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## CROWLEY IS OUSTED BY SHIPPING BOARD

### Brigadier-General Dalton Is at Once Appointed Captain's Successor.

Washington, D. C.—Captain Elmer E. Crowley joined the growing ranks of ex-presidents of the Emergency Fleet corporation when the shipping board, without previous notice, at a suddenly called special meeting and by a vote of four to two, removed him from office and elected in his stead Brigadier-General A. C. Dalton.

The removal was accomplished by accepting the resignation, which Crowley was required to file with the board when he was sworn in nine months ago to succeed Rear-Admiral Leigh Palmer, also removed by the board.

In following the trail blazed by Palmer out of the office of the corporation president, Crowley issued a statement saying he had had "the most hearty support of the two members of the board who admittedly knew more about merchant shipping than any other members, Admiral Benson and Vice Chairman Plummer."

These two members issued brief, pointed statements expressing disapproval of the board's action.

General Dalton's war record and business and political references favoring his appointment provided most of the information in the statement issued by Chairman O'Connor announcing the change. He was serving as assistant quartermaster general of the army when he was placed on the retired list at his own request to permit him to accept the post.

## FORESTS ABLAZE IN NORTHWEST

Portland, Or.—Nearly 100 fires in and near national forests of Oregon and Washington were reported to forest service headquarters here Monday. Some had been extinguished, others were under control, and a few were requiring the most strenuous efforts of large crews of fire fighters to check. The aggregate area in flames was about 3000 acres.

In addition three fires in private timber holdings were giving the northwestern Oregon fire patrol associations concern. They had covered about 1500 acres.

Closing orders were put into effect Monday in many national forest areas. Weather conditions, however, have become more favorable.

According to the reports received, lightning started 27 fires in northwestern Washington, and green timber stands were menaced in Pend Oreille county; 14 forest and brush fires were started in Jackson county, Or., by lightning, and 100 acres of yellow pine was burned in the Wallows forest.

## BONUS LOANS \$18,726,125

### Of 7650 Allowed, But 199 Are Under Foreclosure Proceedings.

Salem, Or.—A total of \$4,654 Oregon war veterans had filed applications for cash bonuses and loans under the Oregon bonus act up to June 30, according to a report issued by Major W. P. Simpson, secretary of the world war veterans' state aid commission.

Loans made under the bonus act to date total 7650, aggregating \$18,726,125. Of these 2951 loans, aggregating \$7,651,500, were made in Multnomah county alone. Marion county ranks second with 469 loans and Clackamas county third with 396.

Foreclosures authorized to date on properties securing bonus loans number 199, with loans aggregating \$498,725.

### Kittitas High Line Work Starts

Ellensburg, Wash.—More than a thousand persons from all sections of the state were here and at Easton for ceremonies formally dedicating the beginning of the construction of the Kittitas high line—the irrigation canal that will put water on 72,000 acres of land tributary to Ellensburg. At Easton Dr. Elwood Mead, commissioner of reclamation, spoke briefly, explaining the significance of the gathering.

Wilkins, leader of the Detroit arctic expedition which last winter and spring unsuccessfully attempted to discover land north of Alaska, arrived here en route to Detroit, Mich.

## WELLS AND EVANS GLOBE TROTTERS, FLY OVER HERE

E. S. Evans and Linton Wells, record-smashing globe trotters, flew across Umatilla county shortly after noon Monday, when they hopped from Pasco to Boise in a Varney mail plane, with Joe Taft of the Pasco airport as pilot.

Wells and Evans arrived at the Boise air port at 3:45 p. m. They expected to arrive in Salt Lake City, where a change of planes will be made.

Both Wells and Evans said the heat waves were terrific and buffeted them mercilessly on their entire trip from Pasco, Washington, field. The plane was a small, shallow No. 1.

Wells and Evans hopped off from Seattle in two army airplanes at 8:30 from Pasco, Washington where they changed to an air mail plane for the next lap of their trip around the world in an attempt to reach New York in less than 30 days from the time they left there.

Wells was piloted by First Lieutenant T. K. Mathews, test pilot for the air service, and Evans by First Lieutenant T. J. Koenig, commanding the Sand Point air field.

The globe trotters arrived at Seattle in the seaplane of Edward Hubbard from Victoria at 6:45 a. m. and were carried ashore on the shoulders of brawny bluejackets stationed at Sand Point. The delay in their start from Seattle was due to arrangements attempted to have the army planes take them to Fairfield, Ohio, but this plan was abandoned in favor of the relay plan. They arrived at Seattle from Victoria, B. C., where they landed at 5:05 Monday morning from an oriental liner from Japan.

After being cleared by American immigration and customs officers, specially detailed to meet the plane, the two globe-trotters stepped into army planes for a hop to Pasco, where the air mail picked them up to relay them eastward to New York city, their starting point. Wells and Evans left New York June 16 and expect to be back there again in less than 30 days from that date. This was the 27th day of their trip.

Major C. C. Moseley, mail pilot, was expected to be waiting at Salt Lake for the lap to North Platte.

## DRILLING AT ATTALIA SOON TO BE RESUMED

The Attalia News—Tribune says: Carl Kupers, President of the Columbia Basin Oil company was in Attalia Sunday, and visited at the W. H. Ladd home while here. Mr. Kupers has been at his big wheat ranch near Helix, Oregon, preparing for harvest, but stated that he will return to Attalia to resume work at the well, as soon as harvest is over.

He said that money enough to operate for a time had been secured, and arrangements will be made to raise more. It is planned to pull out the hole to 6 inches as far as the 2912 foot level, buy a new band wheel and otherwise make repairs before going ahead with pumping.

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the oil company will be held soon at the oil well, according to Mr. Kupers, when plans for continuing will be taken up.

### MRS. J. H. RALEY DEAD

Mrs. J. H. Raley, wife of the prominent Pendleton lawyer, died at her home in that city Sunday, after an illness of five years. Mrs. Raley, who was Minerva Pruet, was born at Gervais, Oregon, January 16 1857. She is survived by her husband, three daughters and one son. Funeral services were from the family residence Tuesday afternoon.

### MOUNTAIN RESORTS

Mountain camps and spring resorts are claiming growing populations during these hot days. Bingham Springs is accommodating a large number of guests, while many are camping at Cold Springs, McDougal and Langdon Lake.

### WALLA WALLA EDITOR

John H. McDonald, night editor of the Walla Walla Union, died at a hospital Tuesday morning. He had been in ill-health for months, though he was able to attend to his duties on the paper most of the time.

### YEP, IT'S HOT

While the mercury was crawling up to 107 at Walla Walla, and 108 at Yakima, Sunday, Athena's record stood at 102, and everybody thought it was hot.

## FORMER ATHENAITES HOLD A REUNION AT PORTLAND

Writing to the Press from Portland, Mrs. Will McCollum says:

You will no doubt be pleased to know that we had a gathering of Athena folks living in Portland out at the Laurelhurst Park Saturday evening July 10, there being about 50 in attendance including children. A pleasant time was enjoyed by all in the meeting of old time friends. A basket lunch was served after which it was suggested we make this an annual affair. An organization was formed selecting Mrs. G. C. Osburn as president and W. A. McCollum secretary.

Those in attendance were: Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Osburn, Miss Velma Wilkinson, Mrs. Eloise Huntington, Miss Eloise Huntington, Mr. and Mrs. George Clore, Mrs. M. L. Leeper, A. L. Ackles, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Clark and daughter, Mrs. Decker, Dr. and Mrs. A. W. Bodkin, M. E. Swan, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Dickey, Mrs. N. A. Jacobs, Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Sturges (Bessie McBride), William McDride, Mrs. E. E. Cleaver, Mr. and Mrs. Kilthan (Iva Calender), Mr. and Mrs. Westcott (Ruby Calender), Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Edington, Mrs. Effie Edington Smith, A. Hansen, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McCollum, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Bagley and daughter Alva, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Jarvis Mrs. E. C. Calender.

## KOEPKES IN ACCIDENT

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Koepke Sr., en route here from Glendale, California, were in an automobile accident Monday, according to the following special from Grants Pass: "Bernice Britton, 20, and Mrs. C. R. Stryker of Bradley, Nebraska were injured yesterday when the car in which they were riding was struck on Wolf Creek hill by a machine driven by Hiram Hiromoto, driver for Henry Koepke."

## NEW STAGE RUN

A new stage run has been started between Boise, Idaho and Pendleton. The new line will connect with other bus lines at Boise and Pendleton. The run will be made in 10 hours and 11 minutes, according to the schedule. Buses leave Pendleton at 7 and 11 o'clock in the morning and leave Boise at 2 and 8 in the afternoon and evening. Four buses each carrying 20 passengers will be put on the run.

## GOOD HARVEST WEATHER

Aside from heat on men and stock the past week has been ideal for harvesting grain. With all machines in operation, a big acreage has been cut this week, the grain being in prime condition for separation.

## TRUCK HITS FORD

A truck and a Ford touring car bumped together Sunday evening at the intersection of Main and Third streets, without damage to either vehicle.

## BROWN BEAR KILLS HORSE AND RUNS FOREST RANGER

A huge brown bear, followed by two cubs, after killing the horse of Dewey Nelson, forest patrolman at Larch mountain near Hood River, chased Mr. Nelson up a tree and threatened him.

Ready to start on his day's duties the ranger went in search of his horse soon after daybreak. He found the animal, just slain, off the trail a short distance from his station. Nelson walked within 15 feet of the horse and three bears, which were feeding on the hind quarters, before he saw them. The old bear, startled by his presence, immediately showed fight and the ranger said he owed his life to his speed and a fir tree near by.

A big Airedale dog, the ranger's companion at the lonely station, was following some distance behind his master and, arriving on the scene, the dog charged the bear from the rear. For 30 minutes the Airedale annoyed the bear. The instant he ceased his charges the bear would return to the tree and show evidence of ascending after the human beef steak. Nelson said the dog was skilled in the maneuvers of bears and but for his expert dodging, he declared, the angry bear would have slain him.

After about 30 minutes the bear grew tired of the dog's attacks, apparently, and slipped off into the forest after the cubs. Mr. Nelson immediately telephoned the Hecman creek ranger station for another horse and for the aid of a bear hunter.

It is rare that brown bears are sighted in the mid-Columbia Cascades. Mr. Nelson said the animal was far larger than the ordinary black bear.

## ROCK STRIKES AUTOMOBILE

Bob Fletcher of Pendleton, well known in Athena, had a narrow escape from death the other morning, when in descending from his automobile a rock from a blast in the new reservoir came through the top of the car striking the seat where Mr. Fletcher had been sitting. The car was more than a half mile away from the blasting, but the rock embedded itself in the seat.

## COOLIDGE SIGNS BILL

President Coolidge has signed the Stanfield bill to reimburse eighteen Oregon and Washington counties for taxes lost through railroad land grants. Approval by the president of the tax refund bill authorizes payment to 18 counties in Oregon of approximately five million dollars.

## FRAZIER FIELD BURNS

Approximately 45 acres of the Maurice Frazier wheat field near Millton, burned Wednesday afternoon. The field had been cut and the grain, in sacks had not been hauled. The fire started from a blaze at the Millton city dumping grounds.



Young women artists turn from their jars of color and paint brushes to assist plasterers in setting ornaments in place atop huge pylons which adorn the main entrances to the Palace of Agriculture and Food Products, of the vast exhibition buildings which forms a part of the great Sesqui-Centennial International Exposition being staged in Philadelphia from June 1 to December 1 to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Climbing ladders and walking along rickety scaffolds is nothing new to these young ladies, but each time they do it they get a thrill.

## RADIOCASTERS ARE ON THEIR WAVELENGTH HONOR

Radio broadcasters have been placed on their honor as to their use of the ether.

Under a new policy announced by the commerce department made necessary by an opinion of the attorney-general holding the department to be without controlling power, no attempt will be made in the future to assign wave lengths to broadcasting stations. Licenses issued to new stations will merely show the wave length selected by the stations themselves as normal for their needs.

## NEGRO DROWNS

A transient negro, while wading in the Columbia, at the mouth of the Umatilla, Sunday, during the hottest part of the day, stepped into a deep hole, floundered in the sight of others, and drowned. The body was later recovered with a drag-net.

## PRESSURE TANK KILLS

Sam Miller, 25, was instantly killed in a Walla Walla garage, Saturday morning when an overcharged pressure tank exploded. The bottom of the tank blew out and striking Miller in the forehead, tore away a portion of his skull.

## EXPLOSION DESTROYS BIG NAVAL ARSENAL

### 19 Known Dead and Enormous Property Damage Result of Bolt of Lightning.

Dover, N. J.—Cracking out of the midst of a heavy storm just after 5 o'clock Saturday, lightning touched off the thousands of pounds of high explosives in the United States naval arsenal at Lake Denmark, seven miles from here. Nineteen are known to be dead, over 20 missing, more than 200 are injured and damage of approximately \$100,000,000 was done to government property in the destruction of the navy ammunition depot at Lake Denmark, and the partial destruction of the army ammunition depot which adjoins it at Pleasant.

For more than 24 hours after the fire 18-inch armor piercing shells, 14-inch and smaller calibers continued exploding, throwing their projectiles in all directions.

The first detail of marines sent into the devastated area Monday recovered 17 bodies of comrades and others. They worked over a waste of smoldering embers from which shells burst unexpectedly.

There was a flare-up of excitement Monday evening as the smoldering fires on the reservation reached one of the magazines and new blasts rocked the area as 14 inch shells again hurtled through the air.

Nineteen bodies had been recovered from the devastated region up to 1 o'clock Tuesday.

The ammunition dump itself is a smoldering furnace of twisted and mangled steel and brick, and the great forested area which surrounded it has been wiped out, leaving a naked expanse of blackened hillside without a tract of vegetation.

## FRANCO-BRITISH DEBTS SETTLED

London.—Finance Minister Caillaux of France and the British chancellor of the exchequer, Winston Churchill, Monday reached a complete agreement on terms for funding the French war debt to Great Britain.

Although the full terms of the agreement were withheld, it is understood that France will pay in the current financial year 4,000,000 pounds with gradually increasing payments until the sixth year, when the full 12,000,000 pounds as previously arranged, will be reached.

The full payment terms are 12,500,000 pounds annually for 62 years and France will not be required to pay the deficiency of these five years of partial moratorium until after a long period, probably 25 or 30 years.

## NEARBY VILLAGES DAMAGED

### Towns and Hamlets for 15 Miles Show Shell-Fire Traces.

Dover, N. J.—Towns and hamlets within a radius of 15 miles of what was until Saturday the navy's principal depot, bear the marks of the continued hail of debris and the shock of the detonating stores of powder, TNT, and even more powerful explosives. With the less severely injured under treatment in several hospitals and private homes in the hilly region in and about Lake Denmark, it was difficult to obtain an accurate check-up of those hurt in the successive blasts set off by a bolt of lightning.

Explosions occurring at frequent intervals threw shells a distance of about a mile. This barrage made a war-time inferno of an area of four miles immediately surrounding the depot. Troops who were hurried to the scene stood by, helpless to curb the senseless explosions.

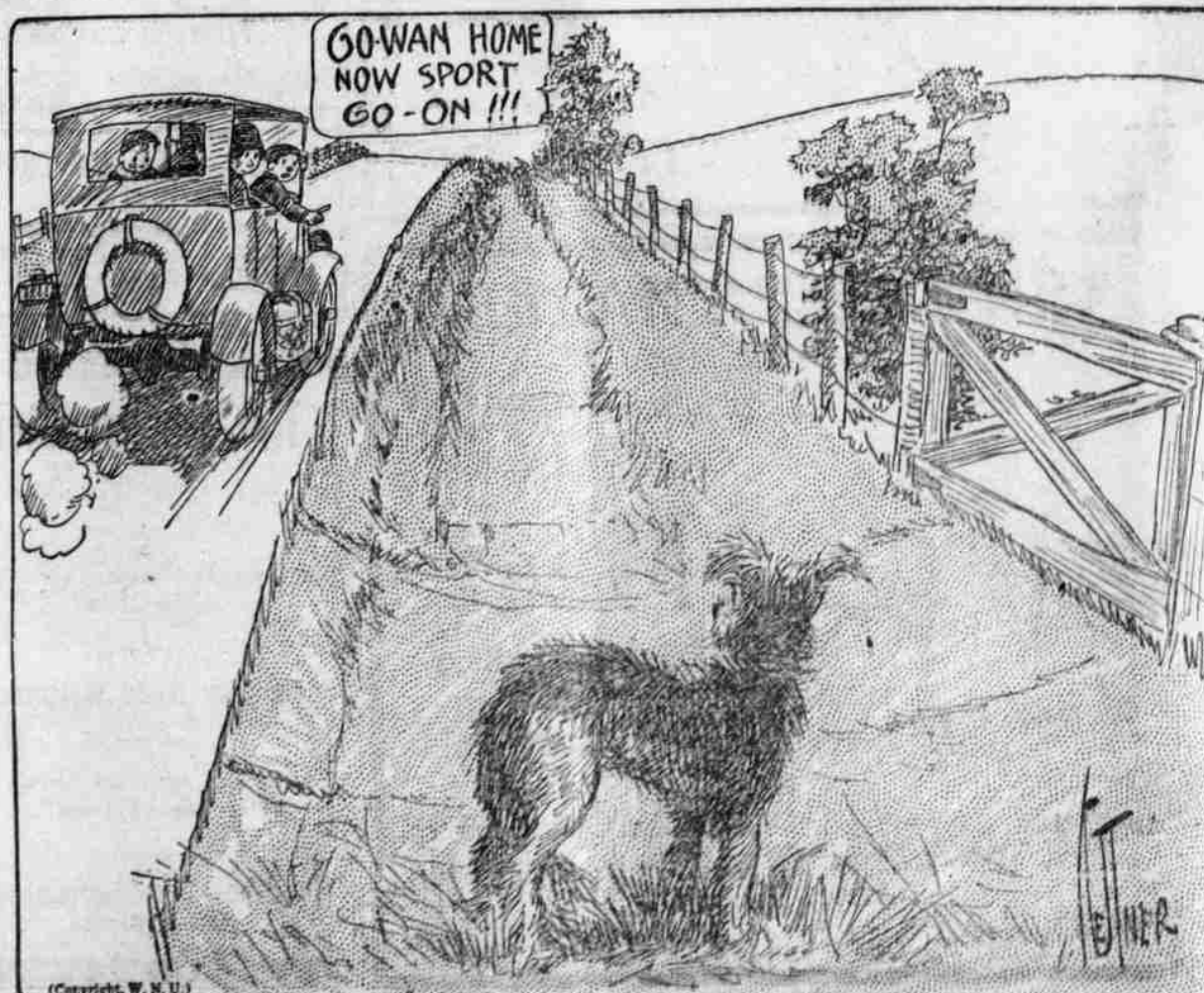
## Flames Raze Kalama Mill

Kalama, Wash.—The tinder-dry sawmill of the Columbia River Door company here was destroyed by a fire of undetermined origin that swept the plant, its dock and its yards, doing \$500,000 damage, largely covered by insurance. The mill, of 100,000-foot capacity, employed 100 men on a shift.

### Geo. Chamberlain Weds Mrs. Shelton

Norfolk, Va.—George E. Chamberlain, formerly United States senator from Oregon and governor of that state, was married here to Mrs. Carolyn B. Shelton. Both live in Washington. Mr. Chamberlain gave his age as 72 and his bride gave hers as 43.

## Dog Days



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