

Oakridge Police Chief Slain; Posse Jails Lumberjack

Sea Scout Skipper Dies in Rescue of 15 Youths from Tipped Boat

Dragnet Ends in Capture

Ruth Aberle's Father Dies; Boy Missing

LONGVIEW, Wash., March 19 (AP)—A seat scout skipper gave his life preserver—and his life—today in the rescue of one of about 15 boys and girls thrown from a capsized sailboat into the swift running Columbia river.

A 19-year-old Longview boy is missing.

The Skipper, William F. Aberle, 47, of nearby West Kelso, was the father of 16-year-old Ruth Aberle, who was found last December 15

after being lost four days in the Cascade mountain foothills a few miles from here.

The Aberle girl, who credited her mariner (girl sea scout) training with saving her life last winter, was among those in the sailboat when it overturned on a Sunday outing.

Aberle, prominent in sea scout work for a number of years, was last seen wrapping his life preserver around 16-year-old Bonnie Jean Edgell of Longview while holding her head above water.

Several boats sped to the scene to pick up the floundering youngsters and bring them to shore. All were accounted for but David Ammons, 19, of Longview, and Aberle, who was in charge of the open sea scout boat, the Wannassey.

Sheriff's deputies and state patrolmen began grappling for their bodies soon after the Wannassey rolled over in midstream at 2 p.m. (PST).

Heads bowed in prayer. Many of the rescued, chilled, wet and suffering from shock, sat numbly on a dock overlooking the river channel—their heads bowed in prayer.

Swells from a passing freighter were blamed for the tragedy.

Aberle's son, Bill, Jr., pilot of a motorboat which had taken the Wannassey in tow a few minutes earlier, said the sea scout craft was caught in the swells, turned turtle, and drifted away, bottom side up and awash.

One of the boys aboard the Wannassey, Glen Fortwood, 16, of Longview, said after his rescue that "it seemed like a wave hit the boat and after it began to tip the wind helped push it over."

Indochinese Riot in Protest Against U.S.

SAIGON, Vietnam, Indochina, March 19 (AP)—Students and workmen carrying the gold-starred flag of Ho Chi Minh's Moscow-backed Vietnamese rioted for four hours today in a demonstration against the presence of the American destroyers in the harbor.

Estimates of the wounded ran as high as 80 but no dead were reported immediately.

The 4,000 demonstrators occupied the market place and burned it down before they were dispersed by French police using tear gas.

French sources said police fired over the heads of the rioters. The French said about 20 shots were fired at police.

The rioters tore down French and American flags hoisted to honor the Destroyers Stickle and Anderson, and ripped them to pieces. They burned 15 buses and trucks which they overturned to form barricades in the litter-strewn streets.

The French said six arrests were made, and the authorities warned parents they would be held responsible for the acts of their children.

FUEL OIL DRINK FATAL

BOSTON, March 19 (AP)—Joseph Fitzpatrick, 14 months, died today after drinking fuel oil from a drip pan beneath a kitchen range in his home.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"Daughter, I want you to have these tickets to 'South Pacific'—your great-grandchildren will thank us."



Firemen Pete McCaffery looks around for help with a fragile problem as the local crew mopped up after a fire at Montgomery Ward store Friday night.

Water seeping down into the light fixture threatened to send the big glass globe crashing to the floor until McCaffery came to the rescue. Other firemen came to his rescue. (Statesman photo.) (Picture also on page 2.)

Meet to Decide Fate of Flax Growers Plant

JEFFERSON, March 19 — A meeting to determine the fate of the Santiam Flax Growers plant at Jefferson will take place tonight at 8 o'clock in the local high school.

Growers will determine if sufficient flax acreage is pledged to continue operating the plant here.

If the plant is to be closed, growers will then decide on a disposal plan.

Insufficient flax crops in recent years have curtailed the plant's activities, growers have declared. Flax is one of the oldest crops grown in this community.

Flax grown by Jesse Parrish and Charles Miller at Parrish Gap took all prizes at the Philadelphia centennial in 1876.

A total of 300 acres have already been assigned to flax this year, officials of the growers organization revealed.

Creator of Tarzan Dies

ENCINO, Calif., March 19 (AP)—Edgar Rice Burroughs, whose creation of the fabulous jungle hero Tarzan carried him to fame and fortune, died today in his home here. He was 74.

Burroughs became ill about three months ago and up to that time he was still writing the stirring tales of his apeman and other characters in his favorite locale, the jungles of Africa, a place the author had never visited.

Belgian Socialists Plan Strikes to Fight Leopold

BRUSSELS, Belgium, March 19 (AP)—The socialists, Belgium's second biggest party, declared today they will call waves of strikes until King Leopold abdicates.

Partisans and opponents of the exiled king exchanged rifle and pistol fire in clashes at Leuden and Erpe-Que, but state police forces stopped the fights and no casualties resulted. Police also announced the discovery of a large depot of secret arms in a garage.

Belgium, torn over the future of the 48-year-old monarch who surrendered himself and his army to the Germans nearly 10 years ago, thus plunged into deeper crisis, and perhaps toward social strife.

The nation's government collapsed yesterday in deadlock over the royal question, which a popular referendum failed to solve a week ago.

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Spring to Arrive in Oregon Tonight

At 8:36 p.m. today it suddenly will be spring, and the Salem weatherman predicted "not quite so cold tonight."

Some typical Oregon spring weather was expected to usher in the new season with rain forecast this afternoon and showers tonight.

Two Boys Find Lost Fortune; Owner Found

MILWAUKEE, March 19 (AP)—Two small boys playing in Kilbourn park today found a handbag loaded with \$16,891.

They took some samples with them but the news got around, and the money and purse were turned over to authorities.

Police said a card found in the purse bore the name of Edna Voight. They quoted Miss Voight, about 50, as saying she had lost the money Saturday night while returning from a shopping trip. She said it was an inheritance from her parents.

Police said it appeared it was her money but they were holding it pending a complete check. They gave this account:

The boys, six and eight, discovered the purse near the park bathhouse. The six-year-old took \$500 in bills and the other, eight, helped himself to \$2,390.

The younger boy went home and told his parents how he had acquired sudden wealth. His father and a neighbor hastened to the park. They found an envelope containing eleven \$1,000 bills, and the purse which held about another thousand. Finally they spotted \$1,000 bills under the bathhouse wall. They called police to come and get the money.

The other lad went downtown to buy his mother a present, but a drugstore clerk thought it odd when he offered a \$50 bill in payment. The boy was taken home where he related how he had obtained his pile. That was given to police also.

Boy Shot in Police Chase

HOOD RIVER, Ore., March 19 (AP)—A 12-year-old Portland boy was wounded by police gunfire early today while driving an automobile reported stolen.

State policeman Leslie Thomsen fired the shot in a chase of the automobile. The bullet struck Philip Steinfield in the hip and the car plunged into a ditch. His wound was not serious.

The patrolman said Steinfield admitted he was running away from home. With him were Duane Srest, age 15, and Gordon Davlin, age 13, who were held pending return to Portland.

The car reported stolen had disappeared from North Portland last night.

Unlucky Pickpocket Takes Cop's Credentials

TOKYO, March 19 (AP)—Hajime Takahashi rates just about tops as the unluckiest pickpocket in Japan.

When he lifted a wallet from a shopper in a Tokyo store today he discovered that it wasn't a wallet, it was a cop's credentials, and it wasn't a shopper, it was a detective.

Takahashi is in jail.

Drum Majorette Chokes to Death

EAGLE POINT, Ore., March 19 (AP)—A 12-year-old drum corps majorette choked to death today in what the coroner said appeared to have been accidental hanging while practicing high kicks.

Jackson county Coroner Carlos Morris said Zoe Dell Walgamott was standing on a box and had slipped a rope loop around her neck. The coroner said this apparently was done to hold her back straight when she kicked. The box fell over and the girl dropped, the rope tightening about her neck.

ADM. BYRD IN HOSPITAL

WASHINGTON, March 19 (AP)—Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd, polar explorer, has entered a Washington hospital for treatment of a minor ailment, his doctor said tonight.

Welcome Home, You Beauty, Welcome Home



The 1950 state championship trophy gets a big smack from Coach Harold Hawk of the Vikings as the champs celebrate in their dressing room after conquering Grants Pass for the title Saturday night at Eugene. They running athletes behind Hawk are (l-r) Larry Cham-

Pan-American Report Labels Three Nations as 'Bad Boys' of Caribbean

WASHINGTON, March 19 (AP)—A five-nation investigating committee asserted today that Cuba, Guatemala and the Dominican Republic were involved in plots, conspiracies and attempted invasions which have kept the Caribbean in turmoil for three years.

The committee sternly suggested that any repetition be met head-on with sanctions under terms of the Rio hemispheric mutual defense treaty.

An 18,000-word report brushed aside the usual diplomatic niceties listed persons in high places, and recommended selection of a five-man watchdog committee to check on how faithfully the three countries live up to promises to abide by decisions reached.

The investigators turned their bulky report over to the council of the organization of American states, which made it public.

The OAS council is the central organization of the 21 American republics with headquarters located in the Pan American Union here.

The investigation was prompted by a complaint by Haiti that the Dominican government participated in an unsuccessful plot last November and December against her government.

The Dominican republic immediately hurled similar charges against Cuba, Guatemala and Haiti. Both Haiti and the Dominican Republic, sharing a Caribbean island, asked that the Rio treaty be invoked.

This treaty, similar to the North Atlantic pact, provides for mutual assistance to keep the peace in the hemisphere.

Exasperated by several previous fruitless attempts to deal with Caribbean feuding and faced with loss of its prestige, the council on January 6 unanimously set the treaty in motion and appointed the fact-finding committee.

Headed by Jose More of Uruguay, it included Paul C. Daniels of the United States, Guillermo Gutierrez of Bolivia, Alfonso Moscoso of Ecuador and Eduardo Zuleta Angel of Colombia. (Additional details on page 2.)

McCarthy Asks Acheson Ouster

WASHINGTON, March 19 (AP)—Senator McCarthy (R-Wis.) said today the country would be better off if Dean Acheson were ousted as secretary of state.

"I think the situation would be infinitely improved if not only Acheson but the whole (state department) ring of 'untouchables' were out," McCarthy declared.

Repeating his charges that the state department is a haven for communists and other bad security risks, McCarthy said he is convinced that "we still have most of the Hiss ring" in the state department.

HAYES' DAUGHTER DIES

LEWISTON, Me., March 19 (AP)—Mrs. Frances Hayes, only daughter and last surviving child of Rutherford B. Hayes, 19th president of the United States, died here tonight. She was 82 years old.

National Guard Pilot Killed in Portland Crash

PORTLAND, March 19 (AP)—Oregon Air Guard Capt. John J. Haley, 29, was killed today in the crash of a fighter plane he was piloting to a landing at the air base here.

Witnesses said the plane had circled the field and spun out of a steep left bank at 150 feet altitude. It was demolished.

Capt. Haley was unconscious when lifted from the shattered wreckage and was pronounced dead at the Providence hospital.

The plane was a single engine P-51 fighter of the 123rd fighter squadron of the Air National Guard. The victim was captain of the squadron. He had been with the Portland stationed squadron since moving here from Salt Lake City in 1947.

His widow and two children survive. Their home is at 7760 S.W. 30th Drive, Portland.

The plane crashed at 10 a.m. Capt. Haley was an air force veteran of World War II. He had been assigned as an instructor with the Mexican air force from Nov. 1944 until March, 1945 when he was sent to the southwest Pacific theatre.

Fire Damages Turner Church

TURNER, March 19 — A fire which broke out in the basement of the Christian church here this morning caused minor damage to the basement and delayed Sunday services for only about 15 minutes.

An overheated stove in a basement room started the blaze, which was checked about one-half hour later by Turner firemen. Damage was estimated at several hundred dollars to the church, located in the downtown section. The flames broke out about 9 a. m. and services began an hour later.

Eugene Girls Killed by Auto

EUGENE, Ore., March 19 (AP)—Two sisters—ages 11 and 5—were killed today when struck by an automobile on River road a mile north of Eugene. A 16-year-old boy was arrested.

State police said Marlene Joyce Myers, 11, and Bonnie Jean Myers, 5, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil S. Myers, Eugene, were struck in front of a roadside market.

The name of the car driver was not released and police said he had been freed into the custody of his parents pending a decision on charges the district attorney's office may file.

Employe Directed Secret Work 15 Months Under Loyalty Cloud

By Francis M. Lemay
WASHINGTON, March 19 (AP)—The house learned today that a bureau of standards employe supervised areas of secret work for 15 months before he got his own loyalty clearance.

The man, whose identity was not disclosed, could not enter these restricted areas unless accompanied by one of his own men. Some atomic problems are studied at the bureau.

THE WEATHER

	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	55	41	0.0
Portland	55	41	0.0
San Francisco	66	52	.10
Chicago	24	24	.00
New York	44	30	.00

FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Increasing cloudiness with occasional rain this afternoon becoming partly cloudy with occasional showers tonight. High today near 50; not quite so cold tonight with low near 40.

SALEM PRECIPITATION

	This Year	Last Year	Normal
	36.51	36.51	29.73

OAKRIDGE, Ore., March 19 (AP)—The police chief of this town was slain today and 15 hours later state police possemen had a young lumberjack behind jail bars.

State Police Sgt. Vern Hill said James Lloyd Thompson, 27, would be charged with the murder of Police Chief Clyde Dubell. Thompson was captured in the Cascade mountain wilderness a few miles from the pre-dawn shooting scene.

The police chief died of two or three bullets fired from his own gun during what Lane county Sheriff Thomas Swartz said was a scuffle at Thompson's home following a Saturday night party Thompson had attended.

Thompson Shaved
Thompson, who had three months growth of beard when he fled the scene about 3 a.m. today, had since shaved himself. Police assumed he was hoping to break through their dragnet in the woods and highways because they were looking for a bearded man. He did not resist arrest when he suddenly came upon the state policemen on an isolated mountain road east of here.

Armed possemen had hunted for Thompson since early this morning when he dashed from the home where Police Chief Dubell was mortally wounded.

Followed Party
The sheriff said the shooting followed a party last night at the home of a neighbor. Swartz said Thompson left the party and as his 17-year-old wife, Mary Ann, and a neighbor, Herbert Looney, stepped onto the porch two shots were fired at them. Looney later disarmed Thompson of the .22 caliber rifle, the sheriff said. Looney was unharmed and called police.

Swartz said the city police chief dropped his gun in a scuffle on the Thompson porch.

The sheriff said his investigation indicated this sequence: Chief Dubell had approached the Thompson house door with his 38 caliber pistol drawn. Thompson opened the door and the two men scuffled on the porch, where the police chief lost his gun. The two then rolled into the house. There the police chief was knocked down, the sheriff said, and Thompson dashed to the porch, got the gun and shot Dubell two or three times in the stomach.

Fled Shooting Scene
Sheriff Swartz said Looney arrived on the scene at this point. Thompson came out, and was quoted as saying "That's it, Herb, and ran off into the nearby woods. That was about 3 a.m. (PST) this morning."

Dubell, age 45, died en route to a Eugene hospital where he was taken by the lumbering community's only other police officer.

Oakridge is a lumbering center of the Pope & Talbot Lumber company's large new operations located near the Cascade mountain summit. It is 43 miles southeast of Eugene and has a population of about 3,300.

Dubell was sworn in as police chief Dec. 8, 1949. He was previously police chief at Sutherlin, another southern Oregon lumber community.

Truman Plans Oregon Stops

KLAMATH FALLS, March 19 (AP)—Democratic National Committeeman Monroe Sweetland said today that President Truman would make three, and perhaps four, Oregon stops while in the west in May.

Sweetland said all of the scheduled stops of the presidential train are in northeastern Oregon. These are Huntington, Baker and Pendleton. LaGrande may be added.

The president will be in the northwest to dedicate Grand Coulee dam May 11. His Oregon stops are expected to be on May 10.

Sweetland was here today for a party rally for democratic candidates in the third Oregon congressional district.

Fire Destroys Hotel in Iowa

WATERLOO, Ia., March 19 (AP)—A savage fire raged through downtown Waterloo early today, destroying the three-story Congress hotel and three adjacent business places.

Damage was estimated at \$300,000. There were no deaths or injuries.

Some 60 persons, many of them clad only in night clothes, fled the burning buildings in sub-freezing temperatures. They included a number of elderly persons and children.

Fire Chief Ray Tiller said the fire broke out in the basement of a cafe.

'Nice-Looking' Women Missing from Hospital

Salem patrolmen had an eye peeled for two "nice looking" women Sunday night. Authorities at Oregon state hospital provided the description and said they were escapes.

They were listed as Irene Parquharson, 36, and Barbara Trus, 22, and reportedly were last seen near State and 15th streets.