

HIT RUN THEORY IS ABANDONED IN ICKES TRAGEDY

SANTA FE, N. M., Sept. 2.—(AP)—Persistent descriptions of a nearby "black sedan" in the sparsely settled area where an automobile accident killed Mrs. Harold L. Ickes, wife of the cabinet member, puzzled investigators today after the chief of state police abandoned any "hit and run" theory.

Before the body of Mrs. Ickes was started last night for the family home at Hubbard House, Ill., a coroner's jury of Spanish Americans failed to fix responsibility for the crash in two hearings of transplanted testimony.

Two survivors, Genevieve Forbes Herrick, Washington, D. C., newspaperwoman, and Ibrahim Seyidulahi, attaché of the Turkish embassy, were recovering from pelvic fractures.

With Mrs. Herrick was her husband, John Herrick, who came by airplane from Washington. The district attorney hoped to question the two injured today.

Frank Allen, of Gallup, N. M., driver of the death car, died at St. Vincent's hospital here today.

NEW IMPROVEMENT TO ALLEN HOTEL

The Allen Hotel, formerly known as the Nash Hotel and one of the landmarks of southern Oregon, was opened Sunday under the new personal management of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Allen. The famous old building has been extensively improved, and is due for even more complete renovation in the near future.

A beautiful marquee, illuminated with neon, is being constructed, and will be supplemented in the front by an awning. A new hot water heater has also been installed, with shower baths in nearly every suite, and the old skylights will be replaced by new fireproof lights.

Warmth on both floors and safety locks on every door are parts of the remodeling project.

Telephones will be installed in every room and a seventy-foot aerial will be installed for radio service. The lounges will be improved and many of the rooms will be redecorated.

FARM LAND NEAR EL PASO FLOODED

EL PASO, Sept. 2.—(AP)—The crest of a flood on the Rio Grande reached El Paso, Tex., today, leaving damage which officials estimated conservatively at \$500,000 in Las Cruces and Dona Ana county, New Mexico.

A levee at Vinton, 17 miles north of here, broke today, flooding several homes and 800 acres of farm land.

The crest of the flood brought the river within two inches of the international bridge to Juarez, Mexico, at El Paso.

As the flood waters receded here several hundred families were being cared for in shelter stations. Their adobe homes collapsed in the heavy rain which fell here yesterday, or were untenable because of flooded basements.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2.—(AP)—Acting Postmaster General Hovess announced the appointment as acting postmaster of Harvey P. De Moss, Herndon, Oregon, effective at close of business on Sept. 13.

CITY IS DESERTED OVER LABOR DAY

The drone of packing house machinery and the shifting of freight trains in the Southern Pacific yards was the only outward sign of activity in Medford today as thousands deserted the city for coast and mountain resorts.

According to the state police, the exodus started on Saturday, reached heavy volume travel yesterday, with a steady flow leaving the city this morning. Those industries that must keep going at all times were running today with shortened personnel.

At the telephone office, only 45 percent of the regular number of operators were needed to carry the greatly abbreviated number of calls.

The only offices running with extra forces were the traffic departments of the state and city police, to keep the heavy flow of traffic expected this evening running smoothly.

ASTRID'S CHILDREN TO BE MOTHERED BY AGED DOWAGER

BRUSSELS, Sept. 2.—(AP)—A wartime queen, saddened by the death of her own husband, has taken Belgium's motherless royal children under her care.

Dowager Queen Elizabeth of Belgium assented quickly to the tearful request of her son, King Leopold, that she substitute for their mother, Queen Astrid, killed in an automobile accident in Switzerland.

It was only last year she lost her husband, King Albert, who fell to his death while mountain climbing. Since that time she has shunned public life. She has remained out of Belgium since last March.

The new duty will not be easy for the gray-haired, 55-year-old queen-mother, tiny Prince Albert, hardly more than a year old, requires a great deal of attention. Princess Josephine Charlotte, approaching her eighth birthday, and her younger brother, Prince Baudoin, nearly 5, must be made to understand and accept their loss as they wander thru their playgrounds at Stuyvenberg Castle.

Grief was not confined to royalty today, thousands of the populace stood in the rain today for hours awaiting a chance of a farewell glimpse of Queen Astrid. The young queen's body rested on a white silk bed past which they slowly filed, ten abreast.

The funeral will be held on Tuesday.

GEHRIG BIDS FOR BATTING HONORS

NEW YORK, Sept. 2.—(AP)—Lou Gehrig's bid for the American league batting crown and Arky Vaughan's effort to make the 400 games in the averages by the close of the season furnish features of the major league batting races during the past week.

The New Yorker, who has risen from a place among the also-rans to within striking distance of the lead in the past two weeks continued his sprint up to third place and wound up only ten points behind the leader, Joe Voisik of Cleveland, after yesterday's games.

'Red Rain' Spurts to Win Saratoga Event

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N. Y., Sept. 2.—(AP)—A big chestnut thunderbolt, Red Rain, pride of the C. V. Whitney stable, ran over sixteen two-year-olds Saturday like Joe Louis plows through second-rate prize fighters to win the \$18,400 hopeful on the closing day card at Saratoga and stamp himself the greatest, swiftest colt of the year.

Tossed into the 8½ furlong dash with the finest youngsters of the east and west, Red Rain got away badly, trailed his field by a full 20 lengths down the backstretch, and seemed entirely out of it until the final dash.

OIL TRUST PLOTS TO PUNISH TEXAS WITH PRICE CUTS

DALLAS, Tex., Sept. 2.—(UP)—Col. Ernest O. Thompson, chairman of the Texas railroad commission, today accused major oil companies of threatening a cut in the price of gasoline and crude oil "as punishment to Texas for the fight this state has made to retain control of its oil production."

"The commission," he promised, "will not be turned aside from a program of course of action which it deems to be in the interest of our people for years to come, by any threats or contemplated action intended to be taken by monopolistic interests who seek to dominate and control the oil industry of Texas."

He asserted that the railroad commission possesses information "deemed by us to be altogether responsible and reliable" that certain major oil companies plan cuts in the price of crude oil and gasoline that they may purchase large quantities of crude oil at low prices to fill their empty storage.

SHIRLEY TEMPLE AND CLARK GABLE POPULAR ABROAD

HOLLYWOOD, Calif., Sept. 2.—(AP)—An "inside" studio survey of foreign lands indicates Clark Gable and Shirley Temple are the most popular international stars of the Hollywood screen industry.

Greta Garbo retains her prominence, Joan Crawford and Janet Gaynor are still favorites.

A similar survey last year showed the favorites to be Marlene Dietrich, Lillian Harvey, Miss Garbo and Maurice Chevalier.

New contenders for fame outside this country are Claudette Colbert and Grace Moore.

The survey included England, France, Austria, Denmark, Norway, Spain and Latin America, the Antipodes and the Orient.

The late Will Rogers, top-notch star in the United States, was not a markedly strong contender abroad, but his popularity had been gaining in Canada and other British countries.

Eddie Cantor "goes big" in Shanghai and Bombay, Mae West is a hit in the Philippines. South America likes Kay Francis and also the Ginger Rogers - Fred Astaire combination.

Oriental audiences are beginning to dote on Myrna Loy and Laughton. George Raft gets a play in the Orient and in Spain.

Egypt has a yen for Jean Parker and still looks for Charlie Chaplin films.

PAOLI, Pa., Sept. 2.—(AP)—Mary King, 20-year-old student at Stanford University, Calif., making a solo flight in a borrowed plane, crashed into a tree and dropped to the ground—but she wasn't even scratched. The girl, spending her vacation with her parents, who live at Villanova, stepped from the plane after the crash at the main line airport here yesterday and explained a sudden gust of wind blew her into a tree. Miss King is a movie pilot.

Miss King is a daughter of Samuel A. King, lecturer in English at Bryn Mawr college.

No Industrial Accidents. BALEM, Sept. 2.—(AP)—There were no fatalities in Oregon due to industrial accidents during the week ending August 29, the State Industrial Accident commission reported today. Accidents numbered 780.

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SHRINER CIRCUS OPENING TONIGHT

The Hillah Shrine Patrol Circus opens its six day engagement at 8 o'clock tonight at the Jackson County Fair Grounds, and according to Rex Barnett, general chairman of the Shrine Patrol Circus committee everything is in readiness to make this week a gala circus occasion for Medford. This is a real circus under a Big Top, with thousands of comfortable bleachers and grand stand seats, and a good view of any part of the show can be seen from any seat under the mammoth sea of canvas.

Bert Peasey, business manager of the Shrine Patrol, said in a statement this morning, Hillah Shrine Patrol, brings to Medford this week, the best circus entertainment available, the Polack Bros. Circus being an aggregation of all star circus acts, selected from all the various circuses on the road. He also states that he headed a committee of local Shriners on a caravan that was made to Klamath Falls, last Monday night to witness the opening of the Polack Bros. circus there, which was sponsored by the Drum Corps of the Hillah Temple, and the amusement going public of Medford can rest assured that each and every act, is well staged and presented, and more than full value will be received by all attending.

The doors to the circus will open each evening at 7 p. m. and the show will start promptly at 8 p. m. Free parking space at the fair grounds will be available to all who drive to see the circus.

BUILDING SHOWS ROSIER IN LAND

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2.—(AP)—Continued business improvement today was reported for the week ended Wednesday by the commerce department.

Summarizing reports from 33 major cities, it found retail trade running "well ahead" of the same period last year.

The wholesale trade continued to gain momentum as the fall buying season advanced and there were indications of further acceleration following the Labor Day period, the survey said.

"Reports from over the country showed no signs of abatement in construction. The Cleveland Builders exchange stated that contracts were awarded during the week for more buildings of an industrial and general business nature than had been in any like period of some time passed."

"Chicago reported that plans are under consideration by many firms for new construction and improvement of present properties."

"San Francisco reported the granting by a local bank of the 25,000th F.H.A. loan, while in Jacksonville, it was said that 315 new houses have been built or in the process of construction since the first of the year. Reports of comparable activities in the building industry were general."

FINE MAD FARMER FOR HORSE ABUSE

ALBANY, Ore., Sept. 2.—(UP)—Arthur Dykstra, of Lebanon, was fined \$100 and costs today when he pleaded guilty in justice court to dragging two horses behind his truck until one of them had to be killed. Dykstra was said to have become enraged when the horses strayed from his farm. When he found the animals, he tied them by the halters to the rear of his truck, and drove steadily for several miles over gravelled roads. Neighbors complaining, and state police made the arrest.

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