

# MURRAY ALERT MENTALLY

## 7 ARE KILLED IN CLOUDBURST

### Wenatchee Is Hit by Rushing Torrent of Water; Many Are Missing

## DEATH TOLL MAY MOUNT

### Three-Story Building Carried 69 Feet by Flood; Passenger Train Narrowly Escapes Wreck

WENATCHEE, Wash., Sept. 5.—(By Associated Press.)—Seven known dead, three injured and ten unaccounted for was the toll taken when, without warning a cloudburst swept down Springwater canyon and flooded the South Wenatchee Great Northern railway terminal at 4:15 o'clock this afternoon. The rushing torrent smashed five houses to kindling wood and the Springwater hotel, a three-story frame structure, was hurled 60 feet across the main street by the force of the flood.

Of the seven bodies taken from the wreckage, four had been identified early tonight. They were Frank Petty, brakeman; Mrs. Domic MacDonald, a Mrs. Cleveland and Margaret Smythe about 10 years old.

Those injured were Esther Hanson, 9; Mildred Hanson, 7; Dorothy Hanson, 6; Paul Hanson, 4; Esther Palmer, four months; Edward Ross and Pearl Ross, all of Wenatchee.

At 8 o'clock this evening 100 rescue workers, headed by doctors, firemen and police officials, were making frantic efforts to recover the missing. It is thought that at least eight bodies were in the wreckage.

Miss L. M. Lovgrove, a clerk in the roundhouse at the terminal, probably averted a wreck when she notified the station to stop the Great Northern eastbound passenger train No. 4 just as the waters swept a mass of tangled beams over the tracks.

The train was stopped barely in time to avoid a seemingly certain crash.

Little groups of laborers huddled together in silence under the red glare of torches this evening. They were anxiously awaiting the recovery of missing wives or little children. Meanwhile the workers were making every effort to recover more bodies which are believed to lie under the wreckage and water. At a late hour this afternoon six feet of water was still sweeping over the terminal yards and on into the Columbia river.

More than 50 yards of the Great Northern main line was washed out by the flood down the canyon and railway officials said tonight that it will be impossible to repair the tracks until Monday at least. The east bound train was delayed here tonight. The water was four feet deep just

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## LYNCHING IS TALKED

### LLOYD TO REMAIN IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY JAIL

Fear that friends of G. F. Baun, murdered Independence taxi driver and World war veteran, might take the law into their own hands and cheat the gallows at the state prison of its rightful prey, caused the Polk county officials to place W. R. Lloyd, confessed slayer of the taxi driver, in the Multnomah county jail for safe keeping. Joe Helgeson, Polk county district attorney, said yesterday.

"Say, if a good hard wind came along or three husky men leaped against our county jail the building would fall over," Helgeson declared. "We are not able to keep a desperate character in the jail, let alone keep anyone from tearing it to pieces from the outside."

A 13-page confession, replete with details of the crime, was obtained from Lloyd, the district attorney said.

Since the apprehension of the ex-convict and killer there have been persistent rumors that should he be returned to Dallas Baun had sufficient friends to save the state the cost of a trial, and a short trial before "judge lynch" has been discussed.

## STRONG PLEA MADE FOR WORLD COURT ENTRANCE

### CHESTER H. ROWELL WILL BE ANSWERED BY BORAH

### Great International Question Is Placed Before Audience by Speaker

LEWISTON, Idaho, Sept. 5.—(By Associated Press.)—Of remarkable interest was a meeting this evening that marked the opening of the debate of the international question of the world court, with an address by a representative of the American peace award, Chester H. Rowell, of California, who is to be answered on Sunday night by Senator Borah of Idaho, speaking in the same place.

The large audience heard a strong argumentative plea for the American participation in the world court, the gradual development and growth of which was frequently referred to his distinguished opponent, seated upon the same platform. He referred to the subject as the one great international question before the American people; and to the court as an institution that had been established with American approval and in accordance with American principles and now supported by press, public and all peace organizations, those who oppose participation standing almost alone.

He reviewed the nature of the court and the manner of electing its members, of the qualifications of judges, of what it is asked to do, of the "bugaboo" of entanglement which its opponents offer, of the arguments in its favor and of the objections that have been raised against it. In closing, he paid his respects to the two leading opponents, Senators Borah and Hiram Johnson, saying:

"They are brilliant leaders, perhaps the two most skilled, for this task of opposition, in the senate. They have with them only a small minority of the senators, but under the peculiar constitution of the senate, that minority, under their resourceful leadership, may succeed.

"They cast their votes and wield their great power to turn this nation backward, when its known will is to go forward. Those votes are in their power to cast, beyond our power to prevent. All we can do is to make it clear to them and to the world, that those votes are not our voice—that we follow not their lone voices, in the wilderness of doubt but the ripened opinion of mankind; and that we are willing to accept for ourselves what the rest of the world has already accepted from us a world court, where we can settle our differences by the orderly adjudication of the law instead of by the wrangling, the brawlings, and the eventual violence which are its only alternatives, whether between men or between nations."

## PRISONS OVERCROWDED

### CAPACITY OF FEDERAL INSTITUTIONS IS STRAINED

TACOMA, Wash., Sept. 4.—(By Associated Press.)—Congress Milton Shreve of Erie, Penn., and Anthony J. Griffin of the Bronx district, New York, members of a house subcommittee on appropriations, arrived here today to inspect the McNell Island federal penitentiary.

They were met here by Finch R. Archer, warden of the penitentiary, who will take them to the island prison Sunday.

"We found the Leavenworth prison greatly overcrowded on our visit there and it is generally understood by our committee that all the government's prisons have more inmates than they can care for properly," said Representative Shreve on his arrival here. "The object of our tour is to make a special study of the conditions for the purpose of recommending construction of an additional prison at some other point or enlargement of the present institutions."

Mr. Shreve attributes the present conditions to criminal legislation enacted during the past few years.

## DISASTER BLAME PLACED

### FREDRICHSHAFEN, Germany, Sept. 5.—(By Associated Press.)

—Reports from America that eight safety valves were removed from the Shenandoah is regarded at the Zeppelin works here as a logical explanation of the disaster.

## BITTER ATTACK IS MADE BY MITCHELL

### Air Service Flayed Severely For Actions; War Department Defied

## INCOMPETENCY CHARGED

### Former Head of Aircraft Division Declares Administration of Naval Air Affairs Is Disgusting

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Sept. 5.—(By The Associated Press.)—Declaring defiance of the war department, Colonel William Mitchell today dropped another bomb into air service circles and then departed by airplane for some tarpon fishing at Aransas Pass.

He spent the afternoon preparing for a fishing trip Sunday morning and refused further to comment on his statement in denunciation of the practices and systems obtaining in the administration of national air defense by the war and navy departments.

In commenting on the fatal wreck of the Shenandoah and the failure of the Hawaiian flight with its possible loss of life, Colonel Mitchell said:

"These accidents are the direct result of the incompetency, criminal negligence and almost treasonable administration of national defense by these two departments."

Colonel Mitchell's view was set forth in a written statement covering 17 typewritten pages, filled with biting sarcasm and

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## MAN KILLED IN WRECK

### ONE KILLED, TWO INJURED WHEN CAR LEAVES GRADE

LEAVENWORTH, Wash., Sept. 5.—William Crosby, mechanic, was killed and Howard Blankenship, mechanic, and William Harris, store manager, were seriously injured when an automobile driven by Crosby went off the road north of Dryden early today.

The men, who were employed here, were thrown into an irrigation ditch. Crosby's body floated several miles down stream before it was recovered.

## HERMIT IS KILLED AFTER TAKING LIFE OF SHERIFF

### RECLUSE FIGHTS DISPOSES. SION FROM LITTLE CABIN

### Mountaineer Refuse to Move His House to Make Way for New Highway

SANTA CRUZ, Cal., Sept. 5.—(By The Associated Press.)—Declining to be dispossessed of his one room cabin, which blocked the path of a new road, because he "had studied sea currents and knew that all of Captain Kidd's treasures were buried there," Paul Woodside, Aptos Beach recluse, today killed Sheriff R. H. Roundtree and wounded Sheriff H. V. Trafton. Woodside died from a bullet in his head fired by Sheriff Trafton after the officer had been shot by Woodside.

Roundtree died from two bullet wounds in the abdomen, inflicted by Woodside, with a pistol he seized from Sheriff Trafton's pocket as the two officers struggled to handcuff him. Woodside then turned the gun on Trafton, shooting him below the heart, but the sheriff, despite his wound, took the gun from Woodside and sent a bullet into his head.

Workmen building a roadway for a real estate subdivision were driven off this morning by Woodside with a gun. Soon afternoon Trafton and Roundtree reached Aptos, a few miles from here and found Woodside seated at a table in his one room cabin a shotgun in his hands.

"You can kill me if you want but a hundred men will be out to string you up," the sheriff told him. The two officers held the recluse in conversation for a moment and then jumped on him, taking his shotgun away. They had succeeded in putting a handcuff on one wrist when he grabbed a pistol from Trafton's pocket and began shooting at his captors.

Roundtree died a few minutes after he was shot. Woodside's death was about an hour later. At the hospital a .38 caliber bullet was taken from Sheriff Trafton's body close to his kidney.

Woodside is believed to have been mentally unbalanced. After he had received the bullet wound in the head which proved fatal an hour later he was seen fumbling in his pocket, from which a stick of dynamite with a fuse attached was removed.

The warrant for Woodside's arrest had been sworn out by William P. Morgan, manager of the

## THE COMBINATION



## ISLANDS ARE SEARCHED FOR MISSING AVIATORS

### HOPE IS HELD OUT THAT THE FLIERS MAY YET BE FOUND

### All Rumors Investigated; Fate of Crew of PN-9 Is Still In Doubt

HONOLULU, Sept. 5.—(By the Associated Press.)—The fourth day since the disappearance, somewhere in the boundless Pacific, of the navy seaplane PN9 No. 1, and its crew of five averted to the plane or the officers and men still continued their weary search for the plane or its wreckage.

Operations tonight were centering off the island of Nihoa, one of most northerly of the Hawaiian group. This was on the theory that the plane, if it alighted safely on the water after running out of gasoline last Tuesday while flying from San Francisco to Honolulu might have at that time been on the north base course. It would then have drifted to the northwest.

Officers of the air station at Pearl Harbor still clung to the hope that the five aviators would be rescued despite their hundred hour battle with the waves.

Officers pointed out that the seaplane was stocked with sufficient water to keep the five men alive indefinitely and that they could if necessary survive without food for several days. The situation was compared with that of Lieutenant Locaelli in 1924, when he drifted several days on the Atlantic between Iceland and Greenland until found by an American naval vessel.

An offer of the Japanese fishermen's association to send several fast fishing sampans to aid in the search, which was placed before the naval officers today, was rejected with profuse thanks. It was explained that there are already so many fast ships and airplanes engaged in the search that use of the sampans would only be an unnecessary expense to the Japanese. The fishermen promised their cooperation in reporting unusual lights or wreckage.

## FISHERMEN ASK INCREASE

### NEW WEST MINISTER, B. C., Sept. 5.—Demanding an increase in prices protected by canneries for fish, 1,000 Fraser river fishermen presented an ultimatum following a mass meeting here today.

The fishermen are demanding 10 cents apiece for humpback salmon, six cents a pound for cohoes and 25 cents apiece for chum salmon.

## MURDER CHARGE FILED

### SLAYER OF OFFICER IS NOW IN HOSPITAL; MAY DIE

TACOMA, Sept. 5.—Should William Charles, 27, slayer of Dollar Laplant, marshal of Eatonville, win his battle with death at the county hospital here, he will live only to face trial on a charge of first degree murder, which was filed against him here today.

Friday Charles appeared at the home of a relative in an intoxicated condition and when Marshal Laplant attempted to arrest him, fired a fatal shot at the officer. Laplant returned the fire, sending a bullet into the base of his assailant's brain.

Attendants at the Eatonville hospital reported this evening that the injured man's condition was critical and that no change in his condition had taken place during the day.

Marshal Laplant died this morning at 5 o'clock with a bullet wound in the lungs. He had served as marshal for only four days, having taken office September 1.

## RUTH WILL PLAY AGAIN

### BANISHED PLAYER IS TO APPEAR IN LINEUP SOON

NEW YORK, Sept. 5.—(By Associated Press.)—Reinstatement of Babe Ruth for the New York Yankees series next week with the Red Sox was expected by the exiled home run king tonight, after Manager Miller Huggins had announced he would take the suspended outfielder with the team to Boston tomorrow. Declaring he had privately accepted Ruth's apology for criticism of his managerial ability, Huggins said he had made up his mind to put Babe back in the lineup, but declined to say what day the reinstatement would take effect.

## EXPLANATION TO BE ASKED OF MITCHELL

### Severe Disciplinary Action Is Expected As Result of Statements

## FORMAL INQUIRY MADE

### Movement to Follow Established Military Practice; Officials Say Investigation Imminent

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4.—(By Associated Press.)—The consensus tonight among the few war department officials available over the week end was that the charges in the statement by Colonel William Mitchell in San Antonio were of such a serious nature that disciplinary action against him no longer could be avoided, provided the statement was officially substantiated. It was taken for granted that steps would be taken immediately to establish the facts reported in press advices from Texas, in the absence of any statement to the contrary by department officers here.

Major General John L. Hines, chief of staff, and acting secretary of war in the absence of Assistant Secretary Dwight Davis, conferred late today with Major General Dennis E. Nolan, deputy chief of staff. Both officers declined to say whether any decision concerning Colonel Mitchell's future had been reached as a result of their meeting.

Mr. Davis is expected to return early next week from Forest Hills, N. Y., where he went to attend the Davis cup tennis matches. It was regarded as probable that in the meantime, Major General Ernest Hines, commanding the eighth corps area at San Antonio would be in accord to obtain from Col. Mitchell a statement as to the authenticity of the press reports.

It has been the time-honored practice of the war department, in dealing with problems such as are presented by the latest Mitchell pronouncement, to determine facts in the case by official investigation and then proceed along lines laid down in army regulations.

Colonel Mitchell has been called upon several times lately to explain statements attributed to him. Secretary Weeks directed

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## OFFICERS AND CREW OF LOST DIRIGIBLE LAUDED

### NAVAL BOARD PRAISES BRAVERY OF SHIP'S FORCE

### Fault Not in Construction or Operation, Head of Station Declares

CALDWELL, Ohio, Sept. 5.—(By Associated Press.)—"Carry on" was the tenor of the official statement of the board of investigation into the wreck of the navy dirigible Shenandoah, issued tonight by Capt. George Washington Steele, Jr., commandant of the Lakehurst, N. J. naval air station.

"The navy department will need the support of the country and the press to carry on at Lakehurst," said the statement. "Captain Lansdowne and his officers and men gave their lives for the cause. Let the country give its support to the navy department and their sacrifice may not be in vain."

The battle with the elements early Thursday morning which left the once proud "Daughter of the Stars" broken and scattered over the terrain of the Allegheny foothills and which brought death to 14 members of the gallant crew was declared by Captain Steele as constituting an epic in the annals of aviation. "I am sure everything was done that could have been done by the officers and crew. That the disaster I believe was no fault of her construction or of her operators."

The issuance of the statement marked only the slightest pause in the inquiry being conducted along two separate lines by the navy department. Captain Steele and Commander Jacob H. Klein and their fellow officials immediately took up their work again. Rear Admiral C. W. Dyson, inspector general of the navy department and chief of the bureau of engineering, was making an investigation simultaneously, but separately. He will report directly to Secretary of the Navy Wilbur. His special observation is to be concentrated on possible weakness in the construction of materials of the wrecked dirigible.

It was definitely established in the investigation made today that the airship buckled amidships by the force of the gale and broke into two sections, one section free-ballooning over a hazardous and circuitous course to a hillside resting place 12 miles away, the other settling more immediately to the ground. Further breaking up of the portion which dropped more directly to the ground was caused by the contact it could not avoid with high tree tops.

Some of these smaller fragments were lodged in the branches of trees that covered the slopes.

Captain Steele's statement, the first formal pronouncement by a naval official concerning the wreck said:

"The cause of the disaster is very apparently due to the effect of forces which the airship was unable to withstand. I have sailed with Captain Lansdowne and I know how careful a navigator he was."

## CHURCH DISTRICT MOVED

### METHODIST EPISCOPAL DISTRICTS REORGANIZED

SPOKANE, Sept. 5.—(By the Associated Press.)—Reorganization of the districts in the Pacific northwest conference of the Methodist Episcopal church south, effected at today's session of the annual meeting, transferred the eastern Oregon churches from the Inland Empire district to the Portland district and combined the Montana district with the Inland Empire churches. Rev. J. M. Dills is presiding elder of the Inland Empire district, but a new elder will be chosen for the Portland district. Rev. J. C. Jones having been placed on the retired ministers' list at his own request.

The conference will close Sunday evening with the assignment of ministers.

## EXPERT MAKES EXAMINATIONS

### Result of Psychologist's Test Shows Convict's Mind On Par With Average

## FOUR CONVICTS QUIZZED

### Kelley Found Equal to High School Graduate; Willos Below Normal; Lloyd Above Average

Tom Murray, convict-slayer of the Oregon state prison, possesses mental alertness equal to that of the average college graduate, and with proper training would be qualified in personality and will as the executive of a large business firm, according to Gus Anderson, criminologist, connected with Northwestern university, who Thursday and Friday gave mental tests to the three convicts at the prison now awaiting trial for the murder of two prison guards in the break of August 12. The tests were made for the purpose of furnishing information of the results to Governor Pierce.

Saturday the same tests were given to William R. Lloyd, confessed slayer of Clinton I. Baun, Independence taxi driver. Prof. Frank M. Erickson, instructor in mental measurements at Willamette university, assisted in making the examinations.

Using the army alpha test, forms number 6 and 7, which place the mental age of a person of ordinary or average intelligence at 14 years, the examiners found that Tom Murray had mental age of 18.6 years, unusually high; Ellsworth Kelley, 17 years, above average; James Willos, 11 years, or below average, and William Lloyd 16.8 years. Estimates were made of both the mental and emotional responses of the men.

"Murray's mentality could be compared to that of Leopold, if such a comparison could be made," Anderson declared. "He has an indomitable will, an affable disposition, and rapid mental response." His emotional responses were described as "intermittent," rapid with some emotions, but less so with others. Murray exhibited an aptitude for mathematics and in all comparatively simple problems made no errors. His reasoning was shown to be above average, with a record of six errors out of some 80 questions requiring reasoning. In acquired knowledge, he rated far above the average high school graduate, although he has had but a year and a half of high school work.

Kelley is described by Anderson as having slow mental reactions and deliberate but active emotional responses. He exhibited an ability to fixate his attention over a long period with increasing effectiveness, although the usual tendency is for decreased effectiveness over a period of time. His answers to questions revealed moderately well developed emotions.

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## EARTH SHOCK RECORDED

### SHARP QUAKE RECORDED BY GEORGETOWN INSTRUMENT

WASHINGTON, Sept. 5.—(By Associated Press.)—"A very sharp earthquake" was recorded between 11:41 a. m. and 2:30 p. m. today on the seismograph at Georgetown university. Father Tondorf, seismologist, said the maximum disturbance was recorded between 12:13 o'clock and 12:18 o'clock. He estimated the distance at 5,500 miles from Washington, but was unable to determine the direction.

## FREE QUESTION COUPON

The Great Koran, scientific mind reading wizard, who appears at the High this week. Through special arrangement with The Statesman, Koran has undertaken to answer all questions sent to him care of The Statesman free of charge. Clip out this announcement and send it with your question and a self-addressed stamped envelope to Koran, care of The Statesman. Koran has a wonderful reputation in the world of mental wizards and The Statesman takes pleasure in presenting this question service to its readers free of charge.

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