

Merchant Seamen Held For Pilfering Smokes

SEATTLE, May 10 (AP)—Thirty-four officers and men of the Liberty ship Frank Kellogg were arrested yesterday by the federal bureau of investigation on charges of conspiring to steal cigarettes on the high seas, and young Capt. Louis Gullionette, while sticking up for his crew, declared that cargo pilfering was common in the South Pacific.

The 27-year-old Woonsocket, R. I., shipmaster said authorities at Batavia "from the colonel on down the line were hustling something or other on the black market."

The war shipping administration told press representatives it was staging a drive to curtail pilfering of cargoes in the Pacific. It charged the crewmen had taken 300 cases of cigarettes from the ship and sold them in Batavia at prices ranging up to \$400 a case.

All but four of the men arrested were held at the King county jail in lieu of \$5000 bail each. Seaman Billy E. Hassell, 19, Dallas, Tex.; James D. Caldwell, 19, Whittier, Calif.; John J. White, Philadelphia, and a juvenile crewman were given a hearing before the U. S. commissioner. The FBI said the first two had given signed statements in connection with the case.

Captain Takes Responsibility
The captain said he did not know of the alleged cigarette deals until he reached Seattle, but told reporters that "as captain I am responsible for everything the crew does."

Gildersleeve In Real-Life Foul-Up

HOLLYWOOD, May 10 (AP)—The great Gildersleeve's real-life marital problems approached the confusion today of those that complicate his radio program.

On the heels of his announcement he would wed Gloria Holiday, actress and receptionist for a rival network, Harold Peary's head-haired wife, Betty, came back from Las Vegas today, her eyes flashing. She had read of her husband's plans and remarked:

"I was humiliated, embarrassed and insulted. I think his announcement was definitely premature."

"I was in Las Vegas visiting friends, on a vacation. I certainly will file suit for divorce, but it's going to be in California."

Around Oregon

By The Associated Press
A special election is being held in Culver today (Friday) to decide whether the Jefferson county community—second in population to Madras—wishes to incorporate. . . . After six years without one, Silverton will have a junior high school next fall with Charles Bailey, Ritzville, Wash., as principal. . . . Officers have been dragging the Clackamas river near Oregon City for Wilbur Pickens, 21, Portland, believed to have fallen from a high bluff Tuesday night while on a picnic. . . .

Grade school children from Grants Pass will give a physical education demonstration Saturday when the Oregon Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation holds its annual meeting on the University of Oregon campus, Eugene. . . . Hillsboro voters have approved a \$240,000 bond issue to expand and improve Hillsboro union high school. . . . The Cooper, Davidson and Keeton dairies—three of Molalla's four milk producer-distributors—have been sold to the Hazelwood dairy, Oregon City, which will make its first move into rural Clackamas county with a Molalla branch office. . . .

utty commander of the 19th fleet. Rear Adm. P. K. Fischer, dep-was to inspect decommissioning activities at Astoria today. . . . A blaze of undetermined origin razed the old two-story Culver hotel in Madras this week in 40 minutes, and loss was estimated 40 minutes, and loss was estimated building and contents.

"FAMINE GARDENS"
ROCHESTER, N. Y., May 10 (AP)—They are no longer Victory Gardens in this section.

Howard Kemp, gardening columnist, groping for a more suitable name for his own "experimental plot" suggested that amateur gardeners adopt the title "Famine Gardens."

Flashes Of Life

BOY, O, BOY!
CHICAGO, May 10 (AP)—Detective Joseph E. Valle of Warren avenue police station became a father for the third time yesterday and now he says he's going to be busy collecting about \$500 in wagers.

Valle, father of two girls, said several of his friends had bet him his third child would be a girl, too. But the third, born yesterday to his wife Jean in West Suburban hospital is a boy. Valle said all bets are to be paid to the new baby.

HOUSING PROBLEM
ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., May 10 (AP)—If the lumber shortage is driving you nuts, consider the poor squirrels.

Mill Operator Al Newlander says timber is being cut, loaded and hauled from the woods so fast that the other day a squirrel showed up in his yard on a truckload of lumber—none the wiser for his trip.

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State To Ask Poultry Feed

SALEM, May 10 (AP)—State Agriculture Director E. L. Peterson will go to Washington, D. C., to persuade Secretary of Agriculture Clinton Anderson to provide poultry feed for the three coast states, Governor Earl Snell announced today.

Governor Snell ordered Peterson to leave as soon as he can get reservations.

The governor made his announcement after the Oregon poultry council asked that Peterson go to Washington to save the poultry industry from "complete liquidation."

Governor Snell said the principal problem appears to be one of distribution, asserting that other parts of the country seem to have plenty of poultry feed.

The governor asked Governors Wallgren of Washington and Warren of California to join with him, while Peterson asked similar cooperation from the agriculture directors of the two states.

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