

# ANOTHER SHIP IS ON REEF MRS. MAHONEY'S BODY FOUND

## LIVING COSTS CHANGING BUT STILL PUZZLE

Food and Clothing Slow Decrease in Price, But Taxes and Utility Service Are On Up Grade

## HARDWARE KEEPS UP DESPITE OTHER DROPS

Local Business Men Make Comparison With Conditions 18 Months Ago

With everyone interested in the cost of living, the labor problem and the great question as to whether certain former luxuries have become necessities, there is still some uncertainty in a discussion of these important questions as to whether living is really much lower than a year and a half ago and as to whether labor is keeping pace with the changing costs of living.

A careful survey of conditions in Salem has developed the fact that the cost of living has decreased possibly 30 per cent in the past year and a half, although just now indications are for higher prices.

**Clothing is Cheaper.** Clothing men say that all clothing is now fully 32-1-3 per cent cheaper than a year and a half ago. Men who have bought recently will agree with this.

Shoe dealers say that the present price is 25 per cent lower than 18 months ago and that this is a conservative estimate. Grocers claim that the present prices are fully 30 per cent lower than a year and a half ago.

Meats are 33-1-3 per cent cheaper for the same period and dry goods fully the same. These estimates are from the average of a number of the leading business men in the city.

**Hardware Stays Up.** Lumber for building purposes (Continued on page 2)

## BIG REWARD FOR RETURN OF PRIEST

Total of \$7000 Offered by Church and Friends for Kidnapped Clergyman

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Aug. 8. Seven thousand dollars in rewards for information leading to the return of the Rev. Patrick E. Heslin, Colma priest, who has been missing since Tuesday when he disappeared with a stranger in answer to a sick call, now is offered.

Today the San Francisco diocese of the Catholic church offered a reward of \$5000, and the board of supervisors of San Mateo county, another \$1000.

A thousand dollars raised by residents of Colma was offered last night.

## GUARDSMEN GET CAMPING PLACE

Entire Clackamas Reservation Thrown Open as Resort for Soldiers

Summer quarters for all members of the Oregon national guard and their families have been provided at Clackamas, according to a circular issued by George A. White, adjutant general of the state, who throws the big 200-acre reservation and all its facilities open to the citizen soldiery.

Large living tents, water, fuel, messing and bathing facilities are made available to those who want to live in a model camp for a few weeks during the hot season.

The Clackamas range is located 12 miles south of Portland and a large cool grove at one end of the range has been set aside for those who wish to use the place for a summer outing. It is expected that a large tent colony will spring up during August as the range is said to provide one of the best camping places in the state and the accessibility of modern conveniences add to its attractiveness.

## John D. Spreckles Is Killed

### SAN JOSE IS ON REEF AND MANY LIVES ENDANGERED

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Aug. 9.—The steamer San Jose struck and grounded on San Pablo reef, Ascension Island, according to distress messages received early this morning by the United States naval radio station on Yerba Buena Island.

The passengers aboard the San Jose were declared in danger.

One message received was from the naval radio station at San Diego. It was a broadcast telling other ships of the San Jose's plight and instructing any nearby ships to go to her assistance.

A third wireless said the San Jose was taking a "big list."

The San Diego station sent out the following message: "Steamship San Jose struck, grounded on Ascension Island, San Pablo reef. Any ship near distressed vessel should go to her assistance immediately and stand by."

One message from the San Jose direct said: "Vessel in immediate danger, any ships near please come to rescue."

The San Diego station asked the San Jose if she was sinking. The answer came: "No, but we are taking a big list. Think we are struck on reef."

The San Jose is operated by the Pacific Mail Steamship company between San Francisco and Panama. The vessel left Salina Cruz, Mexico, August 1 and was due here August 13 after stops at San Diego and Los Angeles.

The steamer San Jose is of 2,135 tons. She is a two deck steamer, of steel construction and was built in 1882 at Chester, Penna.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Aug. 9.—The naval radio station at North Island received a call for help from the steamer San Jose early this morning. At the station it was said that the steamer had 33 passengers and a crew of 66 aboard.

"The steamer is likely to sink at any minute," was the word received in San Diego from the radio station.

Two Pacific passenger ships in slightly more than 48 hours have gone ashore on reefs. One, the California coast Saturday night and sunk within a few minutes with heavy loss of life. Early today distress signals were picked up from the Pacific mail steamer San Jose saying the vessel had struck on Ascension Island reef off the Mexican coast. The San Jose had more than 130 persons aboard. The vessel was declared in immediate danger.

The San Jose has a capacity for 55 first cabin passengers and 15 steerage passengers, according to Duiliter Mann of the Pacific Mail company and her crew numbers 60. Mr. Mann said he doubted if the vessel had a large passenger list as he had heard travel from Panama to San Francisco at this time was light.

"Still O. K." said a message (Continued on page 5)

### MILLIONAIRE DIES FOLLOWING MISHAP NEAR TAFT, CALIF.

BAKERSFIELD, Aug. 8.—John D. Spreckles, Jr., of San Francisco, died this afternoon in a local hospital following an automobile accident near Taft, Cal.

Spreckles was on his way to Taft on business at the time of the accident.

Transfusion Fails. According to a surgeon's report, he died from loss of blood and shock. In the accident his arm was stripped of flesh and he rapidly lost consciousness. In Bakersfield he was operated on and a transfusion of blood was attempted to save his life.

When found, Spreckles, according to reports, could talk, but said nothing about his accident and it was not at first realized how serious his injuries were.

Oil Interests Heavy. Spreckles, who is said to have been heavily interested in the Kern county oil fields, was riding alone in a limousine. The car turned over on a curve between Fellows and Taft. He was taken to Taft where first aid was given and was then rushed to a Bakersfield hospital. He was injured about the arms, shoulders and head.

Spreckles Widely Known. SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 8.—John D. Spreckles, Jr., who died at Bakersfield today following an automobile accident, was a member of one of California's most prominent families and widely known through his own activities. He was associated with his father in the firm of John D. Spreckles & Brothers, general commission and ships' brokers here.

Throughout the country Spreckles was familiarly known as "Jack." Automobile accidents and marital troubles put him frequently in public print. He was prominent in club and yachting circles.

In January, 1916, Spreckles was (Continued from page 2)

## SALEM MAN ESCAPES DEATH BY MIRACLE AS CAR JUMPS BANK

At 3:15 this morning D. E. Hart was found wandering near the Wallace road by Officer Troy Branson and members of the Statesman force, making up a party who had made three trips to the wreck of Hart's car. Efforts to find Hart were unavailing due to the fact that in some manner the injured man had dragged himself into a barn some distance from his machine which was badly wrecked.

That Hart, a member of a local real estate firm, had a miraculous escape from death last night is attested to by persons who viewed Hart's wrecked Saxon on the Wallace road. The accident occurred at 9:30 last night, the car plunging down a 30-foot embankment.

The machine turned over twice and landed up-side down with the engine and front wheels immersed in a stream that flows through a near-by culvert.

How he escaped from the machine Hart will never be able to say as he recovered complete consciousness in a barn several hundred feet from the wreck.

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## UNIDENTIFIED TRANSIENT MAY BE DEAD IN WILLAMETTE RIVER

Did an unidentified individual wade into the Willamette river between the Marion-Polk county and the steel railroad bridge with suicidal intent yesterday or did Disciple Lee Nelson's eyes play a trick upon him.

## LAST STROKE WRITTEN IN ALBERS CASE

Indictment Against Wealthy Miller Quashed Because Defendant Is Dead

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 8.—The closing chapter of the trial of the late Henry Albers, rich miller of Portland, under the espionage act was written today when United States District Attorney Lester W. Humphreys appeared before Judge Bean in the federal court, filed the mandate of the United States supreme court, and had the indictment against Albers dismissed because the defendant is dead.

Albers was convicted under the espionage act, and the judgment was later set aside on admission of error by the United States attorney general's office.

Albers was stricken with paralysis and died a few days ago. Efforts were being made to bring about a retrial at the time death closed the incident.

## WRECK VICTIMS KNOWN IN SALEM

Mrs. Johnson Acquaintance of A. N. Pierce; Pickell Lived Here

Was it a premonition that disaster impended or merely a dislike of the sea-voyage that caused "Ted" Elsworth Pickell, 15-year-old youth of Hubbard to protest against his departure from Portland to San Francisco on the ill-fated steamship Alaska when it sailed August 5?

Young Pickell's name is among those listed who lost their lives in Saturday night's tragedy off Eureka, Calif. The lad was traveling south with the expectation of meeting his father at San Francisco, later they were to live in Los Angeles, where Mr. Pickell, formerly a Salem resident, is now located.

"Ted" as he was known, celebrated his 15th birthday on shipboard, Saturday, which was the day of the disaster. He had mailed a letter from Astoria to his aunt, Mrs. L. S. Crawford, of Hubbard with whom he had been making his home.

Manager A. N. Pierce of the Marion hotel was acquainted with Mrs. W. L. Johnson, who was lost in the disaster. It is believed her husband also was lost. Mr. Pierce and his daughter, Miss Margaret Pierce, visited with Mrs. Johnson and her mother, Mrs. M. S. Hutchinson, at Bay Ocean, a week ago Sunday, and Miss Pierce has since been at the seaside with Mrs. Hutchinson. The latter has gone to Portland since the Alaska disaster.

Mrs. Johnson's name in the list of missing was given both as Pauline Johnson and Mrs. W. L. Johnson, causing confusion as to whether she was one of the identified dead. Latest reports last night, however, mentioned both forms of the name in the list of identified dead.

## ANTI-BEER BILL GETS BY SENATE

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—The Willis-Campbell anti-beer bill was passed by the senate today 39 to 20, and sent to conference with the house with the prospect of week ends.

Upon being informed of the action, treasury officials said that the beer regulations which have been drafted and are ready for Secretary Mellon's signature, would not be issued pending action by the senate and house conference. The regulations would provide for use of medical beer under the ruling of former Attorney General Palmer, a ruling which the bill is designed to overcome.

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## TRUNK RAISED FROM LAKEBED HAS REMAINS

Mutilation Caused by Quicklime, But Dentist Makes Identification by Appearance of Teeth.

HUSBAND HELD IN JAIL AT SEATTLE

Captain of Detectives Declares Famous Mystery Case is Solved

## SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 8.

—With the discovery in a trunk in Union bay here today of the naked, mutilated body of an elderly woman, her features made unrecognizable by quicklime, her only adornment a plain gold wedding ring, Captain of Detectives Charles Tennant claimed to have solved the mystery of the missing Mrs. Kate Mahoney, 67 years old and reputed to have owned property worth \$200,000.

Dr. Frank E. Wood, a dentist, identified work on the teeth of the body as that which he had done for Mrs. Mahoney.

Coroner Willis H. Corson said death apparently had been caused by a blow on the front of the skull, though there were various other abrasions about the head. The woman had been dead about three months, he estimated.

The trunk was picked up floating on the surface. Police pointed out, however, that it probably had been jarred loose from an anchor by a crew of divers, who today dislodged some large object which they were unable to grasp. A torn spot on the trunk indicated that it had been attached to something.

Divers and police with dragging nets had been searching the lake more than a month for Mrs. Mahoney's body.

Long Search Ended. The finding of the body was the culmination of diving and dragging operations which the police had carried on for more than a month.

Mrs. Mahoney has been missing since about April 15, shortly after her marriage to James E. Mahoney.

Mahoney has been jail here for two months on several charges of forgery, all filed in connection with an alleged fraudulent power of attorney by which he was (Continued on page 2)

## COAST BASEBALL

SEATTLE 5, SACRAMENTO 4. Seattle's single in the eighth gave Seattle a lead, after Sacramento was ahead, and the home team took the contest 4 to 3. Both pitchers were in good shape.

H. H. Y. Sacramento 4 7 1. Seattle 5 15 2. Hatteries: Prough and Elliott; De-mare and Tobin.

SUNDAY'S SCORES. Portland 6-4, Salt Lake 6-2. Oakland 6-4, Los Angeles 1-1. Vernon 7-7, San Francisco 2-6. Sacramento 7-3, Seattle 1-1.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS. W. L. Per. Portland 49 30 .618. Seattle 40 39 .506. Los Angeles 38 42 .475. Sacramento 35 47 .427. Vernon 35 47 .427. Salt Lake 34 48 .413. Portland 31 50 .383.