

Six Killed as Train Smashes Oil Truck

Bank Forced To Close; More Than \$2 Million Embezzled by Cashier

Sheldon, Iowa — (UPI) — The Sheldon National Bank closed its doors today after the assistant cashier and daughter of the bank president admitted embezzling more than \$2 million, federal authorities said.

Republicans Ask Kennedy To Push Civil Rights Bills

Washington — (UPI) — A seven-point civil rights program was placed before the Senate today by two Republicans who called on President-elect John F. Kennedy to push it as fast as possible.

The measure was introduced by New York Sen. Jacob K. Javits and Kenneth B. Keating. They said Kennedy's incoming administration "must take the initiative to recommend civil rights legislation and constantly press for consideration of it."

National Forest Man Transferred

The transfer of D. F. O'Leary of the Rogue River National forest to the regional forestry office in Portland has been announced by C. E. Brown, forest supervisor.

SBA Head Named By John Kennedy

Palm Beach, Fla. — (UPI) — President-elect John F. Kennedy appointed a small business administrator today, packed his golf clubs and looked over the final draft of his inaugural speech before heading to Washington where the presidency awaits him Friday.

Eastern Oregon Timber Tax Bill Scheduled

Salem — (UPI) — A timber tax bill calling for a severance, or harvest, tax only on Eastern Oregon timber will be introduced in the Oregon House Wednesday.

Duncan Praises Oregon Tax Setup; Urges Repeal of Tax on Inventories

Pendleton — (UPI) — House Speaker Robert Duncan (D-Medford) said today Washington state is trying to "imitate" Oregon in developing a better tax climate for business and described this as further proof that Oregon is second to none in the northwest in this field.

bank. Her bond was set at \$10,000. Mrs. Geiger, daughter of bank president W. P. Iverson, was arraigned today before U.S. commissioner Wilford M. Forker at Sioux City.

Although she was specifically charged with converting bank accounts "in excess of \$100" to her own accounts between Jan. 1, 1960, and Oct. 21, 1960, U.S. Dist. Atty. F. E. Van Alstine said Mrs. Geiger had signed a statement admitting taking \$2,126,859.10 over a period of years.

"A large amount of the total was taken within the last year," Van Alstine added. He said Mrs. Geiger had been "very cooperative" since the "irregularities" in her accounts were discovered Monday by national bank examiners who arrived for a routine examination of the bank.

Van Alstine declined to discuss what Mrs. Geiger did with the money pending further investigation. A federal spokesman said all deposits at the bank, estimated to total \$3 million, were insured up to \$10,000 per depositor, and that all would be paid off up to the limit of the insurance.

The bank's closing had a heavy impact on residents of this Iowa farming community of 3,700. There is one other bank in town.

Other congressional news: Communists: Chairman Francis E. Walter of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, said Communists "are openly moving back into" the Hollywood movie industry.

Roads: Sen. Prescott Bush (R-Conn.), proposed that the federal government pay the cost for any roads incorporated into the interstate highway system.

Bowles: Sen. Norris Cotton (R-N.H.), opened a contest over the selection of Chester Bowles as undersecretary of state in the Kennedy administration.

Indignation Expressed: Tass said the Soviet ship and crew expressed its "profound indignation" at the destroyer's action.

Wrong Man Named In News Story: A mistake on a police report led to the Mail Tribune identifying the wrong man as a person charged with violating state gambling laws.

Elisabethville, The Congo — (UPI) — Sixty Swedish U.N. soldiers fought off three attacks by rampaging Baluba tribesmen in Katanga today, inflicting heavy casualties.

Duncan said Washington is also considering amending its inventory tax but Washington's plan "does not go as far toward achieving equitable taxation as does the repeal bill before the Oregon house of representatives."

Its repeal in Oregon and replacement with a net income tax on business would spread the tax over the entire business community, he said, based on ability to pay and would assure that "Oregon would continue to present the most favorable tax climate to business."

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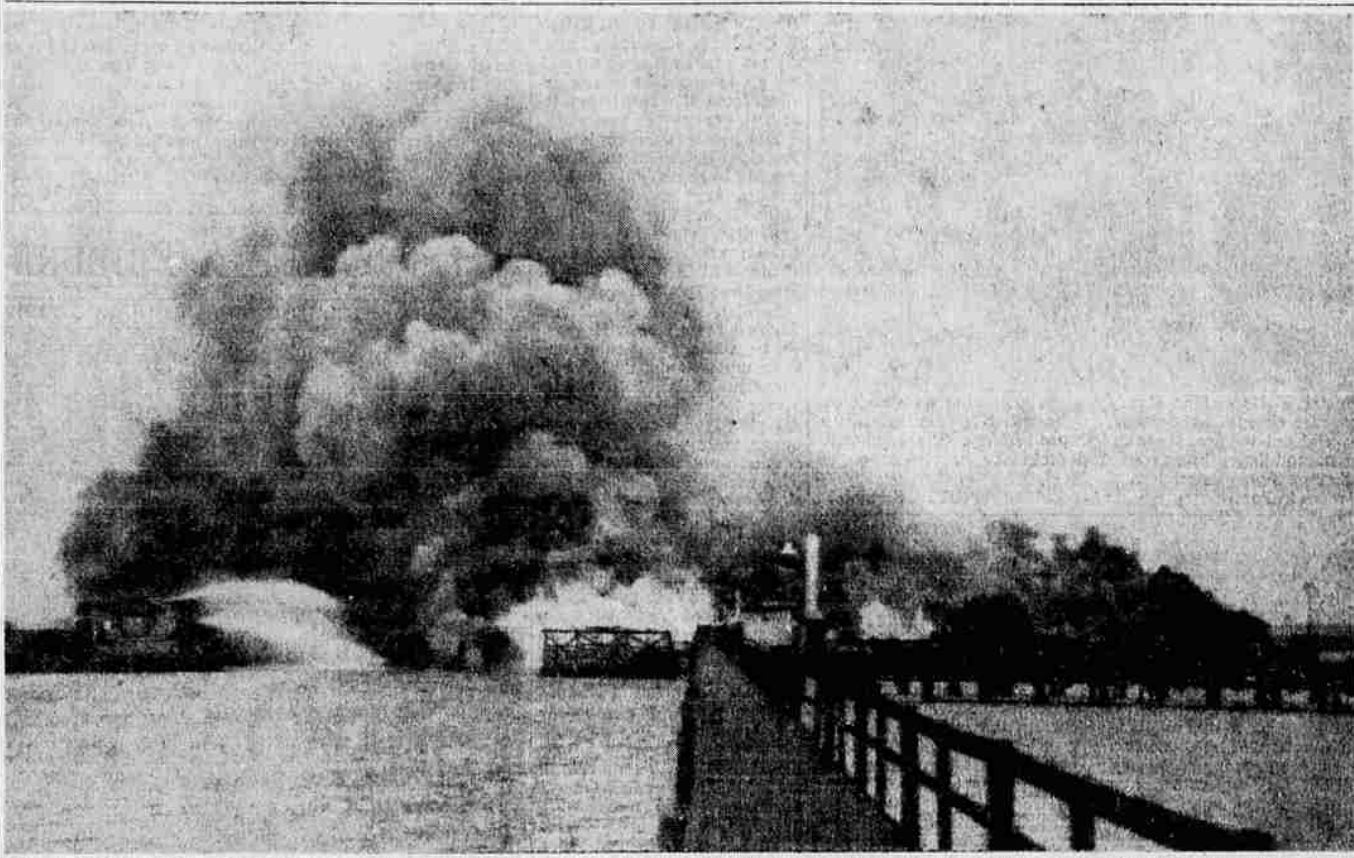
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NAVY PIER BURNS—Six men were missing and six others were injured. Pier at the Charleston, S. C., naval base Monday. The fire was believed to have started on a welding job. (UPI Telephoto)

WEATHER

Forecast: Valley fog lifting this afternoon and partly cloudy tonight. Valley fog late tonight and early Wednesday morning. Considerable cloudiness Wednesday with a chance of light rain in the morning. High Wednesday 40. Low tonight 34.

Our Skies Tonight
Sunset today 5:06 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 7:17 a.m.
Moonset tonight 6:34 p.m.
First Quarter Jan. 23

PROMINENT STARS
Aldebaran, in the east at sunset, will be high in south 8:58 p.m.
VIBRILE PLANETS
Mars is in the east and Venus in the southwest at moonset.

Cuba Executes 3 'Terrorists'

Havana, Cuba — (UPI) — Three Cubans were executed before a revolutionary firing squad today, barely an hour after they had been convicted by a court martial as "terrorists."

They were shot against the floodlighted wall of the grim Cabana fortress, where hundreds of "war criminals" died during Premier Fidel Castro's first year in power.

Although no one is certain exactly how many persons the Castro regime has executed, the deaths of Diaz, Mesa and Yebra are believed to have increased the total to more than 630. The total includes three Americans killed as "invaders" late last year.

Plans for Pear Festival Start

Plans for the Rogue Valley Pear Blossom Festival, scheduled April 7, 8 and 9 this year, were started at a meeting of the association this morning.

Theme for the annual event will be decided at the next meeting, Feb. 7, in the Jackson hotel.

Art Wood, Medford, was elected president of the association, succeeding Russ Jamison. Bob Boyer, Medford lawyer, was elected vice president, and Mrs. Phyllis Wager was reelected secretary-treasurer.

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Bill Would Raise Minimum Age of Drivers To 18 Years

Salem — (UPI) — The Oregon House today received a bill, sponsored by eight representatives, to raise the minimum age for drivers in Oregon from 16 to 18 years.

The age required for a learner's permit would be raised from 15 to 17.

Gov. Mark Hatfield's proposal to increase state support of schools from 36 to 42 percent was introduced in the House. It would increase the amount per child from \$105 to \$115.

For Property Tax Relief
A similar bill was introduced by Rep. Thomas R. McClellan (D-Neotsu). It would, however, specify that the increase must be used for local property tax relief.

Children entering the first grade would have to be six years old by July 1, instead of Nov. 15, under a bill introduced by the education committee. The bill also would prevent children who do not enter first grade during the first four weeks of fall term from entering in the spring term.

Meanwhile, in the Senate bills to tighten air and water pollution control and increase minimum salaries of public school teachers were introduced.

The pollution bills were introduced at the request of the State Sanitary Authority.

The air pollution bill describes contaminating elements as dust, fumes, gas, mist, odors, smoke, vapor, pollen, soot, carbon, acid, or any combination of these.

Higher Pay for Teachers
At the request of the Oregon Education Association, Sen. Al Flegel (D-Roseburg) introduced a bill to raise minimum salaries of teachers with a bachelor's degree from \$4,400 a year to \$4,000. Minimum salaries for those with

master's degrees would go from \$4,000 to \$4,800. Substitute teachers would get more pay too. The act would be effective July 1, 1962.

A bill requested by the Oregon AFL-CIO would extend unemployment compensation benefits to packing house employees whose work is incidental to ordinary farm operations.

Would Duplicate Books
Sen. Anthony Yurri (R-Oregon) and others sponsored a bill that would designate three volumes of the Oregon Revised Statutes to duplicate originals of books missing from the secretary of state's office.

The volumes, since replaced.

'New Leadership' Need Pointed Out
Washington — (UPI) — Advisers reported to President-elect John F. Kennedy today that the nation needs "vigorous new leadership" in conserving and developing its natural resources.

They predicted that the new Democratic administration "will establish landmarks of achievement toward a constructive program that will protect the rightful heritage of all Americans."

The report, submitted by the Kennedy-Johnson Natural Resources Advisory committee, recommended a speedup in constructing flood control and small watersheds projects, federal aid to combat water pollution, expansion of the national parks system, harbor and waterways improvements, establishment of a national fuels policy and stepped-up research in a variety of fields.

White said the Soviet airlift is still continuing.

Portland State Has Enrollment of 4,223
Portland — (UPI) — Winter enrollment at Portland State college is 4,223, a new record, Dr. Howard Impeccoven, registrar, said today.

Last winter's figure was 3,635.

BONDS SOLD
Salem — (UPI) — The Oregon Veterans' Affairs Department has sold \$30 million worth of GI farm and home loans to the First National Bank of Oregon, first issue of self-liquidating bonds authorized by the voters in November. The interest rate is 4.25 percent.

'Brother' Takes Prisoner's Items

A man who represented himself as being the brother of Thomas Edwin Cornwall, 30, who is being held in the county jail on a charge of burglary, took more than \$1,000 worth of clothing and personal items from Cornwall's apartment during the week end.

Police were notified of the theft yesterday when Cornwall's real brother, the Rev. Robert Lee Cornwall, went to his brother's apartment at 145 South Ivy st. to pick up a suit, and found the apartment empty.

Mr. Cornwall told police he was informed by the landlord, John William Poage, that a man who said he was Cornwall's brother came to the apartment Saturday afternoon and took all of Cornwall's belongings away.

Poage said the man told him that Thomas Cornwall would be going to the penitentiary for five years and would therefore not need his belongings, so he (Cornwall's alleged brother) was going to store them for him.

Included among the stolen items are three suits, six sports coats, five pairs of slacks, two pairs of shoes, two radios, miscellaneous men's jewelry and eight paintings painted by Thomas Cornwall and valued at \$30 each. Police said the stolen items were valued by Cornwall at approximately \$1,100.

SOC Enrollment Reaches 1,258
Ashland — Winter term enrollment at Southern Oregon college totaled 1,258, following the final day for registration yesterday.

The previous winter term enrollment record was 1,225, set last year. College officials said today this year's figure will probably fluctuate slightly until records of new students are received.

Of the 1,258, 738 are men and 520 women.

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The stumps were being marked so that the submarine rescue vessel Sunbird and other diving vessels could be moved into position where divers with heavy equipment could go down to examine the tower structure in the 180-foot deep water.

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Three Unloading Boxcar Perish In Roaring Fire

Magnolia, Miss. — (UPI) — A streamlined passenger train collided with a gasoline truck here today in a flaming crash that killed six persons and critically injured four others.

The City of New Orleans, a northbound Illinois Central train, crashed into an oil truck at the depot and threw the flaming truck into boxcars on another track and a warehouse.

State police earlier had reported eight dead but the error apparently was due to a mixup in identifying the bodies.

Engineer, Fireman Die
Killed were the train's engineer and fireman, the truck driver and three men who were unloading a nearby boxcar.

Firemen from Magnolia and McComb fought the blaze for two hours before bringing it under control. The wreck set fire to the diesel, three boxcars, the truck and the warehouse.

No passengers on the train were injured.

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