

FAULTY GIRDER SAID CAUSE OF DISASTER

Shenandoah Crash Blamed to Failure of Brace to Stand Under Strain

AIR OFFICIALS REPORT

Entire Forward Frame Collapsed When Girder Broke, Testimony Shows; Inquiry Is Continued

LAKEHURST, N. J., Sept. 22.—(By Associated Press).—A failure of one or more girders forward of amidships caused the wrecking of the ship Shenandoah in the opinion of Commander Sidney M. Kraus of the special investigation board who testified today before the naval court of inquiry.

Basing his opinion upon a personal observation of the wreck and upon such information about the disaster as he could collect, he said this failure occurred simultaneously with or shortly before or shortly after some very considerable rotational oscillation of the ship in the line equal near Ava, Ohio, on September 3.

This breakage resulted in the nearly simultaneous failure of the frames holding the control car up under the forward end of the ship, he said, adding that the control car then probably swung by the after control wires which sheared off a number of frames before it fell, carrying Lieutenant Commander Zachary Lansdowne and other officers and men to death.

Officers who salvaged the forward and after wrecked sections testified that the aluminum alloy of which the girders and beams were made was much more brittle near the sections where the ship broke than in other sections. They said there was no visible evidence that there had been crystallization or any erosion of the metal and they offered no theory as to the cause.

Commander Kraus, who observed the construction of the Los Angeles in Germany for 15 months, said that in his examination of the wreckage he found no evidence of any defective material or defective workmanship. He also said he did not believe any of the helium gas cells had burst due to internal pressure, adding that those in the stern and bow which necessarily were subjected to the greatest pressure, were intact.

Besides hearing Commander Kraus and the salvage officers, the court received a detailed report from Commander Jacob H. Klein, president of the special investigating board sent to Ohio and heard the stories of three other surviving officers which corroborated in the main the accounts given by the large number of officers and men survivors who passed before the court in quick succession at the opening day yesterday.

The last of the witnesses immediately available were heard to—

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SCHOOL GAIN IS SHOWN

RECHECK REVEALS INCREASE BY LONE STUDENT

In checking over the registration for the first day of school, it was found that enrollment amounted to one more than that made on the opening day of last year. A decrease was reported Monday, but this was due to the fact that the enrollment of two full classes, one at Parrish and one at Lincoln, were not reported. Lincoln now has over 300 enrolled, and shows an increase of 36 over last year, while Parrish now has an enrollment of 340, an increase of 52 over last year.

George W. Hug, city superintendent, predicts that before the end of the week the registration will amount to considerable more. Earliness of opening day and the excellent weather Salem has been enjoying were given as the reasons for large number of students who have failed to register.

Registration at Salem high school reached 916 by Tuesday evening, and even more are expected before the end of the week.

ENGLISH TESTS BLOCK

ONLY 66 OF 121 FRESHMEN GET PASSING GRADE

Out of 121 freshmen who took the English qualifying examination at Willamette university Monday, 55 failed to pass. They will be required to take three hours of English grammar a week for which they will not be given credit. Only 18 managed to attain grades good enough to place them in the class of composition 1A. The class of composition 1B will number 22, and 16 were passed on condition, and will be required to take an extra hour a week for which they will not receive credit.

Registration at Willamette progressed slowly Tuesday, although it was predicted that the day would be the largest for registration. Apparently the students are waiting till the last minute before they go through the process of registering. The registration that has been made up to the present indicates that the enrollment at the university will show a decrease this year, although the law school promises to show an increase.

Today is the last allowed for registration at the university, and classes will start Thursday. Any student who desires to register after Wednesday will have to do so through the registrar's office.

POSSES CALLED IN

EVERETT, Wash., Sept. 22.—(By Associated Press).—Fifty men engaged in a search for Alvah Kilbourn and Joe Ward, two of six prisoners who escaped from the King county jail last Tuesday, abandoned their efforts here tonight after 36 hours of continuous search.

TEACHERS DEMANDING INCREASE IN SALARY

BOARD DEFERS ACTION UNTIL LATER MEETING

Oregonians Paid More Money by California Declares Superintendent Hug

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AIR BUREAU CHANGE STRONGLY OPPOSED

Naval Officials Lined Up Solidly Against Col. Mitchell's Proposal

WILBUR VOICES PROTEST

Majority of Army Leaders Favor Stand Taken by Navy; Say Change Would Hamper Efficiency

WASHINGTON, Sept. 22.—(By Associated Press).—High officers of the navy testified today before the president's air board and lined up solidly in opposition to any material change in the organization of the nation's air defense, although they differed slightly as to the administration of minor matters of the naval air service.

Secretary Wilbur, supported by three ranking admirals, emphatically declared that the creation of a department of national defense, as urged by Colonel William Mitchell, former assistant army air chief, would be a "well nigh irreparable mistake" and that the present system "is working smoothly, efficiently and economically."

He opposed, also, proposals that a separate air department be established or that the air service be made a separate corps, asserting that "the close relationship to aviation to the navy and the absolute inter-dependence of aircraft and ships in warfare at sea has been demonstrated time and again."

The testimony of the navy leaders placed them squarely in line with a majority of the army officials who appeared yesterday on the subject of drastic reorganization of the air service.

Mr. Wilbur was accompanied before the board by Rear Admiral Edward W. Eberle, chief of operations; Rear Admiral William A. Moffett, chief of the bureau of aeronautics, and Rear Admiral Joseph Strauss, budget officer and a member of the navy general board.

The officers were in agreement on all matters except that pertaining to personnel administration, Admiral Moffett asserting that complete control over the air personnel should be given to the bureau of aeronautics. The difference was developed when Admiral Eberle, recalled to the stand, said he believed the navy air chief had given the "wrong impression" as to how many of his recommendations had been rejected by the bureau of navigation to which Admiral Moffett is responsible.

Admiral Eberle opposed placing complete control over air personnel with the air chief and he believed the bureau of navigation "must keep all of its complements"

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NEW SULPHITE PROCESS IS BOON TO INDUSTRY

RESINOUS WOODS UTILIZED IN PAPER MAKING

Former Pulp Wood Discarded Is Sufficient to Keep Mill Running Indefinitely

Here is a piece of news found by the Slogan editor for tomorrow's paper that is too good to keep—even for a day.

At Salem's paper mill, red and Douglas fir wood is now being used successfully, on a commercial scale, in making high grade paper.

And this is the only paper mill in the world where this thing is being done.

C. F. Beyerl, manager, and J. B. Wilt, sulphite superintendent of the Oregon Pulp & Paper company, have succeeded in developing a process whereby this wood may be so employed, as easily and cheaply, by the sulphite process, as white fir and hemlock. As a consequence an almost unlimited quantity of pulp wood which was formerly considered unfit for paper, due to its resinous nature, is now available to keep the mill running indefinitely after all the other woods have been exhausted.

The Slogan editor has a lot of new and interesting things about Salem's big paper mill for the Slogan columns of tomorrow's paper.

But the outstanding thing is the fact that the Salem mill is doing the thing that the paper manufacturers all over the world have been trying for years and years to do.

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"This city ordinance and state law are very clearly stated and one with even very meagre knowledge should be able to understand them," Dr. Mott declares. "Still, in spite of this fact, the smallpox case in question was sent out of the doctor's office to my office for disposal, and after he was on his way I was notified by phone that there was a smallpox case on his way to my office. The city ordinance and state law were quoted to the doctor, requesting that he comply with both, which he refused to do. He then called Dr. Clement, who came to my office and with insulting remarks attempted to tell me that I was"

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HEADS LABOR COUNCIL

F. J. BOEHRINGER SUCCEEDS TURNER; EDITOR VISITS

F. J. A. Boehringer, a steam engineer, was elected president of the Salem Trades and Labor council last night to fill the remainder of the term of office held by James Turner, butcher, who has moved to Portland.

C. M. Ryerson, managing editor of the Oregon Labor Press, paid an official visit to the council last night. The labor movement in the state is better now than at any time in history, he said.

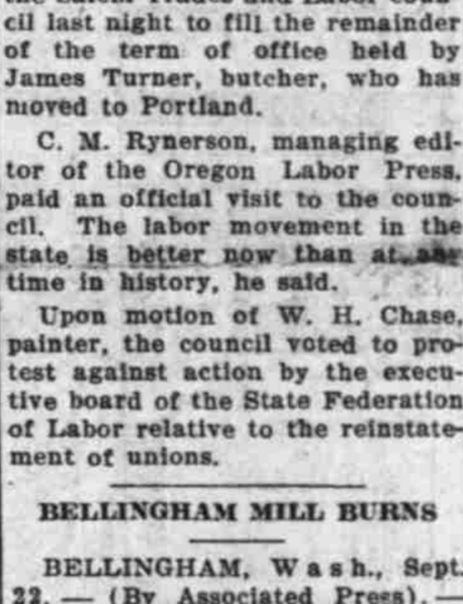
Upon motion of W. H. Chase, painter, the council voted to protest against action by the executive board of the State Federation of Labor relative to the reinstatement of unions.

BELLINGHAM MILL BURNS

DAMAGE ESTIMATED AT \$500,000

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Sept. 22.—(By Associated Press).—Damage estimated at \$500,000 was caused by a fire of unknown origin that destroyed the main part of the plant of the E. K. Wood Lumber company here late today. Automatic sprinklers were unable to check the blaze which started in the sawdust bins near the fire rooms just as the employees were quitting work.

THE WALKING DELEGATE



SHOTGUN IS FOUND CACHED UNDER LOG

Weapon Carried by Ellsworth Kelley Night of Prison Break Located

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The shotgun was discovered under a log, and contained one shell. This is in contradiction to Kelley's statement to officers, as he maintained stolidly that the gun had never been loaded either at the time it was taken from the arsenal or thereafter.

The recovery of the shotgun is expected to greatly aid District Attorney Carson in his prosecution of the charges of first degree murder against Kelley, Murray and Willos. The three men were indicted on two counts by a special session of the grand jury and will go on trial in the circuit court here on October 5. Each will be tried separately, with Murray's case leading the calendar.

LIE GIVEN TO CONVICT

Statements That Gun Unloaded Disproven As It Contained One Shell; Has Bearing Upon Trial

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STUDENTS ON "CARPET"

KAPPA GAMMA RHO MEN ARE FOUND PUFFING "PILLS"

Two members of the Kappa Gamma Rho, local Willamette fraternity, were called on the carpet by President Carl Gregg Doney of the university as a result of their smoking cigarettes in public, where they were detected by the university president.

Both men were well known on the campus and both were members of this year's football squad. It was reported that the men were seen smoking in the near vicinity of the university and that they threw away lighted cigarette stubs just as the college president walked up to them.

As far as is known no drastic action has been taken either by the school or the fraternity, although the Kappa Gamma Rho have a long-standing rule among their student regulations which forbids their men the use of tobacco in any form.

FIRE WARNINGS ISSUED AND SMOKY FALL LOOMING

As if ashamed for itself, Summer made its official departure Tuesday with a sample of its best weather. Clear skies and a warm day were offered as a farewell gift to Salem.

Fire warnings were issued from the office of the district forester in Portland yesterday and there are prospects of a smoky fall. Low humidity, fair weather and easterly winds are in prospect for the next few days, and while there has been some rain, the forests are said to be sufficiently dry to involve a hazard if hunting parties grow careless.

LIVING VICTIM THROWN INTO BLAZING FURNACE

FIREMAN IS CHARGED WITH CASTING WOMAN IN GRATE

Man Declares Wife of Friend Tried to Poison Him; Husband Also Held

NEW YORK, Sept. 22.—(By Associated Press).—Charged with stuffing Mrs. Sophie Poleski, the wife of a close friend, into a blazing furnace in a lower East Side lumber yard, last night while she was still alive, George Symuk, a giant fireman, was held without bail today on a charge of murder. He will be given a hearing September 29. Police who went to the Poleski home after the slaying found the husband, John, in bed suffering from a badly cut and bruised head.

"The devil got into my head and I did it," Symuk told Assistant District Attorney Ryan in regard to the murder. "She brought me some wine last night. She had a bottle filled with green stuff too. She wanted me to drink some of it, but I thought she was trying to poison me. I fought with her about staying with her husband. I hit her over the head with a bottle—then the devil got into my head and I did it."

Poleski was unable to clear up the mystery surrounding his injuries. He said that he was awakened in bed early this morning when "somebody" rained blows on his head. This explanation failed to satisfy police and he will be questioned further tomorrow.

"George was a great friend of mine," he told the police today. "My wife often went to see him. I knew last night she was going to see him."

The burning of the victim might have been completed and all traces of the murder obliterated but for alertness of a policeman who heard a woman scream while patrolling his beat. Finding the gate to the lumber yard locked the patrolman scaled the wall and ran to the lumber yard building where he found Symuk alone.

Symuk at first denied there had been any woman in the building with him, but when the officer insisted that the screams must have come from the building, the fireman made a dash for liberty. The patrolman fired two shots at him, attracting two other policemen who captured the fugitive.

Search was made and Mrs. Poleski's body, burned almost beyond recognition, was found in the blazing furnace.

MANY DRUNKS ARRESTED

POLICE KEPT ACTIVE IN AUGUST, REPORTS SHOW

Arrests made by the Salem police during the month of August totaled 117, according to the monthly report submitted Tuesday by Chief of Police Frank Minto. Arrests for traffic violations were the most numerous, being 89, while 21 were arrested for being intoxicated and one for the possession of liquor. The complete report follows:

Number of complaints and reports on the police blotter, 234; total number of accidents reported, 145; number of arrests on felony charges, 5; number of days in jail sentenced, 70; number of meals served to prisoners, 297; number of people given beds, 54; number of burglaries, 1; reports of larceny, 12; total number of autos stolen, 11; total number of autos recovered, 9; automobiles recovered from other cities, 1; number of bicycles stolen, 7; number of bicycles brought in, 10; total number of officers' special reports, 58; amount of fines imposed for traffic violations, \$297; total amount of fines imposed by the police judge, \$952.

DARRELL MYERS PEEVED

PROWLER STEALS PACKAGE OF GIRL'S LETTERS

Mention letters to Darrell Myers these days and he becomes real peevish.

Sunday night burglars visited the residence of Frank G. Myers and ransacked the house. Mr. Myers lost a diamond stickpin valued at \$110. All this means nothing to Darrell.

In a small tin box-like affair Darrell had placed two bracelets and a package of letters from a girl friend now in Kansas. The bracelets were found but the letters are gone. When asked if these contained anything, he did not want read, he merely gnashes his teeth and mutters.

The two boxes were found in a corner of the yard.

INDIAN SCHOOL PRAISED

OFFICIAL VISIT PAID BY MICHIGAN CONGRESSMAN

Expressing great satisfaction with conditions at the Chamawa Indian school, Hon. L. C. Crampton, of Michigan, chairman of the house committee on appropriations, visited the institution yesterday and made a thorough inspection of the buildings with a view of presenting his findings to the national appropriations department for the annual report on budgets.

Expressing his opinion that the Chamawa school is one of the best conducted institutions of the kind he has ever visited, Mr. Crampton was especially pleased with sanitary conditions there. The trades department was also heartily endorsed.

Mr. Crampton had only a short time to spend at the school, and expressed regret at his inability to see Congressman Hawley of this district.

OREGON CITY IS JINX

FOUR SALEM RESIDENTS ARE BROUGHT TO GRIEF

According to press dispatches in Portland papers four Oregon City residents, recently came to grief in that city.

C. O. Apple of Salem was injured and his car wrecked near Milwaukie Saturday, he reported to the Clarkamas county sheriff Monday. Machines driven by M. Harris of Salem and H. H. Martin of Oregon City collided with out damaging either.

A. C. Lane of Salem paid \$15 and lost his driver's license for 15 days for traveling 46 miles an hour between Harlow and Canby.

Charles Nelson of Salem forfeited ball in the police court Monday. He was arrested on a charge of being drunk Sunday night.

DRUNKEN DRIVERS FACE HARD LABOR

Patton and Johnson Busy Putting Teeth Into New City Ordinance

SENTENCE IS MANDATORY

Mayor Giesey Favors Action; Working Prisoners Provided for in Ordinance Enacted in 1889

Hard labor sentences for all those convicted of driving while intoxicated is advocated by Aldermen Hal Patton and Paul Johnson, and to show that they are firmly convinced that hard labor is the antidote to the access of drunken drivers, they will introduce an amendment at the next meeting of the council to the ordinance passed Monday night by the council providing for more stringent punishment for intoxicated drivers. The purpose of the amendment will be to make hard labor compulsory in all jail sentences imposed for the offense.

Mayor Giesey, when asked if he would favor the amendment of the ordinance which was originally introduced by him, declared:

"I will favor any action that will give intoxicated drivers the limit." The mayor declared that he has a love for humanity, but that the thought of drunken drivers running loose and endangering the lives of others is one he cannot tolerate.

It was held at the council meeting that the city recorder has power to add hard labor to jail sentences at his discretion, but up to the present time no hard labor has been imposed in any case by Judge Poulsen. When asked if he had the power, Judge Poulsen stated that he did not know whether the old ordinance giving him the power is still valid or not. The ordinance was enacted in 1889, and provides that the judge may impose hard labor "on any male person submitted to the city jail" in default of payment of fine at the rate of \$2 a day. Clark Kowitz, city attorney, declares that the ordinance is still valid, and states further that provision is made in the city charter for power for the city recorder to impose hard labor along with any jail sentence given to male persons.

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As for the new ordinance that provides for more stringent penalties in cases of driving while drunk, Judge Poulsen said it was his opinion that the more severe the penalty is made the harder it is to get convictions. But indications are that a stiff penalty has its effect, as the city recorder says that the police of Salem have "never had a repeat case of a drunken driver."

Incidentally, the new ordinance, which provides for a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500, and a jail sentence of not less than 60 days nor more than six months for all persons convicted of driving while intoxicated, went into effect Tuesday, as it was an emergency measure.

The new ordinance follows closely the state law for the same offense. Judge Poulsen declares that during the last six months there have been more cases of intoxicated drivers in Salem than in any other town in Oregon with the possible exception of Portland.

STOCKHOLDERS TO MEET

OREGON LINEN MILL ELECTS OFFICERS THURSDAY

Stockholders of the new Oregon Linen Mills, Inc., will meet Thursday morning at 10 o'clock in the Chamber of Commerce auditorium for the purpose of selecting members for the board of directors, and adoption of by-laws. It is likely that officers will be elected at the meeting.

Colonel Harrison, who has been in the past inspecting and investigating mill equipment, reports he had found a driver and an automatic switcher that will not only cut down on the overhead expenses of the mill, but will make operations much simpler. He has found that purchase of machinery can be made at much less than planned originally. It is probable that the new mill will be in operation within seven or eight months.

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