

# FORTY-SEVEN LIVES LOST

## Murder Solved Report

### Suspect Captured In Nevada Is Held As Slayer of Los Angeles Insurance Man

Los Angeles, Aug. 8.—Arthur C. Burch, arrested at Las Vegas, Nev., in connection with the shooting of John B. Kennedy, arrived here shortly after 10 a. m. today in custody Deputy Sheriff Joseph Nolan. He was taken to the office of District Attorney Lee Woolwine to be questioned.

Las Vegas, Nev., Aug. 8.—The mystery of the slaying of John Kennedy, insurance broker, at Los Angeles Friday night was "virtually solved," Deputy Sheriff Joseph Nolan declared before leaving here last night with Arthur C. Burch, taken into custody here in connection with the case. Nolan said he had reached this conclusion after several hours of conversation with Burch, but was not ready to make public the solution he claimed to have worked out.

The deputy said he would proceed straight to Los Angeles with Burch and would seek to arrange a meeting between the latter and Mrs. Madelyne Obenchain, who was with Kennedy when the shot was fired which ended his life in front of his summer cottage at Beverly Hills, Los Angeles suburb.

Statements Conflict. Nolan declared there was a number of conflicting statements to be taken up when Los Angeles was reached. Mrs. Obenchain was said to have denied she visited Burch in the rooms he occupied in Los Angeles overlooking Kennedy's office. Burch, according to Nolan, said Mrs. Obenchain had visited him in disguise.

The question of the weapon used also played a prominent figure, according to Nolan. It had been established, according to investigators, a shotgun was employed. Efforts were being made in Los Angeles to trace the gun.

Burch was questioned, Nolan said, about a parcel he was alleged to have been seen carrying. Then, the deputy said, questions and answers ran like this:

"What did you do with the gun?"  
"The gun you had wrapped with newspaper."  
"I had no gun wrapped with newspaper."  
"Well, what did you do with the paper?"  
"I threw it away in the Wilshire district (a Los Angeles residential section)."

Nolan said this was an "inconsistency" to which he attached importance.

Burch said he was returning voluntarily to Los Angeles to "square this thing."

### Shot Gun Is Sought.

Los Angeles, Cal., Aug. 8.—Discovery of the shotgun, with which John B. Kennedy is believed to have been shot, is being sought by the police.

### State School Fund Apportionment Cut By Interest Default

Inability of farmers of central and eastern Oregon to meet their interest payment on loans from the common school fund this year is directly reflected on a reduction in the per capita apportionment to the various schools of the state as announced today by State Treasurer Hoff.

The apportionment as announced today is on the basis of \$1.74 to every child of school age in the state as against a per capita apportionment of \$2.02 last year, \$1.95 in 1919 and \$1.83 in 1918. The total apportionment at this time amounts to \$384,985.50 as against \$432,267.58 in 1920 and \$488,746.35 in 1919.

A material increase in the school census this year also accounts in a measure for the reduction in the per capita apportionment. The census roll this year as supplied by State Superintendent of Schools Churchill shows a total of 32,288 children of school age within the state as compared with 213,994 in 1920, 209,613 in 1919 and 205,684 in 1918.

## Nucleus of Comet Seen Near Sun

Cambridge, Mass., Aug. 8.—A star like object, more brilliant than Venus and believed to be the nucleus of a comet, was seen with the naked eye by five persons at the Lick Observatory in California yesterday. A telegram announcing the discovery of the object, which was but a short distance from the sun, was received at the Harvard observatory today from W. W. Campbell, director of Lick Observatory.

Yesterday's observations were made just before sunset and Harvard official expressed interest as to what would be shown by further study of the object tonight.

The telegram said "Star like object, certainly brighter than Venus, three degrees east, one degree south of sun, seen seven minutes before and at sunset by naked eye. Five observers. Set behind low cloud. Unquestionably celestial object. Chances favor nucleus of bright comet, less favorably Nova."

## Salem Man Survivor Of Wreck

### Son of Willamette University Professor Safe Says Wire to Parents Received Today

Frank M. Erickson Jr., son of Frank M. Erickson, professor of education at Willamette university, first listed as among those unaccounted for in the wreck of the steamer Alaska, has informed his parents by wire that he is safe and well at Eureka. He says that the people of Eureka are doing everything in their power to relieve distress and need among the survivors and those wishing to continue their journey are being sent to their destinations by the steamship company.

Erickson was graduated from the University of Idaho in June and was on his way to Berkeley, where he will enter the University of California to do graduate work on a teaching fellowship. Previous to his departure for the south on the Alaska he visited with his parents for several weeks.

### Seeks Girl Companion.

Walla Walla, Wash., Aug. 8.—Hope for Minnie Kan, missing Walla Walla girl aboard the ill-fated Alaska which sank Saturday night, was practically abandoned by her father, Louis Kan, merchant, this morning upon receipt of a telegram from Frank M. Erickson, supposed to be one of the survivors and a companion of Miss Kan's on the vessel. "Last saw Minnie two minutes after boat struck. Tried to get her life preserver. Some say she was saved but haven't located her so far. Doing my best to locate."

The number of drug items now on the market is 45,909.

### Spurgin Hiding Under Alias of Scott In Mexico

Chihuahua City, Mex., Aug. 8.—Warren C. Spurgin, missing Chicago banker, is hiding not far from this city and going by the name of W. C. Scott, will fight any movement made to extradite him, and if apprehended will appeal to authorities for permission to remain in Mexico as a permanent resident, according to men who are keeping in touch with him.

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## Sinn Fein Prisoners Are Freed

### Members of Irish Parliament Are Released From Interment At Camp Today

Belfast, Aug. 8.—Fourteen Sinn Fein members of parliament who have been in confinement in the Ballymolin internment camp were released today.

It is announced by Desmond Fitzgerald, Sinn Fein minister of propaganda, that all the Irish republican parliament members will report themselves at the Mansion House upon their arrival in Dublin.

London, Aug. 8.—While no definite pronouncement could be obtained this forenoon regarding the case of John G. McKeown, member of the Irish republican parliament, the impression was given in official circles here that he would be released with the other Sinn Fein members who have been in prison.

Official opinion seems to be that McKeown should be hanged but that in the interest of peace the premier may release him.

## Ship's Search For Survivors Is Unfruitful

San Francisco, Aug. 8.—The steam schooner Wahkeena, one of the ships that responded to the Alaska's distress signals Saturday night, reported by wireless to her owners here today that she cruised in the vicinity of the wreck for ten hours and departed at ten a. m. Sunday for this port without having picked up any survivors.

Officials of the San Francisco and Portland Steamship company owners of the Alaska, had hoped that the Wahkeena may have rescued some of the survivors.

In his message to the C. R. McCormick company, owners of the Wahkeena, Captain Johansen said: "Departed from Blunta reef at ten a. m. yesterday, Sunday, and cruised around for ten hours in the fog but was unable to pick up anything."

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Local authorities seem to be willing for Spurgin to sojourn in the neighboring territory. However, Chief of Police Hermosillo has promised to hold him should he reappear in this city.

## Hubbard Youth Is Drowned

### Ted Pickell, en Route To Join Father, Is Victim of Wreck of Steamer Alaska

En route to Los Angeles to make his home with his father, Elsworth Pickell, after he had protested against making the trip by water and requested that he be allowed to go by train, Ted Pickell, 15, of Hubbard, lost his life when the Steamer Alaska was sunk on the northern California coast Saturday night. Press dispatches today verified the report that young Pickell was among those drowned.

According to the lad's sister, Mrs. L. S. Crawford of Hubbard, with whom he has been living, the boy celebrated his fifteenth birthday aboard the ship which carried him to his death, Saturday.

Mrs. Crawford this morning received a letter from young Pickell, written aboard the Alaska and mailed at Astoria.

Portland, Or., Aug. 8.—Relatives in Portland of Mrs. Walter L. Johnson, wife of Walter L. Johnson, grocery salesman of Olympia, Wash., received telegraphic advice from Eureka, Cal., today that the body of Mrs. Johnson had been recovered, but her husband was still missing. Both were reported among the missing. Mrs. Johnson was Miss Pauline Benham, a graduate nurse. The Johnsons were on their way to San Francisco, where they expected to reside.

Portland, Or., Aug. 8.—Kenneth F. Bonnywell, a passenger on the steamer Alaska and not reported among the survivors, today telegraphed his brother-in-law, Henry Wagner of Portland, and Eureka, Cal., announcing his safety.

Seattle, Wash., Aug. 8.—Mrs. Belle Sellers of Oakland, Cal., who has been carried on the list of those missing in the wreck of the Alaska, is safe and on her way home, according to a telegram received from her by E. A. Webster of Seattle today.

## McKeown Freed With Other Irish

London, Aug. 8.—John J. McKeown, member of the Irish republican parliament, whose case at first was made an exception when it was decided to free the imprisoned members of the Irish republican parliament, has been liberated, it was announced here tonight.

## Admit Emmigrants Under a Bond

Washington, August 8.—Immigrants in excess of July and August quotas now held at various ports, will be admitted under personal bond and charged to the years totals, Commissioner, General Husband of the immigration bureau announced today. The order was issued after a conference with ship line representatives.

### Serious Accident Is Barely Avoided

Forced to drive his auto upon the walk which runs across the bridge on Capitol street to avoid being struck by two racing cars headed towards town yesterday morning, Walter Lennon felt the sidewalk starting to give way and backed off in time to hit one of the cars. No damage was done, however. Lennon was driving north when the racing car to the rear endeavored to pass the other and swung out into the way the other drivers were not aware of.

## The Dead

Passengers:  
Thomas Johnson, Brooklyn N.Y.  
J. C. Jackway, Oakland  
E. P. Ickall, Los Angeles  
A. M. Hutchinson, San Francisco  
S. Kumazawa, steerage  
Mrs. Walter L. Johnson, Portland  
Mrs. J. W. Oliver, San Jose, Cal.  
Crew:  
Chief Steward Charles Heane  
Steward F. H. King  
Frank Comm, Winnipeg, Can.  
Ralph J. Mockett, seaman, Red Cliff, Colo.  
Larson, engineer, Portland  
Deckhand (name unknown)  
Baldwin, bell boy, Oakland  
Waiter (name unknown)  
Seaman known as "the janitor"  
Survivors  
San Francisco, Aug. 8.—An unofficial list of known surviving passengers of the steamer Alaska, with their addresses, so far as obtainable, compiled here today from various sources, follows:  
Mrs. M. J. Albers, Toledo, Or.  
Dorothy Anderson  
Miss E. Bradley, Hammett, Ida.  
M. B. Anders  
C. Bailey, Pocatello, Idaho  
A. E. Bailey, Pocatello  
Elma Bohn  
Freida Bohn  
Mrs. L. M. Blestrom, Portland  
Clara Beckwith  
Mayme Baker  
K. F. Bonnewell, Portland  
N. Bass, San Francisco  
Mrs. B. Cole, Portland  
Helen E. Carlson, Portland  
Miss Ida Carlston, St. Paul, Minn.  
J. R. Clark, Portland  
C. Cunningham, Portland  
B. J. Doherty, Portland  
R. Davis, Seattle  
Frona Erker, San Diego  
Frank Erker  
Frank Erickson  
H. A. Franklin, Seattle  
Mrs. M. Fellers  
Mr. and Mrs. George Goodell, Spokane  
F. C. Germano, Portland  
George Glenn  
C. Herlow, San Francisco  
Louis Horowitz  
C. A. Huff, Jr., Portland  
Miss Mabel Indberg  
Miss Isabel Jackway, Oakland  
Mrs. T. Johnston, Brooklyn  
Mrs. J. C. Jackway, Oakland  
H. M. Jensen, Ancon, Wn.  
O. L. Kerlin  
A. Knuth, Portland  
Martha Knudsen  
Margaret Knuth, Portland  
H. S. Laughlin, San Francisco  
Mrs. C. Lange and baby, Portland  
J. H. Mose, Spokane  
Mrs. F. Mophr  
C. F. Monke, Portland  
Miss H. B. McFarland, Portland  
Joseph Nagy, Portland  
W. H. Neiswander, Topeka, Kan.  
Margaret Nichols, Dayton, Wn.  
Mrs. J. E. Nichols, Dayton, Wn.  
Ed Ostiff and wife, Tacoma  
G. W. Putnam, San Francisco  
Florence O'Brien, Portland  
W. G. Ross, San Francisco  
Miss Anita Rost, San Francisco  
Harold Schave, wife and baby, Spokane  
Mrs. J. Summercamp, Weiser, Idaho  
Mrs. J. Stone, Toledo, Ohio  
M. H. Springstead and wife  
F. J. Richards, Portland  
Miss Betty Sanders  
Evelyn Shipley, Portland  
Miss N. Seyder  
H. W. Dwyer, LaGrande, Or.  
S. Sparsbeck  
J. W. Skaglund and wife, Omaha  
H. Shell  
O. G. Hoopler  
O. F. Tevilia and wife, Indianapolis  
A. E. Welch, St. Louis  
Y. Wyzanski and wife, Portland  
Mrs. R. S. Whitford, Portland  
I. N. Wagoner and wife, Spokane  
C. Wright and wife, New York  
Miss A. C. Quortent  
C. L. Villem, Portland  
E. N. White, Portland  
Mrs. A. E. Welsh, Portland  
Lew White, Duluth, Minn.  
T. V. Yantey, Portland  
Flora Wins, Hammett, Idaho  
Mrs. D. Wells, Hayward, Cal.  
Mrs. F. Ylander, Corvallis  
Miss Ida Ylander, Corvallis, Or.  
B. Walt  
George Owen, Oregon City  
Miss H. S. McFarland  
Ada Smith  
E. L. Zelwyz  
E. J. Homer, Oregon City

## Purser's Record Lost and Check Slow; 30 Are Still Missing; 17 Identified

### Babe Ruth Hits Two Home Runs Season Total 41

New York, Aug. 8.—Babe Ruth clouted two homers today off Chicago pitchers, \* running his season's total to \* 41. His first circuit wallop \* came in the third inning of \* the first game of the double \* header with the White Sox. \* His second came in the opening \* inning of the second \* game with no one on. \* \* \* \* \*

## Ill-Fated Captain Lived at Tacoma

Tacoma, Wash., Aug. 8.—Captain Harry Hobe of the ill-fated S. S. Alaska, had his land home in Tacoma for 25 years. It was learned today. He lived with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Jorgensen when off duty. He was here last July. He had no living relatives, Mr. Jorgensen said today. He came from Wales in 1895, and the last of his family there died several years ago. If the body is recovered Mr. Jorgensen will claim it and the burial will be here.

Captain Hobe had an interest in a single mill here and maintained an automobile for use when he was off the sea. The captain often said he expected to perish at sea, Mrs. Jorgensen said today. "He had a horror of the water and could not swim," she said. "He often said that he would maintain the traditions of his calling and bravely go down with his ship if a disaster should occur while he was skipper of a vessel." The exact age of the captain is not known, but he was between 44 and 50 years. He had been captain of numerous coast vessels.

## Eliminate Tax On Soft Drinks

Washington, Aug. 8.—Elimination of the tax on soft drinks and ice cream and the so-called luxury tax on wearing apparel is understood to have been agreed upon today by republican members of the house ways and means committee, meeting in executive session. It also was reported that there had been an agreement to cut in half the ten per cent tax on sporting goods and materials.

## Woman Accused In Mail Robberies

New York, Aug. 8.—Miss Caroline Hess was held in \$11,500 bail by Federal Commissioner Hitchcock today charged with unlawfully concealing records of mail robberies under investigation at Chicago. She was said to be secretary to Arthur M. Goldsmith, recently arrested here in the round up of alleged mail robbers.

## Yesterday Was Hottest of Year

Yesterday was the hottest day of the year, the temperature reaching a maximum of 99 with a minimum of 56, and increase of four degrees over Saturday. No rain has fallen on the Pacific coast for sometime, and very little throughout the United States. A little rain was reported on Helena, Montana, and in the extreme middle west in Tennessee and Kentucky, during the latter part of last week.

## Identification of Dead Moves Slowly and Names of Some Victims May Never Be Known; Oil Smearred Bodies Slip From Hands of Rescuers to Watery Graves

Eureka, Cal., Aug. 8.—While the list of dead and missing resulting from the wreck of the steamer Alaska is placed unofficially today at 47 persons, the actual number of lives lost may never be known, as the purser's records went down with the steamer Saturday night. All that is definitely known of the lost is that seventeen bodies are here in the city morgue.

E. E. Morgan, purser of the Alaska, said today that to the best of his recollection his records showed that the vessel left Astoria last Friday night with 132 passengers and a crew of 82, making a total of 214 persons on board. As there are known to be 167 survivors, 97 passengers and 70 of the crew, the list of missing and dead is placed at 47. Deducting the 17 dead there are still to be accounted for thirty persons, twenty-seven at least of whom were passengers.

## Boy Injured In Auto Accident

Injuries sustained by James Kruger of Buffalo, N. Y., 14-year-old boy who was brought to a local hospital Saturday evening after his leg had been run over in an auto accident on the Pacific Highway about six miles north of Salem, were reported today to be of no consequence. The knee had been bruised badly and doctors were in doubt for some time as to the extent of the injuries.

The accident occurred when an auto, driven by Mrs. B. L. Darby of Salem, according to police reports, struck the truck owned by which was standing at the time Henry Krueger, the lad's father, and knocked it several feet ahead. Krueger was repairing his lights at the time, according to a statement to the police. The Salem car included W. T. Grear of West Salem, who was slightly bruised.

### Catholic Bishop Dead.

Brentwood, N. Y., Aug. 8.—Bishop Charles Edward McDonnell, 67, head of the Roman Catholic diocese of Brooklyn, died shortly before noon at the convent of the sisters of St. Joseph.

## Neighborhood Row Is Aired In Court; Peace Is Declared

"The sins of the fathers shall be visited on their children." Something like that entered into the case of Frederick Webster and Dallas Smith, 19 and 13 years old, which was heard this morning before Judge William Bushey of the juvenile court.

It seemed that the whole neighborhood where the parents of the two boys lived was giving for a good old row. But matters came to a head the other day when Dallas met Frederick in the Webster loganberry patch, hit him on the mouth and skipped. And that isn't all—Dallas and Frederick fought at school, and evidently Frederick had got the worst of it. Frederick was laying for Dallas with three other boys, according to what Dallas told the judge. It developed in the course of the testimony that Frederick's dad had borrowed a saw from Dallas' dad and instead of returning it had loaned it to some one else. Then Dallas' dad had borrowed a pump from Mr. Webster Sr. and returned it. Then a single iron had been missing from the Webster place and somebody had hid it behind a telephone post where "Dad" Webster couldn't find it, and "Dad" was damaged to the extent of having to borrow another staple tree from a neighbor.

Shortly after Dallas and Frederick had had the fight in the loganberry patch, Smith Sr. and Webster Sr. met in the road and talked about the fight and the pump, and the saw, and some posts and some business between Smith and the Phea farm people and Smith Sr. had called Webster Sr. "a liar." Then Webster Sr. went to the county judge and petitioned the court to cite Dallas Smith for beating a bad boy who didn't mind his parents.