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SEVENTY-EIGHTH YEAR

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FEDERAL HELP FOR DRAINAGE PROJECTS SEEN

Bill Permitting U. S. Loan for Refunding Bonds Expected to Carry

Sam H. Brown of Marion County Heads Association for Another Year

Sam H. Brown of Marion county was reelected president of the Oregon Drainage association, which held its meeting here Wednesday at the opening session of the Oregon Reclamation Congress.

Hope for financial relief for drainage districts was shown in the report of Albert H. Ridgway of Portland, attorney connected with a number of drainage districts, that there is good prospect for the passage in congress of House Resolution 14116, which provides for refunding drainage district bonds through loans from the revolving fund under the supervision of the interior department. These loans will not require interest payments.

This resolution is not ideal. Mr. Ridgway said, for it will not permit refunding except for established districts after their bonds become due, which will work a hardship where the bonds become due serially, but it will establish a precedent favorable to the drainage districts.

The drainage section passed a resolution urging enactment of this proposed law. Legislation To Aid Districts Favored

Other resolutions prepared by a committee consisting of Mr. Ridgway, Percy A. Cupper and W. G. Brown and adopted by the drainage section asked the passage of legislation in Oregon to provide for refunding taxes on land purchased by drainage districts at tax sale and held without profit; better regulation for building roads within drainage districts; and federal legislation to require federal reimbursement for damage to dikes caused by navigation.

The principal address of the afternoon was delivered by M. R. Lewis, drainage and irrigation specialist for the U. S. D. A. and the Oregon experiment station, "Drainage by Means of Wells." He stressed the advantages of this type of drainage as compared to gravity systems.

Very successful in keeping the water stage well below the surface over large areas, said Mr. Lewis; the cost of installation is about half that of gravity systems, the effectiveness does not decrease so rapidly, and this practice removes less land from cultivation. The use of wells is spreading rapidly. Electric power is used almost exclusively.

Wells Economical Figures Indicate

An average annual cost per acre foot is \$1, with maintenance running about 17 cents per acre foot, he reported. An important point is standardization of pumps within each district, so as to make maintenance problems more simple.

Engineer Canfield of the U. S. Geological survey told of the runoff studies which this department is making, the only method of gauging drainage needs as well as flood control and navigation needs and irrigation possibilities.

Perry A. Cupper delivered the address of welcome when the drainage section convened Wednesday morning. President Sam H. Brown in his annual address paid principal attention to the economic side of agricultural problems in drainage districts. Dr. Brown gave an outline of the drainage situation in the Willamette valley.

Graphic Story Of Ship's Sinking Is Told By Survivor

Human Body and Sharks Sighted Immediately After Pair's Rescue

Paul A. Dana, representative of the Radio Corporation of America in South America, and a passenger on the Vestris, and Mrs. Clara Bell, a stewardess on the Vestris, were called the pluckiest pair he had ever seen by Captain Schuyler Cummings of the American Shipper, who rescued them.

They had been floating in the water for 22 hours at the time of their rescue. Dana tells his story of the foundering and the subsequent hours of terror in the following story.

By Paul A. Dana, on a Sick Bed, as Told to Lorena A. Hickok, Associated Press Staff Writer (Copyright 1918 by The Associated Press)

NEW YORK, Nov. 14.—(AP)—"Our first night on Saturday night, the Vestris began to hit rough weather. As the night progressed, the storm got worse, until, before the night was over, we were in the worst storm I ever saw on the sea."

"It was late that night—perhaps a little after midnight—that a thing happened which I believe started the trouble that ended in the tragic sinking of the Vestris. Two big waves hit her simultaneously, bow and stern. The ship quivered from end to end. You could almost feel her wrenching. The next day she developed a leak, and I believe that started the trouble. One of her plates must have been wrrenched loose. But 5 Passengers Able to Eat Meal

"It was rough Saturday night and Sunday was rougher. Only four of the passengers beside myself were down for breakfast. "The minute I stepped out of my cabin that morning, I began to feel uneasy. The Vestris was listing. I had been on steamers before that listed, but I had never seen quite such a list before. It looked bad.

"In the dining salon that morning I ran into Captain Frederick Sorenson, and we started to talk things over. He did not like that list either. Inasmuch as he was a sailor, I decided he must know what he was talking about—that he was a good man to stay with. We spent most of the day together. Vessel's List Grows Gradually Worse

"Whether the other passengers were uneasy, I don't know. Most of them were violently seasick and spent the whole day in their bunks. "By the middle of the afternoon—while the storm still continued with no apparent let-up—the list had become so pronounced that all the furniture that wasn't fastened down in the dining salon and in the smoking room had slid over to the starboard side, where it was crashing around as the ship rolled.

"I went to bed about 10:00 o'clock. After getting into my bed I found a corner of the cabin so it couldn't slide around, I got to sleep. "My cabin was on the top deck, starboard side. When I woke up at 8 o'clock Monday morning there (Turn to Page 7, Please.)

REHABILITATION IS TO START AT ONCE

CATANIA, Sicily, Nov. 14.—(AP)—Plans for the rehabilitation of almost 4,000 persons who have been made homeless by the Mt. Etna eruption were in progress today. Revised figures gave 3,952 refugees without work or housing and the local authorities are doing their best to aid them. Much pride is felt here that the government is assuming the entire cost of operation and is not calling on foreign and even from the international Red Cross. National subscription also has been prohibited. The loss from the disaster has been estimated at approximately \$18,500,000.

The lava flow was decreasing steadily today. The main flow was slowly moving along while its various branches were making somewhat faster speed. A new branch was flowing toward a low portion of the village of Nuziata and was not far from outlying houses. This branch was about 200 feet wide.

In a late evening bulletin the Vulcanological institute announced that the emission of lava was decreasing steadily and the stream was cooling. At Nuziata, Punta Lazzo, and Carrabia the lava has become almost solid and its flow virtually has stopped. Tumble Off Boat Drowns Deckhand

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 14.—(AP)—William Jones, 45, deckhand on the river steamer Gamecock, drowned today when he fell from the ladder of the craft.

TORNADO HITS IOWA SECTION; WOMAN KILLED

Many Injuries Reported in Wake of Terrific Storm in Middle West

Numerous Buildings Demolished as Gale Makes Way Across State

MANCHESTER, Iowa, Nov. 14.—(AP)—Mrs. Alpha Hankinson, 30, was crushed to death in a barn which was demolished late today when a tornado swept throughout northeastern Iowa. Meagre reports of the extent of the storm indicated it struck in successive sections from the center of the eastern part of the state to the Minnesota line.

At Chester, Ia., about 80 miles northwest of here, two persons, Mrs. Fred Mahring and a Reverend Mr. Allshouse, were injured and several buildings and homes badly damaged. Cedar Rapids, about 35 miles south, suffered considerable property damage, but no casualties were reported.

Next Swamp Cut Eleven Miles Long

The next word of the storm came from Vinton, about 25 miles northwest of Cedar Rapids, where it was said many persons were injured and homes and buildings destroyed in a path nearly 10 miles long extending north-easterly. There were no deaths, however.

It was said the storm cut a path about a quarter mile wide, demolished buildings on five farms. From Center Point came reports that houses and buildings on five farms near there were wrecked and some blown away.

Mrs. William Herman of Vinton, and her two children were cut severely when their home was demolished and sent wreckage hurtling into the cellar where they had taken refuge. The father working in a near by field, escaped injury. The house caught fire and burned.

A hired man at the farm of John Fry nearby, whose name could not be recalled, received a broken arm when all buildings on that place were blown down. Livestock was killed along the entire distance of the windstorm.

BILLIARD PARLOR WRECKED BY FIRE

Damage in excess of \$25,000 was caused by a fire which started about 5 o'clock Wednesday morning in the furnace room of the Bligh hotel. The interior of the Bligh billiard parlors was wrecked completely, and smaller damage was done to the hotel, to Leslie Springer's shoe shop, Jack Clloyd's barber shop, Scheff's shop and the Western Union office.

According to Charles Smith, who was in a nearby building, two muffled explosions proceeded discovery of the fire. The cause of these explosions was not learned. Smith and Joe Duvall, who was working in the billiard parlors, discovered the blaze. The hotel were routed out by the fire, but the blaze did not penetrate except in a few spots above the first floor. The fire in the billiard parlors was most difficult to combat, because the billiard parlors floor had been laid above that of the old Bligh theatre which formerly occupied this space. The fire was completely vanquished until 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

All of the costly billiard equipment was ruined and the loss will be somewhere between \$15,000 and \$20,000, it was stated by the billiard parlors proprietors, B. L. Cook, B. F. Oltus and T. M. Houston. The loss was partly covered by insurance. In addition to the damage from smoke and fire, the Bligh hotel will suffer from the damage in the furnace room, which will cause the building to be without heat until the heating plant can be repaired. The building is owned by Chester Murphy of Portland.

Mentioned for Portfolios in Hoover's Cabinet



Political prognosticators are scratching their heads over the selection of cabinet members for the administration of Herbert Hoover, while the president-elect remains silent on the matter. Those prominently mentioned, shown above, are: Senator Borah and Dwight W. Morrow, ambassador to Mexico, for secretary of state; Mrs. Mabel Walker Willebrandt and William J. Donovan, both in the department of justice, for attorney general; Dwight F. Davis, for reappointment as secretary of war; Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, for secretary of the navy; Andrew Mellon, for reappointment as secretary of the treasury; James M. Good, Hoover's western campaign manager, for secretary of agriculture; Hubert Work, for secretary of the interior, and William F. Whiting, for reappointment as secretary of commerce; Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur, for appointment in the event a new post, that of welfare and education, is created, and former Senator James W. Wadsworth as a possibility.

'BONDED STUFF' IS HELD 'SUCKER BAIT'

Prohi Investigator Tells U. Chapel How to be Good to Undertakers

"Suckers are not buying gold bricks or the Woodworth building any more," said F. A. Hazeltine, federal prohibition investigator, to Willamette university students Wednesday afternoon at chapel. "They are buying booze guaranteed by the bootlegger as bonded or imported stuff when, in reality, it is plain moonshine colored. In the smoky Scotch flavor is wanted a little creosote is added."

"Labels and the right kind of bottles are obtainable in any quantity to imitate the real thing. "Old Crow" is not on the market any more but there is plenty of "Old Rat" and "Old Hen," he said referring to the dead rats and poultry he has found in the bottom of mesh barrels. "Buying a drink now is simply an act of business courtesy for the undertaker or for the oculist, for blindness which can't be cured, results from drinking, as the wood alcohol has a strange affinity for the veins of the eye balls and atrophies the veins."

As an evidence of how prohibition was working a quart of real rye whiskey cost in saloon days \$1.70 and now moonshine colored like rye costs \$7 and while real gin cost 95 cents a quart, the synthetic stuff costs \$6.00.

The speaker praised the efficiency of the Oregon law and the degree of enforcement he had found in most of the state. Also he praised the state prohibition agents and the consequent need of federal agents only for special conspiracy and abatement cases.

Californians Dig Out of Big Snow

YREKA, Calif., Nov. 14.—(AP)—With some snow falling, and with the threat more prevailing, Siskiyou county started today to dig itself out of the white drifts. Mail was carried by pack mule, and telephone communication was restored early tonight. The snow carried four inches to three feet in the mountains. The weather was the coldest at this time of the year at Yreka in 20 years.

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Beauty and Good Works Voted for By W. U. Students

Take your choice! The three best looking girls at Willamette university are Mariabell Quinn, Virginia Edwards and Ruby Laughlin. Fellow students picked these winners by ballot at a chapel period and then voted Merle McMillin, Harold Schomp and Howard Kurtz the three best looking men students. But the most popular girls on the campus are Virginia Edwards, Frances McGillivra and Jean White, while Chuck DePoe, Willis Hathaway and Kenneth Litchfield take male honors.

Girls and men who have given greatest service to the university are: Elsie Tucker, Frances McGillivra and Virginia Edwards; Harold Shellhart, William Smallin and Kenneth Litchfield. There were 25 men and 26 women in the contest, conducted by the Collegian, college newspaper.

COOLIDGE ACCORDED UNIVERSITY DEGREE

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14.—(AP)—An honorary degree of doctor of laws was conferred upon President Coolidge late today by Catholic University of America when he attended the inauguration of Monsignor James H. Ryan, as the new rector of the institution.

The degree was conferred upon the chief executive by Archbishop Curley, Baltimore, counselor of the university, in the presence of the highest catholic prelates in America. Cardinals O'Connell of Boston, Dougherty of Philadelphia and Hayes of New York and Monsignor Fumasoni-Biondi, apostolic delegate to the United States, wearing the full regalia of their positions, greeted Mr. and Mrs. Coolidge at the university hall and accompanied them in the procession to the platform where the ceremonies took place.

Coquille River Rises Steadily Bringing Relief

MARSHFIELD, Ore., Nov. 14.—(AP)—Heavy rains of the past week have raised the Coquille river to such an extent that the white cedar log congestion in the Middle Fork has been relieved. More than thirty-five million feet of logs had accumulated in the stream.

KIMBALL SUPPORT TO BE MARSHALED

Training School for Ministers to Get Attention All Over District

Sunday, November 18, will mark the opening of Kimball Budget month, according to President John M. Canse of the Oregon conference of the Methodist church. Each church in the conference has been asked to set aside one service on any of these Sundays for presenting the needs of the theological school. The program for this year will require that \$11,000 in free will offerings or pledges be raised during the month's campaign.

According to a bulletin recently issued by the Kimball school the daily needs of the institution are \$30.02 above what is provided by the board of education of the Methodist church and from earnings of the endowment. A request will be made during the campaign to enroll people who will assume the financial burden of the school for one day. The plan has been used in the past, and Dr. Canse reported it as growing in favor. Supporting Friendships of \$100 each are also being made widely each year.

Pastors throughout the northwest are being urged to place Kimball and its needs on their church calendars for each year, since the school here is the only Methodist training school for ministry in the northwest. At the general conference of the church, held in Kansas City last May, resolutions were adopted for giving stronger support to all the theological schools in the country.

In the drive to be made this month, the effort will be made for both cash contributions and for pledges to be paid during the year. This week bulletins giving information about the school and its work were sent to pastors and laymen throughout the northwest. Dr. Canse and members of the Kimball faculty will preach in several churches during the campaign.

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SURVIVORS OF WRECK BLAME SHIP'S CAPTAIN

Many Lives Could Have Been Saved by Proper Precautions, Charge

Numerous Incidents Related by Survivors Upon Arrival in New York

Rescue ships land 146 survivors, 46 of them passengers, at New York. Passengers arriving in New York charge Captain and crew of Vestris, with inefficiency, indecision and delay; owners in London deny.

United States attorney in New York orders immediate investigation. Death list placed at 108; three coast guard destroyers remain off Virginia capes in hope of finding survivors or bodies.

Tanker Myrlam nearing New York with 64 additional survivors. Battleship Wyoming steaming to Hampton Roads, Va., with eight rescued.

NEW YORK, Nov. 14.—(AP)—Charges made by surviving passengers of the Vestris, which are to be investigated by the federal authorities, include: Failure to ask aid in time. Delay in abandoning the sinking ship. Failure to warn passengers and crew of danger.

Defective life boat equipment. Flares in life boat said to be wet. Lantern in one boat, but no oil. One boat broken to pieces when it capsized. One boat leaking.

Failure to close bulkheads tightly before liner sailed. Also charge bulkheads were weak. Mishandling of life boats, allowing some to dangle in midair until passengers were spilled or ship sank.

Misconduct by some members of crew in failing to assist persons struggling in water.

(By the Associated Press) Here and there in the stories by the Vestris survivors were little human incidents that sparkled brightly against the background of terror, distress and death. For instance, Alfred Ramos, an Argentine student on his way home to Buenos Aires, was thrown into the water when his lifeboat smashed. The immersion didn't trouble him, because the water was warm, but he was bothered by the fact that the dye from his bright necktie insisted on running and discoloring his shirt. Ramos, wearing a lifebelt, floated 10 hours before he was picked up.

The young student doesn't intend to let shipwreck interfere with his return home from a New York vacation. Walking into the Lamport and Holt offices this noon he told the booking clerk: "I want to engage passage over again."

Water of Gulf Stream Very Warm

The ocean is an austere host, especially to men as thrown suddenly introduced to it after enjoying cozy quarters aboard ship. But it might have treated the Vestris survivors more severely than it did. The steamer sank in the Gulf stream, and passengers and crew were unanimous in saying the water in which many spent long hours of waiting was really warm. Some even preferred to hang over the sides of lifeboats, for the ocean was warmer than the air.

There was one horrible draw (Turn to Page 2, Please.)

Actress Shoots Self Upon Stage

ABILENE, Tex., Nov. 14.—(AP)—Mrs. Gene Gladstone, 42, Fullerton, Cal., actress, fell tonight in a theatre at Rochester, near here, with a revolver in her hand, a bullet in her heart, as she started to walk on the stage. Members of the cast said she apparently tripped and fell, discharging the pistol accidentally. Fisher county authorities questioned members of the troupe, who thought the actor, a "twerp" was unloaded and believed the shooting inadvertent.

Meteors Shower Earth is Report

SAN JOSE, Calif., Nov. 14.—(AP)—It's raining meteors, scientists at the celestial observatory said today. The celestial fire was visible shortly after midnight this morning in the eastern sky, flashing off the constellation Leo, a sickle shaped group of stars, and will probably be visible again tomorrow morning.

Wreck Survivor Plans New Try At Sea Passage

NEW YORK, Nov. 14.—(AP)—Paul A. Dana, who gave a graphic description of the sinking of the Vestris, is going to try the voyage again next Saturday, he said tonight.

Although he is in bed, under doctor's orders to keep absolutely quiet, he announced that he would sail again Saturday for Rio Janeiro, where he is Brazilian representative of the Radio Corporation of America.

Throng Greets Al Smith Upon His Trip South

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14.—(AP)—A large throng of well wishers, including Senator Pat Harrison, of Mississippi, a leader in the democratic presidential campaign management, greeted Governor Alfred E. Smith late today during a 15-minute stop in Washington of the train carrying him to the Mississippi Gulf coast.

Although the crowd pleaded for a speech, when Governor Smith walked from the train shed to the station concourse, he pointed to his throat and shook his head. "I am going south for a rest," Smith told friends in reply to a question if he intended to play golf, he said, "I'm holding in my hand and I need sleep more than golf."

Tax Ratio Here Remains at 57

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