

FIVE PERSONS ARE KILLED IN PLANE SMASH

Pilot and Four Passengers Lose Lives as Machine Takes Nosedive

Explosion Follows Shortly After Fall to Earth; Cause Mystery

KANSAS CITY, Kan., Jan. 27 (AP)—Four passengers and a pilot crashed to death in a monoplane of the Central Air Lines, a subsidiary of the Universal Aircraft corporation, bound from Wichita, Kans., to Kansas City, near the Fairfax airport here late today.

The five passenger Travelair plane, second section of the regular 3 p. m. flight out of Wichita, dipped suddenly into a nose dive at a low altitude and plunged into the dense undergrowth, bursting into flames in plain view of spectators and airport workers.

The dead: Dyke Lamerzman of Kansas City, Kan., pilot; Margaret Dice, St. Joseph, Mo.; C. Roy McKinnon, St. Louis; William Flynn of Kansas City; James Eggers, 54, Chicago.

Plane Half Hour Behind Schedule

Five passengers and Pilot Lamerzman left Wichita at 3:30 p. m. a half hour behind schedule. A man who booked passage as "Mr. Haffner" left the plane at Topeka. C. K. Ettinger of Wichita who had registered for passage did not make the trip.

The ill-fated plane arrived over the airport and circled according to regulations at 5:25 p. m. and then suddenly crashed to the earth, exploding soon afterward.

Field attendants rushed out with fire extinguishers but were unable to battle the flames because of the low altitude.

All of the occupants were believed to have died instantly, as the result of the impact.

The first section, with its pilot and four passengers, landed safely at the field just before its sister ship crashed.

E. L. Sloviter, manager of the Universal Aircraft corporation, was unable to explain the accident. He said the plane appeared under control as it circled the airport.

Youngsters Turn On Hydrant When Snow Is Cleared

War Starts to Determine Whether Lincoln and Superior Streets Shall Be Used for More Coasting; Mercury Rises Anyway

THE war is on! The opposing forces of unromantic maturity and the kids who want to have their winter sports prolonged, clashed Monday and the kids won, temporarily at least.

For some reason, not possible of determination, at a late hour Monday night when the matter came forcibly to public attention, the streets department earlier that day had cleared the snow from Lincoln and Superior streets, favorite coasting courses of the young people.

Indignant at this abridgment of their good times, some youngsters whose identity was not learned—fortunately for them—opened a fire hydrant at the top of Superior hill and let the water cascade down the middle of the street.

King Boreas was rapidly completing the remainder of the job necessary to make this hill a good coasting thoroughfare once more.

Meanwhile the police were called to the scene, but the boys who had turned on the water had already departed, employees of the water company had turned off the water, and nothing remained to be done.

Members of the street committee of the city council could not be reached Monday night to be interviewed on the reasons for clearing these particular streets.

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BANDITS WILL BE SENTENCED IN COURT HERE

Two Confessed Safe Rob- bers to Be Taken Before Judge Tomorrow

Burglars Hasten to Enter Admissions of Guilt to Justice of Peace

John Hoffee and James West, confessed safe burglars who were caught while attempting to rob the safe of the Chery City Milling company here Saturday morning, will probably be brought before Judge Percy Kelly in circuit court Wednesday morning for sentence. Monday the two men pleaded guilty to the charge of burglary with explosives when they were brought into justice court. Hearing was waived and bail was set at \$2,500 each. In lieu of bail the two men were sent to the county jail awaiting sentence from Judge Kelly who is scheduled to be here tomorrow.

Remaining Member Of Trio Not Taken

Hoffee and West are two of a trio of bandits who were surprised while attempting to blow the safe in the office of the milling company on Trade street. The third man, Fred Webber, was not caught and has not yet been found. It was thought that he had fallen through the ice on Pringle creek and drowned, being swept out of sight under the ice. Tracks leading toward a hole in the ice in the middle of the creek were discovered Saturday and it was thought that they might have been those of the third burglar.

The two men made complete confessions of the burglary attempt when they were in Judge Small's court Monday.

Keenan Given Job On Parole Board Succeeding Tully

Rev. Thomas V. Keenan of Salem yesterday was appointed by Governor Norblad a member of the state parole board to succeed the Rev. Norman K. Tully, who resigned recently. Father Keenan is a native of Oregon. Following completion of his theological course he was assigned to St. Joseph's Parish as assistant pastor. In 1924 he founded St. Vincent de Paul church and parochial school in North Salem, and has since acted as its pastor. For the past seven years Father Keenan has served as Catholic chaplain of the state penitentiary and the state training school for boys.

PLOT AGAINST RUBIO NIPPED BY MEXICANS

Chief of Police at National Capital Bares Details Of Careful Plan

Nineteen Persons Arrested; Confessions Obtained From Several

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 27.—(AP)—An alleged plot by adherents of Jose Vasconcelos, defeated candidate for the Mexican presidency, to assassinate Pascual Ortiz Rubio, blow up several public buildings in Mexico City and seize the administration in the confusion was bared tonight by Chief of Police Valente Quintana.

The chief of police said the plot had been frustrated with arrest several days ago of 19 persons, two of whom had been released. Others he said had confessed.

In July 1923 General Alvaro Obregon was assassinated within two weeks of his election to the presidency. Senator Ortiz Rubio, within a few days after his election, November 17th last made an extensive visit to the United States, from which he only recently returned.

The board was directed, therefore, it announced, to make a survey of valuations for assessment purposes.

The resolution was based on an opinion by Roy Massena, attorney for the board. Authority for the survey is provided by statute, the board said. City and county officials hesitated to comment until they had learned more of the plan, but all predicted that the action, if held valid, would add indefinitely to the 20 month delay in collecting taxes.

"The board of review believes that this is necessary in view of the many statements that have been made publicly and privately regarding the valuations placed upon loop property for taxation purposes," a statement issued by the board said. "The board believes, however, that this plan should be consummated by sending the methods of valuation upon men who are thoroughly familiar and widely experienced as to real estate valuations in the loop and in other parts of Chicago and Cook county and that its plan will tend to bring about a conclusion that will do justice not only to the loop but to taxpayers throughout the country."

The board promised that the work would be done as speedily as it would be possible intelligently to do.

Silas Strawn, chairman of the "citizens' rescue committee" was in Washington on other business.

He'll Represent U. S. in Denmark



Ralph H. Booth, of Detroit, well-known Michigan publisher, was nominated by President Hoover to be the new Minister to Denmark. While Booth's home is in Groesse Pointe, Mich., he maintains his offices in Detroit.

Men Seek Bodies Of Aviators

Searchers Dig in Snow for Carl Eielson and Borland

Two Pilots Leave Tel- ler for Siberia to Get Corpses

TELLER, Alaska, Jan. 27.—(AP)—Pilots Pat Reid and Ed Young hopped off today from here for Siberia to bring back the bodies of Carl Ben Eielson, famous arctic aviator-explorer, and his young comrade, Earl Borland. The sun was shining brightly as they left on their 400-mile flight to the wild Siberian country where a group of searchers were digging in snow and ice packed tightly during the past two months and a half over the wreck of Eielson's plane.

With visibility of more than 1,000 feet, the two big Fairchild planes brought to Alaska more than a month ago, in the hope that they might carry Eielson and Borland out of Siberia alive left with instructions to stay on Siberian soil until "everything is cleared up."

Many Details Are Yet to Be Performed

Alfred Lomen, manager of the aviation corporation's rescue expedition, said this meant searching the bodies of the two missing aviators, bringing back valuable furs and possibly passengers from the icebound trading ship Nanuk at North Cape, and returning gasoline supplies to Russians borrowing the ship. Eielson and Borland have been searching for Eielson. Eielson and Borland were flying to the Nanuk, soon after the ship was frozen in, to take furs and passengers back to Alaska when they disappeared after leaving here November 9. An international search, in which Russia, United States and Canada have participated, culminated Saturday in the finding of wreckage of the plane buried in snow about (Turn to Page 2, Please.)

CLIFTON M. IRWIN GIVEN PROMOTION

Local Man Made Lieutenant Colonel Commanding Ar- tillery Regiment

Announcement of promotion of Major Clifton M. Irwin of Salem, to the rank of lieutenant colonel with assignment to command of the 249th coast artillery was contained in orders published yesterday by Major General George A. White, commanding the 41st division.

This order brings headquarters of the Oregon coast artillery regiment to Salem. Other units of the regiment in this state are located at Albany, Junction City, Marshfield, Cottage Grove, Ashland and Klamath Falls.

Lieutenant Colonel Irwin is a veteran of the World War, in which he served in France as an officer. He has been identified with the Oregon national guard for the past 10 years. His promotion to the rank of major was announced only a few months ago.

The lieutenant commander will maintain headquarters for the regiment in the armory here.

CHANGE OF ZONE IS THOUGHT PROBABLE

Planning Commission Takes Up Problem at Meeting Monday Night

Approval of the requested change of zone for property in the vicinity of Church street and Highland avenue, where there is a small business district, was discussed by the city planning and zoning commission Monday night, although the petition was returned to the city council with a recommendation that some changes be made in it.

The commission suggested that the change from some one residential, to zone three, business district, include the eight lots nearest to the Church and Highland intersection, two lots on each corner; and that just north of this property a strip be added to the zone two area beyond, so that there would be an isolated bit of zone one left there.

The change is desired in order that the cleaning and pressing establishment there may be altered and enlarged. Businesses in this district were built up before the zoning was put into effect. Proprietors of an auto repair shop adjoining the cleaning plant had filed a remonstrance.

The commission voted unfavorably on a change to zone three desired for Saginaw street between Owen and Miller, holding that it is a residence district even though a greenhouse is situated there. It was recommended that the person in whose behalf the petition was filed, attempt to work out his problem in some other way.

ASSESSMENTS SAID WRONG IN CHICAGO

New Survey Ordered at Once To Gain Basis of Levies In Loop District

CHICAGO, Jan. 27.—(AP)—A resolution was adopted by the board of review today holding that the assessment of property in Chicago's loop district had not been made on the proper basis.

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SKIRMISH WON BY FRENCH AT MEET

Technical Victory Conceded On Minor Point of Pro- cedure at London

By FRANK HAVILAND KING
Associated Press Staff Writer
LONDON, Jan. 27.—(AP)—France today gained a technical victory on a point of procedure for the formal agenda of the five power naval disarmament conference after meeting of the chief delegates at Number 10 Downing street.

What actually happened was that after nearly three hours of keen discussion, the delegates endeavored to settle part of their disagreement by invoking the alphabet, and under its auspices France, by precedence over Italy, was granted the right to propose discussion of the French plan for limitation of naval armaments by total tonnage instead of by categories of ships.

Italy Forced to Wait
On Ship Tonnage Issue

This is expected to produce a compromise on the global tonnage proposals satisfactory to all the powers. Meanwhile, Italy's desire to plunge into the question of maximum and minimum fleets for each country must wait.

Secretary of State Stimson admitted that today's meeting, which lasted far past the hour for (Turn to Page 2, Please.)

NO PLAN LAUNCHED FOR NEWS BUREAU

High School Principal Con- sidering Idea as Sug- gestion Made

Salem high school is making no definite plans for a publicity bureau through which news of the high school will pass before given to the press of the city, Principal Fred Wolf said last night.

Wolf said that he would be in favor of introducing such a plan in the Salem schools, and especially in the high school, if news is going to be misconstrued, but that so far as actual plans have gone toward making such a thing possible, there's nothing in sight.

Such a plan has been carried out in other schools, Wolf said, and added that he would be in favor of doing what other schools have done along this line. But, he reiterated, things have by no means come to the stage where the local high school is actually planning to introduce such a system.

REVISED CALENDAR SAID SURE TO COME

13 Month Arrangement Better, Portland Man Tells Chamber

It is almost certain that the 13 month calendar, with 28 days in each month and the days of the month always falling on the same week day, will be in use beginning January 1, 1933, members of the Salem chamber of commerce were told by Elmer Johnson of Portland, Oregon's best authority on the subject, at the Monday noon luncheon.

Far from being a visionary idea of a few individuals, the 13 month calendar is backed by the International chamber of commerce and most of the members of the Pan-American union, and is being considered seriously by the League of Nations.

The opening of 1933 has been selected as the time for the change, as January 1 that year falls on Sunday. The first day of each month will be on Sunday, and one disadvantage is that the 13th is always Friday, Mr. Johnson said.

There is one extra day in the year, and it will follow December (Turn to Page 2, Please.)

Glee Club Calls Off Portion of Scheduled Trip

Due to poor road conditions between here and Cloverdale and other coast cities included in the itinerary of the Willamette univer- sity glee club the group was unable to leave yesterday for its first performance at Cloverdale. It is planned to make the tour during the spring vacation, it was announced Monday.

In order to keep the appointments made at St. Helens and the Sunnyside church in Portland the club will appear there Friday, Saturday and Sunday, while Tillamook, Astoria, Cloverdale, and other coast towns probably keep their contracts for the glee club's appearance later in the year.

TRUCK AND AUTO IN SERIOUS COLLISION

BROOKS, Ore., Jan. 27.—(Spe- cial)—George Leslie, O. D. Ott, and Patrick McCafferty, all of this vicinity, were taken to the Salem general hospital late Sat- urday night following an auto ac- cident between the machine in which they were riding and a heavy truck.

The accident, which occurred about two miles north of the Fairgrounds on the Pacific highway, was caused by icy pavement. The lighter machine skidded into the truck on Reynolds bridge and the car and its occupants were thrown into the creek in about two feet of water.

Two of the men, Leslie and McCafferty, are still in the Salem general hospital here, a check Monday night revealed. McCafferty is suffering from an injured back while Leslie has a broken knee cap. Both were badly bruised. The third man, O. D. Ott, was released from the hospital Monday afternoon.

GRADUAL THAW IS BEST FOR ROADS

The present weather condi- tions, a gradual thaw each day with a slight freeze at night, are being received with pleasure by county road officials. Roadmaster Frank Johnson is not alarmed over flood conditions in the coun- ty if the thaw continues to be gradual, he stated Monday.

Little damage is expected on new grades, he said, and although some of the roads are expected to be somewhat "tender" gravel will be spread upon these sections as the snow is cleared away.

Work clearing the snow away from the various market roads was stopped Monday when Johnson called the big 60-horsepower caterpillar tractor in to the shops here from the Brooks district. All other snow-fighting outfits have been called in, Johnson said.

A complete shutdown of road work will be in effect this week with the exception of maintenance and drainage work. The county's seven maintenance graders are being prepared for work which is scheduled to start following a complete thaw.

Fraternities at W. S. C. Robbed of \$565 in Money

PULLMAN, Wash., Jan. 27.— (AP)—Four fraternity houses on the Washington State college campus were ransacked last night with a loss of \$565, it was reported to police today.

The Sigma Alpha Epsilon losses were named as \$300; Phi Delta Theta \$100, Beta Theta Pi \$100 and Sigma Chi \$65.

Three New Bright Spots For the Paper!

"Etiquette," terse questions and answers on important questions; "A Fact a Day," an illustrated account each day of some interesting bit of information; "Today's Problem," a mind-puzzler to fill idle moments, these are three new little features adding spice to your Statesman.

They appeared Sunday for the first time. Read them! They'll interest you and become daily claimants on your attention.

World's Future Being Worked Out Here



King George opened the London Naval Conference in the Royal Gallery of the House of Lords with a brief speech expressing the universal hope that the negotiations which the United States, Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan have now formally begun will advance mankind far along the road to international peace. (Pictured, left to right, J. Ramsay MacDonald, Premier of England, Royal Gallery in the House of Lords, King George V. (Lower) Secretary of State Henry L. Stimson, Premier Andre Tardieu of France, former Premier Hajiro Wakatsuki of Japan, and Foreign Minister Dino Grandi of Italy.

Boy Scouts Are Asked to Put on Program at Fair

An invitation has just been re- ceived by O. P. West, scout ex- ecutive, from the Hitt Fireworks company of Seattle, asking that local Boy Scouts give a 45-min- ute program at the state fair next fall. The company proposes to give a display of fireworks fol- lowing the scout program, and will also demonstrate some phase of scout activity in one of the fireworks stands.

West says Salem scouts will probably put on the program, and will also demonstrate some phase of scout activity in one of the fireworks stands.

Two Marriage Couples Apply For Licenses

With the arrival of warmer weather, two couples made their appearance at the county clerk's office Monday to apply for mar- riage licenses. No licenses had been issued for a period of five days.

Gunnar A. Person, 40, Marshfield, and Lela Gustafson, 20, Silverton, obtained the first permit earlier in the day. Both were natives of Sweden. L. L. Miller, route 1, Dallas, and Minnie B. Witherrite, Jefferson, were the second couple.

FRANCHISE GRANTED TO TELEPHONE FIRM

A petition for the franchise to construct and maintain a tele- phone line along the south side of market road No. 90, east of Li- berty, was granted by the county court Monday to the East Liberty Telephone company. The peti- tion, entered by P. J. Judd, pre- sident of the company, asked for the franchise to enable the com- pany to extend the present line an additional four tenths of a mile along market road No. 90.

The line number of the Liberty Telephone company is listed as the 108 line. At the present time there are eight parties on the line but the addition of the new line on the new franchise will add several new users, bringing the total number of family phones to 15.

Market road No. 90 extends east from a point on the Liberty-Rosedale highway near the community hall to the present line runs most of the way on the road now it was said, but development of the district has made necessary for the new service.

Oregon Briefs..

Traffic on Columbia Will Be Resumed Wednesday; Ambiti- ous Jail Breaker Doesn't Get Far After Escape Made

River Opened Again ASTORIA, Ore., Jan. 27.—(AP)—River steamer traffic on the Columbia between here and Portland, which has been at a virtual standstill for over a week, is expected to be resumed Wednesday officials of the Harkins Transportation company here said tonight. The company plans to run the Beaver from Portland and the Undine from Astoria Wednesday unless conditions become worse.

Prisoner Works in Vain LA GRANDE, Ore., Jan. 27.—(AP)—After spending Saturday and Sunday nights patiently awaiting his way from his cell, R. M. Baker, 27, in jail here on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses, climbed from his window and dropped into the arms of Sheriff Jesse Breshers.

Vancover, Portland Tie VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 27.—(AP)—The Vancouver Lions maintained their three point advantage at the top of the Pacific coast hockey league over the second place Portland team when the Lions and Buckaroos battled to a 1-1 tie in overtime here tonight. Each team scored in the third period. Five thousand fans witnessed the contest.

Robert Glenn Is Taken Suddenly

Robert Glenn, a resident of Sa- lem for many years, died sudden- ly Monday night at the home on Front street. Although he had been in ill health and subject to heart trouble for some time, he had not been seriously ill prior to death.

Glenn is survived by two sis- ters, Mrs. Jesse Lucas and Mrs. J. O. Stevenson, both of Salem, and a number of nephews and nieces in Peck and Marion coun- ties.

Evans May Run Portland, Ore., Jan. 27.— (AP)—Walter H. Evans, judge of the circuit court of Multnomah county, is being urged to enter the republican gubernatorial pri- maries. The judge today declared that while he has been urged to enter the race, he has not given the matter serious consideration since he has not "heard any loud and clamorous insistence that he be a candidate."

Shooting Scrape Fatal KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Jan. 27.—(AP)—Owen Miller, 21, died here today from gunshot wounds suffered Sunday in a gun duel with C. S. Pope, city mar- shal, at Bonanza, Ore., near here. A coroner's jury tonight exonerated Pope of blame.

Witnesses Testified Miller threatened to kill the marshal be- cause Pope had once arrested him on a charge of disturbing the peace. A gun fight ensued and Miller fell, mortally wounded.

Kias Causes Trouble PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 27.— (AP)—Martin Rekdahl, Portland policeman, was suspended for 15 days and W. B. Stram, another of- ficer, for five days by Mayor Bak- er today on charges of conduct unbecoming to an officer. The two officers were accused of mole- stating an office girl in a down town building here last week. Rekdahl was said to have kissed the girl against her will.

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