

# RAILROAD FIREMAN SUICIDES AT PASCO

Body of George Swarthout, N. P. Employee, Found Near Bridge Last Sunday

The body of George Swarthout, a Northern Pacific fireman, was found beside the railway tracks near the Pasco end of the N. P. bridge early last Sunday morning with a bullet hole through the head. A revolver with one chamber empty was found beside the body and all circumstances indicate suicide.

He had been a member of the Odd Fellows at Lexington and the body was taken in charge by the Pasco lodge. He had been firing out of Pasco for about three months and the only cause for suicide, if such it be, suggested is that of despondency following a recent illness.

## THROUGH SERVICE FOR HANFORD

When passenger service is established on the new line of the Milwaukee running through the Hanford country, through connection can be made at Hanford if plans now on foot are consummated. An effort is being made to have the Hanford Flyer tie up here over night and with the train crew stopping here will give the down-river travel fine connection with the Milwaukee country.

It is the intention of the company to keep the sturdy little passenger boat in service just as long as the boat will make expenses after the train service is established.—Columbian.

## SETTLE STORY ESTATE

President L. E. Johnson, of the First National Bank of Kennewick was in town this week on business connected with the Story estate for which he is administrator. It is reported that he will apply for a receiver for the White Bluffs Land company in order that he may be able to close up the affairs of the estate. The land company was composed of C. W. Story, deceased, and R. L. Leitch. Mr. Johnson is personally interested in the White Bluffs country, being a stockholder in the First Bank of White Bluffs.—White Bluffs Spokesman.

**Expected Too Much.**  
"Say, waiter," he growled, "this steak is not very tender." "Well, did you expect it to kiss you?" replied the tired waiter as he took the plate away.—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

**The Fruits of Love.**  
"That girl is a peach!"  
"Ah! She is the apple of my eye."  
"Then I suppose you are going to make a pair?"—Baltimore American.

Clean hands are better than full ones in the sight of God.—Publius Syrus.

# Secretary Lane's Plan To Reclaim Land From Grip of Flood

As a result of the recent disasters inflicted upon various sections of the country by the hand of the elements a great subject for debate and theory just now is flood prevention. Most of the plans as talked of in the circle of congressmen and senators are of the wild, visionary, infeasible sort.

But there is one man who probably may put through a great benefit to future generations with reference to safeguarding them from the torrents. He is Franklin K. Lane, secretary of the interior.

Secretary Lane has plans looking toward the absolute control by man of all the waterways. When the continuous rains and the thawing of snow in the early spring contrive to swell all the streams and send immeasurable volumes of water tumbling into the valleys it is his plan to have the torrents bridled.

His theory, roughly, is to have the federal government systematically widen and deepen the channels of all the waterways likely to receive the swollen waters.

The engineering of the project, of course, is a function of the war department, but Mr. Lane takes a hand in it because of the phase of land reclamation that is involved. The several states which have in the past borne the brunt of the flood terrors would be unable to float the great, costly undertaking alone; therefore it is Mr. Lane's belief the nation should take the responsibility. The states involved could contribute substantially from their resources. These commonwealths would

## ADVOCATE OF WHIPPING POST

Ardeen Foster Urges Stringent Penalty Against Social Evil.

Evidence that the great movement to improve the condition of women who are forced to work and to save the sex from the awful toll of the social evil had become international was shown recently by the visit to this country of Ardeen Foster, a notable Englishman. Mr. Foster is the international commissioner for the British Federation For the Emancipation of Sweated Women and Girls. The English movement is largely identical with that being conducted in the United States by the Illinois vice commission, at whose head is Barratt O'Hara, lieutenant governor of Illinois.



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ARDEEN FOSTER.

Mr. Foster gained fame while here principally through his advocacy of the whipping post for men who mistreat women. He set forth the example of the whipping post's results in England as proof of its efficacy. He declared that his country had virtually broken the organized traffic in the social evil through the use of the lash on the backs of those found guilty.

His society mainly gives its attention to the aiding of women employed in sweatshops and at all manner of ill paid labor. Mr. Foster expressed strong advocacy for a minimum wage and a child labor law preventing the exploitation of children in the factories. Mr. Foster's mission to this country had been to raise funds for his society, but he found soon after arriving that this was a hard task. Whereas his society needed \$500,000, according to his claim, another rival society sent communications from London saying theirs was the only worthy organization, and they counseled against Americans giving support to Mr. Foster.

The latter declares he was even dogged about this country by a spy from abroad. Meantime the United States has a movement of its own toward bettering the condition of women, probably greater than those on foot in England.

## THE U. S. ARMY FLYING BOAT.

Unique Craft Is Tested at Aviation Grounds at San Diego, Cal.

In view of the startling plans now being made to cross the Atlantic with a hydroaeroplane great interest attaches to the different styles of air craft designed to alight and rise from water. The United States army probably has as efficient a craft of this sort as is at present in existence.

The army aeroplane is called a flying boat. It differs from other hydroaeroplanes in that it is not burdened with great pontoons at center and outer points, but is designed to rest on a single one in the center. The equilibrium of the craft is maintained by a gyroscope operating above the aviator. Two very small canvas water buffers are placed at the ends of the wings to protect them from occasional dips into the waves, but not to support the machine. The machine was recently tested at the North Island aviation grounds, San Diego, Cal.

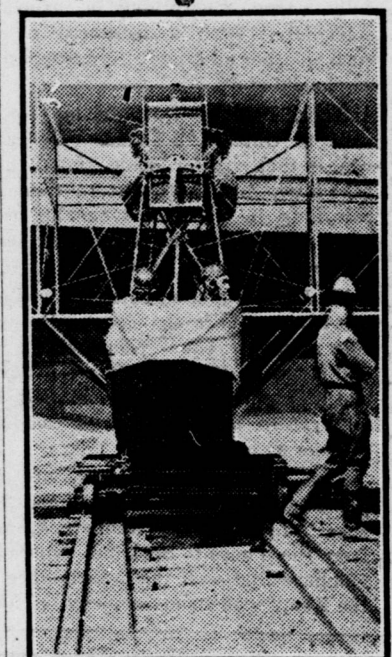
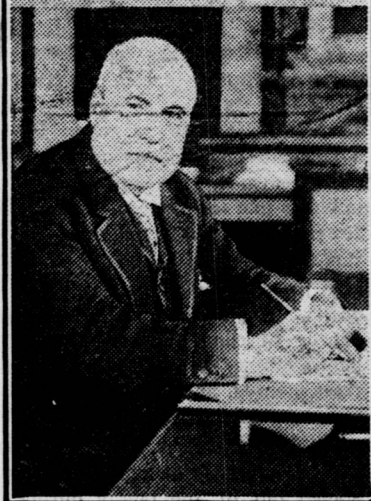


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VIEW OF FLYING BOAT.

There are several aviators planning to make an early attempt at flying across the Atlantic this summer. Impetus is given to the projects by the offer of a \$50,000 prize for such a flight, made by an English publication.



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FLOOD SCENE AT DAYTON (ABOVE) AND LATE PICTURE OF SECRETARY FRANKLIN K. LANE.

receive quick reimbursement, he believes, through the redemption of swamp lands covering thousands of acres.

And in this last mentioned idea is presented a reversal of traditions. Reclamation in the past has been almost wholly a matter of bringing water to the arid lands. The process of removing water which had soaked and swallowed up land has been attempted but seldom.

"The reclamation of overwatered lands," says Secretary Lane, "to be of real value must be preceded by systematic work on the channels of the streams draining the areas to be improved. The disaster at Dayton illustrates the point. The trouble was simply that the neck of the bottle was too small for the water to run out. The rain fell in torrents, and with no unobstructed channel to the sea the water simply backed up over the river banks. The rainstorm, I know, was phenomenal and even with the system I have suggested would have doubtless resulted in material damage and the loss of some lives. But flood conditions reappear every spring in some noticeable way, and my plan would obviate most of the resulting damage."

"It will not do for Ohio or Indiana or even the two states together to spend their money generously in clearing the beds of the streams within their boundaries. That would merely carry the flood more swiftly to the state lines to the south, and the water would back more angrily than ever into what would quickly be great lakes."

Mr. Lane illustrated the manner in which the states and the federal government might co-operate by mentioning the method followed in Oregon. In reclaiming the arid lands of Oregon the state supplies the water, which is under government ownership, and \$450,000 for the work. The federal government supplies its engineers and an equal sum of money. When the 30,000 acres of land to be reclaimed has been sold the returns are expected to liquidate the expense undertaken by the United States.

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EVENING:  
8:30—Festival dance, ballroom, Masonic temple.

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9:30—Trolley rides among the Blossoms.

AFTERNOON:  
2:00—Blossom Parade.  
3:30—Baseball, Baker vs. North Yakima.

EVENING:  
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