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THE WEATHER
Friday, fair and moderate temperature.
Highest temp. yesterday... 83
Lowest temp. last night... 55

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MONTANA SUFFERS IN GREAT DROUGHT

Crops Practically a Failure in Middle and Eastern Portions of the State.

FARMERS ARE RUINED

Ranges Burned With Heat—Streams Going Dry and Fish Are Dying in Stagnant Pools.—Horses Left to Die of Starvation

Returning this week from a three months sojourn in Montana, E. F. Rohr, of North Roseburg, brings a story of crop failure and distress in that state that is appalling. 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 1816, and that the crops there this year are a practical failure. In 1917 the drought 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 the 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 wheat grain, and when the seed did sprout and come up, the drought was so marked that the tender plants soon 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 drought 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 seeds, and get only a few cents for their wheat, and they have money to buy seed for planting in anticipation of better conditions in 1920.

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 a hall in Tiller to complete the new dancing pavilion 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 Hates have been secured to furnish music for the occasion.

AIRPLANES DROP IN FOR A VISIT TODAY

"By Heck, that's another one of them air-planes. Two of 'em is- gosh!" Two ships piloted by Lieutenant E. C. Kiel and Sergeant Frank McKee flew into the city this afternoon at about 3:30 o'clock from Medford, making an air trip in one hour and ten minutes. They arrived at that place yesterday noon and started for Roseburg this morning at 8 o'clock, flew to the near vicinity of this city but on account of the heavy fog and clouds would not land and were forced to strafe their steps to Medford. They stayed there until this afternoon and again started on their northern journey. They are on their way to Seattle to open up a recruiting service. The machines are of the Curtiss JM type and are practically new. The Standard Oil Co. furnished them with 20 gallons of gas and five gallons of kerosene here and the two "birds" soon resumed their flight. Sergeant Frank Lee, pilot of one of the machines is well acquainted with Woodson Maddox, a local boy. They were both stationed at San Diego field and during the sergeant's short stay here they renewed acquaintance and talked over old times. The pilot stated that the air was rather rough coming over the Umpqua divide and that they experienced several "bumps."

GEORGE FOUTCH BUYS RESTAURANT TODAY

An important business deal was closed this afternoon when George Foutch purchased the Grand Cafe owned by Late Lewis. This deal was reported in progress several days ago, but when interviewed Mr. Foutch denied that he had purchased the restaurant and stated that he would make an announcement when he had completed the purchase. He will make a number of substantial improvements on the interior before opening for business. The walls will be plastered and tinted and several other changes made which will make it one of the most up-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.

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.

WASHINGTON, July 24.—(By Associated Press.)—Ex-president Taft, who has written to several of the republican senators and leaders, offering suggestions and reservations to the peace treaty which are thought by their author might possibly be acceptable to both sides in the senate, has now opened a correspondence in the subject with the democratic leaders. Senator Hitchcock, democrat, 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 ratification of the president's peace plans.

WITH VIEW TO WAR

WASHINGTON, July 24.—Two gigantic ocean liners, larger than any ships now afloat, 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

PARIS, July 24.—The Baltic commission of the peace conference has presented a report recommending that the Aland Islands, between Sweden and Finland, at the mouth of the Gulf of Bothnia, be neutralized under the guarantee of the league of nations.

ATTACK FRENCH TROOPS

GENEVA, July 24.—As a result of an attack upon French soldiers by Bulgarians, a French regiment has arrived at Sofia, the Bulgarian capital, for purpose of disarming the local garrison. Dispatches state that the French were attacked by Bulgarian troops as the regiment was landing at Leon Palanka a few days ago. Lively fighting ensued which lasted for three hours, during which three French troops were killed.

TREATY MISUNDERSTOOD

WASHINGTON, July 24.—Declaring that the treaty provisions giving Japan control of Shanghai, had been repeatedly misinterpreted and generally misunderstood, Senator Robinson, of Arkansas, democrat, told the senate that it was un-

ENGINEERS SHUN PEEVISH TOWNS

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

MEETING ON AUGUST 5

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

According to the Portland Oregonian engineers of the state highway department no longer stop at Myrtle Creek, Glendale, or Riddle. Engineers 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 legs or puttees, and the farther fact that he is generally a young man, vigorous physically and has the clean-cut appearance of the young men who advertise clothing in the magazines. In an inspection of the Pacific highway made by State Engineer Nunn and Commissioner Booth these engineers were found everywhere. They are generally along the roadside juggling 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 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. Roseburg-Willbur section, Pacific highway, macadam, 5.3 miles. Canyonville-Myrtle Creek section, Pacific highway, grading 9.8 miles. Canyonville-Galesville section, Pacific highway, macadam, 11.7 miles. Divide, Douglas county line, Pacific highway, macadam, 1.4.

BAND RENDERS FINE PROGRAM

Musical Organization Plays Before Large Audience At Chautauqua Tent.

SINGER IS A FEATURE

Mme. Cafarelli Dramatic Soprano is Very Pleading in Folk Songs.—American Compositions and Encore Numbers.

With everything from jazz ragtime to the highest of classical music, Jaroslav Citera and his Czech-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 Douglas county came to the city to enjoy 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 brief instants, giving an exceptionally pleasing number. Citera 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 Citera 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 be all that could be desired. Madam Cafarelli, dramatic soprano, assisted by her band, sang a number of pleasing songs, 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 talked of "Misunderstood Mexico" and made one of the brilliant addresses of the entire Chautauqua. He had a great deal of interesting information not known to many who do not follow history closely, and what he had to say he said in a thoroughly convincing and entertaining manner. Briefly he set forth the idea that the Mexicans are less than half as bad as they are painted and that they have been grossly abused. The country is a wonderful region, with every possibility of great development. He set forth some history indicating that the United States has sinned more or less against the nation to the south of us. As a prelude, the Regniers gave an musical and humorous presentation. This evening the concert will be opened by the Regniers, followed by Private Peat, with his story of "Two Years in Hell and Back with a Smile." The committee still needs the promise of a few more tickets to assure the Chautauqua for next year and Roseburg residents who have not yet seen the entertainments brought here next year are asked to sign up for tickets at this time.

LEAVE FOR KLAMATH

H. Guest, wife and daughter Helen, 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 Lake and will spend a short time at the famous resort.

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.

AIR BOMBING PLANE WAY ROUND COUNTRY

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, July 24.—A 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 scheduled for Augusta, Maine, 560 miles from Washington. The machine will touch at points in thirty-one states on the Atlantic, Pacific, Gulf coast and Canadian border states. Lieutenant Colonel Hartz is in command of the bomber.

FAMOUS MISSIONARY TO SPEAK SUNDAY

Dr. Royal J. Dye, the noted African missionary of the Christian church has just notified the pastor of the Christian church that he will stop off here for Sunday morning. Dr. Dye and wife went to Bolongo, Central Africa, on the Equator some years ago, and found a naked, savage, cannibal tribe. They settled amongst them, and went to work. As a physician he had much influence, and soon was able to teach his message. The transformation has been wonderful. A congregation of 2000 members is to be found on the Congo now, and the people are a Christian, civilized people. A few years ago the Christian churches of Oregon 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 of Capt. Moon, an Oregon boy. Dr. Dye will be a wonderful story, and it is well worth anyone's hearing. He is just here for the morning service.

"CHIN-CHIN" TO BE HERE THURSDAY

H. L. Percy, manager of the Antlers Theatre returned today from Medford, where he has been completing arrangements for the production of Chin-Chin, the great musical comedy, which is to appear in this city Thursday, July 31. Mr. Percy is enthusiastic over the coming play, which is one of the best in the country. 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 wherever it has appeared and with a cast of people, everyone a star, there is no doubt but that Roseburg theatregoers will be more than delighted.

DESIRE COPY TREATY

WASHINGTON, July 24.—Chairman Lodge, of the foreign relations committee today offered a resolution requesting president to send to the senate the treaty by which the United States would promise to give aid 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 it be submitted to the senate for ratification at the earliest time as the treaty with Germany.

BENNETT AHEAD OF SCHEDULE

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

Mrs. E. H. Russell of Willbur

Spent the day in the city shopping. She was accompanied by her daughter Frances.

Conflicting Thoughts

