

Squalus Valve Device Probed

Better Ventilator Might Have Saved Submarine if Valve Cause

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hold the valve open, there had been no difficulty in closing the valve.

Captain Munroe based his question on a recommendation by another board of inquiry, which investigated the sinking of the S-5 off the Delaware capes in September, 1920.

That board had recommended that "steps be taken to investigate and install, if found feasible, a valve device which, by means of interlock, will insure that the middle ballast tank vent is closed until the main induction valve is closed."

Whether the recommendation was acted upon and found not feasible was not brought out. Valve Is Shown

With dramatic suddenness, Naquira had surprised the court early in today's session with the assertion that if any of four pipes which feed air to the submarine during surface maneuvers were ruptured by a depth bomb or a mine, the entire ventilating system of the ship would be flooded.

He recommended installation of "automatic, instantaneous, snap action" pipes, for closing those pipes, through which, some officers have said, came the water that flooded the after section of the Squalus on May 23.

The dramatic highlights of the day centered around Naquira's testimony concerning his men—both the alive and the dead. He recounted a report from Eugene Joseph W. Patterson, of Oklahoma City, who perished, that his after section was "rigged" and ready as the operations preparatory to the final, fatal dive were executed.

He recommended Lawrence Gainer, Honolulu electrician's mate, as the man who, "unmindful of the danger and on his own initiative," pulled a switch in the forward battery room of the Squalus as the dropping "unaccountably arising a serious battery fire."

Special commendation went also to the radiomen and signalmen of the Squalus—Theodore Jacobs, Staten Island, N.Y.; Charles A. Powell, Leodate, La.; Warren W. Smith, Jr., LaPorte, Ind.; and Arthur L. Booth, Milford, Conn.

They took more punishment than any of us on the bottom," Naquira said, as he told how they expended their dwindling energy tapping out messages on the vessel's hull.

Big Guns Booming At Columbia Fort

CAMP CLATSOP, June 20.—(AP)—Oregon National Guardsmen in coast artillery units began big gun practice today.

Units of the 249th field artillery manned 12-inch mortars and 10-inch rifles at Fort Stevens and blazed away at a target towed in the Columbia river by a tug. The mortars hurled projectiles weighing 500 pounds, and the rifle projectiles weighed 550.

Concussion shook the city of Warrenton.

Tomorrow, other coast artillery units will fire 6-inch coast defense guns at Fort Canby, on the Columbia's north shore across from Fort Stevens.

The 82nd brigade was preparing to bivouac in the Nehalem valley for tactical drill in battle formations.

Hoover Says Spy Cases Increasing

ST. LOUIS, June 20.—(AP)—Activities of foreign spies, J. Edgar Hoover told an interviewer here today, have increased to such an extent in this country that 700 cases of espionage were investigated by the federal bureau of investigation during 1949.

During the previous five years the chief of the FBI added, only 35 cases were reported to the bureau.

"Many of them were false alarms," he asserted, "but a great many of the reports were found to be true."

Escapes Prison



Saying she knew her chances of escape were small, Mrs. Yolanda (last name) serving a sentence of from five years to life for hammering her husband to death, after which she went to a bridge party, escaped from the Ohio state reformatory for women at Marysville. She left a note saying she wanted "some money" and "three other women" with the 28-year-old blonde. The slaying occurred in Cleveland 18 years ago.

Tragic End to Picnic Party



Two of 20 persons crowded into this automobile escaped alive when it careened off a levee into the San Joaquin river near Byron, Calif., during a homeward ride from a picnic. Car is shown as it was being pulled from river, with divers standing at right. Most of the victims were San Franciscans.

Actress in Favor Of WPA Theatres

Tallulah Bankhead Tells Senate Body Theatre Great Need

WASHINGTON, June 20.—(AP)—Brown-haired Tallulah Bankhead told a senate committee today that many actors would be "utterly destitute" if the senate retained a provision of the house-approved relief bill terminating the WPA theatre projects.

Confessing nervousness, the actress was accompanied to a hearing before a senate appropriations subcommittee by her father, Speaker William Bankhead (D-Ala.), and her uncle, Senator John Bankhead (D-Ala.). Earlier, she greeted both with hugs and kisses.

"Uncle John is on the committee," she told reporters, "and I know he will do all he can." Miss Bankhead said that under the house measure actors "are being singled out as special victims." She added that if the theatre projects were discontinued, existing theatrical charities would have to divert some of their funds from present uses to aid the unemployed.

On the senate floor, Senator Wagner (D-N.Y.) submitted an amendment by himself and Senators Downey (D-Calif.) and Pepper (D-Fla.) providing that up to three per cent of the relief funds should be available for projects financed solely by the WPA. This would make possible the continuance of the theatre and other arts projects. Besides eliminating the theatre program, the house voted to require local contributions to the cost of all future arts projects, such as those for writers.

Champagne, Scotch On Buckner Diets

NEW YORK, June 20.—(AP)—Champagne and lobster were on Bill Buckner's diet two summers ago when he headed a Philippine railway bondholders' committee, a witness testified today in federal court, where the dashing young promoter and four others are being tried on mail fraud charges.

Spectators chuckled as Dorothy Mattox of the Hotel St. Regis staff identified vouchers showing that in July, 1937, Buckner and William J. Gillespie, a co-defendant, bought lavishly of fine wines, scotch whiskies and sea foods. Also there was an item of \$29 for a broken chair.

The government contends that Buckner, known formally as William F. Jr., defrauded holders of the railroad bonds by wasting their money in high living while he ostensibly was working to get the Philippine government to redeem the defaulted issue.

Also on trial are a Filipino senator, Felipe Buencamino, John Stuart Hyde, British movie figure; and C. Wesley Turner, broker.

Holmstrom Party Hits Idaho Falls

IDAHO FALLS, Idaho, June 20.—(AP)—Irrigation and navigation don't mix, Mrs. E. B. Clegg of Vancouver, B.C., observed tonight as she looked over the Weiser-Idaho Falls section of her cross country water tour.

Mrs. Clegg, who with Earl Hamilton and Haldane (Buzz) Holmstrom, both of Coquille, Ore., portaged around the rapids and power dams between here and Shelley today, said she would release Hamilton here, in line with pre-arranged plans.

The party, which left Portland two months ago, found shallow water as the result of irrigation and power dams their greatest hindrance, Mrs. Clegg said.

Seek Closed Shop In Plywood Plant

PORTLAND, June 20.—(AP)—The AFL, plywood and veneer workers' union posted notice of intention to enforce a closed shop contract at the big Plylock corporation plant here today.

Oddities ... in the News

GEORGETOWN, Colo., June 20.—(AP)—To prove its cool in this mountain town, residents are making pictures of icicles.

Almost nightly the icicles form on clotheslines struck by spray of running hoses.

PORTALES, N.M., June 20.—(AP)—Old Bonnie paid her part toward the education of nine students of Eastern New Mexico Junior college last term.

The boys milked their way through the term. They led their cows to school, formed a cooperative group, bought feed, swapped about at the milking and sold milk to Portales residents.

Net profit was \$600.

READING, Pa., June 20.—(AP)—A railroad today sued a motorist for damages to a locomotive and three coaches. The train and Nathan Fink's car collided last year. The Reading company placed the damage at \$935 and said Fink failed to keep his car under control and did not heed the whistle.

Peace Work Urged On Canada and US

SANTON, N.Y., June 20.—(AP)—Canada and the United States should take the initiative, a former peace committee counsel declared tonight, to form a union of nations in the interest of peace.

John Foster Dulles, former counsel to the American commission to negotiate peace (1918-1919), blamed the "sovereignty system" of government for world unrest in a talk prepared for delivery before the Canadian-American conference at St. Lawrence university.

More than 150 educators and government officials heard Dulles assert: "The reason why North America is relatively free of internal strife—indeed almost wholly so for 75 years—is, I am convinced, that we have here reduced to a minimum the vice of the sovereignty system. The sovereignty system, as normally practiced, inherently conduces to war."

Because the United States and Canada have set an example in the ability of nations to live side by side in peace, Dulles added, these two countries should be leaders in an effort to form a union of nations roughly patterned after the state-federal system of government in this country.

School Vote Will Be Taken as Final

The unofficial returns of Salem's school election Monday will be accepted as conclusive as far as the two defeated directors are concerned, they declared yesterday. Both were defeated by small margins.

Director W. F. Neptune, chairman of the school board since January, said he "wouldn't ask a recount if it was only one vote difference."

"I'm tickled to get out of it," Neptune declared. "I'm satisfied." Director E. A. Bradford, board member for six years, also said he was "satisfied" with the election results and would not consider asking for a recount.

Roy Harland received 1595 votes and Donald A. Young 1534, to be elected, over Neptune's 1494 and Bradford's 1452.

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British Women Evacuate Area

No Let-up Sign Is Seen in Japan's Pressure on British

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posed by the Japanese eight days ago after British officials had rejected Japanese demands for custody of four Chinese accused of killing a local official.

Food Situation Is Unchanged

The food situation behind electrified barricades with which the Japanese have ringed the British and bordering French concessions remained unchanged despite General Sugiyama's statement that the Japanese would "do everything to facilitate the entry of food."

Japanese patrol boats in the Hat-still were preventing all sampans from landing food in the British concession and Domei. Japanese news agency, reported that vegetable growers outside the British area had agreed on a "spontaneous boycott" of the area. It said they had decided to sell only in the Japanese-controlled zone.

The 1500 Britons virtually imprisoned within the concession, meanwhile, faced the loss of vital public services as Chinese employees began quitting their jobs under threats of death to their families if they remained at work for the British.

Japanese official circles predicted that British overtures shortly would break the impasse. This belief was strengthened by the arrival from Hankow of Sotomatsu Kato, embassy councillor in Manchoukuo, who formerly served in the Japanese embassy in London.

The 1045-ton British escort vessel Sandwich arrived last night to reinforce the HMS Lowestoft which is remaining indefinitely at the British base.

Negotiations were reported reliably still to be in progress between the Chinese chamber of commerce and the Japanese army for lifting of the blockade for Chinese during the three-day dragon boat festival beginning today.

(Chinese who keep traditions feel compelled to settle all debts—even at great sacrifice—twice a year, at the lunar calendar new year and the dragon boat festival. Chinese merchants who fail to meet their obligations lose commercial credit and "face" with their fellows.)

Cane Duel Results In Murder Charge

NEW MARTINSVILLE, W. Va., June 20.—(AP)—Alex Wilson, 76-year-old inmate of the Wetzel county infirmary, was charged today by Prosecutor G. W. Coffield with killing his 74-year-old roommate in a duel with canes.

Coffield said the fight occurred last Saturday and that Nicholas Barcus, the injured man, died yesterday.

Rickey Vetoes Bonds

RICKEY, June 20.—The \$15,000 bond issue proposal submitted to the Rickey school district for construction of a second two-room schoolhouse in the west end of the district, was defeated by the district's voters today, 64 to 43.

Violent Storm Saves a few Seats



Nine persons died in a tornado that howled across 25 miles of countryside near Minneapolis, and scores were injured, but occasionally the storm left a freak like these intact pews in an otherwise smashed church, passing completely by the church in the rear. This scene is at Anoka, Minn.

Magnet Only Gets Youth Eight Ball

SEATTLE, June 20.—(AP)—An ingenious magnet creation, which Detective Lieut. Richard Zeldenrust said was designed to "beat" pinball machines, led Cliff M. Harbaugh, 27, to jail today.

The detective said Harbaugh told him his creative urge was stimulated by the loss of \$150 in three months of pinball playing.

Harbaugh strapped two batteries on his back. A wire ran down his sleeve to a magnet in his gloved hand.

The magnet was designed to lead the metal balls into any paying hole, Zeldenrust explained, but it led its inventor into trouble on an open charge at the first stop.

Straw Votes Hit By Holman, Pierce

WASHINGTON, June 20.—(AP)—A broad inquiry into political "straw votes" was asked today by Senator Holman (R-Ore.) and Representative Pierce (D-Ore.).

They introduced identical resolutions which would authorize the appointment of a joint committee to "investigate the conducting of polls purporting to measure public opinion with respect to questions or issues which have or may not have a bearing on the outcome of elections."

Representative Pierce said he doubted the value and the accuracy of the polls and said he believed the men behind them had just been making "some lucky guesses."

For this reason, he said, the resolution would direct that "special reference be given to the manner of framing questions contained in the ballots and inquiries and the methods of selecting persons to whom they were sent."

The committee would be required to report to congress before next January 15 "with recommendations."

Finland Clears Its U.S. Debt



Secretary Morgenthau and Minister Procope
Finland makes the last payment on its war debt to the United States as Minister Hjalmar J. Procope hands Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau notice of final payment in Washington. The final amount was \$160,693.

Trio of Twisters Kill One, Hurt 2

LUBBOCK, Tex., June 20.—(AP)—Three twisters in this area killed at least one person, critically injured two, and injured less seriously a half dozen or more today.

Torn communication lines prevented accurate checks, but reports sifting here were that severe wind and rain storms struck numerous areas of the plains.

W. H. Jackson of near Levelland, was killed when his farm home was demolished by a twister. His wife was injured critically and was not expected to live.

Boeing Men Like Stratoliner Ride

SEATTLE, June 20.—(AP)—At an altitude of 16,500 feet a party of nine Boeing Airplane Corporation employees today cruised in what they said was all the comfort of home.

Boeing officials said it was the initial test in the world's first supercharged cabin transport plane—a new stratoliner.

The "altitude conditioning" equipment was designed to maintain comfortable atmospheric conditions within the cabin at high altitudes.

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