

LIVE WIRE KILLS W. STRICKLAND WHILE AT WORK

Housemover Electrocuted In Hauling a Heavily Charged Wire

DIES IMMEDIATELY

Coroner's Jury Will Fix Blame for Death This Afternoon—Deceased Recently Returned From Overseas—Survived by Young Wife

Death was instantaneous yesterday afternoon at 4:10 P. M. to William L. Strickland, 26, an employee of J. Willard Smith, housemover, when he attempted to lift a live wire containing 110 volts over the roof of the house that workmen are moving on Third Street, between Pine and High Streets. As soon as the workmen about the building realized that Strickland had been electrocuted they rushed to his assistance and carried him from the roof of the house. Dr. Massey was immediately called, but first aid was useless as Strickland had died soon after touching the wire. His body was removed to Whitlock's Undertaking Parlor.

According to his employer, J. Willard Smith, and fellow workmen, Strickland was given full warning of danger of handling the wires when he volunteered to raise them so that the house could be moved. "I know the danger in doing such a task," said Smith in speaking of the tragedy. "I warned him not to do it, but he insisted that he had some experience in handling wires and hurried to accomplish the work."

Strickland succeeded in pulling one wire over the edge of the house. In taking hold of a second wire his body came in contact with the wire he had already lifted over the edge of the roof. His body caused a short-circuit in coming in contact with both wires and death resulted almost immediately.

Strickland is survived by his wife, who was in the employment of the Ewanna Box Company at the time of the accident, two sisters and his mother, who are at his home in Brentwell, California, and a married sister residing in Montana. The body will be shipped to Brentwell on Sunday for interment. Mrs. Strickland's parents and relatives are in Sacramento. She will leave Sunday morning to meet them.

Mr. and Mrs. Strickland have been married but six months, and were touring the country by automobile. He recently returned from overseas duty with the 51st Ammunition train. He is now in the reserves and carries \$10,000 Army insurance, his wife being the beneficiary.

To fix responsibility for the death a coroner's jury will hold an investigation this afternoon at 2 P. M. in Whitlock's Undertaking Parlor. G. Willard Smith, A. S. Bennett, Fred Gordon, and Archie Peterson, all eyewitnesses of the death, will be summoned as witnesses. The jury will be composed of John Brett, Frank Upp, J. P. Campbell, Clarence Underwood, George Barnack and A. E. Whitman. Smith, the employer of the deceased, is protected under the State Workman's Compensation Act.

WILSON SIGNS REVISED BILL

WASHINGTON, July 19.—President Wilson today signed the Sundry Civil Bill which had been revised by congress to meet his objections. The Agricultural Appropriation Bill, with the Daylight saving repeal rider eliminated has been passed by the house for the second time and is now awaiting action by the senate.

MANY CHILDREN ARE WITHOUT PARENTS

LOS ANGELES, July 19.—The "child market," as some persons satirically refer to the demand in Los Angeles for children for adoption, continues active.

Hardly a day passes that the Children's Home Society, which cares for orphans until it can find suitable foster parents, does not have a number of requests for children.

This demand is strengthened by regular advertisements in the want-add columns of the Los Angeles newspapers. These want-ads are interesting. A sample follows:

"Wanted—a home for Viola, quiet American girl, aged 11; Irene, bright, Spanish, 11; Mary, pretty, Italian, 7; Charlotte, colored, 6; Marjorie, 9; Vera, very bright, 9; Russel, boy, aged 10; American, smart, very nice appearance; John, 9, fair complexion, American; Stanley, 6, fair, small in size; Morris, 8, part Japanese unusually quick; Jake, 8 and his brother Sam, 6, Jewish, obedient, nice boys; Scavia, 10 Mexican, very bright and willing."

JIMMY LITTLE RETURNS.

James Lytle, who was employed by the Pelican Bay Lumber company previous to his enlistment in the Twentieth Engineers, returned on last night's train after receiving his discharge from the army. Jimmy is very well known here and it will take most of his time for the next few days to brush up on old friendships among the citizens of Klamath Falls.

ASHLAND STAGE TO CARRY MAIL

For the first time since "way back in the sixties, or thereabouts, there is to be a daily stage mail between this city and Ashland, according to a telegram received today by Postmaster Deitzel. The telegram states that beginning July 21st, first class mail will be handled between Klamath Falls and Ashland by stage, the bid of the Howard Auto Stage company having been accepted.

Under this arrangement it will be possible to get mail from the north from three to four hours earlier than if it came by the train, and it is possible, Mr. Deitzel states, to have a business carrier delivery, though this will be controlled to a great extent by the time the mail reaches this city from Ashland. The hour for closing the mail has not been set, and will not be until Mr. Deitzel has a conference with Mr. Howard, which will be on Monday.

FULLY LOADED TRUCK MAKES FINE TIME FROM PORTLAND.

To make the drive from Portland to Klamath Falls with a capacity load of provisions on a three White Truck in three and a half days without having to add any water is quite some feat.

That is exactly what Fred W. Murphy, proprietor of the O. K. Transfer, did. Recently he purchased a truck in Portland and intended driving it to Klamath Falls empty. However, he was able to gather a full load of provisions from Mason-Khrman and Company and left Portland Monday noon. Thursday evening he arrived in Klamath Falls, two or three days ahead of present train schedule in hauling freight. Mr. Murphy will use the truck in his transfer business.

QUICK TRIP FROM DUNSMUIR.

Six hours from Dunsmuir to Klamath Falls is the time made by F. Hill Hunter, who, with Mrs. Hunter, spent several days at Shasta Springs, the popular summer resort. Mr. and Mrs. Hunter left here sometime ago and visited various cities in the Rogue River Valley and then went south for a brief visit at the Springs. Mr. Hunter states that the roads are in fairly good condition.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bratton are motoring to the Nelson ranch today where they will stay until Sunday; later they will drive on to Dorris and the Otey ranch. Upon their return they will bring Mrs. Bratton's father, Captain Otey, home with them for a visit.

CURRENCY HEAD IS SUSPICIONED

Representative McFadden Charges Controller of Currency Williams With Defrauding the Government —Asks for Investigating Committee

WASHINGTON, July 19.—Charges that John Skelton Williams, controller of currency, aided his brother, Louis B. Williams, of Richmond, Virginia, in negotiating for the purchase by the government of property in Washington valued at four million, two hundred thousand dollars, and that he received part of the commission for the sale, was made before the house rules committee today by Representative McFadden, Republican of Pennsylvania.

He asked the house to report out his resolution providing for the appointment of a special committee to investigate the charges. He announced that if the investigation was not ordered he would prefer charges on the floor of the house and asks for the impeachment of Williams.

Controller Williams said today that the charges were utterly without foundation and were fashionable from the start to finish. He said he had no interest in the sale of the Washington property to the government and received no compensation from it.

SEVERAL FIRMS BID ON KLAMATH BONDS

Sale of bonds by Klamath County in the sum of \$347,794 for the building of permanent roads were up before bidders this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the County Court House. It is understood that no less than five firms are competing for the bonds, which are in the denominations of \$1000 each, except the last numbered bonds for 2500 and \$204 respectively.

WILL SPEND SUMMER AT PELICAN LODGE.

Mrs. Herbert Fleischacker and family along with Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Stern, of San Francisco arrived in Klamath Falls last night. They will leave shortly for the Pelican Bay Lodge, where they will spend the summer months. Mr. Herbert Fleischacker, head of the big interests bearing his name, will arrive within two weeks.

Five of the Allies' Most Famous Fighting Men After Receiving Degrees at Oxford



This photograph shows five men who rendered distinguished service during the war just after the degree of Doctor of Law had been conferred upon them at Oxford University at a great celebration. Earl Curzon conferred the degrees. They were (from left to right) Marshal Joffre, General Frsling, Marshal Haig, Admiral Batty and Admiral Weymess.

WILL CONSTRUCT NOVEL BUILDING

Supporter of "Little Theater" Movement Will Build New Ornamental Playhouse in Los Angeles

Los Angeles, July 19.—Miss Alice Barnsdall, known in New York, the Middle West and California thru her support of the "Little Theatre" movement and of the better class of drama, has announced that she will construct a playhouse in Los Angeles to cost \$200,000.

The site of the playhouse will be Olive Hill, lying in the fashionable residence district between Los Angeles and Hollywood. It consists of an olive tree crowned height only a few blocks from the foothills of Hollywood Mountain.

According to present plans, the theater will have an ornamental garden at its entrance with the background of olive trees on the side of the hill.

A feature of the construction will be an open air restaurant on the terrace of the theater.

Actual work on the project probably will not begin until spring and its opening will be some time in 1921.

Miss Barnsdall has left for a tour of the Orient and while in Tokio will confer with Frank Lloyd Wright, the Chicago architect in regard to plans for the proposed theater. Mr. Wright is engaged in building the Imperial Hotel in Tokio.

BUSINESS MEN WILL AID IN CONVENTION

Enthusiasm and co-operation from all business sources throughout the city were the keynote of the business men's meeting that was held last night in the Elk's Building to lay before the business interests every detail and angle of the coming convention in August. Those to be seen at the meeting.

The city will lend every co-operation and aid in putting over the convention," said Mayor Struble last night. "We will have a force of men at work and propose to keep the city as quiet as possible. This work will be done at night and thus will not hinder or interfere with any part of the street program."

Several spirited talks were given by members of the local edge outlining the work and plans for the three-day session. Local business men expressed their support in all measures undertaken and were enthusiastic to do all in their power to put the convention over as it should be.

GRAZING CRISIS IS MOST REMARKABLE IN STATE'S HISTORY

HELENA, Mont. July 19.—The year of drought which has precipitated a grazing crisis under which tens of thousands of cattle, horses and sheep are to be sent to Minnesota, Wisconsin and Nebraska to graze, is said to be the most remarkable in the annals of the state. The dry weather has caused serious forest fires and worse are feared, as August is a more critical month than July, while September and October are often the worst of all.

The rivers are low, the Missouri at Great Falls never has been known to be so low. Leading cities have begun to worry about their supplies of water for drinking and domestic purposes and conservation is being urged and even commanded by municipal ordinance.

The drought is wider spread than it has been heretofore. Not only the so-called dry-farming counties, which ranked as semi-arid in the past and were used chiefly for grazing, but the fertile valleys of the south and west have felt the heat. Even irrigation has not always assured good crops, for water for that purpose has begun to run low.

SELFISHNESS IN JAPAN'S POLICY TOWARD CHINA

TOKIO, July 19.—"Japan does not pretend to be wholly unselfish in her policy toward China," says the Herald of Asia, a conservative journal of Japanese thought. "Japan is protecting China chiefly for the sake of her own security," the paper continued.

"Japan cannot allow China to barter away her birthright even if she is simple enough to engage in such folly. If China wants to test Japan's sincerity let her refuse all further concessions to accidental nations and secure for all time the inalienation of her territory, and Japan's task in regard to China will be finished."

"It is a question, however, whether China is yet able to do without the assistance of Japan in keeping foreign nations at bay; and this help, strange to say, is just what China does not want. Is it that China would rather be a slave of the white races than the equal of Japan? We can hardly credit this."

"There is no need for China to be anxious about the return of Kiangchow. Japan has promised to restore the territory to China just as soon as China is able to guarantee that it will not again fall into the hands of a third party. What more can China desire? And does justice require more? China talks as if she were an absolutely independent nation, granting concessions to no country. If she will take this attitude toward all western countries, Japan will be ready to concede China her new status, but to show a desire to cast out Japan while leaving the others in place, is something no one can expect Japan to approve."

RACES WITH LARGE SUM FOR STEAMER

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., July 19.—Carrying \$1,000,000 worth of new savings certificates issued by the treasury, Robert E. Smith, Director of the War Loan Organization, of the Twelfth Federal Reserve District started at 3 P. M. this afternoon a race by airplane, motor boat, automobile, and train in an attempt to reach Seattle before the departure of the mail steamer for Alaska tomorrow night. An airplane will meet him at Roseburg when the train arrives there tomorrow.

"SOME WHEAT."

G. B. Cozad was yesterday exhibiting a sheaf of wheat that he cut on his ranch on the upper road. Mr. Cozad has fifty acres of wheat, forty of which will average at least forty bushels to the acre. The heads are large and well filled and far enough advanced so that there is no danger of a setback. It will be one of the prize crops of the valley.

BOX SHOOK PLANT WILL BE BUILT

Newly Organized Crater Lake Box Company will Build Three Outfit Plant on Spur of Pelican Bay Lumber Company

Another box shook manufacturing plant is assured for Klamath Falls within the next few months with working plans for the newly organized Crater Lake Box Company well in hand.

Preliminary announcements as given out by H. C. Merryman, who is acting secretary of the new corporation, are to the effect that a 3 cut-off box shook manufacturing plant will be built. A. E. Whitman, of the Whitman Drug Company, is acting president of the new undertaking. They are capitalized for \$60,000.

The site for the new plant will be on a spur off the Pelican Bay Lumber Company. If such arrangements can be conveniently made, exactly who will draw the plans and build the plant, as well as the other business men who are interested in the undertaking will be announced at a later date.

BIG ONES BITE FOR FIRST TIME OF THE YEAR AT ODELL LAKE

"Take a Wilson Wobbler, a Tango Midget, a number six fly, and a black gnat and you can catch all the fish you want in Odell Lake," said "Doc" Powell, after returning from a very enjoyable and profitable trip early this week from the much-visited fishing haunt.

Of general interest to all sportsmen is "Doc" Powell's trip and findings, for it is the first time this year that the fish have started biting in Odell Lake. According to Powell the moon changed last Friday night and the big fellows were easy to land Saturday afternoon.

"When the wind comes up in the afternoon you can hook three and four pounders with ease," said "Doc" enthusiastically. "Trotting also brings in the big ones—Odell Lake surely is the spot to get fish from now on. But don't fail to take a Tango Midget and a Wilson Wobbler as well as a number six fly." "Doc" fished all around the big lake and had fine luck as did his brother who made the trip with him. He will leave Sunday for Missoula, Montana for a short visit.

CONFIDENCE VOTE URGED BY CABINET

PARIS, July 19.—In view of the vote in the chamber of deputies last night in which the government was fourteen votes in the minority, the cabinet has decided to demand a vote of confidence by the Chamber. The food minister whose policy was responsible for the adverse vote of last night has been replaced.

ARMED BANDITS ROB SAILORS

Boat From U. S. S. Cheyenne Held Up in Mexican Waters—Incident Similar to Occurrence of 1914

WASHINGTON, July 19.—A boat from the United States Ship Cheyenne was held up by armed men in Tames River near Tampico, Mexico on July 6, it was reported here today.

Sailors of the United States Navy were robbed of their personal effects. The incident is similar to that which occurred in 1914 which resulted in the occupation of Vera Cruz by the United States armed forces. Urgent representations to the Carranza government have gone forward. Both the Mexican and Tampico authorized having notified of their promised investigation immediately.

The enlisted men who occupied the boat were on a fishing trip and flew the American flag. The State Department regards the incident as most serious.