

VIRGINIA JOLTED BY GIANT METEOR

Twenty-Ton Sky Missile Crashes to Earth.

HEAVENS LIT UP BY GLARE

Shock Is Felt Throughout Radius of 50 Miles.

FLAMES FOLLOW IMPACT

Fall Makes Depression More Than 500 Square Feet in Area; Trees Buried Underneath.

NORFOLK, Va., May 12.—The shock of a 20-ton meteor which crashed to the ground in an isolated spot in Nottoway county, 12 miles northwest of Blackstone late last night, while the brilliant glare of the incandescent body illuminated the heavens over southern Virginia and sections of North Carolina.

The trail of light, as the meteor fell in a slow curve from the zenith at an angle of about 45 degrees, was visible in this city, in Richmond and at points along the James river, creating general excitement and even consternation among the negroes.

The meteor, composed of metallic substance, crashed into a grove of oak trees with an explosive roar some distance from any house, making a hole with an area of 500 square feet and burying several trees with it. Flames immediately shot up which were visible for many miles, while trees caught fire.

Many towns are jarred.

A party of scientists and newspaper men immediately left Richmond and this city for the scene, which is 120 miles west of Norfolk, but the results of their investigation were not known tonight, as the place is isolated and telephone communication is unavailable.

The shock of the fall was felt in several towns. At Lawrenceville, 100 miles west of here, windows were rattled and houses shaken, while at Chase City, similar effects were noted. Automobiles on the roadways said it seemed as if their cars had caught fire, so great was the illumination.

In Norfolk the meteor appeared to be about half the diameter of the full moon and much like a street arc light. Its tail, of orange brilliance with a sharp blue flame fading out at the extreme end, apparently was about 10 or 12 times as long and fully as broad as the body.

Detonation follows flight.

In Richmond a streak of light was seen whirling through space, to be followed by the reverberations of an explosion. The entire southeastern skies were illuminated as if by a flash of lightning and a burst of flames.

22 BONUS PAPERS FOUND

Veterans' Applications, Missing More Than Year, in Mail.

OLYMPIA, Wash., May 12.—(Special.)—Mysteriously missing for more than a year, 22 applications for the state bonus to veterans turned up even more mysteriously in the mail today at the veterans' compensation department today. Twenty-two veterans, who have been wondering for more than a year where their applications had gone, will know right away that they have been found, but probably will never know where they have been hidden.

The applications were mailed April 29, 1921, by the American Legion post at North Bend, Wash., to the King county auditor. Since that time the bonus department had many requests for information from the applicants, and about half of the men have been paid on duplicate applications.

LORD'S DAY ORDER FAILS

Victoria Citizens Vote Down Sunday Closing Proposal.

VICTORIA, B. C., May 12.—In a plebiscite today Victoria voters rejected by an overwhelming majority a proposal of the Victoria police commission for rigid enforcement of the Lord's day act. The plebiscite was ordered after storekeepers had refused to obey an order by the police commission for Sunday closing.

Leaders of the Lord's day alliance decline to recognize the legality of the plebiscite and the outcome of the matter is still in doubt.

WASHINGTON MAN NAMED

Henry O'Malley to Be Commissioner of Fish and Fisheries.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 12.—The nomination of Governor Cooper of South Carolina to be a member of the federal farm loan board, vice Asbury F. Lever, resigned, was confirmed by the senate today.

The nomination of Henry O'Malley of Washington state, to be commissioner of fish and fisheries, vice Hugh M. Smith, resigned, was also confirmed.

SENATOR POINDEXTER HAS TUMOR OPERATION

WASHINGTON SOLON IS SAID TO BE RESTING WELL.

Victim Rattles From Anesthetic Without Serious Effects; Wife Is at Bedside.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., May 12.—Senator Poindexter of Washington underwent an operation at Georgetown hospital today for the removal of a tumor. The operation, it was said, the hospital, was not of the most serious character.

The senator rattled from the anesthetic without serious effects and was reported to be resting well tonight. Mrs. Poindexter was at her husband's side during the operation. The Washington senator had been suffering from an unnatural growth for some time and had been advised to go under the knife weeks ago.

With the four-power and naval limitations treaties before the senate, however, the time the trouble was first discovered, his devotion to duty caused him to remain at his post and take the risk of more alarming developments. When the treaties were out of the way, then came the tariff hearings followed by the naval appropriation bill, so that it was not until yesterday that he felt he could take the time which his physician said he must spare soon or suffer the consequences.

He will have to remain in the hospital for a week or ten days, it was said by his physician.

PAIR DASH FOR LIBERTY

Negro and Boy Handcuffed Together Leap From Train.

LANCASTER, O., May 12.—An impediment in the form of a 16-year-old boy handcuffed to his wrist, meant nothing to a Pomona negro bootlegger when it came to making a dash for liberty on a train running 40 miles an hour yesterday. So through the window he went, taking the boy with him. The lad suffered a broken shoulder and other severe injuries.

The negro, John Sparkman, 38 years old, was being taken to the Dayton workhouse, to serve a sentence for bootlegging. The boy, Leonard Larkins, was being taken to the state reform school at Lancaster. The two officers in charge of the prisoners had handcuffed them together. Both prisoners were recaptured.

CLOUDBURST HITS TOWN

Deluge Is Sent Into Streets of Bristol, Va.; Damage Big.

BRISTOL, Va., May 12.—Beaver creek overflowed its banks early tonight as the result of a cloudburst between here and Abington, Va. Soon after 8 o'clock the water was running down several streets in the business section, while the city hall was surrounded by water. Reports from Wyndale, Va., however, said the water was falling there and it was believed the water would not mount much higher here.

WINNIEPEG, Man., May 12.—Further rise during the past 24 hours has aggravated flood conditions along the Assiniboine river and a serious situation exists with resultant damage to farm lands, homes and livestock in the affected area between Hoadley, 12 miles west of this city, and the district surrounding Poplar Point.

DRY LAW UP IN SWEDEN

People to Vote on Prohibition on August 27.

STOCKHOLM, May 12.—The government today announced that the consultative plebiscite on prohibition will be held August 27. The riksdag recently voted to submit the question to the people at large.

Sweden at present is on a liquor rationing basis whereby every head of a family, and all single adults, male and female, are entitled to certain allowances of strong liquor. There is no restriction on the sale of light wines and beer. The liquor, wine and beer trade is a government monopoly and yields a large revenue to the state.

COURT OPENED TO WORLD

All Nations Now Have Access to International Tribunal.

GENEVA, May 12.—(By the Associated Press.)—The court of international justice this afternoon was thrown open to the entire world when the council of the league of nations decided that Russia, Germany, Turkey, Hungary and Mexico could bring cases before the court provided they previously had agreed to accept its decisions and not declare war over disputes in question.

These nations were the only ones to which the court had not previously been available for the settlement of disputes.

COLD CRIPPLES CHILDREN

At Least 10 Per Cent Suffering From Contractions of Limbs.

NEW YORK, May 12.—Laird W. Archer of Wichita Kan., stationed at Alexandropol, today cabled the near east relief that lack of clothing was developing in Armenia a race of crippled children.

According to Archer at least 10 per cent of the children had contractions of the limbs caused by shortening of the tendons through being with the feet drawn up in an effort to keep warm. He added that physicians were trying to effect cures by the use of heated oil.

PEGGY'S JEWELS SEIZED AT PORT

All Gems Are Returned Except One Plaque.

Customs Agents Are Active

Evasion of Law Is Charged in Failure to Declare.

MRS. JOYCE INDIGNANT

Actress Home From France Boils With Anger When Informed Films Will Be Barred.

NEW YORK, May 12.—Customs officials today seized a diamond and emerald plaque valued at \$14,000 belonging to Peggy Hopkins Joyce, which they asserted the actress had not declared when she returned today from Paris on the Mauretania.

They returned to her, however, 24 other pieces of jewelry, including rings with diamonds weighing 41 carats and two strands of pearls valued at more than \$400,000. These were promptly turned over to a private detective whom the actress had engaged by wireless to serve as her bodyguard because of the crime wave which she had read was prevalent in New York.

Miss Joyce is indignant.

Peggy, frothing with indignation on her trip up from quarantine, when she learned motion picture house owners, meeting in Washington, had banned "for the good of the screen" any pictures in which she might be shown, appeared not in the least concerned when her trunks were taken to the customs house for examination.

In a costume featuring sables, champagne colored stockings and a blue turban, she followed her belongings from the pier, and watched the examination. She pulled away half a box of cigarettes and chatted with the force while appraisers piled her with questions.

Her attorney, William J. Falon, who accompanied her, later issued a statement in which he asserted that "my pictures in which she might be shown" were not in the least concerned when the examination is continued tomorrow.

Actress Denies Being Vampire.

In the course of the day, the actress, whose name has been mentioned in connection with the suicide in Paris of "Billy" Errazuriz, attaché of the Chilean embassy, denounced as "lies" many statements concerning her. She vehemently denied that she was a "vampire" or that she was the "butterfly type" and she made it quite plain, as did her lawyer, that she intended to fight any proposal of (Concluded on Page 2, Column 2.)

GENOA CONFERENCE TO RESULT IN TRUCE

Commission to Study Out Financial Problems.

Lloyd George and Italian Delegate Succeed in Saving Meeting From Uter Failure.

By ARNO DOSCH FLEUROT.

GENOA, May 12.—A truce while Russia's future and European frontiers are settled. A truce perhaps for six months while a commission, appointed by Genoa, examines credits, debts and private property in Russia. A truce which everybody will sign and which will be a foot inside the door of Russia and prevent its being closed again.

This is the revivifying thought which has been worked out by Premier Lloyd George, with the help of Foreign Minister Schanzer of Italy.

It looks tonight as if the idea of a truce will go through and prevent what was feared might be a complete failure.

For the Genoa conference is finished. It took some hours before this essential fact ran through all the delegations. Then Premier Lloyd George, with the necessary buoyancy, did what a member of the British delegation termed "making the corpse do a somersault."

What he did was to place a new hope before the conference that a deadlock which would only grow worse before that body could be solved imperceptibly in a commission.

The French announced officially tonight that they will agree with the British and the Italians in whatever they suggest. It was reported earlier that they intended to object to the presence of the Russians on the commission. This would have meant an immediate break, but during the day it was reported that the French had received a telegram from Paris telling Vice Premier Barthou to finish on friendly terms with the British and the Italians.

One French delegate remarked, "It is no use kicking the corpse. Another said, "It is conventional for everyone to shake hands at funerals."

The French are feeling more satisfaction than the situation warrants. The conference is not a failure, because it is finishing in a commission. Premier Lloyd George's buoyancy is real, and Senator Schanzer, talking at Cas della Stampa to all the assembled newspaper men, made a point that the conference had done its work in getting these nations together, and that the fact that it finds necessary the settling of some of the biggest problems after further investigation means only that complete success has not yet been reached.

The Russians are willing to leave without closing the door behind them, so that the rift in the door which Senator Schanzer mentioned yesterday will become wider daily.

It took all Premier Lloyd George's optimism to be enthusiastic about the idea of a truce, but it has been contagious. When some smaller problems come before the conference before the truce has been agreed and the commission is formed, there is still a possibility of trouble, but that is local.

Premier Lloyd George intends to (Concluded on Page 2, Column 2.)

THE OREGONIAN RADIO DANCE IS BIG SUCCESS

George Olsen's Musicians Give Fine Programme.

Elks' New March Played by Frank Richter and Song by Dr. Riley Makes Tremendous Hit.

George Olsen's orchestra again provided a programme of excellent dance music for radio fans last night, when the regular Friday concert for radio dancing was broadcast from The Oregonian tower. The concert consisted of nine dance numbers and was preceded by a short programme for the benefit of the Elks' carnival. Frank Richter, the blind pianist, played the Elks' new march, "Wake Up, Rosie," which was written by Dr. P. O. Riley, and Tommy J. Tobin, baritone, then sang the words as a solo, and followed it with "Old Pal, Why Don't You Answer Me?" It was the first time "Wake Up, Rosie" had been sung in public, and a large crowd of lodge members were assembled in the hall at Vancouver Wash., where a receiving set had been installed. Immediately after the preliminary concert a telephone call was received from Vancouver to the effect that the new song had gone over big.

The same success and the same enthusiasm accompanied the playing of the Olsen orchestra that has accompanied the five previous concerts given by this body of talented musicians. The concert was attended by many unusual stunts in the large audience. Several listeners, who own magnavox attachments, reported that they could hear the music outdoors.

A large crowd assembled at the Irvington pharmacy, on the east side, and one of the most appreciative listeners was a brindle bulldog owned by the manager. Whatever it is that makes a dog respond to music was working fine for the brindle, and he sang melodiously along with the first number until a spastic set, operated by an amateur, tuned in and made an awful racket. The dog abruptly stopped singing and began to bark, and the barking continued until the spark set stopped.

Several extra numbers were inserted in the programme played by the orchestra, one of them being "The Shiek," played at the request of C. S. Jensen of the Liberty theater, who had a new set installed yesterday. The full programme follows in the order played: "Rosemary," "Tell Me at Twilight," "Portland Hotel Blues," "The Shiek," "Myra Mine," "So Am I," "By the Silvery Nile," "St. Louis Blues" and "Beal Street Blues."

Another programme of dance music will be broadcast by the Olsen orchestra next Friday night at the same time the election returns are broadcast. The returns will be read off as they come in, the announcement of results to be made between selections of the orchestra. The Olsen orchestra will play between 8 and 9 o'clock, and then other artists will continue the concert between returns until the broadcasting begins.

The Oregonian has obtained the exclusive rights to broadcast next morning the election returns, and the station to send out primary election returns. After the first announcement of this special feature of radio (Concluded on Page 2, Column 2.)

STRIKE TACKLED BY CONCILIATORS

Hearing Opens But Success Is Negligible.

Each Side Gives Grievances

Morning Session Is Tense; Union Men Predominate.

Success Yet in Doubt

Contempt of Court Charges and Incidents of Violence Are Discussed at Gathering.

The Oregon state board of conciliation yesterday heard signs of the differences which are deemed responsible for the longshoremen's strike that will by tomorrow have been waged on Portland's waterfront for three weeks. As the hearing progressed, the general impression appeared to be that gains, rather than losses, would accrue from the presentation of each side in the controversy before the accredited state peace-makers. But whether a settlement could be reached was still as much of a problem as ever. The hearing will be resumed at 10 o'clock this morning.

The strikers' leaders, representatives of the waterfront employers and the conciliators gathered in library hall in a tense atmosphere yesterday morning. The longshoremen predominated, their numbers making a fair sized audience that in the main followed intently each part of the arguments. In the foreground, about the table of the state board, were their spokesmen, near them were the members of the Waterfront Employers' union, and to one side were officials of the United States shipping board.

Hearing Declared Informal.

W. F. Woodward, chairman, with Otto Hartwig, labor member, and John K. Flynn, employing member, composed the board. At the outset Mr. Woodward made known that the hearing was informal, yet with the presence of court reporters and the administration of oaths to witnesses it rather took on the appearance of a tribunal.

J. C. Perkins, for the shipping board, present with F. W. Relyea, Pacific coast director, and J. W. Crichton, district director, suggested that the hearing be confined to the issues. He added that the shipping board's proposal as to wages and working conditions was the same as that of the employers and that the government would stand on the issues as between the union and shipping board. Chairman Woodward explained that the hearing was a conciliation hearing, and the employers being refused to accept arbitration but being willing to accept conciliation, while the union and shipping board had accepted the offer of the board as to arbitration.

Working Schedules Compared.

Much time was spent during the day in a comparison of working schedules and wages in Portland and Puget sound points. In the afternoon the matter of trucking on docks was taken up. The union alleges an attempt was made to wrest trucking from its control by making the scale 70 cents an hour, instead of 80 cents as for longshore work. This point came in for much debate. In connection with testimony on trucking wages it was declared that on the occasion of a reduction in the lumber scale in August, 1921, which was to be 10 cents an hour, the employers had made it 20 cents an hour, as shown in printed cards issued soon after.

When asked as to whether the union had undertaken disciplinary measures as regards members held into court on charges of attacking non-union workers, J. L. Madson, vice-president of the International Longshoremen's association, replied that he was not aware of any such action, as it appears that the cases in court were not clearly fastened on the men accused.

Time was spent in discussing "plug uglies," as alleged strike followers and strike breakers were termed by the union, it being declared such men were on the scene to create trouble and rob the men employed to replace non-union workers. J. A. Carwright, assistant general manager of the Columbia-Pacific Shipping company, insisted no cases of robbery of employees had been reported since the strike started.

Scale Again Is Discussed.

Reference to the scale again brought from Mr. Madson the statement that the union had agreed to have the matter with the board as to whether the union scale or that of the employers' was accepted. Mr. Jenkins said the government was ready to accept the unequalled decision of the board and that the same schedule was proposed as that of the employers.

"Mr. Jenkins has ceased to be a mediator and we are meeting him as an employer," was the announced position of the union.

Major Cartwright, in questioning Mr. Madson, sought to elicit details as to how pickets were sent from the hall and raised the question as to whether it was not apparent the tem- (Concluded on Page 10, Column 2.)

16 HORSES DRAGGED FROM BURNING BARN

East Side Stables of Contractor Damaged.

Two Animals, Injured Before Rescue, Are Sent to Veterinary Hospital—Onlookers Aid.

There was an old-fashioned fire last night at 274 East Ninth street, the stables of Joseph Dolan, contractor. The trampling, pawing and snorting of frightened horses mingled with the crackling of flames and two of the animals were burned about the back and head before they could be led from the building.

The stables are included in a low, rambling one-story frame building. Apparently the fire started in a manger toward the rear, from whence it spread to adjoining stalls and upward to the inflammable roof. Spectators, seeing the flames shoot through the roof, flocked to the burning horses, rushed inside to their rescue. Sacks and blankets were quickly spread over their heads and every one of the 16 was coaxed to safety. Within a few minutes after the arrival of the department the fire was under control.

A false alarm, sent in while the stable was burning, caused word to spread that there was a serious conflagration on the east side.

Fire Marshal Roberts was unable to give the exact origin of the blaze. He said the damage was slight. The burned horses were taken to a veterinary hospital.

BRIDGE TYPE IS CHOSEN

Steel and Concrete Arch Plan Adopted for Span Over Columbia.

THE DALLES, Or., May 12.—(Special.)—A tuten arch type steel and concrete bridge was selected by officers and directors of The Dalles-Oregon-Washington Toll Bridge company, meeting here last night, for the span across the Columbia river three miles above The Dalles. The plan was one of three submitted by Robert Sears of the Union Bridge company.

The complete working plans for the construction of the bridge will now be made, the financing campaign put over and the contract for construction awarded probably this summer. It was decided at the meeting. All but three of the bridge spans will be of concrete. The longest span, of steel, will cover the main river channel, a distance of 267 feet. The total estimated cost is \$430,350.

TRAIN ROBBED OF MAIL

Two Masked Men Get 4 Pouches, but Leave Passengers Alone.

PHOENIX, Ariz., May 12.—Two masked bandits, who were riding on a train that held up a combination train on the Arizona & New Mexico railroad about 15 miles from Clifton, Ariz., and escaped with four pouches of mail and a few packages taken from the mail car, according to a telephone message received here, today. The passengers were not molested.

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ROOSEVELT ROAD WORK IS ASSURED

Three Sections to Be Constructed This Year.

Units in Forest Reserves

Representative Hawley Confers With Mr. Greeley.

WALDPORT ONE PROJECT

Second Is From Brush to Mussel Creek in Curry and Third Is South of Neskowin.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., May 12.—After a conference today with Foster Greeley, Representative Hawley announced that three units of the Roosevelt highway in Oregon are to be constructed this summer through forest reserves.

The first is from Tidewater bridge to Waldport, in Lincoln county, eight miles, at a cost of \$100,000. The second will be from Brush creek to Mussel creek, in Curry county, six miles, at a cost of \$120,000. The third, south of Neskowin, in Tillamook and Lincoln counties, 20 miles, will cost \$200,000.

This last unit has not yet been formally acted upon, it was said, but is practically certain of approval, and the money is being reserved for it. This makes a total of 24 miles.

In addition, there will be constructed 14 miles of road in Jackson county, from Trail to Prospect and on the Center lake road, at a cost of \$200,000, and from Eugene to Florence, between Rimrock and Blakely, 24 miles of road, at a cost of \$200,000. All are co-operative projects.

WORK TO BE DONE ON SECTION

Roosevelt Highway Between Hebo and Siletz to Be Constructed.

Construction of the Roosevelt highway between Hebo, in Tillamook county, and Siletz, in Lincoln county, which will cost practically half a million dollars, was one of the agreements of the state highway commission at yesterday's meeting.

Another section of the Roosevelt highway to come in for attention is the six-mile section north of Fort Ord, in Curry county.

The Roosevelt highway work in Tillamook and Lincoln counties will be participated in by the counties, the state and the forest department. A section of this work, from Hebo to Neskowin, was advertised for a special meeting of the commission to be held May 31. This section consists of 13 miles, which is to be graded and surfaced.

Advocates of the Heppner Junction-Willow Creek section of the Oregon-Washington highway was also ordered for the May meeting. "This is a stretch of ten miles to be graded and surfaced. The proposed plan to build the Oregon-Washington highway from Rhea's dining car, a connection with the John Day highway a couple of miles south of Arlington is abandoned.

Another project advertised for the special meeting this month is the seven and a half miles between Mitchell and the Ochoco forest reserve. This section will connect with the road already graded through the reserve.

On the old Oregon trail the 12-mile section between Kamela and Dead Man's pass is ordered advertised for grading and gravel bids to be opened this month. Deep snows have prevented this project from being considered earlier.

The Myrtle Point-Remote section of the Roosevelt-Coos Bay highway, bids for which were rejected last week, is advertised for surfacing for the meeting at the end of the month.

For advertising at the June meeting the commission agreed on the Lostine-Enterprise road, the last unimproved section of that main highway in Wallawa county. The Wallawa hill is also to be dealt with and two bridges will be advertised on the Pacific highway, one a Gothic structure across the Umpqua at Winchester and the other a bridge at Drault, both in Douglas county.

The commission also took up the matter of ordering paving for six-tenths of a mile at the west approach of the new Oregon City bridge at West Linn.

ROAD TO OPEN GREAT RANGE

Forest Service Appraisal Made to Develop Grazing.

ROSEBURG, Or., May 12.—(Special.)—Recommendations that a road up the North Umpqua river be sponsored by the government for the purpose of increasing the value of its range and grazing lands in the Ilwaco, Big Camas and Diamond lake districts will be contained in the range appraisal report being prepared by the forest service to submit to congress according to D. C. Ingram, appraiser, who has been obtaining a number of photographs to be made a part of the report.

Some of the finest range land in Oregon is in any of the national forests located in and around the districts mentioned, but because of the diffi- (Concluded on Page 2, Column 2.)

