FATE OF ZEPPELIN EMBITTERS BERLIN

Refusal of Trawler to Rescue Crew Contrasted With "Heroes of Moewe."

ACT DECLARED 'INFAMOUS'

Bishop of London Says Skipper Must Be One of Saddest Men in England, but That Germans Themselves Killed Chivalry.

LONDON, Feb. 5.—According to Berlin telegrams transmitted by Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam, the attitude of the crew of the trawler King Stephen toward the crew of the wrecked Zeppelin L-19 has raised a storm of indignation in the Berlin press, which describes the case as a worthy counterpart of the Baralong incident.

"This fresh infamous action," says the Lokal Anzeiger, "discloses the brutality of the British character, which we 'barbarians' did not know."

The Vossische Zeitung says:

"Everyone who has still preserved an impartial judgment will agree that the King Stephen affair is a stain on the shield of Britannia."

The Overseas News Agency quotes the Frankfurter Zeitung as commenting on the fact that "the British trawler did not save the wrecked and half-starved crew of the German airship, under the pretext that the Germans outnumbered them, while at the same time a few German mariners with one Lieutenant escorted across the ocean 400 vigorous, normal men.

"We are at a loss what to say about them," adds the newspaper. "It is said that England highly appreciates the heroes of the Moewe. If the rejoicing over good sportsmanship is genuine, then the people across the channel must scorn these fishermen."

LONDON, Feb. 6.—The Bishop of London, the Right Reverend Arthur Winnington Ingram, speaking at Stoke Newington last night said:

"One of the saddest men in England must be the skipper of the trawler which came upon the sinking Zeppelin in the North Sea. The skipper would have liked to rescue the men, though they were enemies, but was unable to trust the German's word. Had he taken the Germans on his ship they might have attacked the crew and the whole German press would have applauded the action as a clever piece of strategy.

"Therefore, we ought to stand by the skipper. The Germans have killed chivalry in warfare."

JURORS NETTLE JUDGE

SHOOTING SUGGESTED AFTER ACQUITTAL OF WOMAN.

Verdict Freeing Wife Who Assaulted Husband Agreed to by Men Who Let Slayer of Peddler Go.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 5.—Shooting of "some of our feeble-minded jurymen," was suggested today as a remedy for too frequent acquittals of women charged with shooting men, by Judge Frank P. Dunne, when a jury in the Superior Court freed Mrs. Malcena Dyott, tried for the second time for an assault on her husband, Samuel Dyott, a Los Angeles real estate dealer.

Judge Dunne was aroused from sleep to receive the verdict in Judge Franklin Griffin's court because of Judge Griffin's absence. He recognized among the acquitting jurors several who recently acquitted, in his court, Mrs. Mary Famiss, charged with killing Michael Weinstein, a crippled peddler, who sought to renew relations with her, and with dismembering his body.

"If some of these feeble-minded women who go around shooting men would turn their weapons on some of our feeble-minded jurymen, the world would be better off," Judge Dunne said, when he received the verdict. Then he went back to bed.

CONSULS NOT DISTURBED

Austrian Occupation Not to Affect Americans in Serbia.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—Occupation of Serbia by the Austrian military forces will not affect the official status of American Consuls in that country, under assurances that have just reached the State Department from Vienna. Owing to the decrease in consular business, however, John R. Young, American Consul at Belgrade, has been transferred temporarily to Vienna.

News dispatches had indicated that Austria might refuse to recognize consular agents assigned to Serbia on the ground that the Serbian government no longer existed.

Centralia Wins Winlock Debate.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Feb. 5.—(Special.)—The Centralia High School debating team defeated Winlock last night. The local team, composed of Olive Martin, Nora Diahong and Cranston Goddard, argued the affirmative side of the question, "Resolved, That the Monroe Doctrine should be discontinued." Winlock was represented by James Barnett, Nell Woody and Charles Leonard. Centralia has won all of its debates this year.

LATEST PHOTOGRAPH OF WOMAN ACQUITTED, AFTER SENSATIONAL TRIAL, OF HUSBAND'S MURDER.

MRS. ELIZABETH MOHR.

MRS. MOHR IS FREE

Two Negroes Convicted of Murder of Physician.

APPEAL WILL BE TAKEN

Mrs. Mohr, in Formal Statement, Says She Hopes to Be Allowed to Devote Rest of Life in Peace to Her Children.

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shot August 21, 1915, as he was sitting in his stalled automobile in Barrington.

George W. Healis, the negro chauffeur, made a confession in which he alleged Mrs. Mohr had agreed to pay him, Brown and Spellman $5000 if they would murder her husband.

Other Confessions Repudiated.

The police also asserted that the other two negroes made confessions which were subsequently repudiated.

Healis pleaded guilty to manslaughter and became a witness for the state.

Dr. and Mrs. Mohr had been living apart for two years as a result of quarrels growing out of his alleged attentions to Miss Burger and other women. Separation suits were pending and the state contended that Mrs. Mohr sought her husband's death for revenge and to obtain his estate. The defense maintained that Mrs. Mohr loved her husband and that she had been involved in the case by the actual murderer, who hoped thus to mitigate his own punishment.

Mrs. Mohr made a brief statement after returning to her home tonight. She said she had been confident from the beginning that no jury would ever convict her, adding that the charge of bringing about the death of the man who was the father of her children and to whom she had always hoped to become reconciled was the culmination of a series of misfortunes which had clouded her life.

She expressed her appreciation of the "consideration shown her by the judge, the fairness of the jury, the kindness of her friends and the sympathy of the public at large."

"I am home again," she said, "with my children and I hope to be allowed in peace to devote the rest of my life to their welfare."

TARIFF BILLS IMMINENT

Democrats Expect to Press Measures for Early Passage.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—Democratic leaders expect to have the Administration bills for creation of a tariff commission and repeal of the free sugar clause of the Underwood tariff before the House before the end of next week and to press them for early passage. Chairman Kitchin announced today that the ways and means committee would meet Wednesday or Thursday to draft reports on the two measures.

Some Democrats on the committee are said to favor deferring action on the tariff commission and sugar bills until party leaders have worked out a definite revenue programme. As sugar would go on the free list May 1 unless the repeal is passed, however, separate action on that bill at least probably will be recommended. About $40,000,000 is derived from the sugar tariff annually.

TOURISTS NOT WELCOMED

All Belligerents Increase Restrictions on Foreigners.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—Richard W. Fleurmoy, chief of the State Department's citizenship bureau, who has just returned from a trip through England, France, Italy, Germany and Switzerland for investigation of the treatment and welfare of American citizens, reported today that nowhere did he find any general complaints, although in a few individual cases dissatisfaction existed because of the stringent regulations enforced against foreign travelers.

All the belligerents, he said, had tightened restrictions regarding the admission of foreigners and were doing everything to discourage travel.

PREMIER GOES SECRETLY

Australian Boards Steamer at Sea, After Giving False Scent.

HONOLULU, Feb. 5.—W. M. Hughes, Premier and Treasurer of Australia, arrived here today aboard the steamer Makura on his way to Vancouver, B. C., and Montreal, where he would join, it was said, Robert L. Borden, the Canadian Premier, and proceed to London to attend an imperial conference. Premier Hughes declined to discuss his mission.

According to Makura passengers, the Premier boarded the Makura January 21, seven miles out at sea from Sydney, where the vessel was stopped to await his arrival in a launch. Every effort was made to keep secret his identity.

The day the Makura sailed Premier Hughes departed from Sydney by train for Adelaide ostensibly, and it was given out that he was to take the steamer Osterley from there. But he left the train shortly afterward and boarded the launch secretly.

The Makura is due at Vancouver about February 12.

ARSON ARREST IS MADE

MAN ACCUSED BY BURRIGHT TAKEN AT SILVERTON, OR.

George H. Town Said to Be Tenth in Custody as Result of Confession. Only One Still Free.

OAKLAND, Cal., Feb. 5.—George H. Town, said by the police to be the tenth member of the so-called Burright arson ring to be arrested, was taken into custody today at Silverton, Or., according to a telegram received tonight by Oakland police.

The technical charge against Town is arson in connection with the burning of a cottage in Oakland last August. For this offense Lester Burright, who said he was leader of the ring, now is serving a five-year sentence at the San Quentin Penitentiary and his wife, Jennie, is on probation. The Burrights, the police said, made wholesale confessions of many cases of arson, of which they and their associates were guilty.

Of the 11 members of the ring named by Burright, all but one have been arrested at various Pacific Coast cities.

The alleged ring, it is said, made a practice of insuring furnished houses to the fullest possible extent and then setting fire to them. By this procedure insurance companies are said to have been mulcted of large sums of money.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 5.—(Special.)—George Town was arrested at his home in Silverton today by Chief of Police Yates on request of the Chief of Police of Oakland, Cal., on a charge of arson. Town was taken into custody while living with his wife at his parents' home in Silverton. He denies his guilt. He declares that he worked with a man named Snyder at Oakland as a carpenter. A short time ago they both came to Oregon, with their wives.

Town said Snyder was in Portland when he last heard from him.

GLADSTONE WATER FAILS

SUPERINTENDENT CAN'T START PUMP, AND PREDECESSOR WON'T.

Former Head of Plant Says Enough "Beef" to Turn Heavy Flywheel Is All That Is Necessary.

OREGON CITY, Or., Feb. 5.—(Special.)—Gladstone tonight is without water because the new superintendent of the Water Department, Will Johnson, has been unable to start the municipal pumping plant, after two days and one night of almost steady work.

Early this week the Council removed Victor Gault, water superintendent, making him chief of police. Will Johnson was named in his place, taking charge of the water system yesterday morning. Johnson worked all day yesterday, last night and today, and despite his efforts the plant refused to work. In the meantime the reservoir has been emptied, and the mains are without water.

The trouble is traced to the batteries. "It is expected that the plant will be running before morning," said C. W. Parrish, a member of the Gladstone Water Board, tonight. Gladstone, which contains several hundred homes, is dependent entirely upon rain water and melted snow tonight.

Gault has refused to straighten out the trouble, declaring that the Council removed him, and that he intends to have nothing more to do with the plant. He left tonight for Portland.

The former superintendent, who weighs more than 200 pounds, said that there was nothing the matter with the machinery; that all that was needed was "enough beef to turn over the flywheel," which weighs several hundred pounds. Johnson is a slender man.

Sugar Workers Win Strike.

YONKERS, N. Y., Feb. 5.—Seven hundred employes of the Federal Sugar Refining Company, who struck a few days ago, returned to work today, when an advance in wages of from 9 to 30 per cent was granted. The company recently has been filling orders for the entente allies in Europe.

JOE HOWARD SUED BY PRETTY WIDOW

Mrs. Edah Witherspoon Asks $50,000 for Heartaches Due to Refusal to Wed.

SONG WRITER IS MARRIED

Maybe He Kissed Her, He Says, but He Doesn't Remember, and, Anyway, It Was All a Joke. Delay Is to Be Asked.

A rapid-fire courtship begun while Joe Howard, musical comedy star, composer, singer and Orpheum headliner was appearing in Portland in March, 1915, led to a promise of marriage, the repudiation of which is alleged as the grounds for a $50,000 suit for breach of promise begun in the Circuit Court yesterday by Mrs. Edah Witherspoon, a pretty widow of Portland.

Mr. Howard is married. For two years Mable McCane has been his wife.

Burning letters of love followed the departure of Mr. Howard for San Francisco with the Orpheum Company, it is asserted, with the promise of marriage upon his return. Returning to this city with the Orpheum show this week Mr. Howard flatly refuses, it is alleged, to carry out the contract made on his previous visit. Mr. Howard says the "proposal" was a jesting answer to a remark made by the father.

In addition to the balm of $50,000 asked for the heartache by the bride-who-would-be, $300 is asked as reimbursement for the expense of preparing her bridal trousseau.

No formal announcement of the marriage had been made, admitted Mrs. Witherspoon, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Reimann, of 7402 Fifty-sixth avenue Southeast, but "father" had been approached and his consent secured, she said.

The promise was made on March 2, 1915, it is alleged in the complaint, and the marriage was to have been held in May, when he was to return to Portland. He returned a week ago.

Mrs. Witherspoon is still unmarried, but willing and anxious to marry the defendant in the case, cites the complaint.

Kiss Embarrasses, Says Complaint.

She had told all her friends she was engaged, and is reported to have been embarrassed by being kissed by the defendant when on the street. The complaint, drawn up and filed by Attorney W. A. Burke, recites damages are asked for the mortification, humiliation and disappointment of a woman who hoped to marry and build up a home.

He thought her name was Edith and said she was a nice girl and that he had promised to marry her on the one occasion when he met her in Portland. But Mr. Howard declared last night that it was rather foolish to think that he was in earnest at the time, as he was already married to Mabel McCane, his vaudeville partner for many years.

"Sure, I told her I'd marry her, but I'd had a few drinks and wasn't particular what I said," he admitted. His story of the affair—in which he insisted upon calling the girl Edith, although her name is Edah, and her father Reimer, although his name is Reimann—follows:

Promise Made in Joke, He Says.

"I never met the girl until I came to Portland last year. I had met her father in Michigan years ago, for he owned a farm adjoining property of my own, and used to borrow ice from my icehouse. He sold the farm and failed in business later in Chicago, I heard. Then I met him in Portland when I was here on my tour last Spring. After a matinee one afternoon I went with him to the Hofbrau and met his daughter. I had not seen her before, although I had met the mother.

"'It's too bad Edah can't marry a man like you,' said Reimann.

"'Why, I'll marry her,' I told him, jokingly.

"'Do you mean it?' she said to me.

"'Sure,' I replied. 'When the season is over I'll come back and marry you.'

"Of course, I didn't mean it. Why, she has a boy as big as I, and I'm married already. I don't even remember what she looks like. I never went to her house nor saw here again.

"Did I kiss her? I don't remember. I might have that afternoon."

Family Invited to Show.

Mr. Howard contended that he did not think of the matter again, although he met her father once more before he left, until he received a letter in San Francisco from Reimann.

"I could tell he thought it was on the square, so I wrote back—to him, not her—to say that it was impossible, but promised to call on them when I was back in Oregon. I enclosed a note to her in his letter. There wasn't any mush in it, just a nice little note.

"He answered my letter and said he understood how it was and that Edah could wait. I saw he still thought I had been serious, or pretended he did, but I never answered the letter.

"I didn't see or hear from him or Edah until last Monday. He came here and had a chat with me. I asked him how everything was and he stid he had been losing money, but that he thought he'd be able to get on his meet this year. I asked him if he'd like to come tnd see the show. He said he would and I invited him to bring the family and left five seats in the box office for him for Thursday matinee. They never came.

"The next thing OI knew I was served with the summons this afternoon. Of course, I have no chance to stay and fight it now for I have my booking to finish. If I can have it postponed, I'll fight it when I come back here in May."

Mr. Howard is famous as a composer and playright, having produced 14 musical shows to which he wrote score and plot. The most successful of these were "The Time, the Place and the Girl," "The Land of Nod," "The Flower of the Ranch," "The Stubborn Cinderella" and "The Prince of To-night." He is planning to open the American Theater in San Francisco with a musical stock company on May 15, according to an announcement made last week.

LONG HIKE MADE IN SNOW

Eugene Graduate Traverses Coast Mountains on Journey.

EUGENE, Or., Feb. 5.—(Special.)—Peter Crockett, graduate of the University of Oregon in 1914, is in Eugene after having walked 25 miles in snow and slush, sometimes hip-deep, from Tillamook over the summit of the Coast Mountains to catch a train to this city.

He has been the head of the school in Tillamook the past year, and is en route to Spokane, where he will occupy a position as the head of the English and literature departments of the Spokane University, a new institution.

PIONEER OF 1852 DIES

WILLIAM BLOUNT AND BRIDE CAME TO OREGON ON HONEYMOON.

Donation Land Claim Taken Near Canby, Where He Lived Till He Moved to Portland.

OREGON CITY, Or., Feb. 5.—(Special.)—William Blount, a Cackamas County pioneer of 1852, died at 2 o'clock this morning at his home, 720 Rodney avenue. For many years he lived in the Canby district. Death came after four weeks' illness with paralysis.

Mr. Blount was born in Hillsboro, Highland County, Iowa, February 18, 1829. He married Miss Carrie Ellis at Mount Carmel, Ill., and early in 1852 set out with his bride to cross the plains of Oregon. In the same year he reached Oregon and took up a donation land claim at Canby, where he lived until 12 years ago, when he sold his property and moved to Portland. His wife died in 1867.

Eight children were born, of whom Miss S. K. Blount, of Fremont, Or.; Mrs. C. W. Kelly, of Oregon City; W. A. Blount, of Gladstone, and Mrs. F. T. Barlow, of Oregon City, survive. He married Mrs. Elizabeth Walker at Canby in 1887. Of this second union no children were born.

Mr. Blount attended practically every meeting of pioneers held in this part of the state, was always interested in stock shows and county fairs, and was a highly successful farmer.

Private services will be held Monday morning at the Portland Crematorium, Rev. F. D. Bowen officiating.

COURT CITED TO EXPLAIN

CIRCUIT JUDGE CAMPBELL ASKS WHY TRIAL IS DELAYED.

Mandamus Is Issued When Justice Refuses to Try Stanley McKay Unless He Appears in Court.

OREGON CITY, Or., Feb. 5.—(Special.)—A writ of mandamus was signed by Circuit Judge Campbell today to compel Justice Campbell today to show cause why Stanley McKay, charged with failing to give half the road to a passing vehicle, has not been tried. Justice Sievers is asked to appear before the Circuit Court before February 10.

Justice Sievers has demanded that McKay appear in person at the trial, and McKay has been successfully dodging Constable Frost and Sheriff Wilson since last October, when the warrant was issued. The defendant is a former resident of Marion County, and is a member of a well-to-do and prominent family.

Walter A. Dimick, of Oregon City, said today that he did not know where his client is, but that he intended to force Justice of the Peace Sievers to try the case, even though McKay cannot be located.

McKay is alleged to have hit a buggy with his automobile on a road near Oregon City last October and to have injured Miss Marie Harvey and B. L. Harvey, who were in the buggy. The heaviest fine is $50. No jail sentence is provided. The costs of the case have amounted to much more than the fine.

O. A. C. Debater Is Named.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Feb. 5.—(Special.)—Eric Englund, of Portland, last night was chosen intercollegiate orator at Oregon Agricultural College. He will enter the intercollegiate oratorical contest in Monmouth March 10. Every college and university in the state will send a representative to the contest.

Mr. Englund, who is a sophomore, has made a remarkable record in forensic circles. Last year he was class orator and a member of his class team. This year he has made both of the varsity debate teams and was one of the men sent last month to North Dakota to debate with the representative of the North Dakota Agricultural College.

INDIAN RIGHTS DEFINED

Olympia Supreme Court Passes Upon Fishing Cases.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 5.—The Supreme Court has handed down two important decisions affecting the rights of Indians under treaties made in 1859, which the Indians asserted gave them the right to "fish in their accustomed places."

The Supreme Court, affirming the Whatcom County Superior Court in the case of the state against John Alexis, a Lummi Indian, and reversing the Benton County Superior Court in the case of the state against Alec Towessnute, a Yakima Indian, said the state had police power granted under the enabling act to restrict fishing rights of both whites and Indians, and in spite of the treaty, both are to be considered on the same basis, excepting insofar as Indians have exclusive rights on their reservations.

Alexis and Towessnute were charged with fishing off their reservations without complying with state regulations.

HOQUIAM LOSS IS HEAVY

Cold Snap Said to Have Cost Lumbermen Approximately $300,000.

HOQUIAM, Feb. 5.—(Special.)—Loss to Hoquiam in the lumber industry alone, exclusive of loss in business to lumbermen, as a result of the cold snap which has lasted since the first of the year, is estimated at $300,000.

The loss in wages which would have been paid to employes of the mills and other lumber manufacturing establishments of the city, all of which have been shut down most of the time since January 1, is placed at from $130,000 to $150,000. The logging camps of this district have been running little and the loss of wages is nearly as great as for the mills.

NEWBERG LAYMEN RALLY

Special Car Proposed for Delegates to Portland Convention.

NEWBERG, Or., Feb. 5.—(Special.)—A special car to carry the Newberg delegation to the Laymen's Missionary Convention in Portland February 13 was discussed last night at a rally-banquet given by the women of the city. The proceeds from the dinner will be given to the Associated Charities.

Because of the storm only I. B. Rhodes, in charge of the out-of-town delegates, attended the meeting from Portland. A large delegation to the convention was promised by several Newberg laymen who spoke.

Hoquiam Man's Heirs Sought.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Feb. 5.—(Special.)—It is expected that George Hill, of this city, will be instrumental in locating the heirs of S. S. Dunlap, who died in Hoquiam recently and left an estate estimated at $300,000. The Centralia man knew the Dunlaps in Youngstown, O. There were three sons, Scott Dunlap, Al Dunlap and Seth Dunlap.

Benton Bowman Seeks Re-Election.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 5.—(Special.)—Benton Bowman, of Hillsboro, today filed with the Secretary of State a declaration of his candidacy for Representative in the next Legislature from the Fifteenth district, comprising Washington County. He asks that the words "Safe and sane legislation" be printed on the ballot opposite his name. In his statement he declares that he favors "economy in public expenditures and opposes radical measures and freak bills." Mr. Bowman represented Washington County in the last Legislature.