

STEEL FROM FLYING SAW KILLS MAN

Algoma Foreman Dies Following Accident of Last Evening

Dean Stanley, 24, night foreman at the Algoma Lumber company, died at 7:30 o'clock this morning from a fatal injury sustained last night at midnight when the band saw of the Algamo mill broke and a piece of the saw, two feet long struck him in the right groin.

Stanley died from loss of blood and shock. A main artery was severed and before he arrived at the Klamath Valley hospital, he had lost a large amount of blood. The loss of blood plus the shock to his nervous system were too much for Stanley to withstand and he sank lower and lower until the end this morning.

Stanley had stepped from the yard into the lumber mill at midnight and was scanning the sawyer's blackboard on which was inscribed instructions to the sawyer regarding the night's cut. The saw was idling while the carriage was ahead, taking another log.

Suddenly the saw broke. Stanley was standing nine feet away and one of the flying pieces of jagged and sharp steel struck him in the right groin. The two-foot piece of steel severed a main artery of the leg. All efforts to stop the flow proved unavailing. Stanley was rushed to a local hospital, where a desperate but vain fight to save his life was made.

It is not known whether or not the break was precipitated by the breaking of the guide to the saw. The guide had snapped, but whether before or after the break could only be surmised.

That the setter was not seriously injured or killed is considered miraculous. Just a bare inch separated J. Sevendson, night mill foreman, from death. A piece of the steel flew from the shattered band saw and took his hat from his head.

Stanley has been employed with local lumber firms for the past three years. He is survived by a wife and parents who reside near Portland. His father conducts a dairy near Portland.

No arrangements have been made for the funeral.

MAY END STRIKE

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 16. (AP)—The anthracite operators announced today they would accept the plan of settlement of the strike proposed by the Lucerne county members of the Pennsylvania house of representatives.

Girl Hears For First Time In Seven Years As Santa Claus Gives Talk On Radio

AKRON, Ohio, Dec. 16.—Wandering in a soundless world for more than seven years, Pauline Fenton, 12, heard last night the distinguishable sounds of human voice.

This was the result of a radio test made by a mythical Santa Claus from station WADC here. Mr. and Mrs. Howard E. Fenton, the child's parents placed the earphones of a radio set to the child's ears while a program was being broadcast.

"Santa" the child murmured, astonishing her parents who had abandoned all hope that the child ever would hear again. Santa stopped broadcasting and directed his special appeal to the child:

"Pauline, Pauline Fenton, old Santa is glad to know you can hear him speak and I'm going to have a great big doll for you, Christmas."

There was a short silence in the Fenton home as Santa finished his promises. Then with eyes radiant and a happy smile spread over her face, Pauline turned to her mother and said:

"Santa is going to bring me a doll."

Match Used To Warm Up Auto; Large Success

George Smith Learns Fire And Gas Are Poor Mixture

George Smith, 617 north Eleventh street, wanted to warm up his car this morning at 8:30 o'clock. So he poked around inside his trouser pocket until he discovered a match.

Smith lit the match and placed it under the carburetor, so that the flames licked the instrument through which the gasoline passes on its way to the engine.

He was successful, was Smith. His car was warmed up. It was nearly burned up when the dripping gas from the carburetor caught fire. If it had not been for the fire department, which screeched and sirened its way to Smith's house on Eleventh street, the car would have been destroyed. As it was, little damage was incurred.

U. S. R. S. HEADS VETO LUXURY FOR FARM RESIDENTS

Officials say Farmers should Have Substantial Needs But no Frills

SERVICE IS LAUDED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16. (AP)—The second and final days session of the conference on reclamation at the interior department opened today with a plea by E. C. Finney, first secretary of the interior, for a comprehensive view of reclamation problems rather than a short sighted one.

"There may be an over-production at the present time," he said, "but there are not enough farms for the needs of the next ten or twenty years. We should begin now to build for the future. These things do not come of themselves. They must be planned for."

Mr. Finney suggested as most important that settlers should be provided with help for their substantial needs but should not be "given the opportunity to work for luxuries."

He also advised the selection of settlers from those who had stamina to work out their own salvation.

Denial of assertions that reclamation was a failure was forcibly expressed by Smith, Idaho, chairman of the house committee on irrigation and reclamation.

"The opinion seems to be abroad," he said, "that the reclamation policy is a failure when it was a matter of fact more has been accomplished toward creating national wealth and in the making of happy homes for thousands of people than any other undertaking which has had governmental supervision."

BOY, IN REIGN OF TERROR SLAYS 3 BEFORE CAPTURE

Lad of 13 Years Held in Arkansas Jail Following Week's Crime Orgy

RAN AWAY FROM HOME

Sheriff's Posse Finds Him Asleep, Beside Many Stolen Guns

YELLEVILLE, Ark., Dec. 16. (AP)—A small boy sat in the Marion county jail here today brooding over a week of desperate adventure, while residents of Buffalo community, east of here, gave thanks for the end of a series of violent deeds.

The boy, Arvid Comer, who says he is "about 13 or 14," has admitted he is the author of a succession of lawless acts, culminating Sunday in the slaying of three persons. He was asleep when a sheriff's posse seized him. Near him lay four pistols, a shotgun and a peck of ammunition.

Arnold's story, told to Sheriff Willingham, was a thriller to match any outlaw's tale. This is the gist of it.

The boy, discontented with home conditions, fled from the Comer home Wednesday night, taking a pistol with which he was a practiced shot. Tuesday, he entered a rural home and took \$17.50 and a shotgun. That night he plundered a store, increasing his armament. Friday night, seeking food, he came to another mountain home, but became afraid when a man opened the door. He fired his shot gun, wounding the man, his wife and child and retreated into the darkness.

Hungry Sunday, the boy approached the house where Mrs. Tom Boyd lived with her infant granddaughter, shot and beat the aged woman to death, he didn't seem to know why, and then killed the baby because it cried. A quarter of a mile away as he ran from this scene, he met Charles Moore, dealer in pelts and shot him.

No New Cases Of Meningitis Are Reported

Epidemic Now Presents Brighter Outlook to Dr. Newsom

Up to 3 p. m. today, no new cases of spinal meningitis were reported to the county health office.

The epidemic situation stands at the same point as yesterday, with six cases diagnosed since the first outbreak 15 days ago, of which two died.

Although the chamber of commerce and the Kiwanis club suspended their noon luncheons, the Rotary club this morning decided to hold its regular weekly meeting Friday noon.

No forum luncheon was held at the chamber of commerce this noon.

Despite the fact that the health office and the Klamath Falls Medical society expressed a desire to secure an isolation hospital, no move had been made up to this afternoon to secure an adequate detention place.

Thief Is Offered \$5 to Make Return of Stolen Blanket

Menace of a hard winter or the plain desire to take a Navajo blanket from the car of Miss Bertha Lee, has made someone in Klamath Falls a thief.

The blanket, a much treasured gift of Miss Lee's, was taken from her Ford coupe, which was parked in front of the Seandia hall on Saturday evening while she with a party of friends was attending the dance.

If the party who took the blanket feels it would be worth while to return it to Miss Lee, she has offered a five dollar reward and declares she will be so happy to have it returned she won't even want to know who took it. It can be returned to Miss Lee at her home at 205 Eldorado, or left at The Evening Herald.

250 Stockings Remain To Be Filled To Brim

Christmas Editor Finds Plenty of Food For Thought

Did you ever gasp at the task of filling three or four or five Christmas stockings?

Then you will realize the position of those in charge of The Evening Herald's Christmas fund, with an even 250 stockings to be filled with Christmas cheer and distributed by Christmas day.

Assuming that each stocking is filled at a cost of only 25c, it will require \$62.50 for this task alone.

For this reason donations that came into the fund this morning were received with thanks.

Mrs. F. H. Fitzgerald gave \$1, Rev. A. F. Looser gave \$3 and the local post of the American Legion at its meeting last night collected \$7.25, this in addition to two other contributions made previously by this body.

William (Billy) Snow, Main street candy merchant, came in with two enormous "Musical Jazz Honnds" and one dozen rubber balls, calculated to bring joy to the heart of any child.

Six little children will be gladdened on Christmas morning when they receive six elaborate dolls, made by Mrs. L. G. Hurd of Eleventh street. The Herald Christmas fund is based on the belief that every child on Christmas morning is entitled to some token as a sign that Santa has not forgotten. A list containing the names of every poor child, together with its age, is being prepared by Miss Lydia Fricke, county health nurse, and prior to Christmas day, the toys will be delivered to the homes of the parents, for distribution on Christmas morning.

Dodge Brothers Slash Car Prices

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 16. (AP)—A great reduction in the price of Dodge Brothers cars and a unique method of putting it in effect was announced today by the mammoth Dodge Motor corporation.

The reduction was effective Tuesday, December 15. No statement as to the amount of the price cut will be given until January 7, at which time all those who have purchased Dodge cars since December 15 will receive the reduction in the form of a cash refund. After January 7, the reduced price will be in effect on all cars purchased.

Erection of a new \$10,000,000 plant with increased facilities for mass production has made the cut possible, the factory announced.

William Cole Leaves Today For Portland

State Officer Testifies Before Grand Jury This Morning

William Cole, special state agent, suspected of striking the blow that resulted in the fracture of Frank Pecholt's skull, testified this morning before the Klamath county grand jury and a few hours later departed for Portland.

Cole declared himself to be perfectly at ease in regard to the grand jury investigation.

"Suppose I did use a saw, which I did not," Cole remarked this morning. "I would be perfectly within my rights. The man resisted arrest and I would have had the right to hit him."

Cole plans to remain in Portland for some time, he said.

AUTOIST INJURED

OREGON CITY, Ore., Dec. 16. (AP)—Clifford Brown of Salem was injured near here this morning when he drove his auto into a California stage.

REST CASE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16. (AP)—The prosecution in the Mitchell court martial rested its case today.

STATE HIGHWAY OFFICE HERE TO CLOSE JANUARY 1

C. C. Kelley, Division Engineer, to Sever Connections on that Date

TO CENTRALIZE WORK

Road Work in Lake and Klamath to be Handled From The Dalles

On the first day of January the division offices of the state highway department in Klamath Falls will cease to be.

On that date C. C. Kelley, division engineer of the state highway department, will retire from the employ of the state.

This is the announcement from the state highway offices this morning, following word from Roy Klein, state highway engineer, that the Klamath division will be discontinued.

It is planned to merge Jackson and Josephine counties with the coast division and to handle the work in Lake and Klamath counties from the division headquarters in The Dalles.

The move, it is understood, found its source as an economic measure. Mr. Klein, head of the state road engineering department, felt that it was necessary to cut down expense and to that end divided Mr. Kelley's division in two parts. One part was placed under the jurisdiction of the coast division and the other under the jurisdiction of the northern division with headquarters at The Dalles.

The state highway division in southern Oregon, of which Klamath was a part, was established in 1919 at the beginning of the highway development program in this section of the state and until January 1 will be the headquarters for all highway operations in Jackson, Josephine, Lake and Klamath counties.

Mr. Kelley, accompanied by his wife, leaves tomorrow morning for Illinois to visit relatives. They will return here several months hence and Mr. Kelley will probably enter the engineering field of Klamath.

The discontinuance of the state highway office here will not affect the status of the highway maintenance station, nor will it materially affect the highway program here.

Doumer New French Finance Minister

PARIS, Dec. 16. (AP)—Senator Paul Doumer was appointed minister of finance today, succeeding Louis Loucheur, resigned.

After a conference with Premier Briand the senator announced that he would accept the post.

Last Day to See Biblical Picture

Klamath Falls theater-goers have only this evening remaining in which to see "The Ten Commandments" at the Pine Tree. The picture has aroused much comment among church officials wherever shown, due to the fidelity with which Old Testament scenes have been transferred to the screen.

Scenes especially remarkable include The Lord's Supper, Moses on the Mount, and others, including a visual depiction of the crossing of the Red Sea, together with the attendant separation of the waters.

These scenes are included in the prologue, the story then switching to modern times and showing the adaptation of the Ten Commandments to the lives of men and women of the present time. The picture is more elaborately staged than any in recent years.

George Reed New City Patrolman

George Reed, formerly on the police force of Aberdeen, Washington, and recently employed as deputy at the Altamont dance pavilion, has accepted the position on the city police force made vacant by the resignation of Patrolman R. E. Patterson, Chief of Police Harry Loucks announced today. The appointment is effective immediately.

Dog Howls Lead To Finding Of Double Killing

Believe Demented Woman Killed Son And Self

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 16. (AP)—

Howls of a pet terrier today led to discovery of the bodies of Mrs. E. Blanche Mephram, 75, who had been asleep in an adjoining room.

Detectives expressed the belief that Mrs. Mephram had strangled the boy, then slipped a noose about her own neck, fastened the end of the tape to the bed post, and dropped to her knees, drawing the noose tight.

Mrs. Palmer told police that her daughter had been suffering from religious delusions.

The bodies were found by Mrs. Mephram's aged mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Palmer, 75, who had been asleep in an adjoining room.

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CALL WITNESSES FOR HEARING OF BANK SUPERVISOR

Charges of Portland Bankers to Meet Investigation at Hands of Board

BRAMWELL ATTACKED

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 16. — Subpoenas are being issued by the state banking department upon Will B. Haines, president of the Portland National bank, and about a dozen other persons to compel their attendance at a hearing in Salem tomorrow relative to an attack made by Portland National representatives on Frank C. Bramwell, state superintendent of banks, at an informal conference with the banking board last Friday.

The subpoenas have been prepared by Bramwell and have been signed by State Treasurer Kay, one of the members of the board. Governor Pierce and Secretary of State Koser are expected to sign them when they pass through Portland today on their return to Salem from eastern Oregon.

The banking board interpreted the attack of Mr. Haines and his associates to be charges against the integrity of Bramwell, and the bank representatives in the course of the conference did not deny that they were making charges. In a statement issued after the meeting and after his return to Portland, Haines said no charges had been made and also thanked the board for its conclusions whereby a charter would be given the bank to act as a reserve depository for state banks. The board denies that such a conclusion was reached.

At an explosion of distillate oil in the engine room of the rock crusher was responsible for the accident, according to Joe Henderson, one of the victims. In some way, possibly from a lighted lantern, the gasoline exploded and in an instant the room was a mass of flames.

Ganis at the time of the explosion was on top of the crusher. The explosion shook the crusher and knocked Ganis to the hard frozen ground, 20 feet below. His head struck the ground and it is believed possible he may be suffering from a broken skull.

Henderson, Beck, Hoffman and Goforth sustained their injuries in fighting the flames. Their efforts prevented the fire spreading from the engine room and razing the rest of the crusher.

Heaviest loss was sustained by the total destruction of the compressor engine, which was valued at \$7500. Other damage of the engine room brought the total loss to \$9000.

Colonel Mitchell "Lawless And Unfit For Job" Claim Of Secretary Of War Weeks

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16. (AP)—A letter written by John W. Weeks, as secretary of war, describing Colonel William Mitchell as "lawless, unfit for high administrative position and possessed of a desire for publicity at the expense of others, was presented in evidence today at the Mitchell court martial.

Writing to President Coolidge, the then secretary, he gave these reasons as his reasons for refusing to recommend that Mitchell be reappointed chief of the army air service with the rank of Brigadier General.

The letter was presented to court by Major General Dennis E. Nolan, assistant chief of staff, the last prosecution witness in the trial of the air officer on charges resulting from his public attacks on the government aviation policies. It gave for the first time the war departments side of the story of Mitchell's transfer last spring from Washington to an army post in Texas. "General Mitchell's whole course has been so lawless, so contrary to the building up of an efficient organization, so lacking in team work, so indicative of a desire for publicity at the expense of everyone with whom he is associated," the letter concludes.

5 HURT IN NIGHT FIRE AT CRUSHER

Four Burned, One Believed to Be Badly Injured in Blaze

One man was seriously injured, four more were severely burned about the arms and face and damage of \$9000 was sustained in a fire last night at 9:30 o'clock in the rock crusher of the Marsh Construction company fifty miles north of Klamath Falls on the Dalles-California highway.

The injured are: Joe Ganis, highway worker, Bend, Ore., serious injuries about the head and probably skull fracture.

Joe Henderson, road worker, Bend, Ore., burns about the arms and face.

L. N. Beck, road worker, Bend, Ore., burns.

H. Hoffman, road worker, Bend, Ore., burns.

Walter Goforth, road worker, Bend, Burns.

The five men were driven to Klamath Falls last night during the late hours by their co-workers and were taken to the Klamath General hospital for treatment. The condition of the four suffering from burns was improved this morning. An X-ray this afternoon will definitely determine whether or not Ganis is suffering from a fracture of the skull.

The accident occurred at a point where the Southern Pacific railroad crosses the Dalles-California highway in northern Klamath, about 50 miles north of Klamath Falls. The rock crusher is located near the railroad siding known as Chenault station.

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