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AUTO DIVES INTO RIVER; 5 MISSING

2 Portland Men Escape Plunge Into Sandy.

DRINKING IS MENTIONED

One Survivor Is Rescued After Clinging to Rocks—Other Leaps to Safety.

MOONSHINE REPORTED ALONG

Mrs. M. D. McDonald Grieves for Apparent Loss of Husband and Two Sons.

Five Portland men are believed to have been drowned at 8:30 o'clock last night when an automobile containing seven persons went off the Columbia river highway and plunged down a 40-foot bank into the Sandy river just beyond the bridge from the Automobile club. Two others escaped with slight injuries.

The five men of the party believed dead are: M. D. McDonald, 52, musician, 818 Thurman street, married; Walter McDonald, 25, laborer, Uphur apartments, married; Alex McDonald, 30, musician and laborer, 818 Thurman street, unmarried; Richard McIntosh, 25, employe Cornfoot & McIntosh, 980 Savier street, unmarried; Edward A. Harty Jr., 27, baker, 287 Twenty-second street North.

Two in Auto Escape.

C. Concannon, 31, 794 Savier street, and H. C. Couy, 698 Lovejoy street, escaped. Concannon went into the river with the machine, but swam ashore and was rescued by Couy and George M. Chambers, secretary of the Oregon Motor association.

The party was organized in a soft-drink store at Twenty-third and Savier streets, and left the city for a highway trip about 3 P. M. yesterday. They went to Crown Point, and were on the way home when the accident happened.

The machine was driven by Richard McIntosh, whose father owned the car. As they neared the bridge over the Sandy river, they came upon an automobile stopped in the fog. McIntosh turned to the right, and left the pavement.

Post Along Highway Broken.

Evidently McIntosh did not know he was approaching the embankment, for the tracks showed that the car did not skid until the front end was within a few feet of the declivity. Then the tracks showed that he had locked his wheels, but without stopping the machine.

The car broke off a small post between the highway and the embankment, and went down the slope at an angle. Deputy Sheriff Christofferson, who investigated, said that the automobile must have been traveling at a high rate of speed, otherwise it would have upset immediately after starting down the bank, which was very steep.

Small Tree Hit by Auto.

The car continued on its wheels until it struck a small tree half way down the bank. Then it evidently turned over and rolled into the river, breaking several other small trees as it crashed towards the water.

Couy was thrown off and was practically uninjured. Both Couy and Concannon were in the back seat. Concannon continued in the car until it struck the water. Then he said he did not know what happened until he found himself swimming.

"I started across the river," he said. "Alec McDonald was beside me. We did not talk, but I heard him spluttering around."

Couy Goes After Help.

"Then I realized that I was headed the wrong way and turned around and headed for the nearer shore. I caught hold of some rocks and held myself until I was rescued."

Couy made his way up the steep bank unassisted and hurried to the

HARDING TO GET 378 ELECTORS, SAYS HAYS

SENATE VICTORIES IN 8 MORE STATES PREDICTED.

Presidential Laurels in Victory Northern and Western State Also Are Forecast.

CHICAGO, Oct. 17.—Senator Harding is assured of 378 electoral votes and probably will receive at least 395, Will H. Hays, chairman of the republican national committee, told newspaper men today in an informal talk over reports being received at republican headquarters here from which a formal forecast of the presidential election will be made some time this week.

Mr. Hays said he was convinced that "Senator Harding would carry every northern and every western state and had a good chance in Tennessee, Oklahoma and other border states."

Western states heretofore classed as doubtful, now definitely are republican, he said.

In the senatorial races, Mr. Hays predicted that the republicans would "hold everything they now have" and would gain by carrying Maryland, South Dakota, Kentucky, Colorado, California, Nevada, Arizona and Oregon. Every republican senator running for re-election is certain of victory, he said.

LAD HIT; CAR SPEEDS ON

Police Making Effort to Apprehend Driver Who Ran Down Boy.

Traffic police are making a determined effort to apprehend the unknown autoist who ran down and injured Walter F. Backus Jr., 9-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter F. Backus, 1415 East Taylor street, as he was crossing the street at East Fifteenth and Taylor streets, Saturday night. He was taken to Good Samaritan hospital, where it was reported he will recover.

With his younger brother John the boy was crossing the street, when an automobile going at a high rate of speed crashed into him. Without stopping to determine whether or not he had killed the lad, and making no offer of assistance, the autoist sped up the street before his license number could be observed.

CANADIAN FLIGHT ENDS

Last 60 Miles Covered by Plane in 35 Minutes.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Oct. 17.—With the last 60 miles covered in 35 minutes, Commander Tylic and Captain G. Thompson, pilot, landed here at 11:10 A. M., completing the trans-Canada airplane flight.

The flight was started on the morning of October 7 at Halifax, N. S. Colonel Robert S. Leitch and Major Basil Hobbs, in command on the first leg, crashed a short time later near St. John, N. B., but were not injured.

STUDENT SLAIN ON ROAD

Gems and Bonds Valued at Several Thousands in Pockets.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 17.—The body of Elmer C. Drewes, a Dartmouth college student, who left his home here yesterday to return to college, was found with a bullet hole through the top of his head on a lonely road early today. The police believe he was murdered.

Money, bonds and jewelry valued at several thousands of dollars were found untouched in his pockets.

COWLITZ LOGGER KILLED

Chaser at Inman-Poulson Camp Struck by Timber.

KELSO, Wash., Oct. 17.—(Special.)—With illness, a chaser at the Inman-Poulson camp, west of here, was instantly killed Saturday afternoon when he was struck by a log. The body was brought to Kelso. Funeral services will be here. Mr. Ebsen was 25 years of age and is survived by his mother and nine brothers and sisters in Norway. He had been working at the camp for three weeks.

EGGS, BUTTER TO DROP

Continued Decline in Poultry Prices Also Predicted.

CHICAGO, Oct. 17.—Prices of butter, eggs and poultry will continue to decline during the next month, Epiphany G. Hollman, chairman of the general executive committee of the National Poultry & Egg association, declared at the convention today.

With cool, dry weather, which would stimulate laying, he said, will take a decided price drop, he said.

COLFAX CHURCH BURNED

\$20,000 Fire Destroys Edifice Built Two Years Ago.

COLFAX, Wash., Oct. 17.—(Special.)—The Colfax Methodist Episcopal church was destroyed by fire today, causing a loss of about \$20,000. The fire started in the furnace room and had completely enveloped the frame structure before it was discovered.

The church was built about two years ago.

Republican Nominees Criticized.

CINCINNATI, O., Oct. 17.—"Franklin D. Roosevelt, speaking here last night, declared 'the present managers of the republican party and their nominee for the presidency have shown themselves to be wholly unfit to conduct affairs of this nation during the coming four years by their policy of misrepresentation.'"

HUNGER STRIKER DEAD IN PRISON

Fitzgerald Is First to Succumb at Cork.

TEN COMPANIONS SURVIVE

Condition of Another Is Reported to Be Grave.

FEEDING CHARGE DENIED

Prison Officials Declare Strikers Have Not Received Nourishment—Visitors Searched.

CORK, Oct. 17.—(By the Associated Press.)—The first death among the 11 hunger strikers in Cork jail was tonight. Fitzgerald died at 9:45 o'clock, having fasted 68 days.

The condition of Fitzgerald and Murphy had become so grave today that, with the consent of the other hunger strikers, the prison doctors were permitted to give Fitzgerald medical treatment. A Cork specialist also was called in.

Fitzgerald was arrested for shooting Private Soldier Jones outside Fermoy church on September 7, 1919. The ten other hunger strikers in Cork jail passed the 68th day of their fast in an extremely weakened condition. Nurses experienced difficulty in reviving Murphy, who collapsed twice last night.

Prison officials and doctors are interested in the statement attributed to New York physicians that the strikers were being fed and that it was impossible for a man, particularly one of Lord Mayor MacSwiney's build, to live 60 days without food.

The governor of the jail, Joseph King, said:

"To the best of my knowledge and belief the hunger strikers are receiving no nourishment."

He added that every person visiting the prisoners was carefully searched for food before entering the cells.

Fitzgerald was one of the 11 men on a hunger strike in the Cork jail whose cases for a long time have been the source of wonderment by medical authorities. Nearly a month ago Dr. Pearson and Dr. Battiscombe, jail physicians, expressed profound amazement that the man abstaining from food were still alive and conscious.

The physicians said that except for the devotion and care of the nuns it would be almost impossible to maintain such a strike.

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JOHN REED, PORTLAND RADICAL WRITER, DIES

TYPHUS GIVEN AS CAUSE IN MESSAGE FROM RUSSIA.

Victim Mentioned Recently in Dispatches From Finland as Being Executed.

John Reed, ex-Portland man, a magazine writer who had been identified with radical movements for several years, died yesterday in Moscow, Russia, from typhus, according to a cablegram received yesterday by his brother, Henry G. Reed. The message was sent by Mrs. Louise Bryant Reed, his wife, an ex-Portland girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Reed had been in Russia probably for the past few months, said Henry Reed last night, although he said that he had had no information from them for some time. How long his brother had been ill he did not know since no further details were contained in the message he received.

The last word received publicly in Portland about John Reed was an unconfirmed report that he had been executed in Finland early in April of this year.

He was born in Portland, a son of the late Charles Jerome Reed, who was at one time United States Marshal for Oregon. After graduating from the old Portland academy in 1905 he went to Harvard from where he was graduated in 1910. Immediately after his graduation he is said to have joined the ranks of the radicals.

He married Louise Bryant, a writer, in January, 1917. Mr. Reed and his wife spent a great deal of their time after their marriage in Russia, where they were both war correspondents and wrote for magazines.

Before his marriage Reed was on the editorial staff of the American magazine for two years. For four months he was correspondent with Villa's army in Mexico, writing for eastern newspapers and magazines.

Starting in August, 1914, he was a war correspondent for a little more than a year.

Associated Press dispatches of March 13 told of Reed being arrested at Abo, Finland, where he was found to be a stowaway on a vessel bound for Sweden. He was said to have had a large quantity of soviet propaganda with him when he was taken from the steamer.

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DR. EQUI SMILINGLY STARTS FOR PRISON

JAIL DEPARTURE SECRET TO PREVENT DEMONSTRATION.

Portland Woman Jests About Overalls for Working Men as She Departs for San Quentin.

With a smile and a jest on her lips, Dr. Marie Equi left Portland on the train at 11:30 o'clock last night to begin serving her sentence of a year and a day at San Quentin prison on a charge of violating the espionage act.

"I am glad I am going to a prison where they don't make overalls for working men," she declared, as she chatted during the few minutes before her train, the second section of No. 13, pulled out.

Dr. Equi left for her trip south in the custody of E. T. Haas, United States deputy marshal and a candidate for sheriff of Clackamas county, and Mrs. J. C. Sampson, police matron. She was taken to the jail secretly and on short notice in order to prevent any demonstration on her departure. But one friend, Mrs. M. F. Wall, managed to learn of the intended departure and slipped on the train until time for departure.

Dr. Equi expressed hope that she would not be compelled to serve out her entire sentence at San Quentin. "Any rate, there will be a change in the presidency shortly," she declared, significantly. She said, however, that she did not care to say just what was being done or would be done for her along the line of attempting to obtain a pardon.

"I do not believe in killing," she declared, "and I am willing to suffer for my belief in that respect. However, I did not say what I was quoted as having said about our soldier boys."

Dr. Equi said that it was partially at her own request that she was leaving for San Quentin so soon. She said that she did not begin serving her sentence until she arrived there and for that reason she was anxious to get started. She expressed regret, however, that she had not been permitted to get out on bail while here in order that she might have been able to take care of certain business affairs.

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Whims Held Permitted.

"Power to fix money rates for all, or nearly all of the banks in New York City and to change them daily is a grim prospect, which is so often exercised, that there is no other alternative but to leave the fixing of such opportunity and power in the hands of a few persons. Temptation to use this power for individual profit must arise and human nature is not changed by high position in the financial world.

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U. S. HELD IN GRIP OF FEW BANKERS

New York Coterie Said to Be Wielding Power.

CURRENCY CHIEF IS ACCUSER

Gotham Rates Declared Highest in the World.

WHOLE NATION AFFECTED

Alleged Arbitrary Interest Fixing Blamed for Depressing Investment Bond Prices.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17.—"Unjustifiable interest exacted on demand loans by New York City banks has been an active contributing cause of the 'huge shrinkage' in all security values during the last year, Controller of the Currency Williams declared tonight. He charged that call money rates in New York are the biggest in the world and that 'renewal' rates fixed daily by a small coterie of stock exchange brokers governed the 'interest charged on broken' loans in nearly all New York banks."

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ARTLESS RICH GIRL IS VISITOR IN PORTLAND

MISS ABBY ROCKEFELLER, 20, HAS OLD-TIME GRACES.

Oil Magnate's Daughter on Way to Orient With Her Aunt, Miss Lucy Aldrich.

Miss Abby Rockefeller, daughter of John D. Rockefeller Jr., and her aunt, Miss Lucy T. Aldrich, daughter of the late Senator Aldrich, passed through Portland last night on their way to the orient.

Miss Rockefeller, who is about 20, is unassuming and was so simply dressed last night that she would almost have passed unnoticed in the group of travelers who descended the steps of the Union Pacific train from Salt Lake at 7 o'clock.

She looked, in fact, much like a college girl in her trim dark brown checked velvet suit, with small fur neckpiece. Her hat of henna velvet with upturned brim edged with just a trace of feathers gave a touch of color to her costume.

Her mother, Mrs. Aldrich, is attractive and charming to meet with her pleasant smile of greeting. She has small features and her light brown hair was fluffed out becomingly under her hat.

They were in Portland only four hours, leaving for Seattle at 11 P. M. They boarded their train early in the evening. They will sail for the orient October 21.

KING'S PROGRESS NOTED

Doctors Satisfied With Condition of Monkey-Bitten King.

ATHENS, Oct. 17.—The doctors in attendance on King Alexander expressed themselves at noon today as satisfied with the king's progress. His temperature was about 101 degrees. The king is ill as a result of infection arising from the bite of a monkey.

BERNE, Oct. 17.—(Havas.)—Constantine, ex-king of Greece, is reported as intending to take advantage of the situation and present as a "victim" of King Alexander, his son, by returning to Greece and claiming the throne. The Swiss authorities, it is stated, are taking measures to defeat the alleged plot.

PORTLAND TO HEAR BAKER

Pro-League Special, on Way Here, Stops at Pittsburg.

NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—The first stop of the "pro-league special," which will carry Secretary of War Baker and other supporters of the league of nations on a speaking campaign to California, will be made at Pittsburg Tuesday noon.

The special will leave tomorrow. The itinerary includes Omaha, Denver, Salt Lake City, Butte, Mont., Spokane and Portland, Or. The party will conduct meetings in San Francisco, October 30, and in Los Angeles, November 1.

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EX-CASHIER HELD ON FRAUD CHARGE

Thad Robinson of Tillamook Arrested Here.

\$10,000 IN NOTES INVOLVED

Indictment Over Land Deal Is Frame-Up, Is Reply.

BANK AFFAIRS CLEAR

Paper Obtained in Disposal of Tract Is Sold With Personal Guarantee of Payment.

Thad Robinson, ex-cashier of the Tillamook County bank, Tillamook, and now in the bond and mortgage business in Portland, was arrested at his home, 864 Colonial avenue, yesterday morning by Deputy Sheriff Perkins of Tillamook and Chief Criminal Deputy Sheriff Christofferson of Portland by virtue of a secret indictment returned last week by the Tillamook county grand jury, charging him with obtaining money under false pretenses.

Bail bond on the indictment was fixed at \$10,000, which he was unable to provide yesterday. He remained in the county jail last night and will be taken to Tillamook today to face his accusers.

According to information received from Sheriff Campbell of Tillamook by long-distance telephone last night, the indictment against the ex-cashier charges him with obtaining \$10,000 from two Tillamook county residents under false pretenses. It is alleged that he sold the two men \$10,000 notes under fraudulent representations.

Arrest Is Called Frame-Up.

In his cell at the county jail yesterday Mr. Robinson branded his indictment as a "frame-up," which he said could be quickly exposed as soon as he is returned to Tillamook. He insisted there was nothing irregular in his financial transactions with the two men reported to be the complainants.

"The entire affair is the result of a land deal which I engineered for a group of 12 men in Tillamook county," he said. "These men wanted to buy some alfalfa land. I purchased 160 acres, which I wish a government irrigation district, which I sold to them for \$19,200. They paid me \$2000 in cash and gave me the ten \$1000 notes to insure payment of the balance. I then sold these notes, but guaranteed their payment to the two men who bought them."

"Under federal regulations a corporation cannot acquire title to property in an irrigation district until the indebtedness is entirely repaid."

"I still retain title to this land. This was all perfectly understood by the group of men who purchased the property. After they had purchased it they formed a corporation to handle the land. Later they sold me 10 acres for \$11,200, which they paid with \$1000 notes. I am absolutely at a loss to understand why this indictment was brought. The men who purchased these ten \$1000 notes know just how the title to the property stood when they bought them. The notes were given and signed by the officers of this corporation for whom I originally purchased the property, and in addition to the assurance that this corporation was financially sound, the purchasers of the notes have my written guarantee that they will be paid. I am financially able to pay every cent of the \$10,000 even if the corporation failed to make payment."

Bank Is Not Involved.

Mr. Robinson made it plain that this land deal had nothing whatever to do with his connection with the Tillamook bank, and his statements to this effect were substantiated by Ralph E. Williams, part owner of the bank. "Mr. Robinson's connections with the bank were in every way satisfactory and there is not even the breath of a suspicion against him on that score," Mr. Williams said yesterday.

"I had an intimation of this other affair which resulted in the indictment, but to my mind it is nothing more than a misunderstanding which can be righted. I have implicit confidence in Mr. Robinson."

Mr. Robinson last night expressed bitter resentment at the way in which he had been arrested. The Tillamook grand jury returned the indictment early in the week, he said, but the deputy did not come for him until Sunday—a day on which it would be extremely difficult to arrange bail bond.

"They came to my house and got me without any warning," he said.

Chicken Dinner Held Misad.

"And they beat me out of a good chicken dinner at home," he added sorrowfully, as he pointed to the round steak and boiled potato which they ate untouched on the table before him.

Mr. Robinson was connected with the Tillamook bank for about three years. He sold out his interest a little more than a year ago and moved to Portland with his family.

Mr. Robinson had been in the banking business for 20 years and this is the first time he has ever been accused of any

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