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AERIAL TRAGEDIES

The fate of the Shenandoah and the probable loss of the naval seaplane PN-9 No. 1, each with a considerable loss of life, shows that aerial navigation has not yet progressed for enough beyond the experimental stage to make it entirely dependable. Science, skill, and endless experiments are gradually eliminating the dangerous features of aeronautics, but the terrible disaster to the Shenandoah following so closely on that which seems to have overtaken the missing seaplane, demonstrate that we have yet a long way to go before air craft become as safe as the land and water carriers.

Each of these disasters and the investigations which follow add something to the knowledge of the new method of transportation and make it safer for those who follow. It is the knowledge thus gained that decreases the risk and increases the utility of air craft, but it is regrettable that it must be purchased at such a fearful toll of human life.

The Shenandoah tragedy like that of the seaplane, seems to be due to an unusual conflict with the forces of nature. Early particulars indicate that the big dirigible encountered a gale which outmatched her structural strength. In the case of the seaplane, severe head winds exhausted her supply of fuel and forced her down into the storm-tossed shark-infested waters of the Pacific where she vanished. It is apparent that structurally, this craft was equal to the test that she attempted, but insufficient fuel resulted in turning a successful flight into a tragedy.

The Shenandoah, on the contrary, apparently developed structural weakness. Investigations in both of these tragedies will undoubtedly develop causes which in the future can be removed or in which the danger can be lessened—Portland Telegram.

VIENNA FORMS WELCOMING CLUB

VIENNA—(AP)—An organization known as the "Welcome to Austria Club," has been formed under the patronage of Dr. Michael Hainisch, the President of the Austrian Republic. The members make it their task to receive foreigners coming to

Austria, to show them about the town, arrange social meetings and act as interpreter for them. The federal chancellor, all ministers and the captain-generals of the provinces are honorary presidents of the club. The club will consider it its duty to render the stay of foreigners in Austria as pleasant as possible.



Well Kept Babies Are Not Peevish

Something is wrong with the baby who is peevish, always crying or fretting. It may be digestive troubles. More often it is ill fitting clothes and irritated skins. There is little excuse for irritable, peevish babies, if properly clothed and given proper hygienic attention.

To assist in the proper toilet for the baby we have Fillex cellulose toilet paper and rubber pants which can be sterilized.

Let's have all babies clean, healthy, happy, and lovely. We enjoy them as much as you parents. To that end we have a complete baby goods department for outfitting the newcomer, in hose, undergarments, shoes, blankets, robes, caps, booties, gowns. Naturally clothes for the one, two, three and four year old boys and girls.



Closed all Day Labor Day



STEWART'S WASHINGTON LETTER

BY CHARLES P. STEWART
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WASHINGTON — The department of agriculture's bureau of biological survey was prompt to resent the assertion of Dr. William T. Hornaday the zoologist, that the bureau isn't doing all it ought, to check destruction of the country's bird life, but the department of agriculture's bureau of entomology comes forth with the information that the birds are being destroyed.

What the entomological folk have to say is purely on their own account not in answer to the biologist's rather angry rebuttal of Dr. Hornaday's charge. They simply arise to remark that bugs are a good deal worse than they used to be, and the reason is—there aren't so many birds.

"Nature has her balances," as Congressman Martin L. Davey, the tree doctor, remarked to me recently, "and when they're disturbed it makes bad work."

"For instance, plant life would be endangered but for the birds. Insects live on the plants and if there were enough of them they'd eat all the vegetation up. There would be enough of them, too, if it weren't for the birds. They eat the insects. "They eat so many, if there are enough birds, that the plants hold their own. The more birds the more plants. But destroy the birds or reduce their number considerably and the insects multiply enormously and at a prodigious rate, and simply sweep vegetation away."

That America's bird life has di-

minished greatly in the last generation or two no authority on the subject denies. Some of the agriculture department entomologists estimate that it has been reduced by half in 40 years. But, reply the departmental biologists, most of the destruction occurred during the earlier part of the 40 years, when less protection was afforded than is afforded today; it's adequate now.

Dr. Hornaday says not. He says it's inadequate yet, and he intimates that he thinks the departmental biologists know it but don't do anything about it because they're too completely under the influence of the American Game Protective and Propagating association, whose members he further hints, seem to him more interested in hunting than in protecting and propagating game.

WASHINGTON—Big navy men are getting ready to put up a stiff fight, not only against the cut President Coolidge is understood to want, in the next appropriation for Warship building, but in favor of a much more liberal allowance than the present one.

Their argument is that the armament limitation agreement which resulted from the international conference called by President Harding to put a stop to the race for naval supremacy didn't in reality, stop it, but simply changed its form. The United States, it is contended, has assumed that the race was stopped completely, but England and Japan haven't, and consequently this country will be completely out-classed as a sea power soon, at the present rate.

What the Harding conference did was to set a limit on capital ships, but no limit whatever was placed on cruisers up to 10,000 tons. A 10,000-ton cruiser is a small affair

compared with a 36,000-ton battleship, but leaving battleships out of consideration the former is a decidedly formidable craft.

And this is the type of vessel which the English and Japanese are now concentrating upon building! The upshot presently will be, the big navy folk predict, that while the United States may remain, at least theoretically, upon a battleship equality with England and somewhat Japan's superior, she will be relatively so weak in cruisers as to be, net, at a hopeless disadvantage.

To be sure, President Coolidge plans to call another conference, to limit cruiser-building, but the big navy group doesn't believe there is the remotest possibility England and Japan will agree to this.

By just one method, the big navy-ites think, does America stand some chance of bringing the English and Japanese to terms—by setting the English and Japanese so hot a cruiser-building pace that they can't keep up with it. Rather than be outbuilt, or strained beyond their powers of financial endurance by America's greater resources, it's foreseen that the two other peoples would be willing to call a halt all 'round, at some reasonable figure.

BOSTON. — A parked automobile suddenly rolled down hill and crashed through a theater door onto the stage, searing chorus girls.

CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA, Calif. — Frederick Eastman, resident of this artist colony, is running for governor on an evolution platform.

On the principle of the hydrometer is a new instrument for motorists that shows the extent to which crank case oil is diluted.

FROM ALL OVER OREGON

Bits of News From Towns Throughout the State WHAT OTHERS ARE DOING

ARMY RECRUITS

During the month of August four recruits for United States army service were obtained in Eugene, reports Corporal C. E. Pritchett, army recruiting officer here. This is considered an unusually good record in view of the slack season usually encountered by recruiters during the summer season.

Lawrence Paige, recruiting officer in the Eugene district preceding Corporal Pritchett, has received his honorable discharge, according to word received today. When Mr. Paige left Eugene he was transferred to Portland.

Several good openings in army schools, offering training in all trades, including radio and electrical engineering, are now open, says Corporal Pritchett. Attractive offerings to musicians of all kinds are being made, giving the soldier good pay, as well as a chance to earn money "on the side." The recruiting office is located in the basement of the court house.—Eugene Guard.

BOYS MAKE GOOD

Four youths paid dearly yesterday for their little fun of "swiping" watermelons from a patch grown by a well known local farmer.

The boys decided since the price of watermelons dropped, they could take a few, and not be watched very closely. So out they went. They looked up the finest melon patch in the vicinity of Ashland.

Stealthily they crept into the patch, and when they returned four melons were missing from their regulation spots in the patch.

Chief of Police McNabb, however, had driven up and stood watching the boys. When the melons were out of the patch, he played "hijacker" and took them from those who took them from the patch.

Yesterday afternoon the judge ordered the boys to pay for the melons at a rate very much higher than they could have been purchased in the store.

As one of the youths put it, "next time I steal watermelons, I steal them in a store, for money."—Ashland Tidings.

FRACTURES LEG

Gordon Clark, 21, of 934 Eighth avenue west, suffered a compound fracture of his right leg when he was struck by an automobile as he started from the curb on his motorcycle at Ninth avenue and Willamette street about 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The automobile was driven by Thomas Fink of Cottage Grove, who took the injured man to the hospital and reported the accident to the police.

Mr. Clark's injuries are said by the attending physician and hospital officials to be serious. A deep gash was cut on the leg between the knee and ankle and the bone was crushed. The fractured bone tore the flesh. If no infections set in it is believed by hospital officials that he will recover, but he will be forced to remain in the hospital for several weeks.

Mr. Clark also sustained bruises in the accident and suffered from shock when taken to the hospital.—Eugene Morning Register.

NURSES SPONSOR PARTY

A party in honor of the entering student nurses in the Eugene hospital was held last night in the residence home of the nurses on the hospital staff. The party was sponsored by the advanced student nurses.

A group of 25 attended the celebration, which was held in the form of a get-acquainted party.

Members of the hospital staff and entering nurses were included in the festivities which lasted through the evening hours. Light refreshments were served.—Eugene Morning Register.

BREAKS LEG

George Lowe, son of D. M. Lowe, of the Valley View district, suffered a broken leg yesterday afternoon as the result of a peculiar accident.

Lowe was working on the Harry Lynch place on Wagner creek, hauling poles. He stepped off his wagon and his leg became lodged between a stump and one of the brake beams of the wagon. The horses continued on their way, snapping young Lowe's leg just below the knee.

A peculiar incident in connection with the accident was the fidelity of a shepherd dog, a pet of the Lowe family. Seeing the young man injured, the dog stood watch over him, and refused to allow any of the men working on the place to come near the injured youth. Lynch was bitten on the arm when he attempted to drive the dog off. Finally Mrs. Lynch arrived and the dog immediately allowed her to aid the boy, and to place him in a car,

home, and there refused to allow anyone to touch the youth until Mrs. Lowe arrived.—Ashland Tidings.

FOUND CAPABLE

Arthur Couch, heir to a large Bandon estate, "is capable of handling his own affairs," it was found from an examination conducted by Dr. George Horsfall and Dr. Phil Kelzer in Marshfield this morning. Couch, who is 50 years of age, has a normal mind and is not suffering from illness, the examining physicians found.

Couch appealed to the probate court for freedom from the yoke of a guardian placed upon him on the ground that he was unable to handle his own affairs and money.

I. H. Mast, county probate judge, will sign an order releasing the man from his guardian today.—Marshfield Daily News.

THE CENTER PIECE FOR THE TABLE

By Jane Suedtor

In these days of strenuous living and many short cuts, with the breakfast nook's narrow table and the slender refectory tables, the centerpiece of flowers is fast being lost sight of, and needless to say should be revived, for nothing else so completely lifts the dining table out of the ordinary, cheers those who gather around the table and adds zest to the meal.

Fern dishes and large bouquets are no longer in vogue, but in their places the hostess brings daily a few choice flowers to the table, arranging them in the receptacle which best fits both the table and the flowers. When long stemmed flowers are to be used they should be few in number and loosely arranged so that people seated across the table from each other may converse easily.

The heavy headed dahlia on the other hand may be floated on the surface of the water in a shallow glass dish or compote. The Japanese have given us so many interesting bowls and frogs for flowers besides teaching us something of their art of flower arrangement, that now with almost no expense the cupboard may be well stocked with simple flower receptacles in cream, old blue and jade green or crystal white glass suitable for the most elaborate table or the simplest.

One of the most interesting arrangements for the table is one which is so often used by the Japanese in a low open mouth bowl with a simple frog or holder, preferably one shaped like a rock. A single spray with interestingly curving stem like those of the flowering quince stands upright and several contrasting flowers float on the surface of the water.

The mixed bouquet is very good now, and may combine any of the flowers which bloom in the same month. A few of each should be used, and so arranged as to form a spreading mass of interesting color or harmony.

While artificial flowers should never be used when it is possible to secure fresh ones, there are now on the market, beautiful sprays which may be very effectively used with or without natural green leaves.

The glazed grasses are not as good for the table as the manufactured wax flowers or a few sprays of the everlasting flowers with a few ferns.

At this season of the year when the grape lends themselves to almost any kind of arrangement and there are so many bright colored fruits to be had, a fruit centerpiece is very attractive. A few grapes or peach leaves arranged with the fruit make the group far more interesting. These should be arranged in a compote.

Naturalization

Instruction Is Offered Gratis

Aliens who aspire to become United States citizens have the opportunity of securing free instruction in government and the constitution of the United States, it was announced this morning by Fred Peterson, county school superintendent.

All foreigners who are anxious to pass the naturalization examination (that will be held here the latter part of this month), may receive enlightening instruction from Mr. Peterson for the next two weeks.

Dates of the classes are Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings of the next two weeks. Classes will convene at 8:30 o'clock.

It's getting so a man's almost got to go to a dance or stay sober,



HEROES ARE MADE - NOT BORN

J. R. WILLIAMS
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