

Rail Disaster Probe Opened

ALTOONA, Pa.—(AP)—A three-way investigation was under way Thursday to determine why the Pennsylvania Railroad's "Red Arrow" passenger train plunged off Bennington Curve Tuesday, bringing death to 22 persons, with

three men still unaccounted for. The Interstate Commerce Commission and the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission sent their rail crash experts to the scene to work with PRR officials in investigating the wreck of the Detroit-to-New York flyer.

When all data is assembled, it will form the basis for an ICC hearing Friday in the Pennsylvania station at Pittsburgh.

Dr. Daniel M. Replogle, Blair County coroner, said the three men reported missing are U. S. Navy personnel known to have been aboard the train.

Of more than 100 injured persons treated at local hospitals, 51 remained under observation Thursday. Seven were reported in serious condition.

Notorious Gunman Killed by Police

CHICAGO—(AP)—Police machinegun fire killed Lerner Henry Pierce, notorious Milwaukee convict, in an ambush at a deserted elevated station in suburban Westchester shortly before midnight Wednesday night.

Detective Joseph McCabe—one of nine policemen who laid the trap—opened fire on Pierce, 37, charged with murder in the wild Milwaukee street-car slaying of his niece last Jan. 7.

He said Pierce, described by police as a "dangerous maniac," ignored orders to surrender and reached for a loaded revolver in his overcoat pocket.

McCabe raked Pierce with 16 shots at a distance of 10 feet, killing him instantly. Andrew Aitken, deputy chief of detectives, several weeks ago warned police to "have your weapons ready at all times" in dealing with Pierce.

Police said they found Pierce's loaded revolver in his overcoat pocket and a roll of thin aluminum wire, which, Aitken said, he had used to bind the hands of some of his robbery victims.

JUNCTION HIGH GETS SURPLUS

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Appropriations of the Chemawa Indian School at Chemawa and Junction City Union High School District No. 13 for surplus government furniture and equipment for use in the training of veterans were approved Thursday by Maj. Philip B. Fleming, federal works administrator.

McNary Dam Start Slated

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Army engineers expect to begin construction of McNary Dam across the Columbia River between Washington and Oregon by April 1.

Senator Cordon and Rep. Angell of Oregon told reporters Thursday they had definite assurances from the engineers that they expected to get actual construction under way no later than that date.

Congress appropriated \$2,600,000 for work on the project in the year ending next June 30. About \$1,100,000 was spent for planning, surveys and other preliminary work. This leaves \$1,500,000 to carry on the work until Congress appropriates more.

The engineers also told the Congress members they plan to do work on the Crescent City, Calif., harbor project which is important to Southern Oregon. They did not say how much will be spent upon it.

City Teachers Okay Board's Pay Plans

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quired to qualify for annual increases in salary.

Averages \$663. The schedule provides increases averaging \$63 per teacher. It would provide average salaries of \$3165, with a minimum of \$2198 and a maximum of \$3600 for maximum training and 13 year's experience.

The smallest increase any teacher would receive next year would be \$382 and the largest would be \$863. Superintendent Clarence Hines said that actually the lowest salary any teacher in the system at present would receive is \$2388.

Asked More. The teacher's proposal was for an average increase of 31 per cent or about \$784 per teacher, with a maximum of \$4500 for maximum training and 18 years' experience.

If increased state aid is received as expected by the school district, Hines has estimated roughly, the salary boost and other increased expenses would mean a rise of about 7.3 mills in next year's school tax rate.

Boost Millage. Altogether, he has estimated, the board will have to ask taxpayers to approve a levy of about \$458,000 outside the six per cent limitation to care for all anticipated extra expenses. This figure, however, might change materially if conditions change or unforeseen needs arise.

The schedule accepted by the teachers does not include increases for vocational school teachers or administrators. These are still being worked out, but increases comparable to those in this schedule are contemplated.

Death of Navy Dischargee Probed

SAN FRANCISCO—(AP)—Death of Thomas Hughes, discharged chief petty officer, reportedly from an overdose of sleeping tablets, Thursday was under investigation by a naval board of inquiry.

Hughes died Saturday at Weed, Cal., while he was en route from San Francisco to Eugene to attend a friend's wedding.

A resident of San Francisco, Hughes, 25, was recently released from the U. S. Naval Hospital at Philadelphia.

Funeral services were to be held Thursday.

MEETING DELAYED

ANNAPOLIS, Md.—(AP)—Jess Fickel, 46, Long Beach, Calif., has had a look at his half-brother Daniel, 70, for the first time in his life. Daniel left the family's Kansas home 51 years ago, before Jess was born.

Jaycees Accept Role At New Playgrounds

The Eugene Junior Chamber of Commerce voted unanimously Wednesday night to accept their project in the construction of a new playground bounded by Washington and Lawrence Sts.

Numerous city groups are contributing time and money to construction of the playground. The Jaycees agreed to build a croquet court, two badminton courts and a volleyball court. Ed Pape is in charge of the entire project. Bill Huaka will be in charge of the badminton courts, Archie Archuleta in charge of the volleyball court, and Dan Hogan, croquet court. They will be assisted by Mervin Dahl and Mark Corwin.

Sackett Buys Station KWJJ

PORTLAND—(AP)—Sheldon Sackett, publisher of the Coos Bay Times and reported purchaser of the Vancouver, Wash., Sun, has announced purchase of Portland radio station KWJJ.

The purchase from John Egan and Wilbur J. Jerman, founders of the station, includes two buildings, frequency modulation station equipment and all assets. The price was reported at \$400,000.

Sackett now operates radio stations in Coos Bay, Vancouver and Oakland, Calif. Because Vancouver is in the Portland area, he will have to sell the station there under FCC policy, he said. A group headed by Nan Wood Honeyman, collector of customs, is interested in buying it, Sackett said.

Zaibatsu Control To Be Liquidated

TOKYO—(AP)—Allied headquarters said Thursday it would liquidate 1,165,000,000 yen (more than \$77,000,000) of the assets of Japan's Zaibatsu families to break their strangle hold on the nation's finance and industry.

The holding company liquidation commission said personal securities of 56 of these families, which controlled the greater part of Japan's industries, would be put on public sale to "scatter them as widely as possible."

The families will be reimbursed in government bonds which cannot be cashed for ten years and cannot be used for collateral.

Many months ago, the commission took 6,000,000,000 yen in assets of Zaibatsu holding companies.

Lane Planners Receive Advice

The Central Lane Planning Commission was receiving answers Thursday from a number of cities throughout the nation, explaining their systems of street naming and house numbering.

Planning Consultant Howard Buford said he sent letters to nearly two dozen cities, asking how they had solved their street problems when they outgrew their existing systems.

A proposed new system for Eugene is being discussed by a committee of citizens from Eugene and Springfield who feel that a uniform system is needed to cope with present growth problems here. The committee was interested in how cities with rivers, or two cities divided by a river, had solved their problems.

Letters have been received from Seattle, Great Falls, Mont., Salt Lake City, Kansas City, Mo., and Kansas City, Kan.

49 EF 8 "WRECK"

SEATTLE—(AP)—The annual Interstate Wreck of the Oregon and Washington 40 at 8 will be held here Saturday with Sidney M. Ferre, chief de chemin de fer (national commander) of Louisville, Ky., attending.

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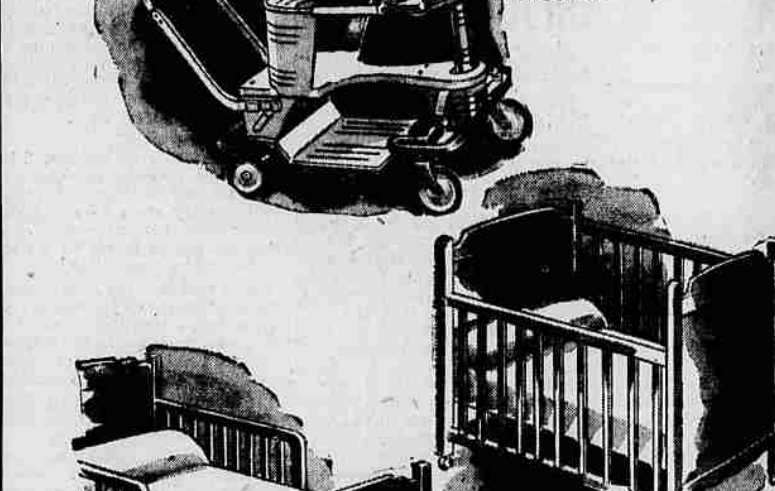
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