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MONTANA SUFFERS INGREAT DROUTH

Crops Practically a Failure in Middle and Eartern Portions of the State,

Ranges Burned With Heat-Streams Going Dry and Fish Are Dying In Stagmant Pools,-Horses Left to Die of Starvation

Returning this week from a three months solourn in Montana, E. F. Rohr, of North Roseburg, brings a story of crop failure and distress in that state that is appaling. In conversation with a News representative, last evening, Mr. Rohr said that there has not been a good crop in all central and eastern Montana since -916, and that the crops there this year are a practical failure. In 1917 the draught had its beginning, and in 1918 conditions continued going bad. There was little rainfall during 1918, and the stock ranges were grazed down close, horses, cattle and sheep finding hard picking during all of last season. The winter of 1918-19 was unusual in that very little snow fell in the mountains. In fact the winter of 1917-18 was also noted for light precipitation, and in consequence of this fact the streams having their source in the mountain ranges dwindled away during last season, and this year many of the big creeks and most of the smaller ones have gone dry. The stock ranges are barren at the present time, and cattle and sheep men are sending their herds to the stubble fields of the Dakotas as fast as they can get cars to transport the stock.

In the grain sections of middle and eastern Montana the crops this season, with exception, perhaps of an occasional favorably located place, are a total failure. There was not sufficient moisture to start the spring sown grain, and when the seed did sprout and come up, the seed did sprout and come up, the drouth was so marked that the ten drouth was so marked that the tender plants goon dried up and died
out. An occasional field that under
favorable surroundings got a little
start early in the spring, grew six
or eight inches high and withered
away. The farmers of the state are
in distress at this very moment, and
destitution and want stares the people of the drouth sections in the
face. There is not enough feed for
the work stock on most of the farms
in middle and eastern Montana, and
the dry belt extends to the northern
part of Wyoming and into the western portions of the Dakotas, as well
as for hundreds of miles northward
across the British line and far into
'Alberta, where there has been two
successive crop failures. The people are without means of getting out
of the state, and neither do they
have money to buy seed for planting
in anticipation of better conditions
in 1920.

As evidence of the extent of the outh, Mr. Rohr stated that a water drouth, Mr. Rohr stated that a water train is in continuous operation over the Great Northern lines from Great Falls northward to Chester, near the boundary line, and that residents of the little town along the railway are supplied with water for domestic purposes by this service. Streams that in former years were nearly as large as the South Umpqua at this season of the year are now practically dry, and the fish are congregated in the pot holes along the creek beds where they are dying in the stagmant water by hundreds of thousands.

GEORGE FOUTCH BUYS

An Important business deal was an important eusiness deal was closed this afternoon when George Foutch purchased the Grand Cate owned by Lafe Lewis. This deal was reported in progress several days ter Frances.

ago, but when interviewed Mr. Foutch denied that he had parchasted the restaurant and stated that he would make an anouncement when he had completed the purchase. He will make a number of substantial improvements on the interior hefore opening for business. The walls will be plastered and tinted and several other changes made, which will make it one of the most op-to-date restaurants in the city. Mr. Foutch has an enviable record as proprietor and will no doubt make his new enterprise a complete success.

FARMERS ARE RUINED ADVISES GOOD CARE OF FIRE APPARATUS

Evidently State Fire marshal Wells has been aroused by the lack of fire protection in the towns and cities of Oregon and has issued the following statement which was re-ceived here today:

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"From investigations made by the deputies of this department it has been found that many of the sunal-ler cities are without adequate fire-fighting apparatus, due to a lack of interest on the part of the people to ascertain what condition their fire-fighting facilities are in," reads the warning. "Therefore, several towns have suffered, and it is predicted that if the citizens of various communities do not take an interest in that if the citizens of various com-munities do not take an interest in protecting their property they will have to pay the reserve penalty, as have other towns in the past. The Oregon state fire marshal's depart-ment appeals to the citizens to in-vestigate and cooperate with the city officials and fire departments in order that some good may come of this warning."

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In some instances, it is stated, In some instances, it is stated, these investigations have revealed gross carelesaness in the care of such fire fighting aparatus as the average small city possesses. Hose has been found wound on the reel backwards, nozles and couplings have been carelessly thrown around and are missing, hose earts have been permitted to deteriorate through long disuse and neglect and in some instances, the hose has been found to have been used by some building contractor and left in a part of town far distant from the fire station.

DANCE WILL BE HELD TILLER SATURDAY NIGHT

Arrangements have been made for a dance to be given at Tiller Saturday evening, July 26, and a goodly number from this city are planning on taking in the event. Owing to the fact that it was impossible to secure sufficient lumber to complete the new dancing parillion at that place it has been decided to give one more dance in the old hall, as it may yet be some time before the other is complete. Word received from Tiller today is to the effect that they are planning on a very social time, fully in keeping with past events of this nature given at that place. James Goodman and Bert Bates have been secured to furnish music for the occasion. Arrangements have been made for

AIRPLANES DROP IN

"By Heck, thar's another one of them airie-planes. Two of 'em In-gosh!" Two ships piloted by Lieut-enant E. C. Kiel and Sergeant Frank McKee flew into the city this after-noon at about 3:30 o'clock from Medford, making the air trip in one hour and ten minutes. They arrived the stagnant water by hundreds of thousands.

Mr. Rohr in company with J. L. Thornley, well known to sheepmen of the Umpqua Valley, was engaged in shearing in Montana, and owners there paid form 20 cents to 22½ cents per head for this work. Wool is worth around 60 cents on an average in Montana.

Mr. Rohr stated many sheep sheared were so weak that they could scarcely walk from the shearing tables, and that all such animals were immediately loaded into cars at available points and started castward to places where they could be fed. At the present time a large per cent of cattle and sheep lave either been sent to the Dakotas or to the mountain districts of Western Montana, where there is feed, Horses running on rances are being left to starve, as there is no market for them and therefore they will die as soon as the fall and winter storms begin.

Mr. Rohr said that it seemed mighty good to get hick to the Umpqua, where there is plenty and to spare for both man and beast.

Medford, making the air trip in one at about 3:30 o'clock from Medford, making the air trip in one at about 2:30 o'clock from Medford, making the air trip in one well at that place yesterday noon and at that place yesterday noon and at the prace for hose work. We done the minutes. They arrived at the minutes. They arrived at that place yesterday noon and at the lem viter for the heavy fog and clouds would not land and were forced to retract on the heavy fog and clouds would not land and were forced to retract on the heavy fog and clouds would not land and were forced to retract on the heavy fog and clouds would not land and were forced to retract on the heavy fog and clouds would not land and were forced to retract on the heavy fog and clouds would not land and were forced to retract on the heavy fog and clouds would not land and were forced to retract on the heavy fog and clouds would not land and were forced to retract on the machines are on their way to Seattle for open any a recrulting softwice.

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BENNET AREAD OF SCHEDULE

Wells Bennett, the speedy motor-cycle driver, out for the record in the three-flag event, passed through this city this morning at 1:15, a quarter of an hour shead of his schedule. He is having no trouble and is making excellent time

TAFT ENDEAVORING TO PUT LEAGUE OVER

Proposes to Get Republicans And Democrats to Endorse Common Plan.

WILSON MEN UNMOVED

Disciples of Jefferson Cling to President Wilson's Policies and Refuse to be Moved-The Big Ships to be Built.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, July 24,-Ex-pre sident Tait, who has written to sev-eral of the republican senators and eaders, offering suggestions and reservations to the peace treaty which are thought by their author unigh are thought by their author night possibly be acceptable to both sides in the senate, has now opened a correspondence on the subject with the democratic leaders. Senator Hitchcock, deurocrat, received a communication from Mr. Taft today. Owing to the attitude of Mr. Taft, republicans are renewing their efforts in working out a plan of reservations which they hope to put through. Although Senator McNary, republican, of Oregon, and other senators are conditionally favoring the league of nations covenant, believing that in the end most democrats and many republicans will unite on a middle ground position, democratic leaders remain unchanged in their demand for unreserved ed in their demand for unreserved ratification of the presidents peace

WITH VIEW TO WAR.

WASHINGTON, July 24.—Two gigantic ocean liners, larger than any slips now affoat, and designed to cross the Atlantic in four days, will be built by the shipping board. These vessels will be a thousand feet long and capable of making 30 knots an hour. They will be equipped as commerce destroyers in event of war.

GIVE LEAGUE CONTROL.

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PARIS, July 24. The Baltic commission of the peace conference/has presented a report fecommending that the Aland Islands, between Sweden and Finland, at the month of the Gulf of Bothnia, be neutralized under the guarantee of the loague of nations.

ATTACK FRENCH TROOPS

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GENEVA, July 24.—As a result of an attack upon French soldiers by Bulgarians, a French regiment has arrived at Sofia, the Bulgar capital, for purpose of disarming the local carrison. Dispatches atate that the French were atacked by Eugarian troops as the regiment was landing at Lom Palanka a few days are. Lively fighting ensued which lasted for three hours, during which three or three hours, during which three French troopers were killed.

TREATY MISUNDERSTOOD.

WASHINGTON, July 24.—De-claring that the treaty provisions Siving Japan control of Shintung, had been repeatedly misinterpreted and generally misunderstood, Sana-tor Robinson, or Arkansas, demo-crat, told the senate that it was on-

just to suspect Japan's motives or to question her declaration that the territory would eventually be re-stored to China.

ROSERURG TO THE PRONT.

H. L. Perey, manager of the
Antlers theatre and the Majec-H. L. Percy, manager of the Antiers theatre and the Majeestic, is today conferring with a a number of local business men relative to the establishment of a corporation here to purchase an airplans to be used for amusement purposes. Mr. Percy has just returned from Medior desired where he talked with Seely Hall and Floyd Hart, two aviators of that city who recently secured a plane from Sacramento and brought it to Medford. The Medford plane was purchased by a number of the business men and residents of that city are being booked for flights. In the event the ship is secured for Roschurg it is vety probable that Leo Devancy and Roy Huffmm will be secured to pilot the plane above the clouds, for both of these young men are well versed in the art of flying.

ENGINEERS SHUN PEEVISH TOWNS

Riddle, Myrtle Creek, Glendale Are Not Safe For Highway Surveyors.

MEETING ON AUGUST 5

Contracts to He Awarded for the Improvement Work on Various Sections of Pacific Highway in Douglas County.

According to the Portland Oregon

According to the Portland Oregenian engineers of the state highway
department no longer glop at Myrtle
Crock, Glendale, or Riddle Eaglucers are unpopular in those
places for the location of the Pacific
highway selected by the commission
leaves these 3 towns off the main
road. An engineer, by the way, can
always be identified by his leggins or
puttees, and the further fact that he
is generally a young man, vigorous
physically and has the clean-cut appearance of the young men who ad
vertise clothing in the magazines.
In an inspection of the Pacific highway made by State Engineer Num
and Commissioner Booth these engineers were found everywhere.
They are generally along the roadside jugling with a mass of figures,
have many appears and those continuers
limit together the organization will
doubliess he all that could be desired.

Madam Cafarelli, dramatic soprano assisted by the band, sang a
number of pleasing soloa, each being
roundly applauded. She was forced
to respond to several encores and
in each instance-sang songs of a
nature-enjoyed by all.

This afternoon W. L. Mellinger
taked of "Misunderstood Mecico",
and made one of the brilliant addresses of the entire Chautanqua. He
had a great deal of interesting in
formation not known to many who
do not follow history clonely, and
what he had to say he said in a
thoro ighly convincing and entertaining manner. Briefly he set
forth the idea that the Mexicuns are
less than laif as had as they are side jugling with a mass of figures, maps and papers and these engineers are all of the same type. Judging from their enthusiasm over their work they would not change places with the president of the United

with the president of the United States.

The next highway meeting is to be held at Portland August 5, at which time Douglas county is to be favored by several contracts as follows:

Douglas county, Yoncalla section, Pacific highway, grading and macadam, 8.5 miles.

m. 8.5 miles. Roseburg-Wilbur section. Pacific

Conflicting Thoughts -

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GRAN'PA MAY BORROW YOUR KNIFE ? I WANTA SEE IF THE SEEDS HAVE TURNED DARK, YET

BAND RENDERS FINE PROGRAM

Musical Organization Plays Before Large Audience At Chautauqua Tent.

SINGER IS A FEATURE

Mme. Cafarelli Dramatic Soprano is Very Pleasing in Folk Songs .-American Compositions and Encore Numbers.

With everything from Jazz ragtime to the highest of classical music, Jaroslav Cimera and his Czecho-Slovak Band, last night entertained over a thousand people at the Chautauqua tent. Last night was the "big" night and a great many people from all parts of Dougias county came to the city to hear the musical offerings of the organization. One of the most beautiful numbers was the anvil chorus, where the lights were turned out and by a unique electrical arrangement an illusion of flying sparks was produced, the flash illuminating the tent for brie' instants, giving an exceptionally pleasing number.

Climera displays his artistic humor in a number of selections and by the unique style of playing kept the crowd in an uproar. As a trombone soloist he is unsurpassed and the numbers in which he appeared along with the accompaniment of the band, were especially well received. As a leader Chiera is above the average. His band, however, is not as good as some others that have appeared here with the Chautauqua, but at that is very entertaining. With a high grade of instruments and a greater length of time together the organization will doubtless he all that could be desired.

Madam Cafarelli, dramatic sovered

what he had to say he said in a thoso ighly convincing and entertaining manner. Briefly he set footh the idea that the Mexicans are less than half as bad as they are painted and that they have been greatly abused. The country is a wonderful region, with every possibility of great development. He recited some history indicating that the United States has sinned more or less against the nation to the south of us.

As a prelude, the Regulers gave an nusicale and humerous presentation. This evening the concert will be opened by the Regulers, followed by Private Peat, with his story of Two Years in Heil and Back With a Smile."

The committee still needs the promise of a few more tickets to assure the Chautauqua for next year and Rossburg residents who desire to see the entertainments brought here next year are asked to sign up for tickets at this time.

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LEAVE FOR KLAMATH.

H. Guest, wife and daughter He-H. Guest, whe and daughter He-len, left this morning in their auto for Klamath Falls, Miss Helen Guest has been employed at Klamath Falls for several months and arrived in this city only recently to visit with her parents. She is now returning to her work and Mr. and Mrs. Guest will visit with her for a week or ten days. They will go by way of Crater take and will spend a short time at the famous resort.

NEW RECRUITS FOR THE ARMY SERVICE

G. O. Neubauer, Clifford Gantz and Morrison Thrush have enlisted in the Army service through the local temporary recruiting office, according to an announcement made today. Neubauer goes back into the infantry service, after having served three years in the Canadian Army infantry service, after having served three years in the Canadian Army and three years with the American forces. Gantz takes up the motor transportation and Thrush, who is a resident of Camas Valley, also goes into Motor Transport service. All three leave this evening [for Portland.

AIR BOMBING PLANE WAY ROUND COUNTRY

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, July 24.—Λ big
army bombing plane carrying a crew
of five men left the ground here today on the first lap of its eight thousand mile flight around the rim of the country. The first stop is sche-duled for Augusta, Maine, 560 miles from Washington. The machine from Washington, The machine will touch at points in thirty-one states on the Atlantic, Pacific, guif coast and Canadian border states, Lieutenant Colonel Hartz is in command of the bomber.

According to information obtainable this army bomber will make landings in three cities in Oregon, and is scheduled to touch at Portland, Salem and Roseburg.

FAMOUS MISSIONARY TO SPEAK SUNDAY

Dr. Royal J. Dye, the noted African missionary of the Christian church has just notified the paster of the Christian church that he will stop off here for Sunday morning. Or. Dye and wife went to Bolenge. or. Bye and wife went to Bolenge, Central Africa, on the Equator some years ago, and found a naked, sayage, cannibal tribe. They settled amongst them, and went to work. As a physician be had much influence, and soon was able to leach his message. The transformation has been wonderful. A congregation of 2000 members is to be found on the Congo new, and the people are a Christian, civilized people. A few years ago the Christian churches of Oregon louit, a steinhout and put of Overon built a steamboat and put it on the Congo River for the use of the missionaries, and it is known as the Oregon and is now in charge

"CHIN-CHIN" TO BE

H. L. Percy, manager of the Antiers Theatre returned today from Medford, where he has been completing arrangements for the production of Chin-Chin, the great musical company, which is to appear in this city. Thursday, July 31. Mr. Percy is enthusiastic over the coming play, which is one of the beat in the couptry. It was a difficult task to secure it for Roseburg, but the deal was finally made after a great deal of effort on the part of the local manager. Chin-Chin is praised where of or it has appeared and with a cast of is no dcubt but that Roseburg theatre goers will be more than delighted.

DESIRE COLY THEATY.

WASHINGTON, July 24.—Chairman Lodge, of the foreign relations and the mail steamer bound for Alaska. His trip was successful and incidenally he lowered to record for the Pacific Coast, The record for the Pacific Coast, The regards and well and the record for the pacific Coast, The regard has appealed to him and the restrack by its wonderful adapt.

to France in event of an unprovoked attack by Germany in the future. Unanimous consent for immediate consideration of the subject was refused, and the resolution was offered after a sharp debate in which republican members declared that the terms of the treaty required that it he submitted to the senate for rate fleation at the summetting time as the treaty with Germany.

SMITH MAY GET PLANE FOR CITY

Working To Secure Machine To Guard Umpqua District From Forest Fires.

MESSAGES ARE SENT

Wires Chief Officials of Aviation Department Setting Forth Needs of Forest District and Asking for Air Plane.

With the hope of obtaining an airplane for the purpose of patroling the Umpqua Forest Reserve, R. E.

with the sope of obtaining an airplane for the purpose of patroling the Umpqua Forest Reserve, R. E. Smith, who since his flight to Seattle has become an aeronautical enthusiast, has sent a strong plea to government officials, asking that a scouting plane be furnished for patrol work with headquarters at Roseburg under the supervision of the Forestry Service. The Evening News this morning got in communication with Mr. Smith, who is now in Portland, and he stated that he is sending his message to the proper authorities and hopes that it will obtain the desired result.

"I believe it is needed," he said, "and am going to do all within my power to secure the plane as a means of protection for the timber in Douglas County. I am familiar with conditions in the Roseburg vicinity, and know that airplane patrol is the most practical of all methods. It is difficult to obtain lookouts from vantage places on mountain tops that will cover territory officiently but fith airplanes it would be possible to look not only at the tops of mountains for indications of smoke but a flyer could see for great distances looking down directly into the depths of the canyons and gorges."

Had Personal View

"Personally I am familiar with the sight of a forest fire from an airplane. Between Grantg Pass and itoseburg we passed over fire after fire, and the minutest detail was plainly revealed even from a great height. I am wiring to the chief of the department that these planes are needed and I hope to receive immediate answer that they will be sent as soon as possible."

Forest Supervisor S. C. Bartrum, has wired Mr. Smith, requesting him to exert every effort and promising and assistance that can be given from this place. Mr. Bartrum has worked earnestly in the past to severe a plane for patrol duty, but so far has been unsuccessful.

Would Relieve Situation.

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"We ned an airplane for various reasons," said Mr. Bartrum," in the first place it is a difficult task to secure patrolimen, trailimen, and in fact any kind of labor, for with the present high wage and the great amount of employment nearly all men, are varking and at as high a wage scale ent high wage and the great amount of employment nearly all men are working and at as high a wage scale as can be given. An airplane will cut down the necessity for such a great number of men, while at the same time it will be more efficient at it can cover the entire Forest within a short space of time and can examine more closely the details in connection with each the. Instead of having to send out a patrolman to locate a fire and then waiting until he returns to a telephone to get us the news of it. An airplane could spot the fire, obtain details, and be back with all necessary information before the patrolman could travel a mile. It would not only be a time saver and labor saver but also a money saver, as it would eath the fires before they had gain-of headway and no timber would be of headway and no timber would be lost by delays in getting men to the

HERE THURSDAY "I am a strong advocate of the sirplane for forest patrol purposes and hope that Mr. Smith is successful in his plan.

WASHINGTON. July 24.—Chair-man Lodge, of the foreign relations committee today offered a resolution requesting president to send to the senate the treaty by which the Unitn timber for the greater part of his