

ANXIETY FELT OVER FATE OF AVIATORS

Plane No. 1, Forced Down From Gas Shortage, Lost on Stormswept Sea

RADIO MESSAGES FAIL

Entire Resources of Navy Concentrated in Effort to Locate Missing Ship and Five Eilers

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 1.—(By Associated Press.)—A message received by the naval radio at 11:30 tonight from the USS Aroostook said that the PN-9 No. 1 still was missing and the search continuing. It expressed the belief that the plane had landed more than 20 miles to the southwest of the Aroostook's station along the route of flight.

HONOLULU, Sept. 1.—(By Associated Press.)—Tropical darkness made gloomier by the continuing rain, tonight hid from the rescue ships the five aviators of the disabled navy seaplane PN-9 No. 1 forced down upon the stormy ocean when the fuel supply failed.

The Hawaiian night left the fate of the fliers in doubt. A series of radio messages between the seaplane and the ships on station along her course about 1:45 p. m. (Island time) navy officials here assumed that the silencing of the radio on the seaplane had resulted when the big ship sank too close to the whitened waves to permit effective use of her communications system. There was no direct information that the seaplane was actually in the water. The last message from the fliers, however, made failure of the plane's engines almost a matter of established fact.

"We are not interested in the wind now. Just a little gas left in the gravity tank," was the answer from Commander John Rodgers, commanding the flight.

The last message from the seaplane was received at 1:42 p. m., in between one of the messages intercepted had said: "We haven't got enough gas for five minutes."

The entire resources of the United States navy in the Hawaiian district were concentrated tonight on the search for the seaplane. While expressing every confidence in commander Rodgers, navy officials admitted their anxiety over the predicament of the aviators.

Speeding toward the point the seaplane is believed battling the waves here tonight were the destroyer Farragut, hitting her top

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BANDIT SAID CAPTURED

ALLEGED LEADER OF MAIL ROBBERS DECLARED HELD

CHICAGO, Sept. 1.—(By The Associated Press.)—Joseph P. Ballie, reputed leader of a group of six mail robbers and bond forgers whose recent operations are said to have netted more than \$200,000, was arrested here today at the request of Los Angeles post office inspectors.

Inspector E. L. Jackson of Los Angeles said the prisoner was indicted there last month for stealing and forging government bonds.

Ballie was also known as Joseph Burns. He was released on \$10,000 bond.

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 1.—(By The Associated Press.)—Joseph P. Ballie, reported under arrest in Chicago, was indicted several months ago together with four other men in connection with the theft and forgery of \$25,000 worth of liberty bonds stolen from a Richmond, Neb., bank in 1921.

Rush Meadows, attorney and former college athlete and outstanding member of the ring, and Charles Sweeney and Fred Keller have been convicted. Meadows was sentenced to federal prison and his case is now on appeal.

Sweeney was sentenced to seven months jail term, while Keller, who turned prosecution's witness, was given a suspended sentence.

A charge against Dave Lerner is still pending.

ROCKEFELLER, JR., PAYS LARGEST TAX ON RECORD

PAYMENTS OF FEDERAL INCOME TAXES LAID BARE

Assessment Against Oil Magnate Over Six Million; Henry Ford Comes Next

NEW YORK, Sept. 1.—(By The Associated Press.)—The United States government today laid bare for nation-wide inspection the federal income tax records which testify to individual and corporate contributions toward the government's running expenses for 1924. It was estimated that tax returns of 8,000,000 persons and corporations were contained in the books thrown open for inspection in the various tax offices over the country.

From California to Maine tax offices were crowded with newspapermen and business men seeking the information the books contained.

The list revealed that Uncle Sam derives his income from many occupations and many quarters. The name of the first man of the land, politically, was far down in the list of income.

President Coolidge paid \$14,081; Vice President Dawes paid \$24,534.

The largest contributor among members of the president's official family was Secretary of the Treasury Andrew W. Mellon, with \$1,882,609.

John D. Rockefeller, Jr., paid the largest personal tax thus far reported, \$6,277,669. John D. Rockefeller paid \$128,420. Henry Ford paid \$2,608,806, and Edsel Ford, \$2,158,055.

The Ford Motor company paid the largest tax reported by a corporation, \$16,493,160. United States Steel corporation was second with \$11,005,219, and General Electric company third with \$7,245,900.

Standard Oil company of New York and affiliated companies paid \$2,338,436.

The government came in for liberal support from the moving picture industry with Douglas Fairbanks leading the list of high salaried actors. He paid \$182,190. Gloria Swanson was second, paying \$56,075.28. Mary Pickford paid \$34,075.23; Charlie Chaplin, \$34,811; Harold Lloyd, \$28,151.16, and Roscoe Arbuckle paid \$6,116.

Lawyers, writers and newspaper men, while not occupying top positions in the list, still were not to be overlooked. John W. Davis, attorney and unsuccessful democratic candidate for the presidency in the 1924 election, paid \$49,533. Max Steuer, attorney, paid \$198,455. Clarence Darrow, the noted criminal lawyer, paid \$3900. Rex Beach, writer, contributed \$10,076, and Rydyard Kipling, through his American publishers, was taxed \$4,990. William Randolph Hearst was assessed \$42,239.

The smallest payment reported was that of Florence L. Smiley, New York, who paid 3 cents.

SEVERE FLOOD FEARED

CITIES IN TEXAS BELIEVED ENDANGERED BY WATER

EL PASO, Texas, Sept. 1.—(By Associated Press.)—Another flood originating in the mountains of southern New Mexico is descending on this city. Reclamation service officials said today that the crest of the water probably would not reach here until tomorrow.

The waters of the Rio Grande are swollen to even greater proportions than during the last flood that inundated sections of farm land around Fabens, Texas, but city officials do not expect any damage to result in El Paso.

Severe rains last night caused washouts on the Santa Fe railroad between Deming and Silver City, N. M., and high waters held up service between Santa Rita and Whitewater, N. M.

SALEM KNIGHTS ELECT

NEW OFFICERS ARE CHOSEN BY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Salem council of the Knights of Columbus held its annual election of officers Tuesday night at a meeting at which a record attendance was present. The election was followed by a lunch and speeches by visiting members.

Those elected to hold offices in the council are as follows: E. H. Simon, grand knight, Emory Thompson, deputy grand knight, Walter Lebold, financial secretary, Theodore Perenboon, recorder, Thomas Keeney, advocate, Gerald Suing, warden, Thomas Brown, lecturer, and J. Nadon, outside guard.

At the lunch following the election, speeches were made by Frank Davy, state deputy, Father Leipsig, of Corvallis, and Father Scherbring, of Shaw.

The new officers will be installed at the next meeting of the council.

OREGON MAN AGAIN REFUSES TO RESIGN

Bert Haney Declares He Has No Intention of Tendering Resignation

VIOLATIONS ARE DENIED

Commissioner Says He Has Kept Trust With Board; Circumstances Will Not Permit Quitting

WASHINGTON, Sept. 1.—(By Associated Press.)—Commissioner Bert Haney of the shipping board today refused to resign, but only affirmed his intention not to resign under the circumstances set forth in the requests of President Coolidge but commenting on reports from Swamscott that Mr. Coolidge felt that by his course he had violated the merchant marine act, he asserted that he was at least one who had observed it completely.

The reference to Mr. Haney's attitude toward the law was understood to involve his course as a commissioner toward the fleet corporation and his efforts to have Leigh C. Palmer removed as its president.

Any charge that he had not observed the law, however, Mr. Haney said, he could not understand.

Meanwhile officials of the shipping board and the fleet corporation maintained silence on the situation.

Indications of the president's

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DEATH SENTENCE GIVEN

OFFICER OF ARMY MUST DIE FOR MURDERING GIRL

MANILA, Sept. 2.—(By Associated Press.)—Lieut. J. S. Thompson was today found guilty of the murder of Miss Audrey Burleigh, whom he shot to death in his automobile in April last, and was sentenced to be hanged.

Thompson was tried by court martial. His counsel at first announced that a plea of insanity would be entered but this was withdrawn yesterday and a plea of guilty of voluntary manslaughter, but not guilty of murder, was made on behalf of the prisoner. He is a son of Rev. J. Milton Thompson, pastor of the Russell Sage Memorial church, Far Rockaway.

Thompson is 24 years of age, entered the army in 1917, served three years on the Texas border and then was admitted to West Point. The killing occurred April 5 while Miss Burleigh of Memphis, Tenn., who was visiting relatives in Manila, was riding with Lieutenant Thompson after taking part in amateur theatricals to which Thompson objected.

SWIMMING IN OVERSEAS PACK VETERAN'S STUNT

DEMONSTRATION TO BE PUT ON THIS AFTERNOON

Playing Cornet While in Water Said Favorite Pastime of Andy Gault's

Swimming the Willamette river with his hands and feet tied, the hands behind his back, and loaded down by full overseas army equipment, including an overcoat, light pack and marching equipment, will be the unique feat which will be attempted here today by Andy Gault of Clinton, Iowa. The demonstration will be staged near the Mellow Moon dance pavilion, on the west bank of the Willamette river at 5:15 o'clock today.

Gault has gained a wide reputation by his novel stunt. He once swam the Mississippi river under the same conditions. At that time he crossed the entire width of the river. Today he will not attempt to cross the entire distance of the Willamette because of the swiftness of the current and the coldness of the water at this time of the season, but a complete demonstration of his prowess in the water is promised.

Gault started to swim when he was about 11 years old and took up stunt swimming several years ago. His present stunt of swimming while laden with army equipment was conceived while serving with the AEF.

He swims part of the time on his back, sometimes on his side, and part of the time on his breast. The latter method, in which he uses a modified double crawl kick, is a severe tax on the lungs, as he is under water most of the time. The work of propulsion is all done by the legs and feet, the arms being entirely useless. Another stunt which Gault has on his card is playing of a cornet in deep water.

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LIGHTNING BURNS BARN

LOSS TO THREE BUILDINGS IS PLACED AT \$20,000

THE DALLES, Ore., Sept. 1.—Two of the largest barns in Wasco county on the Ray G. Johnston & Sons ranch near Wamic and the Johnson house and a big silo were destroyed by fire and lightning last night during a severe electrical storm which swept the county. Lightning first struck the Johnson home wrecking it.

The lightning was thought to have traveled over a light line to the barns, setting fire to them. The loss was estimated at \$20,000 with slight insurance.

TEMPLE SITE SECURED

SPOKANE, Sept. 1.—(By The Associated Press.)—The Spokane central labor council today closed its option of \$20,000 with the Fraternal Order of Eagles for a building site here for a labor temple.

THE EIGHTH WONDER OF THE WORLD

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GRAND THEATER DARK ; REMODELING STARTED

HELLIG IN CONTROL; OPENING IS SEPTEMBER 12

Improvements Being Made; Excellent Photoplays and Vaudeville Stated

Two shifts of carpenters and decorators started work on the old Grand theatre Tuesday and the remodeling is being carried on day and night in order to have the theater ready for the opening under the Hellig theater interests with Archie Holt, of Salem, as resident manager, September 12.

The stage area is being increased, the seating capacity increased from 750 to 850, interior supporting posts that have caused much craning of necks during the last quarter century removed, the lower boxes removed to make way for seats and the upper boxes decorated. The interior will follow the Egyptian decoration style.

A new and large electric sign, the product of a local shop, will be installed and the entire lighting system improved. When completed the exterior lighting system will be similar to that of the Journal building in Portland, according to Mr. Holt. A ladies' rest room will be built in the basement and an incline lead from the basement to the east end of the foyer.

Workmen started tearing down the present lobby Tuesday, the box office being removed and a space provided for an electrical display in its place. The south portion of the lobby, providing a 15-foot frontage on High by the removal of that portion of the wall lying between the main entrance and the building occupied by the Terminal hotel, will be altered and occupied by Becke &

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WATER GROUP TO MEET

MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP DISCUSSION TONIGHT

What the next step is to be toward municipal ownership of the water system will be the subject of discussion at the first meeting of the advisory committee of Salem residents appointed recently by Mayor John B. Geisy and T. M. Hicks, president of the Chamber of Commerce, to cooperate with the city council. The session will be held at the Chamber of Commerce rooms beginning at eight o'clock tonight.

Members of the committee are F. G. Deckebach, chairman; Dr. H. H. Olinger, Ed Schunke, D. J. Fry, Sr., U. S. Page, T. A. Livesley, W. S. Walton, D. W. Eyre, W. I. Staley, C. P. Bishop, August Huckestein, T. B. Kay, G. H. Grabenhorst, Dr. B. L. Steeves, H. O. White, Dr. E. E. Fisher, Harry W. Hawkins, A. A. Lee, G. Putnam, R. J. Hendricks, G. C. Will, Dr. W. B. Morse, T. M. Barr, G. Vick, I. Greenbaum.

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CURIOSITY BRINGS FINE

MAN IS ASSESSED \$100 FOR OPENING TWO LETTERS

YAKIMA, Sept. 1.—Curiosity cost William Weber, Cle Elum post office clerk, a fine of \$100 when he was arraigned in federal court here today and entered a plea of guilty to a charge of opening two letters not addressed to him.

Weber, it developed, had been an applicant for postmaster at Cle Elum and opened the two letters to see if they referred to his application.

CLUB WOMAN DIES

SPOKANE, Sept. 1.—Mrs. America L. King, founder of the original Elderbrook club in Seattle in 1914, died at the home here today, aged 81. Eberbrock clubs, organizations for elderly persons, were organized also here and in Everett, Wash., and since in numerous communities over the country.

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MURRAY TRIAL IS SET OCTOBER 5TH

"Not Guilty" Pleas Entered by Convicts Participating in Prison Riot

COURT ROOM IS PACKED

Several Hundred Attend Hearing; Kelley's Parents Here; Six Guards Dismissed From Penitentiary

Tom Murray, one of the three convicts indicted for first degree murder in connection with the death of two guards at the state prison during a break August 12, will be placed on trial Monday, October 5, with the trials of Elsworth Kelly and James Willos, the other two, following. All three are charged with the death of John Sweeney, guard, though they can also be tried for the slaying of J. M. Holman, guard, under indictments returned by the grand jury.

Facing a packed court room and a large crowd of people outside the court house, Tom Murray was taken from the prison car at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning and formally arraigned. He entered a plea of "not guilty." Murray was taken back to the prison and Kelley and Willos arraigned. They also entered pleas of "not guilty." All three were brought into court together while the date of the trial was set by Judge Percy R. Kelly. Separate trials for the three convicts were requested by Will R. King, Portland, attorney for the defendants.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Kelley, parents of the convict, were in the court room and consulted with the attorney following a visit with their son. The Kelleys are said to have separated several years ago. Mr. Kelley living at Grants Pass and Mrs. Kelley in Portland.

Whether the trial of Kelley will follow that of Murray has not yet been decided by District Attorney John Carson and Attorney King. Neither would estimate the length of time required.

Since the prison break five guards and a turnkey have left the institution. Resignations and dismissals severed the connections of James Nesmith, turnkey badly beaten by the convicts; L. T. (Pat) Murphy, Wright Gardner, Henry L. Fouz, Ira Hubbard and Clair A. Baker. With the exception of Foust, a World war veteran, the dismissed guards were experienced in prison work. The dismissal of Gardner came as a surprise for during the manhunt Warden Dalrymple had spoken of him in the highest terms and he was given a free hand in the search.

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CABLE KILLS WORKMAN

MAN'S BODY IS NEARLY SEVERED BY STEEL ROPE

SEATTLE, Sept. 1.—Peter Morgan, 50, of Portland, a laborer employed in excavation work here, was instantly killed today when he became entangled in a heavy cable being used to lower a mechanical shovel. Morgan's body was almost severed by the cable which slipped off a stump around which it had been tied.

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JULY GASOLINE SALES SET RECORD IN STATE

PREVIOUS FIGURES SHATTERED REPORTS SHOW

Motor Vehicle Fuels Tax Measures Add \$9,408,400.01 to State Treasury

More gasoline was sold in Oregon during July than in any other like period since the motor vehicle fuels tax laws have been in effect. This is shown by a statement compiled Tuesday by Secretary of State Sam A. Koser, from reports filed by dealers operating throughout the state. The July distribution aggregated 11,277,703 gallons of gasoline, the heaviest previous month having been July, 1924 when 9,692,402 gallons were sold. Distillate sales totaled 334,533 gallons, a figure which several times in the past two years has been exceeded.

Taxes remitted to the state on July sales amounted to \$346,694.40. The sum of \$114,449.69 resulted from the operation of the original law imposing a tax of one cent per gallon on gasoline and one-half cent per gallon on distillate, while \$232,244.71 was returned under the additional tax law providing for a uniform rate of 2 cents per gallon on all kinds of motor vehicle fuels.

To date the motor vehicle fuels tax measures have brought to the state treasury the total sum of \$9,408,400.01. Of the amount collected under the law of 1921 there has been returned up to August 31, 1925, the sum of \$313,892.26 to operators of farm tractors, motor boats, commercial cleaning establishments and industrial plants of various kinds, pursuant to that provision authorizing refunds of taxes on such purposes other than in the operation of motor vehicles upon the public highways.

Motor vehicle fuels taxes are credited to the state highway fund, becoming available for expenditure in the construction and maintenance of state highways.

CUPID STILL ON JOB

SIXTY MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED IN AUGUST

Sixty marriage licenses were issued by Marion county during the month of August, averaging more than two each day the office was open. During the month of July 67 licenses were granted.

Of the 120 people represented on the list, 62 are residents of Salem. Twenty-seven of the couples making applications were Salem residents.

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Zielinski was also ordered to post a bond of \$500 to guarantee the first payment. In the event that the support money is not forthcoming, the defendant will be obliged to go to the county jail until it is paid. The rate of payments was fixed by Circuit Judge Harry R. Kelly, after attorneys had disagreed. Judge Kelly tried the case which attracted wide interest, not alone on account of the sensational testimony but because both parties are well known here.

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