

HERMIT WOMAN REMAINS ALOOF IN MODERN AGE

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Prohibition and Suffrage Unknown Problems to Mt. Angel Recluse

By SIDNEY JACKSON
MT. ANGEL, Oct. 23.—The tumult of the present political campaign in Oregon, the prohibition question, woman suffrage, and other problems of the day, do not bother Nellie Birkner, the little hermit woman of Butte creek.

In fact she has never heard of Julius Meier or Phil Metschan, and what is more she doesn't want to. In the seclusion of her tiny cottage, situated on a little flat above Butte creek she has lived since 1892. Following the death of her father, in 1909, she never set foot off her ranch for 16 years. Neighbors brought her the few supplies she needed.

Only lately her neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Biersack, has persuaded her to come up and see them. At first the little hermit was very shy, but now she comes every day, weather permitting, and listens to the radio. However, she has to go home early, so has missed the pleasure of hearing Amos and Andy.

First Auto Ride Two Years Ago
Two years ago the Biersacks took her on her first automobile trip, when they visited Scotts Mills.

Mrs. Birkner came west with her husband, brother and father in 1892, traveling overland from Utah by wagon. They homesteaded in Butte canyon.

Here the three wanderers made their home. Below them they could hear the muffled roar of Turn it page 6 col. 5

RAILROAD CAVE-IN IS FATAL TO TWO
STUBENVILLE, O., Oct. 23.—(AP)—Two men lost their lives and a third was injured seriously in the cave-in of a railroad tunnel that buried a Wheeling and Lake Erie freight train near Adena, 25 miles southwest of here.

The dead are E. E. Duga, 55, Dillonvale, and Jerry L. Sells, 40, a conductor. The injured trainman was Al Romano, 35, who suffered a crushed hip and a broken arm and leg.

Rescuers dug several hours in the debris before the men were removed. Sells' body, buried by dirt and stone, was the first recovered. Romano was saved by supporting timbers that separated him from the crumbling tunnel roof. Duga and Sells, caught under the heaviest part of the cave-in, apparently were killed instantly.

The victims were trapped in the train's caboose which was demolished when it was caught with freight cars about 300 feet from the east end of the tunnel. The cars were pulled from the tunnel by a locomotive.

Oregon Briefs
PAIR SUSPENDED
EUGENE, Ore., Oct. 23.—(AP)—Allan Spaulding, Medford, and Robert Steiner, Portland, today were suspended from the University of Oregon for one quarter, authorities announced.

The suspension order was based on alleged misconduct on the part of the two while in Portland last weekend. Spaulding is a sophomore, Steiner a freshman.

BEARS HUNGRY
CRATER LAKE NATIONAL PARK, Ore., Oct. 23.—(AP)—Establishment of a bread line here would be welcomed. Crater Lake national park bears, grown fat on bacon and other delicacies thrown to them by tourists during the summer, now are facing the problem of putting on as much weight as possible for their winter nap.

The bears know their meal hours. Workmen coming in from the park to Government hall for their meals soon discover a bear or two following them. By the time all the men are in at least a dozen bears have gathered in anticipation of any scraps that may fall their way.

TWO POLICIES HELD UP
PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 23.—(AP)—Mrs. Alice H. McCredie, wife of Judge W. W. McCredie, today received a check for \$60,000 in full payment of the largest insurance policy carried by the late Charles Y. Wigfall, who either killed himself or was fatally wounded in a mysterious shooting here August 22.

Lost two Days But Isn't Hurt



Meet Lawrence Sullivan, aged 3, who wandered in the Nevada mountains in freezing temperatures for two days, and nights, but suffered only from exhaustion and hunger. He had wandered away from his uncle's automobile.

DELAY OPPOSED IN GRAIN RATES CASE

General Move is Launched Throughout Northwest Against Rehearing

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 23.—(AP)—Washington, Oregon, Idaho and western Montana grain growers through their attorneys A. M. Geary, Portland, are opposing the attempt of the railroads to obtain reconsideration and further postponement of grain rate reductions ordered by the Interstate Commerce commission.

Geary has prepared a brief for the grain growers and has sent it to Washington. The growers, answering the railroads' assertion the Mountain-Pacific northwest was favored unduly in the rate order, contend grain movements in this section consists largely of low priced wheat transported at less cost than flour or coarse grain which predominates in other sections; that movements are over direct routes with fewer transit stops and less use of low outboard proportional rates than in other sections.

Delay Means Loss Of Capital, Claim
The brief does not "attempt to minimize the effect of the present financial depression on the wheat grower," but says that the strength of the depression means "not merely loss of earnings but loss of total capital investment."

Wheat is being held at shipping points and credit has been extended to growers on the strength of the commission's order, the brief says.

The reduced rates, under the commission's order, would become effective January 1, 1931. Parties to the brief include various grain and other farm organizations of the four states.

Too Enthusiastic; out Park Needs Bread Line
Wigfall Insurance Paid
Bags Buck With a bow

Two other policies, one for \$10,000 and one for \$5,000 remain unpaid because of their suicide clause. The manner in which Wigfall came to his death has not been determined. Judge McCredie, Wigfall's law partner, indicated today if the policies were not paid, the six months limit permitted by law suits for collection would be filed.

PROF IS ARCHER
CORVALLIS, Oct. 23.—(AP)—Professor E. G. Thompson, noted Oregon archer, has returned from the Rogue River country with a 150 four-point buck he shot with bow and arrow.

CONFESS ROBBERIES
KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Oct. 23.—(AP)—Jule Stine, J. H. Herr and Richard Mortier, arrested here today, confessed to a series of about 30 robberies in Klamath Falls and neighboring communities.

Search of the men's quarters revealed an assortment of guns, jewelry, purses, clothing, watches, phonographs, clothing, gasoline, children's banks, and ten sacks of cement.

WILL SEND ENVOY
KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Oct. 23.—(AP)—Klamath Indians, assembled in tribal council at Sprague river yesterday, decided to send a delegation to Washington, D. C., in the interest of the tribe.

The exact object of the delegation hopes to accomplish was not revealed.

WOMAN VICTIM OF ATTACK BY STRANGE MAN

Mrs. Storey Cannon hit on Mouth and Chin; Then Assailant Flees

Cripple Returns After he Had Begged Food at Home on Highway

Mrs. Storey Cannon, who lives on the highway two or three miles south of town, turned from the telephone yesterday afternoon when she heard her dog fussing. She had been telling a friend about a queer looking stranger who had asked for food at her home that morning.

As she turned, the stranger himself grabbed her by the arm, telling her "I'll learn you to make fun of a poor cripple like me." He hit her a glancing blow on the chin and mouth and struck her again on the back of the head, she told Deputy Sheriff Bert Smith who investigated at her call.

Her right arm bore bruises severe enough to show the imprint of the man's four fingers. The man entered the home as she was using the telephone.

Man Flees When Neighbor Comes
According to Mrs. Cannon she screamed, and when a neighbor woman was heard approaching the man got his nerve and fled down the highway. Deputy Sheriff Haskins and Mr. Cannon went in pursuit of him but did not locate him.

The same man, described as about 40 years old, weighing about 130 pounds, about 5 feet 10 inches tall, approached the Cannon home yesterday morning and asked for food. The lower part of his right eye was dropped or pulled away from his face, his left leg was lame and his teeth were black in front. He wore a dark suit and a sloppy hat.

A man answering about the same description was noticed on the down town streets the previous day by one of the deputy sheriffs.

HEAD CLAIMS IT'S PERSONAL MATTER

LINCOLN, Neb., Oct. 23.—(AP)—Walter B. Head, Chicago banker and official of the Nebraska Power company, today told Senator Gerald P. Nye, chairman of the senate campaign funds committee, that his opposition to Senator George W. Norris was a personal matter and that the power company was in no way involved.

Head's testimony was in answer to Senator Nye's charge that the "opposition to Senator Norris had been placed substantially on the power trust."

The banker who is chairman of the board of the power company, said he personally financed a pre-primary poll in Nebraska to test the strength of prospective opponents to Norris, because the incumbent senator had failed to support the republican candidate for president in 1928.

Norris defeated State Treasurer M. McRobbins for re-election in the August primary. The poll was not secret as has been indicated by testimony before the committee. Head declared, "I told at least 40 or 50 men in this state of the movement."

Smoking Stars To Remain off Football Team

CHAPEL HILL, N. C., Oct. 23.—(AP)—Despite a telegraphic plea signed by every member of the Tennessee football team except Gene McEver, injured half-back, Coach Chuck Collins of the University of North Carolina, today refused to reinstate Jim Magner and Al Cole, suspended players, in time for the Tarheel game in Knoxville Saturday.

Magner, North Carolina's highest scoring back, and Cole, sophomore end, were suspended for a week Monday for smoking cigars after the Georgia game. Collins left tonight with a squad of 31 men but Magner and Cole remained on the campus.

62 Million Eggs Are Taken From Oregon Streams

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 23.—(AP)—Hugh C. Mitchell, director of fish culture for the Oregon state fish commission, announced today that more than 62,000,000 eggs had been taken from spring and fall chinook salmon during the past year.

More than half of these eggs were produced from the William river and its tributaries. The remainder were taken from coast streams.

Definite Moves to Provide Jobs Made By Federal Agency

Overtime for Postal Workers Forbidden so Extra men may be Employed; Shipping Board and Army Engineers Change Policies

By CECIL B. DICKSON
WASHINGTON, Oct. 23.—(AP)—The federal government took concrete steps today to stem the tide of unemployment as the Hoover cabinet committee set up to handle the problem began functioning.

Coincident with a call from Col. Arthur Woods, the relief director, asking industry to cooperate, government departments announced plans to provide employment for a number of the 3,500,000 idle Americans. The postoffice department took steps to suspend overtime work to regular employes in order that substitutes may obtain employment. Orders to this effect will go forward tomorrow.

Plans of the shipping board to reduce its domestic force by 500 and its foreign personnel by 250 in its reorganization program have been abandoned to prevent an increase in the number of jobless.

Secretary Hurley moved to have the army engineers adopt the "stagger system" of employment on rivers and harbors work, particularly along the Mississippi river. He also is seeking cooperation of contractors to aid in increasing the number of jobs on certain projects.

Although Chairman Legge of the farm board noted that agency had no means of disposing of the wheat purchased in stabilization operations to aid the unemployed, he said in his response to questions that if Congress wished to pay for the wheat, the board would be glad to turn it over to the jobless.

INQUIRY ON BANKS WILL START SOON

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23.—(AP)—The senate's inquiry into the operation of banking systems will open November 15 under tentative plans announced today by Senator Glass, democrat, Virginia, the chairman of the investigating committee.

The hearings promise to give an insight into the operations of the stock exchanges where fluctuations in stock prices have created considerable interest both at the capitol and the White House but, the investigation itself is not aimed at the stock exchanges.

Pending conferences with the other committee members, Senator Glass is announcing no definite plans for the study other than to emphasize that it will be conducted into all phases of the national and federal reserve banking systems.

Senator Glass, a co-author of the federal reserve act, has always contended the act was intended to forbid the use of federal reserve funds in speculation.

BUDGET FOR CITY TO BE CONSIDERED

Appointment of the budget committee which with the council will formulate the city budget for 1931, will be made the next regular council meeting, November 3, Mark Poulsen, city recorder, announced Thursday.

Under the Salem charter each councilman appoints one citizen of Salem to serve with him on the budget group while the mayor appoints a member-at-large making 30 men on the budget organization.

Each chairman of a council committee submits an estimate of his department's needs for the coming year and these estimates are turned to the ways and means committee, headed by Ellis Purvine. This committee in turn reports a tentative budget to the general group of 30. Comparison of prospective expenses are made with the costs for the year just passed.

When the budget is completed, the council is called upon to vote for it or against it as the council alone can levy taxes.

Destroyers of Pacific Fleet Crash, Damaged

SAN DIEGO, Oct. 23.—(AP)—Colliding in the darkness and dense fog early today, the destroyers Claxton and Jacob Jones, attached to the destroyer squadrons, battle fleet, and based here, were damaged severely, and two members of the crew of the Claxton were injured to such an extent their removal to the naval hospital was necessary.

The Claxton has a gaping hole in her port side, just forward of the bridge, while the Jacob Jones bow was fouled up for a distance of several feet. No men on the latter vessel were reported hurt.

TURNING POINT FOR BUSINESS HELD REACHED

First Anniversary of Stock Crash Sees Optimism Creeping Back

NEW YORK, Oct. 23.—(AP)—A series of items of business optimism sang across the wires of the nation today—the first anniversary of the stock market crash.

They told of several thousand men being called back to full time jobs, of plants preparing to resume normal operations, and, in one instance of an increase in wages.

President Hoover's committee on unemployment began functioning in Washington and municipal agencies made definite movements for the relief of local conditions.

None would minimize the seriousness of the present situation, but there was an undercurrent of increased optimism in the day's news.

From Detroit came an announcement that the ten plants of the Fisher Body corporation outside Detroit would resume full time operation Monday. Between 6,000 and 7,000 men who have been working only three days a week will benefit. The plants are situated in every area of the country.

The Yellow Cab company of Turn to page 6 col. 3

GRIDDERS ASK PAY BUT DON'T GET IT

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23.—(AP)—A demand by six of the star players on the George Washington freshmen team that they be paid for their football services today resulted in their dismissal from the squad.

James M. Pixlee, director of athletics, said five of the players had gone in a group stating that unless the university reverted to its former practice of "pay or no play" group and he, too, was invited to leave the university. Meanwhile six other freshmen athletes were under investigation.

Dr. Cloyd Heck Marvin, president of George Washington, reiterated Pixlee's answer to the group came to him asking honorable dismissal. He said George Washington would rather have no football team than one where the players were receiving money to represent the institution. It had not been decided tonight whether Pixlee's answer would be "yes" or "no" late today they had withdrawn from the university.

Forewarned of the move, Pixlee sent out an answer they could leave immediately. Later another player joined the "pay or no play" group and he, too, was invited to leave the university. Meanwhile six other freshmen athletes were under investigation.

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MEDICAL RESEARCH STILL IN INFANCY

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Oct. 23.—(AP)—In the opinion of Dr. E. Starr Judd, president-elect of the American Medical Association, the golden age of medical discovery lies ahead.

The possibilities of the future, Dr. Judd said today, are fully as great as the accomplishments of the past. "We probably have just begun," he told the assembly of the Interstate Post Graduate Medical Association of North America. "We cannot tell what research holds just around the corner, but certainly, the belief so often expressed that medicine has gone as far as it can, is in error."

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Hittite Relics may Tell Man's History From Darkest Ages

Her Abductors Still at Large



ALMA MCKINLEY

SUSPECTS FREED IN KIDNAP CASE

Mrs. McKinley Says man in Carthage Jail Isn't Her Abductor

CARTHAGE, Mo., Oct. 23.—(AP)—Held 24 hours as suspects in the kidnaping of Mrs. Alma Wilson McKinley, Greenfield, Mo., her husband, William Prater and Mrs. Emory Hill today were released from custody.

Mrs. McKinley, ordered from her home October 13 and kept in hiding 21 hours by a lone abductor, came from Greenfield to view Prater.

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Town Wiped out, 100 Dead, Word

TAMPICO, Mexico, Oct. 23.—(AP)—The commander of the garrison at Alamo, state of Vera Cruz, reached the village of Chapopote Nunes tonight, and, communicating with military headquarters, said that as many as 100 persons may have died in floods there and that the town had been practically wiped out.

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Archeologists Burrow and Find Evidence of Stone Age

Strata Reveal Remains of Many Succeeding Civilizations

By PRISCILLA RING
ALISHAR, Turkey, Oct. 23.—(AP)—A gray stone-baked mound stands in the heart of the ancient land of the Hittites, Burrowing through it for five years, American archeologists have not a cross-section of the history of mankind as they dug for a solution of the Hittite mystery.

On this one mound, the Alishar buyak (buyak is Turkish for "artificial hill") a mound 2-300 feet long and 200 feet wide, situated 124 miles southeast of Ankara, the Oriental Institute of Chicago university has just completed its fifth season of excavation.

Producing the most important results of the expedition, Richard Martin of Chicago, and a German, Herr Reiffenmuller, who are all veteran pursuers of Hittite mysteries, saw the 1330 expedition produce the most important results of the Oriental Institute's five years in Anatolia.

Digging 81 feet below the citadel wall which crowns the Alishar mound, the expedition this year struck the dwelling place of a stone age man, exposing a relic of a settlement existing at least 10,000 years before the Christian era. Working down to this pre-Hittite level, the expedition has exposed one on top of the other, relics of ten distinctive periods of man's history.

Many Periods of History Revealed
Below the surface, which stood the remains of an American settlement abandoned some 80 years ago, were found in succession the Ottoman strata, the Seljuk, the Byzantine, the Roman, and the remains of the period comprising at once the Gallic invasions of Asia Minor, the Cappadocian kingdom and the Phrygian.

Downward, farther away and longer ago, come the strata of the new Hittite empire, and downward again, leaving the iron and coming to the bronze age, appear the remains of the great first Hittite empire, which rose to power in the second half of the third millennium B. C. and fell somewhere round 1800 B. C.

Piercing below this great treasure house for Hittite study, the American expedition passed the strata of men of the copper age, and so at last reached neolithic, exposing the wooden roof.

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OCTOBER RAINFALL GETS BIG ADDITION

A steady rain, which began Thursday morning, continued throughout the day to add 4.1 inches of rainfall by 6 p. m. to the less than one-inch precipitation heretofore in October. Yesterday's rain was the first here since October 17, when one-hundredth of an inch was recorded.

October of this year bids fair to exceed a year ago when only 1.17 inches was recorded for October. November, 1929, was one of the driest months ever recorded for the fall season, only .63 of an inch precipitation being recorded at Salem, December, 1929, came back "wet" with vengeance, 11.09 inches of rain falling during that month.

Stepmother Contesses Ground Glass Slaying

DENVER, Oct. 23.—(AP)—A 10-year-old Leona O'Loughlin went to her grave today, police continued the relentless trail of her stepmother, Mrs. Pearl O'Loughlin, for an elaboration of her statement in which Detective Captain Clark said the woman assumed responsibility for the child's murder.

Mrs. O'Loughlin's statement to Clark also caused the police to detain Frank O'Loughlin, her brother-in-law, for questioning. The five day interrogation of the woman was interrupted today by a court order from Judge James C. Starkweather which resolved the barrier of incommunicado which police established last Sunday when she was arrested.

Frank O'Loughlin was taken into custody as he was preparing to attend Leona's funeral. Detectives found him at the O'Loughlin home where he has been living. He was talking with Detective Leo O'Loughlin, father of the slain child, who also was fed ground