

Samoa Clipper Crew all Dead

Atmospheric Conditions at Time Excess Fuel Is Dumped, to Blame

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turned back toward Pago Pago. There was 900 pounds of excess fuel but no mail aboard.

"At this point," said a Pan American statement, "a preliminary quantity of fuel was released through the emergency dump valve provided for this purpose (to lighten the plane's load for landing).

"In this message the captain indicated that the situation was entirely normal, stating that he planned to land back at the base at approximately 8:30 (3:30 p.m. Tuesday EST).

"Although constant contact was maintained through an exchange of routine signals, no further messages were dispatched (immediately) indicating that everything was normal order.

"Shortly after 8 o'clock the ship reported over Apia Harbor (74 miles west of Pago Pago) which is in the direction from which a normal approach for landing in Pago Pago would be made.

"The aircraft was never at any time more than 75 miles distant from Pago Pago and its farthest point when it turned back was approximately 50 miles from port. Cruise Undertaken

"Thereafter the cruise off the coast of the island was undertaken for the purpose of making its fuel load lighter before returning... for a landing...

"An uninterrupted chain of radio check signals followed the message from Apia until 8:27, when the clipper signed off, reporting that it was dumping excess gasoline preparatory to landing at Pago Pago, which then was approximately six minutes ahead of the aircraft."

Apia residents saw the ill-fated plane passing over their city at 7:55 a.m., heading toward Pago Pago.

Failure of the plane to report within a few minutes after the expected landing time of 8:30 caused the spreading of the alarm. The wreckage was sighted after a 12-hour search.

President Tripp stated that the fire was of "unknown origin" incidental to the dumping of gasoline.

Other Pan American Airways officers informally expressed the belief that the gasoline dump valves, located under the plane's high wings, permitted the highly explosive fuel to vaporize sufficiently near the exhaust of the engines to cause combustion under certain favorable atmospheric conditions.

"Captain Musick and his flight crew are entirely blameless," Tripp said.

At Start and End of Court Career



Justice Sutherland in 1922... and today

Supreme Court Justice George Sutherland, retiring at the age of 76, is pictured at left as he was in 1922 when President Harding appointed him to the highest court. Justice Sutherland is shown at right in his most recent picture, leaving his residence to go to the court he will leave Jan. 18 for the last time.

Report Discovery Of Largest Star

CHICAGO, Jan. 12 (AP)—Discovery of the largest star ever reported was described today by Dr. Otto Struve, director of the Yerkes observatory of the University of Chicago.

Dr. Struve said the star was so large that if placed in the center of our solar system it would reach out to Uranus and leave only the planets Neptune and Pluto outside.

The astronomer and his associates, Prof. Gerald P. Kuiper and Bengt Strömgren, made a formal report of their work in the *Astrophysical Journal*.

The star has been named Epsilon Aurigae. It was described as a binary star, or in two parts, with a diameter 3000 times that of our sun and equal to 20 times the distance between the earth and the sun.

The larger component has a diameter of 2000 million miles and is of relatively low temperature, about 1000 degrees centigrade.

Dr. Struve said it was some 3000 light years from the earth and near the first magnitude star Capella, but was not visible to the naked eye.

State to Bid on Salem Bond Sale

The state bond commission yesterday authorized the state treasurer to bid on \$48,000 worth of Salem improvement bonds, to be sold Monday night.

State Treasurer Holman indicated that these bonds were attractive as an investment.

Demurrer Looms, Retirement Case

The Salem school board through District Attorney Lyle J. Page will file a demurrer as its first move in defense of the injunction suit recently brought by Principals Edward A. Miller of Grant school to prevent his discharge February 1 under the state retirement act, Page announced yesterday. The demurrer probably will be filed today.

Mr. Miller's petition for the injunction to retire faculty members who have reached the age of 65 years on or after February 1 and at the close of each semester thereafter. A similar action is pending in circuit court in Portland on behalf of elderly teachers there.

Damaged Mehama Roadway Viewed

County Judge J. C. Siegmund and County Engineer N. C. Hubbs yesterday inspected the Mehama road which crosses the Elkhorn road above Mehama and reported they had promised to go as far as possible in correcting a drainage condition which during the recent heavy rainstorms caused bad washing around several houses. The situation, however, is attributable more to the lay of the land than to the roadway, they reported.

Engineer Hubbs expects to make a thorough survey of the problem in the near future to see just what may be done.

Socialist Charge Hurlled at Demos

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"I'm not worried about that. They will respond as they've always responded."

Balley spoke after southern and midwestern senators had engaged in an angry encounter earlier in the day. Senator Russell (D-Ga.) and Senator Dietrich (D-Ill.) charged each other with making "untrue" statements.

Balley said that during the reconstruction days republicans "attempted to impose the will of others on us, and we hated the republican party."

Republican policies of the 'sixties," the North Carolinian added, "destroyed the hope of the republicans in the south, and those same policies will destroy the hope of the democratic party in the south."

Then he lashed out at "catering to the colored votes."

Rich Shantung Conquest, Aim

"Scorched Earth" Policy of Chinese Effective; Nippon Loss Heavy

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its control over Shantung as fast as Japanese forces advance.

The Peiping regime, according to reports through Japanese channels, was ready to assume collection of taxes in the province of 34,000,000 population and take over customs at Tsintau.

(Foreign observers in Tokyo predicted Japan shortly would recognize the Peiping regime as the legal government of China as a result of action in the imperial conference Tuesday).

Chinese, admitting the loss of Tsintau, 120 miles south of Tsinan, said their forces were advancing along the Tsinan-Pukow railway near Yenchow, threatening to isolate Japanese at Tsintau.

Chinese also reported their troops in eastern Anhwei province had attacked Japanese lines along the railway, 20 miles northwest of Pukow, capturing three towns and scattering enemy forces.

Two Japanese-held towns were recaptured in a counter-offensive in Chekiang province, Chinese said. Japanese were reported rushing reinforcements to Hangchow, Chekiang, and the capital, in an effort to stop the drive.

Chinese said a squadron of their planes attacked Japanese warcraft in the Yangtze river above Wuhu "scoring several direct hits." They also reported Chinese bombers destroyed two Japanese troop trains at Suancheng in southeastern Anhwei province.

Banner Is Ripped, Pickets Disperse

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ery's operations was caused by yesterday's picketing, the teamster agent declared, adding that "the CIO is trying to move in and we're going to block the first and last move."

State Representative Phil Brady of Portland, as president of Joint Council No. 27 of the Teamsters, for Oregon and southwest Washington, said here last night that the Brewery Workers International union remained a member of the American Federation of Labor but had been ousted from local jurisdictions in the Portland central labor council and the Oregon and Washington state federations of labor. The ouster followed the brewery union's refusal to abide by an AFL mandate directing it to permit brewery engineers to belong to the engineers' union and teamster truck drivers to the teamsters' union, he explained.

Brady accused the brewery union of being "very sympathetic toward the CIO."

Lloyd Riches now Manager of Firm

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and will be assigned to the selling department with headquarters in Seattle.

The plant had a very active year until recent months when it has run about half time, as have other paper plants on the coast. Riches anticipates that this rate will be held for the time being, and that full-time operation will be resumed. This is the quiet season for plants of this character.

The Western Paper Converting company is one of Salem's important industries. It manufactures school papers, tablets, notebooks, candy bags, meat wraps, and a wide variety of other items in a highly specialized plant. Paper is bought from Oregon Pulp and Paper Market for the products is found throughout the west and on the Atlantic coast.

George W. Morris, Ex-Resident Dies

George W. Morris, about 76, and well known to the older residents of Salem, died at his home in Marietta, Ohio, January 10, according to word received by friends here yesterday.

Morris was a resident of Salem for many years, and left here in 1932. Here he was an employee of the old firm of Joseph Meyers & Son, more familiarly known as the "White corner." Morris was a leader in social affairs locally, and especially in the Home Amusement club and musical circles.

Teamster Union Reelects Chiefs

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joint teamster council also, he declared, "thoroughly stresses observance of the sanctity of contracts and agreements."

The council has formed seven new teamster locals in Oregon the past year to bring the total number of such units in its area to 21, Brady said. The Salem local is "without any labor trouble" and is in good financial condition, he declared.

Interesting Travel Film to Be Shown

Pictures that Dr. Laban Steeves will present in the lobby of the YMCA at 8 o'clock Friday night are said to be the finest of their type ever shown in Salem.

Dr. Steeves' pictures were taken on the American Legion trip last summer, and were made in 25 different countries. Europe, northern Africa and the return trip through the Panama canal are featured in his "catch."

The public is invited to Dr. Steeves' showing.

Roseburg Bond Vote

ROSEBURG, Jan. 15 (AP)—Roseburg school district will vote January 28 on a proposed \$30,000 bond issue for replacement of two grade school buildings recently abandoned.

Larius Convicted Under Lindy Law; Facing Life Term

Verdict Late Today of 'Guilty as Charged' Against Maurice Larius, 26-Year-Old Former Boxer and Sailor, Charged with First Degree Kidnaping.

OLYMPIA, Jan. 12 (AP)—A superior court jury brought in a verdict late today of "guilty as charged" against Maurice Larius, 26-year-old former boxer and sailor, charged with first degree kidnaping.

The jury recommended against the death penalty.

It was the first conviction under the state's 1933 "Lindbergh kidnap law," under which the penalty is death or life imprisonment.

The defendant's attorneys said the case would be appealed to the state supreme court.

Date of sentencing Larius was not set.

Charged with abducting Arlington C. Jones, crippled taxi driver, and forcing him to drive him toward Portland on October 28, 1936, Larius said yesterday he preferred the death penalty to life imprisonment, if he were convicted.

"A life sentence is a long time," he told newsmen.

Satisfying Show On State's Stage

A well balanced stage presentation is promised the theatre-going public at the State theatre today, Friday and Saturday when the new acts of Eastern circuit vaudeville headed by Kathleen and Grey, an outstanding boy and girl balancing act, take the spotlight. Their work is said to please the most discriminating audience.

Another applause-getting act is that of Morella brothers, billed as Italy's ambassadors from "funny" Italy. Their rapid fire comedy mixed with songs and music, makes them long remembered as top notch entertainers. Ray Long, "Lil Abner" has been a featured dancer in many Hollywood productions.

Ullis and Clark, a singing and talking comedy act; is playing a return engagement having appeared on the State theatre stage nearly a year ago. This time they return with an entirely different act and new costumes.

The screen fare at the State features America's ace comedian, Joe E. Brown, in "Riding on Air" said to be one of his best pictures. Selected short subjects round off an ideal evening's entertainment.

Pinball Machines Being Padlocked

ROSEBURG, Jan. 12 (AP)—Pinball machine operators beat Douglas county officials to the punch and voluntarily padlocked the devices following announcement of the supreme court ruling declaring them illegal.

Since licensing was instituted Feb. 1, 1937, the city had collected \$5,495 from their operation.

Road Load Limits Cut 25 Per Cent

Load limits on three Oregon highways were reduced 25 per cent in an order issued by the state highway commission Wednesday.

Highways involved in the order are:

Willamette highway, from the junction with the Pacific highway at Goshen to Oakridge, in Lane county.

Siuslaw highway, from the junction with the Pacific highway near Junction City to Florence, in Lane county.

Siletz secondary highway, from the junction with the Oregon coast highway near Kervall to the junction with the Corvallis-Newport highway near Toledo, in Lincoln county.

Homestead Bill Filed

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12 (AP)—Representative Mott (R-Ore) introduced a bill today extending to Dec. 31, 1938 the time during which homestead entries may offer final proof of their claims. The time expired Dec. 31, 1936.

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Rev. Fox Starting Lectures Sunday

Series on 'Dispensational Truth' to Consume Three Months

Beginning Sunday night at the First Baptist church, the pastor, Dr. Irving A. Fox, will begin his series on "Dispensational Truth," illustrated by a large prophetic chart.

"The Christian who does not understand the plan of the ages as outlined in the bible cannot understand the scriptures nor rightly divide the word of truth. For those who wish to read the bible intelligently and satisfactorily this series will be a real help," states Rev. Fox.

The series will comprise:

Jan. 16 "The Dispensation of the First Man or the Age of Innocence," showing creation of the first man, purpose of God in man, test, temptation and fall.

Jan. 23 "Dispensation Without Law or the Age of Conscience," the two offerings; no death penalty; testimony of Noah; end of all flesh.

Jan. 30 "Dispensation of Nations or the Age of the Distribution of the Races," the death penalty; federation and its evils.

Feb. 6 "Dispensation of the Family or the Age of the Patriarchs," faith, sonship, service, glory.

Feb. 13 "Dispensation of the Chosen Nation or the Age of the Law," why the law was given; Sabbath for Israel only; key of the offerings; Israel's present state and future glory.

Feb. 20 Dr. Irwin A. Moon, "The Bible and Science," illustrated by \$10,000 worth of electrical equipment.

Feb. 27 "Dispensation of the Messiah or the Age of the Fulness of Time," son of David; God the son; rejected king; lamb of God.

Mar. 6 "Dispensation of the Church and the Holy Ghost," temple, household, body, chaste virgin, bride, unconditional grace, secret call of the spirit, secret coming of the bridegroom.

Mar. 13 "The 70th Week of Daniel or the Story of the Antichrist," the day of Jacob's trouble and the end of the times of the Gentiles.

Mar. 20 "Dispensation of the Kingdom," Marriage of the lamb, appearing in glory, rebuilding Jerusalem; all Israel saved; and 1000 years of glory.

Mar. 27 "Dispensation After the Thousand Years," White throne, second resurrection, second death, new heavens and new earth and the endless increase.

April 3 "The Four Judgments of the Scriptures."

April 10 "The Significance of the Days of Scripture." The numerical structure of the bible.

Whitman's Editor Is Barely Missed By Shotgun Blast

WALLA, WALLA, Jan. 12 (AP)—A mysterious shotgun blast shattered a window and narrowly missed Editor Carter Townes, Portland, and four staff writers as they left offices of the Whitman College Pioneer, it was disclosed today.

Townes and his companions had just extinguished the lights and stepped into the corridor in the basement of Memorial building when the blast and tinkle of falling glass were heard. The five waited a moment before returning to the office to find one wall peppered with shot and the floor covered with glass.

No gunner, no tracks nor an empty shell could be found outside.

Police investigated but were unable to find a trace of the sniper.

With Townes were Baker Ferguson, Walla Walla; Hayes Jacobs, Toppish; Dale Courtney, Dayton, Wash., and Jim Miller, Seattle.

State Morticians' June Meet Here

Salem was selected as host city to the June, 1938, state convention of the Oregon State Funeral Directors association Tuesday night at the Argo hotel when the Central Willamette Valley Funeral Directors association held a dinner meeting.

The morticians selected the capital city over several coast cities and Portland which also had extended invitations to the group.

George S. Ryan, executive secretary of the Oregon association, who was present at the meeting, was instructed to notify the state body of the decision.

Discussions on topics of a professional nature were led by E. R. Ekman of Silverton, W. B. Hartley of Newport, C. W. Henkle of Dallas and Walter Smith of Independence.

The following committee of Salem funeral directors acted as hosts: Dr. L. E. Barrick, C. W. Claggett and Stanley Kruger.

Election of officers will be held at the next meeting.

Early Evening Is Full of Mishaps

The four hours between 4 o'clock in the afternoon and 8 p.m. seem to be the favorite space of time for accidents to occur in Salem, according to statistics revealed by attendants of the Salem first aid car.

Thirty per cent of the 196 calls made by the "aiders" from the time of the acceptance of the car, June 1, 1937, until January 1, 1938, were made between those hours. The four hours immediately following, 8-12 p.m., were next highest in number of calls, with 24 per cent, and 12 o'clock midnight to 4 a.m. showed the least number of calls, with 5 per cent.

Modern Physician Is Abler Adviser

PORTLAND, Jan. 12 (AP)—The physician of today has "indefinitely" more to offer as a health advisor than ever before in the history of medicine," the state board of health said in a bulletin today.

This fact, and an awakened public consciousness toward prevention and early control of communicable disease contributed to betterment of public health in Oregon in 1937, the board said.

Hate Bombs Delay Recovery, Claimed

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drastic modification of the capital gains tax.

He accused the administration of raising an "anti-monopoly" smoke screen covering an attempt to shift the blame for the present business slump "from the shoulders of the administration—where it rightfully belongs—to the shoulders of business."

The president's annual message, Snell asserted, was the "Roosevelt apology" for the "failure of new deal policies and the oracles during the last five years."

He summarized the history and theory of the Roosevelt administration in this sentence:

"In November, 1932, we had 11,000,000 unemployed, and a national debt of \$20,000,000,000; in January, 1938, we have 11,000,000 unemployed and a national debt of \$37,000,000,000."

"Such," he continued, "are the fruits of five long years of boot-strap recovery. Organized folly once more has run its true course."

Ten Bodies Found After Mine Blast

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little mining village of Harwick, located about 20 miles east of Pittsburg, milled about the tangle during the long hours a masked crew of 30 men fought its way through fumes and debris below.

For hours after the blast wrecked two sections of the big mine, shortly before noon, there was a chance that the 11 missing men might have survived.

Early tonight one man, George Bertram, a trackman, was found unharmed.

Six hundred are employed normally in the mine, but only 46 foremen and repairmen were underground at the time of the blast.

Scenes at the mouth of the mine, operated by a subsidiary of the Duquesne Light company to supply coal for its power plant, were similar to those of January 25, 1904, when a blast tore through the mine, killing 182. Only one man escaped that explosion.

Sobbing women and children gathered with the idle miners from the little community of Harwick as rescue crews climbed into the elevator and went down the shaft.

Labor Spokesman Has Variant View

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material and equipment from American industry."

Both Pelley and Whitney favored the general increase in freight rates which the roads are asking of the interstate commerce commission. But Whitney approved it only on condition that receipts from the higher rates are " earmarked" for equipment purchases.

Kennedy Helps to Open Waterfront

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final attempt at settlement, and the announcement of work resumption came an hour and a half later.

The final settlement was contained in letters exchanged by the union and the employers.

"Strict maintenance" of the terms of the February 4, 1937, agreement which ended the 1936-37 waterfront strike was the basis of the settlement.

The Call Board

- ELGINORE
- Today—Nelson Eddy and Eleanor Powell in "Rosalie."
- Friday—Double bill, "Life of the Party" with Joe Penner and "Parkyakarkus" and "The Spy Ring" with William Hall.
- CAPITOL
- Today—Double bill, "Manhattan Merry-Go-Round" with 20 big stars and Buck Jones in "Head-in-East."
- STATE
- Today—Eastern circuit vaudeville and Joe E. Brown in "Riding on Air."
- Saturday morning, Kiddies' club and midnight revue, "Gangway" with Jessie Matthews.
- HOLLYWOOD
- Today—Double bill, Grant Richards and Karen Morley "On Such a Night" and "Partners in Crime" with Lynne Overman and Roscoe Karns.
- Friday—Double bill, "Saturday's Heroes" with Marian Marsh and Van Heffin and Bob Steele in "Trusted Outlaw."
- GRAND
- Today—Dorothy Martin Johnson's "Borneo."
- Saturday—Ben Bernie, Walter Winchell and Simone Simon in "Love and Hasses."

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