

ATTEMPTS SUICIDE IN HALL HOTEL

Navy Fliers Believed Lost; No Trace Found Of Missing Seaplane

Rescue Ships and Planes Search Throughout Night in Tropical Storm Without Success—Fears Entertained in Official Circles For Fate Of Men

HONOLULU, Sept. 2. (AP)—The vast Pacific continued late to day to hide the disabled naval seaplane PN-9 number 1, while efforts to rescue Commander John Rodgers and his four co-aviators went on with redoubled force.

Lack of fuel forced the giant seaplane to descend late yesterday on a stormy sea when its destination on a non-stop flight from San Francisco to Pearl Harbor was less than 300 miles away.

Lieutenant Commander M. B. McComb, junior commander of the air station at Pearl Harbor, estimated today that the seaplane descended about 100 miles northeast of the island of Maui and 20 miles from the U. S. S. Aroostook, which was on station 1800 miles from San Francisco. He estimated the drift at that point due to existing ocean currents would amount to six miles hourly, which would move the seaplane, if afloat, 108 miles to the westward, by 8 a. m. today.

LAHAINA, Island of Maui, Sept. 2. (AP)—Three naval seaplanes took off from Lahaina Roadsteads at the first perceptible break of today's dawn and flew toward the eastern horizon in a determined effort to learn the fate of the missing seaplane PN-9, number 1.

Conditions for the search were greatly improved over those of last night, when rain and rough seas made survival doubtful of the five airmen who, Monday, started on a scheduled non-stop flight from San Francisco to Honolulu.

The first message received here from the three seaplanes today said clearing weather permitted them an unobstructed view for miles, and that the ocean had calmed down advantageously. There was no visible trace, however, of the missing seaplane.

With today's searching seaplanes navy officials assigned half a dozen submarines, several destroyers, and other craft, which steamed out to the east in fan formation. Officials continued optimistic that the missing aviators would be rescued, despite the lapse of more than fifteen hours since the PN-9 number 1, radioed here last message.

Throughout the night three destroyers engaged in a systematic search of the area in which the seaplane was believed forced down. They steamed in expanding circles until a hundred miles had been navigated, playing their powerful searchlights to either side, but without finding the object of their search.

The U. S. S. Aroostook, airplane tender in the rescue area, succeeded in launching a scouting plane at four o'clock this morning.

HONOLULU, Sept. 2. (AP)—Five men in a disabled seaplane, drenched with tropical rain, hemmed in by tropical night in mid-Pacific, such was the picture painted here today of the unfortunate end of the attempted non-stop navy seaplane.

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TAXI DRIVER IS KILLED; POLICE SEEK THREE MEN

C. F. Baum, For-Hire Man of Independence, Slain by Strangers

NO CLUES UNCOVERED

Auto and Passengers Missing After Brutal Murder Late Last Night

SALEM, Ore., Sept. 2.—The Ford touring car, Oregon license number 31,040, which was taken by the slayers of Irvin I. Baum, Independence taxi driver last night, was found at The Dalles at 12:30 o'clock this afternoon, by the police in The Dalles, according to word received by Sheriff T. B. Hooker of Polk county, just after 1 o'clock this afternoon.

Sheriff Hooker was advised that the suspected slayers are supposed to still be in or very near The Dalles and a search is being instituted for them.

SALEM, Ore., Sept. 2.—C. F. Baum, a for-hire automobile driver of Independence, was murdered, and his body left by the roadside about 10 miles south of Independence between 9 and 10 o'clock last night.

Police believe he was slain by three men who engaged him to take them to Albany.

Shortly after 9 o'clock last night Baum was asked by a stranger to take him and two companions to Albany. The trio climbed into the car and started from Independence at 9:15, according to people who heard the negotiations.

At about 10 o'clock Baum's body was found by the roadside. There were three or four bullet holes in the body, and with his head crushed as though with some blunt instrument.

Police so far have been unable to find any trace of the automobile or the three strangers.

Descriptions Given
Salem, Ore., Sept. 2.—The alleged slayers took Baum's Ford car bearing Oregon license number 31,040 and are believed by the authorities to have headed South.

According to descriptions furnished Sheriff Hooker of Polk county all three of the suspects were well dressed, and their luggage consisted of several bags and a blanket roll. The man who engaged Baum to make the trip was described as being between 25 and 30 years of age, about 5 feet 6 inches tall, stout, dark complexioned with black hair and eyes, smooth shaven. He wore a blue serge suit, light shirt and a straw hat.

State Medical Society Meets

MEDFORD, Ore., Sept. 2.—With President A. C. Kinney presiding, and with doctors from all parts of the state in attendance, the annual meeting of the Oregon State Medical society opened at the Elks temple here this morning.

The morning session was occupied by routine business organization of the house of delegates and the reports of the officers and standing committees.

Portland Man Is Drowned in River

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 2.—Fred Bellard, 31, employe of the Port of Portland, was drowned in the Willamette river last night when he fell from a scow moored near Swan

Kozer Offers Solution To Big Problems

Secretary of State Speaks Before Chamber Forum

A closer supervision over the 64 state boards and commissions and a movement toward centralization of state government would solve many of the problems of economy and administration within the state, in the opinion of Sam Kozer, secretary of state, who spoke this noon before the chamber of commerce forum of the fall.

Mr. Kozer called attention to the multiplicity of boards and commissions, all created during the past 25 years, and then pointed to the success experienced by adjacent states in consolidating these bodies into fewer commissions with greater powers.

He pointed out how much would be saved the state were the disbursements of these boards and commissions to be supervised by a board specially created for this purpose.

During the spending period of the boards, prices of commodities fluctuate up or down, and it is for this reason that the disbursements from the amount allowed each commission by the state budget committee should be supervised.

"It will be kept in mind that appropriations are based upon the best estimate which can be made of what will be required for an ensuing two-year period," Mr. Kozer said. "There is where the services of a supervising board would be of immense value. Conditions may not be as anticipated during parts of the two-year period. Prices of some commodities may decrease, competitive goods and markets may appear, and close supervision along sound business lines at all times during the spending period would undoubtedly effect changes here and there, all of which would result in operating a particular activity at no greater expense than actually necessary."

1211 Klamath Persons File Income Taxes

Figures Also Show 935 In City Make Returns

There were 1211 persons in Klamath county who filed income tax returns for 1924, according to a report today from the office of Clyde G. Huntley, collector of internal revenue for Oregon. Of this number, 935 were from Klamath Falls, leaving 276 "Plutes" from other sections of the county.

Returns by counties follow:
Baker 885, Benton 504, Clackamas 1728, Clatsop 1604, Columbia 839, Coos 1644, Crook 101, Curry 139, Deschutes 1080, Douglas 944, Gilliam 195, Grant 171, Harney 119, Hood River 443, Jackson 1190, Jefferson 64, Josephine 319, Klamath 1211, Lake 205, Lane 1839, Lincoln 304, Linn 605, Malheur 265, Marion 1946, Morrow 173, Multnomah 33,933, Polk 395, Sherman 202, Tillamook 521, Umatilla 1534, Union 1053, Wallowa 279, Wasco 736, Washington 44, Yamhill 565.

Total number of returns filed in the larger cities of the state were: Baker 202, Corvallis 440, Milwaukie 368, Oregon City 546, Astoria 1160, Seaside 112, St. Helens 180, Marshfield 795, North Bend 254, Prineville 89, Bend 1015, Roseburg 561, Hood River 363, Ashland 290, Medford 762, Grants Pass 280, Klamath Falls 935, Eugene 1233, Albany 400, Ontario 110, Salem 1306, Heppner 119, Portland 33,205, Dallas 165, Independence 75, Tillamook 271, Pendleton 840, La Grande 799, Enterprise 145, The Dalles 635, Forest Grove 110, Hillsboro 255, McMinnville 235, Newberg 143.

KLAMATH COUNTY FAIR WILL OPEN HERE THURSDAY

Fine Class of Exhibits will be Displayed at Annual Exposition

RACING IS FEATURE

Good Program Mapped Out Local Talent Will Stage Cornic Opera

A thrill handed down from father to son for generations and generations, will disturb the equanimity of Klamath tomorrow, and Friday and Saturday. For tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock the Klamath county fair opens.

Deep grained in all is the love of the annual fair. For thousands of years it has been the custom of country folk and city folk to meet and celebrate bumper crops and general prosperity on certain days of each year. It is a clearing house of agricultural endeavor where one may come to see what his neighbor has accomplished during the growing season. It is a time when racing and general celebration takes the worry of responsibility from the minds of the tiller of the soil and the main street business man.

One of the outstanding features of the fair will be the excellent quality of exhibits that will be displayed. In years, no such remarkable displays have been shown at the fair. It is partly due to increased interest in this annual event of Klamath and partly due to exceptional good crops throughout the county.

For weeks, exhibits have been entered, filed and recorded. Today the fair grounds are busy as farmers are painstakingly arranging their displays. Dairy cows and beef cattle, curled, carried and combed, are being led into their stalls and are washed and re-washed in an attempt to have them slick and clean for the judges tomorrow, Friday and Saturday.

Exhibits to Close
Thalia W. Newcomb, secretary of the fair board, announced this morning that no exhibits would be entered after 9 o'clock tonight, with the exception of perishable greens, flowers and bakery products, which will be received up to 9 a. m. tomorrow.

With the announcement that the Bly chariot race is off, because the riders have taken their mounts to Lakeview for the round up, comes the word that in their place will be a race, second to none, as far as thrills are concerned. It will be a Standing Roman race, in which the J. B. Redsell string of horses will contend for the \$300 purse against the Ray Murphy string. Mr. Redsell's string contended with the Trickey string at the Rodeo this summer.

Automobile Racing
Three automobiles were entered for the racing. They are Fronte Special No. 5, Fronte Special No. 4, and Winema special. Another car was scheduled to be entered this afternoon.

Pirates of Penzance
A feature which has no precedent, so far as Klamath county fairs are concerned, is the comic opera, "The Pirates of Penzance" which will be staged at the fair grounds, on Thursday and Friday nights. After weeks of constant training, Director Hazelrigg has whipped the large cast into shape and last night the best rehearsal yet made gave promise of an excellent performance tomorrow night.

Traveling Man Stabs Self Near Heart In Vain Effort To Die

W. J. Hartman of Portland in Local Hospital in Serious Condition—Officials Attempt To Keep Supposed Suicide Act From Local Newspapers

W. J. Hartman, 35, an insurance man from Portland, was in a serious condition in the Klamath General hospital this afternoon from two self-inflicted knife wounds, in the left breast, near the heart.

His wife, from whom he was said to have been estranged, was reported rushing to Klamath Falls, from Portland, and was expected to reach his bedside by tonight.

Hartman is reported to have stabbed himself in his room at the Hall hotel last night, but the reason for the reputed suicidal act could not be learned, as hotel, hospital and public officials generally made a desperate effort to keep it a secret.

It was learned, however, that the knife wounds were deep, although they missed the heart. Unless infection develops, he stands a fair chance to recover, it was reported.

Hartman registered at the Hall hotel on August 30, an examination of the register developed. According to attaches of the hotel, he is said to have been drinking considerably during the past few days, and they thought the supposed suicidal act had been due to excessive drinking.

A friend of the wounded man, said to be named Daugherty, had him rushed to the hospital and is also said to have telegraphed to Mrs. Hartman to rush to Klamath Falls.

Through the intercession of Hartman's friends, the alleged suicide attempt was clothed in mystery in an effort to withhold it from the newspapers and the public generally.

Army Officer Will Hang For Girl's Murder

Lieutenant J. S. Thompson Found Guilty Today

MANILA, Sept. 3. (AP)—Lieutenant J. S. Thompson was today found guilty of the murder of Miss Audrey Buriel, whom he shot to death in his automobile in April last, and was sentenced to be hanged.

Thompson was tried by court martial. His counsel at first entered a plea of insanity, but this was withdrawn yesterday and a plea of "guilty to voluntary manslaughter but not guilty of murder" was made on behalf of the prisoner. He is a son of Rev. J. Milton Thompson, pastor of the Russell Sage Memorial church at Far Rockaway. He is 24 years of age.

The killing occurred on April 5, while Miss Buriel of Memphis, Tenn., who was visiting relatives in Manila, was riding with Lieutenant Thompson after taking part in amateur theatricals to which Thompson objected.

Here's New Game Of Tag

Prohibit Slouts Having Hard Time Nabbing Fleet-Footed Offender

Bootlegger Always Wins

That a certain roadhouse in the immediate vicinity of Klamath Falls has been the object of an organized siege during the past week, a siege which has resulted in several foot races and no captures became known here today.

Principals in the affair are the proprietor of the roadhouse, a state prohibition agent and a Klamath county deputy sheriff.

The roadhouse proprietor leases a narrow strip of ground and catches his wet goods in the sycamore next to his establishment.

With the falling of the shades of night comes the necessity for replenishing his stock. Also comes the state prohib man and the deputy sheriff.

The rules of the game are these: The two law enforcement officers try to figure out just where the cache is. They deploy in the darkness and wait. Soon the proprietor of the roadhouse comes forth in the darkness and circles aimlessly through the brush. He stops several times as a decoy movement and is no challenge is made finally picks up a bottle from the brush.

Then the footrace begins.

If the roadhouse man can beat the officers into his front door, he wins. They realize that by the time they broke the door in he would have the evidence destroyed, so back they go on outpost duty, waiting for the next break.

If, on the other hand, the roadhouse man loses the sprint he is forced to dash the bottle on a pile of rocks by the door or be arrested. So far he has always managed to break the bottle.

As a last desperate resort, the dry men are now figuring on a scheme to beat him. They have sent for quotations on rubber rocks and intend to substitute these for the real ones by the door of the roadhouse.

Civil War Vets Parade

May Be Last Time Gray-Haired Soldiers of '61 Will March At National Convention

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Sept. 2.—Muskets and swords gave way to canes and crutches, as the grand Army of the Republic, marched today in what may be its last national parade.

With shoulders curved by the weight of years, but with gleaming eyes and unbroken spirit the boys of '61 marched, 5,000 strong, between masses thousands of cheering spectators.

Spick new flags and battle-scarred old ones, fluttered with equal glory as the remnant of the ranks of the

United States Army wound through the streets. The blare of twenty bands had a pathetic accomplishment in the shuffling of 5,000 pair of feet that have trod the war-wasted fields of Antietam, of Gettysburg, and of Chancellorsville.

No doubt quick today; almost funeral the tempo, for the boys who wore the blue have long since turned gray. Many, indeed, were unequal to participation in the parade while others, bowing to time, rode in automobiles behind their marching comrades.