

POOR GROCER SETS FIRE TO OCEAN BOAT

**Aspirations of Wealth
and Prestige Have
Sad Ending.**

CHARLESTON, S. C., June 28, (AP) — The beach at Kiawah island, 20 miles south of here, today held the battered and burned remains of the Aga, 18-foot boat in which Paul Muller, Berlin grocer, crossed the Atlantic alone.

Her skipper, safe here after a shipwreck and night of exposure, told the story of the disastrous end of his Hamburg-New York voyage.

Beating his way up the coast from Miami, where he first touched the American shore, Muller ran into storms off the South Carolina coast, late Tuesday. A squall struck the Aga, tore her sail to bits and tossed her on the rocky Kiawah shore.

"The Aga began to break up," said Muller, "so I decided to set her afire as a signal for help. I poured what was left of my lamp's petrol over the decks and touched a match."

When no help came, he related, he began swimming for John Island, seven miles away, where he could see a house. When he had covered part of the distance, Fritz Stroebel, of Charleston, drawn by the fire from John Island, picked him up in a rowboat.

They made their way to Charleston. Muller is staying with Stroebel until he can make arrangements to continue to New York.

The grocer-sailor was heartbroken at his voyage's unhappy ending. He told of a girl waiting for him in Berlin and of how he had hoped his daring would bring him enough money to marry her. Agatha Gavinsky is her name.

"We are both poor people," Muller said. "I was a small grocer. I knew nothing of the something daring in order to see Lindbergh. I decided I must do sea but after the exploit of cure money to marry. Now I don't know what I shall do, to make money to buy a farm for Agatha and myself."

FARMER GIVES STRANGE ALIBI

KANSAS CITY, June 28, (AP) — Farmer Percy Smith brought a truck load of hogs to town yesterday, and was arrested for speeding.

"Forty-five miles an hour," the arresting patrolman told the judge.

"The hogs got hot, packed in like that, and I was driving that way to keep them cool," Farmer Smith explained.

"Get a fan," said the judge. "You're fined \$25."

EXPERIMENT FAILS

SEATTLE, June 28, (AP) — Robert Page, 13, tried to make his own fireworks. His chemical mixture exploded when he ignited it and he was taken to a hospital with a possible skull fracture.

Air Brakes to Be Tested on S. P. Railroad

LOS ANGELES, June 28, (AP) — Northern California and Southern Oregon will be made the proving ground in one of the most extensive tests of air brakes in the history of transportation. Harley Johnson, general manager of the Chicago Rapid Transit company, yesterday told the mechanical division of the American Railway association. The mechanical division is holding its tenth annual convention here.

"The tests will be under way August 1, and will cost more than \$1,000,000," said Johnson, reporting on safety appliances.

"After an exhaustive survey of all railroads in America and Canada, the association selected 260 miles of the Southern Pacific railroad between Hornbrook, Calif., and Eugene, Ore., as being the best adapted for the tryout."

The test section of road includes a level stretch near Walker, 25 miles south of Eugene, and 25 miles of steady average grade in Grants Pass to Ashland, Ore., and heavy mountain grade between Ashland and Hornbrook, over the Siskiyou mountains.

TRUCK LOADS TO BE REDUCED

PORTLAND, June 28, (AP) — The state highway commission in session here today took steps toward reducing truck loads being hauled over the Crater Lake highway, contending that the highway is primarily a tourist road, a highway of the people.

The commission proposed that truck loads be reduced to a 16,000-pound limit instead of 22,000 pounds that now prevail.

C. E. Gates, commissioner, of Medford, declared that recently a truck carrying eight large logs was seen traveling 45 miles an hour over the Crater lake highway. The driver returned over the route at 67 miles an hour. The truckman was arrested, fined and deprived of his license.

MUSIC PROGRAM WILL BE GIVEN SUNDAY NIGHT

Mrs. E. W. Staunton, talented musician recently with the Cleveland Symphony Orchestra, will render several selections on the harp at the Union Service of the churches to be held Sunday night at the First Presbyterian church.

Michael Casper and A. J. Schieferstein, two able violinists, will also appear on the musical program.

Mrs. George McIntyre, organist at the First Presbyterian church, will render several selections on the pipe organ.

The services will start promptly at 8 o'clock.

SUICIDES

SANTA MONICA, Calif., June 28, (AP) — Fred E. Calkin, former police chief here, committed suicide by shooting himself. He had been in ill health.

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