

MYSTERIOUS AIRSHIP SEEN NEAR COAST OF CALIFORNIA, PUZZLES

Big Craft of Hydroplane Type Sighted by Numerous Persons; Auto Party Sees It.

LOOKS LIKE A BIG SPIDER

Santa Barbara Folk Sight Flier That Was Kept Venice and Golets in Excitement for a Fortnight.

Santa Barbara, Cal., Feb. 3.—(P. N. S.)—A big airship, of hydroplane type, unlike anything with which the general public has heretofore been familiar, is the strange craft which for over a week has been disappearing in the sky between the mainland and the islands. It has now been seen in the day time, four credible witnesses testifying to having watched its maneuvers yesterday at 5:30 in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Ruiz were two witnesses. Mrs. J. F. Hunter a third, George A. Miller, surveyor and civil engineer, a fourth. They got a splendid view of the big, uncanny machine, which appeared to be at perfect ease in the air, hovering over the landward with a swiftness that was remarkable.

“There is no doubt about this airship hovering off the coast,” said Mr. Ruiz at the Ruiz pharmacy. “We were coming to town from Montecito in our machine yesterday afternoon, we four, when one of us caught sight of the big flying craft. We were beyond the county hospital, and the airship was about 250 feet in the air, just off the second bend in the shore line west of Castle Rock.

“We watched it for some time. At times it would be screened from us by the fog, then it would reappear. It was from 100 to 150 feet in length. It resembled a great spider. There were long arms protruding from its behind, and the center appeared to be a gas tank or some heavy body.”

Suspicious of Craft.
Civil Engineer Miller stated that they watched the strange craft for some time, when suddenly it shot into the fog, ascending on a slant, and disappeared. “I don't doubt but what hundreds of people saw the same sight we did,” said Mr. Miller. “There cannot be any doubt about it. There is something going on on this coast in which an airship is being employed, and if people will keep their eyes out on the sea west of Castle Rock they will probably see it again. I saw it yesterday, and what those Golets people have been seeing nightly for a week.”

Another Autoist Sees Things.
Santa Barbara, Cal., Feb. 3.—(P. N. S.)—While driving an auto delivery car in Montecito, the driver, John E. Stillwell, salesman for the Reynolds Electric company, chanced to look down toward his feet and there he saw coiled a huge snake. At the moment he forgot he was driving an automobile, let go of the steering wheel and the machine crashed into a partly rotted telephone pole, breaking it off near the ground. The motorcar was badly damaged about the radiator, but the driver was not hurt and the snake escaped without injuries.

Hard to Get Jury In Branson Case

McMinnville, Or., Feb. 3.—Before court adjourned in the Branson murder trial here last night, the regular panel had been exhausted and Judge Belt issued an order for a special venire to report this morning.

William Branson, the defendant, was jointly indicted with Mrs. Booth for the murder of Mrs. Booth's husband, William Booth, who was found dead from a bullet wound in the heart on the bank of the Willamina river, a short distance from Willamina, the 8th of last October. The first trial here in November, in which the defendants were tried jointly, resulted in a hung jury.

The fact that the case has attracted so much interest in the county, and that the former trial was so largely attended, is making it difficult to get jurors that have not formed opinions. Judge Belt is excusing all those whom it is shown heard any of the first trial.

A second special venire was called to report at 1 o'clock today, the first one having been exhausted before noon. So far the defense has used eight of its 12 peremptory challenges, and the state has three left out of the six allowed it.

FORMER PORTLAND WOMAN IS DEAD



Mrs. William W. Robinson.

Word has just been received here of the death at Los Angeles, January 25, of Mrs. William W. Robinson, a former Portland woman, who will be remembered by many old time Portland friends as Mrs. Beatrice A. Macdonald, though her marriage to Mr. Robinson took place here and they lived in Portland for several years. She was known among local musicians as one of “The Spanish Students” and played on many occasions at the Old Forman hall at Twenty-third and Kearney streets.

Mrs. Robinson died quite suddenly at her home at Los Angeles. She is survived by her husband, William W. Robinson, two sons, William W. Robinson Jr., and Stuart Macdonald, and a brother, Carlos M. Barreto of this city.

LOWER DOCKS NOW IN DANGER AS THE FLOOD CONDITIONS CONTINUE

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mas is now a raging torrent. This stream has raised one and one-half feet Monday, and on Monday night the Willamette river below the falls rose three feet, while above the falls, over one foot.

Streams Out of Their Banks.
Pendleton, Or., Feb. 7.—Pendleton's big snow is thawing slowly under a warm sun and mild temperature. There is no high water here yet, but there is no fear among the local creekers it is reported the streams are out of their banks.

Gladstone Office Pooled.

Oregon City, Feb. 3.—During the last 12 hours the Willamette river above the falls raised one foot and the lower river raised one and one-half feet, and there is no fear among the owners of the paper mills here that that it will exceed more than two feet by Thursday morning. All of the departments are in running order of the Hawley and Crown Columbia Pulp & Paper mills.

The water on the flat near the Abernathy bridge is reaching near the road leading to Clackamas Heights, and the large building on the Nicholas stock farm used as a hop drier is in the water.

Abernathy Creek is Rising Rapidly.
but no damage is expected.

Pools of water near the postoffice at Gladstone have been swollen from the recent rains, and are now approaching the postoffice and Pad-dock's drug store. Five feet of water are in the basement of the new Baptist church, and the Christian church has about four feet of water in its basement. A drain was recently constructed for the Baptist church, but this has failed to carry off the amount of water caused by the heavy rains.

Seattle is Calm.

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 3.—(P. N. S.)—Despite pessimistic predictions of the weather bureau, Seattle is refusing to be noticeably alarmed over weather conditions. Floods predicted yesterday have failed to appear, snow is melting gradually and such rain as has fallen has not been heavy enough to cause any real trouble.

Railway companies alone are showing perturbation. The fear of snow-slides in the mountains is troubling transcontinental railroad officials to the extent that every precaution possible is being taken. Passenger trains are preceded by rotary snowplows as a protection in case of emergency and as a pilot for the trains.

The Great Northern railway has abandoned attempts to send passenger trains over the Cascades because of the danger of snowslides. All Great

Everybody Must Register Again In Order to Vote

No voter can vote at the primary election, which will be held May 19, unless he or she is registered or goes to the trouble of having his or her vote sworn in on election day. The registration books have been open in the registration department, on the first floor of the courthouse since the first of the year and only 9881 persons have registered. The time for registration closes April 19.

Florence Is Drenched.

Florence, Or., Feb. 3.—Florence has just emerged from a week's terrific storm. River conditions are unusual. Report from the north fork tells of the highest water there in 10 years. Mapleton is under water. Main street is flooded and stores are just above danger. The river is still rising. The main river is full of logs and drift. A big jam of logs at the new Southern Pacific bridge at Cushman is blocking river travel. An attempt is being made to remove the jam with dynamite. A slide on the Southern Pacific blocked the daily train and no newspapers were received Monday. This is the first train delivery of mail that has failed here in five years. Gasoline schooner Fatsy arrived from Portland at 4 p. m. Monday. Stock, grain and feed were brought in with general freight. All was much needed.

School Basement Flooded.

Cottage Grove, Or., Feb. 3.—While there was at no time immediate danger of flood here, the cessation of rain has brought considerable relief. The warm rain, combined with melting snow in the mountains, made the situation the most serious that it has been for years. In parts of the city the sewer system was unable to care for the water that gathered in low spots. As a result the engine room of the Brown mill was flooded, the O. P. & E. tracks at the local station were covered a couple of feet deep, and the basement of the high school was flooded.

Orchards Out of Danger.

Hood River, Or., Feb. 3.—A warm rain began to fall yesterday noon that cleaned the ice off the trees. The orchards are now out of danger from being damaged by the silver thaw. All the available men in the city and country are now being pressed into service to shovel the deep snow from the sidewalks and clear the sidewalks of slush and snow. Hood River has been cut off from telephone communications for the past week. All lines running for the city are down. Hood River is beginning to raise rapidly, and it is feared a flood is inevitable if the warm weather continues.

Independence Docks Covered.

Independence, Or., Feb. 3.—The heavy rains the last few days have caused the river to reach the highest stage this year, and is rising at the rate of ever six inches an hour. With several feet of snow in the mountains, old timers are of the opinion that the water will be the highest experienced in many years. The Independence Sand & Gravel Co. is removing all its machinery, and all freight has been removed from the boat docks, which are partly submerged.

Clatskanie Is High.

Clatskanie, Or., Feb. 3.—Clatskanie, having been in ice and snow for several weeks, is now enjoying a general thaw. A warm rain, accompanied by a Chinook wind, is rapidly melting the 20-inch snowfall. The Clatskanie river is rising rapidly, and grave danger is sensed by the farmers of the lowland and delta garden region.

Schools resumed Monday after being closed since February 2.

Aberdeen Is Wet.
Aberdeen, Wash., Feb. 3.—Conditions here and throughout the country indicate a flood within 24 hours. Rain has fallen and snow is fast disappearing. Upper country sections report rain and fast disappearing snow and rising streams. All mills and logging camps are getting ready to resume after the shutdown compelled by the snow.

River Spills Over.

Corvallis, Or., Feb. 3.—The Willamette river has been rising at the rate of six inches an hour and flood conditions prevail. Monday night the rise was 20 feet above low water mark. The river is out of its banks, the low lands are flooded and farmers are getting their stock in from the flats.

La Grande Is Sloppy.

La Grande, Or., Feb. 3.—La Grande and vicinity have been experiencing an unprecedented thaw. It rained most of Sunday and all Sunday night and part of Monday. The streets are regular rivers of water and slush.

WOMAN DIES AT THE AGE OF 73 YEARS



Mrs. Mary Rierdon.

Mrs. Mary Rierdon, who died February 3 at her home, 407 Eleventh street, was 73 years of age and a native of Pennsylvania. She had lived in Portland the past seven years. She is survived by three sons and one daughter, William H. and Charles Rierdon of Portland, and Thomas Rierdon of St. Paul, Minn., and Mrs. Kate O'Connor of St. Paul. Funeral services were held Monday morning, with interment in Mount Calvary cemetery. Miller & Tracy had charge of the funeral.

Given Judgment in The Sum of \$750

A verdict awarding \$750 judgment to Sam H. Davis against the Liverpool & London & Globe Insurance company was returned this morning by a jury in Circuit Judge Morrow's court. Davis sued to collect \$1800 for services to the company growing out of the collection of rebates following the Lip-man & Wolfe fire of 1903.

Requests Are Honored.

Salem, Or., Feb. 3.—Governor Withycombe today honored a requisition of Governor Alexander of Idaho, for George Howard, Harry R. Carey and James Morgan, who are wanted on a charge of burglary.

A requisition has been issued for Richard Fritch, alias James King, committed to the state penitentiary August 7, 1907, and who escaped May 4, 1908. He is under arrest in Iowa. A requisition was also issued for Richard H. Jennings, arrested in California, who is wanted in Douglas county.

FORTY TURKISH SHIPS SENT TO THE BOTTOM BY RUSS TORPELDES

Naval Construction Yards on Anatolian Coast Also Reported Bombarded.

Paris, Feb. 3.—(U. P.)—Russian torpedo boats sank 40 Turkish sailing vessels and bombarded three naval construction yards on the Anatolian coast, according to dispatches today.

Durazzo's Fall Near.

London, Feb. 3.—(I. N. S.)—The fall of Durazzo, the capital and principal seaport of Albania is conceded here to be imminent. No resistance is expected to be offered by the small army of Essad Pasha, supported by fragments of the Serbian army. Now that the Bulgars and Austrians have joined hands, repeating the plan of strategy followed in the invasion of Serbia, Durazzo is as good as given up by the Italians, who, however, are determined to defend Avlona to the last.

Kaiser's Trip Down Danube.

Bucharest, Feb. 3.—(I. N. S.)—The Journal Des Balkans gives the following particulars of Emperor William's excursion down the Danube: “Leaving Nish, the emperor proceeded to Semlin and embarked on an Austrian torpedo boat which went down stream preceded by a flotilla of gunboats and monitors. “The next day the Kaiser inspected the fortifications of the Roumanian frontier. The flotilla continued its journey and proceeded through the ‘Iron Gate’ to Turmu Severin. Opposite a Roumanian island the procession stopped while the party closely inspected the Roumanian fortifications which protect Palota, the gate way to central Roumania.

Hint for Commerce Raiders.

Rome, Feb. 3.—(I. N. S.)—Allied cruisers were scouring the Mediterranean and east Atlantic lanes today for Teutonic commerce raiders and submarine bases. Provisions and oil have been confiscated on the islands of the Grecian archipelago and it is rumored that they are supplying German submarines.

Fish Are Safe.

Salem, Or., Feb. 3.—According to word from Superintendent Olmsted of the fish hatchery at Bonneville, the fish are safe, despite the recent storm, which piled snow six feet deep. If the flume stands the hatchery will come out all right, he said in a message to Governor Withycombe.

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WOMAN CELEBRATING EIGHTIETH BIRTHDAY



Mrs. Nancy Clark Middaugh.

Mrs. Nancy Clark Middaugh, a pioneer of 1875, is celebrating her eightieth birthday. She was born at Mansfield, Pa., February 8, 1836, her grandfather, Seth Clark, having fought in the Revolutionary war, her grandfather in the war of 1812. She married Hiram Bebe Middaugh in 1858. She was the mother of four children, two of whom are living, Frank W. Middaugh, of Spokane, and Mrs. Edward Alden Beas of this city. With her family she came to Oregon in 1875 and settled in Salem, later moving to Medical Lake, Wash., where her husband died in November, 1883, since which time she has made her home with her children. Until the last few years she has been active in church and temperance work, having a life certificate in the W. T. U. She joined the Methodist church when only 14 years old and is now a member of First M. E. church of Portland, and is making her home with her son-in-law, Edward A. Beas.

Goodier Guilty in Army Courtmartial

Secretary of War Garrison Sends Findings in Aviation Case to President Wilson; Sentence Is Recommended. Washington, Feb. 3.—(U. P.)—Sentence for Lieutenant Colonel Goodier was recommended by the courtmartial that tried him at San Francisco recently. Secretary of War Garrison admitted today after sending his review of the case to President Wilson. Garrison, however, would not tell the nature of the sentence.

Goodier was charged with fomenting discord among the officers at the San Diego army aviation camp. There is a possibility that from Garrison's and Wilson's decision will arise an investigation of the entire aviation situation.

History of the Edison Diamond Disc Phonograph

(Continued from last Thursday's issue.) THE EDISON DIAMOND DISC PHONOGRAPH.—The instrument that plays the Edison Diamond Disc Record.

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