

### RUSSIAN PLANES TO SEEK MISSING MAN

SEATTLE, Nov. 28.—(AP)—Two Russian planes, brought to Providence Bay aboard the Soviet icebreaker *Litke*, will be available to aid in the search for Pilot Ben Eielson and his mechanic, Earl Borland, as soon as weather conditions in the north moderate, a radio message received at Juneau, Alaska, by Governor George W. Parks today revealed. The Alaska Airways, Inc., of which Eielson was general manager, has four planes which will be assigned to the search when atmospheric conditions permit.

Eielson, with Pilot Frank Dorbandt, was engaged in transporting passengers and furs from the trading ship, *Nanuk*, icebound at North Cape, Siberia. They made one trip, bringing six passengers and a quantity of furs to Nome. The passengers arrived in Seattle yesterday. On their second trip, Eielson and Borland became lost. Dorbandt, who returned to Nome to repair his plane, took off yesterday for Teller, Alaska, and will resume his search when the weather permits.

The Russians have two five passenger Junkers planes in which they will endeavor to take off passengers on the Soviet ship *Stavropol*, locked in the ice near the Na Uwh. The Russians will search the area between Providence and Kolyutchin bays for the missing Americans.

### TESTIMONY CLOSED FOR RAIL HEARING

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 28.—(AP)—Three great railroads, battling over the plans of a proposed railroad from Klamath Falls, Oregon, to Keddie, California, unfeeling the systems of the Great Northern and Western Pacific at Bieber, Cal., closed their testimony tonight. The victor will not be known for perhaps five months, when the interstate commerce commission issues its judgment.

Just before the close of the fight before Director of Finance C. D. Mahaffie, representing the commission, the case assumed a new character. It was the second time it had changed during the hearing which began November 13. President H. M. Adams of the Western Pacific, taking the stand in the last hour as a "surprise" witness, declined the offer of the Southern Pacific company to make a "bridge" for the other roads.

### ETHYL GASOLINE IS SUBJECT OF ACTION

OMAHA, Neb., Nov. 28.—(AP)—Declarations that Ethyl Gasoline corporation has "tricked" Denver laboratories out of their formulas for economical manufacture of tetra-ethyl lead and that the former owed the laboratories \$10,000,000 on a verbal contract, were contained in a suit filed in state district court here today.

The petition asserts that the Denver men believe the ethyl concern is manufacturing gasoline all over the world by their process. The petitioners contended, however,

that this is really beside the suit, because a contract with the ethyl corporation called for their being paid a royalty of ten cents a pound on all tetra-ethyl lead the corporation made or bought anywhere, except 500,000 pounds on contract with the Du Pont interests.

The petitioners also declared that the Ethyl corporation, "according to their own statements," had sold more than 100,000,000 pounds since the date of the reported contract.

### MENINGITIS SCARE HITS O. S. C. CAMPUS

CORVALLIS, Ore., Nov. 28.—(AP)—Clearing up of the spinal meningitis scare on the Oregon State college campus tonight severed as a release for Thanksgiving of most of the 40 members of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity who were threatened for a time with having to remain here in quarantine over the holiday.

A Portland high school visitor here last Sunday was taken ill at 35 house with the dread disease and immediately the house was closed to further visitors and cultures made for each member. Tonight practically all examinations were completed and all reported were negative. All who have been examined were released from quarantine by the college health service.

Rumors of a general quarantine of the campus and closing of the college were entirely unfounded, officials declared today, as no other case is known and general health conditions are unusually good with the entire absence of contagious diseases this year. The campus was virtually deserted tonight.

### PRESIDENT DIES AS BANK CHAIN FAILS

OKLAHOMA CITY, Nov. 28.—(AP)—Defeated in his desperate struggle to keep alive a dozen banks crippled by the deflation period of 1920, H. A. McCauley, 55 former mayor of Sapula, and board member of 13 Oklahoma banks, died last night. His death came on the eve of the failure of the twelve banks, which did not open their doors today.

Graves Shull, Oklahoma bank commissioner, who placed the banks in charge of examiners, attributed their failure to "frozen assets" their total deposits as of October 4 were \$2,520,976, and their capital stock aggregated \$310,000.

They are the Sapula State bank; the Bank of Mounds; Henryetta State bank; Bank of Commerce, Weleetka; First State bank, Vian; Citizens State bank, Weber Falls; Davenport State bank; Oilton State bank; First State Bank, Teriton; Avant State Bank; Keystone State Bank and the Bank of Kellyville.

ALEXANDRIA, Egypt.—(AP)—An unknown alphabet was brought to light at Ras Hamra near Karam in Somaliland with the discovery of 12 parchments and bronze plates estimated to be 3,000 years old in the inscriptions on which 23 strange characters were identified.

South Carolina has passed a road bond act for \$65,000,000.

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