

AIRPLANE STRAY VISITOR SUNDAY

PLANE LANDED IN FIELD NEAR IMBLER

Aviators Had Started from Pendleton to Give Exhibition at Walla Walla

An airplane piloted by Lieut. J. M. Fetters, with Sergt. Owen Kissel as mechanic, which flew from Yakima, Wash., to Pendleton Saturday, strayed out of its course yesterday afternoon and instead of arriving at Walla Walla, where it was due to give an exhibition flight at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, landed in a field near Imbler to replenish fuel supply and learn its location. The crew were not in the best of humor over their misfortune and lost no time in speeding over the mountains to the west again as soon as the gasoline tank had been filled.

The plane was seen by La Grander and its exhaust plainly heard, but it traveled across the valley and circled a couple of times over Elgin, at a height of about 500 feet. The pilot, when he landed, said that he could not locate Elgin on his map.

The aviators came down in a field about a mile and a half from Imbler, just at the time the audience was dispersing after attending a chautauqua entertainment. Those who had machines quickly made the trip to where the plane was and formed an interested group about it until the aviators were ready to take off again.

The fliers left Seattle Friday morning about 10 o'clock, flying to Yakima, then to Pasco and to Pendleton on Saturday.

BECKWITH ASKED TO RESIGN JOB

GOVERNOR OLCOTT DISSATISFIED WITH HIS WORK.

Reorganization of Industrial Accident Commission Will Not Interfere With Investigation.

SALEM, June 23.—Governor Olcott said today that the impending reorganization of the Industrial Accident Commission, which he announced Sunday, including the appointment of J. W. Ferguson, Democrat, and Will T. Kirk, Republican, and the retirement of Harvey Beckwith and Wilford Allen, will not interfere in any manner with the investigation of the commission previously ordered at the request of the Portland Central Labor Council. Governor Olcott has asked Beckwith for his resignation. Allen's term has already expired.

Governor Olcott said he was dissatisfied with the work of the commission as at present constituted.

AVIATOR LEAVES ON RETURN TRIP TO SPOKANE

WALLA WALLA, June 23.—Lieut. J. M. Fetters, of the Mather Field, (Calif.) Flying Forces, with his mechanic, Sergt. Owen Kissel, left here today for Spokane in the airplane in which he came from Sacramento, via Portland and Yakima.

Lieutenant Fetters is the aviator who lost his way Sunday and unintentionally made the first air flight that has been made over the Blue Mountains, flying over Elgin, near La Grande, and finally landing near Imbler to get his bearings again.

BELGIUM'S RULERS TO MAKE VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES

BRUSSELS, Belg., June 23.—King Albert and Queen Elizabeth of Belgium have accepted an invitation tendered them by President Wilson to visit the United States. It is said that their trip across the Atlantic will probably be made in September.

PRESIDENT'S SHIP SAIL ON THURSDAY

FRANCIS, June 23.—President Wilson's ship, the Oregon, which the president will return home on after his many weeks at the peace conference in Paris, has been ordered today to be ready to sail for New York on Thursday.

GERMAN SAILORS SINK SHIPS LEFT IN THEIR HANDS

(By Associated Press to The Observer) WEIMAR, June 23.—German warships which were not surrendered to the allies and which had been anchored off Kiel, Wilhelmshaven and other points, have been sunk by the German sailors manning them. According to reports, 12 ships and a number of destroyers were still in German hands.

FAUGHT CASE TO THE JURY TODAY

ARGUMENTS STARTED THIS MORNING, WINDING UP CASE

Trial, Which Had Continued Since Tuesday Last, Is to Determine Damages

In the circuit case today the arguments were concluded in the case of Wallowa County vs. Faught, after the case had been on trial for nearly four days. It was given to the jury this afternoon, but at the time of going to press a verdict had not yet been returned. This suit, which was tried here under a change of venue from the circuit court of Wallowa county, is the climax of years of effort to get a county road from the coast of Leap to Enterprise. The road will come to town by the most direct route without any adverse hills, in fact following a natural and easy down grade most of the way. After repeated attempts to get the right of way for the road, the farmers and land owners of the district, from the north end down to Mr. Faught, agreed to give the ground for the highway and to stand the expense of fencing. But Mr. Faught contended that it would damage his farm heavily and he failed to come to an agreement with his neighbors on the north.

At this juncture the county court intervened. The farmers on the north had opened the road through their land and had no legal power to force it through Mr. Faught's farm. But the county had the right to condemn the right of way, and instituted proceedings a year and a half ago to complete the job. Last year everybody was so busy that there was no session of Circuit court, and when hearings were possible, technical objections further delayed the case.

These technicalities were all swept away at last, the Circuit court ruling that the county had a prima facie case, as the county court was the sole judge of the need of the road. There remained, therefore the sole question of the damages and benefits, which is what now concerns the hearing at La Grande.

Mr. Faught, who has been represented by a battery of legal counsel consisting of J. A. Burleigh of Enterprise and C. H. Finn and Cochran & Eberhard of La Grande, claims the new road would take land worth \$500 and would damage his farm to the amount of \$7,000.

The county's case has been in the hands of District Attorney A. Fairchild, with D. W. Shoaham of Enterprise and Col. F. S. Ivanhoe of La Grande as special counsel.

CONFERENCE CLOSED SUNDAY

D. S. CONVENTION WAS LARGELY ATTENDED

New Heads of Ladies' Relief and the Sunday School Departments Were Elected.

The L. D. S. conference, meeting at the YM-YWCA in this city, closed yesterday after a very interesting and valuable series of sessions. All the sessions were well attended, delegates and representatives from the churches at Baker, Cove, Imbler, Mt. Glen, Pine Grove and Union meeting with the La Grande members of the church for both religious services and business assemblies. At the closing session of the conference yesterday afternoon for those interested people were present.

New heads of the Ladies' Relief Corps and the Sunday school were elected during the conference. Mrs. Evelyn Rosenbaum was chosen to succeed Mrs. Helen M. Geddes as president of the Ladies' Relief Corps, and

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GERMAN GOVERNMENT FORMALLY ANNOUNCES IT WILL ACCEPT THE PEACE TERMS UNCONDITIONALLY

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

CHARLES LATHROP PAC KHONORED

(By Associated Press to The Observer) WASHINGTON, June 23.—A notice has been received here that the Societe Nationale d'Acclimatation of France has awarded its silver medal to Charles Lathrop Pack, president of the National War Garden Commission. The award was made in recognition of the home food production work promoted by the commission during the war. The presentation was made through the American embassy in Paris. The society which made the award is said to be the oldest institution of its kind in the world. It controls great botanical and zoological gardens in Paris.

THREE TOWNS OVER THE TOP

SALVATION ARMY DRIVE OFFICIALLY OPENED YESTERDAY

Perry, Kamela and North Powder Are Over, But La Grande Is Lagging on \$1600 Quota.

The Salvation Army Home Service campaign opened Sunday with North Powder, Kamela and Perry over the top before the campaign started, but with La Grande still \$1200 behind and with only six days to go. The quota for the three towns already over the top is \$250, 350 and \$100 respectively.

The quota for La Grande is only \$1600, all of which is to stay here in the city and will be used by the local corps. Only a little over a quarter of this amount has been raised at this time and in order to put La Grande in the first place, where she has always been, it will be necessary for everyone to dig down and do his part within the next six days. This drive must carry the Salvation Army in all of its work for one year, as no other solicitation will be permitted.

Figure out what you can give and send the amount to Charles E. Harding, at the United States National Bank.

PRESIDENT OF IRISH REPUBLIC IS IN U. S.

(By Associated Press to The Observer) NEW YORK, June 23.—It is announced that Professor De Valera, president of the Irish Sinn Fein republic, has landed in America.

Striving until the last minute to obtain the concessions from the peace conference which they insisted must be granted them before they could get any cabinet to sign the treaty, the Germans have finally bowed before the firm stand of the Big Three and have given assurance, through Herr Bauer's government, that they will accept the peace terms unconditionally. Arrangements are accordingly being made for the ceremony of having the signatures of the Germans and of the representatives of the other powers affixed to the treaty.

With the final settlement of the war now accomplished, President Wilson has ordered his ship, the George Washington, to be ready to sail on Thursday, from Brest for home.

MEXICAN REBELS IMITATORS OF THE HUN IN WARFARE

VERA CRUZ, Mexico, June 23.—The death of seventy-five defenseless passengers was the phase of the revenge taken by the rebel bands under the nominal command of Felix Diaz for the death of Aureliano Blauquet and Francisco Alvarez.

A train on the Interoceanic line bearing peace bells armed only with instruments of labor was dismantled between Pico and Las Vegas, the greater number of the passengers killed by rifle fire and their bodies, together with the living wounded, burned when the train was fired.

Within a few days a party of bandits, commanded by the Apellano brothers, burned a large part of the village of Tlapacoyan, causing an unnumbered number of casualties. Another attack by Pedro Gabay, falsely reported killed, on the Atlix railway near Salinas, claimed fifteen passengers and fifteen soldiers as victims.

The only military success registered was the attack on a military train near Tierra Blanca, on the Isthmian Railway, at a point known as "Devil's Backbone," by forces under the rebel leaders, Villagas and Lazunes. The young General Ernesto Dany, Major Cirilo Gamboa and fifty soldiers were killed, Dany fighting to the last.

Wholesale Deportation of Troublesome Aliens Is Being Considered

(By Associated Press to The Observer) NEW YORK, June 23.—It has been learned that the government is considering wholesale deportations of bolshevik, anarchists and other radicals. The plans call for using returning troop ships for taking alien agitators back to their native land.

FORMAL NOTIFICATION GIVEN

PARIS, June 23.—The German government has formally communicated its willingness to sign the peace terms unconditionally, it was announced by the French foreign office this afternoon.

The day and hour for signing are uncertain. The ceremony might take place Tuesday, but it will more likely be on Wednesday. Italian delegates here have been authorized to sign the treaty on behalf of Italy, thus removing one possible cause of delay in the signing of the treaty.

The German note of acceptance maintains that the peace conditions are a "treaty of violence."

VON HAIMPAUSEN TO SIGN

PARIS, June 23.—Admiral von Haimpausen will sign the peace treaty for the Germans, it appeared likely today from information secured at the headquarters of the American delegation.

THE SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENT

WEIMAR, Germany, June 23.—It has been officially announced that Germany will sign the peace treaty.

The above dispatch was filed at Weimar Sunday afternoon at 4:08 o'clock. Apparently it referred to the German decision to sign the treaty with the reservations of which they had given notice to the Allies and which the Allies had rejected.

REFUSE TO GRANT MORE TIME

PARIS, June 23.—The Germans today requested an additional forty-eight hours within which to make known their decision relative to the signing of the peace treaty without the reservations which had been refused by the Allies. The Council of Three flatly refused the request, which pleased the change in the German government and disturbed conditions within the nation made it difficult to complete arrangements.

BRITISH SHIP SINKS CRUISER IN THE BALTIC

(By Associated Press to The Observer) HELSINKI, Finland, June 23.—British warships on duty in the Baltic sea on Wednesday evening torpedoed and sank the Bolshevik cruiser Slava. The Slava sank immediately after being torpedoed.

RETAIL GROCERS GATHER IN UTAH

SALT LAKE CITY IS SCENE OF BIG CONVENTION

Every State in the Union is Represented—Visitors Will Enjoy Sight-Seeing Trips

SALT LAKE CITY, June 23.—Retail grocers from every state in the Union were in attendance here today at the annual convention of the National Association of Retail Grocers, which convened at 9:30 o'clock this morning and will continue through Thursday, June 26.

John W. Wilcox, vice-president of the Utah Retail Merchants' association, called the convention to order, and following other addresses of welcome and responses, President J. H. Schaefer of Davenport, Ia., delivered his address. Business of the organization during the afternoon session, besides reports of officers, included an address by Leon M. Hattenbach of Denver, who spoke on one of the vital questions affecting the grocers—"Cash and Carry vs. Credit and Delivery."

Social features during the convention, to a considerable extent, will take place in the evenings. Numerous excursions to the many canyons around Salt Lake City and Ogden and trips to Saltair, famous bathing resort on Great Salt Lake, are scheduled for the day time.

Addresses at the second day's session include that of F. C. Conroy of San Francisco, past president of the association, who will discuss "A Larger and More Efficient Organization," a talk by Arjay Davies, president of the National Wholesale Grocers' association. Committee reports will be heard Wednesday and Thursday and discussions on the reports take place.

Thursday, June 26, selection of the next convention city will be decided upon and officers for the next year will be elected. Atlanta is the only city so far to have announced itself as a contender for the 1926 convention.

METAL WORKERS IN VICTORIA ARE OUT ON STRIKE

(By Associated Press to The Observer) VICTORIA, B. C., June 23.—Union metal trades workers, said by their leaders to number five thousand, went on strike here today in sympathy with the Winnipeg strikers.

CYCLONE CAUSES DEATH OF MANY

FERGUS FALLS, Minn., June 23.—Forty-seven persons are known to be dead today, and 150 injured persons are in hospitals, as the result of a tornado which swept through Fergus Falls late yesterday. The property loss caused by the tornado is estimated to be about six million dollars.

Train Hurled from Track

ST. PAUL, Minn., June 23.—Reports of a severe cyclone Sunday afternoon at Fergus Falls with more than 100 homes leveled in that city were received last night. Major C. F. Curtis, aide to Assistant-General Rhinow, left here overnight on a special train to prepare the way for relief work.

Great Northern train No. 1 was blown from the track 27 miles east of Minneapolis and about the same distance west of Fergus Falls, only the engine and one or two passenger cars on the track. Reports say there were three killed, been surrounded by the elements of the week and cyclone from surrounding towns. Wind gusts were hourly interfered with by the storm and only last evening but few details were obtainable.

The train is the crack Great Northern passenger limited train, Minneapolis, and was eastbound.

FAMOUS MURDER CASE REVIVED

AN ARIZONA FATHER AND SON SHARE BLAME

Harry E. Stevens Was Found Guilty Last Year, But Appeal Secured Him New Trial

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz., June 23.—The second trial of Harry Earl Stephens, already convicted of first degree murder, opened here today with the promise of being the most sensational and hard-fought murder case in the history of Northern Arizona. Stephens and his father, Joseph H. Stephens, a prominent cattleman, who also is alleged to have been implicated in the killing of Robert Miller, who worked on the Stephens ranch, have been out on \$50,000 bonds each.

The shooting of Miller, which occurred April 2, 1913, is reported to have followed trouble in the Stephens home between Mrs. Stephens and her husband. Miller was killed in a store in Prescott and the elder Stephens is alleged to have countenanced the deed with which his 22-year old son is charged. Miller was a man of about 25 years.

At the first trial of Harry E. Stephens in Prescott last year, the young man was found guilty of first degree murder by the jury after 30 minutes deliberation. An appeal was taken to the State Supreme Court, irregularities in summoning the jury panel being alleged and the judgment of the lower court was reversed. Stephens then obtained a change of venue from Yavapai to Coconino county and the new trial was ordered held here.

It is expected that, following the decision of his son's case the elder Stephens will be placed in the dock.

Both the state and defense are represented by an imposing array of counsel and this, coupled with the fact that the Stephens family is well known throughout Northern Arizona, forebodes widespread interest in the case.

LABOR CONGRESS INDORSES STRIKE

TELEGRAPHERS SUPPORTED BY THE A. F. OF L.

Convention Also Passed Resolution Favoring Forty-Four Hour Week for Labor

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., June 23.—Indorsement of the strike of the commercial telegraphers throughout the nation was voted today by the American Federation of Labor in convention here.

The convention also went on record as favoring a forty-four hour week for labor generally.

Knox Is Determined to Introduce His Treaty Resolution

WASHINGTON, June 23.—Senator Knox announced today that after the appropriation bills have been passed he will attempt to obtain a vote from congress on the resolution expressing unwillingness to accept the League of Nations covenant as an inseparable part of the peace treaty.

Number of Diplomats Get Appointments to Ambassador's Posts

(By Associated Press to The Observer) WASHINGTON, D. C., June 23.—William E. Connelley, of Charleston, who is now minister to Cuba, was nominated today for the post of ambassador to Peru. Boaz W. Long, of New Mexico, was nominated as ambassador to Cuba and Henton C. McMillan, of Tennessee, as minister to Guatemala.

REPEAL MEASURE APPROVED TO KILL DAYLIGHT SAVING

(By Associated Press to The Observer) WASHINGTON, June 23.—House and Senate conferees have approved the rider to the Agricultural Appropriation Bill for the repeal of the daylight saving law October 28 next. The adoption of the measure by congress is regarded as certain.

