

Carlson Loses 14-Day Battle to Save Ship

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Take Over New Posts



Welcome to a new member and change of assignment for a staff aide were officially recognized at Thursday's meeting of the State Liquor Control Commission in Salem. J. H. Sroufe (left) of Portland, new on the commission, and George Woodworth, moved from license supervisor to commission attorney, are shown congratulating each other. (Statesman photo.)

Stormy Pacific Hides Fate of Crew Of Abandoned Ship Pennsylvania

Truman Says He Will Oppose Eisenhower

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Truman made plain Thursday he will take the stump against Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower if the general wins this year's Republican nomination for President.

Kletzing Sells Newspaper at Independence

Statesman News Service
INDEPENDENCE—Ralph H. Kletzing, editor and publisher of the Independence Enterprise since 1938, announced Thursday the sale of the newspaper property to Mr. and Mrs. Alva O. Noble, of Newell, Iowa.

Re-examination Given Marion County 4-Fs

Lower standards for inducting men into military service was indicated Thursday in reports from a 4-F group sent from Marion County for re-examination.

McGrath Gets Cleanup Job

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Truman announced Thursday he has discarded his plan for a special commission to root out corruption in government and has given the housecleaning job to Atty. Gen. J. Howard McGrath.

Allied Raiders Engage Reds

SEOUL, Korea (AP)—An Allied raiding party ran into a violent fight with a Communist force of undetermined size before dawn Thursday on the Korean Western front.

Hubby Censures Censoring Wife

ST. JOSEPH, Mich. (AP)—Robert Smith of Benton Harbor filed a suit for divorce Thursday.

The finest market place in the valley is the Classified Ad section of The Oregon Statesman. Telephone 2-2441 from 8:30 a. m. to 5:45 p. m.

Your COMPLETE Newspaper

Junior First



Jason Lee, named Thursday as Salem Junior First Citizen of 1951.

Jaycees Pick Jason Lee as First Citizen

Jason Lee, namesake of Salem's leading founder, was announced Thursday as the city's Junior First Citizen for 1951.

James Harmon Killed in Action

Cpl. James E. Harmon, 35, son of Mrs. C. A. Harmon of Salem route 4, was killed in action in Korea last October 16, his mother was informed this week. He previously was reported missing.

Wave Slams Coast Homes

SEASIDE, Ore. (AP)—Three houses were damaged Thursday as a huge wave slammed across a beach road, scattering rocks and logs in its path.

Typhus Carrying Lice Thrive on DDT in Korea

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Body lice in Korea and perhaps elsewhere have become so resistant to DDT that the drug cannot be depended upon any longer to control epidemic typhus, say three medical workers with the U.S. Eighth Army in Korea.

Pulling Power!

The Treasury is cutting out lengthy reviews of tax fraud cases by high officials in Washington. It wants the Justice Department, which handles the cases in court, to do the same. But Justice officials insist their numerous high-level reviews are needed to perfect the cases and protect taxpayers from unjustified prosecution.

Bad Weather Raises Fears For Crewmen

SEATTLE (AP)—Nightfall left unanswered Thursday the mystery of the fate of 45 men who abandoned the freighter Pennsylvania in the stormy North Pacific Wednesday afternoon.

Waltz, Wife, Boss, Beer Hail Stayput

AARHUS, Denmark (AP)—Capt. Kurt Carlson's native land came up Thursday with a new brand of "Carlson Beer" for export and a waltz in his honor entitled "The Lonely Sailor."

Weather Cuts Churchill Stay

NEW YORK (AP)—Prime Minister Winston Churchill cut short his New York visit Thursday because of bad flying weather.

Rain, Snow Forecast For Salem Area Today

Rain, with possibly some snow, and cooler temperatures are in store for Salem today, the Weather Bureau predicts.

'Get Tough' Policy Against Tax Dodgers Planned by Treasury

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Treasury abandoned a long-standing policy of letting tax evaders escape criminal prosecution if they voluntarily confess their fraud and pay up.

JETS CLAIM ONE MIG

SEOUL, Korea (AP)—American Sabre jets clashed with about 100 Russian-type MIG-15 jets Friday in a 30-minute battle over North-west Korea. The Fifth Air Force said the U. S. jet fighters shot down one MIG.



FALMOUTH, Eng. (AP)—The Flying Enterprise sank Thursday. With her fate sealed in a gale that hammered her beyond endurance, Capt. Kurt Carlson and Mate Kenneth Dancy leaped from the crippled 7-year-old freighter into the sea, scrambled aboard the British tug Turmoil and watched the Enterprise make her death plunge.

Debris from a million dollar cargo littered the water. Foghorns of escort craft wailed in salute at this end to an epic two-week struggle against the sea. Sinks at 4:10 P. M.

The 6,711-ton Isbrandtsen Line ship, listing heavily to port since a hurricane cracked her decks Dec. 26, started sinking about 3:10 p. m. Within a few minutes Carlson and Dancy were off the main deck dipping into the whitecaps. The Enterprise threshed crazily flat on her side in the boiling swells. Stern first, she finally slid out of sight at 4:10 p. m.

A small American flag flew from the aft section of the superstructure as she plunged to the bottom about 35 miles southeast of Lizard Point, where English Channel tides challenge the currents of the Atlantic.

Carlson's Luck Ran Out
Stay-Put Carlson's luck had run out. The Danish-born skipper, 37, watched helplessly from the deck of the Turmoil this end to his dream of riding the Flying Enterprise back to a safe harbor with the 2,650 ton cargo of mail, pig iron, coffee, and furniture that was stowed below when he headed her out of Hamburg for New York Dec. 21.

The U. S. Navy invited Carlson and Dancy to spend the night aboard the U. S. destroyer Willard Keith, one of the escort vessels, but both men finally decided to remain on the Turmoil.

Preview to Welcome
The tug anchored in the choppy water of Falmouth's outer harbor about two miles from the main quays, as flashing motor car lights and the tooting of small boat whistles gave a preview of the heroes' welcome due Carlson and Dancy.

Among those on hand for the welcome were Carlson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Carlson of Hillerød, Denmark, the captain's birthplace. They flew to Britain Sunday.

Terse messages from men concerned with his safety sped Carlson's decision that he and Dancy would stay on the freighter. They left her at 3:26 p. m., abandoning ship with lifejackets and then climbing a rope ladder to the Turmoil's rail. In the water only three or four minutes, they changed into dry clothes on the tug.

Carlson had remained on the freighter when he turned his 40 crewmen and 10 passengers over to four rescue ships Dec. 29 about 320 miles off England's Lands End. One passenger died.

The vessel was insured for 1 1/2 million dollars, the company said. It estimated the value of vessel and cargo at three to four million. Built in 1944 for the Maritime Commission and bought by the Isbrandtsen Line, the Enterprise was 396 feet long and had a 60-foot beam. Carlson had commanded her since 1947.

The Spelling Contest Is On

Starting next Monday, The Statesman will publish 20 words daily from the lists to be used in the semi-finals of the 1952 Oregon Statesman-KSEM Spelling Contest for 7th and 8th graders of Marion and Polk counties. Intra-school contests will extend to March 7.

It is not mandatory that contestants study the published words, because they will be taken from standard textbooks. But they are offered as a guide for the future contests and are scattered over several weeks in order to sustain interest in the vital subject.

Eighty-two schools already have signified they will have entrants in the nine semi-finals, to be held the latter part of March. From the 82 semi-finalists, 27 (three from each semi-final) will compete in the grand finals in Salem, Thursday, April 3, for the \$100 defense bond prize. The contest, to be conducted within schools as each school sees fit, is sponsored as a public service.

SALEM PRECIPITATION Since Start of Weather Year Sept. 1

Normal 30.41

Captain Safe on Tug Boat

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IT SEEMS TO ME

By CHARLES STRANGE

Japan is stretching its limbs since the treaty was signed with the majority of its late enemies. It is reviving its manufactures, and seeking to renew its export connections. Its shipyards are busy working to restore Japan's merchant marine which was large before it fell victim to allied submarines and planes. Japan does face a serious economic problem however over its relations with China.

Neither Nationalist nor Red China was invited to the San Francisco conference where the treaty was signed. Technically Japan is still at war with the former and presumably at war with the latter too. That puts Japan on a tough spot: Should it make a treaty with Chiang, and thus offend General Mao, or should it make a treaty with Mao and offend not only Chiang but the United States?

Were it just a matter of politics the decision would be much easier. On the score of trade the market on the continent with 400,000,000 Chinese looks more inviting than that on Formosa. Not only does Red China offer an outlet for Japanese manufactured goods but the resources of metals and coal which Japan needs abundantly in Manchuria. They formerly fed the factories of Japan; and Japanese manufacturers surely would like to see this supply again become available.

But for Japan to reopen trade full scale with Red China would (Continued on Editorial Page 4.)

Sweet Home Man Files for Delegate

Max Landon, Sweet Home, former state representative in four sessions, filed Thursday with the secretary of state for office as delegate to the Republican national convention in Chicago next July 7. No presidential preference was stated.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"Well, at last, there's a coffin—you've only seven-nights shot."

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