

SEVENTY-FIFTH YEAR

SALEM, OREGON, SUNDAY MORNING, JULY 5, 1925

PRICE FIVE CENTS

## GEORGE LITCHFIELD STRICKEN AT HOME

One of Salem's Oldest and Best Known Citizens Is Called Yesterday

## OLDEST MASON IN CITY

Member for Half Century; Circuit Court Bailiff for Years; Funeral Services Will Be Held Monday

George P. Litchfield passed to his reward at his home, 1052 Center street, yesterday afternoon, July 4, aged 85 years, and thus ended the earthly career of one of Salem's oldest and best known citizens.

George Paine Litchfield was born June 23, 1840, at West Woodstock, Windom county, Connecticut. He came to Oregon in 1861. He was married in 1886 to Aurelia Craft, one of the first white children born in Salem. She died in 1918.

As a young man Mr. Litchfield was in the United States Indian service, on the Grand Ronde and the Silette reservations. He was ever a great and trusted friend of the Indians.

He had for some time been the oldest Mason in Salem. He had been a member for over 60 years. He was a member of Salem lodge No. 4 for over 50 years.

He was a member for 53 years of the First Methodist church.

Mr. Litchfield was for many years in the grocery business in Salem. He was a pioneer member of the A. O. U. W. He had been for a number of years bailiff of the circuit court for Marion county.

He had been about his duties up to almost the last. He was stricken suddenly with heart failure, at his home. He was about the house in his slippers and with his clothes on when the summons came. But he was ready. He had lived a clean life and one of helpfulness and usefulness. He had been loyal to his friends, his church, his party (the Republican party), and to his every duty as he saw it. He was prepared and unafraid.

The living children are Charles L. of Portland, George F. of Salem; Mrs. Alma Schindler of Salem, Mrs. Cora (Thomas) Holman of Salem, Mrs. Gertrude Scott of Salem, and Miss Helen Litchfield of Salem. There are ten grand children and one great grandchild.

The funeral services will be Monday, July 6, at 3:30, at Rigdon's mortuary. Rev. Fred C. Taylor of the First Methodist church will have charge, and perhaps Rev. John Parsons, a former pastor, will assist. Salem lodge No. 4 of the Masons, will have charge at the grave. Burial will be in the I. O. O. F. cemetery.

## VATICAN RELICS ROBBED

OBJECT WITHOUT PRICE ARE OBTAINED BY THIEVES

ROME, July 4.—(By Associated Press.)—The treasury of St. Peter's repository of the Vatican's priceless collection of religious and historical relics and artistic treasures, was violated last night when thieves broke into its second treasure room and escaped with a number of irreplaceable objects, estimated variously in value at from one to three million lire. The thieves, using gloves, left no finger prints.

The thieves were manifestly well acquainted with the treasury. They forced the door of a store room adjoining the treasury and then entered one of the chambers where objects precious to the church have been gathered.

The stolen objects include an extremely valuable ring set with sapphires and diamonds which is placed on a finger of the statue of St. Peter on the basilica upon certain occasions, a golden mass service given to St. Peter by Cardinal Merry Del Val, a golden cross presented by Cardinal Della Voipe, a silver vessel ornamented with diamonds which belonged to Pope Pius IX.

## AL SMITH IS BOOMED

NEW YORK, July 4.—(By Associated Press.)—Tammany Hall's celebration of Independence day turned into a second "Al Smith for president" boom today. Speakers from Governor Ritchie of Maryland to chief of the historic William predicted that New York's governor would be the next president of the United States. Governor Smith predicted, "It was Tammany's 136th celebration of the fourth of July."

## PRESIDENT CELEBRATES 53RD BIRTHDAY ON SHIP

SMALL BOY IS GIVEN HALF OF LARGE BIRTHDAY CAKE

18-Year-Old Lad Also Presented With Mouth Organ by the Chief Executive

SWAMPSCOTT, Mass., July 4.—(By Associated Press.)—President Coolidge boarded the Mayflower today at Marblehead Neck for his 53rd birthday dinner on ship. He was accompanied by Mrs. Coolidge and their guests were Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Stearns, Secretary and Mrs. Sanders, Capt. Adolphus Andrews, commander of the Mayflower, and Mrs. Andrews.

A salute of 21 guns was fired as the president went up the right side of the vessel. Contrary to expectations, the Mayflower did not put out to sea, remaining at anchor until Mr. and Mrs. Coolidge and their guests were ready to return tonight to Swampscott.

Shortly after the president boarded the Mayflower a steady drizzle set in, which, with a chilly wind blowing in from sea, kept the presidential party below decks, except for one time when they went out to watch a spectacular display of fireworks on shore.

Awakened early to a realization that boys still believe in a noisy Fourth of July, the president after breakfast made his first visit to the executive offices in Lynn. He arrived there before Secretary Sanders and, most of the office force, and remained an hour.

Just before the president set out for Marblehead a White House automobile sped away on what appeared to be a mysterious mission. Ten minutes later it returned with Jimmy Walker, a 18-year-old lad, who also was celebrating his birthday, occupying a back seat. Jimmy had called at White Court during the president's absence this morning to present him with a box of chocolates. Learning he had missed the president, Coolidge ascertained his address and sent for him.

When Mr. and Mrs. Coolidge left for Marblehead, sitting between them in the car was Jimmy, somewhat dazed at the favor that was shown him. The lad talked with the president, who had given him half of his birthday cake and a mouth organ. From Mrs. Coolidge he had received a silver pencil.

The president sent the boy directly to his home, Jimmy was three years the junior of Calvin Coolidge, the younger son of Mr. and Mrs. Coolidge, who was taken ill just a year ago today, his death resulting three days later.

Greetings reached the president today by mail and wire in voluminous quantity. The first gifts he received was a fancy birthday cake baked by Camille Dendoeven, pastry chef at the New Ocean house. Dendoeven, who once was pastry chef to King Albert of Belgium, delivered his present in person, dressed in his white uniform.

A number of persons called at the summer White House to leave cards. Among them was Baron Ago von Maltzan, the German ambassador.

## DR. JOHNSON IS NAMED

STATE POULTRY VETERINARIAN WILL WORK FROM OAC

Dr. W. T. Johnson, of the state experiment station of Puyallup, Wash., has been appointed Oregon state poultry veterinarian, and will come to this state immediately to take up his work. He will make the Oregon Agricultural college his headquarters, and will work from the experiment station there.

Dr. Johnson is one of the most prominent specialists on poultry diseases in the country, and is a world-wide authority on tuberculosis in the fowl. His numerous booklets are considered the most authoritative on the subject.

The office of state poultry veterinarian was created by the 1925 legislature.

## BOY VICTIM OF RIVER

ROBERT KASBERG DROWNED ABOVE CASCADIA

Funeral services will be held from the Rigdon mortuary Monday morning for Robert Kasberg, 15, who was drowned in the Santiam river above Cascadia Friday. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kasberg, residents of the Salem Heights district. Mr. Kasberg is connected with the Oregon Pulp & Paper company. Interment will be made in the IOOF cemetery.

## TWO GIRLS DROWN

HUNTINGTON BEACH, Cal., July 4.—Margaret Mitchell, 23, her sister Helen, 19, daughters of Mrs. Ellen Mitchell of Los Angeles, were drowned here today when they were caught in a rip tide while bathing. Both bodies were recovered.

## UNIDENTIFIED MAN FOUND ON SANDBAR

Nude Remains Believed to Have Been in Water for at Least Two Weeks

## NO SIGN OF FOUL PLAY

Victim Thought to Have Drowned While Swimming; Discovered by Portland Men From Motorboat

Lodged on a sandbar in about 10 inches of water, the nude body of an unidentified man was found in the Willamette river six miles north of Salem shortly before noon Saturday by E. J. Hadecker and R. B. McClackern, both of Portland. Sheriff O. D. Bower and A. L. Keeney, of Dallas, Polk county coroner, were called, the latter taking charge of the body.

The body had been in the water approximately two weeks, Coroner Keeney said. Though bearing scratches and bruises from contact with sand and rocks, there were no indications that he had met with foul play. The river has dropped considerably in the last week and it is believed that the body became lodged on the sandbar during this time.

An amber-colored setting in a ring on the index finger of the left hand may serve to establish the identity of the dead man. He was between 25 and 30 years of age, weighed 160 or 165 pounds and was 5 feet 10 inches tall. He had long hair of a reddish tinge and a perfect set of teeth.

No one in the district has been reported missing and it is believed the dead man is a stranger to the community, coming here to work in the berry fields or canneries during the fruit picking season. Owing to the absence of any wound or injury, it is thought that he had gone swimming and was drowned.

The two men who discovered the body were on their way to Portland, making the trip by motor boat.

## BLAST HURTS 5 FIREMEN

SIDE OF BUILDING BLOWN OUT WHEN PAINT EXPLODES

SPOKANE, July 4.—Five firemen were injured when fire partially destroyed the American Paint and Wall Paper company's building here at 10 o'clock tonight, causing an estimated loss of \$50,000. An explosion of gasses in the building blew out the windows at the front of the structure, knocking about 15 firemen to the ground. Five were injured by the glass which was blown across the street. None of them were seriously hurt.

## RESPONSE FOR TEST DAY NOT LARGE; RETURNS IN

ONLY TWO-THIRDS OF FORMER ENLISTMENTS MADE

War Department Said Satisfied With Showing on Such Short Orders

WASHINGTON, July 4.—(By Associated Press.)—Reports to the war department from the nine corps area commanders on today's defense test muster indicated at a late hour tonight that the civilian response to the request for one-day volunteers had been about two-thirds of the number reported as enrolled on Sept. 12 last when the first test was held.

With figures for muster still lacking from the fourth corps area headquarters, Atlanta, Ga., the totals reported by the other eight areas were:

Regular army 81,089, compared with 92,581 last September; national guard, 110,149, compared with 167,633; organized reserves, 56,636, compared with 59,168; one-day volunteer enrollments, 628,090, compared with a figure in excess of one million.

War department and corps area officials, however, apparently were satisfied with the results in view of the short time of preparation allowed them this year and the added handicap of the double week-end holiday.

At the time of the first test it was estimated that more than 16,000,000 citizens participated as spectators or otherwise in all ceremonies incident to the test. In today's muster patriotic accounts were combined with local Fourth of July celebrations and the instructions sent to corps area commanders directed they give special attention to the assemblies.

In many communities, as in Washington, there was no military parade or reserves, national guard or regular army units filled up with one-day volunteers as in the test. Until detailed reports from the corps area are received here, no comparative figure of general civilian population be available.

SEASIDE, Ore., July 4.—Nearly 60,000 one-day volunteers for the defense test took the formal oath of enlistment today in various communities throughout the state, according to telegraphic reports received here today by Brigadier General George A. White, chairman of the defense test in Oregon who administered the oath at the Seaside celebration. Portland exceeded its quota by many thousands, according to a report received from the headquarters at Salem. Portland was credited with 22,000 enlistments by the time the report came in. Eugene, Medford, Roseburg, Pendleton, La Grande, Baker, Salem, Lebanon, Silverton, McMinnville, Hillsboro, Albany, Corvallis, The Dalles, DuPont, Tillamook, Gresham and Forest Grove were among the cities who had reported up to a late hour today with many more yet to hear from throughout the state.

## CITY OF SANTA BARBARA HOLDS BIG CELEBRATION

SOUNDS OF RECONSTRUCTION MINGLE WITH BAND MUSIC

One Sharp Quake and 18 Others Are Felt During Day; Anxiety Felt

SANTA BARBARA, Cal., July 4.—(By Associated Press.)—A band concert, a brief program of speeches and a liberal display of flags and bunting constituted earthquake-torn Santa Barbara's observance of the Fourth of July.

The patriotic exercises did not interrupt the sound of steam shovels and hammers engaged in clearing the wreckage left by Monday's quake and the committee planning the rebuilding of the devastated building district met as usual.

One sharp shock felt by nearly everyone, a lesser tremor and 17 slight earth vibrations which recorded themselves on the dial of a graphic thermometer, the nearest approach to a seismograph in the quake zone, were the sum of today's earth movements. No discoverable damage resulted from them, though they served to arouse disappearing nervousness.

The report of the board of California engineers, headed by Professor C. E. Marx of the Stanford University engineering school, which has been making a detailed examination of public and business buildings here was made public today. The engineers estimated the total quake damage to buildings, exclusive of residences, at \$6,230,000. Of this amount \$5,000,000 was inflicted upon business buildings and semi-public institutions, \$700,000 upon schools and \$230,000 to county buildings.

Sixty public buildings and 14 classed as "shacks" the report said either were wholly destroyed or will have to be demolished. Eleven others are so seriously damaged that further investigation is recommended before a final decision as to their future is made. Seventy-two were regarded as unsafe until repaired, 64 were reported "safe as is," 82 were certified as safe for immediate use but needing repairs, 192 were reported ready for use when repaired and six require only chimney repairs to be ready for re-occupancy.

Among the buildings classed as "safe when repairs are made," was the old Franciscan mission Santa Barbara, one of the most widely known buildings in California.

A growing problem here is the taking care of workers attracted to Santa Barbara by reports of extensive rebuilding operations. E. F. McDonough, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, said these would be welcome later but that the contractors were not ready to begin employing craftsmen and laborers in considerable numbers.

The best engineering talent in the United States will be called in to rebuild Santa Barbara. The business houses will be erected on approved "anti-earthquake plans.

## 12 KNOWN TO HAVE DIED IN WRECKAGE

Collapse of Dance Hall Takes Lives; Debris Now Being Cleared Away

## 17 ARE NOW IN HOSPITALS

Many Hurt in Mad Rush for Exits as Ceiling and Walls Fall Inward; Cause of the Crash Not Known

BOSTON, July 4.—Search of the ruins of the Hotel Dreyfus that collapsed early today while a holiday party attended by 125 persons was in progress continued tonight with the known dead at 12. Many persons escaped, but searchers believe further bodies will be found. The five-story building was occupied by the Pickwick club.

Aided by a steam shovel and trucks, firemen, policemen and wrecking crews combined efforts in removing the debris. A battery of searchlights illuminated the ruins as the work progressed tonight.

Six bodies, five men and one woman, were taken from the wreckage at 11:15 tonight. The bodies were lying together in a "pocket" near where the front door of the building had stood.

Seventeen persons were taken to Boston hospitals. Four were said to be dangerously hurt. The bodies removed from the wreckage early in the day were: Miss Loretta Keegan, 36, of Cambridge, John J. Schales, 21, a singer in the dance club; Mrs. Edith Jordan of Somerville, a bride but a few months, who died from shock; W. H. Carr, 30, machinist of the U. S. coast guard cutter Mohava; Pauline B. Lutz.

Searchers admitted that they did not know how many persons they might find in the wreckage. Persons who escaped estimated the number carried down with the building from 30 to as high as 75.

The Pickwick club, a popular night resort in the Chinatown district, occupied the second story of the former hotel building. A Fourth of July program was in progress when, shortly after 2 o'clock, without warning, the roof and all five stories were plunging downward in a twisted ruin. One side wall next to which an excavation for a new building was being made, buckled in the middle and fell in on a part of the ruins. The front sagged forward and leaned at a crazy angle.

In a wild rush for safety many fled out of the rear windows and down a fire escape.

Others found their way down a flight of stairs close to a standing wall. Several others were hurled clear in the fall and suffered only slight injury.

The cracking of snapping timbers and rafters before the crash failed to alarm the dancers. The noise was drowned in part by the orchestra. Survivors said they thought the crackling was the sound of fire crackers being exploded outside.

## RICH MAN DIES PAUPER

FORMER PORTLAND CAPITALIST DIES IN POVERTY

SPOKANE, July 4.—Robert E. Smith, 55, said to have been a capitalist and lumberman in Oregon 15 years ago, was given a funeral here yesterday by wealthy eastern relatives following his death here a few days ago.

Smith is said to have been penniless at the time he was stricken with sleeping sickness here recently.

Mr. Smith was well known in Portland and many papers concerning large financial transactions of 15 years ago were found in his personal effects, friends here said.

## OREGON MAN IS KILLED

MAN WHO SWORE TO COMPLAINT SHOOT PRISONER

SAN BERNARDINO, Cal., July 4.—George Saunders of Richland, Or., was shot and fatally wounded at Oodick, on the Mojave desert, according to a telephone message to the sheriff's office. The report said Saunders was arrested by the handcarriers were removed at the jail door, Saunders, the informant said, struck Mahood and knocked him down. Louis Grant, who had sworn to a complaint charging Saunders with battery, then shot Saunders, the sheriff's office was advised. The man died at 3:45 o'clock this afternoon.

Investigation of the shooting was ordered by county authorities.

## NATIONAL DEFENSE TEST SAID TRIBUTE TO PAST

REGARD FOR NATION'S LAWS DECLARED GREATEST NEED

Flag of United States Is Heritage of People, Vice President Says

CHICAGO, July 4.—(By The Associated Press.)—The true American, however poor and weak he may be in himself, sees in the flag of his government only the right to hope and work for better days, Vice President Charles G. Dawes said in an Independence Day address broadcast from Chicago tonight.

"It behooves us as a people," he said, "to celebrate the anniversary of the nation's birth with solemn thought as well as happiness for the blessings which we enjoy under our great government, and to endeavor to realize how much depends for us and for the world upon its preservation."

His address follows: "It is most appropriate that on this anniversary of the birth of our nation we consider our national defense for, in so doing, we are only combining with our tribute to the past a definite and earnest thought of our nation's future."

"We are living in one of the great epochs of the world's history. In the world war an elemental convulsion of humanity occurred which has had a profound and lasting effect upon life on the earth. For a thousand years or more will the events of this particular decade be studied and appraised because of their effect in altering the course of human activities hereafter."

"When, in 1787, the American people framed the constitution with its system of checks and balances, they created the best instrument through which the sovereignty of a people can be expressed, the world has known. That sovereignty, the American people on the anniversary declare to be a success and not a failure."

"While we cannot but admit the existence of wrongs under our government and under all governments except that of the divine master, we believe that where wrong exists it is in spite of our government, not because of it. We believe that the opportunity to right these wrongs depends upon the strength of our government and its institutions and not upon their weakness."

"We look upon the flag as that which guarantees to our people the opportunity to right wrongs, to strive after better things, to look upward and press forward toward the fulfillment of God's destiny for our race. The true American, however poor and weak he may be in himself, sees in the flag of his government only the right to hope and work for better days."

"When differences to seriousness of national problems uphold our constitution which recognizes and protects in the weakest rights equal to those of the strongest—with that charity which knows no resentment towards those who honestly differ with us—standing together as brothers and patriots, let us, on this historical anniversary, again pledge our love and devotion to our government and its flag, and thank God that we live under them."

## 1 DEAD IN GUN FIGHT

FAMILY QUARREL LEADS TO KILLING; TWO MAY DIE

HOQUIAM, Wash., July 4.—Carl Casey, Elms auto repairer, is dead, John Casey, his brother, is in Aberdeen general hospital with critical wounds in his forehead and shoulder, and James Walters, Yakima paperhanger, their uncle, is believed to be dying in Hoquiam general hospital as a result of shooting affair at Cyprius beach early this evening in which Walters is said to have done all the shooting.

The shooting is said by witnesses to have occurred in Walters' tent at the Fritz campgrounds, as a result of a dispute this morning between Walters and his wife. Mrs. Walters declared after the shooting that she had thought the affair ended, but that dickerling arose about 9 o'clock this evening in which the Casey brothers took her part. They entered the Walters' tent and Walters went outside to his car and returned with a 38 caliber revolver, with which he fired two shots at John Casey, who made his escape and was rushed to the Aberdeen hospital by friends, although both bullets took effect.

Turning the weapon upon Carl Casey, Walters inflicted three wounds in his left shoulder and under the left armpit. He threatened his wife as he reloaded his empty weapon with two cartridges but she made her escape and Walters placed the gun to his own right temple and fired one bullet, which is expected to prove fatal according to the story told officers by Mrs. Walters.

## ROOSEVELTS REACH TOP OF THE WORLD

Scientific Expedition Surmounts Innumerable Difficulties on Trip

## HAZARDOUS CLIMB MADE

Altitude of 20,000 Feet Reached by Party; Search Is Made for Fanna, Never Before Captured

By Central Press  
DELHI, India, June 23.—Encouraging reports are being received regarding the progress toward the "roof of the world" of the American scientific expedition led by Theodore and Kermit Roosevelt and George K. Cherrie, naturalist.

The party, composed of the three white men and less than 100 native carriers and guides, appears to be surmounting all of the innumerable difficulties in its path. There seems to be little possibility of trouble with natives of independent and semi-wild states.

The expedition is traveling as light as possible. The principal equipment is army Springfield, .403 caliber, with special stocks, warm clothing and food, cameras and scientific equipment.

News of the party must come by native messenger by way of Jummu, its "jumping off" place on the railway.

No one here has more than a general idea of the route being followed, for plans must needs be shifted to meet new circumstances. Weather, native help, and food supplies must be considered at every march, once civilization is left behind, and so the Roosevelt itinerary is a pliable one.

The general route, however, lies through the Leh pass to the high Pamirs tableland, thence to Turkistan.

The Leh route is a dangerous and difficult trail through barren mountains. It would be possible to go through the Hunza pass, but this route cannot be used because all available native carriers are engaged in a hunting expedition led by Swedish sports man. A third route to the Pamirs leads through Afghanistan, and while it would offer the easiest traveling of the three possible routes, it is unsafe because it is infested with murderous tribesmen, against whom no protection could be guaranteed.

The Leh route is little used in midsummer, and then only by expeditions carrying mail into Tibet. It stretches along the foothills bordering the forbidden country and in some places is only 50 miles from the frontier. The most difficult part of the trip, however, is the crossing of two passes at a height of 15,000 feet. Both generally are snow covered throughout the year, unmarked for long distances and there is great danger of avalanches.

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## ENDEAVOR LEAGUE OPENS

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR IS DISCUSSED AT MEETING

PORTLAND, Ore., July 4.—Young minds, intent upon high things of life, steadfast in their determination for christian endeavor, were directed here tonight to the consideration of christian citizenship at the opening meeting of the thirteenth International Christian Endeavor convention.

The meeting was opened by a praise service. Dr. Francis E. Clark, founder of the organization and president of the United Society of Christian Endeavor, presided. Words of welcome were extended by Governor Walter Pierce, Mayor George Baker, Dr. Edward H. Pence, speaking for the churches, and Judge Jacob Kanzer, for the convention committee.

Gifford Pinchot, governor of Pennsylvania, and Rev. Daniel Poling, associate president United Society of Christian Endeavor, were speakers.

Governor Pinchot urged an active stand for the "right among church-going folk, shutting the burden of the blame for the thriving condition of evil upon the negligence of good people. "What our whole country needs is boys and girls and men and women who not only hold high their heads because they are Americans, but who make themselves count for the honor of their country on the right side," he declared.