

M. E. CRUMPACKER COMMITTS SUICIDE

Oregon Member of Congress
Jumps Into San Francisco
Bay.

San Francisco.—Maurice E. Crumpacker, representative in congress from Portland, Or., committed suicide by diving from the rocks at the foot of Hyde street into San Francisco bay Sunday afternoon.

The representative died of submersion, despite the application of a pulmotor, while an ambulance was taking him to Central Emergency hospital.

Nicholas Longworth, speaker of the house of representatives, in whose private car Mr. Crumpacker came to San Francisco, said that he had not seen his train guest since their arrival here, but had heard that he had become suddenly ill.

Mr. Crumpacker's suicide occurred about 14 hours after he had been released from Central Emergency hospital, where he was taken late Saturday night when police found him seated on the curb in front of the St. Mary's cathedral clergy house at 1109 Franklin street.

Crumpacker had been taken to the Emergency hospital Saturday night when police found him sitting on a curbing, and had listened to his story that he had been poisoned. He resisted going to the hospital and was released early Sunday at his own request.

He had been walking with Thomas F. Smart, a Seattle newspaperman. As they approached the foot of the street, Crumpacker cried:

"It's a bad thing to do, but it's the only way out." Smart realized his intentions and caught his arm. Crumpacker threw him to the ground.

Smart is a slightly built man. Crumpacker weighed 240 pounds.

The Oregon representative then ran to the water's edge and plunged. Smart's shouting drew a crowd, but attempts were unavailing for about 20 minutes to recover Crumpacker from the water.

WISCONSIN BEER BILL VETOED BY GOVERNOR

Madison, Wis.—Governor Fred R. Zimmerman vetoed the Duncan bill to repeal all penalties under the state dry act as far as 2.75 per cent beer is concerned. Assemblyman Thomas Duncan, Milwaukee wet leader and author of the bill, promptly declared the veto made the executive one of the outstanding prohibitionists of the country.

Senator P. J. Severson, Iowa, Wis., dry leader, claimed, on the other hand, that the governor could do nothing but veto a bill of such nature.

The governor vetoed the bill on the ground that it would permit the manufacture and sale of beer without restrictions or regulations or sanitary requirements. He also contended it would be in the nature of secession from the Union and that it would mislead many people into the belief that beer making was legal when it was still forbidden by the Volstead act.

LOVE HEADS LEGION

Eugene Man Elected State Commander and Portland Gets 1928 Meet.

La Grande, Or.—The 1928 American Legion state convention was awarded to Portland, Or., and George E. Love of Eugene was unanimously elected department commander of Oregon in the closing session of the organization.

Portland had no opposition for the convention. All of the larger cities have entertained the legionnaires and the smaller cities were not desirous of the meeting because of the size of the convention and the expense involved.

The drum corps contest was won by Salem, with Bend second and Portland third. Other corps participating were those of Eugene, Hood River, Cottage Grove, Medford, Coos Bay, Pendleton and McMinnville, ranking in order. H. M. Elder of Bend won the prize as the best drummer.

Lumber Rate from Northwest Cut.

Washington, D. C. — Shippers in Washington and Oregon are entitled to the same rates on lumber sent to points on the Minneapolis, St. Paul & Rault Ste. Marie railroad in Montana, Minnesota and the Dakotas that they are given to points in the same territory, but on other railroads, it was held by the interstate commerce commission.

Japanese Offers \$50,000 for Flight.

Tokio.—A further spur to trans-Pacific flying was given by Kumejiro Taki, member of the Japanese parliament and wealthy Kobe business man, who offered a prize of 100,000 yen (\$50,000) to the first Japanese aviator who flies across the Pacific.

BRIG. GEN. J. E. FECHET



Brig. Gen. J. E. Fechet, who has been appointed chief of the army air corps, effective December 13, when General Patrick retires.

OREGON INCOME TAX PETITION IS FILED

Salem, Or.—The State Income Tax league, of which H. H. Stallard, Portland, is president, filed with the secretary of state here an initiative petition providing for a state income tax. The tax would be collectible in the year 1929 and would be based on incomes for the year 1928.

The measure is the same as the Grange bill, initiated two years ago, with the exception of the rate of taxation and exemption. For the first \$1000 net income, the rate is fixed at 2 per cent; for the second \$1000, 3 per cent; third \$1000, 4 per cent; fourth \$1000, 5 per cent; fifth \$1000, 6 per cent; sixth \$1000, 7 per cent; seventh \$1000, 8 per cent; eighth \$1000, 9 per cent; ninth \$1000, 10 per cent, and all over \$9,000, 20 per cent. Single persons should be exempted from payment of the tax on net incomes of \$3000, while married persons or heads of families would be exempted in an amount of \$5000. Exemptions for dependents was fixed at \$400 each.

The secretary of state said the petition was not in proper form and would be returned to Secretary George Bylander for correction.

SHORT NEWS NUGGETS

King Ferdinand of Rumania, who died after a long illness, has been succeeded by little Prince Michael, not yet 6 years old, under the tutelage of a regency.

Five contracts for 54 airplanes of improved types and 48 air-cooled engines were awarded by the navy department. The total cost of the contracts was \$1,647,478.

Jack Dempsey knocked out Jack Sharkey in the seventh round of their scheduled 15-round bout at the Yankee stadium, New York and gained the right to a return title match with Gene Tunney.

A tentative valuation of \$242,954,968, as of June, 1919, was given the railroad system of the Union Pacific Railroad company by the interstate commerce commission. The figures included solely the value of the railroad property included in the 3601 miles of line operated in western states.

U. S. Agent Says Crop Outlook Good.

Portland, Or.—Money ought to be plentiful in the Pacific northwest this fall, according to S. J. Mayhood, service agent of the interstate commerce commission, who returned to his office in Portland after a month's vacation touring through Washington, Idaho and Oregon. Mayhood says the wheat crop is the best he has seen in 30 years and the other crops are good, too. The average wheat yield is between 30 and 40 bushels to an acre, he said.

Communistic Idea Hit by Laborites.

Washington, D. C.—Declarations of "contempt and enmity" of "communistic propaganda to undermine the trade unions of this hemisphere" as the work of "destroyers, insidious and treacherous," fostered by the "Communist Internationale" were voiced in resolutions adopted at the concluding sessions of the fifth Pan American Federation of Labor convention here.

Cloudburst Hits in Pennsylvania.

Harrisburg, Pa. — A cloudburst of extreme fury swept central Pennsylvania, leaving a path of destruction in its wake. Estimates placed the damage at more than \$1,000,000. No lives were lost. Duncannon, Halifax, Dauphin, New Bloomfield, Delville and other boroughs bordering on mountain streams bore the full brunt of the storm.

FEDERAL AID ASSURED FOR REPAIR OF DIKES

Coolidge Approves Part of
Hoover's Plans For
Flood Districts.

Rapid City, S. D.—The federal treasury will be opened by President Coolidge for funds to repair the broken dikes of the Mississippi river, but he has reached no decision on another recommendation of Secretary Hoover, to have the government help meet interest and amortization charges on levee bonds in the devastated area.

Immediate federal aid in Mississippi river flood relief was urged upon President Coolidge by Secretary Hoover, who has supervised rescue and rehabilitation work in the devastated area.

Hoover told the president that state legislatures are unable to raise sufficient funds to carry on the imperative work of closing the levees. Furthermore, he said, local communities cannot meet the burden of taxes falling due on the levee bonds because it has been possible only to replant about 2,000,000 of the 3,000,500 acres covered by the flood to crops this year.

Senator Smoot, republican, Utah, chairman of the senate finance committee, who was a guest at the summer White House, reiterated his belief that a special session would be called.

It was stated at the executive office that the president has reached no conclusion on the question of convening congress in special session a month or six weeks ahead of the regular meeting in December to consider flood relief and control measures.

SPENCER WILL HEAD WASHINGTON STATE U.

Seattle, Wash.—The election of M. Lyle Spencer as president of the University of Washington was announced by Dr. A. H. B. Jordan, president of the board of regents.

Spencer succeeds Dr. Henry Suzzallo, who was removed from office late last year by Governor Roland H. Hartley.

In announcing the selection of Dr. Spencer, the regents said that his salary would be \$12,000 a year. Dr. Suzzallo received \$18,000.

Spencer was educated in Kentucky, and worked on Wisconsin newspapers. He came to Seattle in 1919 to become director of the journalism school.

Upon leaving the University in May of last year Dr. Spencer devoted his time to literary work and to his duties as vice-president of the Seattle chamber of commerce. He retired from the latter position last fall.

The new president, who is 46 years old, was born in Batesville, Miss. He obtained academic degrees from Northwestern university, the University of Chicago and Kentucky Wesleyan college.

BANK CASE DEFERRED

Wheeler and Olmstead Granted Extension of Time to Plead.

Portland, Or.—J. E. Wheeler, timberman and ex-publisher of the Portland Telegram, and Emory Olmstead, ex-president of the Northwestern National bank, who were jointly indicted on charges of conspiracy and violation of the national banking act by the federal grand jury appeared in Federal Judge McNary's court and asked for extension of time until September 5 to enter a plea. The request was granted by the court.

Mr. Olmstead and Mr. Wheeler face charges of having "kited" checks to the sum of \$11,000,000, of having misused \$796,514 of the Northwestern National bank's funds. Each defendant is at liberty under \$15,000 bond.

St. Paul Road Assured Reorganization.

Chicago.—Virtually the last bar to financial reorganization of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway was removed when the United States circuit court of appeals denied the appeal of the Jameson committee of junior bondholders from the approval of Judge Wilkerson of the reorganization plan.

Federal Tax on Fight \$98,502.70.

Washington, D. C.—The government will receive \$98,502.70 from the Dempsey-Sharkey fight under the 10 per cent admission tax, Lewis J. Campbell, internal revenue official of New York reports to the treasury. There were 77,238 paid admissions to the fight, bringing in \$985,000, Campbell said.

Long Illness Takes Mrs. P. D. Armour.

Chicago.—Mrs. Philip D. Armour, wife of the founder of Armour & Co., and mother of J. Ogden Armour, seriously ill in London, died at her home here following a long illness.

MONSIGNOR BIONDI



Monsignor Pietro Fumasoni-Biondi, papal delegate to the United States, with headquarters in Washington, D. C., who will attend the Knights of Columbus supreme convention to be held in Portland, August 2, 3 and 4.

NAVAL AVIATOR DROPS 7 MILES

Washington, D. C.—Lieutenant C. C. Champion, navy aviator, made one of the most spectacular flights in history Monday, when, after possibly breaking the world altitude record, his engine exploded and he piloted his powerless plane nearly seven miles downward to safety in a small weed-grown corn field.

He rose in a tiny Wright Apache biplane from Bolling field, jointly shared by the army and Anacostia navy air forces, at 6:40 a. m.

Within 10 minutes he was out of sight.

Within an hour his altimeter registered between 40,000 and 48,000 feet, he said, whereas the previous record was 40,810 feet, set by Callizo of France.

He started to descend but at about 36,000 feet up seven of his nine cylinders blew out, their heads ripping holes in his plane's wing and knocking the oxygen tube from his mouth. All seven piston rods flew back through the plane, further shattering the wings and endangering his life.

MOVIES INVESTIGATED

Entire Industry Under Investigation by Department of Justice.

Washington, D. C.—The motion picture industry, headed by Will Hays, is under investigation by the department of justice for possible violations of anti-trust laws.

Many complaints to the department have charged the industry has violated both the Sherman anti-trust act and the Clayton act.

Officials of the department admitted a thorough investigation of the allegations was being made. They said much federal procedure was confidential, and therefore they could not discuss it for publication.

On the results of the investigation, however, Attorney-General Sargent will decide whether to bring suit against movie companies.

The federal trade commission already has cited the Famous Players-Lasky corporation for alleged unfair trade practices and ordered it to desist.

Cantonese Army Routed in North.

Shanghai.—Disastrous defeat has been administered to the Nationalist (Cantonese) armies, according to confirmed dispatches received here from the north. The combined armies of General Chang Tsung-chang and Sun Chuanfang attacked and drove the Nationalists from Shantung.

THE MARKETS.

Portland.
Wheat—Big Bend bluestem, hard white, federation, soft white and western white, \$1.32; hard winter and northern spring, \$1.28; western red, \$1.26.

Hay—Alfalfa, \$17.50; valley timothy, \$17@18; eastern Oregon timothy, \$22@22.50.

Butterfat—40c.
Eggs—Ranch, 22@25c.

Cattle—Steers, good, \$9.50@10.00.
Hogs—Medium to choice, \$10@12.25.

Lambs—Medium to choice, \$10.50@12.50.

Seattle.

Wheat—Soft white, western white, \$1.33; hard winter, \$1.30; western red, \$1.29 northern spring, \$1.32 bluestem, \$1.35; dark northern spring, \$1.43; dark hard winter, \$1.38.

Hay—Alfalfa, \$25; timothy, P. S., \$22.

Butterfat—43c.
Eggs—Ranch, 25@29c.

Cattle—Steers, choice, \$9.25@10.
Hogs—Prime, \$11.40@11.50.

Spokane.
Cattle—Steers, good, \$9.25@9.75.
Hogs—Good, \$11.50@11.75.

OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Brief Resume of Happenings of
the Week Collected for
Our Readers.

Mrs. Melvina Willis, Cottage Grove, celebrated her 101st birthday anniversary recently.

The thirty-eighth annual Union county pioneer reunion was held at La Grande last week with about 300 attending.

Thomas Langlois, the first white child born in Curry county, died last week at his home in Bandon, aged 73 years.

Portland ranked in 11th place among the 25 leading cities in point of building permits values issued during the first six months of the year.

The reported discovery of large tin deposits on Honey creek, a tributary of the North Umpqua river, has created considerable interest at Roseburg.

Andrew Doyle, a logging contractor engaged in the Middle Fork district near Remote, died at Myrtle Point following an injury caused by a rolling log.

Diplomas for the standard course of the Oregon Normal school will be issued to 85 students at the close of the first half of the summer term, July 27.

Water is now being released from the McKay reservoir for irrigation purposes in the west end of Umatilla county. About 350 acre feet a day is being utilized.

William Chambers, 46, of Baker was instantly killed while loading logs on cars for the Stoddard Lumber company at Boulder Gorge, about 17 miles south of Baker.

The state fish commission has given notice that it will not pay bounty on seal or sea lion scalps turned in after August 1, the bounty fund being practically exhausted.

The Ray-Brown cannery at Woodburn has finished on strawberries, raspberries, cherries and loganberries. Up to Saturday night the payroll had been \$1500 a day.

Due to the very favorable condition of the range, lambs in Grant county this summer are showing a weight of from 7 to 10 pounds in excess of last year at this time.

The Lostine State bank, financial institution of Wallawa county, has increased its capital stock from \$15,000 to \$25,000 and has moved its business from Lostine to Joseph.

Pre-harvest estimates placed the strawberry yield in the Hood River valley at 30 carloads. Fifty-one cars were shipped, canners received 400 tons and total receipts exceeded \$225,000.

Paul Dodele, 73, retired Albany farmer, who was drowned in the Willamette river last week, accidentally fell into the water while attempting to extricate his fishing line from a snag.

Forest fires have given the Whitman national forest of Baker county a wide berth. A few small fires have been discovered and put out, but there have been no bad fires and no property damage.

Grain harvesting in Linn county began this week with prospect for the heaviest yield in years. The acreage is somewhat less than average but this will be more than balanced by large yields.

Elaine, 5-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Henderson of Medford showed how well she could walk last week, using little aid from her mother. The infant also can hang from a bar with her hands.

Articles of incorporation of the Oregon Bank & Trust company to operate in Klamath Falls have been filed with the state banking department. The institution will have a capital of \$75,000 and surplus of \$75,000.

Two barns filled with hay and containing farm machinery and 3000 or 4000 grain sacks and seven head of mules were burned Tuesday night on the W. R. Campbell ranch in the Holdman area north of Pendleton.

Lee Hurst of Phillips camp No. 2, Albany, was elected state commander of the United Spanish War Veterans for the coming year at their annual state encampment held in Klamath Falls last week. McMinnville was selected for the 1928 encampment, having won by three votes in a spirited contest with Salem.

Members of the state board of control at a meeting in Salem last week, voted not to proceed with the construction of a nurses' home at the Oregon state hospital under an act of the last legislature appropriating \$130,000 for this purpose.

The first of 140,000,000 gallons of water to be impounded in the McMinnville supply reservoir on Haskins creek will be impounded October 1, engineers now think, with the lower tow of rock completed and the clay sluicing operations starting.

The Medford Zoin-English Lutheran church trustees last week let the contract for a new \$20,000 concrete edifice to be completed in 90 days.

Plans have been practically completed for the north Morrow county fair to be held in Boardman September 2 and 3. New features are a baby show with appropriate prizes and also exhibits of sheep and cattle.

Nine rifle shots were required to kill a bull at Summer, near Marshfield, after it had attempted to gore Mrs. Aggie Finney. She reached a log in time to climb over it when the animal struck it full force.

County Superintendent E. A. Sayre of Union county was in Cove last week, looking over the garden club work. This is one of the \$29 clubs for which Sayre is responsible, carrying on a varied line of activities.

A fire originating in the small wooden house in the rear of K. Sugarman's clothing company at Chillicothe last Friday did more than \$100,000 damage to surrounding buildings before it was finally headed off by a crew of volunteer fire fighters working with makeshift equipment.

The ninth annual state American Legion convention was held in La Grande last week with more than a thousand delegates and visitors present, including National Commander Howard P. Savage of Chicago and Charles Mills of Miami, Fla., chief wrecker of the National 40 and 8.

There was one fatality in Oregon due to industrial accidents during the week ending July 21, according to a report prepared by the state industrial accident commission. The victim was E. L. Coble, Portland truck driver. There was a total of 823 accidents reported to the commission.

Work on 20 miles of the new location of the Oregon Trunk track south from the end of the Shelvin-Hixon track to Chemult started this week.

First threshing thus far reported in the Unionvale locality was fall barley on the E. M. Alderman farm, yielding a little more than 40 bushels an acre.

The city of Coquille no longer will stand in constant fear of a water shortage when a new well is connected up with the municipal reservoir. The city for years has experienced periodical water shortage and at intervals had typhoid troubles. The well recently brought in, instead of furnishing 100,000 gallons daily, as the contractor promised, is supplying 200,000 gallons.

Audrey Chippman, 10, daughter of Mrs. Chippman, of Missouri, was saved from drowning in the Clackamas river last week by the heroic efforts of Terry Decker, 15, of Gladstone, who dived from the Southern Pacific railroad trestle, a height of about 80 feet, swam in the swift current to the drowning girl and took her to shore amidst cheers of a large throng of spectators.

Construction of the proposed new state normal school at La Grande was deferred by the board of state normal school regents in Salem last week until such time as members of the board clarify in their own minds the effect of a recent decision of the supreme court holding that the state is without authority to create an indebtedness of more than \$50,000 in excess of its visible revenues.

Operation of a new poultry produce plant to be established in Eugene will be started about August 15, according to announcement of E. J. Dixon, general manager of the Pacific Cooperative Poultry Producers' association. Farmers of that district have signed up 100,000 hens for the association, as a result of a drive put on by the Eugene chamber of commerce, in an effort to bring the plant to Eugene.

Ten persons were killed and 381 persons were injured in 2389 motor vehicle accidents in the state of Oregon during the month of June. This was set out in a report prepared by T. A. Raffety, chief inspector for the state motor vehicle department. Carelessness caused 1450 accidents; in 288 drivers failed to give right of way; in 100 the operator failed to give proper signals. Speeding caused 91 and skidding 22 accidents.

The Eastern Oregon state game farm has liberated 2400 Chinese and Mongolian pheasants in Union, Baker, Umatilla and Gilliam counties. Due to the abundant amount of feed in this part of the state the birds are expected to thrive exceptionally well this year. Over 8000 birds have been hatched at the game farm this year and other groups are to be liberated later. One hundred seventy-five turkeys will be released in the fall, according to officials.

Governor Patterson appointed K. D. Warner, Pendleton, a member of the Oregon livestock sanitary board. Warner was recommended by the Oregon Wool Growers' association. He succeeds Jay Dobbin, Enterprise.

The city of Corvallis has just completed the building of a new 8,000,000-gallon dam on Marys peak, estimated to be sufficiently large to care for the city's needs for the next 15 years. The new dam replaces a 3,000,000-gallon dam which was washed out last winter.