

Flames Force Crew To Leave Freighter; Lifeboats Destroyed

MONTAUK, N. Y. (AP)—A Norwegian freighter was reported after 65 miles from shore Friday night with its 51 persons in the water without life rafts.

The SS Black Gull, a 5,000-ton vessel, sent out an SOS at 10:22 p.m. (EST). More than an hour later, it was reported that ship had been abandoned.

SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

Senator Russell of Georgia admits to one handicap in his race for the Democratic nomination, that is, "she"; Nancy Kefauver, Bachelor Dick with Southern gallantry bows out from competing with this Scotch-born lassie. Nancy is proving herself a substantial asset in her husband's campaigning. When she isn't campaigning with him (or taking care of her children down with mumps) she is out on her own campaigning for him. She is not only good looking, she is politically smart. If you noticed her picture in yesterday's Statesman taken as she was about to hold a press conference you surely observed that she seemed quite composed, ready to do a battle of wits with reporters, and armed with an engaging smile.

Of course she should have political savvy. One can hardly be the wife of a Southern politician who has served as congressman and senator without learning both the science and the art of politics. If Kefauver should get the nod at the Democratic convention then we shall have Mamie and Nancy competing for the titular role of First Lady. Both appear to be alert and well-poised personalities. Mamie has had little experience in the political world, but as an army wife and university president's wife she surely has learned to adapt herself to varied situations. Over many a bridge table and many a garden fence the two will be compared. Mamie with her bangs and Nancy with her red hair. When we realize that in these post-suffragette days that women are voting, we realize that the appraisal which women give the two wives may have an effect on the voting they do on the husbands. This time the comparisons would not be with Bess or Eleanor but between the two thus cast in the role of rivals.

In this competition, please excuse me from posting a selection. But looking at the matter strictly from a partisan (Republican) angle I would say that Nancy Kefauver is one reason why Republicans should be pulling for Bachelor Dick Russell.

Delusion Costs Woman Life In Home Fire

EUGENE, (AP)—Mrs. Elsie Keeney, 57, died early Friday in a fire that swept through a Eugene house.

The widow, Hugh Keeney, said he woke up to find his bedroom in flames. He ran to his wife and dragged her outside, he told police. Then she jumped up, said something about saving the children and ran back into the flames, Keeney said.

He said she apparently thought her grandchildren, who had been visiting them earlier, still were inside. They were not.

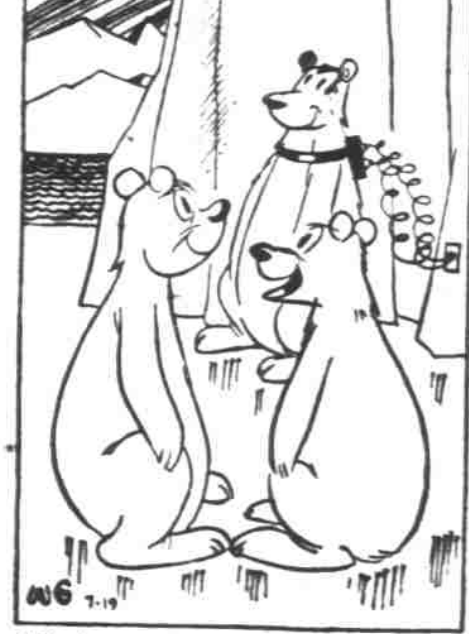
Coroner Fred Buell said the woman's body was found in her husband's bedroom. She had suffocated, Buell reported.

Keeney was treated at a hospital for burns.

The district attorney, C. E. Luckey, and the fire marshal, Lester Parker, said they were investigating the fire.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"She's much easier to get along with since I got that automatic de-froster."

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Stevenson Rejects Plea for Candidacy

British-Iranian Oil Settlement Pledged By Premier Qavam

TEHRAN, Iran (AP)—Premier Ahmed Qavam pledged Friday to get friendly settlement of the British-Iranian oil problem or resign—and advised Iranian troublemakers to stay out of his way.

"I warn everybody that the period of disorder and uprisings is over," said the veteran rightist statesman who replaced Nationalist Mohammed Mossadegh in the premiership Thursday.

Qavam issued a communique on his aims as troops and police arrested several Nationalist demonstrators shouting for his death and occupied two pro-Mossadegh political clubs. The communique was broadcast.

"Solving of this oil problem will be one of my most important efforts so that the moral and material interests of Iran will be completely secured, without the slightest rift in good relations between the two countries," Qavam said.

"Obviously this is a difficult job, but it is not impossible. Good sense will definitely bring about fruits. If not, I will leave this post."

He charged that Mossadegh, who seized the British-owned Anglo-Iranian Oil Company's Iranian properties last year, followed a faulty policy and turned what was essentially a legal question "into enmity between two nations."

The oil flow that, under British direction, totaled about 30 million tons a year has dwindled to a trickle and the loss of royalties and wages for Iranian workers has nearly bankrupted the nation. The British-Iranian dispute, which Mossadegh contended was strictly a domestic question, is now before the international court of justice.

South Santiam Claims Tourists On Way to Sea

LEBANON, (AP)—Lavy Fulmer, 31, of Rock Springs, Wyo., drowned Friday while swimming in the South Santiam River 30 miles east of here.

Lawrence Reynolds, also of Rock Springs, told police he and Fulmer were en route to the Oregon coast when they stopped to go swimming in the river. Reynolds said he saw Fulmer go under and dived in after him. He brought Fulmer to shore but was unable to revive him.

Fulmer is survived by two brothers, Frank and Sam, both of Rock Springs.

Palominos Saved From Mine Shaft

EUREKA, Utah (AP)—Three Palomino range horses were rescued Thursday night from a 125-foot deep mine shaft, where they had spent 20 hours after falling into the open hole.

The owner of the valuable horses, Roy Okieberry of Goshen, Utah, and two officers blasted a narrow trail up a sloping side of the pit with dynamite charges.

When the trail was completed, one of the yearlings bolted and ran to the top and galloped into the hills. The other two horses, a four-year-old mare and a yearling were loaded into a truck.

All three horses apparently were not injured.

It was believed the animals fell into the hole after they were blinded by the lights of an approaching automobile on a narrow mine trail Wednesday night.

The driver of the car said one of the horses jumped into the hole "raising a noise that echoed in the canyon." He said the other two turned and jumped in after the first one.

Democratic Fireworks Begin



CHICAGO — Brig. Gen. Herbert C. Holdridge (ret.), who lists himself as a candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination, waves his arm as he charges something about "wholesale fraud" before the Democratic subcommittee on credentials Friday. The general, who said he was contesting the seating of the 68-vote Kefauver slate from California, was told by Chairman Calvin Rawlings (right) of Utah that he was out of orders. In center, Sen. Earle C. Clements of Kentucky. (AP Wirephoto to the Statesman.)

New Seizure Of Steel Eyed By President

WASHINGTON (AP)—A new federal move to seize part of the strike-bound industry was under serious consideration at the White House Friday.

At the same time, Price Stabilizer turned down a petition by the Weirton Steel Co. for a \$550 price rise. A good deal of confusion arose over just how final that was.

Arnall said the limit under the Capehart amendment was \$2.84 a ton, and said the steel companies were not entitled to any more.

But other government officials, in a higher echelon than Arnall, appeared entirely resigned to granting an increase around \$5 when a settlement in the 47-day-old steel strike finally is reached.

Reports of impending White House action to take over some steel mills under the 1948 Selective Service Act persisted without official denial.

The act permits seizure under certain emergency conditions. A high government official commenting on possible seizure action, put it this way:

"The situation is so desperate that we must do something."

The official, who refused use of his name, said the Justice Department was drawing up legal papers as a basis for seizing a small portion of the industry under the 1948 act.

It would apply to mills producing special steel for such defense items as guns, bullets, tanks, etc. Workers in the affected plants presumably would be barred from striking against the government as temporary operator of the mills.

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Convention Eyes Battle For Delegates

By DOUGLAS B. CORNELL
CHICAGO (AP)—The big mystery man of the approaching Democratic National Convention, Gov. Adlai Stevenson of Illinois, Friday night rejected another plea that he try for the party's presidential nomination.

Two men who do want the nomination, Sen. Estes Kefauver and Mutual Security Director Averell Harriman, held a conference. So did some of their lieutenants.

Harriman confirmed that much but insisted there were "no deals." The only purpose, he told reporters, was to push for liberal ideas at the convention that opens Monday. That goes, Harriman indicated, for the seating of pro-administration delegations from Texas and Mississippi. Those delegations are locked in a contest with anti-Truman slates in disputes involving 70 convention votes.

Stevenson stuck to his guns on the presidential nomination through a two-hour session with Illinois Democratic leaders who tried to talk him into changing his mind.

Vice-President Barkley stepped spryly into town without any hemming and hawing about his own intentions. He wants the nomination and said he expects to get it.

The 74-year-old Veep pointed up his opposition to the Taft-Hartley labor law. And he said he would be glad to see any labor leaders—"I feel free to search out and talk with them."

Woo Union Men That seemed to be part of a pattern of candidate efforts to get right with union men.

Sen. Robert S. Kerr of Oklahoma took his stand on Taft-Hartley, too: "I opposed it when it was passed. I have opposed it since. I have supported whatever proposals have been made to amend or repeal it."

Sen. Richard B. Russell of Georgia and Kefauver already were on the scene, along with Harriman.

All of them have been making eyes at union leaders who are hinting at a CIO-AFL coalition that would give organized labor a key role in picking a presidential candidate. At the moment, union spokesmen say they are looking over the possibility of tossing their support to Harriman, Kefauver, or a ticket combining the two.

Western Coalition An informal coalition was shaping up among Western states, Hawaii and Alaska. Spokesman said a plan to back a single candidate could be an off-shoot of a Sunday night meeting.

In contrast with the angry, brawling preliminaries to last week's name-calling Republican convention, Democrats with a few exceptions were mostly sweetness and light.

The only show of tempers was in a credentials subcommittee refereeing the row between rival Dixie delegations. Texas and Mississippi each sent pro-administration and anti-administration delegates slates to Chicago.

Texas Battle Gov. Allan Shivers of Texas—an anti-Truman man—said his faction is the choice of the "regular" Democratic Party and the other side, led by former Rep. Maury Maverick, was fighting a campaign of "personal abuse, slander and vilification."

Maverick, as leader of the "loyalist" set, hit the Shivers faction as a bunch of "Republicans, Dixiecrats, bolters."

Texas has 52 convention votes, Mississippi 18.

Seventh Baby Born By CALIFAX, N. S. (AP)—For the seventh time, a stevedore's wife Friday gave birth by caesarian operation.

Newell Appointed To Civil Service

Appointment of A. C. Newell, Salem, as a member of the Oregon State Civil Service Commission, was announced by Gov. Douglas McKay Friday.

He will succeed A. C. Cammack, Portland.

Newell, a certified accountant, is secretary-treasurer of the Paulus Brothers Packing Company here. He resides with his wife and three children at 175 Candalaria Blvd.

Revised Pay Plan Studied By Governor

Gov. Douglas McKay indicated here Friday he was studying a revised salary increase proposal completed recently by the State Civil Service Commission.

The State Emergency Board has been called here next Friday to discuss the proposal.

Officials estimated that the revised plan would cost the state approximately \$350,000, dependent upon the time the plan is placed in operation and any changes recommended by the emergency board.

The original plan, as submitted to the emergency board, would have required approximately \$499,000 from the emergency fund. The current balance in the emergency fund is \$483,790 which cannot be replenished until the legislature convenes here next January.

The State Emergency Board, in revising the pay plan, again declined to include more than \$300,000 to cover increases for academic personnel in the state system of higher education. This group was not included in the original proposal.

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Picards Plan Mars Study in Free Balloon

DUNCAN, B. C. (AP)—The world famous science team of Dr. Jean Picard and his wife, Jeanette, are planning a flight into the stratosphere in a free-balloon for 1954.

The plan is to learn some of the answers to the mystery of the planet Mars, which, when nearest the earth, is some 35,000,000 miles away.

"If there is oxygen on Mars there must be vegetable life," said Dr. Picard. "Where there is vegetable life there may be a race of human beings."

The clusters of balloons for a flight have been tested and proven, he told reporters. The gondola, with its places for the most modern of scientific instruments, is in the mock-up stage in a laboratory at Minneapolis.

"We have set the flight for 1954 because in that year Mars will be in the most favorable position for observation."

Eighteen years ago, Dr. Picard, who has been associated with his twin brother, Auguste, an equally world-known scientist now living in Trieste, made a record-shattering stratosphere flight in a free-balloon.

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Polk Loggers Add Thrills on Bureau Tour

By CHARLES IRELAND
Valley Editor, The Statesman
DALLAS — A Dallas logger stole the show Friday as touring Washington congressmen and officials cruised through the Black Rock forest area west of Dallas and Falls City.

Spontaneous applause from 70 who made the trip echoed through Boulder Canyon when Willis Keller, 37, veteran Dallas woodsman, saved the top 50 feet from a mighty Douglas fir tree and sent it crashing 200 feet to the ground.

"Good job, fellow," called Rep. Ben Jacobsen (R-La.) as Keller waved from the top of the swaying pole.

Minutes later Reps. John P. Saylor (R-Pa.) and Wayne Aspin-

all (D-Colo.) ran pell-mell for safety when a 120-foot hemlock momentarily threatened to fall the wrong way while W. H. (Willie) Hollowell, another Dallas logger, sawed through its base with a power saw.

Those were the dramatic highlights Friday as the congressmen and members of the Bureau of Land Management spent a full day observing forest management problems.

A fourth congressman present was Rep. Wesley A. D'Ewart (R-Mont). National Director Marion Clawson headed a large delegation of Bureau of Land Management personnel present from Washington, D. C., Portland and Salem.

And, within earshot of all, he hinted that he would recommend a halt to federal appropriations for such road-building unless the factions get together.

Jensen is a member of the House appropriations committee. Rep. D'Ewart said the matter of access roads "will have to come to the attention of Congress." He mentioned the conflict between BLM and the National Forest Service "another problem."

D'Ewart also said he was impressed by proposals to improve the pattern of ownership of forest lands by exchanging O & C lands for private lands to reduce the checkerboard pattern. Some exchanges of this nature have been made. (Additional Details on Page 8)

Reward Offered For Low Killer

MEDFORD (AP)—Businessmen here have collected \$250 which they are offering as a reward for information leading to the capture of George Baker Dunkin.

Dunkin, 67, a recluse who lived in the isolated Elk Creek area, is accused of the fatal shooting of State Policeman Phil B. Lowd June 24.

SUCCUMBS TO INJURIES

EUGENE (AP)—Wayne L. Starr, 73, Monroe, died in hospital here Friday of injuries suffered in an automobile accident on the McKenzie Highway Monday.

BASEBALL

Western International
At Spokane-Salem, rain
At Yakima 7, Victoria 6
At Lewiston 6, Tri-City 4
At Wenatchee-Vancouver, rain

Pacific Coast League
At Portland 4, Los Angeles 3 (11 inn.)
At Hollywood 3, San Diego 2
At San Francisco 2, Sacramento 4
At Seattle 6-3, Oakland 2-1

American League
At New York 6, Chicago 3
At Philadelphia 2, Detroit 0
At Boston 6, Cleveland 2
At Washington 6, St. Louis 5

National League
At St. Louis 7, Boston 3
At Pittsburgh 2, Brooklyn 6
At Cincinnati 1, Philadelphia 7
At Chicago 6, St. Paul 2