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Mail Plane Crashes Near Ashland Today

ROBERT PATTERSON, PILOT, SERIOUSLY IN CRASH

Hasty Examination Reveals a Broken Leg, Left Hip, Severe Gash in Forehead and Badly Injured Arm. Mail is Brought to Ashland by Postmaster Fred Wagner.

Crashing into the side of a mountain about three miles west of Ashland this morning when his altimeter failed to register the altitude, Robert B. Patterson, flying a mail plane, received serious injuries, and the plane was completely demolished. Due to a dense fog, Patterson was flying low, and with the failure of the altimeter, it was thought that he did not realize how close he was to the mountain side. Striking the top of a tree was his first intimation of danger, and the plane traveling at a speed of 125 miles an hour, passed on, completely through another tree, and landed in the side of the mountain.

Nearly workmen, attracted to the scene by the crash, found the aviator in a perilous position with the gas tank on his breast, and the motor weighing one thousand pounds resting on his shoulder. It was necessary to remove both of these before he could be rescued. A sled being used by wood cutters was brought into play and the injured man was rushed to the nearby home of J. C. Hopper. Here he was placed in Mr. Hopper's car and taken to the Sacred Heart Hospital, at Medford. Hasty examination revealed a broken right leg, broken hip, gash in the forehead and a badly injured right wrist, with the possibility of other injuries.

J. C. Hopper, who heard the crash, and who drove the injured man to Medford, declared this afternoon that he never had seen such nerve and courage as was displayed by the aviator. Notwithstanding the serious injuries he did not lose consciousness, and although suffering intense pain stood the trip to Medford exceptionally well. Patterson had been making his home in Medford, and his wife was rushed to the hospital. This was said to have been the first accident that he had ever experienced in many years of flying.

Rex Bushnell, George Weir, W. J. Black and William A. Chatter were the men who were working nearby and who succeeded in extracting the pilot from the wrecked plane. The exact location of the accident, according to Mr. Hopper, was on the mountain ridge, about one hundred yards from the Anderson mine, and very near the place known as the Hamlin house. The mail which was not damaged in anyway, was brought to Ashland by local postmaster Fred Wagner, and will be dispatched from here.

Colonel Archibald Christie, her husband, accompanied the detective who finally found the novelist in her hotel. Mrs. Christie failed to recognize her husband, and he later said that she was suffering from a complete loss of memory. He intends to take her to London Wednesday to see a specialist.

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HUSBAND OF FLAPPER BANDIT SERIOUSLY ILL
AUSTIN, Texas, Dec. 15.—(UN)—Otis Rogers, who came to the rescue of his alleged flapper bandit wife, Rebecca Bradley Rogers, was taken to a hospital here today in an ambulance under mysterious circumstances. Those who caught a fleeting glance at him said he was lying with his face to the wall in the hospital, his body shaking with deep, wracking coughs. Dr. Joseph G. Eckhard, attending physician, refused to divulge the nature of the youth's ailment. He said Rogers had requested him not to make public any information. Mrs. Rogers, who was released on \$5,000 bond yesterday on charges in connection with a sensational bank robbery, accompanied her husband to the hospital in a visitor at the meeting last night, an ambulance.

DOHENY AND FALL ARE NOT GUILTY SAYS YOUNG JURY

Two Old Men Are Exonerated on Charge of Conspiracy MANY TEARS ARE SHED

Multi-Millionaire and Former Secretary Break Into Tears When Verdict Read

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Albert B. Fall and Edward L. Doheny were acquitted today of conspiracy to defraud the government. The youthful jury which received the case yesterday afternoon returned a verdict today at seven minutes after ten this morning.

Both Fall, sixty-five year old Secretary of the Interior under President Harding, and Doheny, the seventy-year-old multi-millionaire, were in court when the verdict was read. The court room broke into a hub bub, as friends congratulated the two men, who were exonerated of the grave charges against them. The ballot of the jury was taken one-half hour before the verdict was announced showed ten to two for acquittal. Then the two dissenters gave in. Both old men, who have borne up well were crying a few minutes after the verdict had been announced.

Hotel Folks Attend Convention

Mr. and Mrs. Lou Hansen of the Ashland Hotel, returned last evening from Portland, Ore., where Mr. Hansen attended the Hotel Men's Association meeting. According to Mr. Hansen, there was an unusually large attendance, with hotel men from Tacoma, Seattle, Spokane and Olympia, Wash. besides those from Oregon. He said that it snowed in Portland all day Sunday and Sunday night, covering the streets with icy snow and causing many cars to skid and turn over.

Bellview Folks Will Give Show Tomorrow Night

A minstrel show and entertainment which will produce laughs and good-natured amusement from start to finish will be offered the folks of Ashland and vicinity at the Bellview Community club house tomorrow evening. The Bellview boosters have been working on the entertainment for several weeks, and aided by local talent from this city, they have arranged a program which promises to be well worth while. The entertainment will start at 8 o'clock, and indications are that a crowded house will greet the entertainers.

Following is the program:
1.—Phno duet, Selected, Misses Madge and Marie Mitchell.
2.—Irish Skit; "Over the Back Fence," Bedelia Murphy, Mrs. Dave McKinney; Kate Casey, Mrs. L. K. Barnes; Tim Murphy, F. C. Homes; Mike Casey, S. K. Barnes.
3.—Character Song, Mrs. Edwin Dunn.
Fancy Dance, Tom Roseberry.
5.—Monologue, C. A. Malone.
Sextette (High School Girls) Miss Raguse director.
7.—Bones Solo, Mrs. Deane Scott.
8.—Black Dialogue, Ed. Dunn, V. D. Miller.
9.—Interpretive dance, June Elam.
Trombone Solo, V. O. N. Smith.
Acrobatic stunts, Miss Higdon.
12.—Dance Act, Herbert Lucas.
Vocal Duet, S. A. Peters, Jr., J. A. McGee.
14.—Ukele Club, High School girls, Miss Raguse director.
Dancing, old time and jazz.
Admission for the evening, 50 and 25 cents. Concessions 5 and 10 cents.

LODGE OFFICIAL HERE

While coming to Ashland from Klamath Falls Tuesday, D. Rufus Cheney, grand secretary of the A. F. & A. M. Lodge of Oregon, had an accident on the highway and his car was badly damaged. Mr. Cheney escaped unhurt, however, and has been stopping at the Lithia Springs Hotel the last few days until his car receives the necessary repairs. Troutdale dedicates new school-house.

HERE IS THE FIRST OF THE NEW FEATURE

John Mabin, Caretaker of Crater Lake Lodge, Tells About Bears

For eight months John Mabin lives the life of a hermit. For eight months the only people he sees is when, once a month he snowshoes out to Klamath Junction, to mail to R. W. Price, owner of Crater Lake Lodge his daily reports. These reports tell in a most interesting way, what transpires at Crater Lake during the winter time. The bears, the birds, and all animal life, with which this country abounds, have become friends of John Mabin. He has named them, and as the months roll around a friendship has been established that grows, as only friendships can, that are based upon solitude. Through a special arrangement with Mr. Price, the Tidings is enabled to print these reports. They will be a daily feature of this paper. The first one appears today.

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LEADERS IDEALISTS

Germany, France and England Take the Lead in League Affairs

GENEVA, Dec. 15. — The Christmas season of peace on earth finds the League of Nations more concerned this year over the peace of Europe than the peace of the world.

The problem of possible war in Europe had narrowed the scope of this international body and the one time league of Woodrow Wilson now conceives its first duty to be to its home continent. In this respect the league has followed in a measure of the example of isolation that has been set by the United States. Preventing war is as much a function of the league as promoting peace throughout the world. And European troubles, notably the moves of Balkan powers, of France and of Italy have crowded out of the minds of European statesmen much of the desire they once held for American cooperation, world influence and immediate settlement of all the world's difficulties.

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"WHOPPERS" TOLD IN CANTON UNDERWORLD

Attempt to Bolster up Their Reputations By Bragging

CANTON, O., Dec. 16.—(UN)—Big talk in the Canton underworld, where the denizens told "whoppers" to bolster their reputations as bad men, came out in the Don R. Mellett murder trial Wednesday, when the prosecution's "mystery witness" took the stand.

He was William Metzler and his testimony was damaging to Pat McDermott, charged with first degree murder of the vice crusading editor on orders of men higher up in the underworld.

Metzler said that he was intimate with McDermott for five days ending with the murder night, when he had supper with McDermott. "He showed me the Canton Daily News, I think it was," Metzler said. "He pointed to an article in the paper and said 'those are the kind of guys I associate with.'"

"Pat went out to get some wine but he did not drink because he said he had a big job on. He told me he was going to leave town." Metzler said that when he met the defendant accidentally on the Sunday before the murder, McDermott immediately boasted of affiliations with the "high mucky-muck."

Not to be outdone, Metzler admitted later, he told McDermott that he (Metzler) was also "some punkin'."

The crime Metzler was convicted of was stealing a handbag.

OPTIMISM OVER WHEAT CROP IS UNWARRANTED

Argentina Estimates Are Based Upon Grain Dealers Optimism

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 16.—(United News)—Optimism regarding Argentina's 1926 grain crops, as expressed by the ministry of agriculture, is unwarranted, says the newspaper La Prensa. Charging that information on which the estimates are based is supplied by grain dealers optimistic for their own private reasons, the newspaper says: "This system of crop forecasting pretends to imitate other countries, especially the United States, but it lacks the complete and thorough organization of these countries."

"We are sure that American agriculturists are sufficiently well informed as to how these statistics are manufactured."

The latest estimate on the 1926 wheat crop, as given by the ministry of agriculture in Buenos Aires was that 58,505,000 tons, an increase of 657,000 tons over 1925. The ministry estimated the surplus available for exportation at 4,000,000 tons.

Pawnee Bill Has New Sales Plan In Selling Ties

Pawnee Bill, self-styled blind dealer of Kansas City, is flooding Ashland with so-called silk knit ties which he is attempting to sell to local men at an even higher price than better ties can be purchased through local dealers.

The system is another clever mail order scheme and one which, apparently, has worked successfully in other parts of the country. He sends the ties to men on approval without their having ordered them. If the man receives the ties he is directed to send the money to Pawnee Bill; if not, he is told to send the ties back. He uses the plea that he is blind to aid him in selling his merchandise.

TAX FIGHT BY DEMOCRATS IS TAKEN UP IN THE SENATE

Makes Demands Upon Republicans to Override Committee Mandate

SMOOT DEFENDS PARTY Expect to Start Circulation of a Petition to Demand Reduction of Taxes

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—(UN)—The democratic campaign for tax reduction spread into the senate today with demands there that republicans override the mandate of the house ways and means committee against a cut at this session and join the minority party in a non-partisan bill. The first democratic tax move in the senate was inaugurated by Senator Harrison, Mississippi, and participated in by Swanson of Virginia and Copeland of New York, while Smoot of Utah, chairman of the finance committee defends the republican stand.

Harrison accused the republicans of rejecting the desires of President Coolidge; Swanson charged them with holding off tax reduction until the 1923 presidential year and Copeland declared that the people of his state did not want the surplus this year applied to the public debt as now provided.

Opening of the democratic campaign in the senate followed a conference of leaders with Chairman Clem Shaver of the democratic national committee.

Shaver came here last session to advise with democratic leaders regarding their tax policy.

After the Christmas recess house democratic leaders will begin circulation of a petition to force the bill drawn by Representative Garner, Texas, democrat, from the ways and means committee, and the demand for reduction in the senate today was regarded as an effort to spur the movement. The senate cannot initiate tax legislation, but it must come from the house.

The debate was prolonged, despite efforts of republican leaders to get the senate to resume its scheduled business, consideration of the rivers and harbors bill. Harrison read estimates from the treasury department today showing the surplus this year would reach \$500,000,000 and then read President Coolidge's message recommending a refund of next taxes.

Swanson declared it was evident that tax reduction could not be effected at this session.

Smoot, defending application of the surplus to the public debt, said the reduction in the debt achieved in the past six years "is reflected in the business of the nation, which has never been so good."

Expect To Build New Toll Road

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 16.—(United News)—An automobile toll road to the top of Mount Tamalpais in Marin county, north of San Francisco will eventually replace the "Crookedest rail line in the world, which now takes tourists to the summit.

Harry W. Petrie, president and general manager of the railroad today announced this plan, saying that steps are being taken to obtain the necessary permission from the state railroad commission and Marin county authorities. Cog wheel engines have operated on the roads 287 curves for 30 years and visitors from practically every nation in the world have registered at the Summit tavern.

ORMISTON INDICTMENT RETURNED BY JURY

Grand Jury Charges Ormiston With Conspiracy to Defeat Justice

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 16.—A twenty four page document, one of the longest true bills on record in Los Angeles county, in which is contained an indictment against Kenneth G. Ormiston, will of the wisp radio man, was returned by the county grand jury here Wednesday.

The indictment charges Ormiston with conspiracy to defeat justice in connection with the mysterious disappearance of Aimee Semple McPherson last May and her subsequent reappearance at Agua Prieta.

Bail was set at \$10,000. The next step depends upon action in Chicago, where Ormiston is now at liberty. Chief of Detectives Ben Cohn plans to leave here Thursday for Sacramento to obtain a state warrant from Governor Richardson to bring back the fugitive. However, unless Ormiston is placed under arrest extradition proceedings will be temporarily halted because the radio man is not in the custody of police and therefore papers could not be served in the state of Illinois for his extradition, it was said.

Four witnesses testified before the grand jury Wednesday behind closed doors. Whether the articles of feminine attire found in the Ormiston trunk were identified could not be learned.

Official cruise of Coos County forests raises valuations \$373,000.

Happiness is Knocking



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