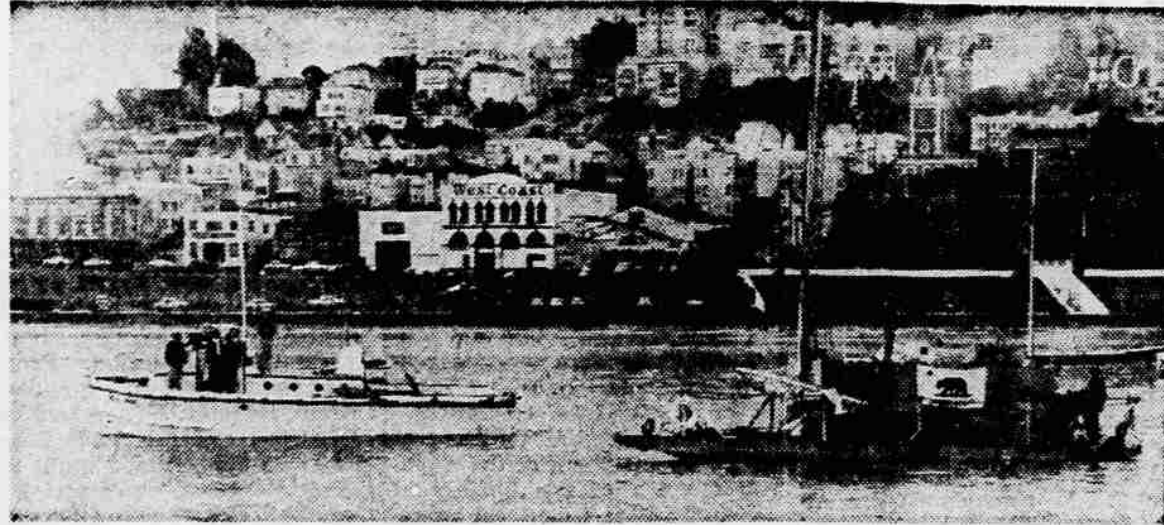


Martford, Conn. —(U.P.)— Police looked for a poetry-minded person who also may be a bit absent-minded. A woman brought police 12 volumes of the complete works of poet Robert Browning which she found in a parking lot.

Omaha —(U.P.)— An elderly woman running for a bus was too late, and the bus pulled away without her. A nearby taxi driver picked her up, drove to a stop ahead of the bus and let her out without charging for the ride.



LEHI SAILS . . . MINUS SKIPPER—The raft Lehi II, with California Republic flag on her cabin (right) putt-putts out of Aquatic Park lagoon Hawaii-bound. Skipped De Vere Baker and three crewmen arrived too late and had to hire a boat to catch up. Boat at left will tow the Lehi to a point 30 miles from the Golden Gate.

Lehi II Crew 'Wet, Cold, Hungry' First Day Out of San Francisco; Will Continue

San Francisco—(U.P.)—The raft Lehi II, a slow boat to Hawaii, established contact Saturday with the mainland from a drifting position somewhere in the Pacific ocean.

Devere Baker, skipper of the yellow five-sided craft attempting to drift to the Hawaiian islands, talked to a San Francisco radio station by ship-to-shore telephone and reported his five-man crew, "cold, wet and hungry."

If he knew where the raft was, however, he did not divulge the information.

Towed to Fallons The Lehi II, sister ship of a raft that cracked up on the same trip last summer, left San Francisco Friday. She was towed out to the Farallon islands by the tug Sea Bee and cut adrift.

At that time the Lehi was 27 miles off the Golden Gate—entrance to San Francisco harbor. Earlier Baker had estimated that his raft should be 50 miles southwest of San Francisco Saturday and then average 40 miles a day.

The first contact with the Lehi was made about noon Saturday through arrangement with the radio station. The Lehi had been refusing to accept any other ship-to-shore calls.

"This is Baker on the raft

Lehi II. We have just completed our first night. The crew is cold, wet and hungry. However, we have a very good crew. There has been no complaining or grumbling and the pressure should ease up as we adjust ourselves.

"We are now preparing a meal of salmon given us by the fishing boat. We have caught none

ourselves yet. We had to take down our sails as the winds are very changeable. But by tomorrow we should be well off the coast and into stable winds."

The five-man crew took no food or water, planning to subsist on fish and water distilled from the ocean.

Ironically their first meal was from an eight-pound salmon caught by 16-year-old Rich Burtleson, a member of the crew of the Sea Bee, and presented to the Lehi II just before they were cut loose Friday.

Loucks, Wyatt Seek To Succeed Boehnke

Salem —(U.P.)— State Rep. Al Loucks, former mayor of Salem, and Wendell Wyatt, Astoria's attorney, Saturday announced they will be candidates to succeed Ed. G. Boehnke of Eugene as Oregon's Republican state chairman.

Another prominent Republican, Curtis T. Beecher of Roseburg, a retired Marine general, had been mentioned as a possible successor to Boehnke. But Beecher Friday said he was not a candidate.

Boehnke announced his resignation last week and called a meeting in Portland May 21 to choose a new state chairman.

The American Cancer society allocated \$5,500,000 for cancer research last year.

Klamath Girl Held in Reservation Beatings

Klamath Falls —(U.P.)— A 14-year-old girl, who police said "lured" victims to isolated spots on the Klamath Indian reservation where they were beaten and robbed by accomplices, Saturday was ordered sent to Hillcrest School for Girls in Salem by Circuit Judge David R. Vendenburg.

Sheriff's deputies said the girl was a member of a quartet which had terrorized reservation residents in recent weeks. One of the victims was 90-year-old Roscoe Watah.

Held in Klamath county jail on robbery charges in connection with the gang's activities were Perry Chockfoot, 23, and his wife, Julia, 19. A 16-year-old boy was being held in the county juvenile home.

Chockfoot and his wife are scheduled to appear for preliminary hearing Tuesday before District Judge B. E. Van Vactor.

Osceola, Neb. —(U.P.)— Albert Ryan, president of Polk County's fair board, received a letter with 50 cents enclosed. The unidentified writer wrote, "A long time ago I gained admission to the fair without paying."

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