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Aviators Preparing For Trip To Hawaii

Army Planning to Beat Navy to Honors in New Non-Stop Flight Across Pacific Ocean

SAN FRANCISCO, June 17, (U.P.)—While army aviators course westward across the United States toward their starting point for an attempt to fly from the mainland to Hawaii, another well equipped expedition whose object also is to span the Pacific, was getting under way from San Francisco.

With his plane in the hold of the Matson freighter Manakal, Richard D. Grace, a pilot with 14 years' experience as a flyer, sailed for Honolulu Friday night.

Although attempts were made to conceal Grace's plans, the aviator admitted to the United Press that he expects to make a solo flight from Honolulu to the west coast of the United States as soon as possible.

Garage Destroyed By Fire on Conger

A garage owned by Arthur Hillard, and located at 615 Conger avenue, was almost totally destroyed by flames late last night, caused by a short circuit in an extension cord leading to the small building.

A man whose name was not learned, was at work on his car in the garage when the fire broke out, and succeeded in getting his automobile safely out of reach of the flames, although he was slightly burned in doing so. The car was not damaged.

The fire truck made a quick run to the scene of the blaze, but the frame one-room structure was already beyond saving by the time the firemen arrived.

Coolidge Occupies New School House

RAPID CITY, S. D., June 17, (U.P.)—President Coolidge, appearing happier and less carefree than for months, went to work today in a school room with blackboards around the walls dimly outlined with traces of chalk marks left there by youngsters, each one perhaps a potential presidential candidate in years to come.

Ordering the White House motor car at an early hour, the chief executive rode from his summer camp in the Black Hills to the new school building where offices had been established for the handling of the business of a nation.

HELPLESS RANCHER WATCHES SON DIE

VERNAL, Utah, June 17, (U.P.)—Unable to obtain medical aid because of the isolated position of his ranch, Jens Christensen, a farmer living 10 miles north of White-rocks, stood helplessly while his 2-year-old son died as the result of accidental poison.

John, 2, and Jens Jr., 3, had eaten a small quantity of poisoned wheat which had been intended for use against ground squirrels and other rodents. They became violently ill and although all the first aid remedies their parents knew of were applied, John died in agony. Jens apparently had not eaten so much of the poison as his brother and is expected to recover.

SISTERS REUNITED AFTER SEPARATION OF OVER 50 YEARS

LOS ANGELES, June 17, (U.P.)—Two sisters, separated for more than half a century, held a joyful reunion here. Their lives branched in different paths from a small Indiana town some 50 years ago and neither had seen the other until relatives located them and arranged the reunion.

The reunion took place at the home of Mrs. Martha Burke, 79, one of the sisters, who resides here. The other woman was Mrs. Sarah Ewald, 71, of Delphi, Ind.

Scout Leaders to Select Location For Summer Camp

Party Will Leave Today for Lake of Woods for Week-end Trip; Will Be Joined by Others.

With over 200 boy scout members of the Klamath county scout council counting the days until July 18, when their summer camp—the outstanding event of the whole year's program of scouting fun—will open, a group of men prominently identified with the boys' movement here will leave early this afternoon to select the best site that Lake of the Woods has to offer for the camp.

In the party who will choose the location for this year's camp, will be J. W. Scoggins, William Keene, J. A. Gordon, T. P. Henderson, John Boyle, G. A. Krause, Don Zumwalt and Burr Blevins. A number of other men interested in scouting will join the party at the lake Sunday.

This group will camp at Lake of the Woods tonight and get an early start around the lake shore Sunday morning. In search of the one spot which will serve as an outing mecca for scores of youths in July. If the site selected proves sufficiently desirable, it will be proclaimed the permanent site for the scouts' summer camp, and as such will be visited each summer.

With a permanent site, it was pointed out yesterday, the scouts can erect their colony of cabins and equip them, thus eliminating the necessity of living in tents on their annual outing. With cabins, the boys will also be able to visit.

Mackaye Trial is Similar to Actor's

LOS ANGELES, June 17.—U.P.—A page from the trial of Paul Kelly, young screen actor, now convicted of manslaughter in connection with the death of Ray Raymond, musical comedy star, was practically re-created into court records Friday as first prosecution witnesses testified against Dorothy Mackaye, Raymond's wife, accused of concealing the manner in which he was killed.

Ethel Lee, negro maid, and Dr. Frank Wagner, county autopsy surgeon, occupied the stand most of the day's session.

Miss Lee's testimony was a replica of that given at the "bare knuckle" murder trial, with one outstanding exception. The exception particularly damaging to the defense.

Mother and Tots Perish in Flames

PORT HURON, Mich., June 17, (U.P.)—A coal oil lamp, used to heat a chicken brooder, was blamed for the fire which today cost the lives of a mother and three children on a farm near here.

The lamp is believed to have exploded early this morning before the children had awakened, and as the brooder was located in a corner of the bedroom occupied by the youngsters, they had little chance to escape.

The mother, Mrs. Stephen Malinske, rushed into the bedroom when she heard the explosion. It is believed, and lost her life trying to save the children.

The bodies were found by the husband of the dead woman, when he came into the house after doing his morning chores. As the windows were closed, little smoke escaped to attract attention of the husband. Once inside the house however, he smelled the smoke and rushed upstairs to find the room in flames. He succeeded, with the help of neighbors in quenching the flames before the house was destroyed.

Crazed By Troubles Man Kills 3 Persons

Wife and Passerby Shot by Driller; Believed Insane Over Pending Divorce Suit

DOUGLAS, Wyo., June 17, (U.P.)—J. W. Jordan, a 44-year-old oil driller, was held in jail here Friday night, charged with the triple murder of his wife, his son-in-law, and a banker at Parkerton, Wyoming.

Believed temporarily crazed by domestic troubles, Jordan ran amuck with a stolen rifle and shot down the three before he finally was overpowered and disarmed by his own daughter.

Jordan had been held into court this week for carrying concealed weapons on charges brought by his wife, who was suing for divorce.

He surrendered his revolver and the case was dismissed. Friday, however, he stole a rifle and shot down Ed Lasher, his son-in-law, and John Newby, the banker, as they passed on the street.

Then he went to his own home and shot his wife. Mrs. Ed Lasher, his daughter, grappled with Jordan, threw him to the floor and took away the gun. After begging his own daughter to kill him, Jordan collapsed.

Made Threats
It is alleged by relatives that Jordan had previously threatened his wife with the revolver whose (Continued on Page Four)

Winner of World Comes Back Home

ST. LOUIS, June 17.—(U.P.)—Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh, the blonde youth who has won the world, came back home this afternoon to the place that carried him to overnight fame.

Lindbergh's flying time on his return trip from New York, was nine hours and 20 minutes. He came to rest at his home airport, Lambert-St. Louis flying field, at 3:26 p. m., after circling his home city for 20 minutes.

The silver winged monoplane was first sighted crossing the Mississippi at 3:09 p. m. It shot out of the haze suddenly and in a moment was flying low over the business section of the city, followed by a group of army planes.

No effort was made to keep in formation. Visibility was bad and many of the escorting machines stopped at Schofield, an army flying post, before reaching St. Louis. A few followed the white plane as it flashed over and between buildings.

Fear Flood Water May Block Highway

THE DALLES, June 17, (U.P.)—Highway officials today were constructing a 600-foot detour at Dillon, 10 miles east of The Dalles on the Old Oregon Trail highway to be used in case flood water from the Columbia rose over the roadbed at that point.

The water level is now within about a foot of the surface of the highway. While it is not expected that the water will come high enough to block traffic here, the point which would go under water first is on a curve, and there would be danger from cars skidding into the river.

There is no danger of the rock roadbed giving way.

WILL ROGERS MUST UNDERGO OPERATION

LOS ANGELES, June 17, (U.P.)—Will Rogers, nomadic humorist, Friday morning will undergo an operation for gall stones in the California Lutheran hospital here, his physician announced tonight.

Rogers was removed to the hospital when he failed to respond to treatment on his return from a recent eastern speaking tour. Rogers is in excellent condition to withstand the shock of an operation, his physician said.

MILLION DOLLARS NO INDUCEMENT TO YOUNG SCREEN STAR

NEW YORK CITY, June 17.—(U.P.)—Apparently Colleen Moore, flapper darling of several million film fans, wants to get away from earning a million dollars.

First National Pictures, Inc., today took action to compel the "modern" actress to arbitrate a million dollar contract she is trying to break.

It is alleged that Miss Moore is under contract to make a dozen pictures for the firm. With only seven finished, she has left for the coast, and is planning an extensive European tour.

Strangler Suspect Is Charged After 2-Minute Hearing

Evidence is Circumstantial But 17 Persons Claim Man is One Who Rented Room Where Body Was Found.

WINNEPEG, Manitoba, June 17.—(U.P.)—After a preliminary hearing lasting only two minutes, Earl Nelson, 30, of San Francisco, stood charged formally with the murder of Mrs. Emily Patterson, 27, and Lola Cowan, 14.

Hearing on the charge was then postponed until June 22. Chief of Detectives George Smith says he has practically completed his case against Nelson. Evidence against him is circumstantial, but 17 persons have identified Nelson as the man who rented the room where the body of the Cowan girl was found.

Smith wired Portland officials he is almost sure that Nelson is the man known there as Adrian Harris, sought in connection with the killing of Mrs. Blanche Meyer and Mrs. Marlon Funk of Portland and Seattle respectively.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 17.—Investigation by Pacific coast officers of the record of Earl Nelson, alias Earl Ferrell, stranger suspect under arrest in Winnipeg, has shown the alleged murderer to be an ex-convict and escaped insane asylum inmate, who is wanted on a number of charges in Pacific coast cities.

Grasshoppers May Ruin Crop, Belief

A graphic report of how millions of tiny grasshoppers, many of them a fraction of an inch long, was given here yesterday by Dave Liskey, Tule lake rancher, who declared his grain crop is threatened by the invading hordes of insects.

"Before the sun has come up to drive the tiny hoppers under the shade of the clouds and grain shoots one can walk through the fields and see thousands of the pests on an area not over a foot square," he said.

"They are still hatching by the millions, too, and while they are not damaging the grain to any great extent as yet, as soon as the hatching season ends and they have grown a little larger, they may ruin our entire grain crop if not controlled," he declared.

The county agent's office has been co-operating with ranchers of the Tule lake section for about two weeks, working long hours to stamp out the insects which are on many other ranches in that district. Liskey said he and his brother are spreading huge quantities of poison daily and hauling bran and sawdust from Klamath mills by the truckload to use in connection with the control work.

6TH STREET REPAIR WORK IS UNDERWAY

Coincident with the awarding of a contract for paving South Sixth street from Commercial to the viaduct, workmen yesterday began the task of repairing this important thoroughfare from beyond the viaduct to the city limits.

A short detour was made necessary yesterday while the work of resurfacing the macadam is in progress, but motorists who use this highway regularly smiled at the temporary inconvenience, as they appeared happy in the knowledge that this present street of horrors is soon to be converted into a boulevard.

FLIGHT WITHIN SIX WEEKS

WASHINGTON, June 17, (AP)—The trans-Pacific airplane flight under consideration by the army air corps, if authorized, will be from San Francisco to Honolulu, possibly within the next six weeks, Assistant Secretary Davison announced today.

Ranchers To Decide Upon New Contract

Water Users of Irrigation District Will Vote on Fate of Amended Covenant with U. S.

Acceptance of the amended contract with the government for extension of time on repayment of construction charges for the Klamath reclamation project, will be definitely decided today when water users of the Klamath Irrigation district go to the polls on the issue which has been a topic of county-wide discussion for several months.

Voting in various parts of the Klamath irrigation district will be going on at eight a. m., and continue until five p. m., when the votes for and against the measure will be summed up and the fate of the new contract made known.

A pamphlet published by the board of directors of the district, was circulated among the water users early this week, to inform them on all the angles involved in the amended contract with the government, and with the distribution of ballot boxes and election supplies yesterday, everything is set for the casting of ballots today.

Favor New Form
Directors of the district, since certain concessions have been made to the water users relative to the new form following the visit here in May of Elwood Mead, commissioner of reclamation, are in favor of the new contract.

While the amended form was or (Continued on page five)

Wives of Flyers Given Reception

BERLIN, June 17.—(U.P.)—While the acclaiming crowds repeated Friday for the wives of Clarence Chamberlin and Charles Levine something of the tumultuous welcome which greeted the two American flyers when they first arrived here almost two weeks ago.

News that the two record breakers would bring their wives back by air to this scene of the former triumph, spread quickly throughout Berlin. Streets of the city were almost deserted as crowds packed busses and tram cars enroute to the flying field.

As the planes bearing the visiting Americans and their escorts appeared over the field, a great shout arose, and when a landing was made, Mrs. Chamberlin and Mrs. Levine were warmly welcomed by airline and city officials.

The flyers and their wives had flown from Hamburg to Magdeburg on the Elb river and thence to Berlin.

Rhineland May Be After Divorce

RENO, Nev., June 17.—(U.P.)—The revelation that four letters are being held at the Reno postoffice for Leonard Kip Rhineland has given added weight to the report that Rhineland intends to seek a divorce here.

Aside from the disclosure that the wealthy New Yorker's mail was being sent to Reno, there was no further evidence of Rhineland's reported residence here.

The rumors prevalent for some time, stated that Rhineland wished to take advantage of Nevada's lenient laws to obtain a divorce from Alice Jones Rhineland, daughter of a negro chauffeur.

McKENZIE HIGHWAY SOON TO BE OPENED

HEND, June 17, (U.P.)—The eastern half of McKenzie Pass highway was cleared of its last snow drifts late yesterday and the highway department snow plow was moving down into Lane county today on the final plunge to open the mile high pass to auto traffic.

"HENS' EGGS" HAIL STONES ARE CAUSE OF HEAVY DAMAGE

LEWISTON, Idaho, June 17, (U.P.)—A wind and hail storm of cyclonic proportions swept over a large area in two states last night, devastating grain fields and apple crops.

On the Washington side of the Snake river, the Colver and Antone flats sustained nearly a quarter of a million dollar property damage. Hail the size of hen's eggs beat down hundreds of acres of grain in the Lewiston valley.

Farmers, Loggers To Match Strength Here on 4th of July

Tug-of-war to be One of Many Features Planned for Big Celebration; Plans Being Completed.

A tug-of-war between the loggers and farmers will be one of the features of Klamath's big three-day celebration on July 2, 3 and 4, it was decided by members of the general committee last night. This event will be staged at the fair grounds on Saturday morning in connection with the athletic and field events.

The children's division of the Fourth of July parade promises to be one of the attractions of Monday morning, and Monte Hamaker, chairman of this committee, urges that all youngsters who want to take part in the parade get in touch with him at the Hamaker Motor company offices as soon as possible. Some good cash prizes will be offered for the youngsters' parade.

There will be a merry-go-round, ferris wheel and other rides for the youngsters and a variety of concessions on Seventh street, it was reported by Roy Durbin, chairman of the concessions committee. A carnival company that is playing Yreka this week, was signed to a contract yesterday to appear here for the three days.

A golf match on Sunday morning at the Lakeside Country Club course will be arranged. Further announcement of this event will be made early next week.

The committee discussed all phases of the big celebration and agreed that plans are shaping up well. Mt. Shasta and the Klamath Pelicans will furnish the baseball (Continued on Page Five)

Spanish War Vets To Confer Locally

Klamath Falls will be a mecca for more than 500 visitors from all parts of the state July 17 when the United Veterans of the Spanish War gather here for their annual state convention, it was announced Friday.

A special train will bear most of the visitors over the Cascade line of the Southern Pacific Sunday, the 17th, and following a memorial service in Fremont auditorium, the veterans will hold the opening session of their convalescence Monday morning.

Mayor T. B. Watters will deliver an address of welcome to the visitors, to which Robert A. Sawyer, department commander, Mrs. Edna M. Carr, president of the auxiliary, and Thomas Bodley, head of the Military Order of the Serpent, will respond.

An excellent two-day program has been arranged by the local organization, culminating with a trip to Crater lake.

Byrd Won't Start On Trip Until 20th

ROOSEVELT FIELD, LONG ISLAND, N. Y., June 17.—(U.P.)—Monday has been set tentatively as the date on which Richard E. Byrd will hop off for Europe in his giant Fokker monoplane "America."

The weather remains the controlling element, however, and although clear skies over the Atlantic are indicated for Saturday and Sunday, Commander Byrd said tonight he did not believe he would start either day.

Byrd said he received approximately 5,000 applications for the fourth place in his plane when it takes off. Thus far a fourth member of the proposed flight has not been decided upon.

According to present plans, the occupants of the "America" will include Byrd, Bert Acosta and Lieut. Rex Noville. In some quarters it was believed that the fourth member of the expedition would be Lieut. Bernat Baichen, former Norwegian naval officer, who aided Byrd in his polar flight last summer.

Farmer Is Guilty Of Murdering Son's Wife

James H. Grayson Convicted of Slaying His Daughter-in-law; Manning Appeals to Jury

Convicted largely upon the testimony of his broken-hearted son, James H. Grayson, 70-year-old Modoc county rancher, was found guilty yesterday of second degree murder for the slaying of his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Myrtle Grayson, on the streets of Malin on March 26th, last. The court has no alternative but to sentence him to state's prison for the remainder of his natural life.

Two hours after it had received the charge, the jury fled back into the court of Circuit Judge Leavitt and submitted its verdict. The aged defendant took it calmly. His attorneys filed the usual formal motion for a new trial. A moment later Grayson was led back to jail.

All of the dramatic episodes of tragedy and sorrow were crowded into the murder trial of this white-haired old man, and the culmination came during the closing hour of the trial when H. M. Manning, special prosecutor, delivered his impassioned plea to the jury.

Flea Moves Upstairs
His son, Albert, sat on the front (Continued on Page Five)

Homesteads Take Popularity Spurt

Increased popularity of Tule lake homesteads became suddenly apparent the first of the week, and as a result the number of applications for farm units in the area opened under restriction March 1, have taken a decided jump, it was learned Friday at reclamation headquarters.

Over 125 applications have been received for homesteads opened to general entry June 1, when the final ex-service man's priority right on certain lands, expired. Since that time any citizen of the United States has been eligible for filing, provided his assets measure up to standard required by the government for settling on the lands.

The examining board has held one session on the new flock of applications, at which time several allotments were made. Other sessions by the board will be held in the near future.

Defunct Paper is Sold to Attorney

PORTLAND, June 17.—(U.P.)—The Portland Telegram, bankrupted afternoon newspaper, was sold here today to David E. Lofgren, Portland attorney. The sale was announced by A. M. Cannon, referee in bankruptcy.

It was reported that the purchase price was \$225,000. The Portland News, which had submitted a bid of \$200,000 for the paper, when public bids were called for, submitted a private offer of \$175,000 and was the only other bidder.

Lofgren is a director of the Lumberman's Trust company, one of the principal creditors of the bankrupt Telegram Publishing company. Attorneys for A. M. Cannon, trustee for the creditors, were present at a private conference and agreed to the transfer, Cannon said. Lofgren will assume charge of the Telegram Saturday morning, it was stated.

PROUD WARSHIP TO BE MADE INTO JUNK

SEATTLE, Wash., June 17, (U.P.)—The U. S. S. Philadelphia, once proud fighting ship of Uncle Sam's navy, soon will be reduced to junk. The craft has been sold to ship wreckers for \$21,000.

Commissioned 38 years ago, the Philadelphia first began an honorable career by serving as flagship of the Atlantic fleet. For more than 10 years, the battleship has been moored at Bremerton, first as a receiving ship and later as a prison ship.