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PRICE FIVE CENTS

248 KILLED IN RAIL SMASHUP

93 Others Injured in Costa Rica When Overloaded Train Breaks on Bridge

WHOLE FAMILIES PERISH

Physicians and Nurses Rushed to Scene; Hospital Facilities Unable to Cope With Situation

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica, March 15.—(By Associated Press.)—At least 248 persons were killed yesterday on the Costa Rican railroad. Three cars were demolished, one fell to the bottom of the Varilla river from the bridge over the stream, and two others were left hanging from a 190-foot precipice.

The disaster is believed to have been due to the overloading of the train, which was carrying excursionists of a party organized to raise funds for a home for the aged at Cartago. The passengers were almost exclusively farmers and laborers. Whole families perished together.

All day Sunday was spent in rescuing the injured and recovering the bodies of the dead. Hundreds of persons of all classes went to the scene to help. Physicians and nurses were brought from Limon to San Jose. The local hospital's facilities were not sufficient to cope with the situation.

The Red Cross has started a public subscription to care for the injured and aid the families of the dead. The president of the republic headed the subscription list. Three days of public mourning have been declared.

Immediately the news of the accident became known the United Fruit company rushed physicians and nurses to the scene from Port Limon on board a relief train.

Those killed were members of an excursion party on the way to Cartago where a religious festival was in progress. The train was coming from the western part of the island on the railroad that runs from Port Limon to the Pacific coast.

A thousand persons were on the train. One coach fell down the embankment into the Varilla river and it was believed that most of those who lost their lives were in this coach. Other cars also were derailed. Identification of only one man has been made, a professor in a school in Cartago. No tourists were on the train.

It is customary during the Lenten season for the country people to make journeys to Cartago for great religious celebrations, and this practice accounted for the fact that such a large number of natives was traveling at the same time. Nearly all the wreck victims came from Alajuela and Heredia.

The Varilla river is at the western fringe of a mountain range that runs north and south at about the center of Costa Rica.

COAST SERVICE PLANNED

AIR MAIL ROUTE FROM LOS ANGELES TO SEATTLE

SAN FRANCISCO, March 15.—(By Associated Press.)—A group of a Pacific coast air mail service, a huge monoplane landed at Crissy field today from Los Angeles completing the flight in 3 hours and 45 minutes.

It carried Vern G. Gorst, president of the Pacific Air Transport, and two others. The plane is one of a fleet of ten monoplanes to be used by the transport organization in fulfilling a government contract to carry mail between Los Angeles, San Francisco and Seattle.

Who's Who IN Salem Public Schools

Lillian Schroeder, teacher of the special or opportunity room at Parrish junior high school. Two years in Salem school system. Four years' teaching experience. Graduate of Oregon normal school Summer school at University of Oregon. Especially strong in work of getting good will and control of students difficult for many teachers to manage.

Spring Windows to Open For First Style Frolic

Annual Window Display Program to Begin at 7:30 Sharp, Thousands Expected to Visit City for Evening, Schools Announce Exhibits

Thousands of persons are expected to arrive in Salem this evening for the formal opening of the First Annual Display Week, sponsored by the Salem Ad club, when windows will be unveiled, displays inspected and the Armory, afterward, converted into a dance hall, with club members as hosts.

Window trimmers have been at work preparing the exhibits and many outstanding surprises are promised. Among them will be windows trimmed, and exhibits presented, by Salem school children. The girls of the domestic science classes of the Parrish and McKinley junior high schools, under the direction of instructors, will exhibit in the windows of the Portland Electric Power company, 237 North Liberty street.

Seven of the young ladies from Parrish will be present during the evening giving an actual demonstration of their work in school. These students are: Louise Breitzke, Florence Turner, Valma Ross, Dorothy Sawyer, Gladys South, Helen McElroy and Caroline Waterman.

Bread made by the students of McKinley will be part of the display, while Parrish girls will demonstrate making of cakes, pies, cookies, salads and biscuits. The door of the Portland Electric Power company store will be open so that visitors may question the girls.

Other Salem public schools will have delegations at work in various down town show windows. Officials extend a special invitation to visitors to stop and inspect the exhibits. In every display where school children are at work, a teacher will be in charge.

The court merely wrote "petition denied" at the end of the long recital of technical objections on which Chapman's counsel had sought to bring the whole question of his status up for review.

On the effect, the action gave approval to the course followed by federal and Connecticut state authorities in bringing Chapman before the state courts for trial for the murder of a New Britain policeman. So that the verdict of the trial court might be carried into effect Chapman was given a presidential commutation of the sentence.

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LEGION DRIVE RENEWED

POST HEARS TALK ON "PERMANENT MEMBERSHIP"

Former commander of the Utah district, Hecker addressed members of Capital Post American Legion last night on the topic of "permanent membership." In the renewal of the membership campaign which, within the next 60 days is expected to increase enrollment in the local post to 1000.

Membership has now been raised to 639, of whom approximately 220 represent men who have recently joined for the first time. Considerable discussion arose on the possibility of erecting a post headquarters at once, but no definite action was taken. Individual members present were introduced, each making a few remarks.

Following the post meeting, the members were joined by the auxiliary and the evening was finished with dancing.

DISPATCH BATTLESHIP

WAR VESSEL SENT FROM JAPAN TO CHINESE RIVER

TOKYO, March 15.—(By Associated Press.)—The cruiser Hara-do has been ordered from Port Arthur to Taku, at the mouth of the Pei river, where last week Chinese troops fired on Japanese destroyers killing an officer and wounding several other members of the crews.

The government is considerably worried over the situation arising from the attack on the destroyers but hopes no serious eventualities will result. The opposition in the diet today attacked the government on its alleged lax policy toward China. Baron Shidehara, the foreign minister, replied that the government intended to maintain friendship with China as long as possible. The press continues very mild.

WIRE FIGHT IS STARTED

PHONE COMPANY PROPERTY TO BE SEIZED BY CITY

SEATTLE, March 15.—(By Associated Press.)—The city council today ordered the superintendent of public utilities to seize all property of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company on public streets after April 21.

The council's action is a step in a fight between the city and the company which began when the council raised telephone rates in 1924. The company upheld its rights to do so in federal court. The city alleges that the company is operating in this city without a franchise, declaring that the last franchise expired January 21 of this year.

IRISH MACHINE WORK STARTED

Oregon Linen Mill Order Travels 12,000 Miles Reply Here by Night

ENGINEERS GET BUSY

Remaining Equipment to Be Supplied by Old World Plant; R. O. Snelling Now General Manager

It is a small world, after all. Yesterday afternoon R. O. Snelling, secretary of the Oregon Linen Mills company, wired an order to Hamilton Oliver, New York agent, to arrange for immediate construction of all spinning and rearing machinery still needed for outfitting the new manufacturing plant here.

Oliver cabled the order to Ireland. Last night, R. O. Snelling received his reply, stating that work had begun in the Old World on the necessary equipment. Between afternoon and evening, the message filed here had traveled more than 12,000 miles, and engineers in the Shamrock Island were at work on specifications.

Orders for machinery was placed following a meeting of the board of directors yesterday morning, which later named Mr. Snelling general manager of the new concern to devote his entire energy to the task of establishing the

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DENY JESUS CHRIST

SIXTEEN W. U. STUDENTS RENOUNCE BELIEF

There are 16 students in the freshman class at Willamette university who do not believe in the existence, either historically or divinely, of Jesus Christ. Dr. C. G. Doney, president of the university, told the students in his chapel address Monday.

Willamette is a denominational school. Dr. Doney declares his statement is based on a recent questionnaire submitted to members of the freshman Bible class, in which all freshmen are required to enroll. Dr. Doney concluded by stating that although these 16 students profess unbelief in the existence of Christ, they admit the worth of the teachings attributed to Him.

MORE OBLIGING RODENTS!



BUILDING BOOM HOLDS COUNCIL

Street Improvements, Sewers, Permits, Paving Problems Considered

SPRING ACTIVITY OPENS

Withhold Permission for Liberty Street Dumping Pending Report; Paving Petitions Received

With the attention of the city council confined almost entirely to building matters, such as street improvements, sewers, building permits, electric signs and street lights, at its meeting Monday night, signs were evident that the city is on the verge of the spring building rush.

Prominent in the evening's discussion was the city zoning and planning commission. The commission in a communication asked that permission to dump dirt in the fill for the South Liberty street bridge project be withheld until special bridge committee of the commission can look thoroughly into the matter. The request was granted.

Promiscuous building of structures before building permits are sanctioned by the commission as provided for in a recent ordinance was cited by the commission in a second communication to the council. One building cited is the addition to the Shipley property on North Liberty street between State and Court streets.

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HIT MOTHER'S BREAD

BAKERS BEING LIBELED, SO DECIDED AT MEETING

CHICAGO, March 15.—(By Associated Press.)—Bread like mother used to make, gets too much prejudiced publicity, the annual meeting of the American Society of Bakers' engineers was told today by Lieutenant Colonel Sherard Coleman, USA, who had charge of the bread supply of the American army during the world war. He defended the modern house wife who buys her bread.

"The bread her husband's mother used to make has been the backbone of every bride," he declared. "As a matter of fact, the little bride can trip across the street to the bakery and get a better loaf of bread than her husband's mother or anybody's mother makes."

Hundreds of Animals Die in Blaze; Heroism Seen

5000 Canaries, 40 Monkeys Are Victims in Fire in New York Pet Store; Monkey Protects Four of Her Young From Raging Flames With Own Body

NEW YORK, March 15.—(By Associated Press.)—Tales of animal heroism were brought from a smoldering building in Cortlandt street today by firemen who fought flames that caused the deaths of 5000 canaries, 150 parrots, 40 monkeys and several cats and dogs.

Several boa constrictors lashed about, terror stricken, in their cages, monkeys chattered and parrots shrieked, creating a bedlam of noises such as a jungle explorer might hear in a nightmare. The jungle law of the survival of the fittest prevailed, and the weaker of the imprisoned creatures perished. So frightened were the boa constrictors and two wild cats that they were rescued without attempting to attack the firemen.

The outstanding hero of the fire as reported by firemen, was a baboon which took his inseparable companion, a kitten, in his arms, broke open the door of his cage and escaped to safety with his charge. In another cage firemen said they found a monkey crouched in her cage, choked by the flames. When they removed her they found she was lying on four of her young, protecting them with her own body. The mother later was revived.

A loss of more than \$25,000 was caused by the fire. Most of this was caused by the deaths of the animals and birds. The animal store, known as "Bartel's Pet Store," is patronized by circus men. Three ant eaters, a South American culture, and many chicks and rabbits, intended for the Easter season, were among the casualties.

Representatives of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals rendered first aid to the animals which it was thought recover. Those more seriously injured were killed. Milton Knauf reaches the honor roll for the first time this week. He is to be congratulated upon his success.

OFFER 1,000,000 FISH

GAME WARDEN CALLS "SKYLINE TRAIL" PLAYGROUND

"The Skyline Trail is going to be the playground of the west," declared E. F. Averill, state game warden, in an address Monday noon before members of the Salem chamber of commerce. The trail is a veritable line of lakes. We should stock those lakes with trout. They would attract tourists from all over the world.

"The more people who come into the state and buy fishing licenses, the more money we will have to purchase fish for the stocking of our streams. It is the only case I know of where we can eat our cake and have it, too."

Mr. Averill declared that Marion county has not been getting its fair share of fish planting. This year, however, the situation will be different. There are to be put into the surrounding streams about one million fish.

A great part of Oregon is untillable and always will be, he declared. But Oregon can profit well by developing the untillable regions. If the situation is dealt with in the right manner, Oregon can be one of the greatest tourist attractions in the United States.

MISSING COMET SOUGHT

NOMAD OF HEAVENS DISAPPOINTS STAR GAZERS

CHICAGO, March 15.—(By Associated Press.)—The most dashing of the celestial swash-bucklers, Ensen's comet, failed to appear for an American debut tonight.

First seen from South Africa last December and later sighted from Poland, the comet was apparently on its way for an appearance here. It was supposed to have been in this part of the sky since February 15, and tonight to be visible to the naked eye.

Disappearance of the astronomical nomad was confirmed from the Yerkes observatory of the University of Chicago. Two long exposure photographs made today with the 24 inch reflecting telescope revealed nothing that could be identified as the missing body. The lenses detect objects 5000 times more faint than can be seen by the unaided eye.

When last seen the comet was 32,001,000 miles from the sun and 35 million from the earth.

KILLS SEVEN AND SELF

WIFE AND SIX SONS ARE MURDERED BY MADMAN

CHIHUAHUA CITY, Mexico, March 15.—(By Associated Press.)—After ordering his wife and six sons to "pray for their souls," El-fra Lowerse crushed their skulls with a hammer, decapitated the children and then committed suicide by shooting, here today.

LET W. SALEM JOIN; REQUEST

Town on West Bank of Willamette Would Merge With Capital City

PETITION IS PRESENTED

Material Increase in City's Population Would Result if Petition Receives Favorable Treatment

An immediate material increase in Salem's population will result if the request of West Salem and other outlying sections to become a part of the city proper is acted upon favorably.

First indications of the desire on the parts of the town west of the Willamette river became apparent last night when a petition bearing 150 names was presented to city council. Advocates of the merger stated that other districts including Nob Hill had been negotiating for three weeks in an endeavor to determine steps by which the entire population on the banks of the Willamette may be joined in one great capital city.

West Salem, with a population under 1000, if added to the city proper, would immediately increase Salem's accredited population by that figure, and interest, already expressed by other communities equally anxious to be incorporated, shows the possibility of adding a further material increase.

The petition, bearing the signatures of E. E. Woods and 149 other residents of West Salem was read in the council meeting Monday night and the matter was referred to the city planning commission. Early action is expected on the question of incorporation. A decided boom in West Salem property in recent months has caused many Salem people to look toward that direction for future development.

At present there are five grocery stores in the town; as one in-

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MRS. ADA UNRUH QUILTS

SECRETARY OF CORVALLIS HOME OFFERS RESIGNATION

PORTLAND, Ore., March 15.—(By Associated Press.)—Mrs. Ada Wallace Unruh, financial secretary of the Children's Farm home at Corvallis, has resigned her resignation to be effective April 1.

Differences in opinion as to methods of raising funds for the home and as to the disposition of money between Mrs. Unruh and Mrs. Mary L. Mallett, state president of the Woman's Christian Temperance union which sponsors the home are said in well-informed circles to be the indirect cause of Mrs. Unruh's resignation. "Circumstances not of my own making," said Mrs. Unruh, "have developed to an extent that I feel would make it impossible for me to continue to do satisfactory effective work for the farm home. I need a rest anyway, and though the farm home and its children are very dear to me, and I shall miss the work, I can retire with a measure of contentment because of the institution as it now stands, and because of the loyal, whole hearted support that the public has given me in my efforts."

Mrs. Mallett said tonight that she had no statement to make.

Monday In Washington

The house passed the White radio bill. The supreme court refused Gerald Chapman a review.

Secretary Kellogg returned to his desk after a week in the south.

Plans for taxing moonshine were announced by Assistant Secretary Andrews.

The appeals of Charles R. Forbes and John W. Thompson were denied by the supreme court.

The republican party was charged by Carl Vrooman with responsibility for failure thus far to enact farm relief legislation.

Senator Walsh, democrat, Montana, demanded prosecution of George B. Hayes, government witness against Senator Wheeler.