

WATER BONDS DECLARED LEGAL

EDGAR HURLEY HIS EMPLOYER SAYS BILLINGS

State Senator Now up for
Reelection is Named in
1913 Dynamite Case

Lifer Denies He Believes in
Government Overthrow;
Not a Communist

FOLSOM PRISON, Aug. 14.—(AP)—Warren E. Billings, Folsom prisoner, testifying before state supreme court justices here today, electrified the proceedings when he named Senator Edgar Hurley of Alameda county, as the man who hired him in 1913 to carry dynamite from San Francisco to Sacramento.

Billings was arrested in the capital city that year, convicted and sentenced to Folsom penitentiary for unlawfully transporting explosives. Until today he never revealed who employed him to carry the dynamite.

The convict named the state senator under questioning of Associate Justice John W. Preston. Senator Hurley is a candidate for reelection in the August 26 primaries.

Lobby at Folsom Made Courtroom
Billings was being questioned by members of the court, sitting as a commissioner for Governor C. C. Young, to determine what action should be taken on Billings' petition for reconsideration of his pardon appeal. Billings is serving a life sentence upon conviction for conspiracy in connection with the 1914 Portland parade bombing in San Francisco resulting in death to ten persons and injury to 40 others.

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'GOLD BRICKING' OF VETS DEcriED

BAKER, Ore., Aug. 14.—(AP)—Eight out of nine ex-service men who apply to the Oregon American Legion for assistance are not members of the organization and the time has come to shut the door to army "gold bricking," Sidney S. George, Oregon department commander said in an address at the opening of the state legion convention here today.

George said a stern policy in this matter would do much to bring former service men into the organization. He said, however, he was not recommending the legion to lessen its service to disabled veterans.

About 900 legionnaires are attending the convention.

No outstanding candidate has been mentioned so far as successor to George. Hillsboro presented a constitutional amendment to the convention providing posts shall nominate officers 30 days prior to the convention instead of from the floor as is now the practice. The amendment is to be voted on later.

Oregon Briefs

MENARY SENDS WIRE
PENDLETON, Ore., Aug. 14.—(AP)—United States Senator Charles McNary today telegraphed the federal tariff commission, Washington, D. C., urging the invocation of the flexible tariff act's provisions against corn.

Senator McNary believes increased corn duties would tend to increase the use of wheat as feed and would decrease the wheat surplus.

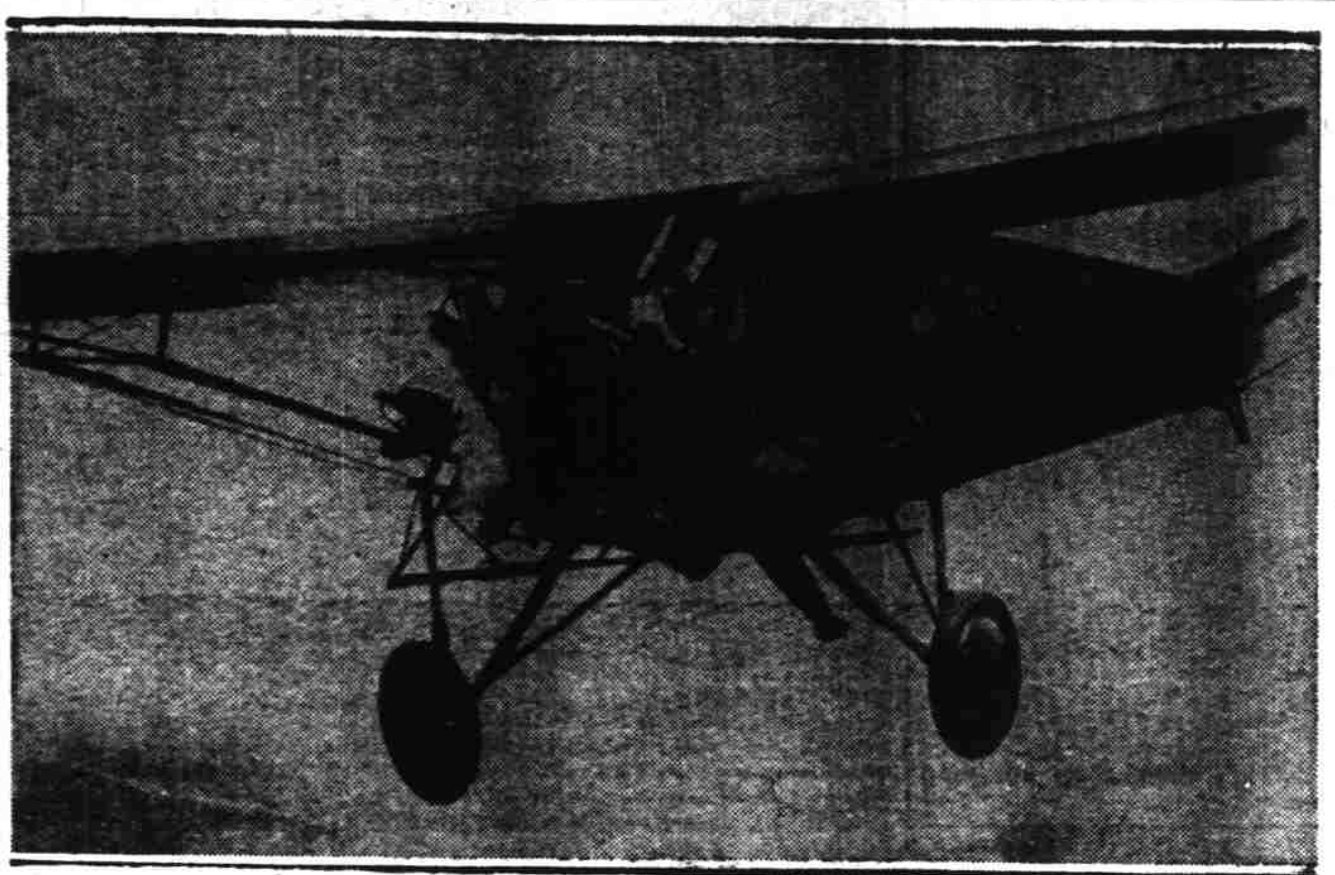
Senator McNary said he had received many complaints from eastern Oregon that Argentine corn can be purchased on the Pacific coast for about 30 cents a bushel less than domestic prices.

ACCIDENT UNUSUAL
OREGON CITY, Ore., Aug. 14.—(AP)—John Kenneth Ream, 10, was killed and Alva Nivalinski, 14, was injured seriously while watching a house being moved today.

Ream was sitting under the sweep to which the house was hitched when a singletree chain broke. The sweep was flung back and struck the lad in the head. Nivalinski was driving the horse.

DROPS FROM BRIDGE
LEBANON, Ore., Aug. 14.—(AP)—John C. Goddard, 35, employed as a painter on the Southern Pacific railroad bridge over the South Santiam river, fell from the top of the bridge and

Just Before Setting World Record



Telephoto from St. Louis, Mo., shows Forest O'Brine out on the catwalk of the "Greater St. Louis" adjusting the motor, shortly before the plane piloted by O'Brine and Dale Jackson set a new world endurance record. They were still "up" early this morning.

CHECK ON PETITION NAMES IS DELAYED

Total of 5100 is Too Few
To Beat Remonstrance
Kowitz Declares

Chris Kowitz, councilman, said yesterday that his committee to which was handed the petitions bearing the names of 5100 citizens who want Trade street vacated, was "too busy to check the names and the job is too large, for us, anyway."

Kowitz further explained that it would be useless to check the names until more are secured.

"I am informed that there are 500 pieces of property assessed on the rolls. While there are several pieces owned by one individual, on the other hand there are several individual tax payers owning one piece," Kowitz explained. "The assessor's office estimates that there are 10,500 taxpayers in Salem. The law requires the petition, to be compulsory in its application to street vacation, must contain two thirds of the names of the property holders in the city. Fifty-one hundred names does not approximate this requirement."

About 70 per cent Property Holders
Kowitz said that a desultory check of some of the lists revealed that only 70 per cent of the names checked were those of property holders. He said an abstracting firm had estimated the job of checking all the names was worth \$500.

While the Trade street vacation is scheduled to come up Monday night at the city council meeting no one seems to know just what course of action will be followed. Nine signers still have their names on the remonstrance and it is understood the city attorney feels this will block any

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Corn Protection Asked Oregon City Lad Killed Painter Falls, Drowns "Strange Power" Noted

was drowned today. Fellow workmen said they believed he struck a beam as he fell. The body was recovered.

Goddard was unmarried. His parents live in Michigan.

FUGITIVE KILLED
PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 14.—(AP)—Frank Sutton, about 44, Pacific coast police character, was wounded fatally early today by Patrolman Chase after Sutton had knocked Chase to the ground and attempted to escape.

CABIN HAUNTED
MEDFORD, Ore., Aug. 14.—(AP)—Stories of a strange power in a two room deserted prospector's cabin on Sardine creek have been told here by visitors to the cabin.

The visitors said they felt a strange pressure as of a giant hand and were unable to stand erect in either room.

Some believe the forces emanates from a hidden deposit of radium. Others assert the sensation is an illusion.

WOMAN INJURED
EUGENE, Ore., Aug. 14.—(AP)—Mrs. J. T. Hickey, Eugene, suffered a fractured skull when the automobile in which she was riding with her husband collided at a street intersection today with a machine driven by Roy Smith, Lebanon. Mr. Hickey suffered only minor injuries.

Golf Lesson Is Made Too Realistic; Girl Has Fractured Skull

EVERETT, Wash., Aug. 14.—(AP)—Miss Minnie Wade, 16, was taken to a hospital here today suffering from a fractured skull as a result of a freak golf accident.

Edging too closely to her partner, Ed Lehman, who was demonstrating how she might overcome a tendency to slice the ball, Miss Wade was struck by the club on the follow through.

Hospital attendants said the girl's condition was critical.

SPEEDY TRIP MADE BY AIRSHIP R-100

ON BOARD AIRSHIP R-100, Aug. 14.—(AP)—The British dirigible R-100 was sailing over the Atlantic today, bound for and giving every promise that she should make a record eastward crossing.

So fast was the speed, between 75 and 80 miles an hour, that those aboard believed it was possible for the largest airship in the world to reach her home port, Cardington, England, by midnight tomorrow British summer time (6 p.m. EST).

It was felt that the dirigible, which left its mooring west of Montreal at 8:36 p.m. E.S.T. yesterday, should reach Cardington by 3:25 a.m. E. S. T. Saturday at least, even if held up by winds.

Those aboard are enjoying the flight greatly. When the breakfast of hot and eggs with coffee was served this morning, quite in hotel fashion, hardly a movement of the ship could be felt. The only thing preventing absolute comfort was the fact that no smoking was permitted.

ITALY SUFFERS FROM NEW STORM ATTACK

NAPLES, Italy, Aug. 14.—(AP)—This city, just recovering from the error and casualties of the recent earthquake, fell victim today to a terrific storm which took the lives of four persons and inflicted many injuries.

Six of those injured were dying, 20 were in a serious condition and 50 suffered from lighter hurts.

The terrific wind swept the Pig-goreale market place, where 300 persons were engaged in their marketing, and tumbled the market stands on their heads. Several of those killed were struck down by the collapse of a wall near the Rome airplane works.

Tomorrow, which is the feast of the Assumption, Naples had intended celebrating a tedeum in thanksgiving for the city's comparatively slight damage by the earthquake which took a heavy toll from nearby villages and towns.

Sabotage Fire Causes Damage

PROVIDENCE, Ky., Aug. 14.—(AP)—Fire destroyed a sixty-foot tangle at the number 2 mine of the Providence Coal Co. today, with loss estimated at \$50,000. It was the highest property damage resulting from an act of sabotage since disorders began in Webster county July 1, when mines reopened after a three month shut down.

WELL DRILLED FOR PLANT IS SUCCESS

Enables Paper Board Firm
To Begin Operation
Immediately

A good flow of water was struck at the well of the Western Paper Board Products company at a depth of 233 feet. The well was tested yesterday and delivered all that the five horse power motor could draw through a three-inch pipe. The flow was estimated by R. A. West, who drilled the well at around 140 gallons per minute. A quantity of 110 gallons per minute delivered to tank at top of 50-foot tower was required for the plant's operations.

This water strike enables the company to go into production promptly. August 15th was the date set for beginning manufacture of its fiber board. The delay in striking water has held up operations, but now all is set to begin. The new digester has been set on its foundations.

Raw material will be obtained from the local paper mill and flax shives from the state flax plant. The product is a superior quality fiber board suitable for trunk board, book binders' board and other such uses.

The testing out of the plant will be made in a few days and following tests adjustments will be made for continuous production.

ENDURANCE FLIERS NEARING 600 HOURS

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 14.—(AP)—The endurance plane Greater St. Louis, whirled over Lambert-St. Louis field toward the 600-hour milestone of its record flight tonight.

Plane and pilots, Dale (Red) Jackson and Forest O'Brine, had made their home in the sky continuously for 585 hours, more than 24 days, at 4:11 p.m. (CST). They had put the previous record, that of the Hunter brothers, a day and a half behind them.

The champion sky-riding aviators gave no intimation that they would deter from their expressed determination to remain in the air for 1,000 hours, and the faithful motor of the ship showed no weakness.

The fliers spent much of today going through fan mail and messages of congratulations which continued to arrive. They took enough time, however, to wire their congratulations to Captain Frank Hawks, who yesterday set a new west-east transcontinental flight record.

City's Plan on Power Project Being Prepared

"I've nothing definite to report now," said William H. Trindle, city attorney, upon his return yesterday from a trip with J. O. Baer, engineer, into the Marion lake and North Santiam country. The men went there preliminary to filing for the city on water rights in the territory.

Trindle said plans were being formed for the city's interest in "which will be interesting." He indicated that as soon as some engineering and legal details were attended to he would have a public announcement ready.

RAIN IN MARYLAND
BALTIMORE, Aug. 14.—(AP)—Maryland got rain today, the first of any consequence in 49 days, but not enough to relieve the drought materially.

RELIEF COMES AS COOL WIND BANISHES HEAT

Change in Weather Abrupt
After 96 Degree Mark
Is Reached Again

Forecast for Today Cooler
With Rising Humidity;
Breeze Freshens

Hourly Temperatures		
	Wed.	Thurs.
9 a. m.	73	75
10 a. m.	78	81
11 a. m.	82	85
12 m.	87	88
1 p. m.	90	91
2 p. m.	92	93
3 p. m.	94	94
4 p. m.	92	95
5 p. m.	92	93
6 p. m.	91	90
7 p. m.	85	82
8 p. m.	75	74

Cool temperatures Thursday evening promised to bring an end to the record breaking temperatures of the week, after the mercury had reached a maximum of 96 degrees for the second time this week. The season's record of 96 was reached first on Monday.

After reaching the peak shortly before four o'clock Thursday afternoon the mercury began its descent, dropping about eight degrees an hour after five o'clock. Breezes from the north gave a refreshing tang to the air and gave one of the coolest nights of the week.

Forecast for Friday was slightly cooler with rising humidity and fog along the coast.

RELIEF IS DROUGHT CRISIS ORGANIZED

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14.—(AP)—The groundwork for a far-reaching drought relief organization made up of federal, state and county committees was agreed upon at the White House governors' conference today with its immediate aim the prevention of livestock losses, assistance to needy farm families, and protection of the public health.

The conference was attended by governors of ten states and representatives of three other commonwealths and lasted more than three hours.

At its conclusion President Hoover declared in a statement that while the extent of the damage could not yet be determined it was certain at least 25 counties in the drought area were "most acutely affected" and required some degree of aid.

Four principal methods of relief were agreed upon, namely, placing loans privately or where necessary with the assistance of state or national agencies; Red Cross assistance; employment, and reduced railway rates for food, feed and livestock.

BOMBING SUSPECTS TO FACE CHARGES

MURPHYSBORO, Ill., Aug. 14.—(AP)—Federal and state warrants charging conspiracy to destroy non-union mine property were sworn out late today against Paul Montgomery and James Malone, aviators and others in connection with the aerial bombing at Providence, Ky., Monday morning. Montgomery is from Murphysboro and Malone from Duquoin.

The federal warrants charge violation of the action of congress giving the department of commerce authority to regulate air traffic. These as well as the state warrants, were sworn out before Charles L. Porter, who is both a United States commissioner and a justice of the peace. The state warrants charge the conspiracy was concocted in Illinois.

The warrants were served immediately on Montgomery and Malone who are in jail here. Montgomery, who confessed he piloted the bombing plane, had been held pending extradition to Webster county, Kentucky, while Malone had been held for further investigation after he admitted he had unwittingly acted as a go-between in the bombing plot.

Evans Standing Pat on Removal Of Game Chief

EUGENE, Ore., Aug. 14.—(AP)—David B. Evans, Lane county member of the state game commission, has no intention of changing his stand in the controversy arising from the dismissal of Harold H. Clifford, state game warden.

"My scalp is right here," Evans said today when questioned about his attitude. "If the crowd backing Clifford and Clark can persuade the governor to lift my scalp they are welcome to it."

J. E. Cullison, Portland, and Wilford Allen, Grants Pass, also are said to have voted to oust Clifford.

Bartram's Pay Will Be Cut, States Kay; Ouster Talk Denied

Other Economies at Flax Plant Proposed, Now
Reported; Move on Foot to Deny New
Improvements Unless Needed

REPORTS current here for the past week that Colonel R. W. B. Bartram, in charge of the state flax plant, was to be released as soon as the flax crop is harvested and delivered at the penitentiary, were denied Thursday by Thomas B. Kay, state treasurer, and member of the state board of control.

LINEN MILL HEADS TO CONFER TODAY

Proposal of Consolidation
With Vancouver Firm
Not Liked Here

The board of the Oregon Linen mills will hold a meeting again today to consider the matter of the company's financial problems. The spinning department is reaming on orders from the state and the Miles plant. The directors have been giving study to the refinancing of the mill so it can continue operation, inadequate working capital and current debts threatening the future of the company.

A proposal emanating from Portland has been made that the Oregon mill and the Vancouver mill be recognized and merged into one company. The sponsors claim that with one consolidated enterprise new capital could be obtained in Portland to insure the success of the concern. Each plant would be appraised at its actual worth for a joint company.

The proposal may be considered by the board this afternoon, though it is known that some local interests have expressed opposition to the plan on the ground that consolidation is not feasible; and that the proper solution is for the Salem mill to refinance itself and carry on independently.

SPEED KING JOGS ON HIS VACATION

NEW YORK, Aug. 14.—(AP)—When a speed king goes on vacation he apparently likes just to jog along and take a look at the scenery.

Frank Hawks, who holds the airplane records for both eastward and westward transcontinental flight, is going to New Hampshire for a few days' rest and he's going to fly there in a plane that has a cruising speed of 110 miles an hour.

That might not seem like any snail's pace to the groundling, but Hawks' racer has done as much as 250 miles an hour with a puff of wind on its tail, and on the flight from California yesterday, which was completed in little more than one round of the clock, the average was about 215 miles an hour.

At least one Salem couple has been following closely the aviation career of Frank Hawks; Col. and Mrs. David E. Dow of the Fox Elisnore theatre.

Back in 1912 Hawks, as a youth of 19, teamed with the Dows in a vaudeville comedy skit, "Suppressing the Press," on a tour of the Pacific coast. Hawks was their "son" in the play, and still refers to them as "father" and "mother."

Col. Dow Thursday sent Hawks a telegram of congratulation, one of several he has sent to him in recent years. The local man says Hawks was "a fine young fellow" and deserved his success.

Arson Suspect Forfeits Bail At Oregon City

OREGON CITY, Ore., Aug. 14.—(AP)—Bruce Loos, indicted by the grand jury on a charge of arson in connection with the burning of the Pastime pool hall here July 25, failed to appear in court to answer to the charge today. His \$5000 bond was ordered forfeited and a bench warrant was issued for his arrest.

Glenn R. Jack, Loos' attorney, said he did not know where his client was.

Raffety's Service Ends, Successor Not Announced

T. A. Raffety, for the past 10 years chief of the state traffic department, Thursday became inactive insofar as the duties of the state traffic department is concerned, but will remain on the state payroll until October 1. Pending the expiration of this period Raffety will have the use of a state-owned automobile, and will be allowed his usual traveling expenses.

Captain G. Max Flannery, deputy chief of the traffic division, will serve as active chief until the new chief is appointed. This was announced in a statement issued by the secretary of state here Thursday.

Lieutenant Earl B. Houston, now stationed in the Salem district, will assist Captain Flannery. Flannery has been a member of the state traffic division since 1923, and for a number of years was in charge of the southern Oregon district. Houston has

Kay declared, however, that Bartram probably would not be retained at his present salary of \$500 a month. Until a few weeks ago Bartram was employed as manager of the Oregon Linen Mills, Inc., here at \$350 a month, and received \$150 from the state for part time work. When the mills closed Bartram was retained full time by the state at \$500 a month.

More Economies
At Plant Favored
Kay also intimated that some drastic changes in the operation of the state flax plant might be ordered by the board of control. It was said that another member of the board of control has joined with Kay in an effort to halt any improvements at the plant that are not necessary.

Reports indicated that after the peak of the flax season is passed, Bartram's salary will be reduced to a figure satisfactory to the board of control.

The appraisal by the engineering firm of Baer & Cunningham is coming along rapidly," Trindle said. "Within the next few weeks the totals will be available for the public. I will have some preliminary figures in my hands by August 20."

The charter amendment provides that the appraisal be made as of August 21, 1930.

HOPE OF RESCUING MINERS IS FADING

PRINCETON, B. C., Aug. 14.—(AP)—Hope was practically abandoned tonight for the safety of the 46 miners entombed by an explosion in the Blakely mine at Coalbrook for more than 24 hours.

The rescuers, themselves working heroically to reach their comrades, come out of the mine portal periodically for relief feeling like drunken or doped men, seeping with the deadly gas which prevails there.

The stark reality of tragedy which has probably wiped out 46 lives including the two whose bodies have already been recovered, has gathered upon the colliery town, and only faint gleams of hope remain in the breasts of wives, children, parents and sisters of the imprisoned men.

Two New Fires Near Oakridge

EUGENE, Or., Aug. 14.—(AP)—Two new fires were reported from the Oakridge area today, one at the head of Indian creek and the other near Moon lake. Ten men were sent to fight the Indian creek fire but no details were available as to the extent of the Moon lake fire.

Lawyers Deem Election Here Held Properly

Opinion Transmitted Orally
To City Attorney; Full
Text Will Follow

Decision to Have Bearing
Purchase Negotiations:
Appraisal Rushed

Salem's authorized \$1,200,000 bond issue for the purchase of the water system here is legal since the charter amendment for the bonds was prepared and passed in due form. Such is the opinion rendered Thursday by Teal, Winfree and Shuler, well-known Portland law firm whose ruling is accepted as authoritative.

The firm's opinion was given orally to City Attorney Trindle yesterday afternoon and by him transmitted to a called meeting of the utilities committee of the council last night.

A written opinion is being prepared.

Will Have Effect
On Negotiations
Several weeks ago representatives of the water company informed the council that the opinion of the Portland firm would be accepted as final unless the city and the company fell out in the matter of arriving at a sale price for the plant. In that event, water officials intimated the city charter amendment authorizing the bonds might be made a subject of litigation.

Trindle said yesterday he felt the opinion removed another obstacle to municipal acquisition of the water plant.

Kenneth Bloom, stationed in the Albany district, also is to leave the service at the request of Hoss. Bloom was in Salem a few days ago, but refused to make (Turn to page 10, col. 1)