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TWO AUTO RACERS CRASH AT SALEM

Harry Rhodes Injured, but Will Recover.

3000 WITNESS ACCIDENT

Two Machines Meet Just in Front of Grandstand.

CROWD FLOCKS ON TRACK

Officials, With Presence of Mind, Flag Other Racers and Prevent More Casualties.

SALEM, Or., June 3.—(Special.)—Harry "Dusty" Rhodes, professional auto pilot representing this city in the races held today on the state fair ground track, was injured in a rear-end crash with a machine driven by Jack Ross of Seattle, in the final event on the programme. Ross also was injured. Both will recover.

The accident happened in front of the grandstand, and was witnessed by about 3000 persons. Many of the spectators rushed on the track immediately after the crash, forgetting that six other machines were whirling around the oval at about 60 miles an hour. Several officials had the presence of mind to seize red flags and rush up the track, stopping the oncoming machines and preventing further casualties.

Rhodes Rushed to Hospital.

Rhodes was rushed to the Williamsite sanitarium here, where late tonight it was reported that he was conscious and would recover. One foot and leg were shattered and he was badly injured about the chest.

The accident came at the conclusion of an afternoon of racing in the final race of the day, a 15-mile battle for professional cars. The track was made extremely dusty by the previous races and this was blamed for the smash.

Maneuver Is Not Seen.

Rhodes was in fourth place when the accident occurred. He was almost a lap ahead of Ross, and was coming up behind the latter when Ross headed his machine to the pits and slowed down. Rhodes, enveloped in dust, evidently did not see the maneuver, and crashed into the rear end of his machine.

Both Cars Wrecked.

Rhodes was caught under the wreckage. He suffered injuries to the chest and head, and one of his legs was mangled. He was taken to a hospital immediately, and at a late hour tonight was still alive, although his condition was pronounced serious.

Ross Had Turned Toward the Pits so that the mechanic could throw a rag over the radiator, from which the cap had been lost. The collision threw him from his seat to the track, and he suffered severe bruises, although his condition was not considered dangerous.

McDonald Gets First Money.

The races, consisting of four auto events and two motorcycle events, were staged under the auspices of the Oregon Auto Racing association. Frank Watkins of Portland, representative of the American Auto association, declared the race ended at the time of the wreck, giving awards according to the position the various drivers held at that time.

Under that ruling, W. I. McDonald of Portland, who led the field when the accident occurred, received first money.

Rhodes, who is about 20 years of age, is unmarried and lives in Salem, where he operates an automobile repair shop. He has taken part in racing of various kinds in the vicinity of Salem for several years, being a favorite with the race fans. After a number of motorcycle races he graduated into professional automobile

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LENINE IS REPORTED VICTIM OF STROKE

SOVIET PREMIER SAID TO HAVE BLOOD ON BRAIN.

Condition Declared to Be Serious Because Operation Was Undergone Recently.

BERLIN, June 3.—(By the Associated Press.)—Private advices received in soviet circles in Berlin today stated that Premier Lenin, suffering a stroke last Thursday, Maxim Litvinoff, Karl Radek and other soviet leaders here left immediately for Moscow.

The Lokai Anselger said it learned that the immediate cause of Premier Lenin's stroke was an effusion of blood into the brain, consequent upon the operation he recently underwent for the removal of a bullet from the neck. This, the newspaper said, was a delicate affair, owing to a tumor on the cervical artery.

WOOLLY INSECTS RACED

Pacific University Students Are Amused by "Fast" Caterpillars.

PACIFIC UNIVERSITY, Forest Grove, Or., June 3.—(Special.)—Racing caterpillars, big woolly ones with black and yellow streaks down their backs, has become the most popular spring sport among students on the campus. Stop watches, field judges and all other track equipment are in evidence as the races are in progress on the main entrance steps to the administration building during free hours.

The caterpillars have been falling in numbers from the big oak trees on the campus. A search is made for the faster insects. Bruce C. Roe of Forest Grove, with his entrant "Blondie," holds the record for the one meter race. The closest second is "Socrates," a large black and tan.

DEAF GIRL IS DROWNED

Miss Blanda Alseth Loses Life in Vancouver Lake.

VANCOUVER, Wash., June 3.—(Special.)—Miss Blanda Alseth, 17, pupil of the Washington state school for the deaf, was drowned in Vancouver lake, four miles from Vancouver, at 2:30 P. M. today. She was said to have been a good swimmer, but was thought to have been seized with cramps, or to have fainted.

A party of 24 pupils from the school was picnicking at the lake. The girl had waded out about 200 feet from shore into water about five feet deep. A life saver from Astoria recovered the body.

Miss Alseth was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ingborn Alseth, who live near Everett, Wash.

COOS TIMBER TRACT SOLD

Marshfield Men Buy 200,000,000 Feet of Yellow Fir.

MARSHFIELD, Or., June 3.—(Special.)—Two hundred million feet of yellow fir bordering south of Coos river, five miles above tide water, was sold today by Duncan & Brewer of Duluth to Adelsperger & Conrad of this city. The tract comprises 3300 acres adjoining a solid forest reaching into Douglas county, and when logged will be the farthest from Coos bay that has been cut.

Adelsperger & Conrad expect this timber will be opened by a standard gauge railroad of six to seven miles in length and the logs put in the river at the head of the tidewater.

BASIN PROJECT UP AGAIN

Washington Senators to Confer With Secretary of Interior.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., June 3.—Senators Jones and Ford, accompanied by James A. Ford, secretary of the Spokane chamber of commerce, will confer Monday with secretary of interior relative to the Columbia basin irrigation project. Secretary Fall has, on several occasions, expressed a friendly disposition toward the project and it is hoped to have his approval of a bill soon to be introduced providing for a federal investigation of the Columbia basin enterprise.

The bill will carry an appropriation of \$100,000 to defray the expense of the proposed survey.

U. S. BOYS PUZZLE MISS M'CORMICK

Heiress Practically Alien in Native Country.

OSER AFFAIR IS ROMANTIC

Medal-Bespeckled Horseman Domineers Girl's Mind.

ALPINE RIDES AID CHARM

Swiss ex-Guardsman Meets Child Just Recovered From Illness and Wins Whole Heart.

BY MARGARET DALE. (Copyright, 1922, by the Oregonian.) CHICAGO, June 3.—(Special.)—Why does 17-year-old Mathilde McCormick want to marry a middle-aged Swiss riding master instead of a wholesome American boy? That is what the American public has wondered as it read about the strange romance of the daughter of the Harvester king and granddaughter of John D. Rockefeller.

Mathilde, herself, gave the answer today. The truth is that she does not like American boys because she is not at all an American girl. Seven of the most impressive of her short 17 years she has spent in Switzerland and even her English has a decided accent.

"I don't like these American ginks," she told the writer. "I don't understand them. And though America is pretty, it is not so pretty as Switzerland. And there is nothing to do here. Now in Switzerland one rides and— after a pause—"one has someone to ride with."

Relatives Not Enthusiastic.

Mr. McCormick does not want Oser for his son-in-law. His divorced wife, Mrs. Edith Rockefeller McCormick, does not want him for a son-in-law. Her father, John D. Rockefeller, does not want him for his grandson. But the girl wants him for her husband and she probably would have him in spite of all opposition but for a kink in the Swiss law that requires the consent of her guardian, in this case her father.

It is a hard-hearted and strong-willed father that cannot be twisted around his daughter's little finger when she sets her mind on it. And Harold McCormick has been weakening fast. When Mathilde first came home with her big news, father smiled indulgently and told her to wait a while. A man of the world himself, he felt that the old saying that absence makes the heart grow fonder was "all bunk," and that if Mathilde had a chance to look over a few of our bright American boys she would soon cease to yearn for her venerable riding master. So he sent her off to Virginia, Hot Springs, New York, and other centers where all of the socially approved young men are not "caked saps" or "lounge lizards."

Girl Remains Determined.

But Mathilde was not impressed with them and she came back to Chicago more determined than ever to be the June bride of her Alpine cavalier.

When one considers the exotic atmosphere in which she has grown to young womanhood the attraction which Max Oser holds for her is not surprising. An outline of her romance, related to the writer today by one close to the family, might be expected to win popular sympathy for the young American girl, brought up in exile, except for the disparity in the ages of the couple and the even greater distance between them in the matter of wealth. But the American people have seen so many of the international marriages land on the rocks that they are becoming heartily tired of foreigners marrying American girls "for their money."

While Mathilde McCormick was still a little girl ten years old, she was sent high up in the mountains in

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FIRE AT SHERIDAN, OR., TAKES \$100,000 TOLL

TWO ENTIRE BLOCKS IN BUSINESS SECTION RAZED.

Telephone Communication Cut and Light and Power Service Is Crippled by Blaze.

SHERIDAN, Or., June 3.—(Special.)—Damage estimated at \$100,000 was inflicted here today by a disastrous fire that broke out at an early morning hour and destroyed practically the entire north side of Sheridan's business district. The losses were only partly covered by insurance. The cause is unknown.

The fire started in the White garage, where 13 automobiles were stored, and in less than half an hour it had swept two entire business blocks, completely gutting the buildings and reducing large stocks of merchandise to heaps of ashes.

The heaviest losses were suffered by the following: Portland-Thillamook stage line terminal, tools and equipment burned. Sheridan-Williamina Telephone company, office fixtures and equipment. Thomas Undertaking company, stock and equipment.

The Opera House block. Robinson's cash grocery. Thompson's confectionery and restaurant. Dr. J. R. Barr, library equipment and instruments. The Sheridan Light & Power company. (Continued on Page 3, Column 2.)

WIRELESS FANS GET RADIO SERVICE BACK

THE OREGONIAN TOWER TO TICKLE ETHER TONIGHT.

Church Chorus of 35 Voices to Be Featured in Programme of Music and Song.

The Oregonian radio service will be resumed tonight with a concert by the chorus of Centenary-Wilbur Methodist church, consisting of 35 voices, and the programme will consist of chorus numbers, vocal solos, violin solos and quartet music.

The radio tower in The Oregonian building has been out of service since last Wednesday night, due to the generator burning out. Repairs have been rushed during the last four days and J. W. Weed, operator of The Oregonian set and local manager of the Shipowners' Radio service, announced yesterday that the broadcasting apparatus would be in order this afternoon.

Besides the large chorus from Centenary-Wilbur, the soloists will be Mrs. J. M. Muir, soprano; Fred S. Taylor, tenor; E. Maldivy Evans, baritone. Miss M. Reynolds will be at the organ, Mrs. J. Reeves at the piano, and the concert will be conducted by J. MacMillan Muir. Miss Gladys Johnson is the violinist who will play.

The first part of the programme will be a cantata, "The Seven Last Things." (Continued on Page 3, Column 2.)

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VALENTINO'S FATE STILL IN BALANCE

Court to Decide Tomorrow on Trial.

DEFENSE ASKS DISMISSAL

Evidence Declared Lacking in Bigamy Charge.

HEARING IS CONCLUDED

Disposition of Case Depends on Interpretation of California Law Used in Action.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., June 3.—Rudolph Valentino, hero of film romances, will know next Monday whether he must face a jury on a charge of bigamy. Justice Hanby announced this today at the conclusion of the actor's preliminary hearing on a complaint charging that Valentino married Miss Winifred Hudnut at Mexicali, Lower California, and afterwards lived with her at Palm Springs, Cal., while he was still legally married to Miss Jean Acker.

Whether Justice Hanby will bind Valentino over to the Los Angeles superior court for trial or dismiss the complaint, depends upon his interpretation of the California statutes upon which the district attorney's office based the charge against the actor.

Proceedings Are Attacked.

It was contended by Deputy District Attorney Costello that the fact that Valentino and his second wife lived in the same cottage at Palm Springs for three days following their wedding, warranted holding the defendant for trial. W. I. Gilbert, attorney for Valentino, argued that no evidence showed marital relations had been produced. Both cited decisions they claimed sustained their points.

Frank James, attorney for the Famous Players-Lasky corporation, attacked the validity of the proceedings on the ground the acts charged by the prosecution did not constitute bigamy.

The arguments followed testimony by Dr. Fiorella White, physician of Palm Springs, that she attended the marriage at Mexicali on May 13 last, and that the couple stayed at her cottage at the springs that night. Mrs. Valentino was ill, she testified, and asked to have a room by herself, and Valentino and Douglas Gerard, best man at the wedding, were assigned to another room.

Dismissal Is Moved.

When Mr. Costello submitted his case Mr. James moved to dismiss the complaint, saying he was surprised the deputy district attorney had not so moved. He said it "would be a great misfortune if this defendant should be held to answer when there is no hope of his conviction by a jury."

Mr. Costello said there were several points connected with the case upon which the supreme court of California had never rendered a decision and he felt that for this reason, if for no other, there should be an opportunity to adjudicate. He said that Valentino had "willfully and knowingly violated the laws of the state" and "formed the intent to so violate them before he went to Mexicali with his consort."

He said Valentino "hurried" his bride out of the state after it became known a prosecution was possible.

Mrs. Valentino Held Guilty.

"Do you contend Mrs. Valentino is guilty of bigamy, too?" asked Mr. Gilbert.

"You will find a section of the code which says that if any person marries another person, knowing that the other person has a husband or wife living, said person shall be guilty of

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EX-CAPTAIN IS SLAIN; NURSE SHOOTS SELF

WOUNDED WOMAN SAYS SHE EXPECTED MARRIAGE.

Ex-Army Officer Already Has Wife in Kansas City—Letters Are Written in Esperanto.

KANSAS CITY, June 3.—Frank W. Anderson, floor manager in a department store here, was found shot to death in a hotel room early today and Miss Peggy Marie Beal of Springfield, Ill., was found unconscious on the floor, a revolver in her hand and a bullet in her breast. Her condition was critical. Anderson was married in the war, when Anderson was a captain in the aviation service and Miss Beal was an army nurse.

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Miss Beal came here ten days ago and was introduced to a number of people as Anderson's wife. The two met in Dayton, O., where they were stationed during the war, it was said. The police made public the following signed statement given them, they said, by Miss Beal:

"My name is Peggy Beal. I am 29 years of age. I lived in Springfield, Ill. I came to Kansas City with the intention of marrying Frank Warren Anderson. When I arrived I met him and we went to the Mid-West hotel together.

"He told me he was married and was not divorced yet. Therefore, he did not marry me.

"There is nothing more to tell. I shot him because he brought me here and could not marry me.

(Signed) "PEGGY BEAL."

On the dresser in the room where the shooting occurred was a novel, open with the corner of a page turned down at an illustration of a woman standing with a dagger drawn over the prostrate form of a man.

AGED RANCHER IS SUICIDE

Ill Health and Domestic Trouble Given as Cause of Deed.

HOOD RIVER, Or., June 3.—(Special.)—Ill health and brooding over a separation between himself and his wife about a year ago, were believed to have caused the suicide of O. F. Cunningham, 70 years old, Odell rancher, whose body, swinging by a rope fastened to a rafter of his barn, was discovered today by W. B. Cunningham, son of the dead man residing on an adjoining place. The suicide apparently had mounted an orchard ladder, which he kicked away from him, and fell to his death. No message in explanation of his act has been discovered.

Sheriff Johnson and Coroner Sifton were called to investigate. No inquest was considered necessary. The body was brought here to await funeral arrangements.

HEAT DAMAGES WHEAT

Unatilla Crops Suffer From Blast; Growers Want Rain.

PENDLETON, Or., June 3.—(Special.)—First reports of the scorching of growing wheat have come into Pendleton. The sudden blast of hot weather has dried up all moisture and the crops are now suffering. Farmers, who a week ago declared that their crop condition was 100 per cent normal, are now eager for rain.

On the heavy lands the crop is not noticeably damaged, but in the lighter lands the growing grain has been scorched, and with the weather predicted warmer fear is expressed for the crop.

EX-ACTRESS GRAVELY ILL

Mrs. Lillian Russell Moore Passes Crisis and May Recover.

PITTSBURG, June 3.—Mrs. Lillian Russell Moore has been very ill at her home here for several weeks. It became known today, when the attending physician announced that the crisis had passed and she was expected to recover.

Mrs. Moore, accompanied by her husband, Alexander P. Moore, publisher of the Pittsburg Leader, recently returned from Europe, where she visited as a special agent of the department of labor.

AMUNDSEN'S SHIP STARTS FOR NORTH

Great Crowd at Seattle Dock as Maud Sails.

FORT GUNS BOOM FAREWELL

Expedition One of Best Ever Sent to Arctic.

SCIENCE IS FIRST OBJECT

Famous Explorer Plans to Study Ocean and Magnetic Currents, and Drift of Ice Pack.

SEATTLE, Wash., June 3.—(By the Associated Press.)—With parting cheers and cries of "God speed you," echoing from docks and hillsides where 5000 people waved a farewell, the schooner Maud slipped her cables this afternoon and headed northward with her crew of intrepid scientists who are to follow the leadership of Captain Roald Amundsen in a five years' voyage of exploration across the grim white Arctic basin.

Before her she headed up Puget sound went the naval tug Mahopag with band playing, while a dozen yachts and small craft from the Seattle Yacht club bowed their wings and bobbed about the schooner, forming alongside in double escort lines. Captain Amundsen, smiling, hailed, stood at the vessel rail bowing acknowledgment of the cheers that reached him through the babel of whistles and honking automobile horns.

Fort Guns Roar Salute.

As the Maud passed the government forts on the upper sound, great guns roared a parting salute and the schooner was soon after port to view in the haze.

Impressive ceremonies marked the departure of the Maud from the Union Oil dock this afternoon. An army band played the national airs of Norway and the United States while a detachment of American marines unfurled the Norwegian flag aft and ran the stars and stripes up the foremast. Last aboard the ship was the Canadian flyer, Lieutenant G. E. Fullerton, who showed through the throng followed by his bride of eight months who kissed him farewell for five long years.

Marines Loosen Lines.

At the command of Captain Oscar Westling to "loosen off" the marines loosened the schooner's lines, she moved away, the band struck up the strains of the Norwegian march, "Sons of Norway," and the banded salute.

Captain Amundsen and his Seattle agent, H. H. Hammer, left the Maud opposite the West Point lighthouse and, boarding a yacht, returned to Seattle. Captain Amundsen will leave tomorrow on the steamship Victoria for Nome, where he will join the party. Leaving Nome three weeks hence, the expedition will head into Bering sea, then westward, touching the northern Siberian coast to drop three natives who have been with the party since the Maud left the Arctic before coming to Seattle last winter.

After passing Wrangell island the Maud will veer to the north and push as far as possible into the Pacific-Polar-Atlantic current, to drift across the pole.

Expedition Complete One.

The expedition is one of the most complete and extensive scientific expeditions ever undertaken in that region.

The effort, begun by Captain Amundsen in 1918 under the auspices of the Norwegian government, to drift past the north pole with the ice floes, minutely studying phenomena of a vast area never before visited by white men and to secure data which the explorer expects may revolutionize present-day meteorological and

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NEWS EVENTS OF WEEK ARE DEPICTED BY CARTOONIST PERRY.

