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ACT OF GOD" ONLY VERDICT AIRSHIP PROBE

Not Defective; Crew At Fault; Unforeseen Winds Are Held Responsible

DWELL, Ohio, Sept. 4.—(United News)—An act of God—beyond the power of man to cause or protect himself—caused the wreck of the Shenandoah.

It was the conclusion of Commander Jacob H. Klein, senior naval aviator in charge of the court of inquiry here Friday.

Neither the Shenandoah nor the crew were at fault. The Shenandoah was a strong navigable ship and not defective in any way.

It was the strongest airship ever built," Klein declared. "I know what the navy department will do, but I am perfectly sure to fly the Los Angeles and like to build another Shenandoah."

At this point Klein was asked: "You mean then that if another storm hit a dirigible that wreck as that of the Shenandoah might not occur?"

"Crew Not At Fault" is something in the hands of the court," he answered.

On the ship the Shenandoah, total loss, in Klein's opinion, was approved of the opinion of the court officers that the ship was wrecked by a "line squall," a row of storms intermingled with treacherous cross currents.

"At storms you can avoid by over, under or around them," Klein said, "but you cannot escape squall. You must face it." The court of inquiry here is not expected to be more in the nature of an inquest and the responsibility for the Shenandoah disaster will not be finally and formally until investigation is made by a naval court of inquiry to be appointed by the secretary of the navy.

The ship evidently was forced to land from 6,000 to 7,000 feet.

Barograph Lost

A barograph, which would have indicated the altitude at which the Shenandoah was wrecked, was lost.

Only the bottom metal of the control car was located. The ship's log also is missing. The radio log was found several miles from the wreck and was believed to be about 1,800,000 feet of gas in the Shenandoah, approximately one-half of the navy's gas.

All has escaped, he said. "Belief is that air rushing into the craft when the first struck her, caused her to break into sections. Only high speed would have broken her," Klein said. "It is impossible to run away from a line squall unless you have an exceptionally fast ship."

Apparently guy wires snapped, and the intense strain on the cables loosened one of the cables which crashed to earth and caused the heaviest death toll, most of which was killed.

ADS GUILTY BUT IS GIVEN RELEASE

and him stood the county jail; he was in prison walls. But Robinson, admitting a willingness to go to jail in circuit court here on charge of writing a check without sufficient funds to cover it, was released.

It happened yesterday. Brown, before the district attorney, admitted to throw himself on the mercy of the court. He got the same treatment but not in the manner in which he had anticipated it might be.

He was released by Judge A. J. Lyle, after District Attorney Robinson had discovered that there was an error in the construction of the indictment and had expressed a willingness to see that no further charges were taken. Brown already had waited 110 days in jail.

U. S. Senators Will Arrive Sunday; To Start Hearing Mon.

Federal Building, Cattle And Reclamation To Be Heard During Day

Final plans for the presentation of local problems before Bob Stanford and his senatorial committee, due to arrive here Sunday night, and arrangements for their entertainment, following the formal hearing at the court house Monday, were made at a chamber of commerce meeting held yesterday afternoon.

Cattlemen, sheepmen, timbermen and persons interested in reclamation will be among those who will petition the distinguished group of senators for legislation which will serve to alleviate their troubles. The senators, who will probably be escorted to Klamath Falls by prominent local citizens, will begin their hearing at 9 o'clock in the morning.

To Visit Crater

Whether or not there will be a small dinner for the senators, was not definitely decided yesterday afternoon, but it was agreed that they should be tendered a reception Monday evening at the White Pelican hotel. Those at the committee meeting yesterday felt it would be difficult to assemble a crowd of sufficient size on a holiday to warrant engaging the entire White Pelican dining room for a banquet.

Yesterday telegrams were forwarded to Senator Stanford, asking the plans of the party, regarding a visit to Crater lake, and their wishes regarding their entertainment during their stay here. Answers probably will be received today by Linn Sabin, secretary of the chamber of commerce.

Judge Gaghagen, at the meeting yesterday, said that he would wish a hearing as regards a federal building, and A. M. Thomas, secretary of the Klamath irrigation district, said that the district would probably need considerable time to present its case.

Kendrick Bill Favored

The irrigation district, he said, favors the Kendrick bill, passed by the senate, but not yet before the house, which would tend, its proponents believe, to make for greater success in reclamation ventures.

The wool men, it was believed, will need at least three hours of the senators' time that they may discuss conditions both here and in other quarters.

It was also said that the movement to abolish entrance fees to parks may be discussed.

"Altogether, it was the general opinion that a full day will be required for the hearing. At what time the party plans to leave is not yet known.

Dr. Warren Hunt Is Given Appointment

Local Hospital Head Made Vice President Ore. Medical Society

According to word received here yesterday, Dr. Warren L. Hunt, of Klamath Falls, was yesterday morning chosen second vice-president of the Oregon State Medical society.

The meeting of the organization was held in Medford. Its session closed yesterday noon. A number of the medicals expect to visit Crater lake, it was said.

REGISTRATION AT MERRILL MONDAY

Registration will be under way at the Merrill school Monday morning, and students will be at their books Tuesday, according to an announcement made yesterday by Principal Lester Turnbaugh. The announcement affects both grade and high schools.

Many improvements have been made at the school, Mr. Turnbaugh said. Three large rooms have been added through the elimination of the old gymnasium.

The high school will occupy the upper floor, and the grades will be downstairs.

The personnel of instructors will be unchanged, it was stated.

FLOTILLA OF 18 DESTROYERS ARE SENT AFTER PN-91

Watchdogs Of Sea Are Sent Away From U. S. Fleet To Make Thorough Survey In Vicinity Of Craft

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 4.—(United News)—The trackless waters of the Pacific may have swallowed the seaplane PN-91 and her crew of daring men, but search for the missing aviators still continues with all the vigor the United States navy can summon for the task.

It has been three days since Commander John Rodgers radioed "We're gone if we have to land in this choppy sea." But there has been no hint of abandoning the search, which has been going on frantically since that time. Eighteen destroyers, speedy "wasps of the sea" have been detailed from the battle fleet, now in Samoan waters, to cruise at full speed toward the search area. From Honolulu orders went out Friday to plunge into the hunt with renewed zeal, and to entertain no thought of despair.

Reported Seen

Planes, submarines and destroyers have concentrated near the Kauai channel, following a report from the U. S. S. Whippoorwill that flares had been seen during the night in that vicinity.

While the Whippoorwill cruised about for hours after seeing the mysterious lights, without success, and while it appears also that phosphorescent seas may have caused the dancing glares, navy officials are overlooking no developments that contain the slightest hope of leading to a happy ending of the melodramatic flight.

Little credence has been placed in the report that an amateur radio operator had picked up word of the PN-91's safety. The navy radio station here has received no such message. United News despatches from Honolulu say the reports were unfounded.

May Have Drifted

The possibility upon which navy officers now base their hope for the rescue of the seaplane's crew, is that they may have drifted in a direction different from the one first charted at headquarters here. The Kauai channel is between the islands of Oahu and Kauai, and the waters off Kaula point are now being searched. The plane hit the water east of the island of Maui, and first stages of the search were in that vicinity.

Commander J. H. Strong of the PB-1, the Boeing plane that now is ready for her Honolulu flight, is anxious to make the attempt, but is being held back by navy orders. The PN-91, the patrol plane, which was wrecked in San Francisco bay, after being forced down in her Honolulu hop, is now definitely out of the flight project. Reconditioning of the plane has been deemed impracticable and unsafe.

Klamath Athletic Association Elects

Lester Turnbaugh, of Merrill, was elected president; Paul Jackson, secretary, and A. E. Street, treasurer, for the ensuing year when the Klamath County Athletic association met yesterday afternoon. A committee was named to draw up by-laws for the organization.

It was announced that, in addition to the boys' soccer football, there will be a girls' volley ball team.

A. J. LYLE OUT FOR CITY POST

The third candidate to make his appearance in the race for councilman from the second ward is A. J. Lyle, who yesterday announced that an aldermanic seat is one of his ambitions. Thus far he is opposed by O. D. Mathews and "Doc" Powell.

Lyle said he will make a statement, outlining his policies, at a later date.

Klamath Fair Will Close Today Before Record Attendance

Beef Cattle Prizes Given Yesterday; Races Are Real Thrillers

Visitors at the county fair yesterday far surpassed in number those who visited the grounds on the opening day of the exhibition.

Displays and exhibits were still fresh from the dampness of the night and little of the newness had worn off in the 48 hours of inspection.

The majority of visitors yesterday were ranchers, farmers and their families who are spending the week-end, interested in the stock exhibits themselves, with their wives spending their time in the fancy work stalls, cooked food exhibits, and canning demonstrations. Young daughter occupied a front place in the boys' and girls' club work, and the young man of the family found the calves and judging of the various splendid type of stock, far more interesting than the ways of steam canning, young girls' baked bread or father's betting on the races.

From the moment of interest, when the silver fox proved a good drawing card during the day, until the last race of the afternoon, interest was found in every exhibition, every display, and every bit of work sent in from the various sections of the county, results of a season's work.

Following are the prizes awarded in the beef cattle division yesterday morning:

Aged bulls: West and Waters, 1st; E. M. and W. E. Hammond, 2nd; Frank McCormack, 3rd.

Sr. yearlings: Frank McCormack, 1st.

Jr. yearlings: West and Waters, 1st; E. M. and W. E. Hammond, 2nd; West and Waters, 3rd.

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POIONEER OF K. F. DIES LAST NIGHT

Mrs. Della Lee Passes On Last Night; Lived Here For 30 Years

Coming as a shock to her scores of friends in Klamath Falls and Klamath county was the death last night of Mrs. Della Lee at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Fred Schallock. Mrs. Lee passed away at 10 o'clock, ending a beautiful life, full of service and love for her friends.

For the past year Mrs. Lee had been suffering from a stroke of paralytic paralysis which had kept her to her bed. Following the death of her husband, Captain J. P. Lee in 1920, Mrs. Lee spent a winter in her old home in Tennessee, a winter in California and has since that time lived in Klamath Falls. Since her illness she has made her home with Mrs. Schallock.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 Sunday morning, the Christian Science services will be read. Interment will be in Linkville cemetery by the side of her husband.

Lived Here 30 Years

Della Davis was born in Columbia, Tennessee, February 18, 1843. She married Captain J. P. Lee in 1869 in the same town in which she was born. In 1886 Captain Lee came to the Klamath country, followed a year later by Mrs. Lee. Here they have made their home for more than 30 years.

Captain Lee died in 1920. His widow has lived since that time in Tennessee, with members of her family, in California with her daughter, Mrs. Minnie Henry of Mt. Shasta City, and with Mrs. Schallock of Klamath Falls. She died at the age of 83 years and seven months.

Mrs. Lee is survived by the following children: Mrs. Emma Mills, Mrs. A. J. Vose, Mrs. Fred Schallock, and W. T. Lee, county assessor, all of Klamath Falls, and Mrs. Minnie Henry of Mt. Shasta City, California. Four grandchildren also survive her, they are Wilford, Jerome and Bob Henry of Mt. Shasta City and Joe Vose of Klamath Falls.

CABINET POST IN EDUCATION DEPT. IS TO BE ASKED

Coolidge Will Impress On Congress Need For New Department With Prof. At Helm

SWAMPSCOTT, Mass., Sept. 4.—(United News)—President Coolidge hopes to install a real department of education and relief in the government with a cabinet member of the calibre of a university professor at its head.

Mr. Coolidge favors the organization of a department of "education and relief," as provided in the general government reorganization bill which he asked congress to approve a year ago. He will ask congress again this winter to approve it.

Many persons interested in education have been pressing him to approve a separate bill providing simply for an education department with an executive who is a skilled educator. They fear that the relief section which would include the United States bureau of public health and other organizations, might keep the new organization from functioning for the welfare of education.

Local Boy Scouts Help Out At Fair

Boy Scouts in Klamath Falls have started to take an active part in the county by acting as messengers and ushers at the Klamath county fair, other activities are being arranged for the fall and winter, that will make a very busy season.

During the past week Troop 2, meeting at the First Presbyterian church, under the direction of Percy Murry, as scoutmaster, has been registered at national headquarters, and their membership certificates and tenderfoot badges will be issued at their next regular meeting.

Three or four new troops will be organized in the next two or three weeks, and started on their regular program of scout activities.

Persons interested in scouting have been notified of a general council meeting to be held at the chamber of commerce on Tuesday evening, Sept. 8th, 7:30 p. m., at which time reports covering the last five months will be heard and a reorganization of council members effected.

SMALL GIRL WANDERS IN WOODS 12 DAYS

DULUTH, Minn., Sept. 4.—Wandering about the woods alone for ten days and nights, Elevelyn Peterson, 12, a west Duluth school girl, existed on berries and roots. She was found Friday attempting to milk a cow on a farm near Lakeview.

The girl often heard voices of various searching parties, but did not reveal her location because she was afraid of strangers. Her clothing was badly torn, and she had suffered from exhaustion and hunger. For two nights she found shelter in trees from rain and thunder storms.

ALASKAN MISSIONARY TO PREACH HERE SUN.

Rev. Fred Taylor, of Astoria, will preach in the Episcopal church, corner of Payne alley and Main street, at 11 o'clock Sunday morning. Rev. Taylor just recently returned from missionary work in Alaska, and has a wonderful experience to tell.

K. H. S. Football Team To Use Riverside Park

The Klamath Falls high school will be allowed to use the south side of Riverside park for athletic purposes.

That was decided at a quiet meeting of the city park board last night at which little but routine business was transacted.

At the meeting the board drew up in formal form its resolution to the city council, advising the sale of certain parts of Riverside park to the Southern Pacific and the Central Pacific lines, respectively.

Klamath Country As Proven Beet Country Conclusively Shown

Sugar Content Higher Here Than Average Of Choice Sections In U. S.

Another new industry has proved an absolute success in Klamath county.

Beet raising—sugar beet raising—introduced in this vicinity only about a year ago, can be carried on to considerable profit, in the opinion of experts who yesterday announced the results of their tests.

Sugar beets on the farm of G. J. Hilyard, located four and one-half miles from Klamath Falls on the Lakeview road, tested 19.3 per cent sugar. Other tests made showed a high content. The average sugar content, it was said, is between 14 and 16 per cent.

E. M. Bubb, of the American National bank, was elated at the results of the analyses. The bank was among those who first urged a trial of the industry in Klamath county.

The tests were conducted by experts from the Sacramento Valley Sugar company.

Publishers Blamed For Profiteering In School Books Say K. F. Dealers

Local school book dealers, commenting on the statement of J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of public instruction Thursday that efforts will be made to reduce the costs of books here declare that such a thing is impossible.

While they agree that the cost of books is in excess, the fault lies with book publishers, according to C. H. Underwood, Klamath Falls dealer, who says only a small margin of profit, only enough in fact to permit them to handle school books at a minimum reasonable profit.

Churchill, in making the statement, declared the books in Oregon were less expensive than in most states, but still too high.

BONANZA IS BIG WINNER IN FAIR

To Bonanza goes the honor of the highest number of prizes awarded during the home making projects, camp cookery and home cooking, according to Frank Sexton, county club leader last night who made the list of awards.

In the home making project of the club girls, 16 exhibitors were entered. June Bradbury, Henley, first; Dorothy Wadsworth, Fort Klamath, second; Lucille Dawson, Mt. Laki, third.

Bonanza carried away all honors of the camp cookery when Edith Scott took first prize; Walter Bowne, second, and Mona Dixon, third.

In the home cookery entrants, Fay Jinnette, of Merrill, first prize; Savilla Kaylor, Henley, second, and Bernice Kendra, Libby, third.

WILSON MEMORIAL TO LEAGUE IS PROPOSED

GENEVA, Sept. 4.—A Woodrow Wilson memorial gift to the league of nations in the form of a \$1,000,000 assembly hall is being discussed by Americans gathered here to observe the sixth meeting of the league assembly.

Mrs. Wilson will arrive Saturday from Paris to occupy a box in the diplomatic gallery, when the assembly opens Monday. Senator Arthur Capper, republican, of Kansas, and Senator Thomas J. Walsh, democrat, of Montana, will sit with Mrs. Wilson.

PIONEER RAILROAD OFFICIAL IS DEAD

CHICAGO, Sept. 4.—Col. J. R. Buchanan, for many years general passenger agent at Omaha, Neb., of the Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley railroad, has died at his home in Waukesha, Wis., 87 years old.

Col. Buchanan, was one of the outstanding figures in pioneer railway development of the west.

PLAN CAMPAIGN

LONDON, Sept. 4.—Prohibitionists plan to launch before Christmas a determined campaign to persuade Great Britain to follow America in outlawing alcohol.

MURDER TRIAL OF FRANK WAY IS ON HERE NEXT TUES.

Alleged Slayer Of Klamath Cattleman Will Have Able Counsel; Memorable Trial Is Likely

What promises to be the hardest fought murder trial in Klamath county court annals will open at the court house Tuesday morning when Frank Way, scion of a wealthy family of Oregon cattlemen will answer charges of first degree murder in connection with the slaying of Tim Murphy, well known cattleman of the Klamath country, on May 23 last.

The Clarence Darrow and Robert Crowe of the Klamath country, assisted by an attorney of equal calibre from Bend will battle for and against Way's life or liberty for perhaps a week's duration, after which Way's fate will be in the hands of Klamath jurymen.

Six Attorneys To Battle

For the defense C. F. Stone, J. H. Carnahan and Jay Upton, the latter of Bend will work together. This expert counsel has been secured by one of the older Way brothers who has determined to spare no expense in exonerating the "baby brother" of the family.

For the prosecution, Horace Manning, who last year secured a verdict of not guilty for Johnny O'Shea when three others were convicted on the same charge, in connection with the murder of Oscar Erickson, will be the bulwark of the state. It is understood that the day following Murphy's death, his Irish friends raised \$2,500 to aid in the prosecution of Way, an Englishman by descent. District Attorney E. L. Elliott and W. A. West, his assistant will assist in the prosecution.

Dying Statement

According to evidence in the hands of the district attorney Murphy died as a result of wounds inflicted by Way in a fight in the Devil's Garden country east of Bly, May 23. Way claims Murphy was killed in a fair fist fight. On the other hand, Murphy's dying statement, according to his brother, a few hours after the fight when he was kneeling by a little alkali stream to wash the blood from his face were: "My god, I'm dying, he hit me over the head with a revolver." The trouble, it is alleged, started over the possession of a black sheep.

Klamath Teachers Must Submit To a Physical Testing

"Ahem!" coughed the two-listed master, or his gingham-clad counterpart, who once presided over the boys and girls who were pupils in the little red school house.

And Hank Ranch and Joe Bush, district directors, said not a word. The master of the school ma'am could cough all they felt necessary and from their employers came not a protest. But nowadays—

"Just sit down in the waiting room," one hundred and twenty-five Klamath county school teachers soon will be told by a white-coated physician. "You will be examined within a few minutes."

The Klamath instructors are to be before the doctors that it may be determined whether or not they have tuberculosis or any other communicable disease.

The announcement that all teachers must undergo the examination before they assume their duties in the local schools, was made yesterday by Dr. G. S. Newson, director of the county health unit. Any reputable physician may be seen.

The move is the outgrowth of a law passed at the last session of the Oregon legislature.

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