

Thoughts We've Been Thinking

Once Again Public Thought Turns to Need of Better Fire Protection. Time Lessens Enthusiasm, but Recurrence of Lumber Fire Brings Earnest Desire for Additional Facilities to Surface.

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ONCE again public thought of Klamath Falls turns to the dire need of better fire protection. Once again we all realize that money spent for fire fighting equipment in a city like ours, where the chief product is inflammable lumber, is the wisest money that can be spent.

As a people we are much like the old fellow in Arkansas who could not shingle his house when it was raining and when it was not raining he did not need it shingled.

FOLLOWING the last big lumber fire here preachment were heard on every hand for more fire fighting apparatus in goodly quantity. So strong was the argument that there was earnest talk of another fire station to augment the one we have.

There was strong indication that a fire boat might be put on Lake Ewauna.

But time lessened the enthusiasm and we sank back to normal pulse beats permitting what we had on hand to satisfy.

AGAIN Klamath Falls has experienced a terrific loss; again Providence kept the winds stilled and thus saved what might have been destruction throughout parts of the city as well as in the large lumber plants.

Will this serve a final lesson and cause us as a community to open the purse strings and provide sufficient fire fighting equipment?

WITH the super-abundance of water adjacent to Klamath Falls it would seem that some master mind might figure out a plan of safety from such conflagrations.

For instance, as a suggestion, the government canal which runs through the city is more than thirty feet higher than the industrial district and it is fed by the entire Upper Klamath Lake. Why would it not be feasible to run a large water main from that canal to the mills and other plants so that the entire yards could be flooded in case of fire?

Think this over and see if it is not worth while.

AND while thinking bear in mind that not only are the lumber plants vulnerable to the demon fire but the entire city is built of wood save a few buildings.

If such a fire as we have just experienced should have been fanned by a heavy wind the end could not be imagined, for the loss in plants and buildings in Klamath Falls would have been staggering.

The city's growth would also have been greatly impeded during the replacement period.

Fire protection we must have.

GO TO HOLLYWOOD

TUCSON, Ariz., July 21. (AP)—The Hunter brothers, world record endurance fliers, left Tucson at 7:30 a. m. for Los Angeles. They are traveling in three planes, including the "City of Chicago" and "Big Ben." Its refueling ship en route to Hollywood.

Aunt Het

"None of my folks was worldly, but Brother Ben always would pat his foot to a lively hymn."

SENATE RAFFLES TREATY

Origin of Ewauna Fire Undetermined

HEAVY LOSS SUSTAINED FROM BLAZE

Estimated 10,000,000 Ft. Of Lumber Destroyed Saturday Night

EWAUNA OFFICIALS TO CHECK ON LOSS

Stock Fully Covered by Insurance and Loss Will Run Into Several Hundred Thousands of Dollars; Carelessness of Someone Outside Mill Force Believed Responsible for Fire.

Fire, the cause of which is still undetermined, destroyed 10,000,000 feet of box lumber piled in the mill yard of the Ewauna Box company Saturday night. The fire is still smoldering today, devouring what lumber is left in the yard. A small crew of men is still on the lookout and carefully watching the scene today. An equal amount of lumber in another pile was not damaged.

The total loss suffered in the fire has not yet been checked up, but it reaches to several hundred thousands of dollars, fully covered by insurance. No let-down in the mill work has been necessary and operations are going on as before, according to mill officials.

The fire broke out at 5:40 Saturday afternoon in the north end of the yard between the Ewauna fence and the Southern Pacific and Great Northern spur lines and had a good start before it was discovered. All the city fire equipment, the Southern Pacific and its fire fighting crews and engines, and the employees of the company were busy many hours fighting the flames which bounded out of control in a short time. Long red flames leaped hundreds of feet into the air, tongues of fire licked the atmosphere and were surrounded by clouds of black smoke. The blaze reflected in the lake and sky and was visible for miles.

It was believed that carelessness of someone outside the mill force was the direct cause of the fire but this could not be verified.

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Former Holders of Endurance Record Start New Flight

ST. LOUIS, July 21. (AP)—Forest O'Brien and Dale Jackson, former holders of the world's endurance flying championship, took to the air at 7:11 a. m. (CST) today in an attempt to regain the title, now held by the Hunter brothers, who remained in the air 54 hours at Chicago.

More than 500 persons saw the take-off from Lambert-St. Louis field. The fliers, should they succeed, will be the first to lose the endurance championship and then regain it. Their old mark of 420 hours, set here a year ago in a flight that focused nation-wide attention on St. Louis, was shattered June 23 by the Hunter brothers, who then remained aloft until July 4.

Man Comes Far to Study "Lady of Woods" in Park

G. A. Gilson, who for the past fifteen years has been residing in Nairobi, Central Africa, studying the witchcraft, superstitions, religions and ju ju of the Central African savages, arrived in Klamath Falls yesterday with the sole purpose of visiting Crater Lake, especially the mysterious Lady of the Woods, which so interests him.

Mr. Gilson stated that among the five different papers he subscribed to, among them one

Grandma Mayor Hits Blue Law



Mrs. Pennola Jones, 63, "grandma mayor" of Lake Milton, Ohio, is ready to sweep the town clean of crime, but she hasn't any use for reformers who oppose Sunday dancing. Her first official act was to lift the official ban on dancing on that day, and what's more she says she'll show the young folks "how to step."

SOCIETY FOLK DIE IN CRASH

Six Persons Perish When Junkers Plane Falls At Meopham

LONDON, July 21. (AP)—Six persons, including Sir Edward Ward and Lady Edna, daughter-in-law of the Earl of Dudley, were killed this afternoon when a Junkers airplane of the Walcott Air Lines Limited, crashed at Meopham, four miles south of Gravesend.

Pilot Killed Lt. Col. George L. P. Henderson, the well known aviator, was the pilot who was killed. The official passenger list had not yet been made known at an early hour this evening, but there seemed little doubt at least three titled society folks had perished, among them the (Continued on Page Eight)

Four Killed When Circus Train is Wrecked in North

MONCTON, N. B., July 21. (AP)—A truck arch bar falling beneath a car was blamed today by Canadian National railway officials for the wreck of circus train in which four were killed and 20 were injured yesterday.

The derailed train was a special, carrying the Al G. Barnes circus from Newcastle to Charlottetown.

Three men on one of the derailed flat cars were killed outright. They were Albert Johnson and Frank Finegan, Los Angeles, Calif., both employed as prommen, and James Arthur Stephens, a one-armed man of Fredericton, B. C. who was not connected with the circus, and was believed to have trespassed on the train. Jas. MacFarland, a waiter, believed to be from Montreal, died soon after the wreck, in a hospital.

None of the circus animals were hurt in the wreck.

Dempsey Has Busy Day On Occasion of First Visit to Klamath Falls

Jack Dempsey, still the most popular heavyweight in the world, stepped off the cascade in Klamath Falls this morning, said "Hello, Fat," to a 10-year-old fan, shook hands with several newsboys, met Harry Poole, one of Oregon's game commissioners, asked, "How's the fishin'?" and set out with Harry for Sunset farm and Crater Lake.

Jack was accompanied by Leonard Sack, manager, and former Madison Square Garden official. It was Sack who gave out the announcement that the world's heavyweight crown may be brought back to the United States in about a year.

May Fight Again "Dempsey said before the Sharkey-Schmeling fight that if a foreigner won the title he would at the first available opportunity go through a series of training to decide whether or not he is physically fit to defend the laurels of the United States in a contest for the crown," Sack stated.

This September Dempsey will go into training at Ensenada Mexico, about 65 miles south of the border, where he has financial interests in the new sporting center.

By September this present refereeing tour will be completed. The fight, if Jack does decide he is fit to fight and win, will probably be held September, 1931.

Has Three Offers "He already has three offers, one for \$700,000, one for \$750,000 and one for \$850,000," Sack said.

"Since his operation at the Mayo clinic in April, during which time he was confined for 32 days and underwent a major operation, he claims he 'never felt better in my life'."

Jack stepped around "like a two-year-old" today, and was full of pep. He looks like the great athlete that he is.

Referees 33 Shows He has refereed 33 boxing shows since he left the ring as a fighter. In those 33 shows all but one ended before scheduled time, with the fighters trying to make a good showing before the Champ of Champs—which may mean that (Continued on Page Eight)

Girl Killed and Five Injured in Automobile Crash

PORTLAND, Ore., July 21. (AP)—Evelyn Taylor, 11, was killed, and five others were injured yesterday when an automobile driven by Elmer S. Bell, 40, contractor, collided with a car operated by R. J. Taylor of Forest Grove, father of the dead girl. Bell told police he was hurrying to a hospital where his wife was expecting a child. He received serious cuts and bruises. Taylor, his wife, Robert Taylor 6, and June Taylor, 8, all were injured and taken to a hospital. Attendants said Taylor received serious back injuries.

Bell was arrested on a charge of involuntary manslaughter. Police said Taylor had the right of way.

MORE HEAT The Cyclo-Stormgraph at Underwood pharmacy has registered but little change since the report Saturday afternoon, and a continuing one this morning is indicated, but with higher temperatures probable.

The Tycoos recording thermometer registered maximum and minimum temperatures today as follows: High, 92 Low, 59 Forecast for next 24 hours: Fair and warmer.

FALL FROM TREE FATAL HILLSBORO, Ore., July 21. (AP)—Suffering from a heart attack while cutting the top from a tree, 60 feet above ground, Walter Johns, 42, of Portland, died yesterday. He fell without a sound or a movement of his body, leading physicians to believe he fainted. His neck was broken in the fall.

CRIME ROUND-UP PORTLAND, July 21. (AP)—The drive of "suspicious" characters was ordered continued this week by Chief of Police Jenkins. The round-up last week resulted in 400 men being taken before detectives for investigation. Of that number 73 were found to have had former records. Eleven were found carrying concealed weapons.

Drinks Last Toast Today



The closing chapter in the history of an organization formed 44 years ago was enacted at Stillwater, Minnesota, today when Charles Lockwood, sole survivor of a company of 34 men who survived the Civil War as members of Company B, Minnesota Volunteers, drank a toast to the memory of those men throughout the years gathered each year in reunion until death wiped out their numbers. When the club was formed a bottle of Burgundy wine was purchased, to be kept until the last man survived, and he was designated to open it and drink a toast to the departed. Mr. Lockwood is 89 years of age.

TODAY'S MAJOR LEAGUE SCORES

Table with columns for National and American League scores, listing teams and runs, hits, and errors.

WOMAN SLAYS HUSBAND, SON

GENEVA, Ill., July 21. (AP)—Three persons were found slain with axes early today in the home of Charles A. Anderson, one of the victims. His 15-year-old son also had been hacked to death, while his wife, thought by the police to have slain her husband and son, was found on the floor with her throat and wrists cut with the sharp edge of a handax. The home had been set on fire, but the flames were extinguished by neighbors.

Long-Handled Axe Used

A long-handled axe had been used to dispatch Anderson and his son. The neighbors were aroused by Charles Larsen, a brother of Mrs. Anderson, who had been awakened, he said, by smoke, and descending by an outside stairway, was breaking in the windows to get at the fire.

Mountain Climbers Make New Record

PORTLAND, July 21. (AP)—A new record for making the climb to the summit of Mount Hood and return was made yesterday by Paul Callicote and Charles F. Anderson of Portland, who made the trip in 8 hours 56 minutes. The time was checked officially.

Alturas Boy of 7 Drowns Yesterday

ALTURAS, Calif., July 21. (Special)—Charles Flournoy, 7, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Flournoy, prominent people of Likely, drowned at Williams Baths at that place yesterday afternoon. Unnoticed by other bathers, the boy evidently fell and struck the concrete bottom of the tank. Hours of work by physicians and volunteers failed to revive him.

Indian Maid Leaves Plane With Aid of Pilot's Foot

CHICAGO, July 21. (AP)—Princess Red Feather, a comely Indian maiden made a parachute jump yesterday under sudden circumstances. It was her own idea. She told Maj. R. V. Schroeder, manager of Curtiss flying field, that she was a parachute jumper of long experience. She had jumped, she said, all over Texas.

Pilot Jimmy Van Cise took her up. He started to tell her how—but decided not to because the princess was such a grand jumper that would be like carrying coals to Pittsburgh.

VOTE ENDS DEBATE ON NAVAL PACT

Overwhelming Majority Favors Limiting of Ship Categories

SECRET AGREEMENT RESERVATION VOTED

Norris Reservation Against Understandings Accepted While Johnson Reservation on Cruisers Is Rejected, 57 to 8; Senate Adjourns to Escape Washington Heat.

WASHINGTON, July 21. (AP)—The senate today ratified the London naval treaty.

An overwhelming majority was recorded for the treaty limiting all categories of ships in the American, British and Japanese navies.

The vote came suddenly after more than a dozen reservations offered by the opponents had been thrown out by heavy majorities.

One reservation was accepted. It was offered by Senator Norris, republican, Nebraska, and stipulated that in ratifying the treaty the senate did not approve any secret agreement or understanding which might exist relating to the pact.

A reservation by Senator Johnson to permit the United States to construct either eight inch or six inch cruisers without regard to limitations in the treaty was rejected, 57 to 8.

The treaty still must be ratified by Great Britain and Japan before it becomes effective.

Majority of 40 The roll call follows: For — Republicans: Allen, Borah, Brookhart, Capper, Cou-

Case of Mystery Baby Concluded By Judge's Order

PORTLAND, July 21. (AP)—Portland's mystery baby has gone home with her mother, and Judge Clarence H. Gilbert of the court of domestic relations has signed the final chapter of one of Portland's most famous cases.

Known as a court ward as Jane Doe Tramer, or Georgiana Jane Schaefer, but to her mother as Judith Elizabeth, the child was released Saturday from a nursery here by court order. Geraldine Watson was judged the true mother after a long trial. Miss Watson and the baby left by train for her home in Los Angeles.

Mrs. Schaefer insane Mrs. George F. Schaefer, other claimant for the child, is in the state hospital at Salem, confined there since the case was heard in court here.

The baby was left in a Los Angeles hotel on December 31, 1929, when Miss Watson left to obtain work and money to support it. When she returned she found the tot had been taken by Mrs. Schaefer, who claimed to be a maternal aunt.

The court failed to recognize any such claim.

Poor Pa



"Ma can't see why one woman ever steals another woman's husband. She says that if a woman wants to steal it looks like she'd take something worth while."