

HARDING CLOSES VISIT IN ALASKA

MARINE TRANSPORT HENDERSON STEAMS FOR VANCOUVER AND SEATTLE.

EXPRESS REGRET IN PARTING

President's Party Enjoyed Stay; Natives Appreciate Publicity Directed to Territory.

Sitka, Alaska.—President Harding concluded his visit to Alaska here exactly two weeks from the day he first stepped on the soil of the territory and the marine transport Henderson, carrying the Presidential party, steamed out of the harbor bound for Vancouver, B. C., and Seattle.

The chief executive and also Mrs. Harding expressed a deep feeling of regret as they said farewell to the citizens of this little town, where occurred the ceremony which transferred the territory from Russian to American rule, and through these citizens good-bye to Alaska.

The two weeks spent in Alaska have given the President and his cabinet advisers accompanying him, a new vision of the territory and, as he has said, a new determination to do all in his power to bring this vast area to its fullest degree of development.

Great as was the regret of Mr. Harding and other members of his party at leaving the territory where they have been welcomed so cordially, such feeling obviously was shared to the fullest degree by the people of Alaska.

Whatever the government may do to aid Alaska in the future as a result of the President's visit, the people of Alaska declare much already has been done because for two weeks more attention has been directed towards the territory than at any time since it was purchased by the United States in 1867.

The residents also believe Mr. Harding's visit has served to enlighten the people of the States regarding Alaskan resources and to dispel the old ideas derived from the early designation of the territory as an ice box.

The President during his two weeks' stay has visited 11 towns and several little settlements, has made several trips into the interior and has sailed along more than 1,000 miles of coast line.

Escaped From Prison 32 Years Ago.

Newton.—Dan Brinkley, "Little Dan" Brinkley, as he was known 35 years ago to distinguish him from his father, was arrested in Claremont, seven miles from this city, by Deputy Sheriff H. C. Hicks on the charge of escaping from the State penitentiary 32 years ago. He was convicted in Catawba court in 1888 of robbing the dwelling house of an old man named Smith and sentenced to 10 years in the penitentiary. Three years later he escaped and had entirely dropped out of sight.

Rotary Leaders Gather for Caucus.

Chicago.—Rotary leaders from all sections gathered here for a four-day caucus on the platform and program of the new administration, installed recently at the St. Louis convention.

President Guy Gundaker, Philadelphia, devoted most of the initial session to an outline of the new year's international program to the board of directors and district governors from some 40 provinces. A code of ethics for every line of business was mentioned by Mr. Gundaker as one aim which might enlist a prominent place on the Rotary activity for the year.

Codes of conduct, he said, reduced costs, eliminated destructive competition, maintained high standards of trade relations, protected the public from irresponsible business men, and tended generally to the elevation of business principles.

Slaughters Family in Melancholia.

Columbia, Tenn.—Mrs. Dugger, aged 36, her two children, a boy of four and a girl of two, are dead and Ohir Dugger, the husband and father, is dying in the King's Daughter's hospital here as the result of a sudden fit of melancholia on the part of Dugger.

Dugger, according to the sheriff, who made a personal investigation, used a razor to cut the throats of his wife and two children and then turned the weapon upon himself, inflicting wounds from which he is dying.

LEVIATHAN COMPLETES FIRST AMERICAN VOYAGE

New York.—The Leviathan completed her maiden voyage under the American flag. More than 7,500 persons were at the Hudson river pier where the giant "Sea Palace" docked.

The running time from Southampton to New York was five days, 12 hours and 11 minutes, with an average speed of 23.09 knots an hour. Her speed from Nantucket to Ambrose light was 25.07 knots an hour.

The longest day's run was 605 miles. On another day 601 miles were covered. Ten stowaways slipped aboard at Cherbourg and Southampton. They were turned over to Ellis Island authorities.

MADE 170 MILES PER HOUR

TANK LEAK CAUSES FLIER TO ABANDON HIS ATTEMPT TO CROSS CONTINENT.

Officer Suffers No Ill Effects From Oil Fumes and May Attempt Flight Again.

Rock Springs, Wyo.—Forced down by a new leak in the oil cooling tank of his plane, Lieutenant Russell L. Maughan was forced to abandon his attempt to cross the continent between dawn and dusk. He landed at the air mail field at 5:03 p. m.

A hurried examination by two air mail pilots who were the only men on the field when Maughan descended, convinced the transcontinental flier that it would be impossible to repair the leak in time for him to reach the west coast before dark, and he called off the flight.

The leak was around the edges of the portion of the tank which had been soldered at Cheyenne when Maughan was delayed for an hour. Maughan passed over Rock Springs at 4:58, apparently bent upon continuing the flight despite the leak but he turned back a few minutes later and landed.

"It would require from 3 to 4 hours to repair the leak," Maughan told the Associated Press, "consequently the flight is off."

Lieutenant Maughan went to a hotel here after waiting at the air field while the two pilots, Harry Chandler and Jack Sharpenack, examined the tank.

He was greatly disappointed at the second failure which had greeted his attempt to cross the continent and his demeanor plainly indicated disgust as he walked away from the field.

The aviator was smearing Green river when the oil tank began leaking badly, he said, resulting in his decision to abandon the flight and return to Rock Springs.

Lieutenant Maughan said he felt no ill-effects from the nausea which nearly overcame him at Cheyenne as the result of fumes from the escaping oil. He said he felt "fine" and was going to "take a good sleep."

Asked whether he would make another attempt to span the continent between dawn and dusk, Lieutenant asserted: "That is up to Washington."

He added that he "naturally" would be "glad to try it again."

Maughan made the trip from Cheyenne to Rock Springs, 245 miles, in one hour and thirty-two minutes, or at a speed of approximately 170 miles an hour.

Decrease Shown in Crushed Seed.

Washington.—Cottonseed crushed in the eleven-month period, August 1 to June 30, totalled 3,226,915 tons, compared with 2,983,272 in the same period a year ago, and cottonseed on hand at mills June 30 amounted to 13,768 tons compared with 19,767 a year ago, the Census Bureau announced.

Cottonseed products manufactured during the period and on hand June 30 included:

Crude oil produced 93,759,429 pounds, compared with 92,242,369 in the same period a year ago, and on hand 11,733,463 pounds, compared with 12,109,848 a year ago.

Refined oil produced 899,054,659 pounds, compared with 832,092,575 and on hand 191,665,862 pounds, compared with 211,114,057.

Cake and meal produced 1,480,752 tons, compared with 1,344,461, and on hand 84,646 tons, compared with 83,526.

Linters produced 601,548 bales, compared with 394,388, and on hand 40,767 bales, compared with 67,025.

Exports of linters in the eleven months totalled 37,777 bales, compared with 122,927.

BAPTIST MEET IN STOCKHOLM

REPRESENTATIVES OF NATIONS ON HAND FOR GREAT CONFERENCE.

ARF WELCOMED TO SWEDEN

Greetings Read From President Harding and Former Prime Minister Lloyd George.

Stockholm, Sweden.—Thirty-six nations answered the roll call at the opening of the third congress of the Baptist World alliance and after a welcome from the Baptists of Sweden by Dr. J. Bystrom, president of the Swedish union, and Premier Trygger, greetings were read from President Harding, and the former British prime minister, David Lloyd George.

President Harding's message, presented through the Rev. W. S. Abernethy, of Washington, his pastor, was as follows:

"I should be glad if you will find an opportunity to convey to the Baptist World alliance the greetings of a fellow Baptist and express for me the hope that we shall have throughout the world a continued growth, in that religious devotion which makes a finer brotherhood of men in a conscientious worship of God. I believe with all my heart that nothing is more needed today than the practical application of the spirit of Christ."

Mr. Lloyd George's message, conveyed through Dr. J. H. Shakespere of London, secretary of the alliance, said:

"Please convey warm greetings to my fellow Baptists gathered in Stockholm for the third world congress. I trust their deliberations may promote the cause of peace among nations, so that they may see on time the rocks upon which civilization is being driven. May a new faith and determination enable them to face the problems of the future."

Representatives of the free churches then greeted the congress, to which the Rev. G. W. Truett of Dallas, Texas, responded. In the roll call of nations the representative of each spoke briefly. The Rev. G. S. Shank, of Seattle, responded for the Northern Baptists, the Rev. A. C. Cree of Atlanta, for the Southern Baptists, and the Rev. D. S. Klugh of Boston, for the negro Baptists of America.

The European delegates, excluding the Scandinavian countries, number nearly 300 and these with the representatives from North and South America, Asia, and Africa bring the total to several thousands.

Robeson Trio Freed By Jury.

Lumberton, N. C.—Fifty minutes after the fate of three Robeson county men had been placed in the hands of the jury here the defendants heard the words, "Not guilty," which exonerated them of participation in the whipping of two white women by hooded raiders near Proctorville, N. C., on the night of April 24.

And five minutes later the trio—Mike Lawson, chief of police of the village of Fairmont, and Johnson Hedgepeth, a farmer, and Jule Brogren, a mechanic, both of Proctorville—were free men, for Solicitor Thomas A. McNeill promptly nolle prossed the indictment for first degree burglary.

Cotton Spindle Activity Drops Off.

Washington.—The department of commerce announces that according to preliminary figures compiled by the bureau of census, there were 37,374,876 cotton spinning spindles in place in the United States on June 30, 1923, of which 34,843,421 were operated at some time during the month, compared with 35,390,137 for May, 35,515,791 for April, 35,500,518 for March, 35,307,707 for February, 25,240,853 for January, 1923, 32,499,324 for August, 1922, and 31,882,542 for June, 1922.

The aggregate number of active spindle hours reported for the month was 8,384,582. During June the normal time of operation was 26 days, compared with 26 1/2 days for May, 24 2/3 days for April and 27 for March 23 2/3 for February, and 26 1/2 for January. Based on an activity of 8.74 hours per day, the average number of spindles operated during June was 36,597,371 or at 98.7 per cent capacity on a single shift basis. This number compared with an average of 40,192,970 for May, 40,759,979 for April, 40,389,029 for March, 40,847,845 for February, 40,008,203 for January, 34,041,028 for August, and 33,655,212 for June, 1922.

TWO MEN MEET DEATH AT CRASH OF PLANE

Detroit.—Howard Neal, proprietor of the Detroit Photo company, and a man believed to be Eugene Ranchard, an airplane pilot, were burned to death when an airplane in which they were riding burst into flames 1,000 feet in the air and crashed in the western part of Sandwich township, Ontario, about 12 miles southwest of Windsor.

The bodies were badly burned and death is believed to have come almost instantly.

Identification of Neal's body was made by his wife, who flew to the scene of the crash in an airplane piloted by Eddie Etimson, a commercial aviator. After viewing the bodies, Mrs. Neal collapsed and was removed to a Sandwich hospital.

PERMIT POLICIES TO LAPSE

CONGRESSMAN THOMAS OF OKLAHOMA SAYS COMPANIES GET MILLIONS.

Would Give Them Full Protection Under All Insurance Policy Contracts.

Washington.—Asserting that insurance companies have confiscated millions of dollars because of lapsed payments by policy holders Representative Thomas, democrat, of Oklahoma, announced he would introduce a bill in the next Congress, seeking to guarantee to the public "the full benefits under all insurance policy contracts."

The money held by the companies, Mr. Thomas said, consists of funds which rightfully belong to the estate of unfortunate persons who permitted their policies to lapse after making a sufficient number of annual premiums payments to give their policies a paid up or extended insurance value.

Failure of the companies to fully advise policy holders of the value of their policies, Mr. Thomas said, is responsible for the condition. Many who have permitted their policies to lapse, he said, do not know such policies have a value if they have been in force for more than three years, "and the insurance companies, taking advantage of this ignorance, fail to notify them of such value."

Mr. Thomas said he had made an investigation of the subject which showed that "during the past 21 years, hundreds of thousands of policyholders have permitted insurance aggregating ten billion dollars to lapse and through failure to make claims for the surrender value of their insurance have permitted the companies, in effect, to confiscate hundreds of millions of dollars."

Plan to Raise Price of Wheat.

Chicago.—Urging the housewife to buy a barrel of flour, the general public to purchase individually 1,000 bushels of wheat for future delivery and everybody to eat one more slice of bread daily, a plan to combat dropping wheat and flour prices, has been endorsed by George E. Marcy, president of the Armour Grain Company, and is advocated by commission houses and grain men here.

July wheat tumbled to 96 3/8 here. Flour dropped 15 cents a barrel with Spring patents in the retail trade quoted at \$6.85 in small lots and Winter wheat flour from \$5 to \$6.

The sentimental effect of the purchase of 1,000 bushels of wheat by 100,000 persons would tend to stabilize the market and restore the fallen confidence of grain operators, grain men declared, advocating that feature of the plan as the most important. Another 100,000,000 bushels might be disposed of to manufacturers of farm implements and automobiles, whose business to a certain extent is affected by the prosperity of the farmer, the plan proposed.

The healthful advantages of increasing daily bread rations by one slice for each person in the United States would augment the psychological effect on the market caused by the increased demand for bread, proponents of the plan explicated.

Roomer Shoots Up the Household.

Buffalo, N. Y.—Paul Cherenke, 25, shot and killed Mrs. Pauline Justin, in her home at Lackawanna, and then shot down her husband Summar Justin. Justin was taken to a hospital, seriously wounded.

Cherenke left his victims lying as they fell, went to his own room in another part of the Justin home and shot himself. He died instantly.

The shooting was said to have been the result of an argument in which Mrs. Justin was involved.

FRANCISCO VILLA SLAIN IN MEXICO

MIGUEL TRILLO AND THREE MEMBERS OF ESCORT ASSASSINATED WITH HIM.

SECRETARY IS EXONERATED

He and Villa Both Shot at Same Time and Instantly Killed; Assassins Unknown.

Mexico City, Mex.—General Francisco Villa, one time noted bandit leader, and his chief of staff, Colonel Miguel Trillo and three members of Villa's escort were assassinated in an ambush on the outskirts of Parral, in the state of Chihuahua.

About a half dozen men comprised the band of assassins. They fired upon Villa and his men from a house they were passing and are reported to have made their escape from the scene.

Villa was driving an automobile on the way to Guanajuato.

Immediately the news of the assassination reached here orders were sent to scour the country side adjacent to the ambush in an endeavor to round up the guilty persons. The body of Villa is lying in the city hall at Parral where thousands of persons have viewed it.

President Obregon has ordered an investigation into the assassination. Major General Eugenio Martinez of Chihuahua has sent to Gen. Francisco Sarrano, secretary of war, an official report he received from Col. J. Felix Lana, commander of the garrison at Parral, in connection with the killing of the former noted rebel leader. The report follows:

"Villa, Trillo and three members of his escort were killed shortly before 8 o'clock with premeditation while Villa and his companions were driving in an automobile, which Villa personally was piloting toward Guanajuato, a suburb of this city. The shots were fired by six or seven men posted in a house on the roadway.

"I immediately ordered an investigation in co-operation with the civil authorities. I have learned that three men, armed with 30-30 rifles, fled from the house on horseback in the direction of Santa Clara, through the hills.

"I had no cavalry and could not pursue them. The most I could do was to order the various detachments in this sector to be on the outlook for the assassins. The city authorities have ordered a detachment of rurales to begin pursuit."

Official telegrams received at military headquarters confirm the death of Francisco Villa near Parral and exonerate his secretary, Miguel Trillo, of all blame for his death, earlier telegrams having said Villa was killed by his secretary.

Excitement here is intense.

7-Year-Old Boy Enjoys Autoing.

Gastonia.—Plato Coleman, the seven-year-old youth who recently was hailed before Clerk of the Superior Court S. C. Hendricks on charges of stealing a Ford automobile, is again the possessor of someone else's Ford and when last seen was in the hills of South Carolina around York county vicinity.

He took a Ford touring car belonging to L. A. Bradford, of this city. The car had just been repaired and painted. The front fenders were not on the car at the time it was missed.

Chicago Police Block Bomb Plan.

Chicago.—Police won a "race" with the lighted fuse of a bomb in a tenement here when they were summoned by Benjamin Angoni, a resident of the house, who told them he had been awakened by a man who placed the explosive near his door. After lighting the fuse the man fled, according to Angoni, who ran to a corner drug store and called the officers, who extinguished the fuse. The bomb contained six pounds of explosives, the police said.

Fifteen Hurt in Bus-Car Crash.

New York.—Fifteen persons were injured when crowded municipal bus was demolished in a collision with a street car at Third street on Avenue A.

All of the injured, including several women and children, were in the bus, which overturned, showering victims with glass.

The street car motorman who escaped injury, was arrested for assault, it being charged that he failed to heed a "stop" signal at a crossing.

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