

RESULTS OF AIR RACE IN DOUBT

OFFICIAL CHECK WILL BE REQUIRED TO DECIDE WHO MADE QUICKEST FLIGHT

SMITH CLAIMS TO HAVE BEATEN LIEUT. MAYNARD

Lieut. Keil, the Oregon Man, Is Also Accredited in Some Quarters of Having Defeated Major Spatz, Heretofore Regarded as the Leader Among the Eastbound Flyers

(By Associated Press to The Observer.)
MINNEOLA, Oct. 12.—Captain L. H. Smith, the third east bound aviator to complete the transcontinental flight, arrived at 10:51. He claims to have beaten Maynard's time. Smith flew in twenty-four hours and 20 minutes. His claim to victory will be officially checked. Lieut. H. E. Queens, the fourth east bound aviator, arrived at 10:46 p. m.

Possibility of Protest

New York, Oct. 12.—Officials of the American Flying club, which is assisting the army air service in the conduct of the transcontinental air derby, Sunday night said there was possibility of a protested decision should they give Maj. Carl Spatz second place in elapsed time on the first leg of the contest. Friends of Lieut. Emil Kiel, of Oregon, who landed at Roosevelt field, the eastern terminus Saturday, 20 seconds ahead of Maj. Spatz, who had first alighted at Hazelhurst field by mistake, was expected to make protest on the ground that he granted Maj. Spatz a five minutes handicap at Binghamton, the last control, although this was not authorized by the commanding officer at Binghamton.

Spatz Not Ready

When the signal was given at Binghamton for the start of the last "jump" to Minneola, Maj. Spatz, who was not ready, is said to have requested Lieut. Keil to wait 10 minutes for him. According to the lieutenant, a compromise of five minutes was effected, although it was "up to the commanding officer at the Binghamton control to determine the time for starting."

This "unauthorized" handicap, according to flying club officials would be sufficient to offset the combined start of three minutes and five seconds Lieut. Kiel had at San Francisco and the major's 20 seconds advantage over the lieutenant in landing at Hazelhurst field and 20 seconds Lieut. Kiel the race by two minutes and 15 seconds. Official figures on the race are not yet available.

Another Plane Falls

Minneola, Oct. 12.—The fifth east bound airplane to arrive piloted by Lieut. S. Worthington, landed here at 2:17. The plane driven by Lieut. T. Haynes fell at Binghamton by striking a telegraph pole in landing.

RAILROAD STRIKERS NOTIFIED TO RETURN

(By Associated Press to The Observer.)
WASHINGTON, Oct. 12.—The railroad administration, notified the striking railroad shopmen at Altoona, Pa., to return to work.

MURDER STILL CHICAGO

Sunday Morning Crimes Give Detectives Mysteries to Solve

CHICAGO, Oct. 12.—Three Sunday morning murders gave Chicago detectives more mysteries to solve in addition to the unexplained death of E. H. Purcell, two weeks ago.

Two men were found murdered at their small shops in the loop district. They had been beaten to death with an iron bar. The police believe the same man committed both murders. His victims were Antonio D. Brizzolari, Italian, proprietor of a fruit stand, and Ignace Gansky, owner of a small tailor shop.

John Walsh, 19 years old, who was shot and killed by Patrick McKeon, aged 22, at a station on the loop, was the man suspected of the murder of Brizzolari and Gansky.

AN APPEAL

The Drainage Commission, farmers who are interested in irrigation, and the city commission will meet Tuesday evening at 7:30 in the city hall to discuss the problems which confront them.

REPORT OF DISASTER IS UNCONFIRMED

(By Associated Press to The Observer.)
ARCHANGEL, Oct. 12.—Two thousand lives have been lost in the wreck of an unnamed oil ship on the Norwegian coast, according to a wireless dispatch from Helsingfors.

London, Oct. 12.—Neither the admiralty nor Lloyd's have received information relative to a wreck of a British ship on the Norwegian coast. These discredit the report.

If the loss of life in the wreck is as large as indicated, the disaster will mark a new record in the annals of the sea. It would seem probable that the vessel lost was a military transport, bringing British soldiers from Archangel, whence Great Britain has been earmarking large numbers of men. It is known that troop ships have sailed recently from Archangel.

SECURE LOOT FROM SUSPECT

GEORGE WELCH, A SUPPOSED BANK ROBBER, ARRESTED.

Six Others in the House Where Welch Stayed in Portland Also Taken Into Custody.

(By Associated Press to The Observer.)
PORTLAND, Oct. 12.—George Welch, alias Anderson, has been arrested accused of complicity in the robbery of the bank at Astoria, Washington, on September 30. About \$24,000 in loot was recovered. Six others were taken into custody in the house where Welch stayed. The police say that Welch is an ex-convict.

"WHITE" MAYGAR ARMY TO EXPEL RUMANIANS

PARIS, Oct. 12.—A dispatch to the Petit Parisien from Vienna says a "White" Maygar army under command of Admiral Horby is reported to be marching on Budapest with the intention of expelling the Rumanians. Former Emperor Charles, says the dispatch, is reported to be making preparations to join Horby.

LETTS AT LIBAU TO ATTACK ENEMY FLANK

COPENHAGEN, Oct. 12.—A dispatch from Berlin says that the 5000 Letts have been landed at Libau from British warships and will attack the flank of Col. Ava left-Bermond's troops.

BASS PLACED IN STREAMS

SHIPMENT OF 100 CANS RECEIVED THIS MORNING

Three Trucks Take Fish to Sloughs and Grande Ronde River for Wing, Fin and Fleetwood Club

One hundred and ninety cans of black bass were distributed in the river and sloughs of Union county today. The fish arrived on No. 6 this morning, and members of the Wing, Fin and Fleetwood Club hired three trucks to take them to their destination. Members accompanied the trip, and placed them mostly in the lumber district, in the Grande Ronde river, and the sloughs of this section, and on the Walter river and Joe Carr farms. The bass must have been alive, almost all water to do well.

BALLET GIRLS CHOOSE AMERICAN NAMES

The Y. W. C. A. overseas is to be represented in the Grand Opera of Paris this winter.

Three members of the Grand Ballet, formerly known as Angolique, Marceline and Jaqueline, are to be known henceforth by the names of three prominent American Y. W. C. A. workers in France.

It all happened when they were spending a short vacation with their mother at the Y. W. C. A. camp for French girls at Quiberon, France. One afternoon they were playing and talking on the sands with a Y. W. C. A. Secretary and the subject of names came up. In play these three dancing girls, who had long been members of a Y. W. C. A. foyer in Paris, chose the American names of their American friends. Now American names are to appear on the ballet list.

LEGION SMOKER AT "Y" TONIGHT

MUSICAL AND ATHLETIC PROGRAM ARRANGED.

All Ex-Service Men and Women Invited—Local Post Planning Celebration November 11.

The program which has been arranged for the American Legion smoker at the Y. M. C. A. this evening will comprise a medley of athletic events and musical numbers somewhat of a novelty perhaps, but a combination that is calculated to afford an evening of diversified entertainment.

This evening's event is the initial appearance of the American Legion in anything of a public nature, but it is the intention of the legion to produce entertainments of a similar nature from time to time.

Tentative plans are in course of preparation for the fitting celebration of Armistice Day, November 11, which will be announced later. This celebration is being conducted by the American Legion in many other cities of the country and the local post will announce its action shortly.

The charter of the local post of the American Legion is still open and those who affiliate themselves with the post at this time will not be subject to the initiation fee which will be exacted later. The post now enrolls nearly 150 members and it is hoped to increase this number to 250 before November 11.

The program for the smoker this evening follows:
Musical numbers—Violin solo, Miss Florence Lynch; vocal solo, Miss Leona Newlin; piano solo, Miss Gladys Miller.

Athletic numbers—F. L. Pearson, and Otis W. Palmer, three rounds; Erick and Dave Johnson, three rounds; Fritz Lottes and Scott Whistley, wrestling.

Tr. J. L. Ingle, president of the La Grande post will explain the work, plans and purposes of the organization.

Doughnuts and cider will be served during the evening as well as numerous varieties of smokes.

All ex-service men and women are invited to attend whether affiliated with the American Legion or not.

FARMERS TO ASK FOR REVISION

REMUNERATION ON THE BASIS OF HOURS EMPLOYED TO GO BEFORE CONFERENCE.

RESOLUTION IS TO BE PRESENTED TUESDAY

According to One Farmer Delegate No Objection Is Made to Payment on Union Scale of Eight Hours, But Farmers, Themselves, Entitled to More.

(By Associated Press to The Observer.)
WASHINGTON, Oct. 12.—Needs of American farmers, including recognition of the right of the farming class to remuneration on the basis of the number of hours per day of work, will be laid before the national industrial conference when it reconvenes Tuesday.

To Present Resolution.

O. E. Bradford, of Xenia, Ohio, one of the farmer delegates in the public group, announced Sunday that the five farmer representatives attending the conference will have a resolution setting forth the views of the farmers ready for presentation when the conference resumes its sessions.

Prior to the meeting of the full conference, however, it is expected that definite steps will be taken toward the settlement of the issue raised by the requests of the labor groups that the conference appoint a committee to arbitrate in the steel strike. Action of some sort on this issue is looked for Monday, when the conference's general or "steering" committee meets.

Base Pay on Hours Worked.

The farmer delegates, it was said by Mr. Bradford, do not object to the payment of wages to organized labor on the basis of an eight-hour day, but they believe that the farmers are entitled to remuneration for the longer hours of their working day.

MEN'S GET-TOGETHER BANQUET

The men of Island City and community to the number of seventy-five and no more, will get-together at a banquet on Friday night at 7 o'clock sharp, in the Island City church. Topics of community interest will be presented and discussed by local men and others.

This will be one of the big events to take place this year in Island City and no man can afford to be absent from this banquet.

Get your tickets now while you can. Don't wait until Friday night to get one for there are only seven tickets to be sold, and they are going fast.

For a ticket see Rev. Jas. Lotch at once, they will cost you but five.

WEATHER FORECAST

Tonight and Tuesday, unsettled and threatening; cooler tonight in the east portion of the state; southerly winds.

Relief in Sight for Shortage of Sugar on Coast

A San Francisco report of Saturday says:

Providing there are no more industrial disturbances affecting transportation the present sugar shortage on the Pacific coast will be relieved within two weeks, Ralph P. Merritt, chairman of the local committee of the United States sugar equalization board, and former food administrator of California, announced here today.

Twenty-four carloads of both cane and beet sugar are on route from the refineries at Alvarado and Biteravia, California, Merritt said. A shipment of 2200 bags was started for Seattle by steamer today, and all available space on a steamer leaving here Tuesday will be filled with sugar consigned to Spokane, Tacoma and other Washington points. Monday rail shipments will begin to Portland.

The distribution will be along the percentage lines existing under the food administration. Northern California and Nevada will be given 47 per cent of the supply available from now until January 1. Idaho will be given two, Washington 30 and Oregon 21 per cent.

Due to the fact that the equalization board controls 12,000 tons of beet-sugar, secured for the shortage, and will handle all distribution under an agreement with the refiners, the retail price of 11 cents a pound to the consumer and nine cents a pound to the jobber, plus all legitimate freight tariffs, will remain of five jobbers and manufacturers, alone will be supplied under the scheme, it being necessary for the refiners to get their supplies thru the wholesalers.

MRS. BRADLEY PASSED AWAY

DEATH OF FORMER RESIDENT IN HONOLULU FRIDAY.

Harry Bradley, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Bradley received a message telling of the death of his mother Friday afternoon in Honolulu. The message contained no further information, but it is supposed that death was the result of a six months illness and an operation.

Mrs. Bradley and family were former residents of La Grande, but for the last three or four years have been living in Honolulu. While here Mrs. Bradley made many friends, who will be grieved to learn of her death. She was a conscientious Christian, a loyal member of the M. E. church, and a loving mother.

She saved her husband and ten children. Six of the children were with the parents in Honolulu. One, Frank J., lives in Seattle. Albert has been in La Grande most of the time for six years. Harry and Charles have been here since being discharged from service. Albert and Charles were in Seattle visiting at the time the message came. They were en route to Honolulu to visit their mother. Harry left Friday night to be with the rest of the boys in Seattle for a few days.

HIGH OFFICERS REMOVED

Dickman and Biddle Ordered Returned to Rank of Brigadier General

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Oct. 12.—Maj. Gen. Joseph T. Dickman, former commander of the 1st division at Chateau Thierry, but now ranking officer of the southern department, and Maj. Gen. John Biddle, commander at Camp Travis, Texas, have been mentioned in orders for demotion to the rank of brigadier general. The orders, it is stated, are in line with the war department's plan of returning to the regular grades officers who were promoted during the war.

CONVENTION BEGINS TUESDAY

ANNUAL MEETING OF UNION CO. SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Good Program Announced for Sessions to Be Held at Methodist Church.

The Union County Sunday School Association will hold their annual meeting at the First Methodist church, on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. It is expected that every school in the county will send delegates, who will be entertained in La Grande homes under the Harvard plan, that is, bed and breakfast.



HAROLD F. HUMBERT

Harold F. Humbert, general secretary for the Oregon Sunday school Association, will be the principal speaker at the two day meeting, to which everyone is invited to attend. Mr. Humbert is a graduate of the University of Oregon and of the Eugene Bible University. He has already made many friends in this county, having been here in connection with Sunday school work before.

All reports from schools are to be charted, showing the relative standing of the schools, and there is being rivalry among the different organizations for first place. The registration fee is 25 cents.

Officers for the year have been making an unusual effort to make this convention one of the best so far held. W. F. Lindrum, as president, has been assisted by the following officers: Rev. C. W. Walker, Union, vice-president; E. W. Eastman, secretary-treasurer; Miss Margaret Anson, superintendent children's division; Miss Flora Crink, superintendent young people's division; Ray Pauls, Union superintendent boys' division; Mrs. Thomas Walsinger, Alsea, superintendent adult division; Robert S. Eakin, superintendent administrative division; and H. J. Kitchen, superintendent educational division.

The convention theme for this year is "Brotherhood." While the convention watchword is "One is your teacher, and all ye are brethren."

Following is the program for Tuesday, the first day of the convention:

- 9:30—Opening Devotional service, County Pres. W. F. Lindrum.
- 10:00—Remote address, "The Spirit of Brotherhood," Rev. N. S. Eastman, Alsea.
- 10:30—Symposium, "Missionary Education."
- 11:00—"For Children," Miss Georgia Parker, Portland.
- 11:30—"For Young People," Harold F. Humbert, Portland.
- 12:00—Lunch and Welcome, by Rev. R. B. Mosley, La Grande.
- 1:15—Announcements, appointment of committee, question box, devotional song, "America" The Band.
- Afternoon Session
- 1:30—Devotional service, E. W. Eastman.

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SUSPECTED OF ROBBING UTAH BANK

TWO MEN AND A WOMAN TAKEN FROM THE TRAIN BY THE POLICE OFFICIALS.

HAD LARGE AMOUNT OF MONEY AND VALUABLES

Bank of Brigham, Utah, Was Robbed and the Trio Were Taken Into Custody on the Advice of Utah Officials—One of Whom Will Arrive in La Grande Soon

Chief of Police J. C. Christensen, Sheriff Lee Wernick and four assistants yesterday boarded the west bound passenger train No. 17, and captured two men and one woman suspected of participating in a bank robbery in Brigham, Utah. They gave their names as Bill Underwood, Jim Miller and Mrs. E. M. McCarthy. Chief Christensen received a telegram fifteen minutes before train time, ordering the arrest and giving the berth and ticket numbers of the suspects. The chief got busy, but was unable to locate Sheriff Wernick, nor did the chief's assistant have a telephone. He dispatched a messenger for the assistant, and started for the station, ready to attempt the arrest of the trio himself. Fortunately, for the chief and everyone concerned, the train was half an hour late, and by the time the train pulled in at 8:30 a. m. the chief had a good handful of assistants, Sheriff Wernick, Deputy McDowell, Night Officer Driscoll, and railroad agent, John Hanan being present.

When the train came to a standstill, the officers learned that the alleged bandit trio had left their berths and were then in the diner. They had finished ordering their breakfast when the six men filed in and surrounded them, taking their prisoners.

Upon searching their berths, the officers found four heavily loaded guns, so placed as to be within easy reach should the occasion arise. The officers congratulated themselves afterwards, that they caught them in the dining car rather than in their berths.

The trio were brought to the police station where they were searched. Altogether, \$2349.50 was found on the three. Diamond rings and valuable clothing, such as silk underwear, was also found hidden away. The woman carried most of the loot, having over \$2,000 on her person, of which \$1000 was hidden in the coils of her hair. All the money was in currency and gold and \$100 bills.

No particulars have been received as to the robbery, but an official is on his way from Brigham to take the trio to Utah where the robbery was committed.

CLEVELAND MAN ROBBED OF \$11,000

(By Associated Press to The Observer.)
CLEVELAND, Oct. 11.—Six robbers this morning held up the paymaster of the Samuel Emerson company in the lobby of the building and after throwing paper in his face, escaped in an automobile with \$11,000.

BOMBARDMENT OF RIGA CAUSES MUCH DAMAGE

HELSINGFORS, Oct. 12.—Riga has suffered considerable damage from the bombardment of the German-Russian troops, especially in the district near the railroad. The enemy's attempts to cross the bridge were repelled, according to reports from Riga. Many civilians were killed or wounded by bombs dropped on the town.

STATE OF WAR ENDS IN FRANCE AND ALGERIA

PARIS, Oct. 12.—The state of war in France and Algeria is declared to be ended and the armistice lifted by two presidential decrees signed Saturday, which became effective Monday through publication in the official Journal.

RESULTS TO SURRENDER

MADRID, Oct. 12.—Report from Yanga says that Rissini, the bandit, has offered to surrender to the Spanish government. Spanish troops, according to Bergeon reports, have occupied Peul, Mutarr, Ruima and Escerula.

Conflicting Thoughts

MOTHER MAY I HAVE A PIECE OF SOAP?