

PLANE FALLS IN TRIAL RUN; 2 ARE KILLED

Sir Ross Smith, Britain's Most Careful Aviator, Is One of Victims; Planned Flight Around World; Brother Sees Tragedy.

London, April 12.—(U. N. S.)—Sir Ross Smith and J. M. Bennett were killed at the Brooklands flying field today while testing an airplane for a round-the-world flight. Sir Ross Smith was to have started on the globe encircling journey within three weeks. He was one of the best known aviators in Great Britain.

Smith had Bennett had been in the air for 15 minutes. The machine got into a flat spin and took a nose dive, landing on top of a shed. Smith was killed instantly, but Bennett lingered for several moments. Sir Keith Smith, a brother of Sir Ross, saw the accident from the field. He had planned to accompany his brother on the round-the-world flight.

HAD BEEN TESTED
The airplane was using a specially designed Vickers machine which had previously been tested by Captain Cockrell, an aviation expert.

Just before the disaster it was announced that Sir Ross had planned to begin his world circling journey from Westminster on the Thames. A large party of the machine had already been dispatched to various cities throughout the world where the airplane hoped to make stops.

Sir Keith was to have accompanied his brother, but was late, arriving on the field two minutes after the machine had crashed. Bennett, a flight lieutenant, was substituted for Sir Keith as engineer.

MOST CAREFUL AVIATOR
Sir Ross was reckoned to be Great Britain's most careful aviator. His motto was "safety first and never take a chance."

When a crowd called upon him Wednesday to wish him good luck on his world wide flight, he told them he was confident of success.

"I have implicit faith in the machine and have thought out every detail of the journey," said he. "I believe I will be able to make a spectacular flight across the Atlantic."

The only explanation of today's disaster was that the machine was too heavy. There was a sharp gusty wind blowing during the fatal flight.

Speculators believed that the airplane was making a nose dive to test the strength of the machine. It swooped so low that it struck the ground.

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Death Interferes Sir Ross Smith, noted Australian aviator, who was killed in England today while testing out the plane in which he and his brother, Sir Keith Smith, had planned to fly around the earth.



ASK SHIPPERS TO FIGHT CAPPER BILL

The Portland Industrial Traffic club is enlisting the support of Portland shippers to agitate against the Capper senate bill and others which it envisions.

The bill would place the power of the interstate commerce commission in the hands of a committee of shippers.

The Columbia river country would be immediately affected by the bill, the traffic club points out, in that they would invalidate the commission's decision in the rate case which gave to Portland lower rail rates than Seattle on shipments from the Columbia basin.

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Shippers who accrue benefits from the water grade rate were urged to a circular sent out by the traffic club to insist that Oregon's representatives in congress act to defeat the measure.

**Grant County Man
Is Convicted on a
Bootlegging Charge**

After nine hours' deliberation a federal court jury at 3 o'clock this morning found John Pryse, Prairie City blacksmith, guilty of violating the Volstead act. The verdict was returned to Judge Bean at 10 o'clock this morning.

The agents who arrested Pryse secured seven other cases. One of the defendants, Dick Clark, pleaded guilty several days ago and was fined \$250. The remaining five cases are to be tried this week.

The verdict in the case of the defendant, who was charged with bootlegging, was returned after a trial which lasted several days.

**2 Children Drown,
One in Ditch and
Other in Mill Race**

Freewater, April 12.—At Freewater, five miles from Freewater, the 3-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Scott fell into an irrigating ditch near the house and was drowned. The parents had just moved here from Walla Walla to take charge of the William Love place and in the bustle of settling did not miss the child until too late.

**Portland Lad Hurt
In Truck Accident**

Arlington, Or., April 12.—Fred Tagan, a lad from Portland, driving a truck at Kelley's sheep camp, fell off and the truck ran over his ankle, crushing it. He was brought to Arlington.

RUSSIA BALKS AT PROPOSALS OF FRENCHMEN

Tchitcherine Jars Genoa Conference by Objecting to Establishment of Foreign Tribunals in Sovietland; Demands Time.

Genoa, April 12.—(U. N. S.)—The Russian foreign minister, Tchitcherine, today warned the soviet Russian delegation that if they persisted in their attempt to bring up land disarmament they might wreck the conference. Tchitcherine reminded the Russians of the decision taken on this issue by the conference on its opening day.

By Henry Wood
The Russian leader announced objection to the allied experts plan which was submitted to the divisions of the conference as a basis for European rehabilitation and asked 24 hours in which to prepare a formal negative reply.

The Genoa conference was set to get down to the bedrock of its work today with four commissions—political, economic, financial and transportation—considering the experts' proposals which were laid before them in great detail at yesterday's session.

RUSSIA CLOGS WHEELS
The Russian refusal, anticipated by the allied leaders, presented an immediate snag to peaceful progress of the conference.

The allied proposals regarding Russia were more drastic than had been anticipated. They included recognition of soviet Russia, a political, economic, financial and transportation—considering the experts' proposals which were laid before them in great detail at yesterday's session.

PROPOSALS MADE
It was to this last suggestion that Tchitcherine indicated Russia never would agree. He declared his delegation was willing to give financial and other guarantees in the name of the government, but that it was impossible to grant special tribunals, intruding upon Russian sovereignty.

The Russian spokesman today repeated a list of counter proposals, based on the Russian program already outlined in United Press dispatches, namely:

1.—That Russia be granted a loan of \$500,000,000.

2.—Russia will guarantee the safety of foreigners within her borders in exchange for similar guarantees by other countries.

WOULD PAY DEBTS
3.—Russia will agree to recognize car lot debts; and those of the Kerensky regime.

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New Offensives of Turks on Anatolia Front Are Repulsed

Athens, April 12.—(U. N. S.)—The Turkish Nationalists opened an offensive against the Greeks over most of the Anatolian battlefield, according to advice received from Smyrna today.

All of the Turkish attacks were repulsed with considerable losses, according to a communication issued by Greek headquarters.

The Greek Catholics at Smyrna are reported to have sent a communication to Rome asking the Vatican to mediate for peace.

It was announced previously to the convening of the international economic conference at Genoa, that the allied powers would reach some sort of agreement to restore peace in the Near East. Nothing has been done so far, however.

It was significant that Turkey timed the opening of their offensive so that it would coincide with the opening of the Genoa conference. Turkey was the only nation not invited to the Genoa parley.

Semenoff Put in Jail Under Guard

New York, April 12.—(U. N. S.)—General Gregory Semenov was surrendered to Sheriff Nagle at 2 o'clock this afternoon by his bondsmen.

The Detroit Fidelity & Security company of Michigan had a representative on hand to write a new bond for \$25,000 for the general, but some hitch developed, and the famous Cosack Alchemist was taken away to spend his first night in an American jail.

The general was furnished a heavy guard as he marched off to Leavenworth. Semenov's wife was left behind in the room where the new bondman at first made appeal for the general's release, and wept audibly.

COSSACK CHIEF ACQUAINTED
The Russian eyes of American Washington, April 12.—(U. N. S.)—Gossiping out the eyes of a Y. M. C. A. worker and the cutting out of his tongue because he would not give Semenovoff Cosack chief, under influence of Semenovoff, to troops of General Gregory Semenovoff by Captain Edward L. Earl of St. Paul, Minn., a former British royal engineer, testifying before the senate labor committee today.

Appearing before the committee which seeks disbarment of Semenovoff from this country, Earl brought forth a series of shattering charges against the Cosack chief, including unwarranted attacks on British and American forces, utter insubordination of Semenovoff to his allied colleagues, and shooting down in cold blood of innocent peasants.

Asked if he knew of any instances of Semenovoff's cruelty against natives, Earl replied: "Oh, yes. But time is limited; I could never tell all that."

But he did tell of outrages where innocent peasants were wine and moved down with machine guns simply for the sake of rags, because of unfounded suspicion that they were rebels.

Semenovoff's attorney sprang a surprise by asking Earl if he had not appealed to Semenovoff about his arrival in New York for funds to come to New York, offering aid in return.

The attorney read one message of Semenovoff to Semenovoff, which was information of value to the Russian.

Earl hotly denied wanting any aid and answered sharply that it was "undignified" of the lawyer to hint that he was acting for Senator Borah or Colonel Morrow.

"Read my second telegram," challenged Earl. But the attorney claimed to have lost it.

The inquiry on this line was abandoned. Earl said that at one time the Cosack chief fired on a group of sleeping American soldiers.

At the conclusion of this testimony the introduction of Semenovoff's stamp speakers this autumn.

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COSSACKS GROSSLY LEAGUE ISSUE

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By David Lawrence
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Washington, April 12.—Former Governor Cox of Ohio has started something of a commotion in the political world. Democrats as well as Republicans may differ as to the ultimate effect of his attempt to revive the League of Nations as an issue before the American people, but his readiness to champion the cause of the league is a bid for the leadership of the Democratic party, which has been floundering without direction or guidance since the overwhelming defeat of 1920.

Those who know James M. Cox and his record in Ohio say he is never defeated—that many a man would have been discouraged after a setback, such as he sustained after his first term of governor, but he stuck to his guns and was elected governor two terms thereafter. Anyone who has believed Mr. Cox is out of the running and is not to be reckoned with found out differently this week when the former standard-bearer of the party entered the arena.

Others have feared to tread and boldly announced his faith in the League of Nations.

The effect in congress has been to arouse discussion—in which, of course, even Democrats not particularly unfriendly to Mr. Cox have questioned the wisdom of the party entering the league into the congressional campaign when there are so many other things that have happened in congress or failed to happen.

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CHARGES ARE FILED AGAINST CHIEF YOUNG

Intoxication on Duty and Inefficiency Are Alleged; Hearing Is Set for Monday; Both Sides Prepare to Submit Witnesses.

Formal charges against John E. Young, chief of the Portland fire department, were filed with City Commissioner Bigelow this morning, setting forth many alleged acts of inefficiency and personal conduct unbecoming a public official.

The charges, which had been held up for several days pending further investigation and action on the part of bringing them, are made in the name of C. C. Brown, manager of the Madison Park apartments, as a taxpayer, although it is known that Brown is among the personnel of the fire bureau inspired the formal accusation.

HEARING MONDAY
A preliminary hearing will be held Monday, announced Commissioner Bigelow after a conference with Mayor Baber. At this hearing those who brought the charges will present evidence, which, if Bigelow deems it sufficient for further investigation into the conduct of the chief, will be laid before the civil service commission.

"Three of the charges are serious," said Mayor Baber, "the two involving alleged use of intoxicating liquor and the one alleging immoral conduct. We will sift them to the bottom."

Chief Young's only comment on the morning's developments was: "I'll be ready for them Monday," he said.

DEMAND BEINGS ACTION
So many well known and covert threats had been made against the fire department during the last few days that Commissioner Bigelow served formal notice Wednesday that the charges must be filed within 24 hours or a cross investigation of Young's activities would be made.

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Powdered Nose O.K.'d By Court

Corning, Ark., April 12.—(U. N. S.)—Arkansas girls cannot be expelled from school for powdering their noses. District Judge Bundy had ruled here today. The decision, declaring talcum powder is cheap—"no cheap both boys and girls can wear it"—followed the expulsion from school of Miss Pearl Pugsley, 18, who revolted against an order by Professor Hicks against cosmetics.

The girl's father carried the case to court. Judge Bundy scored the school board and Hicks for letting an "irrelevant" case get to court, and declared face powder not injurious to health or morals.

SAYS HE'D REOPEN NEWBERRY CASE

Walla Walla, Wash., April 12.—"If I am a candidate for United States senator and am elected to that office, I will vote to reopen the Newberry case and then will vote to impeach Mr. Newberry."

Thus did Clarence C. Dill, twice representative from his district in Spokane county to the state legislature, and twice representative to former Governor Ernest Lister of this state, give the opening shot in the Democratic campaign for United States senator from this district, in which Senator Miles Polkster will be opposed next fall.

The statement was made at the annual banquet of the Jefferson club of this city Wednesday night. It is expected by Democrats here that Dill will file his candidacy on the Democratic ticket to oppose Polkster.

Dill also attacked the tariff policy of the present administration. Accusing the Republican congress of placing tariffs on great agricultural exports such as wheat, corn and cotton, and protecting the manufacturers with a tariff on imported manufactured goods. This, he said, makes the receipts to the farmer low, because of the poor European market, and the cost of manufactured goods high.

He denounced the law passed guaranteeing the railroad dividends on wasted stock and declared that this had lost this country \$6,000,000,000 in foreign trade and an even larger amount in domestic trade because of the high freight rates. He favored a gradual reduction of the stock of the railroads from \$1,000,000,000 to \$10,000,000,000.

**Lady Astor Leaves
For U. S. to Urge
Agenda of Women**

(By Universal Service)
London, April 12.—Lady Astor left for New York Wednesday aboard the Olympic, accompanied by her husband, Lord Astor.

"I am greatly excited at the prospect of going home after such a long absence," she said to Universal Service. She stated that her visit is at the invitation of the American League of Women Voters, but declined to say whether she has any intention of interfering in American problems. She declared, however, speaking of her plans:

"I shall propose a wide range of understanding among women, especially those of America and England."

**Irish Factions Meet;
Public Interest Keen**

Dublin, April 12.—(U. N. S.)—A peace conference, attended by Donnchadh de Valera, Michael Collins, Arthur Griffith and other prominent leaders of warring factions in Southern Ireland, opened here at 3:30 this afternoon. Intense public interest in the conference, which has brought about an armed truce in the South and may avert an insurrection against the free state, was shown by crowds which gathered outside the building where the delegates met.

FIVE ARRESTED IN \$30,000 NARCOTIC PLOT

Japanese Sailor Hoodwinked by Men Representing Themselves to Be Federal Agents; Dave Lightner Held as One Suspect.

Federal narcotic and department of justice agents have been working almost day and night for the last week to locate \$30,000 worth of cocaine, opium and whiskey and two men who are alleged to have stolen the goods after representing themselves as federal customs officials, according to a report given out today from the office of Assistant United States Attorney Eugene C. Sweeney.

Five men have been arrested during the last few days and have been held secretly in the federal ward of the county jail, either as defendants or material witnesses.

Dave Lightner, notorious north and character; E. A. Brown of the Stanford apartments, Ed Campbell, local brewer, and E. Naki, steward on the Japanese steamer, face federal charges. George Ura of Wauna, Or., is held as a material witness.

PRICE WOULD BE \$500,000
Piglet says he has been definitely informed that Naki delivered 25 ounces of cocaine, 9 1/2 pounds of opium, 15 cases of whiskey and two strings of imitation pearls to Lightner and his companions, after Lightner made away with the property before making payment. The price agreed upon is said to have been \$500,000, although the retail value is over 10 times that amount.

The Japanese steamship *Belgian Maru* was inspected by federal prohibition agents on the night of April 3 at Wauna, after information was received that liquor was aboard, said Piglet. The agents found a small quantity and arrested T. Kato, the alleged owner. His plea of guilty and was sentenced to three months in the county jail. They overlooked, however, the rest of the liquor and all the narcotics, which Piglet says he has been definitely informed that Naki delivered 25 ounces of cocaine, 9 1/2 pounds of opium, 15 cases of whiskey and two strings of imitation pearls to Lightner and his companions, after Lightner made away with the property before making payment. The price agreed upon is said to have been \$500,000, although the retail value is over 10 times that amount.

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HARDING TO GIVE VIEWS ON NAVY

Washington, April 12.—(U. N. S.)—President Harding is to write an open letter soon against reducing the navy to 67,000 men, according to an apparently reliable report circulated in the house today.

The president, it was said, has virtually decided to express his views on the proposed navy bill in a letter to house Republicans. He will act, if at all, today or tomorrow, as a vote on the personal section of the bill will be reached late Friday afternoon.

LEGION FOR BIG NAVY
Indianapolis, Ind., April 12.—(U. N. S.)—The American Legion today pledged its support to big navy advocates in congress. Ex-service men consider efforts to reduce the navy to 67,000 men "disastrous and a threat to the national safety." Hanford MacNider, national commander, wired President Harding, influencing him to oppose any effort to make the United States a second rate naval power, MacNider charged.

**Business Man Is
Kidnaped, Flogged**

Taft, Cal., April 12.—(U. N. S.)—William Hyatt, well-to-do business man, was kidnaped, taken from this city to a point near Fellows, stripped of his clothing and severely flogged by a hooded band of nightriders. Hyatt admitted to authorities today. The attack, which he described as a kidnapping, was announced. Other reports of alleged raids and attacks received by county detectives indicated a resumption of night rider activities throughout the oil fields.