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## DIRIGIBLE CRASHES TO EARTH

### THE ABANDONED SAVING FATED AL SEAPLANE

Area Is Widened In  
That Plane Was  
Off Position

HONOLULU, Sept. 3.—(United News)—Honolulu has abandoned all hope for the rescue of Commander John F. Kennedy and the four men who were with him on the navy seaplane PN-9-1.

The search continued with all available naval vessels and scouting planes, but no sign of the missing aviator had been received at noon. Eight hours after the huge dirigible, crippled by engine trouble, had plunged into storm-tossed waters of the Pacific.

It was indicated, but not confirmed, that the navy's search for her lost men might be abandoned Friday. Admiral D. McDonald, in command of the situation here, refused to comment on this possibility.

The area of search being constantly widened, the same vessel first began sweeping the area and over the sea in the vicinity of the island of Maui were the unsuccessful hunt.

The tender Aroostook, the USS Farragut and the minesweeper Tanager, flashing their search lights and bearing down on the southward, were aided by a dozen submarines and squadrons of Pearl Harbor.

The messages that trickled in from the navy headquarters here were not the slightest hint of any of the searchers. The navy has steadfastly refused to say that the search may be abandoned, but indication that hope was abandoned was seen in a message received here from Admiral J. D. McDonald in San Francisco. The message asked for the personal effects of Rodgers and other flyers, which they were ordered to bring on the steamship when they returned to Honolulu on the first steamer.

KILLED IN  
PLANE CRASH  
Calif., Sept. 3.—Two men killed Thursday when an airplane crashed into a nose dive and to the earth here.

G. Hunt, 28, owned and the machine, Raymond D. Napa police traffic captain, with him also was killed. The plane burst into flames after the crash and the bodies were charred and blackened when found.

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### Scarlet Fever Here Is Prevalent on Eve Of Schools' Opening

6 Cases Reported In City  
But Precaution Would  
Prevent Epidemic

An epidemic of scarlet fever has laid its hand on the vicinity of Klamath Falls but, with the proper cooperation of all citizens, it will in all probability fail to become serious, according to Dr. G. S. Newsom, medical director of the director of the Klamath county health unit.

Yesterday afternoon Dr. Newsom quarantined one more home in Klamath Falls. In the three other residences here where a quarantine exists, one child in each family is stricken with the malady. There are two more children, ill with the same disease, in the vicinity of Shaw-Bertram.

Physicians Cooperating  
Admitting the possibility of there being scarlet fever cases in homes where the occupants have not reported them, Dr. Newsom expressed the belief that these are very few. This year, he said, local physicians have shown wonderful cooperation with his office. Quarantines are set up as soon as the attending physician reports a case.

The seriousness of scarlet fever, provided there are complications, was stressed by local physicians last night. Taken in its early stages, it is easily handled; otherwise the cases are apt to prove serious.

Health Office Vigilant  
As soon as school starts, Dr. Newsom said, it will be much easier for his office to keep in touch with the scarlet fever and other maladies. Teachers, in constant contact with their pupils, are ever willing to report cases which appear dangerous, while, in some instances, parents are reluctant to have the cases known.

Explaining that he wishes the community's cooperation to the fullest extent, Dr. Newsom pointed out that, last year, there were no less than 53 cases of scarlet fever at one time, and that the epidemic really assumed a severe nature. Dr. Newsom said he was not alarmed at the present situation in Klamath Falls, but suggested that mothers and fathers watch their children for symptoms of the illness.

### TWO CHILDREN BURN TO DEATH

CENTERVILLE, Calif., Sept. 3.—Despite frantic efforts of their mother, who tried in vain to rescue them, William Duncan, 4, and his brother, Thomas, 2, were burned to death Thursday in their home at Decoto, near here.

Mrs. W. L. Duncan is in a hospital here, suffering from burns incurred when she attempted to carry her children to safety. The fire spread from the kitchen stove to the children's clothing. They were dead before Mrs. Duncan, her own dress in flames, could get them from the house.

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But I am glad that Zach died with his boots on. I intend to go through life wearing mine. When a girl marries an aviator she takes a chance.

"I've gambled and I've lost."

### EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO REDUCE PRICES ON BOOKS

State Supt. Of Instruction  
Churchill To Ask Reduction  
In School Books In  
Klamath Falls

The teachers of Klamath county—as well as the teachers of all Oregon—should have the privilege of attending a four-year normal school, as well as a two-year normal school, and J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of public instruction, will bend his efforts toward securing such a course, he told the scores of pedagogues yesterday assembled for their first day of the Klamath County Teachers' institute.

Superintendent Churchill, talking before the teachers assembled en masse, made his position clear. He holds that a two-year course is advisable, but that the four-year term is very necessary. According to his plan teachers would be paid proportionately for their ability as indicated by the time they had spent in preparatory work.

Prices Raised Recently  
Churchill said he hoped the parents of Oregon school children will understand that, although textbooks have risen in price recently, that Oregon books cost no more than those in other states in the union and that, in some states, the price is higher. Every effort will be made to secure a reduction in cost here, he said.

Churchill, whose headquarters are in Portland, was followed on the general program by C. A. Howard, who was a delegate to the convention of the National Educational association, held in June, at Indianapolis.

The N. E. A. received high praise from Mr. Howard. He declared that the fact that it exists is responsible for the fact that American children, moving from one community to another, have little difficulty in resuming their studies, while a Canadian child, for example, is greatly handicapped when he enters a new institution of learning.

150 Attend Institute.  
Following the speeches, held in the assembly room at the high school, there were "group" meetings at which small numbers of teachers conferred upon problems which have confronted them. The meetings, they said, were a great success.

Fully 150 teachers, some of them from outside the county, were in attendance at the institute, which is to be resumed tomorrow morning. The meeting today got underway at 9 o'clock.

### COURT HOUSE CLOSED HALF DAYS FOR FAIR

County court house employees are going to the fair today.

And, as a result, if Klamath Falls residents have business with the county clerk, or the sheriff, or the county superintendent, they'd better have it before noon.

It was announced yesterday that the locks go on the offices when the mid-day whistle blows.

### Washington Orders Non-Stop Stop Flights Cancelled

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 3.—No further attempts at a non-stop seaplane flight from the mainland to Hawaii will be made "for the present."

Capt. Stanford E. Moses, commander of the flight project, received orders from Washington Thursday to hold in abeyance all plans for another attempt to span the Pacific to Honolulu.

At the same time Moses was instructed by Admiral E. W. Eberle, chief of naval operations at Washington to "use every effort" to find the missing seaplane PN-9-1.



SENATOR JAY UPTON

### Jay Upton Arrives In City Today; Will Make Several Talks

Prominent Oregonian Will  
Preside At Senatorial  
Banquet Next Week

Honorable Jay H. Upton of Bend, will arrive in Klamath Falls this afternoon on legal business for a week or ten days.

Mr. Upton is state senator from the 17th senatorial district, comprising the counties of Klamath, Lake, Jefferson, Deschutes and Crook, having been elected for two four-year terms. He is a republican.

Senator Upton is a former president of the State Senate and former lieutenant governor of Oregon; past state commander of the United Spanish American War Veterans and past Exalted Ruler of the Portland lodge of Elks, and is now chairman of the senate committee on judiciary.

The senator has been invited by E. F. Duffy, secretary of the labor council, to deliver the address of the day at Wai-Kae beach on Labor Day, Monday, September 7th, at the picnic given by the Central Labor Council of Klamath Falls, and he will be the speaker of the day at the Chamber of Commerce forum luncheon next Wednesday, September 9th.

The prominent state official will attend the county fair on Saturday, as he is much interested in the progress of Klamath county, having been instrumental in securing for Klamath county the state appropriation from the legislature of four thousand dollars to be given in prizes for the years of 1925 and 1926.

Senator Upton will be the house guest of Mr. and Mrs. Perry O. Delap during a portion of his stay in the city.

Mr. Upton has been requested by the chamber of commerce to preside at the public banquet at the White Pelican hotel when the U. S. committee on public lands visits Klamath Falls next week.

### Council Resolution Vetoed By Goddard

Mayor Goddard yesterday vetoed a resolution, introduced by the Strahorn railway line before the city council, requesting an extension of time for the construction of a proposed spur extension, across Sixth street.

In his message to the council, having to do with his veto action, the mayor said: "I do not believe it is to the best interests of the people of Klamath Falls or of the surrounding country that one railroad system should be given a monopoly in this city." The mayor characterized any such action as "bottling up" the town.

The mayor strongly advocated the "common user" clause. He said he had no hesitancy at all in making known his veto.

### KLAMATH COUNTY FAIR OPEN WITH GREAT EXHIBITS

Klamath Products Exhibited  
As Never Before; Many  
Prizes Awarded

Despite skies that threatened to mar the pleasure of the day, Klamath county was well represented at the opening of the county fair, which flung back its doors to the public early Thursday morning.

Scores of persons passed through the gateway into the exhibit stalls, where displays of home cooked foods, fancy and needle work occupied one end of the building.

One of the finest displays of the entire fair was found in the booths where fruits and vegetables, grown on Klamath land, were displayed. Especially a good drawing card to the numerous visiting farmers and ranchers were the sugar beet exhibits which far outclassed the efforts of many products familiar more or less to Klamath land. Apples in shiny red, apples of the banana specie, and fruits from wonder berries to wild plums, recently cultivated, crowded one large table in the center of that section of the building reserved for that type of entry.

In the farther section of the building, fowl reigned supreme.

White leghorn chickens, pure white, small Rhode Island reds, and even bantams aided in the clucking chorus that drew many to the section. The aisles around the turkeys, well fattened for approaching Thanksgiving, held many admirers of the king of birds on display. Several Klamath county farmers brought into the fair fowl in such largeness and cleanliness as are said to have never before been entered in any exhibition in the county.

Displays in attractively arranged booths were sent in by boys' and girls' club work in the county, under the tutelage and arrangement of Frank Sexton and C. A. Henderson.

The following prize winners were announced:

Sugar beets: special prize of \$15 awarded by sugar beet company; Francis J. Bowne, first; D. A. McComb, second; Louis Schmitz, third. Regular county fair prize: D. A. McComb, first; Louis Schwartz, second.

Field pumpkin: Mary Cheyne, first; Leland Taylor, second.

Wisconsin barley: Alva Lewis, first.

Bluestem wheat: Alva Lewis, first and second.

Club wheat: Joseph Zumpfe, first.

Burbank wheat: Walter Zetseman, first.

Timothy: Frank H. McCornack, (Continued on Page Seven)

### Tom Word Won't Be Penitentiary Warden

PORTLAND, Sept. 3.—(United News)—Tom Word, who was offered the position of state penitentiary warden, announced today he would decline the offer.

At the same time it was learned he would return to work soon as a special agent for the department of justice.

This new development left the prison situation further in the air. It is not known, now, where Governor Pierce will turn to find a successor to Warden A. M. Dalrymple, who is expected to resign because of the recent fatal prison break.

It was rumored here today that Dillard A. Elkins, industrial accident commissioner, and former sheriff of Lane county, will be asked to act as warden of the state penitentiary temporarily, until Gov. Pierce can find a satisfactory appointee.

Elkins is said to have been approached with an offer of the wardenship, but refused to take it permanently.

## Heroic Crew Fights Losing Battle When Gale Smites Craft

Second Aircraft Tragedy In Week Enacted When 14  
Airmen Meet Death After Heavy Wind Strikes Helpless  
Giant Dirigible, Cracking And Twisting It In  
Twain; Shenandoah Crashed To Ground In A Thousand  
Pieces

CAMBRIDGE, Ohio, Sept. 3.—Smashed by the elements, the navy dirigible Shenandoah lies, scattered in fragments, over the woods and corn fields of two Ohio counties.

Fourteen members of her crew were flung to death when a wind and electrical storm tossed the ship like a ball Thursday morning, and finally ripped her metal framework to bits.

### GRIEF STRICKEN SURVIVORS TELL OF CATASTROPHE

CAMBRIDGE, Ohio, Sept. 3.—(United News)—As the giant naval dirigible Shenandoah lay scattered in a moonlit Ohio grave yard Thursday night, with 14 dead men victims of her disaster, an official investigation was begun to determine whether the airship was torn asunder by a tree, rather than destroyed by the elements.

Major C. W. Cook, of Fort Hayes, Columbus, arrived at the scene of the wreckage Thursday night to open the investigation. He announced the first angle to be studied was the possibility that "the giant craft did not break in two at a high altitude, but was torn asunder by a tree while flying low to avoid a gale."

Investigation Started  
Major Cook's announcement came as a complete surprise. It having been generally believed that the huge hulk was wrecked by a terrific wind storm at a high altitude.

Meanwhile, leaving behind them the mangled bodies of 14 of their comrades, 22 survivors of the catastrophe were speeding eastward toward Philadelphia aboard a fast train.

Major Cook said he had been commissioned by the navy department to conduct the investigation and would be aided by other military and government officials.

Battered and depressed, the survivors were guests at a Kiwanis club dinner before leaving, but none would discuss the disaster.

The dinner was quiet. Hardly a word was spoken until Lieut. T. C. Hendley, ranking officer since the death of Commander Zachary Lansdowne, who was killed at Ava, rose to thank the Kiwanians for their hospitality.

"Gentlemen," he said, "his voice choking, 'you have helped to lift it to sway in the boisterous wind.'"

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## LOCAL MAN FRIEND OF GUNNER COLE, INJURED ON SHENANDOAH

One Klamath Falls man realizes that Gunner R. C. Cole, critically injured when the giant dirigible Shenandoah crashed yesterday, is not only a hero, but has suffered more than his share of nerve-shattering mishaps.

The man here is John McDonald, news editor of The Klamath News. McDonald, a United States navy wireless operator on September 5, 1918, was on the Mt. Vernon when it was torpedoed 270 miles out of Brest, France, with a loss of 38 of the crew.

Two members of the crew are injured, but the others are safe, some of them after a plunging journey aboard the ruptured craft's aft section, which came to earth at Sharon, 12 miles from Ava, near where the nose of the dirigible crashed to the earth.

Souvenir hunters are picking up the broken ribs of the Shenandoah like desert vultures. For a time the aft section, still buoyed by a few intact gas cells, lurched so dangerously that none dared approach it. But when the swaying ceased the crowds swarmed forward. A company of militia infantry, and a battery of artillery are being mobilized for duty at the disaster area. Country folk and tourists are coming pell mell to view the stricken craft.

Commander Killed  
Commander Zachary Lansdowne, making his last flight before reporting for sea duty, was among the killed. He and his fellow martyrs to man's development of lighter-than-air craft were flung like windfall apples from their whirling, pitching ship. Their bodies lay scattered over an area of 10 miles.

The Shenandoah descended from her last flight in pieces. Heading north, the ship was buffeted by a snarling wind that shot up to an altitude of 7,000 feet from the 2500 feet where she had been nosing into rising storm. Two violent plunges, perhaps caused by pockets or by the vicious eddies of the squall, cracked the Shenandoah, and she broke near the middle. The forward end shot into the air, carrying the control car, where the officers and passengers rode. The struts broke, sending the car to the ground with a whoosh.

Control Car Crashes  
The control car crunched to earth on the Floyd Davis farm in a green corn field near the home of Andy Gamary, a farm hand. Twisted metal and blood stains told of the death of its occupants had suffered.

The forward section of the dirigible bounced through the barnyard and down a little hill to a patch of trees, where it came to a perilous rest, its buoyant gas cells permitting it to sway in the boisterous wind.

Four men were thrown to death when the ship broke. Three more were shaken out like grains of salt during the journey through the air.

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Gunner Cole, always admired for his bravery, was responsible at that time for the fact that the ship's lights ultimately were restored through storage batteries. The dynamo room had been flooded almost immediately.

The Klamath Falls man was well acquainted with Cole, who, according to reports, is now in a serious condition. Cole, according to McDonald, was awarded a navy medal for his intrepidity while the Mt. Vernon was in darkness.