

Ice-Clogged Carburetors Said Cause of Wreck

British Air Ministry Makes Report of Loss of Flying Ship at Sea January 21st.

WASHINGTON, March 25 (UP)—The British air ministry today blamed ice-clogged carburetors for the loss at sea Jan. 21 of Imperial Airways New York-Bermuda flying boat Cavalier.

The ministry's conclusions, which absolved the crew of all blame, were made in a report and investigation of the accident which was climaxed by a dramatic rescue of 10 of 13 persons aboard the plane. Six of the eight passengers and four of the crew of five were rescued by the American Tanker Esso Baytown after 10 hours afloat in the Atlantic ocean.

The report was made available to the press here by Capt. G. C. Pirie, air attaché of the British embassy. It was prepared by Wing Commander Vernon Brown, chief accident inspector of the British air ministry.

Brown's major conclusions included:

1. The forced descent of the Cavalier 285 miles southeast of Long Island was due to complete loss of power in two of four engines and partial loss of power in the other two as the result of carburetor trouble ascribable to icing.

2. The sea conditions were too severe to make a good landing possible.

3. The officers of the plane were blameless and behaved with great coolness throughout.

4. All British regulations, under which the Cavalier was operated were complied with.

Brown found that the methods of heating the carburetors to prevent icing apparently was not "fool-proof." He suggested changes for more adequate protection against carburetor icing and strongly recommended that a replacement flying boat should not be sent to Bermuda until the changes have been achieved.

The report chided the press for its "unfair criticism" of the Cavalier's Skipper, Capt. R. M. Alderson, who was alleged to have continued flying on his route for 49 minutes after knowing that he was in trouble.

Alderson had transmitted to port Washington, N. Y., radio station the following message: "Running into bad weather, may have to earth."

That was interpreted by many in the United States to mean "may have to land." Actually, Alderson was notifying, in the British manner, that he was "grounding" his radio antenna because of static conditions, the report said.

The investigation board that gathered the evidence on which Brown based his report made the recommendations:

1. Flying boats of the Cavalier type should be modified so as to give the crew more adequate control of oil temperatures.

2. For emergency conditions, an additional supply of heat under control of the crew must be made possible in order to raise temperature of the incoming air before reaching the carburetor jets.

3. Passengers should be strapped in their seats at take-off and landing. The board called attention to the fact that on American airlines, passengers are required to do this.

Brown recommended that some type of raft or lifeboat, emergency rations and flare signals should be carried by flying boats. He also urged that consideration be given to carrying a separate navigator.

APPOINTS NEW JUDGE

LINCOLN, March 24 (UP)—Governor Cochran appointed Claiborne G. Perry, Bridgeport attorney to succeed the late George W. Irwin as district judge in the seventeenth judicial district.

Perry, 49, was graduated from the University of Nebraska law college and admitted to the bar in 1914. He served as a special assistant attorney general in irrigation matters under Attorney Generals Paul Good, William Wright, and Richard C. Hunter.

It was Governor Cochran's eleventh judicial appointment since 1935. The seventeenth district comprises Scottsbluff, Morrill, and Garden counties.

FRANCO JOINS PACT

LONDON, March 25 (UP)—General Francisco Franco has agreed to join the anti-communist pact between Germany, Italy and Japan, it was reported in diplomatic quarters today. The sources said the protocol for nationalist Spain's adherence had been completed in negotiations at Burgos last week.

AVOCA NEWS

Clyde Bogaard of Otoe and Claude Hollenberger, of Avoca, made a trip to Lincoln on business Tuesday.

Edward Morley and wife were down near Auburn last Sunday, being guests at the home of their son Earl.

Oscar Zimmerman, bookkeeper at the bank, attended the funeral of the late Elba Dodds near Nehawka the latter part of the week.

J. F. Knoflicek of Plattsmouth was a business visitor in Avoca last Tuesday, calling to transact business at the Avoca State Bank.

Henry Maseman is doing some landscape gardening in H. M. Lum's jungle and is also building barricades to prevent washing in time of rain.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Marquardt and little daughter were at Louisville last Sunday, where they visited with the mother of Mrs. Marquardt, Mrs. Bedella Stander, for the day.

Mrs. Frank Greenrod has been very sick at her home near Avoca and has been cared for by members of the family. We are pleased to report that she is feeling much better.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Voyles and children, Miss Mattie and son Emery and Miss Leona Everett were visiting and looking after business matters in Lincoln on Tuesday of last week.

Father McFadden who is pastor of the Trinity Catholic church southeast of Avoca and resident priest of the Syracuse church, was calling on his parishioners in this part of the country last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Maseman and Mr. and Mrs. Will Maseman were in Elmwood last Sunday, going to visit their uncle, Edward Penterman, who has been seriously ill at the home of a sister there.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Reed and their children of Horton, Kansas, were guests for the day last Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hollenberger. Mrs. Reed being a niece of Mrs. Hollenberger.

Rev. W. A. King of Syracuse, pastor of the Congregational church of that place conducted Lenten services at the church in Avoca last Sunday. A large attendance was on hand and a very fine discourse was enjoyed.

Fred Marquardt, wife and little daughter, Anna, were at Utica last Friday, where they went to bring Mrs. Caroline Marquardt, Fred's mother, home, after a visit of some three weeks at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ted Hile and family.

Art Stander and Editor Huffman of Louisville were in Avoca Sunday, coming to call on Senator Carsten regarding the Platte river bridge bill but found the Senator had gone with his colleagues on a tour of inspection of out state hydro plants and was not home this particular Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer J. Hallstrom and family were at Plattsmouth on Sunday, where they visited relatives. While there, Tom, son of the family, was taken with an attack of appendicitis that required ice packs to relieve him, but avoided an operation, although he is still confined to his bed at home.

Earl Freeman and family were in Weeping Water last Sunday, where they were guests at the home of Earl's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Freeman. Later in the afternoon and evening they were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Tigner at Murray. Mrs. Tigner is a sister of Mr. Freeman.

Fred McGrady Better

Fred McGrady, the members of his family and and host of friends were all pleased when Mr. McGrady was able to get out and walk down town with the aid of some crutches and making marked improvement. The hope is entertained that the general blacksmith may be able to return to his anvil and forge some time in the near future.

Entertained Members of Club

The Housekeepers Union was hostess to the members of the Avoca Woman's club, when a very fine program was presented. A good many of the members of the Avoca Garden club were also present and a fine program was enjoyed and some fine eats served.

Housekeepers Union Meets

Members of the Avoca Housekeepers Union met with Mrs. J. H. F. Rudge last Tuesday afternoon and after looking after the business calling them together, enjoyed a very pleasant social hour and also tasted the cooking of the different members, as they had a covered dish luncheon.

Honored Mother on Birthday Miss Leona Everett and her broth-

er Silas Everett paid a special tribute to their mother, Mrs. Rachel Everett, at the Everett home in Avoca last Sunday, the occasion being the passing of the mother's 77th birthday anniversary. An excellent time was had and a very fine dinner served. Besides the family and friends, there were also present, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Everett and family of Weeping Water, the former a son, and George Stites, a nephew, and family of Union.

Honor Mother at Dinner

Mrs. Emma Rawalt was hostess at a dinner party and open house in honor of her mother, Mrs. B. C. Marquardt, who was passing her 83rd birthday anniversary. Besides those who were present at the dinner, a good many came in during the afternoon to extend congratulations and best wishes to Mrs. Marquardt, the guest of honor.

Wedded at North Branch Church

Thursday afternoon, Miss Elsie E. Emschoff, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Emschoff, was united in marriage to John F. Berner, the ceremony occurring at the North Branch church. In the evening a large number of friends of the contracting parties attended a reception and dance at the pavilion in Syracuse in honor of the occasion. The newlyweds will make their home on a farm two miles south and a mile and a half west of Avoca.

TO SET TONY-LOUIS FIGHT

NEW YORK, March 25 (UP)—Promoter Mike Jacobs said today that he would announce a date next week for the Joe Louis-Tony Galento heavyweight title fight in New York.

The tentative date has been set for June 28 in Yankee Stadium, but this may not be satisfactory because of complications with the Max Baer-Lou Nova scrap now scheduled for May 25 in Madison Square Garden's Long Island bowl.

The Baer-Nova contract calls for the fight to be held in one of the New York ball parks—the polo grounds or Yankee Stadium—and Nova's manager, Ray Carlen, insists on that condition. If he refuses to yield, Jacobs might have to move the fight into one of the parks in early June and postpone the Louis-Galento bout into early July to prevent a collision in the ballyhoo for the respective bouts.

New York athletic commission contracts for the Galento-Louis fight have not been signed yet, since the commission gave Galento a clean bill of health only yesterday. Louis is in California preparing for the Jack Roper fight in Los Angeles April 17, and—if he wins he will return to New York the following week to sign the commission forms. Jacobs already has the signatures of Galento and Louis on his own personal contract.

NO GROUND FOR IMPEACHMENT

WASHINGTON, March 24 (UP)—The house judiciary committee agreed unanimously today that there are no grounds for impeachment of Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins and two of her aides.

Chairman Hatton W. Saunders, D. Texas, announced the formal decision of the committee after three hours of executive session consideration of the impeachment resolution by Representative J. Parnell Thomas, R. N. J.

Sumners said there would be some minority views but not as to the matter of impeachment. "We are unanimously agreed," he said, "that there are no grounds for impeachment. A report is now in process of drafting."

SHOWS IMPROVEMENT

Jerry Pucelik, 5, son of Dr. and Mrs. L. S. Pucelik who has suffered from the effects of a serious attack of pneumonia, is showing rapid improvement at his home at the present. The little lad has been quite ill for the past two weeks and his marked improvement comes as a source of relief to his parents.

FEATURED IN NEWS

The March edition of the Lincoln Telephone News, just issued, has a very attractive picture of George Dobson, posed in front of the local telephone exchange building. The picture was taken as Mr. Dobson took over the duties of area commercial manager of the telephone company in this territory.

CARD OF THANKS

I desire to take this means of expressing my heartfelt thanks to all of my many friends, classmates, and close associates for the lovely flowers, and cards that were sent me during my illness at the Clarkson hospital. JOSEPH HIGHFIELD.

HAVE GRASS AND WEED FIRE

From Friday's Daily—The fire department was called out this afternoon to the Sattler property on North 11th street, occupied by the E. E. Leach family. The fire was caused from weeds and grass burning and which had gone out of control and threatened to catch the garage on the place. The department however soon had the fire under control.

Sixty Mile Limit on Daytime Driving Given Approval

Governor Signs Measure and Four to Correct County Budget Laws—Also One Other.

LINCOLN, March 25 (UP)—Governor Cochran signed six legislative bills today, including a sixty-mile an hour speed limit for day-time driving on Nebraska highways and four designed to tighten and correct the 1937 county budget law.

The speed limit bill does not become operative until three months after adjournment of the legislature, which now is expected about May 1. It sets up a maximum of fifty miles an hour for night driving and increases the truck speed limit from thirty-five to forty miles an hour.

Objective of the budget measures is to aid counties in reaching a cash basis. They become effective next November for the 1940 county budgets which will be adopted in January rather than the middle of the year as now.

Also approved was LB 139 reducing the number of rural eighth grade examination subjects from fourteen to eight, by consolidating various courses for examination purposes.

U. S. NOT TO RECOGNIZE MEMEL CONQUEST

WASHINGTON, March 23 (UP)—Acting Secretary of State Sumner Welles indicated today that the United States does not recognize the legality of absorption of Memel by the German Reich.

Welles indicated, however, that the Memel situation appeared to be in somewhat different category than the German absorption of Czechoslovakia.

He said the Lithuanian minister had officially informed him of Lithuania's decision to cede Memel to Germany and of the ratification of that decision by the Lithuanian parliament. Welles pointed out that this action followed constitutional procedure. In the case of Czechoslovakia, constitutional and parliamentary procedure was not followed.

SUMMONS RALPH CAPONE

CHICAGO, March 23 (UP)—The Federal government today added Ralph Capone, brother of erstwhile Chicago Gang Chief Al (Scarface) Capone, to the list of witnesses for its trial of Johnny Torrio, veteran of Chicago and New York gang wars, on income tax evasion charges.

Ralph Capone was subpoenaed to appear for the New York trial April 2. The government reportedly has obtained a deposition from Al Capone, serving an 11-year term in federal prison for income tax evasion. Torrio sponsored Al Capone's gang leadership.

PRESS ASSOCIATION ELECTS

LINCOLN, March 24 (UP)—State Senator Emil Von Seggern, editor and publisher of the West Point Republican, was elected president of the Nebraska Press association today.

Von Seggern succeeds S. W. Thurber, editor of the Tecumseh Chieftain, who automatically becomes an ex-officio member of the board of directors.

Ralph Cox, editor of the Arapahoe Public Mirror, was elected vice-president, Frank O. Edgecombe, publisher of the Geneva Signal, was re-elected treasurer and Fred J. Minder was re-elected secretary.

SLIP IN MUD PROFITABLE

KALGOORLIE, Australia (UP)—Mrs. Violet Cook slipped and fell in a mud puddle in the middle of the street. When she got up with her hand filled with a ball of mud, she found an ounce of gold nugget in the middle of it.

BANKS UNDER LABOR LAW

WASHINGTON, March 24 (UP)—The wage-hour administration notified 15,000 state and national banks today that it considered all their employees subject to the fair labor standards act.

Oklahoman Confesses Slaying of Beautiful Wife

Roger W. Cunningham, Member of Prominent Family Confesses After Long Grilling.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Mar. 25 (UP) Roger W. Cunningham, eccentric member of a prominent Oklahoma City family, confessed early today that he strangled his beautiful socially prominent wife to death last March 6.

He directed a sheriff's party to her body which he had buried in a freshly dug sewage ditch.

The body was found face up by four workmen after they had dug through several feet of soft earth in a sewage ditch which had been filled in March 7, the day after the woman disappeared from her suburban home.

Cunningham, according to County Prosecutor Lewis Morris, said he had strangled her—"I don't know why"—and had carried her body to the vacant lot through which the sewer "kicked it into the ditch."

"Must have been crazy," he told Morris after more than two hours of questioning early today. "It was a hell of a thing to do."

Morris revealed that Cunningham twice had been held for examination at a hospital for the insane at Norman, Oklahoma.

Cunningham's confession and discovery of the body ended a wide search of a week's duration. Morris, convinced that his continued plea of innocence was not true and that he soon must break, had held him since Monday, while directing a search for his wife's body, which extended into neighboring states.

BALANCE TO CARRY STATE OVER

LINCOLN, March 23 (UP)—State Tax Commissioner W. H. Smith today reported that an unexpended balance of \$8,502,712 from the 1937-39 biennial state appropriation with supplemental receipts will suffice for the remaining four months of the biennium.

Warrants drawn for operation of the state government during the first 20 months of the two-year period aggregated \$50,290,419 as against appropriations, including cash and federal aid of \$58,793,132. February warrants totaled \$2,148,756, or \$11,484 under the amount issued in January.

Smith's report showed expenditures during the biennium to date of \$15,283,957 for road and bridge construction and \$5,048,098 for highway maintenance, one-third as much being spent for maintenance as for new road construction. Officials pointed out that as more highways are built, increased sums are needed to maintain them.

JAPS-CHINESE CLASH

SHANGHAI, March 25 (UP)—The Japanese and Chinese forces are locked in a series of bloody engagements over a seventy-mile front between Wuching and Wuning, dispatches to the Chinese newspapers said today. According to the messages the fighting is more bloody and terrible than that which occurred on the Shanghai front.

More than 100 Japanese bombers reportedly attacked the Chinese positions in the last few days but the Chinese defense remains firm except for a hole along the highway to Nanchang.

Meanwhile a Japanese spokesman said that sabotage and fires in mills, warehouses, and ships in the Japanese-occupied areas of China were becoming widespread.

ROYALTY TO VISIT OMAHA

OMAHA, March 23 (UP)—The itinerary of Crown Prince Frederick and Crown Princess Ingrid of Denmark who will tour America next month calls for an overnight stop here on April 19. The royal couple plan to visit both the New York and San Francisco expositions. They will arrive here shortly after midnight. They will appear at a luncheon at Chamber of Commerce and other entertainment is being planned.

LOSES LEGS UNDER TRAIN

LINCOLN, March 24 (UP)—Richard E. Jaffrey, 60, a transient, suffered the loss of both legs today when he slipped while attempting to board a moving freight train in the Burlington railroad yards here. Jaffrey fell beneath the wheels and both legs were cut off below the knee. He was taken to a hospital. He said a brother, Frank Jaffrey lived at Rush City, Minn.

PUTTING CITY TENNIS COURTS IN CONDITION

Completion of the city tennis courts on the Walker lots at corner of Fifth street and Avenue B in the near future, will give the devotees of this sport a nice place to play. The iron pipes to support the backstop wire mesh are being assembled and some additional dirt fill is being added along the north side. Original intention of having the courts run east and west lengthwise, has been changed to north and south. Toilet facilities are available and other conveniences will be provided.

The work has been carried on by youth employees of the WPA, under supervision of Gus Whitely, with the city contributing the cost of the backstop material, and the toilets were constructed from salvaged material from an old garage on the premises by the Sanitation division of WPA.

ENJOY STORY HOUR

The story hour conducted at the Plattsmouth public library auditorium Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock was in charge of the Star Patrol of the Girl Scouts, with Mrs. C. H. Martin acting as the supervisor. The auditorium was filled with a number of the youngsters who partook of the fine program that was in store for them.

The program consisted of the following numbers: Mrs. C. H. Martin read a story, "The Knights of Silver Shield," and an Easter legend. Shirley Jean Martin rendered the song, "I've Got a Pain in My Sawdust." Rachel McMaken and Miriam Fricke sang the song, "Deep in a Dream." Mary Jean Hatt was heard in two piano solos, "The Circus Parade," and another number. Donna Bea Seiver gave a tap dance during the afternoon.

RECEIVE GERMAN LETTERS

In the two German classes taught by Miss Estelle Baird, the students have been corresponding with students of other nations. This correspondence is being carried on in German, French, Italian and English. The German letters are written in German providing an opportunity for the student to study the language in the original tongue with the natives of that country. The letters from Germany contain very little, if not at all, literature or expression of their opinion as to the conditions now existing in that part of central Europe. Miss Baird states that the senders of the letters cannot praise their new leader, Hitler, enough and express their deep love for him.

VISIT AT WASHINGTON

Misses Gerda and Alpha Peterson, of this city, who are on the first steps of an overseas trip, were at Washington this week. The ladies were callers at the office of Congressman George H. Heinke, whose accommodating secretary, J. Hyde Sweet, arranged that they might see the house and senate in action as well as having guides for trips thru the library of congress and supreme court.

The ladies are to sail Saturday noon on the "Rex" for Naples and on reaching that port will transfer to another boat for Beirut, Syria, and continue from that port by train to Jerusalem for the Easter observations.

EARLY GRASSHOPPERS

One of the residents on Wintersteen hill is reporting one of the first grasshoppers of the season. This lady has a house plant that she has carefully nurtured through the winter season and on Wednesday when handling the plant she was startled to find a lusty young hopper on the plant. Persons who are wise to the life and habits of the grasshopper are of the opinion that the earth placed in the flower pot had contained the hopper eggs and this member of the pest family hatched out in the warmth of the house.

MARRIED AT EIGHT MILE GROVE

The wedding of Clara Christine Wick and Harold Natzel, both of Montevideo, Minnesota, occurred at the parsonage of the Eight Mile Grove Lutheran church, on March 15th. The wedding was very quiet and the marriage lines read by Rev. A. Lentz, pastor of the church. Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Means, of this city, the latter a sister of the groom witnessed the ceremony. The newlyweds are to reside near Montevideo in the future.

Rubber Stamps at lowest prices at the Journal Office.

Sarpy County Farmers Protest Utility Comp'y

Threaten to Chop Down Poles of Nebraska Power Co. if Necessary; Support Power District.

LINCOLN, March 23 (UP)—A score of determined Sarpy county farmers told the state railway commission yesterday that, "if necessary," they would chop down the poles of the Nebraska Power company.

The farmers protested the commission's authorization last month of construction by the company of 15 miles of transmission lines in Sarpy county.

William Haldeman of Gretna, spokesman for the group, said the lines are not of service to farmers who have signed for electricity from the Eastern Nebraska public power district. Construction of the company's lines, he asserted, was "cramping something down our throats."

Commission members advised that the protest, climaxing a prolonged dispute between the company and the power district, should be turned over to power district attorneys since the farmers wish to buy district service, and formally filed by the district with the commission as an objection.

Chairman Will Maupin commented that the commission has no jurisdiction over "public convenience and necessity" of power lines. "If we did," he said, "you wouldn't be having this trouble."

NEW LIBRARY BOOKS

A number of new books have again been added to the shelves of the Plattsmouth public library. There were eleven new books added to the juvenile department of the library, they being: "Peepo and His Dog," by Magdeleine du Genestoux. This book is an Algerian Adventure story, "Uncle Dan" by Cyril Clemens; "Through the Back Door of the Circus" by George Brinton Peck; "Miss Couch and the Scamps" by Julian R. Meade; "Amelharanne at the Farm" by Howard; "Little Cumsee in Dixie" by Halsa Allison; "John Hoe or 'A Penny Saved,'" by Eleanor Bartle; "Only Tony and the Dragon," by Brenda E. Spender; "Nobody's Mouse," by Emma Brock; "Meg and Moe" by Elsie Bindrum, and "The United States Army in War and Peace," by Oliver L. Spaulding.

Four new books were added to the seven-day shelf and these were: "Men of Moon Mountain" by Burt; "Rocky Bend" by Gregory; "Challenge for Three" by Garth; and "Once to Every Man" by Lea.

W. O. S. CLUB

The January meeting was held at the home of Mrs. R. A. Noel in Omaha. An all day meeting with a very delicious dinner being served by the hostess.

February meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Dan Hoschar. A most enjoyable afternoon was had by all. A very delicious lunch was served at the close of the meeting.

March meeting was held at the home of Mrs. John J. Stones. The hostess received many pretty Turkish towels. The afternoon was enjoyed by all. A delicious lunch was served by the hostess at the close of the meeting.

REPORTS GOOD RAINFALL

From Saturday's Daily—Clifford Garrison, well known farmer of near Union, was here this morning to spend a few hours attending to some matters of business. He reports that the territory between Union and Murray had a half inch rainfall that was a great aid to the farmers and was sufficient to make working in the fields out of the question.

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