

MYSTERY SHROUDS FATE OF MISSING BANKER

SAVE N. Y. GIRL FROM HANG MAN

Sentence of Mrs. McDonald Commuted to Life Imprisonment

DEATH SENTENCE OF HUSBAND AFFIRMED

George McDonald Must Die on Canadian Gallows for Slaying Taxi Driver; Preparations for Execution Continue at Ottawa Today.

OTTAWA, Ont., March 21, (AP)—Mrs. Doris McDonald, young New York girl, sentenced to hang on Friday, with her husband, for the murder of a Lachine taxi driver had her sentence commuted to life imprisonment today. Preparations were continued for the hanging of the husband, George McDonald.

At 12:30 p. m., the governor-general approved orders in council granting the commutation in the case of Mrs. McDonald and affirming the death sentence passed on her husband. The orders were received at the state department at 12:40 for forwarding to the sheriff.

SMITH ANNOYED AT COMMITTEE

ALBANY, N. Y., Mar. 21. (A. P.)—Governor Smith resents as "infamous insinuations" and "demagogic slander" statements made on the floor of the United States senate which he thinks were uttered with the intention of making people believe he was a beneficiary of the oil scandals. The governor emphasized those terms in a letter to Senator Nye of North Dakota, terming a statement by the senator "false" and "recklessly made." The letter referred to a similar statement by Senator Robinson of Indiana. Senator Nye had said that he understood that in the New York state campaign of 1926, Harry P. Sinclair was a very liberal.

CALL BIDS ON PAVEMENT JOB

Bids for the paving of East Main street from Main street to a junction with south Sixth street have been called by the city administration April 2. "All of which means," summarized Mayor Waters, "that the paving program of Klamath Falls for the year 1928 will be well under way in three weeks."

Poor Pa

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SHIP 80 CARS SPUDS DURING PAST 21 DAYS

At the rate of four cars each day, Klamath potatoes have been hauled from cellars to the Southern Pacific freight shipping depots and sent on their way to meet the demand on San Francisco markets. Since the first of the month, S. P. authorities reveal, 80 cars of potatoes of netted gems have been shipped from Klamath Falls; seven left today for California.

What was otherwise destined to be a dark and bleak year for potato growers was suddenly changed several weeks ago when the price of the netted gems increased materially.

Since then the spud price has maintained at a fairly high level and the growers, anxious to move their potatoes which have been held in cellars for months, are shipping just as fast as they can secure orders.

Klamath freight shipments both incoming and outgoing, continue to increase. The volume of freight traffic on the S. P. lines is about on a par this year with last year, at this time, officials said.

Box shock shipments from Klamath county have already started to move for Texas points where the fruit industry is in full away.

ONE KILLED AT EWAUNA CAMP

A man named Gibson, "swamp-er" at Ewauna camp near Chiloquib, was instantly killed at 2 p. m. today when a tree fell on his machine as he was coming into camp from the woods.

William Snow, logger, companion of Gibson's, sustained a broken hip and possible internal injuries. He was being rushed to a Klamath Falls hospital this afternoon.

Gibson's car was completely demolished.

PLANE RUMOR IS ERRONEOUS

BANGOR, Me., Mar. 21. (AP)—Intense excitement was caused today by circulation of a rumor that the plane in which Captain Walter Hinchliffe and the Honorable Elsie Mackay began a proposed trans-Atlantic flight from England last Tuesday has been found, with their bodies, near Patten, Maine. Careful investigation however, by the Associated Press, failed to confirm the rumor.

COMMITTEE MEETING

There will be a meeting of the general committee for the railroad celebration held Friday evening at 8 o'clock at the Chamber of Commerce rooms. An outline of the program will be made and the dates set for the celebration.

BRUCE DENNIS, Chairman.

Land Settlement Key To Prosperity, Claim

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CONDITION FATED DAM WAS WEAK

Chief Engineer Reveals That Leaks Had Been Discovered

TEARS COURSE DOWN CHEEKS AT INQUEST

William Mulholland, Frankly Tells How He Had Been Told That St. Francis Dam Had Sprung a Leak Eleven Hours Before Catastrophe Occurred.

LOS ANGELES, March 21. (AP)—William Mulholland, who testified today at the coroner's inquest over St. Francis dam victims, and who was engineer in charge of construction of the dam, said that leak conditions 11 hours before its collapse were "bad, very bad."

Mulholland, veteran chief engineer of the Los Angeles bureau of water and power, with tears coursing down his cheeks, moaned "the only ones I envy are those who are dead. We certainly..." (Continued on page 8)

SALE OF SCOUT BENEFIT DANCE TICKETS OPENS

With the support of every member of the Elks lodge of this city and the co-operation of the American Legion post, the dance to be held at the Exhibition building on Wednesday night, March 28, to raise funds for the Boy Scouts organization gives promise of being one of the most enjoyable and successful held in this city.

The Klamath Falls Elks are sponsoring the dance which is being given for the purpose of clearing the scout organization of all debts.

Tickets have been placed on sale and an attempt is being made to sell 2000 before the dance. Jack Bowring's orchestra will provide the dance music.

CUPID BREAKS UP COURT CASE

Even the orderly procedure of law courts can be disrupted by this brazen individual known as Cupid.

Yesterday while conducting a case in justice court, Justice of the Peace W. B. Barnes' attention was attracted by a young couple who entered the court room.

"Want to get married?" he queried. "All right, Gentlemen: This case must be postponed until this matter is disposed of."

And so the justice court case marked time while George L. Spolek and Dorothy Parker, well known couple of Malin were made man and wife.

Navy Plans To Build Two Huge Dirigibles Each 782 Feet Long

WASHINGTON, March 21. (AP)—Navy plans for two new dirigibles, each two and one-half times as large as the Los Angeles, and with a maximum cruising radius of 11,200 nautical miles, were disclosed by Rear Admiral Moffett, naval air chief, in testimony on the annual navy department bill reported today to the house.

The ships would be 782 feet in length, 132 1/2 feet in diameter and designed to carry a crew of 16 officers and 45 men. They would have a maximum speed of 75 knots. The committee allotted \$2,000,000 to start construction of the air liners which will cost a total of \$8,000,000.

It is expected that the Good Year Tire and Rubber company of Akron, Ohio, will build the vessels. "In an emergency such as arose

recently in Nicaragua, where marine reinforcements were needed in a hurry," the admiral said, "one of these large airships could easily have transported 100 or more marines and made the trip in a fraction of the time taken by surface vessels."

"They would be of great value in acting as convoys," he continued, explaining that submarines fear them more than they do any other type of ship. He added that they would be of great value in coast defense, as they could cover tremendous areas and could be used for scouting at outposts, such as Hawaii.

Assistant Secretary Warner, in charge of naval aeronautics, also said the dirigibles would be of tremendous value in patrolling the Panama Canal zone area.

CHILD RUNS AWAY RATHER THAN FACE MOTHER; FOUND IN SALEM

SALEM, Ore., Mar. 21. (AP)—The story of a little boy who ran away from home rather than face a disillusioned mother was slowly unfolded to Salem police officers today.

The eleven haired youngster was taken into custody late last night as he wandered aimlessly on the streets, without a hat and clad in overalls, but it was not until today that officers found that his name was Bibeey Killington and that his home is in Hillsboro.

No charge will be made against the boy, his parents say they will pay the bills gladly and will come to Salem for him today.

PUTNAM MADE DEFENDANT IN COURT ACTION

Setting forth that he alone is entitled to a 4.54 acre government concession on Odell lake, B. O. Arney, Bend, demands that J. H. Putnam, named as defendant, set forth his claim to any part of the concession in an answer to Arney's suit filed in circuit court.

H. H. DeArmond is Arney's attorney. According to the complain the concession was for four years—October 23, 1926 to October 23, 1928.

PLANS LAID TO FORM COUNCIL

As the result of a meeting held at the Legion hall last evening over which C. L. Deffenbacher, state president of the Veterans Council presided, plans were completed for the appointment of committees from the various veterans organizations to secure members for the council which will be formed at a master mass meeting open to the public within the near future.

The meeting was held following the joint meeting of the American Legion and Ladies Auxiliary held at Legion hall.

State president, Deffenbacher and L. L. Jackson, state officer of the council left this morning for Bend where a meeting will be held this evening for the purpose of organizing.

VETS TO MEET STATE OFFICER

To lay plans for the state convention of veterans of foreign wars which will be held in Klamath Falls from July 15 to July 21, a special meeting of the Klamath vets has been called for tonight in the basement of the county court house. It was announced today.

MARKETING GROUP TO BE FORMED

Klamath Poultrymen Plan to Organize Industry in Basin

COMMITTEE ISSUES CALL FOR MEETING

All Farmers Owning One Hundred or More Hens Urged to Attend Gathering at County Agricultural Office Next Saturday at 2 O'Clock.

Alarmed by the disorganization which has characterized marketing of poultry produce and determined to rectify the existing situation by a cooperative marketing association, a committee of leading poultrymen of Klamath has issued a call to all farmers owning 100 hens or over to meet at the county agricultural office in the court house at 2 p. m. Saturday.

The move has been actuated far sighted poultrymen who have seen the necessity of protecting the Klamath poultry industry.

It is the plan to constitute a marketing agency in Klamath Falls through which all eggs shall be sold at the standard market price. The eggs submitted through this agency would be graded and candled and packed in uniform boxes.

The present production is not sufficient to meet the Klamath demand necessitating importations. (Continued on page 8)

FILE CHARGES IN VICE CASE

Formal charge of assault with attempt to commit a statutory crime was filed today in justice court against John Mihalis, Pelican City.

Mihalis is accused of attempting to molest a 13-year old Pelican girl.

The charges follow an investigation prosecuted by A. McLaren, head of the Pacific Coast Rescue association.

Mihalis is being held in jail pending a preliminary hearing before Justice of the Peace W. B. Barnes.

BIRTH RATE OF S. F. DECREASES

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 21. (A. P.)—Slump in the San Francisco birth rate from 2,620 to 2,344 annually since 1924 was reported by the health bureau. The decrease was blamed in part on the fact that San Francisco has become a city of apartment house dwellers.

Old Timers to Conduct Elks Meeting Thursday

The initial "Old Timers Night" for members of Klamath Falls Lodge No. 1247 of the Elks will be staged at the Elks Temple on Thursday night, March 22 at eight o'clock.

The "Old Timers" will put on the second degree in the old-time way, which is to be followed with initiation of candidates, a program and banquet.

Bert Hall, first exalted ruler assisted by the oldest members will have charge of the program. Charter members of the Klamath Falls lodge, which received its charter on June 27, 1911, include E. B. Hall, J. J. Parker, G. W. Houston, C. I. Roberts, C.

NO TRACE FOUND OF G. BARKER

Wind and Rain Handicaps Hunt in Butte Falls District Today

BELIEVE BUSINESS MAN TO WRITE WIFE

Investigate Reports of Residents Seeing Barker Leaving in Another Automobile Besides the One that Was Found Abandoned Yesterday in the Timber.

MEDFORD, Ore., March 21, (AP)—Mystery still shrouds the fate of whereabouts of George W. Barker, president and cashier of the Pine Bell Bank of Butte Falls, who disappeared Monday afternoon while his banking institution was under examination by the state banking examiner.

He was also facing questioning by members of the state insurance commission and state fire marshal's office relative to the destruction by fire of a warehouse last August at Central.

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CHAMBER HEARS COLLEGE COACH

"Both entertaining and instructive" was the general expression by Chamber of Commerce members Wednesday after hearing the able talk of Coach Paul J. Schlessler of Oregon State Agricultural college, who is here conferring with alumni of that institution.

The coach was very plain in his remarks. He insisted that capital crimes by youths are not committed by boys who have had physical training at college. He believes that had Hickman, "the Fox," taken the bumps of football and other sports, he would today be a decent chap with no crime record.

"We are living in a softening age," said the speaker. "Every invention and every appliance tends to lessen the harshness of living, hence the boys and girls need physical education to harden their muscles and keep up their morale as well as protect their morals."

The speaker described several games of football giving details of phases of youthful honor and to what extremes of suffering boys will go to win for their school.

Tom Delsell acted as chairman of the Forum luncheon. The Kiwanis quartette, after an absence from the public eye for a couple of months, came back stronger than they ever were.

SAN FRANCISCO MAYOR TO FLY TO CAPITAL

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 21. (AP)—The Examiner says Mayor James Rolph of San Francisco has accepted an offer to fly to Washington next week for an appearance before a congressional committee in charge of a bill to permit building a bridge across San Francisco bay. Martin Jensen, second prize winner in the Hawaiian flight races last summer was named as the pilot. The flight is expected to require only 30 hours.

Aunt Het

"The last time I saved some money, Pa found it in the sewing machine drawer; but this time I hid it in the Bible."