

BOTULINUS NOT CAUSE OF DUCKS DYING IN LAKE

Deadly Bacteria not Found in Dead Birds by U. S. Health Department

CHEMICAL POISONING

Further Report to Follow Preliminary Investigation; Ducks Still Dying

Botulinus poison is not the cause of thousands of ducks dying in Tule lake. It is a chemical poisoning of some description. This, in brief is the content of the first laboratory report on the Tule lake duck crisis. It was received this morning from the U. S. health department laboratory in Portland by County Health Officer Dr. G. S. Newsom.

A more complete report will be issued later this week, at which time the actual cause of the death of the birds will probably be given. The report received today was made out by William Levin, in charge of the U. S. Laboratory.

Following is the report:

"We were unable to find B. Botulinus in the duck received from you some time ago. The fowl was markedly jaundiced it had straggled, mucous, bile stained but no other pathological condition. Cultures made from various organs removed at autopsy did not show the presence of B. Botulinus. The sick duck which was brought in here by messenger on Thursday, October 15th died the following day. The fowl had complete paralysis of the legs before death and well marked paralysis when it first came here. It had no clinical symptoms of B. Botulinus infection. The duck was autopsied and cultures made from various organs. It is too early yet to give our findings on the cultures made on the organs of the second duck. These will be reported next week.

"I am led to believe that the ducks did not die from B. Botulinus since the examination of the ducks did not reveal clinical nor Post Mortem symptoms in this test. The examination of the specimen of mud also failed to show B. Botulinus, also the water from the lake was negative of B. Botulinus. The mud was very heavy in its contents of hydrogen sulphide. There is a marked possibility that the ducks have died from a chemical poisoning rather than bacterial infection.

"Of course, you understand how our work on such problems must necessarily be very limited in acceptance we neither have the time or the equipment to do a thorough business of investigation which your conditions there certainly demand.

"I should think that the Postory Department of the Oregon Agricultural College or some other allied department of that school would be the proper agencies to take charge of such investigations and I would strongly advise that you get in touch with them."

Three Are Killed in Airplane Fall

CAPE MAY COURT HOUSE, N. J., Oct. 19.—(P)—Three men were killed today when an airplane bearing the number A-S 68524, fell near here. The identity of the airman were not known.

A package found in the plane was addressed to a Lieutenant, Haley.

MITCHELL FIELD, N. Y., Oct. 19(P)—Army plane number 68,524 left here at 10:30 a. m. today for Langley Field. It was piloted by Lieutenant Abbott C. Martin who had with him as passengers Captain Robert A. Kinloch and Staff Sergeant Joseph Colson.

Lieutenant Martin's ship was one of two big bombers attached to the twelfth bombardment squadron at the Virginia field, which left this station at the same time this morning.

COAST LEAGUE SCORES

At Seattle 2-2, Portland 0-8. At Los Angeles 2-2, Vernon 1-4. At Sacramento 4-12, Salt Lake 8-9. At San Francisco 8-13, Oakland 2-2.

Whole Section Purchased By Shevlin-Hixon

\$21,500 Paid to Chinook Timber Co. For Pine

An entire section of Klamath pine changed hands yesterday afternoon, and so did \$21,500.

To the Shevlin-Hixon company went the section of land and to the Chinook Timber company, the \$21,500.

The timber purchased by the Beni concern from the Chinook Timber company lies just 13 miles south-east of Crescent, and comprises 640 acres. Approximately \$32.50 per acre was the price paid to the Michigan concern. The property is described as being in section 36, township 26, south range 16 east.

Five Robbers Make Big Haul

Crime in New York Continues Over Week-end

NEW YORK, Oct. 19.—(P)—A band of five robbers, one of them wearing a policeman's uniform, committed a series of hold-ups in Brooklyn early today while in Manhattan two gunmen shot and probably fatally wounded the proprietor of a lower east side restaurant in which there were 18 patrons, including five women.

The boldest robbery by the Brooklyn band was the holdup of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Goldman and their chauffeur as their car was passing along eastern Parkway, after they had crowded the Goldman auto to the curb. The five robbers took \$5000 in jewelry and \$250 in cash from the victims.

LOSS OF BLOOD NEARLY FATAL

Riggs Scorchin Almost Dies from Gash in Head Yesterday

Saved from death by minutes, Riggs Scorchin, Klamath Indian and an employee of the Peyton Logging company, is recovering today at the Klamath General hospital from loss of blood and a large gash in the head, sustained yesterday morning when a chain snapped and hit his skull.

It was from loss of blood, rather than the gash, that the Indian nearly died. Unable to stop the bleeding, his co-workers brought him to Klamath Falls over 45 miles of rough roads. When he arrived at the hospital his condition was critical. A little longer and he would have died.

But today he is improving and will recover from the accident. Scorchin was working for the logging company at Sprague river at the terminus of the Oregon California and Eastern railroad.

Another Chinese City Is Captured

SCHANGHAI, Oct. 19.—Reports from Nanking, a treaty port 210 miles west of Shanghai, say the city has been captured by the Chekiang troops, as another phase of the campaign which resulted in the recent capture of Shanghai. After street firing, the troops of Chang Tso-Lin, the Manchurian leader, were forced to retreat across the Yangtze river to Pukow where they expect to be joined by reinforcements driven from Shanghai.

BONANZA FARMER FEARS FOR LIFE; WIFE ARRESTED

Benjamin Crapser Claims Spouse Threatened Him With Gun Saturday

SUES FOR DIVORCE

Woman Released on Own Recognition until hearing in Justice Court

Out on a little ranch near Bonanza, there was turmoil Friday and Saturday, and as a result Mrs. Nettie Crapser is under arrest on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon and her husband, Benjamin Crapser, is seeking a divorce. That his wife on Friday beat him over the head with an iron poker and then on Saturday night picked up a gun and threatened him is the charge of Crapser to the district attorney's office. As a result a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon was filed against Mrs. Crapser Saturday and she was arrested Sunday. This morning, when she appeared before Justice of the Peace Ed Kendall for arraignment, she was released on her recognizance.

Not First Time

This is not the first time the domestic difficulties of the Crapser family have come to the attention of county authorities. Several weeks ago Mrs. Crapser signed a complaint charging her husband with insanity.

A regular hearing before County Judge R. H. Bunnell, at which the prominent Bonanza farmer was examined, disclosed that no signs of insanity existed. The complaint was dismissed and Crapser discharged. Authorities advised the couple to patch up their troubles and live together on their ranch.

Row Breaks Out

But the smoldering fire of discontent broke out again on Friday, according to Crapser, when his wife clouted him over the head with a heavy iron poker and at that time threatened to kill him. The blow from the poker, the farmer claimed, knocked him out.

Saturday Crapser journeyed to Klamath Falls and asked the advice of the district attorney's office. Their advice at that time was to seek a divorce, rather than seek action against his wife in the criminal court.

Crapser consulted an attorney, filed a suit for divorce Saturday and was granted a restraining order Saturday afternoon by Judge Leavitt, restraining his wife from interfering with him on the ranch or elsewhere, until settlement of the suit. A deputy sheriff served the restraining order on Mrs. Crapser Saturday according to reports.

Threatened Him

Crapser contends that despite the restraining order, his wife threatened him with a gun, while he was on his ranch.

Until the alleged gun play, District Attorney Elliott and his deputy, W. A. West, were disposed to view the case merely as a domestic trouble that should be handled in the divorce courts.

No date for the preliminary hearing was set this morning, as Mrs. Crapser's attorney said that it would be some time before he could secure witnesses.

Bootleggers and Booze Are Taken

MEDFORD, Ore., Oct. 19.—Two alleged bootleggers giving their names as Jack Boyd and Jack Martin, of Portland, were arrested on the Pacific highway north of Central Point at three o'clock this morning by local dry officers and 25 cases of gin and whiskey with a market value of \$2000, and their automobile were seized. The two men will be given a hearing this afternoon.

AGED VET DIES

CINCINNATI, O., Oct. 19.—(P)—General Thomas T. Heath, 81, among the last surviving brigadier generals of the civil war, died yesterday at his home in Lockland, Ohio. He was breveted for gallantry in the battle of Waynesboro, Ga.

Widely Known Writer Is Victim Of Highwaymen

Nina Wilcox Putnam Reports Loss of \$6000

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla., Oct. 19.—(P)—Five highwaymen were the objects of a search today by police and sheriff's forces following the reported robbery of Mrs. Nina Wilcox Putnam, well known writer and her companion, R. W. Gauger, of \$6,000 in jewelry, papers and cash early yesterday.

Mrs. Putnam told police they had stopped to repair a minor accident to their automobile when the bandits approached, first to offer assistance and then to rob.

The writer told police the thieves took from her a set of ear rings valued at \$1,000, a \$500 vanity case, papers worth \$4,500 and \$75 from her and her companion.

TAX REDUCTION FOR NEXT YEAR IN MELLON PLAN

Surtax Rate Should be Lowered, is Recommendation to Congress

BIG SAVING PLANNED

Would Repeal Publicity Section—Other Changes Are Advocated

WASHINGTON, Oct. 19.—(P)—A tax reduction of \$250,000,000 to \$300,000,000 was recommended to congress today by Secretary Mellon.

Without attempting to lay down definite schedules, he suggested that a reduction in surtaxes to 20 per cent in place of present 37 per cent would not cripple the treasury.

This would reduce the maximum tax, surtax and normal, levied on the largest income to 25 percent. It now is 42 per cent.

The secretary also advocated these additional changes:

Repeal of the estate tax.

Repeal of the gift tax.

Reduce Auto Taxes

Reduction of automobile taxes by repeal of the levies on trucks, tires and accessories.

Repeal of a number of miscellaneous taxes, such as that on works of art brought from abroad.

Repeal of the publicity section of the income tax law.

He opposed repeal of the tax on tickets to theatres and other places of amusement and various other proposals for amendment of the present law, including any extension in the jurisdiction of the board of tax appeals.

Surplus in Sight

The secretary's recommendations based on the conclusion of treasury officials that a surplus of \$290,000,000 is in prospect this year in federal revenues, was submitted to the house ways and means committee at the opening of its hearing on tax reform.

He made reference in his statement to an "inequity taxation" produced by the earned income exemption allowed in the present law, but he added, that if the 20 per cent maximum surtax is accepted, the inequity fostered by the clause given credit on the incomes below ten thousand dollars as earned incomes "will not be pronounced."

Exempt Securities

The treasury secretary also renewed his advocacy of a constitutional amendment abolishing tax exempt securities. He observed, however, that the amount of outstanding tax exempt securities now is so large, he estimated them at fourteen billion dollars, that the government should attempt taking away the "artificial" advantage held by those securities.

Enactment of the proposed 20 per cent surtax will do the work, the secretary added.

The gift tax was characterized by the secretary as one of a "great many artificial restraints and inequities now in the taxing law."

He declared "the excuse for the gift tax would entirely disappear" if

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Still More Men Eager To Get \$400 And Bride; Salem Woman Learns It Pays To Advertise

Mysterious "Jordan" Who Wants Husband "On Approval" Until She Gets Estate Can Have Her Pick From Nearly Every State of Union

SALEM, Ore., Oct. 19.—The mysterious "Jordan" who advertised for a husband of four months duration to clear up an estate and offered \$400 for the use of the man's name, appeared in person at the Capital Journal office late Saturday evening, claimed the some 50 odd letters and telegrams which came for her and disappeared in the night. Only an office boy was present to give her the communications and as a result her identity is still concealed behind the cloak of mystery.

The latest photograph is from Robert H. Norman, of Oakland, California, and says he is "ambitious and idealistic and forsores great possibilities and opportunities in life." St. Maries, Idaho, Denver, Colo., Anaconda, Lincoln, Nebraska, Tracy, California, Marion, Ind., Omaha, Neb., as well as Oakland and San Francisco, were among the latest places to be heard from with applicants for the lady's hand.

DON'T EAT TULE LAKE DUCKS, U. S. WARDEN ADVISES

George Tonkin Investigates Mysterious Game Bird Epidemic

Botulinus or no botulinus, no ducks from Tule lake should be eaten. Carcasses of thousands of dead birds have so contaminated the water that meat of live and well birds would be detrimentally affected.

This was the statement this morning of George Tonkin, United States Warden for California, who during the past few days has been investigating the mysterious epidemic that has caused the death of over 15,000 ducks in Tule lake.

The statement was supplemented this afternoon by one of similar nature from Dr. G. S. Newsom, county health officer.

"We now know that botulinus is not causing death of the ducks," the health officer said. "But Mr. Tonkin's statement concerning contamination should be seriously considered. With that many dead and putrifying ducks in Tule lake, the water is naturally contaminated. Birds consuming this water, would naturally be affected by it."

"Then there is another angle. There are hundreds of birds that have contracted the disease but yet to the eyes of the hunter, are perfectly all right. They are shot, killed and taken home to be eaten. Even though the ducks are not dying from botulinus, one must remember that they are eating a sick bird and that sick birds are not just the right diet."

"I have no desire to spoil the pleasure of enthusiastic hunters of Klamath, but in the performance of my duties as health officer, I feel it necessary to advise the public to refrain from eating birds from Tule lake."

Mr. Tonkin expressed the opinion that no shooting should be done on the lake until the ice comes.

"Then this epidemic will disappear quickly I feel," he said. "Until that time I can't help but feel that the Tule lake ducks should not be eaten."

NOW THINK GIRL MURDERED YOUTH

EUREKA, Calif., Oct. 9.—(P)—District Attorney A. W. Hill stated today that he was in possession of conclusive evidence that Henry Sweet the Dyerville youth, who was found shot to death in his automobile on the highway south of here a week ago was killed by a bullet from the rifle of Miss Carmen Wagner, his hunting companion. Miss Wagner has been missing since the shooting.

WAGE LAW INVALID

WASHINGTON, Oct. 19.—(P)—The Arizona minimum wage law for women was held to be unconstitutional today by the supreme court.

WRANGELL, Alaska.—The last boat of the season came down the Stikine river from the Cassiar gold region in northern British Columbia, with a capacity list of passengers.

TOM MURRAY TO HANG DEC. 19TH FOR PEN MURDER

Young Leader of Convicts Makes Plea to Judge Kelly for Mercy

RECITES HIS RECORD

Slayer of penitentiary guard Denies Charge That he is Killer

SALEM, Ore., Oct. 19.—Tom Murray, convict convicted of the murder of Guard John Sweeney in the prison break of August 12, was this morning sentenced by Judge Percy R. Kelly, to hang for the crime on Friday, December 18.

The sentence was imposed after Murray had made a statement to the court, pleading for mercy on his record and his youth. Asked by the court if he had anything to say relative to why he should not be sentenced to pay the extreme penalty, the convict replied:

"Yes, I might say something," and in a clear tone of voice continued:

"Gives Record
"The prosecution in this case has tried its best to dig up my criminal record, but the best they have been able to do is to show two crimes, a burglary in California committed when I was only 18 years and didn't know any better, and the Florence bank robbery.

"After being released from San Quentin I went straight for two years before we stuck up the Florence bank.

"They have said that I was a killer. In the Florence job we could have killed but we didn't. During the time I have been in the penitentiary I have been shot at five times without any warning. They would shoot first and talk afterwards.

Didn't Kill Others
"In this break we could have killed several we didn't even shoot at. I had John Davidson in my power, and if there was any man at the penitentiary I would have reason to kill it would have been him, but I didn't.

"We could have killed Guard Gardner as he ran ahead of us toward the State hospital to give the alarm, and we could have done the same thing at Monitor and at the Newman's. I could have taken the clothes of the Monitor boys, but I only took a coat and kept on my prison pants.

"There are several we could have killed and kept from giving information about us. But we didn't."

There was a hush over the crowded courtroom as Murray spoke. As he finished and stood half facing the court, Judge Kelley said: "The law gives the court no discretion.

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Is It Playing The Game Square?

To "throw down" the business men who fought for you when they backed up Oregon Trunk in its fight to come into this county? Their fight was your fight. It is now your turn to stand by them as they stand by you. If you have a dollar to spend, see that it goes to the merchant who risked so much in standing for the Oregon Trunk. Play the game on the square and you will always win.