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AUTO IN FALL FROM BRIDGE INJURES TWO

DR. S. LOUGHRIDGE AND LEO McNAIR IN PLUNGE OF 30 FEET

BOTH HAVE BROKEN LEGS

Escape From Death Is Mystery—Accident Caused When Car Hits Icy Flooring of Bridge

A thorough examination of Dr. Loughridge has been decided upon for 7 o'clock this evening at which time an investigation will be made for internal injuries, according to a decision reached by Drs. Moser and Billick.

Dr. S. Loughridge and Leo McNair escaped death by a fraction this morning when the machine in which they were riding plunged through the railing of the Sixth street bridge and turned bottom side up on the rocks of the river bank, 30 feet below. Both men were badly injured, though not seriously. Dr. Loughridge suffered a compound fracture of the hip, a part of the thigh bone protruding from the flesh and slight internal injuries, if any. Due to the fact that his wounds were so painful it was impossible to examine him closely today. Mr. McNair suffered a fracture of the femur at the knee joint, a fractured knee cap and a fractured jaw bone. Dr. Loughridge was reported to be resting easily at noon.

The accident occurred shortly after 8 o'clock this morning, being caused by the icy coating on the bridge approach. Mr. McNair, who is 20 years of age, had summoned the doctor for his wife, who was confined, and they were making a hurried trip to the McNair place, situated on the Crescent City road near the Gebers farm. As they approached the bridge, it is supposed that they were traveling at a fair rate of speed for when the ice on the bridge was encountered, the car began to skid. The marks showed that it had got out of control and struck the railing about 20 feet from the pavement on the upper side.

The tracks indicated that an attempt was made to slow down the car when the ice was encountered. It was impossible to get traction and the railing was snapped, allowing the car to drop onto the rocks below. How the two occupants of the machine escaped immediate death is a mystery, for the car is a mass of wreckage, having landed on a huge rock. Leo McNair was taken out almost immediately but Doctor Loughridge was pinned under the machine in such a manner that it took the combined efforts of about 25 men to free him.

A crowd collected quickly, ropes and pulleys being brought down from the garages. These were attached to the bridge and the machine raised to free the doctor. Despite the fact that the work was rushed as fast as possible, it was at least half an hour before Dr. Loughridge could be removed. He remained conscious during the entire time and when brought out could not refrain from one of his remarks. He looked up and saw a large number of people peering down from the bridge, "What is the matter with you people up there. Why are you all so solemn," he called out.

The men were rushed to the hospital where they were given all the medical attention available. As soon as he can be moved Dr. Loughridge will be sent to Portland for treatment by a famous bone specialist.

Advices late this afternoon were to the effect that it has been impossible to make a careful investigation of either of the two men and their condition is still in doubt. Dr. Loughridge is still resting easily and it is believed may have no serious internal injuries. The condition of Mr. McNair is still serious and it is not known whether or not he suffered internal injuries. It is probable

MABEL SAYS SHE DOES NOT RECOGNIZE PISTOL

Los Angeles, Jan. 21.—(A. P.)—Mabel Normand, testifying today in Greer's trial for the Dines shooting, failed to identify the pistol as her own. She said she did not know whether there were any bottles in the room.

TURKISH PROHIBITION IS SEEMINGLY FOREDOOMED

Constantinople, Jan. 21.—(A. P.)—Continued ill-luck seems to dog the steps of the Turkish prohibitionists.

Following repeated postponements of the application of the new law, and its ultimate enforcement, its unpopularity is increasing with the knowledge that heavy penalties for its infringement have gone hand in hand with its open contravention, and that delinquents, owing to the faulty construction of the law, cannot be punished even when caught bootlegging.

WATER DISTRICTS ARE UNITED

Jackson and Josephine Pinned Under Fred Cummings

Salem, Ore., Jan. 21.—(A. P.)—Rhea Luper, state engineer, has issued an order consolidating water districts Nos. 15 and 16 in the Rogue River valley. This will eliminate one water superintendent's office by M. L. Opdycke, and will leave Fred W. Cummings in charge of the consolidated district. The change will save Josephine county an amount estimated at \$1,000 a year.

Mr. Opdycke was notified on Saturday that his office had been declared vacant. When Charles E. Stricklin, chief deputy from the office of the state engineer, was here he decided to postpone the removal of records from the local office until further action has been taken. There is a decided sentiment in this county against the removal of the records to Jacksonville.

PLENTY OF MONEY ON HAND

Sufficient Funds in State to Fight Predatory Animals

Salem, Ore., Jan. 21.—(A. P.)—Ample funds are available for the destruction of predatory animals in Oregon during 1924, according to a statement made by Dr. W. H. Lytle, state veterinarian and secretary of the state livestock sanitary board, which administers the fund.

The state legislature appropriated \$40,000 for the two years 1923 and 1924, the money to be allotted to the counties as matched by them, and no county to receive any of the funds unless it is matched.

Of the \$40,000 the board allotted \$17,000 for 1923 and of this amount \$13,633 was used, leaving \$3,367 for the year.

Of a total appropriation of \$27,266 for the year, which is the \$13,633 appropriated by the counties and the equal amount available from the state under the match agreement \$18,055.96 was expended, leaving a balance unexpended of \$9,210.04. To this is added \$3,997.57 in receipts from fur sales, making the unexpected balance for the year \$13,207.61.

NORA ELLIS GOES ON TRIAL

Insanity May Be Defense, According to Indications

Pendleton, Jan. 21.—(A. P.)—Nora Ellis, who was reported by the officers to have confessed to the slaying of Gordon Mette at Ukiah on October 26th, went to trial today, charged with first degree murder. Interest in the trial is running high. The court was crowded. Questions asked of veniremen, indicated that insanity would be the defense.

that their exact condition will not be known until morning. Doctors Moser and Billick were present this morning when the men were removed from the wreck and rendered all medical assistance possible.

REBELS CALL TAMPICO PORT BLOCKADE OFF

TENSION OF SITUATION IS RELIEVED BY ADVICES FROM ADMIRAL

TROOPS PASS THROUGH TEXAS

Federal Soldiers Are Routed to Juarez—Naval Tug Forced to Seek Refuge at Vera Cruz

Washington, Jan. 21.—(A. P.)—The rebel blockade of Tampico has been postponed until the end of the present month, Rear Admiral Magruder reported today on his arrival off that port aboard the flagship, the cruiser Richmond. His message has relieved the tension in connection with the Tampico situation.

Port Arthur, Tex., Jan. 21.—(A. P.)—The United States naval tug Bay Spring has taken refuge in Vera Cruz harbor from the "worst hurricane in years" according to a radio message. The rebel government gave permission to enter the harbor after the vessel had wireless that she was in danger of foundering.

El Paso, Texas, Jan. 21.—(A. P.)—A special troop train carrying 1500 Mexican federal troops passed through El Paso today and were immediately routed to Juarez.

COURT REFUSES REVIEW

S. P.-C. P. Case Will Not Be Heard. Mileage Order Set Aside

Washington, Jan. 21.—(A. P.)—The refusal of the Utah federal district court to prohibit the interstate commerce commission from consenting to the control of the Central Pacific by the Southern Pacific will not be reviewed, the supreme court announced today.

Washington, Jan. 21.—(A. P.)—The order of the interstate commerce commission requiring the railroads to issue interchangeable mileage tickets under the act of 1922 was set aside today by the supreme court.

Washington, Jan. 21.—(A. P.)—The supreme court today declined to permit former Governor Walton, of Oklahoma to bring up for review, direct to the legislature, the impeachment proceedings which resulted in his removal from office.

KLAMATH FALLS CASE PUZZLING TO OFFICERS

Klamath Falls, Jan. 21.—(A. P.)—The Bratton murder mystery was unsolved today, so far as any declarations by officials were concerned following an inquest on Saturday night finding that an unknown person did the shooting.

MISS NINA M. WEST

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SEVEN DROWNED IN OIL WHILE FIGHTING BLAZE

Pittsburg, Jan. 2.—(A. P.)—Seven men were drowned in oil, two captains and five hose-men of the fire department, when fighting a fire in the Butler street plant of the Atlantic Refining Company today. They were plunged into the tank when their ladder collapsed. The bodies were recovered after the fire was controlled. Several firemen were injured.

OREGON RANKED 27TH IN NUMBER OF MOTOR CARS

Salem, Oregon, Jan. 21.—(A. P.)—In the matter of motor vehicles, Oregon ranked 27th among the 48 states of the union in 1923, according to statistics received from a large rubber company today by Sam Kozler, secretary of state. Mr. Kozler said the figures are reliable.

Oregon had 166,323 motor vehicles in 1923, a gain of 23.6 per cent over 1922 when the registration was 134,566. New York state was first on the list with 1,214,090 machines; California was second with 1,074,900 and Pennsylvania was fourth with 1,064,625.

CLYDE MARTIN UP FOR JOB

Assistant Postmaster May Get Appointment as Postmaster

When the term of Postmaster W. P. Quinlan runs out on June 4th, friends of Clyde Martin, now assistant postmaster, hope to secure the position for him. Mr. Martin's chances appear excellent if the support of the business men count for anything as a petition circulated the last two days of the week by C. H. Demaray netted fully 95 per cent of the business men of the city. The petition is to be forwarded to Representative W. C. Hawley that he may recommend Mr. Martin. The present postmaster, W. P. Quinlan, has served eight years in his office. Mr. Martin is a republican.

The petition, which was so liberally signed, reads as follows: "Your petitioners, the undersigned, are business men in the city of Grants Pass and hence patrons of the post-office of said city and state. We are deeply interested in the manner and efficiency with which said postoffice is to be conducted.

"The term of the present postmaster is about to expire. In this case the appointment is richly deserved by the assistant postmaster in said office, Clyde Martin, who for 16 years has given most satisfactory service in the office here. We bespeak for him your sole endorsement together with the best wishes of our senators. We are all pleased to present so deserving a candidate for such a responsible position."

Mr. Martin started in the local postoffice 16 years ago, working through the various positions to the present place as assistant postmaster. His qualifications are based on the faithful and efficient service he has given during that time.

COOLIDGE FOR ENFORCEMENT

Request of Modification of Liquor Laws Brings Reply

Washington, Jan. 21.—(A. P.)—A request from delegates to the "Face the Facts" convention here of an association against the prohibition amendment, for a modification of the prohibition laws was met by President Coolidge today with the declaration that he stood for "law enforcement."

PORTLAND HOTEL BURNS

Fifty Forced to Flee Without Much Clothing Today

Portland, Ore., Jan. 21.—(A. P.)—Fifty persons fled, scantily clad, from the Sargent hotel, on Grand Avenue, on the East side early today when a fire caused \$10,000 in damage. The police arrested Adolph Antonson, a teamster, on a charge of drunkenness, saying his cigarette stub caused the fire.

YEAR 1923 WAS ONE OF DRIEST EVER RECORDED

PRECIPITATION LACKING 14 INCHES OF APPROACHING AVERAGE

NO RAIN YET THIS MONTH

1924 Making Start for Another Dry Season—Records of 29 Years Beat by Three Inches

The year 1923 was, from the standpoint of rainfall, one of the driest year in the history of local weather observations made over a period of 29 years. The total rainfall of the year as shown by the records kept by the county agent's office at the courthouse, was 16.92 inches, in the form of both rain and snow. This is 3.07 inches less than that of any previous year recorded. The previous low record was in 1898 was 19.95 inches.

The average rainfall for this section has been approximately 30 inches, and during 1923 this average was reached with a total precipitation of 39.51 inches. The past season has been notably short of rainfall during the winter. In January the deficiency was over 2 inches; the deficiency reached nearly 7 inches in February and around 3 in March. September and October brought more than the average amount, October having more than 1 inch over the average, but in November the deficiency was 4 inches and in December it was a little less than 2 inches.

The rainfall for the winter months of 1923-24 season, upon which will depend the supply of irrigation water during the coming year, started with a shortage in the hills during the months of November. The average precipitation for the months of November and December is 9.82, and during 1923 there has been but 3.9 inches recorded, leaving a deficiency of 5.92 inches for that period.

So far during the month of January there has been practically no precipitation to bring us up to the average January precipitation of 5.91 inches.

Rainfall for the past five years has been as follows: 1919, 30.32 inches; 1920, 24.20 inches; 1921, 22.14 inches; 1922, 30.50 inches; 1923, 16.92 inches. The heaviest rainfall recorded in Grants Pass was in the year 1909 when 43.83 inches was recorded with a total of 15.30 inches in January. The year 1904 was a close competitor with 43.76 inches.

The lack of rainfall will work a hardship on the mining industry in Southern Oregon, it is stated by mining men. There is practically no snow in the mountains and the small creeks, on which the properties depend for their water supply, are almost dry. Unless a heavy precipitation occurs between now and spring,

MRS. LEONARD G. WOODS



Mrs. Leonard G. Woods of Pittsburgh, Pa., is vice chairman of the Republican national committee.

BELOW ZERO WEATHER IS CAUSE OF FIVE DEATHS

Chicago, Jan. 21.—(A. P.)—Below zero weather is reported in the middle west and north-west. A baby was frozen to death here. A man was frozen to death at Sturgeon Bay, Wis. Three were frozen to death near Little Rock, Ark.

RAISE FOR POLICEMEN DEPENDS ON ARRESTS

Santa Rosa, Cal., Jan. 21.—(A. P.)—Santa Rosa's police force is to receive a raise in wages if:

The cops turn in a sufficient number of arrests and fines following conviction to meet the raise. The city manager and council met their request for a \$20 a month increase with the offer to pay it if their activities put the necessary cash in the city treasury.

LONDON PAPERS SELL FRONT PAGE POSITION

London, Jan. 21.—(I. N. S.)—Advertising space appears to be at a premium in London.

London newspapers devote their front pages to advertising, and the Daily Mail announces it has already sold its front page space for every issue in 1924 and for a number of the 1925 issues. The price of this front page is approximately \$5,000 a day.

ITALIAN-ICELAND SHIP LINE MAY BE LAUNCHED

Rome, Jan. 21.—(I. N. S.)—Plans are under consideration for the establishment of a regular shipping line between Italy and Iceland, the steamers touching at the Faros Islands and Spanish ports.

The main idea for the new route is to make it possible for smaller exporters to get fish sent direct to Spain and Italy without transshipment.

CORRUPTION IS INDICATED

Roosevelt Quite Sinclair Interests Because of This, He Says

Washington, Jan. 21.—(A. P.)—Archie Roosevelt told the Teapot Dome investigation committee today that he had severed his connections with the Sinclair oil interests, because of what he considered evidence of corruption in connection with oil leases.

ENGLISH TRAINMEN OUT ON STRIKE TODAY

London, Jan. 21.—(A. P.)—A majority of the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen are on strike. Limited service, depending upon the loyalty of the locomotive men of the national union of railwaymen, is maintained.

WHITE PINE IS THREATENED

Forests Worth Millions Endangered by Tree Disease

Forests worth \$27,000,000 in Oregon, are in danger of destruction by the white pine blister rust, which has reached the northern boundary of the state. Three forms of plant life are subject to the disease—the gooseberry, the black currant, and the white and sugar pines.

The disease never passes from one pine to another but from the tree to currant or gooseberry and then back to the pine. This is the reason the U. S. department of agriculture is making an effort to effect the extermination of the currant in Oregon. The black currant production is of little value to the state in comparison with the value of its pine forests and drastic action has been started.

A state law prohibits raising or selling black currants. The county horticulturists are helping enforce the law in their respective counties by sending letters to the owners of currants, explaining the situation and asking them to destroy their currant bushes.

there will be practically no water for the miners.

LARGE CROWD IS OUT TODAY FOR LUNCHEON

R. W. PRICE, COL. C. G. THOMPSON AND J. A. ORMANDY ARE SPEAKERS

IMPRESSED BY POSSIBILITIES

Mr. Price Sees Great Future for Southern Oregon—Ormandy Says Tourists Just Starting

A large attendance was present at the forum luncheon today to hear R. W. Price, manager of the Crater Lake resort; Col. C. G. Thompson, superintendent of the Crater National Park; and J. A. Ormandy, general passenger agent of the Southern Pacific give brief talks. As they are to appear tonight at the Methodist church in three illustrated lectures, they reserved the majority of their material until that time.

Mr. Price stated that he was impressed by the possibilities that there are in Southern Oregon. He was here just about a year ago and at that time he says he was believed unduly optimistic when he told what the Caves would be worth. He finds now that they are worth even more than he expected.

The matter of future development at the Caves was discussed and Mr. Price recommended that the main work be done at the Caves proper and that the hotel not be placed at the foot of the hill on Grayback creek where it was originally intended. The tourists want to get to the main attraction. There will be a new type of tourist just as soon as this development is undertaken so that they can be cared for, he prophesied. This will be the well-to-do eastern tourist who will come here on the train especially to see the caverns. The advertising of the Caves can then be undertaken in the eastern sections.

Southern Oregon as conceived by Mr. Price includes that part of the state between Roseburg and the state line to the south and from the coast to a point east of the mountains. This section, he said, will grow into one large community. Within the next five years it will grow more than any other section of the state. The people of Portland recognize the fact that Portland will grow only when the rest of the state grows and will succeed only when the other outlying districts succeed. He promised all the aid possible to give in furthering the interests of this part of the state.

Figures were given to show the rapid increase in tourist travel to Crater Lake. In 1921 this was 25,000. In 1922 33,000 and in 1923 the tourists numbered 53,000. Colonel Thompson then spoke and told why the park service was unable to put through extensive improvements. This was due to the fact that only a small portion of the interior department appropriations are made for that type of work.

When he thinks of Grants Pass, Mr. Ormandy is always reminded of two things, the Oregon Caves and the Grants Pass Irrigation project. He compared Grants Pass to the ancient Babylon where the farmers depended upon irrigation to grow their crops. In that time the only market was in Babylon and just the amount that was consumed there could be grown. Now, however, there are rail facilities and Grants Pass can ship to all parts of the country. The rail transportation furnishes one of the big assets for the community. Although the railroad is confined to the hauling of passengers and freight, it can give information concerning this country, he said.

EDWARD BOK IS QUIZZED

Investigating Committee Looks Into Peace Award

Washington, Jan. 21.—(A. P.)—Edward W. Bok was quizzed today by the senate committee investigating propaganda designed to influence congressional action. He said he defrayed every penny of the expense of the \$100,000 peace award.