

STEAMSHIP BURNS; 10 BELIEVED LOST

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MANY SERIOUSLY HURT

Reliable Check of Sea Disaster Not Yet Made; Two Ships Aid Heroically in Rescue Work

MAYPORT, Fla., Oct. 17.—(By Associated Press.)—Four women and two boys are believed to have been drowned and four men are missing, the toll of the near destruction by fire of the Clyde line steamer Comanche, near here tonight. There are seven known injured.

MAYPORT, Fla., Oct. 17.—(By Associated Press.)—Ten persons, seven men and three women, are missing from the passenger list of the Clyde liner Comanche which was destroyed by fire off this port here today, according to information here as the tanker Reaper and its pilot boat reached the port. The Comanche sailed from this port shortly after 3 o'clock this afternoon, bound for New York via Charleston. It had reached Jacksonville yesterday and had discharged 156 passengers.

MAYPORT, Fla., Oct. 17.—(By Associated Press.)—Several lives are believed lost and a number of the surviving passengers and members of the crew were said to have been seriously injured as the result of the burning of the Clyde liner Comanche, six and a half miles off this port late today. The vessel was a total loss.

The survivors were taken aboard the tanker Reaper which headed for Mayport while physicians were hurried here from Jacksonville and neighboring sections. The Reaper and pilot boat Mota, with the rescued passengers and crew members reached Mayport at 10:20. Captain Curry of the Comanche is suffering from a badly sprained leg.

According to the description of the fire it started about 7:30 in hold No. 2 forward and despite the heroic fire fighting efforts of the crew, the blaze soon spread beyond control. The Reaper was not far away, answered the SOS call and sent two life boats to the scene.

The Comanche sent out two life boats, one to the Reaper and one to the Mota. J. J. Gaudet, the chief engineer of the Comanche was the hero of the disaster. Survivors say, rescuing Captain Curry and nine others from one of the Comanche life boats which had been swamped. One of the life boats returning from the Comanche was crushed as it was dashed against the tanker.

The high flung flames from the burning steamer illuminated the sea and motorists driving along the beach declared they could see the pillar of fire which they said seemed to be about twenty miles at sea.

The rescue work could be seen from the beach. Those on the coast line described seeing the Reaper pull alongside the inflated craft and shortly afterward the Mota.

There was no panic among the passengers of the inflated craft, according to the survivors. Ed Lawlor of Hartford, Conn., one of the first passengers to land, said that the rescue work was handled in admirable fashion.

"I left the vessel on the second or third boat," Mr. Lawlor said, "but in that time I saw two boys jump overboard and drown. The deck was practically a mass of flames toward the forward hold and was rapidly spreading. As our boat laid by, I saw one boat lowered improperly and four women thrown into the sea. I never saw them recovered and feel sure they were lost."

HUNTER FATALLY SHOT

CARTER J. DAVIDSON, JR., IS MISTAKEN FOR DEER

GRANTS PASS, Or., Oct. 17.—(By Associated Press.)—Carter J. Davidson, Jr., was fatally shot last evening near Erovolt when he was mistaken for a deer by W. T. Harford of Portland. Davidson died three hours later.

SPECULATION IN MOTOR STOCK BRINGS SETBACK

FRENZIED BUYING ENDS IN COLLAPSE OF MARKET

Pandemonium Reigns on Stock Exchange Floor as Hundreds Try to Sell

NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—(By Associated Press.)—Wall Street's gigantic bubble of speculation in the motor shares burst with dramatic suddenness today in the most active half-holiday session of the New York stock exchange in nearly 20 years.

Quoted values which had been marked up 1 to 7 points in the frenzied initial outburst of buying, collapsed 2 to 10 points from their earlier high levels under the weight of a tremendous volume of profit-taking sales, forced liquidation and bear selling. Total sales for the two-hour session were calculated at 1,482,000 by Associated Press tabulators, as against the record Saturday high of 1,600,000 shares established August 18, 1906, but some other private estimates placed today's business as high as 1,730,000 shares. No official figures are available.

The break, which came like lightning out of a clear sky, was not associated with anything in the day's news but was regarded by experienced stock market observers as a natural sequel to the speculative excesses of the past week. Yesterday's sensational advance in the motor issues had resulted in a list of good buying orders, many of them at the market, ran prices up briskly at the opening.

Floor traders, usually quick to detect turns in the market, discovered around the end of the first hour that the buying power was showing signs of exhaustion. Out of the bedlam of noises on the stock exchange floor came such orders as "sell a hundred Hudsons," "sell two thousand General Motors," "sell 2500 Yellow Trucks" at whatever prices were offered.

Bids were quickly lowered, but the flood of selling could not be stayed, as traders hammered one stock after another.

Word was quickly flashed from the floor to the brokerage houses that the market was crumbling, but this only added to the confusion because the ticker tape was at least 20 minutes behind the market.

STANDS FALL; 62 HURT

PANIC RESULTS WHEN LARGE BLEACHERS COLLAPSE

WASHINGTON, Penn., Oct. 17.—(By Associated Press.)—Sixty-two spectators were injured, several seriously, when the east bleachers at College Field collapsed today during the Washington & Jefferson-Carnegie Tech football game. Fifteen hundred spectators, enthused by the scoreless tie at the halfway mark, stamped their feet as the third period opened. The vibration was too much for the bleachers. With a rending crash it collapsed, precipitating men, women and children into Catfish creek, over which the stands had been erected. Immediately a panic ensued. Football was forgotten as frenzied spectators from the other stands rushed to the scene, intent upon rescuing some relative or friend. Several hundred of the bleacher occupants were thrown into the water under the mass of debris.

State troopers, who were present at the time, took charge of the rescue work. Fashionably dressed men and women worked frantically with the officers, assisting in dragging the injured from the creek. Ambulances were summoned and within a short time practically all those who had suffered hurts were en route to the Washington hospital.

SIX BANDITS MAKE HAUL

\$45,000 IS OBTAINED IN DARING DOWNTOWN RAID

CHICAGO, Oct. 17.—(By Associated Press.)—Six heavily armed men today robbed the West Pullman works of the International Harvester company of a \$45,000 payroll and escaped in a rain of bullets.

The robbers surprised a score of employees in the offices, including F. H. Harris, superintendent, at 3 o'clock just after an express messenger had brought the money from the company's downtown offices. Each possible exit was blocked by the holdup men, who put the payroll into a large canvas bag and smashed a window through which they escaped to their car. As the last man went through the window, an auditor on the second floor seized a rifle and fired, but without effect, it is believed. Rewards totaling \$4,000 were offered by the company officials for arrest and conviction of the men.

TUG SINKS; SEVEN THOUGHT DROWNED

Forty-Two Men Thrown Into Water When Vessel Capsizes and Sinks

LITTLE HOPE HELD OUT

Search for Missing Members of Crew Continued in Darkness; Identity of Lost Men Not Known

VICTORIA, B. C., Oct. 17.—(By Associated Press.)—At 11 o'clock tonight, seven men of the 42 aboard the salvage tug, Hope, which capsized and sank near the Dutch freighter Eemdyk were still missing and believed drowned. The remainder had been picked up and were being brought here on the tug Burrard Chief.

The accident occurred as the Hope, a Victoria tug, was arriving at the wreck with the night shift of salvage workers in the employ of the Pacific Salvage company.

As the tug reached the Eemdyk, which is on the rocks, she was swung under the stern of the big freighter; supposedly by the current and capsized immediately.

Some of the men aboard the Hope grabbed ropes from the Eemdyk and clambered to safety. Others were rescued within a few moments by the salvage steamer Salvo Queen standing by the wreck at the time. Tugs and other small craft picked up others.

Search for the seven missing, whose identity tonight was unknown, is being carried on along neighboring beaches. The scene of the disaster is ten miles from Victoria, in the vicinity of Race Rocks light house, where the Eemdyk was wrecked three days ago.

RIFLE COMES TO COAST

HUGE COAST DEFENSE GUN TO BE USED ON PACIFIC

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17.—(By Associated Press.)—Uncle Sam's biggest and newest mobile shooting iron, a 14-inch rifle on a railway mount, will start westward tomorrow from the Aberdeen, Md., army proving ground bound for California over the trail blazed by the pioneers of '49.

Within two months it will be pointing out over the Pacific from Fort McArthur, 25 miles south of Los Angeles.

The great gun and its mount measures 95 feet in length and weighs 730,000 pounds, exceeding the weight of any locomotive yet built. The gun will travel mounted on four trucks. The railroad route westward had to be surveyed carefully to insure safe passage.

WORK ON FEDERAL TAX CUT TO BEGIN MONDAY

SAVING OF OVER THREE HUNDRED MILLION EXPECTED

No Definite Program Outlined for Discussion by House and Senate

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17.—(By Associated Press.)—A saving of between \$300,000,000 and \$500,000,000 in the tax payers federal bill of next year is in prospect in the revenue measure on which work will be started Monday. A clear track has been promised to be held in both the house and senate and enactment by March 1, 15 days before first payments of the new year are due, is predicted by Chairman Green of the house ways and means committee.

Unlike the situation two years ago when Secretary Mellon advanced a definite program, no complete bill has been put forward. General agreement is perceptible, however, among both republicans and democrats on these main provisions:

Reduction of both the normal and surtax income rates.

Modification or abolishment of most of the remaining miscellaneous taxes, including those on theatre tickets, club dues, automobiles and the like.

Repeal or modification of the publicity of taxes provision.

Increasing of exemptions so as to relieve those of small incomes of all taxes.

Revision of the estate tax to prevent duplication in levies by states and the federal government.

Preliminary to the opening of public hearings Monday by the committee, Secretary Mellon today renamed representatives to work with the committee. Democratic members of the committee met informally today to discuss the legislation, most of them appearing in accord with the program advanced yesterday by Representative Garner, ranking democrat on the committee. Chairman Green has called an executive session of the full committee for Monday morning and hearings will be opened in the afternoon.

INDIAN FIGHTER VISITS

J. D. GIDDINGS TO RETURN TO HOME IN IOWA

J. D. Giddings, recently from Mapleton, Iowa, after a visit of 30 days with friends in Salem, is returning to his old home. Since his stay in Salem he has suffered a severe heart attack, but has rallied sufficient to attempt a 3,000 mile trip to the east. His folks in Mapleton became alarmed over his condition and telegraphed him to come at once.

Mr. Giddings is an old Indian fighter and Civil war veteran and a real Salem booster. He stated he could not die happy until he came back, after an absence of five years. He is making a trip of 6,000 miles at a cost of \$1,000, and possibly his life, just to see Oregon and friends once more. A finer complement to Oregon and Salem could not be expected.

FAMOUS EVANGELIST TO SPEAK MONDAY MORNING

BILLY SUNDAY AND PARTY DUE AT 10 O'CLOCK

Capacity of First M. E. Church Will be Taxed; Luncheon Is Planned

Billy Sunday, world renowned evangelist, is to speak at the First Methodist church Monday morning at 10:15. He will have just completed a six weeks' evangelistic campaign in Portland where he gave "the devil hell" every night without exception. It was at first planned that a delegate should go to Portland from Salem and escort Billy Sunday to this city by auto, but that plan has been abandoned.

If present arrangements are carried out, the evangelist will arrive from Portland Monday at about 10:15 via the Southern Pacific. He will be accompanied by his associate, Rev. Ernest Shanks of the First Baptist church, who has been particularly instrumental in bringing Mr. Sunday here, will meet him at the train and bring him to the Methodist church, where he will commence his address immediately.

According to indications given ministers of Salem by members of their congregations, the church should be completely filled a full half hour before Mr. Sunday arrives. His fans has spread to such an extent that wherever he makes his appearance he draws capacity crowds. In order that those who come early will not have to simply wait for the evangelist, Dr. H. C. Epley has organized a large choir, which will render several songs before the arrival of Mr. Sunday.

Governor Walter M. Pierce is to preside at the meeting, which, it is believed, is the second that Billy Sunday has held in Salem since his advent into evangelism more than 30 years ago. Mr. Sunday has not yet announced the subject he will dwell upon in his Salem meeting.

After the meeting Mr. Sunday and his party will be escorted to the Chamber of Commerce, where they will be received as guests at the weekly luncheon of that organization.

WATER APPEAL IS MADE

DEATH OF GAME BIRDS LAID TO STAGNATE LAKE

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Oct. 17.—An urgent appeal was being made tonight to the United States reclamation service to divert water from Lost river to the stagnant marshes of Tule lake where thousands of ducks and other wild fowl are dying from some strange epidemic. Sportsmen believe that the flooding of fresh water into that section will halt the ravages of the mysterious malady.

Conservative estimates of health authorities and game officials place the loss of ducks at 25,000 since the epidemic started two weeks ago.

Some poisonous substance in the Tule grass is believed to be responsible for the epidemic.

HOME COMING EVENT IS MINUS BONFIRE

Oil From Huge Pile of Debris Found Menace to Condition of Gridiron

PLAN LIVELY WEEK-END

Alumni Breakfast to Start Proceedings; Whitman Football Team Will Meet Bearcat Warriors

Plans for the Willamette Homecoming, to take place October 30 and 31, are now taking definite shape, according to Charles Nunn, local man who is managing the affair. One drastic departure from the usual run of things will be the doing away with the freshman bonfire.

Heretofore it has been the custom of the freshman class to gather wood and inflammable junk of all descriptions and to pile this stuff into an enormous pile on the athletic field. Barrels of oil would then be poured on debris, and at the rally on the first night of the homecoming, the pile would be set afire. But the oil would leak down from the pile and flood over part of the field, making it decidedly unpleasant for the players the next day. Then, too, students on the campus have expressed it as their opinion that the continual repetition of this rite is becoming monotonous, and Manager Nunn thought it best that the ceremony be abolished. The action has been greeted enthusiastically by the students.

In place of the bonfire, Mr. Nunn is endeavoring to obtain a large amount of fireworks to be set off at the rally to be held on the athletic field Friday night. The purpose of the rally will be to instill an insurmountable enthusiasm in the students and in the Willamette team for the game Saturday with Whitman, which is to be the by event of the homecoming. Whitman has always been one of Willamette's most ardent rivals, and the astounding fact is brought out that so far Willamette has never been able to vanquish Whitman on the gridiron. Because of the fight shown by this year's team, and the potential power revealed, the students on the campus are confident that this is the year Whitman is to face its first football defeat against the Bearcats.

In order to start Saturday off with gusto, and to keep up the enthusiasm prior to the clash with the Missionaries, an alumni breakfast will be served in the society hall Saturday morning. The game will start at 2 o'clock.

Another big feature of the homecoming week-end will be the play, "You and I," presented Saturday night in Waller hall by the Willamette chapter of the Theta Alpha Phi, national dramatic fraternity. Although members of the cast will have had less than a month in which to prepare for the play, Prof. Horace Raskopf, who is directing it, is entertaining hopes that the fraternity will show a finished product. The play was written by Phillip Barry and is one of the latest products of the Harvard workshop. The proceeds of the play will be used to purchase new scenery for the dramatic organization.

Letters have been coming in already from alumni, although the formal invitations have not yet been sent out, and it present indications count for anything, the attendance at this year's homecoming will be greater than that of any previous homecoming.

WEALTHY MATRON DEAD

SUSPICIONS AROUSED; POLICE INVESTIGATION MADE

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 17.—(By Associated Press.)—Mrs. Laura Biddle, prominent Philadelphia society matron and wife of Craig Biddle, millionaire sportsman, was found dead in her room here late today under circumstances which have resulted in a police investigation.

A doctor who was called after the body had been found by two maids, pronounced death due to heart disease, but an undertaker to whose establishment the body was taken questioned the diagnosis and notified the coroner, who in turn notified the police.

An autopsy to take place tomorrow has been ordered by the coroner. It was indicated at the official's office that the woman might have died from the effects of poison.

The police investigation of the case has been detailed to the homicide squad. At headquarters it was announced that a check is being conducted to determine whether death was due to suicide, homicide or natural cause.

PARRISH STUDENTS TO BE VACCINATED MONDAY

PHYSICIANS STATE EPIDEMIC THREATENS CITY

Unless Parents Give Consent Pupils Will Be Requested to Stay at Home

As a preventative against an outbreak of small pox in the school, there will be a vaccination of students at the Parrish junior high school Monday, according to word received from school authorities Saturday. It is said that several physicians believe an epidemic of the disease is threatening the city.

The children will not be forced to submit to the vaccination, but are urged to consult their parents before taking action. Those that refuse to submit, however, will be asked to remain away from school for a period of three weeks, unless they have been vaccinated for the disease in the reasonably recent past, or have had the small pox.

Parrish is the fourth school in the city to undergo a general vaccination for small pox since the opening of school this fall.

The students at McKinley junior high school, at Lincoln grammar school and at the Salem high school have already either submitted to vaccination for the disease or are staying out of the prescribed time.

Reason for the large amount of vaccination taking place is given by local physicians as being that right now Salem is more seriously in danger of experiencing an epidemic of small pox than it has been for several years.

AIR PROGRAM DEBATED

LENGTHY CONGRESSIONAL DISCUSSION IS EXPECTED

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17.—(By Associated Press.)—The airplane, junior weapon in the armament of nations, promises to overshadow in the debate in the next congress its grizzled contemporaries, the infantry and the battleship. Twice in the last nine months, its activities and potentialities have been passed upon by investigating bodies and the reports of these two inquiries will furnish the basis of discussion.

One by the president's air board was closed yesterday, will be given directly to President Coolidge, but the other by house aircraft committee will be turned over to congress itself.

The president's air board met in executive session today to go over preliminary plans for drafting of its report which probably will be given to the president about November 20.

Throughout its inquiry, the board held to a policy adopted at its first meeting to seek facts and information only and, as far as possible, remain aloof from personalities.

In its four weeks of work it examined practically government officials charged with the conduct of aviation, many senators, representatives of the aircraft manufacturing industry and others connected with the commercial uses of the airplane.

GUARD WRITES LETTER

NO GAMBLING SEEN AT PEN, SAYS BEND MAN

In view of the recent knocks and criticisms directed at the state prison by discharged employees, a letter addressed to "Whom it may concern," has been received, unsolicited, from L. H. Oliver of Bend. Mr. Oliver is an ex-service man with a splendid war record and was a guard at the penitentiary for several months. He left of his own accord. The letter is as follows:

"I was one of the inside guards last winter for a while at the state prison, and as long as I was there I did not see as much as a pack (book) of cigarette papers was used on a card game or any other way.

"I beg to add this: If there were a few more men like A. M. Dalrymple and a few less busy-bodies the world would be better off."

LOGGER CRUSHED TO DEATH

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Oct. 17.—George Broessle, 18, a loader employed at the Pelican Bay Lumber company logging camp, was almost instantly killed today on the loading platform when he was crushed between logs. He came here about a month ago from International Falls, Minn.

25 PLANES ORDERED

SEATTLE, Oct. 17 (AP)—Contract for the construction of 25 army pursuit airplanes has been received by the Boeing airplane company of Seattle, the company announced today. The majority of the planes are of the standard P-W type and are to be ready by August 19.

THREE WOMEN ARE ON MURDER JURY

Trial of Kelley and Willos Will Get Under Way Early Monday Morning

CONSPIRACY IS CLAIMED

State Does Not Contend That Convicts Fired Fatal Shot; Murray Will Learn Date of Death

At 3:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon, the jury whose verdict means life or death to James Willos and Elsworth Kelley, on trial for murder, was sworn in by Circuit Judge Percy R. Kelly. Three women are included in the list. Both sides exhausted all their preemptory challenges in filling the box.

Those who are to decide the fate of the two convicts, accused of killing John Sweeney, a guard at the prison, are: Arch Jerman, Salem, farmer; Charles L. Parmenter, Salem, carpenter; John W. Gamble, Salem, fruitman; L. W. Durant, Woodburn, street commissioner; Alfred B. W. Hughes, Central Howell, farmer; Thomas C. White, Salem, laborer; James W. Bellamy, Salem, retired farmer; Charles Griggs, Salem, groceryman; John C. McFarlane, Quincy, retired contractor; and Louise M. Hager, Salem, Nellie B. Simpson, Sydney, and Helen H. Tate, Stayton, housewives. Mrs. Tate is a daughter of J. T. Hunt, Marion county judge.

The selection of the jury was started at 4 o'clock Friday afternoon and was not completed until the regular panel and two extra venire had been exhausted. Many of the prospective jurors were excused on the grounds that they already had fixed ideas on the outcome of the trial and could not make these opinions subservient to evidence offered in the case.

All tentative jurors were questioned by the state as to their opinions as to the status of parties to a felony, indicating that the state will not claim that either Willos or Kelley actually fired the shot that killed Guard Sweeney, but that they were parties to the conspiracy to break prison, that ended in the death of two guards and the killing of Oregon Jones, desperado.

In the event that Willos and Kelley are not convicted of killing Sweeney, the district attorney's office will also try them for the death of J. M. Holman, the other guard killed in the escape. Tom Murray has already been found guilty of murder in the first degree as a result of Sweeney's death, and will be sentenced to death on Monday morning at 10 o'clock.

When court convenes on Monday, the jurors will be taken to the state prison to view the scene of the escape and to acquaint themselves with the particulars of the break. As soon as they return to the courtroom, the state will open its case. It is believed that the trial will be concluded by Thursday.

Few people appeared in the courtroom yesterday and seeming— (Continued on page 2)

MAYOR BECOMES EDITOR

ST. PAUL OFFICIAL FINDS TASK IS "NO CINCH"

ST. PAUL, Minn., Oct. 17.—(By Associated Press.)—Mayor Arthur E. Nelson of St. Paul turned newspaperman tonight and directed publication of the Sunday edition of the St. Paul Pioneer Press as "guest editor."

The mayor, whose profession is law, took off his coat, rolled up his shirt sleeves and "sat in" as news editor, makeup man, and chief editorial writer.

Crime news was swept from the front page, eight column headings disappeared and the editorial support was thrown to prohibition, whereas the newspaper's normal policy is for modification of the Volstead act.

"It isn't a cinch as the other fellow figures," the mayor editor admitted and in a front page editorial he said he was "free to confess that editing a newspaper is about the hardest thing I ever tried to do."

Crime news and kindred subjects he relegated to a remote inside page under inconspicuous headings and editorially he commented:

"I do not agree with the opinion that publicity is a check to crime. It is true that the public should be advised of the existence of crime, but it is not necessary to present stories which in gruesome details are disgusting to the average reader."

