ALEXANDER LIMPS ALONG UNDER TOW

All of 306 Passengers Are Taken From Steamer.

FOG CAUSE OF ACCIDENT

Vessel Off Course When Cake Rock, Scarcely Mile From Jagged Shore, Is Struck.

RECENT ACCIDENTS IN AND OFF PUGET SOUND.

Steam schooner Harry T. Scott was sunk July 16 in collision with big freighter Harry Luckenbach in strait of Juan de Fuca. Four lives were lost.

The steamer Mobile City of the Isthmian steamship line lost its way in a fog July 16 and was stranded on Protection island.

The steamer Calista was sunk off West Point, eight miles from Seattle, July 27 when it was rammed by the Japanese liner Hawaii Maru during a dense fog.

The steamship H. F. Alexander of the Pacific Steamship company struck Cake Rock, off Quillayute river, near Cape Flattery, early yesterday morning. The steamer was off her course in a dense fog when she hit the rock.

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 7.—With her passengers transferred to the relief ship Admiral Schley, which was speeding toward Seattle on a schedule that should land them here at daylight tomorrow, the coastwise liner H. F. Alexander, her bow stove in from crashing on treacherous Cake rock on the rugged Washington coast early this morning, was limping slowly down Puget sound tonight in tow of the powerful tug Sea Monarch.

The Alexander, pulled at a four-knot speed, is due here before noon tomorrow. She proceeded under her own power as far as Clallam bay. There her 306 passengers were taken aboard the Admiral Schley at 6 o'clock tonight.

Task Is Without Mishap.

The transfer of passengers took place while the disabled liner and the relief ship rode at anchor, shoulder to shoulder, in a heavy fog blanketing the Strait of Juan de Fuca. The task was carried out without mishap. As the Admiral Schley steamed toward Seattle the Alexander's band played on her deck while the shipwrecked guests danced merrily.

The H. F. Alexander has a hole in her starboard bow. Its extent has not yet been determined, but it was sufficiently large to permit flooding of No. 1 hold.

The coast guard cutter Snohomish is standing by the Alexander.

Vessel Off Course.

The Alexander was off her course in a dense fog when she hit the rock.

Cake rock is scarcely more than a mile from the jagged shore. On this rock the barge W. J. Pirrie struck in November, 1920, all except two of the 23 persons on board being drowned. Fifty-two years ago a Japanese sailing vessel was lost in the Giants' graveyard. Some of those aboard her, like the two survivors of the Pirrie, were cast up on the rocks of the shore and succored by the Indians of La Push, Wash., at the mouth of the Quillayute river. The Japanese are said to have been absorbed by the Indians.

Steamer Ex-Transport.

The Alexander was built in 1915 as the Great Northern. In the world war the Great Northern was bought by the government and transformed into a navy transport. She broke records for speed and for number carried in proportion to size in taking American troops to France. After the war she was bought by the Pacific Steamship company, which spent $500,000 remodeling her and named her after its president, H. F. Alexander.

The fact that the Alexander was in peril was almost instantly known through an S. O. S. sent out by Captain Bartlett and picked up by the city harbor wireless station. A few minutes later the station caught a message from Captain Bartlett to the Pacific Steamship company, "Struck rock; no immediate danger." At 12:57 a wireless came from Captain Bartlett, "Have backed off; proceeding on own steam."

AIR STUNT IS THRILLING

Aeronaut to Do Triple Parachute Leap at The Oaks.

As much at home as the average business man in his Morris chair with his kiddies on his knee is Professor J. Lee Strange, world-famous aeronaut, when he is in the clouds. He is booked for a sensational triple parachute leap for life tomorrow afternoon at the Oaks.

More than 1700 successful escapes from the clouds are registered in favor of the professor, and he is as enthusiastic about roaming the heavens in a balloon as he was 17 years ago when he first adopted this spectacular means of earning a livelihood. He says he took to ballooning just as some discerning men invariably select the juicier half of a grapefruit.

RESIGNATION IS FILED

C. H. Packer to Leave Employ of Public Service Commission.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 7.—(Special.)—C. H. Packer, for the last two and one-half years employed as engineer in charge of the railway department of the Oregon public service commission, has filed his resignation with the commission, it was announced here today. The resignation will become effective August 10.

Mr. Packer at one time was assistant engineer for the Washington state highway commission, and previously had been employed as locating and construction engineer by the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad company.

ROAD BOOSTERS ON TOUR

Wahkiakum County Wants Highway to Sea Completed.

SOUTH BEND, Wash., Aug. 7.—(Special.)—A delegation of business men from Wahkiakum county, on the Columbia river, will tour through Pacific county and go to Olympia in an effort to arouse interest in the completion of the North Bank Columbia highway from Kelso to the ocean. Wahkiakum county says it is the only county in Washington that cannot be reached from the outside by road.

The Wahkiakum county delegation met at the South Bend Commercial club tonight and will proceed to Raymond, nearby. Raymond and South Bend business men will join the contingent and go to Olympia to plead for the road. After leaving Olympia the contingent will visit in Chehalis, Kelso and way-towns.

WOMAN ASSAILANT FINED

ATTACK IN NEIGHBOR'S YARD COSTS $15.

Judge Ekwall's Anger Turns to Laughter When Told Kids Mean Billy Goats.

"If your honor please, my two little kids wandered over into this woman's yard and she picked up a big club and began to hit them over the head," complained Mrs. Gus Endress, plaintiff in an assault case against Mrs. Stella Braun in the police court yesterday.

"From what this complaining witness tells me, it was a vicious assault and unwarranted," interjected Deputy City Attorney Terry. "I have a little youngster of my own and I know how this woman must feel for some neighbor woman to strike them as Mrs. Braun did in this case. I understand the two children were so badly hurt they were unable to appear here in court."

Judge Ekwall appeared to be deeply affected.

"A person who will grab up a heavy club and begin striking little tots over the head will receive no consideration in this court, even though it happens to be a woman," he thundered.

Mrs. Endress started to laugh. The court was astounded. He looked up inquiringly.

"You misunderstood me," pleaded Mrs. Endress. "I meant she assaulted my kids—goats, young billy goats."

And then Judge Ekwall laughed, and Deputy City Attorney Terry flushed when he found his defense of childhood had gone for naught. But further testimony showed that after Mrs. Braun had beaten the two young kids she attacked Mrs. Endress when the latter interfered. Judge Ekwall assessed a $15 fine and imposed a five-day jail sentence, which was suspended.

WIFE HELD EXTRAVAGANT

Spouse Also Untrue, Declares Man Seeking Divorce.

Every time John H. Watson has moved with his family since 1899 he has left behind unpaid debts, due to the extravagance of his wife, he complains in a divorce action filed in the circuit court yesterday. He also says she has been untrue to him, preferring the company of a local physician and lapidary.

Watson avers that one of his daughters discovered Mrs. Anna J. Watson "parking" her corset prior to receiving a visit from a man friend in their home. The Watsons were married in 1899. Their four children are said now to be largely self-supporting.

Other divorce suits filed yesterday were: Max F. against Jennie E. Berender, Minnie against Fred Tissue, Gurina against George Finstead, and Bertha M. against Charles O. Bell.

ROBERT F. CLARK LEAVES

Ex-President of Pacific University Departs for Ohio.

PACIFIC UNIVERSITY, Forest Grove, Or., Aug. 7.—(Special.)—Robert F. Clark, retiring president of Pacific university, left last week to occupy a professorship in Marietta college, Marietta, O. He was accompanied by his wife and three children. The Clarks were honored with many social functions prior to their departure.

Professor Clark was the sixth president of the university and served as head of the institution for three years. He came here in 1916 as professor of sociology and economics and will occupy the same position in Marietta college.

W. C. Weir, president, selected by the trustees to succeed Mr. Clark, assumed control of the institution.

PURSE SEINERS AT WORK

Fishing Craft, However, Operate Well Off Shore.

ASTORIA, Or., Aug. 7.—(Special.)—The fisheries patrol boat Phoenix, returning to port this evening, reported that while four purse-seining craft were fishing well off shore, none of them ventured within the three-mile limit. None of the purse seiners has yet attempted to operate "whip" seines in the lower harbor and the officers assert that if the craft start fishing there the master and crew of each offending vessel will be arrested.

It appears that licenses were issued by the fisheries department of the state of Washington to three or four of these vessels, granting them permission to fish inside the Columbia river with whip seines.

Deputy Fish Warden Larson of Oregon, however, refused to recognize these licenses.

Cranberry Committee Chosen.

ILWACO, Wash., Aug. 7.—(Special.)—P. L. Sinclair, state senator, has been asked to be superintendent of the cranberry division at the second annual northwest fruit exposition to be held in Seattle. E. B. Hughes, J. S. Dellinger and W. E. Schimpff of Astoria; J. R. Beuk, county agent at South Bend, and H. L. Williams, growers, at Ilwaco, are the committee that will endeavor to assemble a display representative of the cranberry industry in the Pacific northwest.

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CANDIDATES VEX TEXAS DEMOCRATS

Leaders Hope Republicans Will Suggest Strong Man.

REAL OPPORTUNITY SEEN

Prospect of Victory by Impeached Governor or Klan Aspirant Displeasing.

BY MARK SULLIVAN.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 7.—In republican circles in Washington there are hints of a development which may prove of some importance, assuming that the republican leaders have the wisdom and energy to do in the right way a thing which they are being solicited to do by persons from Texas, including some important democrats.

In Texas a good many democrats find themselves in a position distinctly not to their liking. In the democratic senatorial convention on July 18 there were six candidates and it turned out that the two who got the highest votes were James E. Ferguson, an ex-governor, who as governor was impeached by the state legislature, and Earl B. Mayfield, who was the candidate of the Ku Klux Klan. These two will participate in a "run off" primary on August 26, and one of them is certain to be the democratic candidate for United States senator.

Republican to Get Chance.

Whichever wins, the result will be that the democratic party candidate at the general election in November will be a man who probably does not command the loyalty of more than a fourth or a fifth of the democratic voters of the state, who indeed, either because of his impeachment, in the case of Ferguson, or because of his associations with the Ku Klux Klan, in the case of Mayfield, will be deeply repugnant to a very considerable number of the democratic voters.

This is an example of the way the direct primary system occasionally, though by no means frequently, works out. It sometimes happens that by reason of a multiplicity of candidates one group of voters is so split up that a less numerous group determines the primary choice.

In the present Texas case some important democrats, being dismayed at having to choose between a Ku Klux Klan candidate and an impeached ex-governor, have solicited the republican national management to seek out and nominate on the republican ticket some high-class Texan who will provide the disaffected democrats with an opportunity to vote for some one more to their liking than either Ferguson or Mayfield. Under the provisions of the Texas law only parties having a membership of over 300,000 are required to hold primaries. Parties under 100,000, which includes the republicans, are permitted to make their nominations by the convention system.

Best Man Needed.

The republicans have not yet held their senatorial convention, and it is therefore possible for the party management, if it knows how to control the situation and act upon it, to make a republican candidate for senator who will get very much more than the normal republican vote. Of course, those Texas democrats who are affected because they feel that either the impeached ex-governor or the Ku Klux Klan candidate would be a deplorable letdown from Texas' past representation in the United States senate would not take any interest in any ordinary republican candidate.

If the republicans name as their candidate merely some party hack who has been a republican for the sake of the postoffices during republican presidencies, nothing will happen. But if the national management of the republican party at Washington should persuade the local organization in Texas to seek the best man in the state regardless of previous affiliations, it is just conceivable that something revolutionary might happen in Texas in November.

There have been in the past republican national leaders who have had the vision to see the opportunity for service in Texas and the energy to act upon it. To restore the sort of representation that Texas used to have in the United States senate, at the time, for example, when Culbertson was in his prime—that would be service such as any political party might be proud of. Incidentally, this is a chance for persons who believe the convention system to be better than direct primaries to show how well the former can be made to work when it is directed toward a good purpose.

John H. Kirby Mentioned.

One of the men mentioned in this connection is John H. Kirby of Houston, a banker and lumberman, who has served in the Texas legislature as a democrat. As to Mr. Kirby's qualifications, the writer knows little or nothing. Neither, indeed, does the writer know enough to have final convictions about either Mayfield or Ferguson. Mayfield, aside from his klan affiliation, and aside from the lack of experience which would be sure to make him a less effective senator than Texas has been accustomed to have, is said to have some good qualities.

As to Ferguson, many of his partisans claim that politics caused his impeachment. However, it is sure that a very considerable body of Texas democrats are dismayed at having to choose between these two, and would like the republicans to provide them with a more agreeable alternative.

One Hurt in Auto Crash.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Aug. 7.—(Special.)—George Dejausserand of Cosmopolis suffered cuts and bruises on the face and his daughter, Miss Bertha, escaped uninjured when they were thrown to the pavement from an automobile driven by E. B. Slits of Cosmopolis this morning. Miss Dejausserand and her parents were sitting in the rear of Mr. Smith's machine when it collided with an automobile driven by Lee Demeree of Aberdeen at Broadway and Heron streets. A shower of glass from Mr. Demeree's head lamps fell over Mr. Dejausserand. None of the other passengers in either car were injured. Mr. Demeree's car was badly damaged.

JURY-GETTING TEDIOUS

TRIAL INVOLVING KU KLUX PROCEEDING SLOWLY.

Talesmen Subjected to Critical Scrutiny in Case Affecting 37 Reputed Klansmen.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Aug. 7.—The examination of talesmen in the trial of 37 persons who are alleged to have participated in a Ku Klux Klan raid at Inglewood, a suburb, on April 22, last, proceeded slowly today in Superior Judge Houser's court, both defense and prosecution attorneys propounding numerous questions to each person called on the subject of prejudice for or against the klan.

The lawyers on both sides also demanded from each talesman a statement as to his or her opinion on methods of law enforcement. The defense contends the raiders were seeking to aid law enforcement officers when they seized two proprietors of a winery at Inglewood.

The attorney on this side asked the talesmen if they would be prejudiced against persons who sought to enforce the law if it were shown they were klansmen. They also asked the talesmen if they believed in enforcement of the prohibition laws.

The prosecuting attorney asked the persons called to the box if they believed in the constitution of the state and the nation and the enforcement of all the laws by properly constituted authorities.

Seven women were among the first 12 called to the box and none had been challenged when adjournment was taken for the day. Ten men were questioned during the day. One was excused for cause, two challenged by the prosecution and two by the defense. The man excused said he believed "there was something to be said for the defendants."

The defense is entitled to five peremptory challenges for each defendant, or 185 in all, while the prosecution may challenge three for every five challenged by the defense, or a total of 111 if all the defense challenges are exercised.

EX-EDITOR PASSES AWAY

D. F. Power, Prominent Resident of Seattle, Dead.

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 7.—D. F. Power, 69 years of age, for many years prominently identified with business in Seattle and a former editor of the Everett Herald, died last night at his home here. Mr. Power was born in Nova Scotia and was editor and owner of the Pictou Standard. Before coming west he was in business in Halifax, N. S. He took his family to Everett in 1891 and came to Seattle in 1898 and engaged in the grocery and commission business. For many years he was an officer in the Knights of Columbus.

Mr. Power is survived by his widow, Catherine A. Power, and five children, M. F. Power, Dr. W. B. Power, Miss Mary Power, Mrs. Walter E. Galbraith, Seattle, and John J. Power, Laguna Beach, Cal.

ELECTRIC HEARING SET

Companies Operating in Washington Are Notified.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Aug. 7.—(Special.)—Hance H. Cleland, supervisor of public utilities in the department of public works, today sent notice to the 85 electric light and power companies in Washington that a hearing on the line extension problem will be held here August 25.

Testimony will be taken to form a basis for a uniform rule by which electric companies will be governed in making extensions of their lines to serve new patrons or new territory. An elastic rule which may be flexible to meet differing conditions in sparsely or thickly settled territory will be necessary, Mr. Cleland said.

Washington Centenarian Dies.

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Aug. 7.—Philip Christie, aged 102, died at his home near Custer this morning. He had lived in this country 30 years.

FRUIT FAIR POSTPONED

SEATTLE EXPOSITION IS SET FOR NOVEMBER 11-19.

Earlier Date Promises Greater Interest in Affair and More Space Has Been Assured.

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 7.—(Special.)—Executive committee members of the second annual Pacific northwest fruit exposition voted yesterday to hold the show at the Bell street terminal, November 11 to 19, instead of at the arena, October 28 to November 5, the original dates.

The change was made at the suggestion of growers, who wished a later date and who assured more and larger exhibits on that basis. Also the terminal will give more display area than was available at the uptown location.

Mrs. Winnie Braden, general manager of the exposition, said applications have been received for space from a number of districts and individuals, including women's clubs, that contemplate exhibiting in domestic science departments.

The International Apple Shippers' association, through A. R. Currie, is offering a valuable trophy on the sweepstakes exhibit in the district display division. The Seattle advertising club has appointed a committee, headed by W. L. Leon, to arrange a contest to secure a trade mark for the exposition. Major W. J. Muirhead, traffic manager of the Port of Seattle, promises an inspection of a refrigerated ship and the actual loading of apples from both cars and the warehouse to ship's hold.

The judging committee will consist of Professor O. M. Morris, chairman; Professor W. S. Brown, Professor C. C. Vincent, J. L. Stahl, M. L. Dean, Samuel Miller, J. D. Duke and Charles Robinson. Superintendents of divisions are: A and B, five and ten-box displays and plate exhibits, W. P. Remans; C, grape displays, R. T. Reid; D, district displays, Alpheus Byers, chairman, with the following assistants: F. W. Graham, R. F. Weeks, C. E. Arney, C. M. Andrews, W. H. Olon and C. L. Smith; E, individual displays, M. L. Dean; F, cranberry booth display, Percy Sinclair; G, H and I, commercial canners', evaporators' and packers' displays, A. R. Currie; J, domestic science department, Miss Maud Wilson; K, canning club displays, Miss Elmina White.

COWLITZ LODGES FROLIC

Barbecue, Bean Bake and Sports Feature Picnic.

KELSO, Wash., Aug. 7.—(Special.)—Two fraternal organization picnics were held in Cowlitz county yesterday. Both were favored with perfect weather conditions. At Tucker more than 500 members of the Eagles lodge and friends were guests of Kelso and Castle Rock aeries of Eagles. Louis Winthrop of Seattle was the principal speaker. There were games and sports, and a barbecue and bean bake featured the event. The lodges had a dance at Tucker hall, which was largely attended.

A large number of Kelso Masons and Eastern Star members journeyed to Kalama yesterday for the annual Masonic picnic at the municipal park there, Kelso, Castle Rock and Kalama lodges combining. A programme was held.

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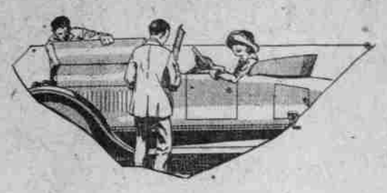

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