

REASONS FOR CRASH CITED

Sudden Blinding Rain Said To Have Been Cause of Airplane Wreck

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 21.—(AP)—Blinding rain, from a sudden squall that blew in from the Pacific, blotting out the dangerous proximity of the earth, was given today as probably the chief cause of sixteen persons being dashed to a flaming death in the T. A. T. Maddux air liner crash near San Clemente, Cal., Sunday night.

The theory was advanced by S. D. Welch, pilot and member of the T. A. T. Maddux board of inquiry, which took testimony in a public hearing this morning for an official report to the company's board of directors. Welch, who had investigated the crash and causes of the wreck, said the evidence showed the giant tri-motor plane was flying north at a very low altitude into the storm, and that visibility became so poor, Pilot Basil Russel was forced to turn back.

When Turn Made In doing so, it was explained, the craft lost altitude slightly and in banking about the left wing tip raked the ground, throwing the craft on its nose. Welch, and other witnesses, said that all three propellers of the plane were found "curled up" showing that all three motors of the motors had been running at least at cruising speed.

Lamar Nelson, pilot of a Western Air Express tri-motor plane, which followed the ill-fated one into the squall, and then turned back to San Diego, was the only witness outside of company employees who was called to testify. He described his own narrow escape from the hazardous flying conditions, which he said included a very low ceiling and heavy rain over an area extending twenty miles south of the traffic spot.

Flash Seen When Airplane Crashes Nelson said he had been cruising in circles over Oceanside when the Maddux plane passed him. He followed about five minutes, he said, watching to see if it would find a way through the rain squall. The flier testified that he was about 150 feet up, and that he could see automobile lights on the coast highway for a distance of half a mile despite the rain.

"When I saw the flash," Nelson stated, "I thought at one that it was the plane crashing, and I knew it was no place for me."

The Western Air Express pilot said he was about a mile from the flash of the exploding gas tank when he banked about, turned back by the black wall of the rain squall ahead and the "ever lowering ceiling."

Conditions Not Told In Weather Report Nelson, answering questions put by D. W. Tomlinson, chief of the bureau of inquiry, testified that weather reports he obtained before leaving Agua Caliente contained nothing indicating rain squalls en route. He also testified that the flying ceiling dropped very rapidly in little over an hour, it being but 300 or 400 feet at Oceanside. The flier declared that the ground slope was visible to him at all times, but that it was possible the Maddux plane, heading into the edge of the squall, had been caught in a sudden downpour that blinded the pilot's vision.

Three T. A. T. Maddux weather station men testified to the flying conditions, in which all agreed that data as late as 5 p. m., Sunday did not indicate any unfavorable flying weather, although they showed the need of caution. All three testified to the existence of Pilot Russell's knowledge of standing and explicit orders to pilots to turn back when conditions appear at all dangerous.

Southbound Pilot Finds Route Safe Russell Reed, pilot of a southbound plane which landed at a Mexican race resort just before the ill-fated ship left there, testified that he gave a verbal report to Pilot Russell of conditions on the route. Reed also declared there were no conditions to be considered dangerous and that "in my mind it was safe to start north."

The board of directors, Tomlinson announced, probably would make public a statement later based upon the inquiry findings. He added that the findings would be reported to the directors substantially as given at this morning's company inquiry.

The San Diego county coroner's jury, convened at Oceanside to view the bodies of the sixteen victims, released them to relatives for burial.

Cherry Growers Plan Meeting in Salem Saturday

Every cherry grower in the Willamette valley, whether he is a member of an organization or not, is urged to attend a meeting of growers to be held Saturday at the chamber of commerce here at 1:30 o'clock, according to a general invitation, is issued Tuesday by Max Gehlar and J. C. Hogg, president and secretary respectively, of the Cherry Growers' association.

Chief among the items to be discussed is that of a tariff on cherries. Other topics include the current news of affairs in the fruit world as far as cherry growers are concerned. Invitations through the press and by special letter are going to cherry men throughout the valley.

COURT ACTION THREATENED BY PRISONER'S HUSBAND



Mrs. Sue Brown, whose baby was said born dead while in cell at Salinas jail. A sensation was caused by a nurse's statement at Salinas, California, that baby was not born in hospital as was first reported and Arthur Brown, husband of woman serving liquor charge sentence, who threatens court action in case.

ARMAMENT OF WORLD SCORED

Private Conversations Between Delegates to Be Staged Today

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Before him was a silver microphone, which caught up his words and sent them resounding round the world on the waves of an international radio hookup. To his right and to his left, at a table shaped like a horseshoe, stood the delegates of the five great naval powers of the world, listening gravely to his message. Members and former members of British cabinets, ambassadors and naval experts, and row upon row of newspapermen, were grouped about them.

Naval Battle Shown In Nearby Fresco By a striking coincidence, his majesty's throne was placed below a huge fresco of the battle of Trafalgar, showing Nelson dying upon the decks of the "Victory."

Everyone present rose as his majesty entered the hall and remained standing during the six minutes that he took to deliver his speech. As soon as he had finished he left the royal gallery, and then Secretary of State Stimson formally moved the appointment of Prime Minister MacDonald as chairman of the conference. This was seconded by Premier Tardieu of France.

With the plenary session formally opened and the Prime Minister in the chair, the heads of each of the delegations rose and briefly spoke of the hopes the conference had roused among all the peoples of the world. Armaments Heavy Burden MacDonald declared that every country, rich or poor alike was stricken by the burden of armaments. He pleaded that international agreements must be subject to periodical revision in order to meet changing conditions. If Britain could make a contribution to the cause of disarmament, it must be her navy, and it was to make such a contribution that she had begun conversations with the United States.

Secretary Stimson, following Mr. MacDonald, spoke in the same spirit, holding that the goal of disarmament could only be reached by successive stages with frequent revisions.

Premier Tardieu of France, after declaring that "success in this

limited enterprise would make possible success in our whole effort toward disarmament," pointed out that "failure would mean that we would be burdened with a limitless mortgage."

Former Premier Wakatsuki of Japan and Foreign Minister Grandi of Italy brought the earnest support of their countries to the cause of disarmament. Then after Prime Minister MacDonald had announced that the conference would reassemble on Thursday "in committee" at St. James' palace, the assembly rose and streamed out of the royal gallery into the thickness of a traditional London fog. As they went away the statue of Cromwell, a Bible in his left hand and a drawn sword in his right, stood like a ghostly and symbolic figure in the front of the hall of William Rufus.

BLOCKADES CAUSED BY WIND FROM EAST

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 21.—(AP)—A heavy wind, blowing from the east, swept snow on roads east and west of here tonight, causing several blockades and marooning scores of automobiles. Clay S. Morse, county commissioner reported.

Virtually all traffic was halted on the Mount Hood Loop road at Orient, where 20 automobiles were marooned in huge drifts. Owners of the cars either walked to Gresham or were cared for at nearby farm houses.

Similar conditions prevailed on Base Line road, 13 miles east of this city, where between 15 and 20 automobiles were stuck in drifts. Reports from other districts carried similar information.

Legion Post and Auxiliary Stage Joint Gathering SILVERTON, Jan. 22.—(Special)—Delbert Reeves post, American Legion, and the Legion auxiliary held a joint banquet Monday night in honor of State Commander Sidney George and State Adjutant Carl Moser of Portland and for the members of the cast of "Madcap Queen," a play which was presented here several weeks ago.

George addressed the organization along Americanization lines, and Moser, who grew up in Silvertown and was prominent in high school activities here a few years back and also local Legion circles, reminisced mostly upon old times in Silvertown.

20TH CENTURY JEAN VALJEAN



Charles Young, pictured with his wife and children, aged 48, escaped from an Auburn prison camp in New York State on March 9, 1928. After nine years spent in earning an honest living, during which time he has married and had four children, Young has fallen into the hands of New York authorities at Philadelphia and will be taken back to prison to serve the remaining year and a half of his three-year sentence. The identification of the escaped prisoner followed his arrest because of alleged stolen goods found in his possession.

The Call Board ..

By OLIVE M. DOAK

FOX ELKSNORE
South High between State and Ferry
Today—Ziegfeld's "Glorifying the American Girl."
Tonight—Lucky Star.
with Janet Gaynor.
GRAND
Today—"The Mysterious Dr. Fu Manchu."
Thursday—"Half Marriage." Frazier players.
Saturday—"The Cocoanuts," one day only. Singer's musical comedy, "Oh, Doctor!"
HOLLYWOOD
North Capitol St. in North Salem
Today—"Do Your Duty."
Manhattan players in "Her Sisters Husband."
Friday—"Mamas," the giant gorilla of the jungle.

Ken Maynard is one of the popular local theatre stars who got his start in an interesting place known as "poverty row" which existed in Hollywood when that little place was getting on its feet. Poverty row was the vacant lot where the barns stood which were the proud studios of the early days. At that time the elaborate arrangements and long rehearsals with the detail work now placed upon productions was unheard of privately I think that the studios have a good long way yet to go in the care of detail and finish for pictures. But the progress made since the days when Ken Maynard started in "poverty row" and today when he finishes his pictures after several months work is amazing.

Ken Maynard really goes to many of the spots that are scenes in his pictures and there makes real and genuine scenes. But unlike many of the other folk who started through this same medium—Gary Cooper, Evelyn Brent, Fay Wray, and even Betty Compson, who had their time on "poverty row" and from what he has stayed with the western pictures and is now quite easily "king of the western pictures."

Tonight will be the first appearance this week for the Manhattan players at the Hollywood. This will be a comedy, "Her Sister's Husband," and from what can be gathered it promises to be a real comedy night at the Hollywood for Charles Murray is beginning the first run of "Do Your Duty" as a screen feature. There is no doubt but this picture will be funny—and it has its serious moments, too.

I took a glimpse of "Glorifying the American Girl," which started its first run in Salem at the Fox Elksnores Tuesday. If it is of interest to you I am going back. It is rather a queer production. It has a plot which other reviews have not had. With all the dressing up that the review effect gives it one gets the result of a very good, well made, but rather plain cake having been frosted over with an elaborate frosting. It is an all talking picture. It has technicolor in spots, and it has a plot which will make you want to "know how it comes out." Mary Eaton does some very good dancing and her show work is beautiful, but her acting did not impress me.

Too Late To Classify

WANTED—To hear from parties who saw or know of missing person in New York State on March 9, 1928. Address No. 679, State Street.

GRAND THEATRE
LAST TIMES TODAY
"The Mysterious DR. FU MANCHU"
The Orient—Mystery—Thrills—Intense Drama
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COMEDY—NEWS
Matinees, 2-5, 15c-25c
Evenings, 7-11, 25c-35c
Kiddies a Dime Anytime
SALEM'S FINEST SOUND

TEACHERS SUPPORT MOST OF CHANGES

Salem high school teachers are on the whole, in accord with changes made in class schedules and procedure, results from a survey made the first of the week show. Teachers are least enthusiastic about the 10-minute roll period and the separation of boys and girls in the home room groups, with only six teachers voting the former a fine thing, and seven voting the separation a fine thing. Fourteen teachers said the roll period was too long, but would seem to favor it shortened. Three teachers said it was harmful, just as did three of the separation of boys and girls. Five were neutral on the roll matter and nine were neutral on the other.

Other matters on which the teachers were asked to express opinions and rank according to fine thing, good, neutral, poor or harmful, were: Mid-period bell, intelligence squad, separation by classes for home room and the attendance report system. All of these matters received a big majority of checks under headings fine thing and good, with a few neutrals.

These changes were inaugurated at the beginning of the school year by Principal Fred Wolf and Secondary Supervisor R. W. Tavenner.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN ADDRESSES KIWANIS

"I avoided all projects for becoming additionally rich," said Benjamin Franklin, resurrected from Revolutionary times to aid in the observance of Thrift week, when he addressed the Salem Kiwanis club at its luncheon here Tuesday.

"Poor Richard" listed the greatest enemies to thrift as four: High pressure salesmanship, attractive shop windows, bargain week and "a dollar down and a dollar a week through eternity." One of the greatest benefits of thrift is character building, said Franklin, as it teaches selection of the true values. Money is a sacred trust, for it is received in exchange for life. When a head of a family takes home his pay envelope and hands it to his wife, he should say: "Here is a week out of my life," the great man added.

"ELKSNORE" Today Thru Friday

Glorifying the American Girl
MADE PERSONAL BY SUPERSTARS FLORENCE ZIEGFELD
with MARY EATON EDDIE CANTOR MEGAN MORGAN RUBY VALLEE
Continuous 2-11 Daily
Singing Talking Dancing
CHARLIE CHASE In an All-Talking Comedy
"STEPPING OUT"
METROTONE SOUND NEWS

MERCURY GETS OVER FREEZING

Temperature Rises to 33 Degrees for First Time In Eleven Days

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weather would continue for at least two more days generally. The temperature here was consistently lower today than yesterday. The minimum, reached at 5 a. m., was 15 degrees above zero, and the maximum, at 2 p. m. was only 23.

Sunshine Brings Some Compensation Although the city was experiencing one of the coldest days of the unusually cold weather, Portlanders found some compensation. The sun shone continuously, taking some of the edge off the chill.

County road crews found some difficulty in keeping traffic moving, a high east wind drifting the snow over many of the north and south highways, although east and west roads were kept open without difficulty.

The city today called on the national guard for reinforcements in the war on King Winter, and the national guard responded with the loan of 35 artillery tractors. Four of the machines will be brought in from the Clackamas military depot tomorrow and the others will follow. City officials planned to attach snow scrapers to several of the tractors and use them merely to pack down the white blanket on other streets. Most of the downtown section has been cleared of snow. Cold Sets Record At Pendleton

Pendleton was visited by the coldest weather since December 1919 today when the mercury dropped to 26 degrees below zero. Dufur had a minimum of 21 below. The grade school and Union high school at Rainier, Ore., were both closed today and will not be opened again until the weather moderates. Scappoose schools also were closed.

Eugene reported a minimum of 6 above, the lowest since 1924. Corvallis experienced a minimum of 4 above and La Grande's official thermometer sank to the 20 below mark. Meacham's low was 42 below; North Powder, 38 below; Elgin, 36 below; Enterprise, 35 below; Astor, 22 below, and Salem, 5 below.

JAPAN'S EMPEROR FIRES LAWMAKERS

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466 seats in the house of representatives, Hamaguchi's Minseitō party held 174, while the Seiyunkai, chief opposition party, held 239.

Large Gain In Lower House Is Expected By appealing to the nation in the election of February 20, Premier Hamaguchi is confident that the Minseitō party will gain at least 234 seats in the lower house, sufficient to give his government a majority. Besides controlling much of the governmental machinery, the Minseitō party hopes to profit by the unpopularity of the Seiyunkai party's regime under General Tanaka, who held office

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ALL TALKING PICTURE
THE PLACE
The GIRL from HAVANA
SUNDAY BRINGS
FLIGHT

two years as premier. Thirteen million male subjects who have reached the age of 25 will be eligible to vote for members of the house of representatives, but they will have no votes for house of peers members, nor for executive or judicial officials. The new diet must be convened, within five months of today's dissolution.

Huge Slush Funds Used by Candidates To obtain election to the lower house, many candidates have spent more than 100,000 yen (about \$50,000). This is common knowledge, notwithstanding the limit of expenditure is officially set between 15,000 and 25,000 yen for each candidate.

Labor parties, which held seven seats in the diet just ended, are expected by conservative observers to obtain at least 20 memberships.

WASHINGTON TOWN ENTIRELY ISOLATED

LONGVIEW, Wash., Jan. 21.—(AP)—Completely marooned from the outside world since Saturday, Chathamet, a small town on the north bank of the Columbia river in Wahkiakum county, Wash., faces a shortage of supplies unless steamers are able to break through the river ice, it was learned here tonight. The river steamer Wasco made a special trip to Chathamet Saturday but since then no boats have been able to negotiate the ice packed river. The only news of the outside world received there has been by radio or telephone as no mail has been delivered since Thursday, when the mail launch made its last regular trip. Efforts are being made to open highways leading to Chathamet but deep snow drifts between the town and the marooned town have seriously impeded progress of snow plows.

Mrs. Benson Is Taken Suddenly Early Tuesday

SILVERTON, Jan. 21.—(Special)—Mrs. August Marie Benson, wife of John Benson, died suddenly early this morning at the family home a short distance out from Silvertown. Mrs. Benson was starting the morning fire and collapsed over the stove. She was rushed to bed but died almost immediately.

Besides her widower, two daughters survive: Elsie of Silvertown and Martha, who is employed in Portland. Funeral arrangements were being held up pending arrival of Martha from Portland. Remains are at the Larson mortuary.

Mrs. Benson had resided here more than 30 years.

INQUEST PLANNED McMinnville, Ore., Jan. 21.—(AP)—Glen Macy, county coroner, tonight announced he will conduct an inquest into the death Saturday of Bert Rogers, 55, who died after taking headache pills.

HOLLYWOOD Home of 25c Talks TODAY and THURSDAY

On the Screen
"Do Your Duty"
Starring CHARLIE MURRAY
A Thousand Laughs
A Thousand Tears
A Hundred Different Thrills
Also Talking Comedy
and ON THE STAGE
Manhattan Players
Present "Her Sister's Husband," a Comedy Drama in Three Acts
Prelviews Wed. and Thurs. Adults 25c, Children 15c

EXPENDITURES CLOSELY EYED

Tariff Campaign May Be Violation of Corrupt Practices Act, Claim

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—(AP)—Disclosures today before the senate lobby committee of the expenditure of \$40,000 by the American Tariff league to advocate a protective tariff policy during the 1928 presidential campaign were regarded by Senator Walsh, democrat, Montana, as indicating a possible violation of the corrupt practices act.

After looking up the law, Senator Walsh said tonight that the failure of the league to report this expenditure "looks to me as though it had plainly violated the law."

Both Chairman Caraway and Senator Walsh said an early report of this would be made to the senate for such action as it desires to take. They recalled W. W. Barbour, treasurer of the league, for questioning again tomorrow.

The committee also learned today that the league had paid Edward N. Glasgow, tariff expert who worked with the republican members of the senate finance committee, and Clayton Moore, clerk of the house ways and means committee, for articles written by them for a magazine published by the league. However, Senator Walsh said he did not find that they had violated a statute. Glasgow received payments of \$1,541 and Moore \$1,866 over a period of five years, records of the league showed.

The corrupt practice act required that all political organizations make a report of their expenditures in political campaigns. Senator Walsh said he was interested to know whether the American Tariff league comes under the terms of the statute, and was inclined to believe that it does.

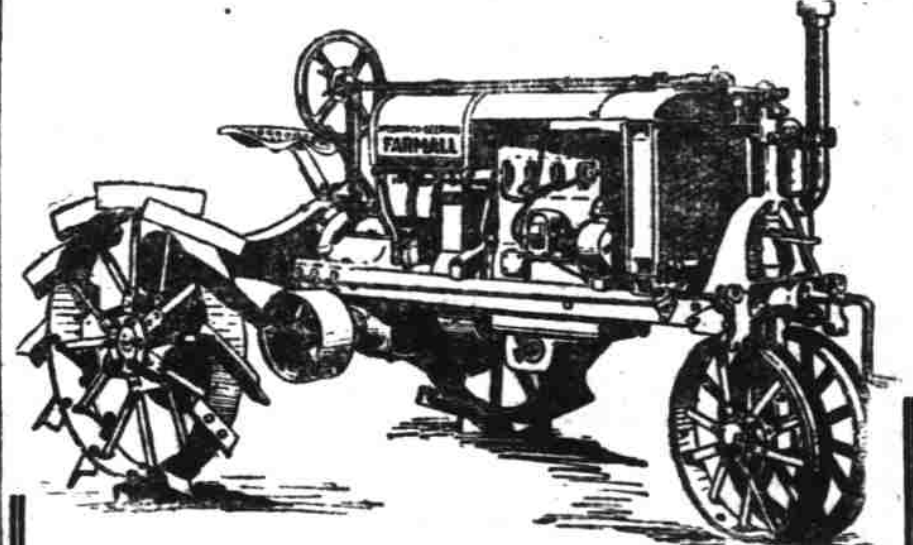
Between verbal clashes with Chairman Caraway and other members of the committee, Barbour testified that a "hook-up" had been arranged with Dr. Hubert Work, at that time chairman of the republican national committee whereby the two organizations would work together in promoting their tariff policies. He said it was decided later, however, not to work with the republican national committee because contributions to the league came principally from corporations and if the money was used in conjunction with the republican organization "it might be misunderstood."

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