

1300 MILES IS COVERED FIRST DAY

BIG AIRSHIP TRAVELING HOMEWARD WITH STRONG WINDS TO HER ADVANTAGE.

BRITISH DIRIGIBLE NEAR AZORES EARLY TODAY

Average Speed of Sixty Miles An Hour Maintained For First Fifteen Hours of Return Flight—Speed at Times Was Between 75 and 80 Miles—Using Three of Five Engines.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

LONDON, July 11.—The British dirigible R-34 covered thirteen hundred miles in the first twenty-four hours of its return flight, according to advices received here. She was reported near the Azores early today.

WASHINGTON, July 11.—The dirigible, according to wireless reports, averaged more than 60 miles an hour for the first 15 hours of the return flight and at times the speed reached between 75 and 80 miles an hour. The dirigible thus was making better time to this side of the Atlantic, and if the weather conditions remain favorable, naval officers here believe the R-34 will see British shores early Saturday. The first word heard from the R-34 after the big dirigible left American shores yesterday morning was a radio message sent at 4:00 a. m., giving the ship's position as 130 miles due east from Long Island. Direct communication was maintained with the navy department thereafter.

At 10 a. m., a message said the dirigible was then making good 58 knots an hour, equivalent to about 64 land miles. An hour later the R-34 signalled that the wind was becoming stronger and that the ship's speed had reached 80 miles an hour at times.

Two messages of thanks to American officials were sent Thursday by Maj. Scott, commander, one to Rear Admiral J. H. Glennon, commandant of the Third naval district, which includes the Mineola field where the R-34 landed on its arrival in this country, thanking the officers and men who assisted in mooring the British dirigible. Another was to E. H. Bowie, of the United States weather bureau, and thanked him for weather reports furnished to the dirigible.

A request was sent to the weather bureau late Thursday that weather reports be sent to the R-34 regularly during the trip to England. Another radio message asked all reports from vessels along the path being followed by the R-34 be wirelessly.

The last weather report sent to the R-34 from here Thursday night said a storm center over Newfoundland was moving northeast and that another over Ontario was moving toward Newfoundland. Strong westerly winds were predicted over the western Atlantic as far east as the 50th meridian and probably much farther.

Baker Soldier Home; Won Majorship Through Service In Europe

BAKER, July 11.—Major, Frank McCulloch, of the noted 31st division, son of Attorney C. H. McCulloch, arrived from overseas Wednesday.

When war broke out, Major McCulloch passed examinations to attend the first officers' training camp located at Presidio, California. He received his commission as captain, one of the highest commissions that could be obtained at that time and was transferred to duty at Camp Lewis.

From the start Major McCulloch made a host of friends among the officers and enlisted men, as well. He was transferred from Camp Lewis to the battlefields of France and there was decorated for bravery. He was promoted to major and soon was in the hardest and biggest battles of the war.

The happiest day of his life, he says, was when he arrived in La Grande yesterday and met his wife and little babe. Major McCulloch graduated from the University of California.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Oregon—Fog tonight and cool in east portion. Saturday fair, with general westerly winds.

Rancher's Home Saved From Burning By Work Of An Army Aviator

ONTARIO, Cal.—July 11.—An army aviator who discovered a big brush fire as he was flying over the ranch of J. C. Smyth near here recently, turned his plane back to the city and, by signals informed the Ontario Fire Department of the blaze. Mr. Smyth whose home was in danger, had tried to summon the Fire Department several times by telephone, but owing to a strike of operators was unable to do so. A chemical engine responded to the aviator's appeal and the ranch house and other buildings were saved.

BANK ROBBERY IS CONFESSED

CONNORS IS RETURNED TO BAKER FROM CALIFORNIA.

Did Not Admit His Connection With Haines Crime Until Confronted By Taxi Driver.

BAKER, July 11.—It was learned here late yesterday afternoon that Charles Connors, brought back from San Francisco by Sheriff Anderson on Wednesday night, confessed the robbery of the bank at Haines when he was confronted by Ed. York, the man who drove the robber from Baker to Haines and then back to Baker after the robbery. York did not know he had driven a hold-up artist until some time after the man had left his machine in Baker. Connors is confined in the county jail awaiting trial.

Connors admitted, after arriving in Baker with the sheriff, that he was in this territory and that he broke out of the Pendleton jail, but when asked if he was the man who got the Haines bank's money, he said:

"I might be the man who robbed the Haines bank and I might not." A grin was on his face when this remark was made.

He also said that he did not intend to say much at this time as he had to consult an attorney.

Connors made the remark that he has several good friends here and that he is like the rock of Gibraltar and does not intend to tell who they are. He acts happy and is pleasant to talk with. He also stated that he was at Cox's ranch but that Mr. or Mrs. Cox did not know it, but left before the sheriff arrived.

From what can be gathered he left by way of Campbell street, caught a truck and rode to Keating. He acted lame at Medical Springs, purchased a bottle of liniment at the store there and left for Cox's ranch. He was arrested in San Francisco while trying to have a girl arrested, who he says, stole money from him.

ALLIES DISPATCH SHIPS TO FIUME

AMERICAN, FRENCH AND BRITISH VESSELS ARE SENT.

Italian Premier Urges Government to Maintain Friendly Relations With the Allies.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

PARIS, July 11.—Three allied war ships, one each from the American, French and British navies, have been ordered to proceed to Fiume, where there have been disorders recently between the Italian troops and other elements in the force of occupation. The situation is still uneasy.

ROME, July 11.—Premier Nitti, in a speech before parliament Wednesday, urged that the peace negotiations be concluded and that friendly relations with the allies, especially France, be maintained.

The premier instructed the deputies to all efforts should be made to re-establish the country on a peace footing, lower the prices of necessities and bring about orderly conditions throughout Italy.

ROME, July 9.—The Italian Government intends to maintain order with firmness and without hesitation and

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RAINBOW VETS TO MEET HERE

FIRST ANNUAL CONVENTION IN LA GRANDE JULY 25

Business Meeting in Evening Will Be Followed by Dance and Banquet at Midnight

Rainbow Division veterans will hold their first annual state convention in La Grande next Tuesday, July 15, when members from Portland, Astoria, Baker, Pendleton and several of the smaller towns in this valley will be in attendance. The business meeting will convene at 7 o'clock, P. M., at the Y. M. C. A., at which officers will be elected for the ensuing year and a delegate elected to attend the annual convention to be held at Birmingham, Ala., November 14th, 1919.

Following the business meeting dancing will start at 9 o'clock at Rex hall, in which all the members in attendance with their ladies will participate. Other service men and their ladies are cordially invited by the Rainbow Division men to be guests at this dance. Dancing will continue until midnight and the members of the Rainbow division will then sit down to a banquet at the Foley hotel.

The national organization of the Rainbow Division Veterans is composed of thirty-three chapters, representing the thirty-three different units making up the division were thirty-three states from which the sales making up the division were drawn. The purpose of the organization is to perpetuate the spirit of good fellowship among the men who served together in the division. The Oregon chapter is located in La Grande and has approximately one hundred members.

FOREST FIRE IN THE EAGLE MTS.

OVER 250 ACRES OF TIMBER REPORTED ABLAZE.

Fire Spreading Alarmingly Above the Junction of Main and West Eagle Rivers.

BAKER, July 11.—One of the largest forest fires reported in Eastern Oregon this season, is raging in the Eagle mountains above the junction of Main and West Eagle rivers. Sixteen men were taken out yesterday and over 25 were taken out Wednesday to fight the fire, which is in very thick timber and beyond control.

A hard rain would do more good than anything else. The timber is very dry, which causes the fire to spread rapidly. Thousands of dollars worth of timber has so far been destroyed and no doubt a great deal of grass land will be damaged.

THREE MEN BUY IN ALL FORD STOCK

FORD FAMILY NOW HOLDS 89 PER CENT OF STOCK IN FORD MOTOR CO.

MINORITY STOCK BOUGHT NEARLY \$100,000,000

Edsel Ford, Twenty-five Year Old Son of Founder of Company and Its President, Becomes Sole Partner of Father, Except For One Stockholder Under Reorganization.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

DETROIT, Mich., July 11.—Reorganization of the Ford Motor Company is being completed whereby Edsel Ford, the 25-year-old president of the company, becomes the sole partner of his father, except for one other stockholder. The purchase of minority stock in the reorganization is believed to involve close to \$100,000,000. The stock bought in, it is said, includes all that of the Dodge Brothers. The Ford family now owns 89 per cent of the stock in their company.

MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich., July 11.—Edsel B. Ford, 25 years old, president of the largest automobile company in the world, son of Henry Ford, who, having been characterized as an anarchist by the Chicago Daily Tribune, is suing for \$1,000,000 damages on a charge of libel, appeared as a witness in Judge Tucker's court yesterday.

Mr. Ford's testimony dealt mainly with a financial statement of the Ford Motor company, which was put into the record over objections of counsel for the plaintiff, to show, Attorney Elliott G. Stevenson, for the Tribune said, that the "profit-sharing" plan inaugurated by the company in 1914, "was mere humbug."

A financial statement of the earnings of the company in 1914 was identified by the witness. His testimony showed that in 1903 the Ford company started with \$50,000 in cash and Mr. Ford's model of a cheap automobile A \$150,000 corporation was founded, Mr. Ford holding 51 per cent of the stock. In 1914 the financial statement showed the net profits of the company were \$30,338,454.

"RED" RUPERT BROUGHT BACK TO COMPLETE TERM

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

LOS ANGELES, July 11.—"Red" Rupert was taken north today in custody of three officers, to serve out the remainder of his original sentence.

CHERRY FAIR TO BE FINE EVENT

PLENTY OF CHOICE CHERRIES AND COVE INVITES.

Good Program Has Been Arranged—Cherries Are Now on Markets of the World.

Cove is back to her old self again. For several years she has been playing in hard luck and the cherry crop did not do its part, but this season, while the crop may not be a bumper, Cove has lots of cherries.

And best of all, her people have got their old-time nerve back and are going to hold the cherry fair on July 17, at which time the whole population is requested to lay aside work for a day and attend.

Already cherries are going to the markets of the world from Cove, and Hugh McCall, in the Cove State bank, is busier than the proverbial cranberry merchant handling cherry paper and arranging to care for the crops of his customers.

The cherry fair will be of exceptional merit this year. A program filled with fine numbers has been made up and speakers have been secured to make it a day of recreation, instruction and sociability.

Earl Kilpatrick, Former La Grande Boy, Wins Promotion in Red Cross

Earl Kilpatrick, formerly director of the extension division of the University of Oregon at Eugene, and for the last two years assistant division manager for the northwest of the American Red Cross, has succeeded to the resignation of C. D. Stimpson at Seattle. Mr. Kilpatrick is also head of the division of military relief of the American Red Cross. He is a former La Grande boy and many old friends here are pleased to see him attaining success.

MEDFORD KILLS SCHOOL BUDGET

VOTE CAST WAS NEARLY FOUR TO ONE AGAINST.

Members of the Board of School Directors Threaten to Close Up School Buildings.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

MEDFORD, Ore., July 11.—By a vote of nearly four to one Medford people defeated the 1919 school budget for the second time at yesterday's election. Members of the school board, following the making known of the results of the election, threatened that they would close up two school buildings in the city.

Veterans Must Not Wear Uniform Longer Than Three Months

PORTLAND, July 11.—Notice that men who have been discharged from the service for more than three months are subject to \$300 fine and six months' imprisonment for appearing in uniform were issued yesterday by the war camp community service for distribution.

These notices will be posted in the Builders' and Sailors' club and placed in the war camp community service headquarters in Liberty Temple. The order does not work a hardship but protects service men, is the belief of R. E. Tucker, special worker for the war camp community service, in whose hands the matter has been placed.

CHAUTAQUA SEASON CLOSSES

FINE COURSE OF ENTERTAINMENTS ENDED LAST NIGHT

Four Members of Board of Directors, Whose Terms Had Expired, Were Re-elected

The Grande Ronde chautauqua concluded another very successful season last night, when the final numbers of the seven day course were enjoyed at the Riverside park pavilion by one of the largest audiences that attended during the course. The whole day's program was good. The Junior Chautauqua was held in the morning with a large number of La Grande kiddies participating, and they came on again in the afternoon in a splendid pageant, "Uncle Sam's Experiment." Preceding the pageant in the afternoon there was a concert given by that organization of fine musicians and entertainers, the Apollo concert company.

In the evening the audience had the pleasure of hearing local talent, the O-W band giving an open air concert from 7:30 until 8:30 o'clock. A number of fine selections were given, with better rendition than the band has achieved on any other occasion. Following there was again a concert by the Apollos. These artists were called back again and again after their quintette selection on the xylophone and their saxophone quartettes. The banjo solos of A. G. Wells, head of the company, were also especially well received.

Following the Apollos came the updated lecture of Dr. Henry Warren Poor on the closing days of the war, and it is safe to say that all got more enjoyment out of the lectures than they had anticipated. Dr. Poor had a fine selection of slides, many of them official war photographs which had been conserved until the class of the war. There were, for instance, maps shown of the cit-

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GOVERNOR HERE TOMORROW

CHIEF EXECUTIVE WILL BE A GUEST OF AD CLUB

Inspection of Experimental Station Will Follow in the Afternoon

La Grande is to be honored tomorrow by a visit from Governor Ben Olcott and regents of the Oregon Agricultural College, who come to the county to inspect the Union Experimental Farm.

The party will arrive in the forenoon in La Grande and be guests of the Ad. Club at a luncheon at the Foley hotel. It is understood a number of ladies will be in the party, and a request has been made by President Coolidge of the Ad Club that 25 members of the club and other relatives, as well as who can be present at the luncheon please, telephone A. W. Wilson, secretary, so that proper arrangements can be made.

The party will leave for the county office at 2:30 P. M. and will be back in La Grande at 6:30 P. M. After the luncheon the party will be driven to Union where they will inspect the Experimental Farm, will entertain them for several

LONG FIGHT IN SENATE EXPECTED

CONTENT OVER RATIFICATION OF TREATY EXPECTED TO LAST FOR WEEKS

NO VITAL PRINCIPLE IS SACRIFICED, SAYS WILSON

Conferences Held by Both Sides Today—Treaty Will Be Considered by Foreign Relations Committee Monday—President Omits Questions At Issue in Address

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

WASHINGTON, July 11.—Advocates and opponents of the League of Nations in Congress are preparing for a ratification contest which is expected to last for weeks. The sides held conferences today. The Foreign Relations committee will meet Monday to consider the treaty.

WASHINGTON, July 11.—The peace treaty with its league of nations covenant was laid before the senate by President Wilson Thursday in an address accounting to the country for his part in the negotiations at Versailles.

The league, declared the president was born of the conviction of practical statesmen that an international concert had become a world necessity to end the old order and guarantee civilization. He asserted that in such a concert the world looked confidently to America for leadership, and added that while the treaty might not be exactly as the American delegation would have written it, no vital principle had been sac-

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DENVER CARMEN RETURN TO WORK

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

DENVER, Colo., July 11.—Denver's street car strike has been settled and the city will have normal service again immediately. The employees of the street railway company, who had been on strike for three days on account of reduction of their wages, have agreed to accept pay at the rate of 48 cents per hour and to submit their demands for higher wages to arbitration.

Wheat In Pilot Rock Section Yields Much Better Than Expected

PENDLETON, July 11.—The Pilot Rock region will harvest wheat running as high as 39 bushels to the acre, in the opinion of E. E. Geist, of the Northern Grain and Warehouse Co., who returned Wednesday from a two days' trip to Hildaway Springs. If the heads had filled out in keeping with the stand, Mr. Geist says some acres would yield 40 bushels.

Where farmers thought a few weeks ago they would have no crop at all, they will average nearly 20 bushels, Mr. Geist estimates. The harvest has already begun in some of the sections near Pilot Rock and the owners themselves are surprised by the yield.

DIVE INTO RIVER RESULTS IN DEATH FROM BROKEN NECK

PENDLETON, Ore., July 11.—James Botger, aged 25, son of J. B. Botger, wheat farmer of Hermiston, died yesterday at St. Anthony's hospital, after breaking his neck Wednesday on a rock while making a dive into four feet of water in the Umatilla river near Hermiston.

Botger, with other owners, made a dive into the water and did not come up. After an investigation the young man was found lying unconscious in the bottom of the river, with three gashes cut in his head. Botger was resuscitated and taken to the home of his brother Herman Botger, of Echo, for whom he had been working. The injured man was paralyzed from his shoulder down and was brought to Pendleton shortly afterward.

Botger was unmarried and is survived by his parents and his brother.

A Quiet Day at Lonesome Corners

