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SALEM MAN KILLS WOMAN COMPANION

Arthur A. Meyers, Brother of Henry W., and Milton; Attempts Suicide

HISTORY IS REPEATED

Crime Recalls Slaying of Policeman by George Meyers, Who Also Killed Woman and Then Self

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Sept. 24.—(By Associated Press.)—A second attempt to end his life was made at a hospital here today by Arthur A. Meyers, who was in a critical condition after shooting to death Mrs. Betty Candler and then wounding himself. The man leaped from his bed and attempted to batter his head with a pitcher. The nurse called for help and he was overpowered. The couple were found 17 hours after the time neighbors heard shots fired at Mrs. Candler's home.

Meyers was employed as a room clerk at the Savoy hotel and the woman was a bookkeeper. The shooting occurred in a house in Harlandale, a suburb of San Antonio. Notes found requested that he be buried in Salem, Or., beside his mother, and to the dead woman's sister, saying: "I would rather see Betty dead than untrue to me. I love her." Another note said: "Betty is teasing me and saying I am a coward. But she also says if I kill myself she too wants to go with me." Several sealed letters were found.

The self-wounded murderer is a brother of Henry W. Meyers and Milton Meyers, both of Salem, and recalls a killing in 1909 when a third brother, George Meyers, shot Tom Eckhart, a local police officer. For this crime he was convicted of murder in the second degree and upon appeal had the verdict reversed. He was then convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to serve from one to 15 years in the penitentiary. He was later paroled, went to eastern Oregon and later to San Francisco where he is said to have killed a woman companion and then committed suicide.

After killing Eckhart, Meyers fled to the woods and wandered aimlessly for several days. A reward of \$1,000 was offered for his apprehension by Governor Frank W. Benson. Meyers gave himself up to Mr. Lerder, an ex-preacher living in the Pratum district, who received the reward.

After the conviction of his brother, Arthur Meyers, who bore the nickname of "Moley," he went to Toppenshaw, Wash., and later to La Grande, where he engaged in the motion picture business. Later he was a hospital attendant in the Leadbetter hospital at San Francisco. A few years ago he is reported to have been traveling with a carnival company making the Willamette valley, but his travels since leaving Salem have been rather obscure, and he has not kept in touch with his brothers. His father, Joseph Meyers, was at one time one of the leading merchants here and owned what is now known as the Miller Mercantile company store.

OLLIVER IS HONORED

ALUMNUS NEW VICE PRESIDENT AT WILLAMETTE

G. O. Olliver has been elected vice president of Willamette university, according to an announcement by President Carl G. Doney. He arrived Thursday from Chicago where for five years he has been connected with the financial department of the educational board of Methodist schools. Mr. Olliver is an alumnus of Willamette, and a member of the class of 1909. He got his degree at the Kimball school of theology, and later won the degree of master of arts at Willamette.

For a number of years he served as a pastor in the Oregon conference and when the war broke out he was in the service of the Y. M. C. A. over seas. He is forty-five years of age.

Mr. Olliver is married and has three daughters. His family is now living at Corvallis, but as he expects to make his home in Salem, they will join him here in the near future. This is the first time in three years that Willamette has had a vice president.

BABY IS DESERTED

MARSHFIELD, Or., Sept. 24.—(By Associated Press.)—Arthur Rice and wife of Myrtle Point last night became the parents of a lusty week-old son, brought to their domicile by a courteous man who said he was leaving them a package.

CAPITAL CITY LODGE WINS PRIZE OF 100F

LADIES' AUXILIARY PB DEGREE TEAM IS SECOND

Rollings Are Made by Sovereign Grand Lodge; Temple Cornerstone Is Laid

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 24.—(By Associated Press.)—The grand lodge of Australasia has the right, under its charter as a quasi-independent jurisdiction of Odd Fellows, to legislate for its own subordinate divisions. It was decided today by the sovereign grand lodge in session here. The supreme body adopted a report submitted by the judiciary committee, which upheld the stand taken by Carl F. S. Glasgow of Sydney, N. S. W. grand sire for Australasia.

Rebekah assemblies have not the right to secede from the association of Rebekah assemblies without the sanction of the sovereign grand lodge, it was decided. R. H. Shanks, on behalf of his wife, president of the Manitoba assembly and others, sought a ruling on action taken some years ago, when the Manitoba assembly seceded for a cause not made public.

Herbert A. Thompson of Detroit, grand sire, officiated late in the day at the laying of the cornerstone for the Odd Fellows temple being erected at East Ninth and Alberta streets by Alberta lodge No. 233. A good sized crowd witnessed the ceremony.

The prize awards announced today were: For Patriarchs Militant: Department having the largest number of men in full dress uniform in line—first prize, \$300, Washington State; second, \$150, Oregon, outside of Portland.

Regulation canteen traveling the longest distance—first, \$150, Pottstown, Pa.; second, \$100, Sacramento, Cal.

Subordinate lodge coming the greatest distance with not less than 25 members; \$100 prize to Imperial lodge, Spokane, Wash.

Patriarchs Militant degree team, the prize to Sacramento canteen No. 1, \$250.

Ladies auxiliary PM degrees: First prize, \$200, Capital City Lodge, No. 6, Seattle; second \$150, Capital City Lodge, No. 3, Salem, Ore.

DEMOLAYS HOLD RITES

OFFICERS FOR YEAR INSTALLED LAST NIGHT

At the meeting of the De Molays Thursday night officers for the coming term were installed. The following were placed into office:

Leroy Grate, Master counselor; Earl Douglas, senior counselor; Willard Brown, junior counselor; Jack Minto, senior deacon; Bill Siperall, junior deacon; Kenneth Schellburg, senior steward; Homer Richards, junior steward; Cecil Edwards, chaplain; Elmer Klennke, scribe; Elmer Hansen, treasurer; Ezra Webb, sentinel; Jack Spong, standard bearer; Walter Simpson, marshal; Albert Arpke, almoner; and Francis Lutz, Deryl Myers, Gordon Barker, Harold Tomlinson, Robert Scott, Bert Hoffman and Kenneth Webb preceptors. Hem Sun was elected orator.

JEWELERS ARE GULLIBLE

10 SEATTLE MEN ARE VICTIMS OF GOLD BRICK GAME

SPOKANE, Sept. 24.—(By the Associated Press.)—The gold brick game still is profitable here, the police reported today. And the victims are not the traditional rustics, new to city ways, but sophisticated jewelers.

More than 10 jewelers have complained to the police that they purchased, at from \$10 to \$20, gold bricks, encrusted with nuggets and bearing a Chinese gold figure on one side. Their genuineness was not questioned until one jeweler sawed one in halves. He found the inside was lead.

COUNCIL LEADER DIES

JAPANESE HIGH OFFICIAL SUCCUMBS TO BURNS

TOKYO, Sept. 25.—(By Associated Press.)—Viscount A. Hamao, president of the privy council, who was severely burned yesterday when his clothing caught fire from a bonfire in his garden, died at 4 p. m. today as a result of his injuries.

TODD BOUND OVER

LONGVIEW, Wash., Sept. 24.—A. Ruric Todd, deposed Kelso mayor and accuser of George Norris, today was bound over to the superior court on a charge of malicious prosecution, preferred by Judge Poland in a preliminary hearing before Justice of the Peace Kerr of his city.

LOANS TO EUROPEAN POWERS INCREASING

New Flood of Demands Expected to Follow Settlement of French Debt

YEAR'S ADVANCES LARGE

Over One Billion Dollars Loaned to European Countries During 1925; Huge Sums Are Pending

NEW YORK, Sept. 24.—(By Associated Press.)—Opening of the French debt funding negotiations, with a prospective settlement likely to pave the way for a fresh flood of European loans has directed attention to America's growing prestige as banker to the world. Loans to foreign countries and industries, including private bank credits and advances, so far this year have exceeded \$1,000,000,000 and with negotiations pending for an additional billion dollars, 1925 promises to set a new high record in foreign financing.

Fortified by the possession of almost one-half the world's supply of gold, the United States has not found it difficult to extend its credit to the rest of the world. Yet in the space of three months, its investors are sending the foreign nations more money than it took to build the Panama canal.

The total of private American investments abroad, exceeding \$10,000,000,000 or approximately \$90 per capita, approaches the assessed valuation of the world's richest city—New York—and is more than double the currency in actual circulation in the United States.

Since the world war, foreign loans offered publicly in this country have totaled approximately \$5,000,000,000. In 1924 alone the total was \$1,243,185,000, exclusive of countless private banking operations which are not published.

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DISH WASHING TAUGHT

HUSBAND IN JAIL, WIFE URGES DUTY IN KITCHEN

YAKIMA, Sept. 24.—Yakima county jailers have been called upon to teach dish washing as a sideline to their sterner duties. A comely Italian woman, whose husband is serving a sentence, called at the jail today during visiting hours and urged the jailers to assign her husband to kitchen duty so that when his term expires he may spend part of his time in her kitchen washing dishes.

She left with the promise that at least a short course would be given her help-mate. Strange to say, kitchen duty, according to Sheriff L. D. Luce, is one of the most sought jobs around the jail.

COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND INCREASED BY TURNOVER

MARION'S SHARE FROM LICENSES \$53,992.91

Receipts for Six Months Period \$1,201,183.88; Counties Will Receive \$267,500

Marion county's share, or one-fourth of the amount contributed by the county to the motor vehicle registration fund, amounts to \$13,498.23, according to statement issued from the office of the secretary of state. Net receipts from the county were \$53,992.91.

Under the laws of 1921 it is provided that after payments of administrative expenses are paid, the balance of the total receipts received for motor registration and other fees derived from motor vehicles, shall be divided among the counties on the basis of one-fourth of the receipts and in proportion to the amount contributed by the counties. The remaining three-fourths is turned over to the highway fund.

Total receipts for the period from March 16 to September 15 turned over to the state treasurer were \$1,201,183.88. Refunds duplications were \$1370; leaving gross receipts of \$1,199,813.88. Administrative expenses were \$129,813.88 leaving net receipts of \$1,070,000. The 36 counties will have \$267,500 prorated among them while the highway department will receive \$802,500.

The distribution of moneys is made twice a year, at the end of each six months' period.

EQUIPMENT IS NEEDED

FISH HATCHERY UNITS SAID IN NEED OF REPAIRS

PORTLAND, Or., Sept. 24.—(By Associated Press.)—Need for various improvements in equipment and method at 29 fish hatchery units of the state game commission was indicated in a report submitted today by P. B. Hawley of the United States department of fisheries, who has spent the past two months in a survey of the hatcheries. Superintendents at the various hatcheries were given high ratings by Mr. Hawley for the most part, and at all stations he reported a highly favorable feeling for M. L. Ryckman, reappointed state superintendent of hatcheries.

Most of Mr. Hawley's suggestions were for better care of facilities and for preparation against floods and other emergencies.

PIONEER IS CALLED

YAKIMA, Sept. 24.—Ira Livesgood, 79, a resident of Yakima county for 51 years, died here at noon today. He was the father of seven children, six of whom live near Yakima on ranches. Mr. Livesgood moved to Oregon from Iowa in 1871. He had lived two years in Kllickit county, Wash., before coming to Yakima.

THE SEASON OPENS



FRANCE MAKES OFFER IN DEBT PROCEEDINGS

SUGGESTION NOT PLEASING TO ALL AMERICANS

Joint Meeting Is Called for Today; Commissions Are Guests of President

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24.—(By Associated Press.)—The long pending got under way today and the French have submitted an offer for a settlement.

There the conversations looking to an arrangement to fund France's four billion dollar debt rested tonight after a brief formal joint session between the commissions representing the two governments and two separate meetings of the American commission had been held.

Announcement that a different offer had been laid before the Americans was made by Joseph Caillaux, the French minister of finance and head of his government's commission.

"I made a different proposal," he said. "I wrote it myself coming over on the boat. My colleagues are unified on it."

Under Secretary Winston, the American commission secretary at the close of the second meeting of the Americans, said no "official proposal" was before them, but almost simultaneously there were declarations from other quarters that the French suggestions were unacceptable at least to some of the Americans.

The day's developments presaged intensive discussion of the whole situation at the joint meeting called for mid-day tomorrow. The suddenness of the French offer was forecast, however, in M. Caillaux's statement in greeting the American commission, that the French were ready as practical men to go to work on the problem.

Secretary Mellon, chairman of the American commission, welcomed the visitors with the declaration that "it is our duty to reach with you a conclusion, in the estimation of each of our peoples, fair and in the practical test of time, workable."

BODY FOUND ON STOVE

VICTIM OF HEART ATTACK FALLS ON KITCHEN STOVE

YAKIMA, Sept. 24.—With face and arms badly burned, the body of Mrs. Phoebe Catherine Strouss, 65, was found lying against the hot kitchen stove in her home early this morning by her husband, S. Strouss, who is past 80 years of age. Physicians said Mrs. Strouss had died of a heart attack and had then fallen against the stove. Her husband found the body when he returned to the house from picking grapes in the yard. The family came to Yakima seven months ago from Roseburg, Ore. A daughter, Mrs. O. W. Buchel lives in Friend, Ore.

KAY NAMED HEAD OF LINEN MILLS

Livesley Vice-President and Snelling Secretary-Treasurer of Concern

MUCH INTEREST SHOWN

Chamber of Commerce Auditorium Packed for Election; Call Issued for 10 Per Cent of Subscription

Affairs were attended to with gusto at the meeting of the stockholders of the new Oregon Linen Mills, Inc., held Thursday in the chamber of commerce auditorium. Officers were elected, by-laws adopted and the board of directors was named.

T. B. Kay was elected president; T. A. Livesley, vice president, and R. O. Snelling secretary-treasurer. T. A. Livesley of Salem, James Riddle of Monmouth, Col. W. B. Bartram of Salem, T. B. Kay of Salem, M. G. Gunderson of Silverton, Julius L. Meier of Portland, and John H. McNary of Salem were named on the board of directors. A director representing the Canadian interests in the mills and one to act as manager of the plant are yet to be named.

Ten per cent of the subscriptions was called for as one of the first official acts of the new board of directors. The money is needed to begin erection of the mill and to swing into active production as soon as possible.

High interest in the mill was shown at the meeting of the stockholders, where 2115 shares out of the 2884 shares of common stock were represented either in person or by proxy. Every seat in the auditorium was in use at the meeting.

Although some discussion resulted in the adoption of the by-laws, only minor amendments were made. The one phase of discussion was the limitation of expenditures of the manager to \$500 unless authorized by the board of directors. This limitation was retained by the stockholders.

John H. McNary, who has been enthusiastic in promoting the mill, and has subscribed heavily to it, suggested that the Canadian interests should be represented on the board of directors, and that the manager should be one of the directors. He urged that only seven instead of nine directors be named at the present time and that the other two berths should be left open, as he suggested. The suggestion was accepted unanimously by the stockholders. The board of directors will select the two other members for the board.

ENROLLMENT HAS SLUMP

HIGHER TUITION SHOWS EFFECT AT WILLAMETTE

Registration at Willamette university has reached only 462, it was learned at business office of the university Thursday. This shows a decrease of nearly 150 students from last year. Although last year's enrollment was unusually large, opinion is expressed on the campus that the drastic rise in tuition this year was largely instrumental in the decrease. Last year the tuition was \$100 and this year it is \$150. The number mentioned includes the registration of the law and music schools. Class-work for the year began Thursday.

SIXTY LETTERS IN NAME

NO WONDER HE IS CALLED UNDESIRABLE ALIEN

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24.—(By Associated Press.)—Lleleusszuleszesz Whilhiminixizstetzi Hurrizizstetzi, of Folsom, Cal., in addition to bearing one of the longest names on record has been classed as an undesirable alien.

W. W. Husband, assistant secretary of labor, today signed an order for his deportation on the ground that the Siamese had been convicted of arson and therefore was ineligible to remain in the country. Friends of the man had waged a long fight in his behalf.

CITY EMPLOYEES QUEERED

SEATTLE, Sept. 24.—(By the Associated Press.)—Councilman Nichols told the city council today that 293 city employees are on Seattle's payroll in violation of civil service regulations, and demanded the council to scratch their names from the payroll.

Some of the employees have been on the payroll in defiance of civil service for ten years. A public hearing is to be held to decide what action will be taken.

VETERANS ARE ARRIVING

SIXTH REUNION OF 91ST DIVISION OPENS TODAY

PORTLAND, Sept. 24.—(By Associated Press.)—Veterans of the 91st division began to assemble in Portland today for the opening of the sixth annual reunion and convention of the 91st division association tomorrow.

It is expected that fully 1500 former members of the division will attend from all sections of the Pacific coast. California will send a large delegation; others will arrive from Washington by train and automobile.

The business meeting of the convention will be held Saturday.

PORTLANDER HURT

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Sept. 24.—(By Associated Press.)—One person was killed and 50 others injured, many seriously, when the Dixie Flier, northbound, and the Dixie Limited, southbound, collided at Worley. Among the injured was G. M. King of Portland, Or.

PACIFIC FLIERS GIVEN OVATION UPON RETURN

SAN FRANCISCO TURNS OUT FOR HEARTY WELCOME

Gifts and Medals Presented Entire Crew of PN-9 No. 1 by Mayor Rolph

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 24.—(By Associated Press.)—The crew of the PN-9 No. 1 which survived the hazards of a nine-day ocean drift while on an attempted non-stop flight to the Hawaiian islands, came back to the starting point of their historic adventure today, wind and sun tanned, buoyant and ready to do it all over again.

Smilingly they received the cheer-punctuated homecoming of a great city after disembarking from the battleship Idaho which brought them here from Honolulu. They were placed at the head of a military procession up Market street to the city hall while lusty voiced, hat-waving thousands along the thoroughfare gave them a stirring welcome.

Commander John Rodgers and his men, Lieutenant Byron J. Connel and Skiles R. Pope, pilot; Otis M. Stantz, radioman, and W. H. Bowlin, mechanic, were forced to repeat many times the oft-told tale of the epochal flight. All included in their statements the firm conviction that they wanted to try again and that the next time they would succeed.

Stantz told of having a picture of his little boy and girl aboard the big seaplane.

"All I had to do was to look at the picture and say 'you big stiff, they think you are the greatest man in the world. Now be that kind of a man.' Believe me boy, that picture sure cheered me up."

The great rotunda of the city hall had been turned into a rainbow of flags, flowers and bunting for them, and they were given the further tribute there of the city's formal welcome. Gifts and medals were presented to them and they were lionized in stirring speeches by Mayor James Rolph, Jr., and others.

COAST TRADING GAINS

EXPORTS AND IMPORTS INCREASING BY MILLIONS

SEATTLE, Sept. 24.—(By the Associated Press.)—Buel A. Williamson, assistant district manager of the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce, announced today that the import and export trade on the Pacific coast last year totaled \$911,856,123, an increase of \$71,711,144 over 1923.

Williamson classified the districts as follows:

Imports: San Francisco, \$173,208,592; Washington, \$134,524,190; Los Angeles, \$73,467,192; and Oregon \$62,777,515.

Exports: Washington, \$270,285,319; San Francisco, \$148,324,475; Los Angeles, \$40,582,805; and Oregon, \$10,676,225.

Replying to another question, Colonel Hall testified that under all the circumstances he did not think the Shenandoah could have escaped the "twister" which tore her to pieces. He added that he thought the ship was "flown judiciously" to escape the thunderstorms which were observed off either beam and that had she not met the "twister" there would have been no difficulty with the thunderstorms themselves.

"Have you any criticism to make of the handling of the Shenandoah prior to and during the storm?" asked Admiral Jones.

"None whatever," replied Colonel Hall.

The army officer was positive in his declaration that the ship began to break up before the control car parted. He was in agreement with Lieutenant Commander C. E. Rosendahl, another witness and navigator of the Shenandoah, that the wooden struts of the control car first snapped on the downward drop of the ship.

Commander Lansdowne's attitude toward making the flight was emphasized in the cross-questioning today by Judge Advocate Foley. Commander Rosendahl asserted that the Shenandoah's captain had not voiced any protest against or exhibited any reluctance to proceed on the mid-continent voyage in accordance with the navy department's order.

FRESHMAN PARADE HELD

INTEREST IN ANCIENT TRADITION SAID WANING

Green lids were donned by all the freshmen at Willamette university Thursday afternoon. Usual rituals were conducted by the sophomores. The freshmen that could be found were rounded up and paraded about town with their shirt tails out and their belts off. Only a few freshmen were on hand for the ceremony, and they were attended to by a mere handful of sophomores. Little interest was shown in the affair, and indications are that the tradition has outgrown itself, and will pass out of existence before many more years have passed.

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BLIMP DISASTER EVIDENCE TAKEN

Graphic Word Picture Painted Before Naval Board of Shenandoah's Crash

CHARGE ENGINE FAILURE

Ship Began to Break Up Before Control Car Fell Testimony Shows; Lansdowne Never Protested Trip

LAKEHURST, N. J., Sept. 24.—(By Associated Press.)—A much more vivid word picture of the wrecking of the airship Shenandoah than any heretofore given, together with important evidence bearing on at least one possible contributing cause of the disaster was presented here today to the naval court of inquiry.

High lights in the day's developments were: Testimony of Colonel C. G. Hall, observer on board, that the failure of two of the Shenandoah's engines made more probable the drawing of the ship into the vortex of the storm which wrecked her.

More definite testimony that the ship actually began breaking in two before the control car fell, carrying Commander Zachary Lansdowne and other officers and men to their death.

The offering of evidence that the Shenandoah began to break up when arrested after a fall of nearly 2000 feet in three minutes.

Declarations of two witnesses that Commander Lansdowne had not been reluctant to make the flight at the time it was undertaken and that he voiced no dissatisfaction with the itinerary fixed by the navy department.

Both the barograph record and the estimate of witnesses examined today tend to indicate that the Shenandoah was buffeted about in the storm for 15 minutes from the time of her first uncontrolled ascent to an extreme altitude of 6055 feet, until she finally began to break up at an altitude of approximately 4000 feet.

While the word picture of the disaster painted by Colonel Hall proved the most absorbing of all the testimony, perhaps the most important from a viewpoint of the purpose of the inquiry was his statement with respect to the engines, one of which failed because of a cracked cylinder and another because of a loss of water.

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BLAST WRECKS HOUSE

SEVERAL PERSONS ARE BELIEVED TO BE KILLED

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 24.—(By Associated Press.)—A two-story dwelling in the northeast section of the city was destroyed by an explosion of mysterious origin tonight. Several persons are believed to have been killed.

The blast completely wrecked the building and rocked the entire Lincoln Heights district.

No bodies were recovered in a hurried search of the ruins, but neighbors insisted that four persons had been living in the house, so the search for victims continued.

Police are working on the theory that a change of dynamite was set off in a deliberate plot to wreck the house and kill its occupants, though no definite evidence confirming this explanation of the blast was developed in the early hours of their investigation.