his name was published as among those liable for conscription. The office of the Clackamas County local board has no record of L. H. Smith having been called for examination, but his name may be included in the first 300 in order of liability for service.

The drowning occurred about 1:15 o'clock in the Tualatin near the Dan Coulson farm. The Hardestine Lumber Company is engaged in getting out poles at this point, as it was near the skid road of this company that the drowning occurred.

Mrs. Fairhurst, evidently trying to find a spot where the crawfish were more plentiful, waded far out and, before the eyes of the party on the bank, suddenly went down in about 25 feet of water. Minnie Sandy, who, besides Mrs. Fairhurst, was the only other member of the party who could swim, plunged into the river in an effort to save her companion.

Finding that she could not reach her, the girl cried for help, and Mrs. Florence Smith, despite the fact that she could not swim, boldly entered the current in an effort to save the two drowning women.

Men Called to Rescue. Mrs. Ethel Coffman, who is camping on the bank of the river at this place, hearing their shrieks for help, ran to the donkey engine crew of the Hardestine Lumber Company, where Charles Koelki and Frank Witten, employees of the company, went to the aid of Mrs. Coffman.

A boat was obtained and after about 45 minutes the body of Mrs. Fairhurst was recovered. The body of Minnie Sandy was next recovered, but it was more than an hour and a half before the body of Mrs. Smith was taken from the water. All attempts at resuscitation failed, despite the efforts of members of the logging crew and County Coroner W. E. Hempstead, of Oregon City, who hurried to the scene. At no time was even a faint sign of life shown by any of the women.

BODIES TAKEN TO OREGON CITY.

Mrs. Fairhurst is survived by her husband, Cad Fairhurst an employe on the locks; her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Farmer, of Willamette; Mrs. Fay Bridges, Gladstone, a sister; Mrs. Gertie Jones, of West Linn; a brother, P. M. Farmer, of Westport; a sister, Fernie Farmer, who was with the party.

ARCTIC EXPLORERS RETURN

Relief Ship with McMillan Party Reported Off Labrador.

ST. JOHN'S, Newfoundland, Aug. 22.—The relief sailing steamer Neptune, commanded by Captain Robert Bartlett, bringing some of the members of the McMillan Arctic exploring party from Greenland, was reported tonight off the coast of Labrador.

DEED CONVEYS MILLIONS

Timber in Three Counties Now Controlled by Eccles Interests.

ASTORIA, Or., Aug. 22.—(Special.)—By a deed filed for record here today the Dubois Lumber Company sells to the Oregon American Lumber Company large tracts of timber land in Columbia, Clatsop and Tillamook counties. The consideration was \$3,650,000. This deed is the consummation of the purchase of vast timber holdings in this section by the Eccles interests of Salt Lake.

ROBERT BARRON IS DROWNING VICTIM

PORTLAND YOUTH DIES TRYING TO SAVE COMRADES.

Son of James T. Barron, Wealthy Salmon Packer, Was Student at Eastern Aviation School.

CHESTER, Pa., Aug. 22.—(Special.)—Robert Barron, son of James T. Barron, prominent salmon packer of Portland, Or., a student aviator at the Government aviation school at Essington, lost his life by drowning in the Delaware River today off Essington while swimming to aid in the rescue of two fellow-student aviators, the engine of whose machine had stalled, causing the machine to plunge into the river.

A sad feature of the case was that Barron's mother was to meet him tonight, having made the trip from Portland for that purpose. She is here in Philadelphia about the same time that the son was drowned.

Two student aviators were making a flight and had reached a high altitude from the riverfront. Seeing the machine making a downward plunge, Barron, with several others, started to swim out to assist the men. Barron was noticed to disappear beneath the surface of the water. Grappling irons were obtained and his body was recovered and carried to the aviation field.

The other men were rescued.

Robert Barron is the son of James T. Barron, 624 Wasco street, and a nephew of Judge M. J. Munly, 296 East Tenth street North. Young Barron's mother left Portland Saturday night for Pennsylvania to visit her son. The lad's father also was on his way to the aviation camp from Alaska. He has not arrived in Portland yet.

Robert Barron was 21 years old last March. He was born in Portland and received his elementary education here. He then left for the East, where he graduated from the Boston University. When the United States declared war on Germany, he enlisted in the Boston Technical school aviation corps, from which he was later transferred to the school at Essington. He was in Portland on a leave of absence last June. The boy's father is president of the Thlinket Packing Company.

TEACHER AND JUDGE WED

Pendleton Pair Go Quietly to Spokane for Ceremony.

PENDELTON, Or., Aug. 22.—(Special.)—Charles H. Marsh, County Judge of Umatilla County, and Miss Alice Butler, for the past three years head of the domestic science department of Pendleton schools, were wed today in Spokane. They slipped away yesterday and drove to Spokane.

Judge Marsh is a lifelong resident of the county and is secretary of the Round-Up Association and member of the Hartman Abstract Company. Miss Butler is one of the best-known teachers in the Northwest. Miss Butler resigned her place in the schools last night.

RUSSIAN VICTOR REPLACED

General Who Won Bukovina Is Reheved in North.

PETROGRAD, Aug. 22.—General Letchitzky has been appointed commander on the northern front, succeeding General Klembovsky.

General Letchitzky was the right-hand man of General Brusiloff in the successful drive of the early summer of last year. He captured many thousands of Austrian troops and occupied all of Bukovina last March. He was appointed commander on the central front.

SINKINGS GO UP SLIGHTLY

U-Boats Bag 16 Vessels of More Than 1600 Tons.

LONDON, Aug. 22.—The number of British merchantmen sunk by submarines or mines in the last week was slightly larger than the previous week, when a considerable falling off was noted.

According to the official statement 15 vessels of more than 1600 tons were sunk and three vessels of less than 1600 tons, in addition to two fishing vessels, as compared with 14 large vessels the previous week, two small vessels and three fishermen.

CATTLE PRICES ARE AT TOP

Steers Quoted at \$15.50 in Chicago, but Hogs Drop.

CHICAGO, Aug. 22.—Cattle reached the highest price in the history of the market at the stockyards today when top steers were quoted at \$15.50.

Hogs dropped from the high price of \$20 on Tuesday to \$19.50 a hundred-weight, with few sales, and bids ranging from \$19 to \$19.25.

'ZABERN INCIDENT' WARNS AUTOGRACY

German Rulers Learn Social Unrest.

CITIZENS DEFY THE MILITARY

Gerard Quotes Napoleon Regarding Prussia.

OFFICERS ARE ARROGANT

Army Is Life Work of Nobles of Prussia—Citizens Forced to Step Aside—Ushers at Races Fear Military Man.

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In 1913-1914 occurred a series of events known as the "Zabern affair," which, to my mind, decided the "system"—the military autocracy—for a speedy war. In this affair the German people appeared at last to be opening their eyes, to be recovering in some degree from the panic of fear of their neighbors, which had made them submit to the arrogance and exactions of the military caste and to be almost ready to demilitarize themselves—a thing abhorrent to the upholders of caste, the system, the army and the Hohenzollerns.

This writing on the wall, these letters forming the word "Zabern," the action of the Social Democrats and their growing boldness—all were warnings to the autocracy of its waning power and impelled that autocracy toward war as a blood-letting cure for popular discontent.

Prussia Military Nation.

Prussia, which has imposed its will as well as its methods of thought and life on all the rest of Germany, is undoubtedly a military nation. More than 125 years ago Mirabeau, the great French orator, at the commencement of the revolution, said that "war is the national industry of Prussia." Later Napoleon remarked that "Prussia was hatched from a cannon ball," and shortly before the Franco-Prussian war of 1870 the French military attaché, in reporting to his government, wrote that "other countries possessed an army, but that in Prussia the army possessed the country."

Officers Own Army.

In practice the class of nobles in Prussia own the army. Officers may enter the army in two ways—either enlisting in the regiment, first as private and then being rapidly promoted to the position of non-commissioned officer and then probationary ensign, or "advantageous" or the young aspirant may come directly from a two years' course in one of the cadet schools and (Continued on Page 2, Column 1.)

NEW WORLD RACES OLD IN CULTURE

CIVILIZATION DATING BACK THOUSANDS OF YEARS FOUND.

New Mexican Excavations Reveal Priceless Relics of Ancient Cities of Southwest.

SANTA FE, N. M., Aug. 22.—Evidence of a pre-Pueblo culture thousands of years old were discovered by Dr. Byron Cummings, of the University of Arizona, in excavations just completed in Arizona and New Mexico, according to word received here today by the School of American Research.

On the Navajo reservation near the New Mexico-Arizona boundary, Dr. Cummings broke into caves of the ancestors of the Snake and Antelope clans of the Hopi and obtained many priceless relics.

Dr. Frederick W. Hodge, of the Bureau of American Ethnology, here today after completing extensive excavations at the ancient Pueblo of Hawaikhuh, near Zuni, N. M., reports remarkable discoveries as to the ancient culture of the "seven cities of Cobola," the first towns seen by the Spanish conquerors.

Evidences were found of cremation and dismemberment of bodies upon burial, and Dr. Hodge obtained a large quantity of stone utensils and pottery of rare design, weapons, cotton clothing, looms, corn and beans estimated to be 1000 years old. Beneath the ruins of Hawaikhuh were found those of an older city, the age of which can only be guessed at.

"COMMAND" IS USED AGAIN

Korniloff Orders Resumption of Strict Training in Army.

PETROGRAD, Aug. 21.—Lieutenant-General Korniloff, commander-in-chief of the Russian army, has issued orders for a resumption of strict training for all the military forces, the free time of the soldiers to be devoted to gymnastics, drills and games, and for a cessation of all discussions. The order contains the statement:

"Henceforth the only language in the army is command." This is significant, in view of abolition of the use of the word "command" since the revolution.

DAD-IN-LAW AIDS ARMY

Hiram Johnson, Jr., Cannot Claim Dependency of Wife.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 22.—Hiram Johnson, Jr., son of United States Senator Hiram Johnson, was denied exemption by a selective draft exemption board here today, asked "on grounds of his wife's dependency."

GERMANS MAY NOT SMOKE

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UNCLE SAM'S DEPENDENT RELATIVES.



G. A. R. TO MEET IN PORTLAND IN 1918

Atlantic City Loses in Contest by One Vote.

QUIET CAMPAIGN IS WAGED

Seven Veterans Set Forth Attractions of Rose City.

ENCAMPMENT DATE UNSET

Grand Army Men in City Are Jubilant When News of Success Is Received—Ten Thousand Delegates Will Attend.

BOSTON, Aug. 22.—Portland, Or., was chosen as the 1918 encampment city by the Grand Army of the Republic at the business session of the 51st annual encampment here late today. Atlantic City, N. J., was a close contender, losing by one vote.

Amid cheers and battlefield cries the aged Union veterans of the Civil War, late today, adopted a message of greeting, encouragement and sympathy to the soldiers of Russia.

Commander to Be Elected.

The election of a commander-in-chief to succeed W. J. Patterson, of Pittsburg, is scheduled for tomorrow. Colonel Orlando A. Somers, of Kokomo, Ind., and Colonel J. Payson Bradley, of Massachusetts, are contenders.

The Woman's Relief Corps at the thirty-fifth annual convention today elected Mrs. Lois M. Kanuff, Cleveland, O., National president; Mrs. Carrie L. Hoyt, Berkeley, Cal., National senior vice-president, and Mrs. Elizabeth J. Savage, Bangor, Me., National junior vice-president.

A quiet but some the less effective campaign for the next National encampment of the Grand Army has been under way in the department of Oregon for some time. When John G. Chambers, Commander of the Grand Army in this state, left the city two weeks ago at the head of a delegation of half a dozen veterans, to attend the annual gathering, it was understood that they would place Portland's invitation before the encampment.

Portland Veterans Rejoice.

It was realized there would be rivals for the honor, but when the test came Portland's hospitality won.

Grand Army veterans in this city last night were jubilant over the outcome and predicted the encampment here next year will be attended by at least 10,000 veterans and their friends.

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ORDER FOR SEWERS STOPS CAMP WORK

GOVERNMENT MAY ABANDON PARTLY FINISHED BUILDINGS.

Local Authorities Insist on Installation of Sewage System, but War Department Declines.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22.—Construction work on the National Guard camp at Palo Alto, Cal., was ordered suspended by the War Department today as a result of the insistence of local health authorities that sewers be installed in the camp.

Army officers regard this as an unnecessary expense for a temporary camp, and it was said the site may be abandoned if the health authorities continue to insist on sewers.

MAIL CAR IS IN WRECK

Wire Cage Sent Rolling Through Street After Collision.

The wire cage forming the top of a United States auto mail truck was sent rolling 20 feet on the pavement at Sixth and Washington streets at 11:50 o'clock last night by a collision between the mail truck and a Council Crest street car, William C. Flannigan, 196 North Twenty-third street, was knocked down by the cage and cut about the head and leg.

Patrolman Perry sent Mr. Flannigan to the Good Samaritan Hospital in the care of the Ambulance Service Company.

OREGON SEEKS EVIDENCE

State Would Contest Title to 100,000 Acres of Land.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 22.—O. A. Bailey, Assistant Attorney-General of Oregon, is here today to collect evidence in a contest over the title of 100,000 acres of land, worth \$1,000,000, held by the Miller & Lux Company in Oregon. The contest is to be instituted by the state of Oregon and the Federal Government.

An alleged forgery of the title to the land by a former purchaser is declared to be the basis of the suit.

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SKAMANIA FIRE IS SIGHTED. Blaze in Upper Hood River Valley Reaching New Timber.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Aug. 22.—(Special.)—While the extent of the burn in commercial timber has not been ascertained here, an enormous column of smoke arising tonight from a long stretch of country of Skamania County, Washington, along the Columbia River, indicates a serious forest fire. The sun has been obscured since the middle of the afternoon.

Motorists arriving over the Columbia River Highway say that the heat can be felt across the river. Small (Continued on Page 7, Column 1.)