

Flares Sighted by Vessel Seeking Amelia

Holiday Death Toll Is 495

Thousands at Legion Fourth Program Here

Celebration Is Success; Patriotic Address by Dr. Baxter Heard

Hugh Murray of Toledo, 70, Best Fiddler in Old Time Contest

A crowd of approximately 10,000 persons filled the grandstand and overflowed onto the brightly lighted walks and midway at the fairgrounds last night as the American Legion brought its big Fourth of July show to a fitting and satisfying close in a blaze of fireworks.

From the time the first persons entered the grounds early in the morning, until the last waltz played by the orchestra at the midway carnival dance late last night, the celebration center of Salem was thronged with people who came to enjoy a few of the many events run off or to stay for the entire day.

An endless noise of firecrackers accompanied the patriotic exercises, auto races and the band concerts held during the morning and afternoon. The grandstand filled again and again to its capacity, twice for programs of speeches and music, once for the large racing card run off in the afternoon, and then once again after dusk for the big spectacle featuring the fireworks, the fiddlers' contest, the vaudeville and the band concert.

Spirit of 1776

Launched by Baxter

The spirit which dominated the young men who dared to defy King George III in the American Revolution, and the present-day challenges to that same spirit on the part of Americans, provided the theme for the Independence day address of Dr. Bruce Baxter, president of Willamette university, which highlighted the patriotic exercises in the morning.

Thomas Jefferson was 33 years old when he wrote the Declaration of Independence. Dr. Baxter pointed out, and most of the other men who threw off the yoke of England were young men while their elders constituted the Tory element in the colonies.

During the war, 494 Americans were killed, and only in the 39 years which followed, almost a like number were killed celebrating Independence day. Dr. Baxter declared, using these facts to point out the peace-time problems which are as grave as those of war. He cited the prevalence of crime, disease, dishonesty, ignorance and injustice as some of the things Americans are challenged to fight today.

Just preceding Dr. Baxter's talk Miss June Armstrong, a Willamette student, recited the Declaration of Independence from memory. Musical numbers on the program included selections by the Salem high school band and songs by the Erickson trio. Col. Carl Abrams was master of ceremonies.

Dr. J. F. Kosch of Bend, state representative, in an address sponsored by the Townsend Clubs of Salem, called attention to the huge preparations that are being made for the "next war" and deplored the cost of these warlike gestures which, he said, may result in a total breakdown of present-day civilization. He suggested that these sums might better be devoted to purposes of social security.

Toledo Man Wins

Fiddlers' Contest

At the night stadium show, an event which gained much applause and interest from the crowd was the old-time fiddlers' contest.

Hugh Murray, age 70, of Toledo, who says he has fiddled old-time tunes since he was a boy of 12 in Nova Scotia, took first honors among single contestants. Mr. Murray, with his energetic renditions and picturesque appearance, was the great favorite in a vote of audience applause. Ben Brissett of McMinnville placed second, while W. F. Cooper, Salem, was adjudged third. Mr. Murray also received a prize for having come from farthest away.

A youthful player from the Weidner family, aged 7, took prize money as the youngest fiddler, while Mr. O'Kelly of Independence, was adjudged the oldest player entered when he admitted to 86 years.

In the family old-time orchestra contest, the Pinsen family took first prize. The Pinsens recently came here from Payette, Idaho, to make their home. The Purvis family group, of Hayes (Turn to page 2, col. 7)

Eight-Year Record July 4 Set; Fireworks Claim Only Two Lives

289 Killed by Autos, 104 Persons Drown, Various Other Accidents Boost Total by 94; Cracks and Other Pyrotechnics Cause Many Injuries

FOUR hundred ninety-five persons died in America's two-day Fourth of July celebration—a record unequalled in the last eight years.

Not since 1931 had the number of fatalities exceeded 400. In that year the death toll reached 483. Traffic accidents took the highest toll, and only two of this year's deaths were directly attributed to fireworks. Forty-six states report 289 auto-accident deaths—81 more than were killed in highway accidents during the corresponding period last year.

Drowning fatalities totaled 104, surpassing all but the 1931 record when 181 drowned.

Ninety-four met violent deaths from other causes. The fireworks victims were Geraldine Mulvey, 8, Woonsocket, R. I., and Julia Friess, 9, Baltimore, Md., both of whom died from burns suffered when their dresses were ignited by sparklers. The Friess girl's death marked Baltimore's first fireworks fatality since July 4, 1935.

Michigan led in total fatalities with 39 and was tied with California in auto accidents deaths with 17. Nevada, Delaware and the District of Columbia reported no accidental deaths.

While the two deaths from fireworks brought near-achievement of a 30-year campaign to end such fatalities, hundreds of (Turn to page 2, col. 2)

Kenneth O. Patterson, 19, was killed in an automobile accident near Modoc Point, north of Klamath Falls, early Sunday when the car driven by Naomi Stokoe, blew a front tire and crashed into the bank. Patterson was asleep when the accident occurred.

Clyde Johnson, Warm Springs Indian known as "Chief Yellowstone" was instantly killed at Bend when struck by a car driven by Richard A. Kerron, 19. Officers said Johnson attempted to run across the highway after dodging another car.

Wayne Myers, 23, of Tillamook, succumbed to injuries after an automobile driven by Bruce Kellow, hit loose gravel (Turn to page 2, col. 7)

Bulletin

HSINKING, Manchoukuo. July 6—(AP)—The Japanese army declared today it had defeated a sizeable detachment of Russian troops in a day-long battle on the disputed eastern frontier of Manchoukuo and Siberia. The Japanese-inspired government of Manchoukuo immediately made strong representations to Moscow over the renewed outbreak of hostilities. Soviet troops, the army charged, launched two attacks against the Manchoukuo border guards Monday morning near the little frontier town of Ghienshan. An army communiqué declared the Russians opened fire and wounded one Japanese soldier before the assaults were repulsed.

Throughout the day, the army asserted, the Soviet troops brought up heavy artillery and in the evening started a bombardment of the Manchoukuo shore with heavy cannon. At the same time, the army spokesman said, an attack in force was made by a detachment of 150 Soviet soldiers.

Two Salem Cars Win Places in Races; One Spill Occurs

Two of the three Salem-owned cars placed and one escaped without great damage from the first accident to occur on half-mile Long Oak track in several years as a crowd of 4500 people watched the American Legion's Independence day celebration automobile racing program at the state fairgrounds yesterday afternoon.

Both Henry Johnson, driving Charles Widick's No. 76 car of Salem, and Chick Barbo, at the helm of Goodfellow Brothers' No. 95, escaped unharmed when their cars locked wheels at the first turn of the 10-lap, 12 1/2-mile feature race, spun around and broke down the inside fence. Barbo's vehicle had to be towed off but Johnson returned in No. 76 to win the consolation. He had already won the fourth heat race in the same machine.

Although the drivers thought Portland's "dust bowl" had been removed to Salem, the audience saw speed events that approached the time made on better northwest ovals. Les Anderson, who won the helmet dash, first heat race and the 10-lap feature in a car owned by Ed Heitkemper, made the half-mile in 28.7 seconds in the time trials as against a 28.5-second circuit considered good on Multnomah county tracks.

Widick's other car, driven by Tony West, ran third in the helmet dash and first heat race. The only other Salem car entered, owned by Danzell Wilson, failed to show.

In a special event, Jimmy Wilburn, Seattle, and Mel Koney, Lon, Angeles, running alone, by the finish line even up, the judges ruled, although the crowd thought Mel inched past Jimmy seconds ahead.

Helmet dash, 1 1/4 miles—Les Anderson, first; Angie Scovell, second; Tony West, third. Time 1:28.91. First heat race, 2 1/4 miles—Les Anderson, first; Angie Scovell, second; Tony West, third. Time 2:26.08. Second heat race, 2 1/4 miles—(Turn to page 2, col. 5)

Confession of Dyer Is Taken At Full Value

Death Penalty Demanded by Prosecutor After Man's Story Told

WPA Worker Who Joined Search for Victims Says He's Slayer

LOS ANGELES, July 5—(AP)—Dist. Atty. Buron Fitts said today he would ask the county grand jury tomorrow to indict Albert Dyer, 32, WPA school crossing guard, for the sex slaying of three young girls of suburban Inglewood.

The request will be based upon a lengthy confession which Fitts said Dyer made last night, and upon other evidence as well.

Fitts said Dyer confessed he talked to the little girls in an Inglewood park, induced them to meet him in the Baldwin hills five miles away for a rabbit hunt, led them one by one down into a ravine, choked them to death by hand, then knotted pieces of rope about their necks. He then violated the bodies, Fitts said Dyer told him and several other officers.

Dyer also was quoted as saying he was among the first to reach the ravine after searchers found the bodies of the victims, Madeline Everett, 7, her sister, Melba, 9, and Jeanette Stephens, 8, last Monday, two days after they were killed.

Dyer is married but has no children. Fitts said he would press for an early trial and demand the death penalty.

View Possibility Two Are Involved Investigators reported they were considering the possibility, however remote, that another person was involved in the slaying. One officer said it seemed almost impossible that one man could have done all that Dyer confessed within the time limits deduced from his story.

On re-questioning today, Fitts and Sheriff Eugene Biscailuz said, Dyer declared only the little Stephens girl begged for mercy, saying "please don't hurt me" as he strangled her. "I knelt down and kissed their faces," Dyer was quoted as saying, "after I killed and assaulted" (Turn to page 2, col. 1)

Plea for Reason Voiced by Roper

Exploitation by Heads of Labor or by Industrial Leaders Is Deplored

WASHINGTON, July 5—(AP)—Secretary of Commerce Roper asked tonight workers be protected from exploitation by "misguided labor spokesmen and by selfish leaders of industry."

Following up President Roosevelt's recent expression of opinion that the public is impatient with extremists on both sides of the industrial strife, Roper added to the usual administration criticisms of some employers this advice to labor:

"Labor has achieved great power for good. In doing so, it has necessarily been placed in a corresponding position of responsibility to itself and to the general community. It should develop a policy which will safeguard the continued faith of all citizens in the rectitude and sincerity of its purposes and in the justice of its methods.

"The employer is not alone an employer and the employee is not alone an employee. They are first of all American citizens with responsibilities to the consumers and to society at large. They must justify the good will of each other and the public by observing these obligations imposed by law or agreement as well as those suggested by good morals." (Turn to page 2, col. 5)

Late Sports

PORTLAND, July 5—(AP)—Otis Clingman of Oklahoma City won two out of three falls from Scotty McDougall, Glasgow, tonight in the main event of the weekly middleweight wrestling card.

Sailor Moran, New Orleans, took one fall and the match from Bobby Burns, Boston, and Bob Cummings, Chicago, and Fred Knichels, Salt Lake City, wrestled a 30-minute draw.

Senate Battle On Court Bill To Open Today

"Debate of Decade" Will Start; Substitute to Appear, Forecast

Last-Ditch Fight to Be Made by Opponents of Any Court Change

WASHINGTON, July 5—(AP)—The battle for which Washington has waited through five eventful months, the senate fight over the administration's court reorganization proposals, is expected to begin officially tomorrow.

Billed as "the great debate," as "the parliamentary battle of the decade," it will start with a motion that the senate take up the Roosevelt bill, calling for the immediate appointment of five new justices to the supreme court.

Administration men, who have abandoned all hope for this original measure, immediately will submit a compromise as a substitute.

Although these maneuvers are but routine formalities, scheduled for late in the day, the field marshals of each side arranged to have their forces in full attendance, just in case the other should try some surprise tactics.

Opposition chiefs, who have expressed as much hostility to the compromise as to the original bill, led their arrangements all made for a last-ditch fight, including a division of their forces into "shifts" to keep, if need be, a day and night filibuster going indefinitely.

Majority Claimed by Administration The administration, confidently claiming 54 senate votes, a majority of six, proposed to sit it out, allow two to three weeks for "legitimate debate," and then, if the filibuster develops, adopt such tactics as the situation seems to dictate.

The original bill, introduced February 9, proposed that for every member of the supreme court past 70 years of age, an additional member be appointed. The compromise substitute proposes that for every member more than 75 there be an additional appointment, but with the provision that not more than one such additional appointment be made in any one year.

It is a combination of the compromise suggestions made months ago by Senator Logan (D., Ky.) and Senator Hatch (D., N. M.), worked out in consultation with the justice department. Logan was a supporter, Hatch an opponent of the original bill.

As the senate battle lines are drawn, the contest will be one between two factions of the democratic party. The republican leadership, happily watching the democrats fight each other, intends to keep on the sidelines.

Thus, the opposition leadership will devote as it has in the past upon Senator Wheeler, liberal democrat from Montana, and Senator Burke, conservative democrat from Nebraska, both resourceful parliamentarians and potent orators.

For the administration, Senator Logan will assume the leadership, backed by the driving energy of Senator Robinson of Arkansas, majority leader, and a skilled strategist, who has been steering new deal bills through the senate since the new deal began.

Latest Photo of Fliers for Whom Search Being Made in South Seas



Zone Change May Come up Tonight

Other Important Business Before Council; Water Issues Considered

Five major pieces of city business will be on the agenda when the city council convenes at 8 o'clock tonight for its first July meeting, postponed from last night on account of the holiday.

Weekend discussions among city officials indicated the controversial issue change ordinance applying to the southeast corner of Court and 12th streets would be brought back on the floor tonight for final action. There was suggestion that an effort would be made to force it back of the ordinance committee, which withheld the measure at the last meeting, did not report it in voluntarily. Wallace Bonesteel has requested a change from residence to business classification to enable him to erect a public garage on that corner.

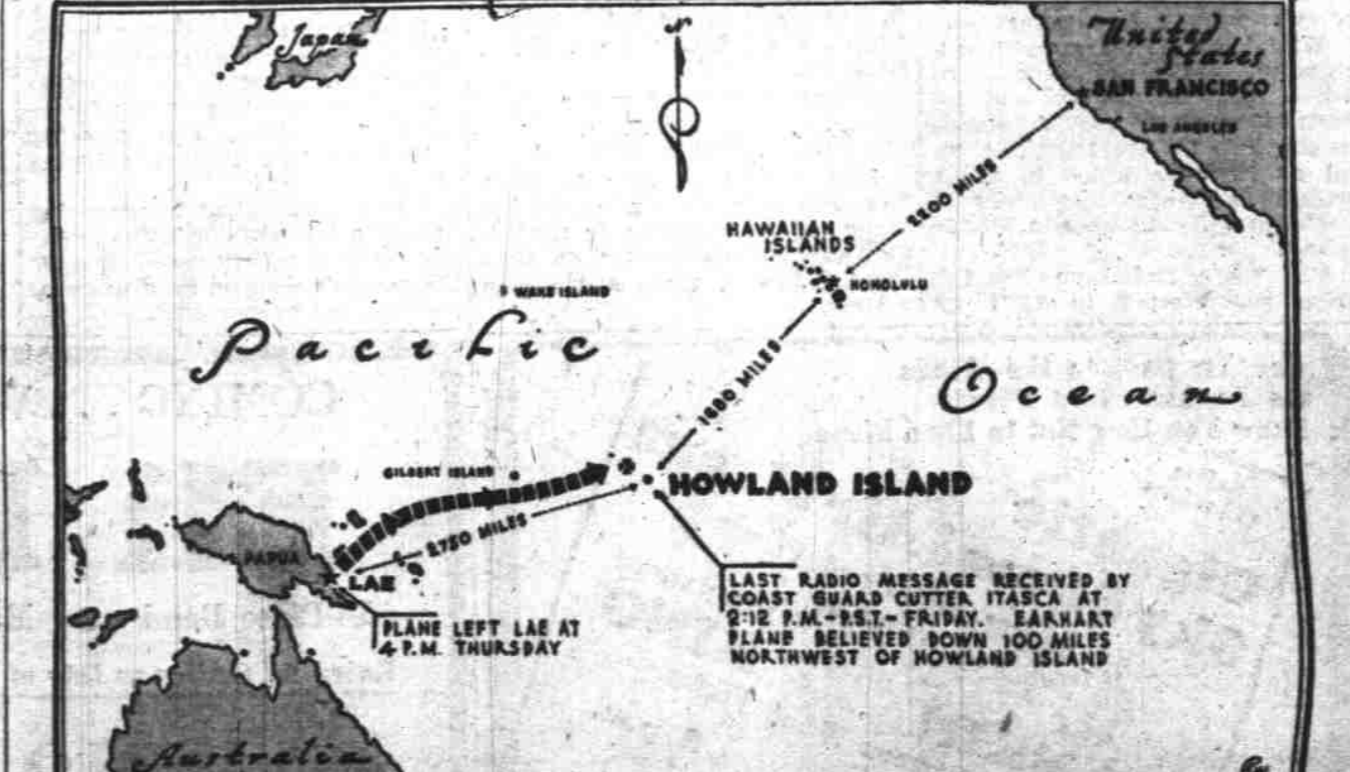
Alderman Walter Fuhrer's announced intention to resign from his second ward seat if carried out will mean the election tonight of a new councilman, the third such appointment within a month. Lloyd F. LeGarde, grocer, living at 1334 Court street, is considered the probable appointee although there has also been talk of the election of Clarence M. Byrd, insurance man, who resides at 296 North 14th street. Frank Marshall holds the other second ward position.

What had threatened to develop into a second but different dispute between the council and the city water department apparently has been ironed out through terms of a resolution to be of (Turn to page 2, col. 8)



Above, Amelia Earhart Putnam and Fred Noonan, her navigator, snapped at Karachi, India, on their equatorial flight around the world which came to a perhaps tragic ending in the south Pacific ocean. Lower picture, Mrs. Noonan, who collapsed at the Oakland airport where she and George Palmer Putnam, husband of the aviator, had kept vigil awaiting news as to their fate.—International Illustrated News photos.

RADIO MESSAGES SPEED PLANE QUEST



Map showing general locations figuring in the frantic search in the south Pacific ocean for Amelia Earhart Putnam and her navigator, Fred Noonan. The search was first limited to the 100 mile radius around Howland island, but fragmentary radio messages received later caused the quest to be extended to a point 281 miles northward from the tiny spot of land which had been their goal.—International Illustrated News photo.

Cutter Itasca Reaches Point North of Isle

Navy Mine Sweeper Swan Also Nearby but no Success Reported

Radio Messages Indicate Amelia and Navigator in That Vicinity

HONOLULU, July 6—(AP)—The coast guard cutter Itasca, searching 280 miles north of Howland island for Amelia Earhart, missing flier, reported early today it had sighted flares.

The plane in which Miss Earhart and her navigator, Capt. Fred Noonan, were flying from Lae, New Guinea, to Howland island on the longest leg of their projected round-the-world flight, was amply supplied with flares.

The Itasca sent out a radio message to Miss Earhart: "We can see your flares and are coming toward you."

HONOLULU, July 5—(AP)—The coast guard cutter Itasca, racing to a position north of lonely Howland island in the search for Amelia Earhart, reached the area tonight but made no immediate report of any findings.

The navy mine sweeper Swan, also seeking the source of hopeful radio messages, was but a short distance from the scene, the Itasca informed San Francisco coast guard headquarters.

Both vessels and the British freighter Moorby sped toward a position 281 miles north of Howland island after reception of radio messages mentioning that position and bearing the signature of Miss Earhart's lost world-girdling airplane.

San Francisco coast guard headquarters reported the Itasca at the scene at 7 p. m. (12:30 a. m. Tuesday EST), but it was not immediately explained whether the vessel had just arrived or had been patrolling the area some time.

No word was immediately available on the exact position of the Moorby, which was only 90 miles from the spot mentioned in the unexplained radio message at 1:43 a. m. (7:12 a. m. EST). 281 Miles North of Howland, Belief

From the Itasca came the wireless message: "Official information indicates that Earhart is down 281 miles north of Howland."

Then, at top speed, the Itasca and the mine sweeper Swan raced to the position.

The English freighter Moorby was reported only 90 miles from the objective and was proceeding there. The Itasca expected to arrive at 11:30 p. m. (EST). Howland island was the objective of Miss Earhart and her navigator, Fred J. Noonan, on a flight from Lae, New Guinea, last Friday. Short of fuel, harassed by headwinds, they were cut back in their flight. Weak, garbled radio messages from the \$50,000 plane did not give their position, nor did whether the ship alighted in the tropic seas or reached the comparative safety of one of the numerous tiny coral atolls.

But today, at 7:12 a. m. (EST) three radio operators at the Waipule naval station heard a message they believed came from the globe-girdling plane. It was fragmentary; faint words between others that had been blotted out by static. The operators pieced it together to read:

"281 North Howland... call KHAQQ (the call letters of the Earhart plane)... beyond north... don't hold with us much longer... above water... shot off."

From this message came widely varying interpretations. A Pearl Harbor lieutenant suggested it meant the plane was sinking; the coast guard said it might mean radio transmission from the ship was being "shut off" by falling batteries.

George Palmer Putnam, Miss Earhart's husband, said in Oakland he believed the words "above water" indicated certainly the plane had landed on a reef, that the gasoline, required to turn the right motor to provide radio transmission, was being exhausted, and that his wife and Noonan were somewhere north of Howland.

On the information from this (Turn to page 2, col. 5)

BALLADE of TODAY

The bang of firecrackers is as music to my ear, I could listen by the hour to stirring patriotic speeches; there'll be no more pyrotechnics for at least another year, but I'll cherish Independence day for lessons that it teaches.