

OFFICERS SEEK TRUCE WITH MOUNTAINEERS

THIRTEEN DEATHS IN AIR SERVICE ARE CHARGED TO MISMANAGEMENT

FORMER LIEUTENANT IN AIR MAIL SERVICE CITES THIRTEEN SPECIFIC CASES WHERE INEFFICIENCY WAS CAUSE OF FATAL ACCIDENTS

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire) CHICAGO, May 13.—Specific charges that thirteen men have been killed in the air mail service because of what he termed "gross mismanagement, inefficiency and criminal negligence" by officials, were made by Lieutenant C. C. Eversole, in testimony presented to the government today through a federal committee which has been conducting a secret investigation of air mail conditions.

Members of the committee today said they had appealed to Washington for his reinstatement. Included in the evidence were affidavits from several pilots and mechanics now in the service, all of which confirmed Lieutenant Eversole's charges, and the mute evidence of a statement written by Pilot J. P. Christensen previous to his death in a fall at Cleveland a few weeks ago.

The transcript of Eversole's testimony referred only briefly to the charges made known yesterday that air mail field officials were drunk while on duty and staged wild parties which resulted in the deaths of several pilots and mechanics. He charged that death chiefly with deaths and accidents alleged to have been due to inefficiency by the men in charge and recommended:

1. Carl Smith, pilot, killed in fall at Elizabethtown, N. J., said to have been sent into service with inefficient training and to have been assigned to a DeHavilland four, of which he knew nothing.

2. Pilot Storer, said to have been forced to fly in dense fog against his judgment and that of other pilots. Hit a tree at Goshen, Ind.

3. Pilot Bryan McMillin, killed in three days previously and was ordered to fly at Batavia, Ill. Had fallen derided by physicians not to fly again until completely well.

4. Pilot Sherwood, killed when plane hit smokestack near landing field at Newark, N. J. Eversole's affidavit alleged that the small four-engine plane was not properly secured for take-off and that a crew of mechanics all of whom were intoxicated, overhauled the ship at the

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Two California Lads Saved From Death On Gallows

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire) SACRAMENTO, Cal., May 13.—A bill prohibiting capital punishment for persons under 18 years of age was signed by Governor Stephens today. The bill was amended in the final hours of the legislative session to place the burden of proof of age on the defendant.

Pershing Will Become Actual Chief of Army on July First

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire) WASHINGTON, May 13.—General Pershing will become chief of the general staff and the actual head of the army, July 1, Secretary Weeks announced today. On that date he will relieve Major General Peyton C. March, the present chief of staff.

United States Holds Balance in Disarmament Plans, Wendell

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire) PHILADELPHIA, May 13.—An attack upon the military aspirations of leading nations of the world and a strong demand for reduction of armaments were made today and tonight by one Democratic United States senator and three Republican representatives, who spoke before the twenty-fifth annual meeting of the American Academy of Political and Social Science. They differed only in the methods they advocated to bring about disarmament.

United Labor in United States Is Proposed to Some Extent

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire) CINCINNATI, May 12.—Organized labor in the United States must not take any action which would be construed as an assistance to or approval of the soviet government of Russia, the executive committee of the American Federation of Labor warned in its annual report, which was completed here today.

British Transport Workers Take First Step To Aid Miners

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire) LONDON, May 13.—The national union of railway men today stepped actively into the fight in support of striking British miners.

Dr. Hill Declines To Accept Japanese Post

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire) WASHINGTON, May 13.—Dr. Hill, former ambassador to Berlin, called at the white house today and declined to accept the Japanese post of ambassador to the United States.

FOUR ENLISTED MEN BLOWN TO DEATH AT FORT SILL ARSENAL

LAWTON, Okla., May 13.—Four enlisted men of the Seventh ordnance depot detachment at Fort Sill, Okla., were instantly killed late today when 500 pounds of black gunpowder, condemned and ordered destroyed, exploded prematurely. The men literally were blown to pieces. Search continuing until darkness resulted in the finding only of fragments of the bodies.

The dead are: Private Luther D. Gee, 21, Snyder, Okla.; Private James W. Talley, 26, father Charles Talley, Vulcan, Mo.; Private David C. Monroe, 20, sister Mrs. Jennie Morrison, lives at 37 South Second street, Elizabeth, N. J.; Royal J. Clark, 20, mother Mrs. Laura Clark, lives on rural route No. 4, Cedarville, Iowa.

SLACKER'S MOTHER SAYS SHE DID NOT BUY LIBERTY BONDS

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire) WASHINGTON, May 13.—Not one dollar of the \$105,000 gold obtained from the treasury was put in a pot for burial in the mountains, Mrs. Berdell testified today before a house committee investigating the escape of Grover C. Bergdoll, her slacker son.

Pastor's Appeal Is Answered By Bad Check Artist

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire) RIVERSIDE, Calif., May 13.—The pastor of a local church was taking a special collection. Eighteen dollars in small change had been received but \$2 more was needed. After repeated pleadings by the minister a stranger arose and said:

George Insists Poles Respect Treaty Or Give Berlin Release

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire) LONDON, May 13.—Great Britain will not accept as a fact accomplished the seizure and holding by insurgent Poles under the leadership of Adalbert Koranyi of portions of Upper Silesia.

Honolulu Officer Says No Trace Of Missing Navy Tug

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire) WASHINGTON, May 13.—Wide search in the Pacific has revealed no trace of the naval tug Conestoga, which left San Francisco for Samoa with a cargo of mail and supplies.

Reorganization Of Goodyear Rubber Co. Has Been Completed

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire) NEW YORK, May 13.—The directors of the Goodyear Rubber Company met here today and completed the reorganization of the corporation under the terms recently outlined by the new financial interests.

Alleged German Agent Expelled From Rhineland

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire) COBLENZ, May 13.—The inter-allied commission has ordered expelled from occupied territory, Franz Schulerberg, who was arrested in the United States during the war as an alleged German agent and charged with implication in plots.

Kramer Favors Better Law To Check Illegal Liquor Traffic

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire) WASHINGTON, May 13.—A serious problem confronting federal prohibition enforcement officials is the prevention of sales of alcohol, ostensibly for medicinal and industrial purposes, which later are diverted into illicit channels.

12 Freight Cars Go In Ditch At Eagle Flat, Texas

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire) EL PASO, Tex., May 13.—Twelve freight cars piled up in the ditch at Eagle Flat, Tex., on the Texas & Pacific railroad, 112 miles east of here, today, delayed traffic several hours.

Prominent Surgeon Says Tobacco Less Harmful Than Coffee

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire) LONDON, May 13.—Tobacco is the least harmful of the "four social poisons," tea, coffee, tobacco and alcohol, according to Sir James Cantlie, the eminent surgeon, speaking here recently.

Communists Say Rail Defects Should Be Met By Government

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire) WASHINGTON, May 13.—Deficits in present railroad operations and the increase in claims against the treasury arising from war time government control, "threaten the permanency of private ownership" in transportation, Chairman Cummins of the senate interstate commerce committee said today during cross examination of Julius Kruttschnitt, chairman of the board of the Southern Pacific, in the investigation of the railroad situation.

Coal Takes Drop

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire) SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, May 13.—Local dealers today announced a reduction in the retail price of lump coal from \$10 to \$9.50 a ton, to be effective until July 1.

TERRORIZED WOMEN AND CHILDREN SEEK SHELTER IN CELLARS AS BULLETS HAIL ON NEARBY TOWNS

VIRGINIA MOUNTAINEERS REFUSE TO ACCEPT TRUCE UNLESS FORCE ON KENTUCKY SIDE OF RIVER ALSO AGREES TO STOP FIRING

(Bulletin) WILLIAMSON, W. Va., May 13.—An emissary of the state forces taking part in the battle which has raged for days in the Mingo mountains along the Tug river, late tonight approached the stronghold of a leader of the mountaineers under a flag of truce and asked that the mountain men cease firing into villages in this region. This information was received here tonight from Chief Deputy Sheriff John Hall, who sent one of his men into the hills to confer with the attacking party.

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Jury Frees Kauff Of Motor Theft Charge

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire) NEW YORK, May 13.—Benny Kauff, suspended giant outfielder, was acquitted by a jury in general sessions tonight on an indictment charging him with the larceny of an automobile, Dec. 8, 1919.

LEONARD FIGHTS KANSAS JUNE 6

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire) NEW YORK, May 13.—Benny Leonard, world's lightweight boxing champion, and Rocky Kansas of Buffalo, will meet in a 12-round bout at Harrison, N. J., June 6, it was announced tonight.

COW GIVES BIRTH TO FOUR CALVES

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire) BELMONT, Iowa, May 13.—Four husky calves three heifers and a bull—all doing nicely and able to take and obtain nourishment from the original source, is the contribution toward reduction in the price of meat, butter and milk offered the world last Tuesday by a cow owned by Ralph Christie, farmer here. Last year the cow gave birth to twin heifers.

CROWD BEATS MARINE STRIKEBREAKERS

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire) SEATTLE, Wash., May 13.—Eight strikebreakers, hired for the steamship Alameda of the Alaska Steamship company, were pulled from an automobile when they arrived at the ship's dock today and badly beaten by a crowd of more than 100 men, said by the police to be striking marine workers. The driver of the car also was roughly handled, police said. A riot call was turned in but the crowd had dispersed before the police arrived.

MAY CANCEL GERMAN PENALTIES

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire) BERLIN, May 13.—An exchange of views is declared to be proceeding between the allies concerning the cancellation of the allied penalties, especially the Rhine customs barrier and the occupation of the Ruhr ports, in view of Germany's acceptance of the terms. It is reported here that Great Britain favors cancellation.

BROWN AND VASQUEZ DRAW

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire) TUCSON, May 13.—Joe Brown of the Pacific coast and Mike Vasquez of El Paso fought 10 fast rounds to a draw here tonight. In fighting on the part of Vasquez and Brown's aggressiveness were featured.

TROOPS PROTECT GALVESTON SHIPPING

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire) GALVESTON, Tex., May 13.—Major General Dickman, commanding the Eighth corps area, Fort Sam Houston today ordered Colonel Covington, commanding at Fort Crockett, to take a necessary steps to protect United States shipping board vessels in the harbor by

THUNDER BILL TO REGULATE GRAIN EXCHANGES PASSES IN SENATE; MAY CLOSE BOARDS

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire) WASHINGTON, May 13.—The Trencher bill to regulate dealings by grain futures and sent to the senate. The vote was 59 to 49. The measure is designed to abolish "contracts" and "put" and "down" and "indemnities" by levying a tax of 20 cents a bushel on such transactions. A similar tax on contracts for future delivery is provided.

CHICAGO BOARD MAY CLOSE

(Republican A. P. Leased Wire) CHICAGO, May 13.—The Chicago Board of Trade, the world's greatest grain market, may withdraw from business if the Trencher bill to regulate dealings in grain futures which late today was passed by the lower house is passed by the senate. The board, headed by Joseph P. Griffin, president of the board, declared in a statement tonight that it would voluntarily withdraw from business if the bill is passed.

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