

COOLIDGE SIGNATURE GOES ON O. & C. TAX BILL

PERMIT FOR VIADUCT GIVEN

Public Service Body Gives Consent to Plan Here

SALEM, Ore., July 13. (AP)—Authority to the Central Pacific Railway company and the city of Klamath Falls to construct a viaduct over Sixth Street in that city is granted in an order of the public service commission today, provided the cost to the city shall not exceed \$62,000. Under the terms of an agreement between the city and the railroad company they are to share equally a cost of \$124,000. For the city's half of the cost, bonds have been voted.

SEVENTEEN DEAD DEATH TOLL IN ARSENAL BLAST

Reign of Terror Still Grips Inhabitants of Nearby Towns; Rumors Spread

DOVER, N. J., July 13. (AP)—Cessation of bombardment by shells today warranted uninterrupted recovery of the dead and help to the living of New Jersey's peace time battlefield. Several hundred soldiers and marines were on duty about the Lake Denmark naval depot in search for additional victims of exploding ammunition which after a flash of lightning Saturday afternoon reduced the depot and miles of surrounding country to ruin.

From a no man's land due to an act of nature there had been brought in today parts of 17 bodies, ten of which were identified through records sent from Washington by airplane. Shifting winds which took expiring flames toward unexploded magazines caused stoppage of explorations yesterday afternoon by order of Secretary of the Navy Wilbur, who visited the devastated area.

Brigadier General Hugh A. Drum, in charge of patrols and rescue work, was of the opinion today, however, that danger from further explosions was past.

Bodies were taken to the naval hospital in Brooklyn and put beside those of other men of the navy who perished on duty in peace time—the victims of the submarine S-51. With few exceptions, flagers, privs and other minute records were necessary in the work of identification.

Two boards will be named by Secretary Wilbur to investigate the explosion which aside from the loss of life, destroyed fifty buildings and seriously damaged four hundred others, and made 350 families homeless.

Residents of the sector within a radius of ten miles have not yet outlined the reign of terror. The evacuated territory was closed to the refugees and all night Dover police were kept busy denying rumors that a big blast was momentarily expected.

At Nottingham and Fort Morris there was special apprehension and in the former town a number of citizens were urged to "flee for their lives" by an unidentified man reported to have spread the alarm as he drove through the town.

BURY 8-51 BODIES

WASHINGTON, July 13. (AP)—The bodies of four of those who lost their lives on the submarine S-51 were brought here today for burial at Arlington.

BODY OF BEAUTIFUL GIRL FOUND DISMEMBERED; TWO BOXES HOLD ALL REMAINS

Ex-Oregon Solon Married, Age 72

NORFOLK, Va., July 13. (AP)—George E. Chamberlain, formerly United States senator and governor of Oregon, was married here yesterday to Mrs. Carolyn B. Shelton, both live in Washington. Mr. Chamberlain gave his age as 72 and his bride gave hers as 49. The former senator served as a member of the shipping board from 1921 to 1925. He was a widower and his wife a widow.

Attorney Finds Right Hook Is Good Defender

Suit Ends in Battle When Lie is Passed

When Ed. O. Cooper wants to call a person a liar he is going to be careful enough in the future not to address his remarks to David R. Vandenberg. The reason for this care is traceable to a little episode that occurred in the circuit court room yesterday. Cooper's wife is suing him for divorce, alleging cruel and inhuman treatment. Vandenberg appeared as her attorney in the case in place of W. H. A. Renner, who was unable to attend on account of other business.

Cooper did not like the grilling that Vandenberg handed him and, following adjournment of court, verbally took exceptions to some of the attorney's questions. The argument lead to a vigorous discussion during which Cooper called Vandenberg a liar, following the remark with a swift right to the chin.

The blow failed to reach its destination and before Cooper could take further physical action the attorney turned loose a barrage of rights and lefts that might have resulted in Cooper taking a journey to dreamland if the sheriff and a couple of deputies had not interfered.

The court took the divorce case under advisement.

Grain Truck Total Loss In Highway Blaze

A five-ton Republic truck, loaded with grain, was a total loss with contents when it caught fire late yesterday while enroute from Ackley Brothers ranch on Wocum marsh to Klamath Falls. The fire occurred about 5:30.

Driven by Lee Passenger, the truck, owned by the Anderson Transfer company, was coming into town behind another company truck driven by Homer Yoeman. An axle on the lead truck broke and the rear truck, forced to stop, became mired.

As an effort was being made to extricate the mired truck it suddenly burst into flames. Nothing was saved. Truck and contents were insured for a small amount.

DIME NOVELIST DEAD

GOSHEN, Ind., July 13. (AP)—Lincoln J. Carter, whose melodramas brought thrills to theater goers a decade ago, died today at the age of 61 years. For several days he has been sinking following a long illness due to heart disease.

Boston Police Baffled by Gruesome Find; Only Clue Is Way Knots Are Tied

BOSTON, July 13. (AP)—The Boston police today were faced with the most gruesome and baffling murder mystery they have encountered in recent years.

The body of a girl, mutilated, dismembered and unidentified, lay in the city mortuary after it had been discovered early today on a lonely road that winds its way between two cemeteries in the Mattapan district of the city. Police believe the young woman, attractive and apparently refined, had been dead a week, and that her body had been cut up and packed into the two boxes and hurled back in which it was found some time last Sunday. This was indicated by a superficial examination by medical authorities.

Only Meager Clue

The only clue left for the police to work on was the manner of tying the knots in the heavy cord that bound the boxes. They were tied, apparently, by a seaman, or someone familiar with marine knots. The boxes bore no marks of any sort and there were no tracks to show how they had been transported to the street between the grave yards.

The boxes were lying near a wall that separates Calvary cemetery from Walk Hill street. On the other side of the street is Mount Hope cemetery. The body was outside the wall. A laborer, Torrio Jenner, on his way to work, saw the boxes and notified the police.

The spot between the cemeteries is off the beaten path for traffic, but still is used by many pedestrians and is only a short distance from two main arteries to the city from suburbs to the south.

The only clothing found was a pair of Nile green stockings and a white cotton chemise. The vital organs had been removed from the body and wrapped in the chemise which was then placed under the head in the larger box.

The girl probably was between 22 and 25 years of age and had dark bobbed hair, the examination showed.

ORDERS SECRECY IN PROBING OF M'PHERSON CASE

Grand Jury Told to Keep Findings to Itself Unless Verdict Is Returned

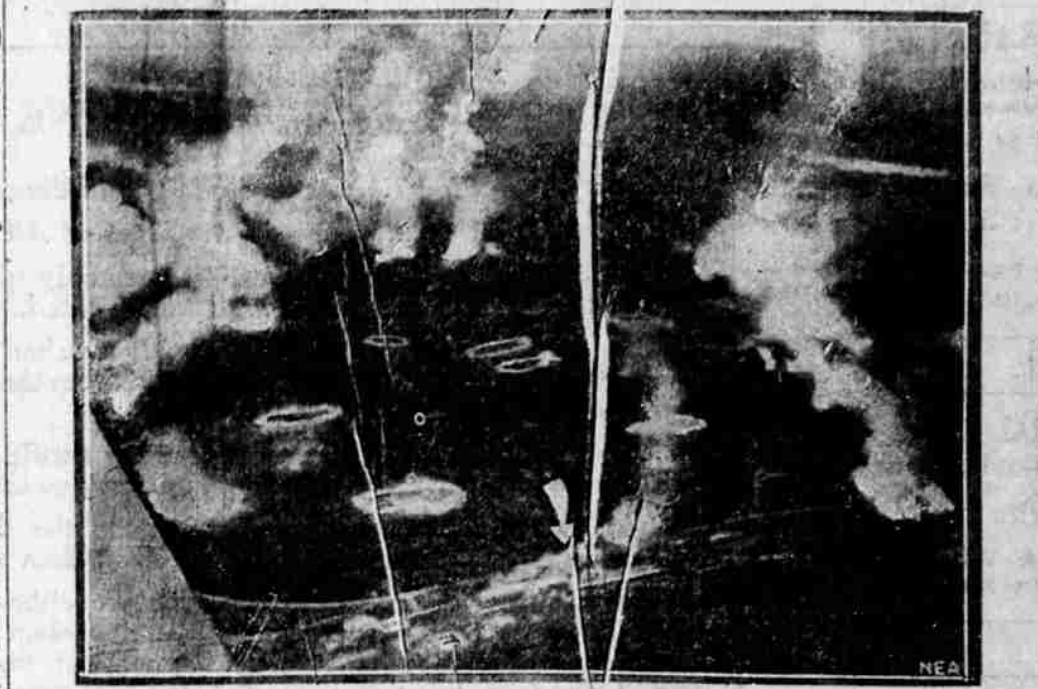
LOS ANGELES, July 13. (AP)—If the grand jury of Los Angeles county takes its orders from Superior Judge Arthur Ketch, the jurist to whom it must report, the public will be kept forever in the dark as to its conclusions in the Almeer Semple McPherson mystery, unless somebody is indicted for the alleged kidnapping of the evangelist of Angelus Temple.

When the grand jury decided to go into the matter its foreman, Wm. A. Carter announced that in the interests of the public, Mrs. McPherson and everybody concerned, a thorough investigation would be conducted and the result made known.

Last night Judge Keetch declared that the grand jury must keep its conclusions to itself unless an indictment is returned. To indict, court attaches point out, there must be corroborative evidences of kidnapping and the only testimony along that line said to be available so far is the word of the evangelist herself.

No trace has been found of "Steve" "Rope" or the second man Mrs. McPherson charged with spirit-

FIRST DISASTER PHOTOS!



This airplane view of the U. S. Navy ammunition depot at Lake Denmark, N. J., where several lives were lost and \$100,000,000 in damage was done, was telephoned across the continent and rushed to this paper by NEA Service, Inc. The arrow points to buildings a blaze after lightning exploded ammunition dumps and spread fire over the whole area. In the center of the scene are shell pitted craters, while all around rises the smoke of other fires and exploding shells.

City May Sue Bank On Bond Transfer Here

Attorney Claims City Lost About \$7,000 in Deal

The city council at its regular meeting last night took the question under advisement of a suit on behalf of the City of Klamath Falls against the American National bank for approximately \$7,000.

It was asserted by City Attorney Carnahan that the city was forced to take a loss of this amount about a year ago, due to the American National withdrawing its bid on unit 26, 36A, and 37 improvement bonds due to advice of its attorney that the bond proceedings were not regular. Subsequently the same bonds under identical proceedings were sold to a syndicate of Portland banks for approximately \$7,000 less than the home bank first bid, after passing the scrutiny of Teal, Winfree, Johnson, and McCulloch, Portland bond experts.

"I am convinced the chance of collecting this amount is good," Carnahan said, "and in this opinion I am backed up by a number of other Klamath attorneys."

No action or no intimation of probable action was made by the councilmen last night but it was suggested that the matter be laid over until the next regular meeting for further consideration and investigation.

Philadelphian New Chieftan of Elks

CHICAGO, July 13. (AP)—Charles H. Grakelow of Philadelphia was unanimously elected grand exalted ruler of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks by the grand lodge today. He succeeds Judge William Hawley Atwell of Dallas, Texas.

Grakelow, director of public welfare in his city, was nominated by W. Freeland Kendrick, mayor of Philadelphia and was elected without opposition. He has been a member of the Philadelphia lodge since 1907. Has served as exalted ruler six terms. He was grand esquire of the order for three years and has been a member of the grand lodge committee on membership

her away from the beach near here May 18. The automobile in which she was held, had never been located despite diligent search by a number of persons.

Permits In July Half Million

Willard Hotel Boosts Total Past Half Million Mark

A building permit for \$150,000 was taken out by W. D. Miller today for the new Willard hotel, the construction of which is getting well under way at Second and Main streets.

This \$150,000 item, together with the S. P. permit last Saturday for \$325,000, and miscellaneous small permits filed since July 1 bring the grand total for Klamath Falls from the 1st to the 13th of July at noon, up to \$521,200. This amount exceeds by more than \$200,000 any previous month's building record in the history of Klamath Falls, and with the month less than half gone, it is likely that July permits will aggregate three quarters of a million dollars or more.

This remarkable showing may put Klamath second in Oregon for the month, and next to the city of Portland, real estate men think.

Horse's Kick Cuts Ear From Local Millman

R. D. Craig Seriously Injured Yesterday Afternoon

A severed left ear, badly bruised jaw and possible internal injuries were suffered yesterday afternoon by R. D. Craig, 538 Walnut, yard foreman of the Shaw-Bertram mill, when he was kicked by a plunging horse in the yards. Craig is now in a local hospital. His injuries although extremely painful, are said to be not serious by members of his family. He was unconscious for several minutes after the accident.

Council Puts OK On Closing Thoroughfares

Ordinance Favoring Box Company Meets Approval

The ordinance vacating certain streets and alleys in the industrial section of Klamath Falls east of the Klamath Heating company and north of the Ewauna lake shore to Sixth street, for the benefit of the Big Lakes Box company, was passed the first and second readings before the council last night and will probably come up for final passage next Monday night.

Five ordinances were passed empowering the city officials to enter into contract with B. C. Serdell Co., Dunn & Baker, and the Warren Construction company for paving units 46, 47, 49, 52 and 57.

The engineer's report for still another paving unit, No. 59, was filed and accepted by the city council last night. This unit comprises Pine street from Eleventh to Esplanade. The city attorney was instructed to draw and publish the resolution of intention on this unit.

UNIONS GIVEN STRONG TALKS

Long and Skelly Speak; Latter's Address General Universal Demand

Officers for the ensuing year were installed last night at a meeting of the Klamath Falls Carpenters' union, as follows:

President, S. F. Edwards; vice president, R. L. Lane; financial secretary, J. B. Gray; recording secretary, H. F. Hatton; treasurer, D. W. Cox; trustees, C. A. Budy, J. F. Goldsworthy, C. D. Long; conductor, R. C. Gentry; warden, J. H. Forbes.

C. D. Long made the principal talk of the evening, stressing the ethics of union labor, the necessity for solidarity and the wisdom of united action "The union has done for the working man something which, were he standing alone he never could have accomplished. It has raised his standard of living to a point where he has ceased to be the victim of predatory selfishness and won for him the respect of those who heretofore ignored his existence or reverted to the ancient methods of the driver whose only thought were the profits that could be wrung from the victim."

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Klamath to Get About \$135,000

Reduction of Taxes in Eighteen Counties Is Promised

WASHINGTON, July 13. (AP)—President Coolidge has signed the bill to reimburse Oregon and Washington counties for taxes lost through railroad land grants. The white house was advised today from Paul Smith, N.Y., that the president had approved the measure which was passed in the closing hours of the congressional session.

It would authorize the government to pay to Oregon counties and one in Washington, taxes which they have been unable to collect since 1916, on land which congress took away from the Southern Pacific and which had been included in a land grant. The bill would reimburse the government for taxes advanced to the counties out of money from the sale of the land.

ROSEBURG, Ore., July 13. (AP)—Approval by the president of the tax-reform bill authorizes payment to 18 Oregon counties of approximately five million dollars. The counties which will benefit in this distribution are as follows:

Benton	\$230,000
Clackamas	247,000
Columbia	111,000
Coos	432,000
Curry	32,000
Douglas	1,056,000
Jackson	756,000
Josephine	579,000
Lincoln	32,000
Lane	926,000
Linn	129,000
Multnomah	70,000
Union	38,000
Tillamook	165,000
Washington	50,000
Yamhill	130,000
Klamath	135,000

TOTAL \$4,907,000

These figures are merely estimates of the amount due the various counties and the actual figures will be somewhat in excess of the amounts named. It is believed, as the figures are based on the taxes paid in 1916, while in nearly every county taxes have increased considerably during the past ten years. Assessors of each county will be called upon to extend the tax rolls against the O. and C. land for the years the land has been withdrawn, the same as if the lands had been in private ownership.

The effect of the bill will be to reduce taxes in each of the 18 counties from five to 25 per cent. In fact, in Douglas county, it is estimated, in the event the money is used to pay off a portion of the bonded indebtedness, that taxes will be reduced approximately 27%.

Douglas county will receive a larger amount than any of the others affected. The tax reduction continues in the future as the bill provides that the government shall continue to advance the tax from year to year.

Directors of the Klamath chamber of commerce at their regular weekly luncheon today greeted the announcement that President Coolidge had signed the O. & C. land tax bill with great enthusiasm.

Attorney W. A. West stated that he had received a wire from Senator Stanfield informing the announcement as carried by the Associated Press.

Mr. West pointed out the high lights of the bill as it affects Klamath county, as follows:

Eighteen Oregon counties will receive approximately \$4,907,000, of which amount Klamath county will

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