

GAS DEATH ROOM READY NEXT WEEK AT STATE PRISON

To Be Located Near Site of Old Gallows—Installation Cost \$1200 — First Use Slated for January 7

By Paul W. Harvey, Jr. SALEM, Dec. 3.—(AP)—Oregon's lethal gas chamber, which will take the place of the gallows at the state penitentiary, will be delivered next week. The steel chamber, which cost \$1,200, is being constructed by a Denver firm which makes chambers for other states that execute by this modern method—Nevada, Arizona, Colorado, Wyoming, North Carolina, California and Missouri.

room near the site of the old gallows near the site of the old gallows, which have not been used for six years. The installation cost will be \$1,200.

First Use Jan. 7 Leroy Hercules McCarthy, scheduled to die January 7 for killing a Portland service station attendant, probably will be the first victim, although an appeal may cause a delay. The chamber is a cylinder standing on end, while in the center is the victim's steel chair, to which his arms and legs will be strapped. Under the chair will be the "eggs" of deadly chemicals which, when dropped into a jar of acid, will generate the lethal gas.

It will take about 43 minutes from the time the prisoner enters until his body is moved out.

At a recent Nevada execution, the prisoner, clad only in shorts, entered at 6 p. m. and the door was closed two minutes later. In another minute the bluish gas struck his face, and he was unconscious in a half minute. His heart stopped 10 minutes after he breathed the fumes.

Executions Cost \$1 Guards began to clear the gas out 17 minutes after he died, and after 18 more minutes the body was removed, 48 minutes after the prisoner entered the chamber.

Doctors can listen to the victim's heart beat by a stethoscope through the chamber wall. The eggs are dropped by a string through the wall. The cost of each execution will be about \$1.

Witnesses may see the execution through windows constructed of bullet proof glass three fourths of an inch thick. But guards must be careful to protect the witnesses from the gas. After each execution, ammonia is injected into the chamber to neutralize the gas, and then the mixture is blown out. This process is repeated at least 10 times to make sure that not a trace remains.

There have been some instances in which witnesses became seriously ill because gas leaked through cracks in the chamber.

Oregon's chamber will be tested soon after installation, probably by executing a cat or dog.

KENNEDY PLEADS FOR FEDERAL AID TO AIR SERVICE

Congress Told Government Must Act to Prevent Transoceanic Service Control by Foreign Group

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—(AP)—Chairman Joseph P. Kennedy of the maritime commission urged congress today to give prompt financial aid to the development and operation of transoceanic air service to prevent it from being "controlled by foreign interests."

Testifying before the house merchant marine committee on legislation recommended by the commission for rehabilitation of this country's merchant marine, Kennedy advocated immediate assistance for across-the-ocean aviation "as a new aid to the foreign commerce of the United States."

"Present and future economy dictate prompt action," he said. "Assistance to a small degree now, before foreign airlines have preempted the field, as they threaten to do, will undoubtedly firmly establish American operators and prevent transoceanic air service from being controlled by foreign interests as has previously been the case in steamship service and international cable service."

Turning to the merchant marine proper, Kennedy declared there was need for immediate legislation to create a mediation board to handle labor disputes in the industry.

"Unless something can be done to reduce interunion friction, to increase the efficiency of crews and to restore order and discipline aboard our ships, all of the government's efforts to develop a strong American merchant marine will be futile," Kennedy asserted.

Labor relations in the shipping industry, he added, have "long been characterized by an unenlightened attitude on the part of both employer and employee."

STAFFORD GETS SCHOOL ORDERS

Maj. Ben Stafford, former commander of the Redding CCC district and now on duty as Medford district executive officer, has been named by the war department to attend the command and general staff school at Fort Leavenworth, Kas., next year.

Major Stafford returned recently from a tour of duty in Hawaii and assumed command of the Redding district. When that district was disbanded, he was assigned to the Medford district, giving this headquarters three regular army officers.

Major Stafford will remain in the Medford district for the next several months as he does not report at Fort Leavenworth until August. It is probable he will use up a good deal of his leave time, however, in order to enjoy the hunting and fishing in this area. Major and Mrs. Stafford, and their son Bruce, are now living at 19 Geneva street.

The command and general staff assignment is one of the most coveted assignments which a regular army officer can receive. It is a proof of his excellent military record. Major Stafford will spend a one-year term at the school.

CAMPS FOR JOBLESS BUILT IN CALIFORNIA

VINA, Cal. (AP)—A camp of 16 buildings which will accommodate 250 men in nearing completion, one of a number planned to meet California's unemployment problem. Jobless men without families will be sent to these camps instead of receiving cash payments as at present.

COST OF VENISON RUNS INTO MONEY

SAN BERNARDINO, Cal. (AP)—Venison proved expensive to hunters who shot their own in the San Bernardino national forest this year. Neal M. Rahm, forest range examiner, estimates the cost at approximately \$1 per pound. His estimate includes expenditures for guns, ammunition, food, gasoline and other items.

SAFETY RECORD ON SPAN BETTER

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—After the lapse of a year and passage of 8,000,000 machines, traffic on the giant San Francisco-Oakland bay bridge is steadier and safer. So reports Harold Atkins and J. A. Fowler, who have patrolled the structure since the day it opened.

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Early-day faults of travelers across the eight-mile span were listed by the officers as stopping or slowing down to look at the scenery, attempting to cross on foot and running out of gas.

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Fossil Teeth Found ALAMOSA, Colo. (UP)—Fossils excavated at a depth of four feet near here have been identified tentatively as teeth of the pre-historic imperial mammoth elephant. It is known that a species of mastodons roamed Colorado and Wyoming in the Pleistocene age, but the fossils found near here were the first of their type discovered west of Texas.

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