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## WELCOME IS GIVEN CHIEF AT WRANGEL

### President Harding Sees First Totem Pole In Alaskan City.

### WANTS HIS REIGN TO BE UNDERSTOOD

### Harding Declares He Came To Alaska "As An Apostle of Understanding."

(By Associated Press)  
WRANGEL, Alaska, July 10.—President Harding landed here Monday, greeted thousands of people of Wrangel and Petersburg, and in an address delivered from the steps of the frame courthouse declared he came to Alaska "as an apostle of understanding" and wanted his administration to go down in history as "a period of understanding."

"That is what the world and the nation most need," the president declared.

The president was welcomed to Wrangel by the Rev. Diven, pastor of the Presbyterian church, who introduced him to the cheering crowds. After the chief executive had concluded his address, Secretary of the Interior Work, Secretary of Agriculture Wallace and Secretary of Commerce Hoover spoke briefly.

The party landed here Monday morning, to find the town, once the chief trading station of the Hudson Bay company, decorated with flags and flooded with the sunshine of a perfect summer day. Here the party saw its first totem pole.

### Defends World Court.

BOIST, July 10.—Senator Borah came Monday to the defense of President Harding in a reply to Senator King of Utah, who Saturday had branded the nation's chief executive as "insincere" and declared that in his advocacy of the world court he has "deceived the people." In a statement given the Idaho Statesman, Senator Borah asserted that Senator King's "deep and abiding affection for the league of nations may have colored his judgment" and declared:

"I feel that the president has pointed the way for the creation of an effective international judicial tribunal. Instead of weakening the court, his purpose, if realized, will strengthen the tribunal and make it far more effective and useful in the cause of peace."

## SCOUTS REACH CAMPING SITE

Word has been received from the Boy Scout summer camp, from A. E. Pryke, scout commissioner, to the effect that the scouts arrived at their camping site safe and that "they are enjoying camp life today." Nearly two score scouts made the trip and are now located on the Grande Fondo river at a point where Fry Creek enters the bigger stream. The site is described as beautiful and also ideal for camping, making sanitation and general comfort easy to attain.

In case any of the scout's parents wish to send a message to them, word should be left either with C. E. Short or H. E. Coolidge who will relay the message to the camp by several parties who have announced their intentions of visiting the boys Sunday or some other time.

Next Sunday has been set as Visitor's Day at camp and several are expected to visit the boys that day. Those who do should communicate either with Mr. Short or Mr. Coolidge in order to ascertain if there are any messages to be taken to camp.

### Do Away With "Dr."

PORTLAND, July 10.—Oregon physicians may stop writing "Dr." in front of their names if a movement State Medical Association today is approved. They would substitute the initials of their degrees. Dr. Alfred Kinney, Astoria, the society's first president, elected in 1874, was nominated today for president. Two others were also nominated.

### Wheat Quotations.

PORTLAND, July 10.—Soft White \$1.02; Western Red \$1.00.

## Weather Forecast

Portland, July 10.  
Fair tonight and Wednesday.

## K.C. Refinery Razed By Fire

KANSAS CITY, Mo., July 10.—Following an explosion late Monday, fire raged at the plant of the Interstate Refinery here destroying the building and oil tanks, the value of which was estimated at \$200,000. The speed with which the flames spread and the intense heat prevented firemen from checking the fire.

All but one of the 35 or 40 men who were employed at the plant, was accounted for Monday night. Hundreds of thousands of gallons of gasoline and oil were destroyed.

## ALL COMMUNITY TO CELEBRATE

### Freeing of Country Club from Indebtedness To Be Cause for Community Event July 12th.

Very few cities in the United States can boast of a country club absolutely free from all indebtedness. The greater, by far the greater portion of such organizations are either mortgaged or are facing debts of such size as to be cause for considerable concern.

And because the La Grande country club is now listed among those very few clubs who are free from debt, a gala community event will be held at the clubhouse Thursday evening, July 12, for the purpose of celebrating the fact. The whole community will gather together with the one purpose of rejoicing.

Chief on the evening's program will be the burning of the mortgage that hung threateningly over the country club since its inauguration several years ago. Ceremonies, of a fitting nature, will mark the creation of this paper, the last vestige of debt that it now removed.

The remainder of the program includes a dinner to be served by club members for all who are in attendance. The evening, whether they belong to the organization or not, are especially and most cordially invited to be present. Dancing following the dinner and a social hour will probably close the evening. Short speeches will be made during the dinner and in connection with the mortgage cremation ceremonies.

## Marks Near Zero Point; Now 266,667 To Dollar

NEW YORK, July 10.—German marks continued their course toward the vanishing point Monday, being quoted at .0003 3/4 cents or 266,667 to the American dollar. At the nominal rate of exchange of 23.8 cents each in effect before the war, this number of marks would have cost \$93,466.50.

## SHELBY BANK HAS TO CLOSE DOORS

GREAT FALLS, Mont., July 10.—The First State Bank of Shelby, of which James C. Johnson, one of the backers of the Dempsey-Gibbons fight is president, closed its doors today.

The state bank examiner Skelton said that the reason for closing the bank was that it was affiliated with the Stanton Trust & Savings Bank of Great Falls, which closed yesterday.

Johnson is reputed to have lost over \$100,000 through the fight.

### Coroners Inquest.

An inquest was conducted this morning over the remains of Marie Shaw, 15, of Union, who was fatally injured, dying shortly after, in an auto wreck early Sunday morning near Union, with County Coroner Hal Bohnenkamp in charge. The coroner's jury returned a verdict "that Marie Shaw came to death as a result of being thrown from an automobile driven by Sidney Turner in a careless and reckless manner." Turner was incarcerated in the county jail yesterday and bonds set at \$2500. He is charged with manslaughter.

### Funeral To Be Thursday.

Funeral services over the remains of I. C. Holmes, a pioneer resident of La Grande who passed away recently, will be held Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Bohnenkamp Chapel. Interment will take place in the I. O. O. F. cemetery.

### Grain Exports Increase.

WASHINGTON, July 10.—Grain exports from the United States last amounted to 4,627,999 bushels as compared with 2,683,999 the week before.

Figures made public Monday by the commerce department showed the following comparisons of grain exports last week with those of the previous week:

Wheat	132,000 bushels against 182,000
Corn	297,000 bushels against 175,000
Oats	41,000 bushels against 75,000
Rye	1,481,000 bushels against 610,000
Wheat	276,000 bushels against 2,613,000
Flour	128,600 barrels against 140,000

## PRESIDENT IS TREATED TO A RARE THRILL

### Huge Ice Walls Crashed By Five Inch Shells from Presidential Transport In Taku Bay.

ABOARD TRANSPORT HENDERSON, July 10.—Owing to a fog which settled down when the president reached Taku Bay, the bombardment of the glacier was abandoned at the last minute.

ABOARD TRANSPORT HENDERSON, July 10.—The spectacle of crashing ice was planned to thrill President Harding and his party as the Henderson approached Jansou today. Five inch shells were fired from the Henderson to shatter the ice walls pushed into Taku Bay, 25 miles south of Jansou, by the Taku Glacier, sending the crashing masses tumbling into the water.

The president will remain in Jansou until tomorrow when he will leave for Seward on a three day voyage across the Gulf of Alaska at the north end of the Pacific ocean.

## Twenty-Six Are Indicted By Federal Grand Jury

CLEVELAND, July 9.—Twenty six Texas oil promoters, including Dr. Frederick A. Cook, former arctic explorer, were indicted by the federal grand jury here today, charged with using the mails to defraud.

## XTRA

### Five Die from Heat

OMAHA, July 10. (AP)—Excessively heat is held indirectly responsible for the death of at least five persons in Nebraska since Sunday.

### To Test School Law.

(By the Associated Press)  
Joseph A. Hill, head of the Hill Military Academy, today began legal action for an injunction to test the Compulsory School law.

### To Bring Libel Suits.

WASHINGTON, July 10.—The treasury prohibition officials decided today to bring libel suits against contraband liquor on ships.

### Names Elk Leader.

ATLANTA, Ga., July 10.—James C. McFarland, Waterbury, S. Dak., was elected grand exalted ruler of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks today. Boston was chosen as the next convention place.

### Judge Knowles Affirmed.

SALFEM, July 10.—Supreme court decisions today included: Joseph Milling Company vs. First Bank of Joseph, appellant, appeal from Walla Walla county, a suit to recover money. The opinion given by Justice Harris affirmed Judge J. W. Knowles.

## Death Penalty Given Woman

CHICAGO, July 10.—For the first time in the history of Cook county, a jury Monday voted on the death penalty to a white woman when Mrs. Sabelle Nitti Crudelle and her second husband, Peter Crudelle, were found guilty of the murder of Frank Nitti, Mrs. Crudelle's first husband, and death was decided on for both.

## BUICK HOME IS CHANGED A DOOR

In order to have more room which they have found to be essential in their Buick business in La Grande, Southard & Shinn have leased the room occupied by Floyd McKennon, who recently sold his stock of farm implements and repairs to W. H. Bohnenkamp Company. The Buick company will give up their room on the corner which they have occupied for several months and move their entire business down a few doors on Adams avenue.

## Accidents Prove Fatal To Two at Klamath Falls

KLAMATH FALLS, July 10.—John Nyhart, 26, was killed, and J. P. Day, of Fairmont, Indiana, was fatally injured yesterday by an explosion when Nyhart's pick struck a concealed dynamite cartridge while working on the Ashland-Klamath Falls highway.

### Falls into Hot Springs.

KLAMATH FALLS, July 10.—Patrick Hurligan, 59, died from scalds when he fell accidentally into the Hot Springs yesterday.

### Union People Organize.

PORTLAND, July 10.—An organization which once each year will hold a general picnic and get together was formed Sunday by pioneers and former residents of Union county, Oregon, at a picnic held at Columbia park.

### Charged With Murder.

EL PASO, Tex., July 10.—T. W. Fields, farmer living near here, Monday was held on a charge of murder in connection with the shooting of Mrs. J. R. Peterson, who owned a farm near his. Fields and the woman are alleged to have quarreled over irrigation water. His bond was set at \$2500.

## FRENCH DELAY CAUSES REGRET IN WASHINGTON

### Ratification of Naval and Pacific Pacts Please, But Other Treaties Necessary To Plan.

WASHINGTON, July 10.—Action of French chamber of deputies in voting ratification Monday of the four power Pacific treaty, coupled with the favorable vote last week on the naval pact, caused gratification in official circles here Monday, although some regret was evidenced at the forecast that the three other Washington treaties would not be put through at once.

The five treaties negotiated at the arms conference are independent documents, but to a certain degree they were designed to supplement each other and to extend the effectiveness of the general plan contemplated by the conference for removing probable causes of war. Although there will be no barrier to putting into effect of the naval treaty and the Pacific pact, even though French ratification of the other treaties is delayed, the result of that delay may be to develop a somewhat peculiar situation.

The Chinese treaties, one dealing with customs matters in China, and the other with political questions, were worked out as a very significant element in the project of assuring peace in the Pacific. It was through these pacts that the conference delegates hoped to iron out causes of international friction in China and to make less likely chances of interest in the Far East that might lead to war.

### Would Help in China.

This aspect of the situation is regarded as of importance just at this time in view of the disturbed conditions in China, where the power of the central government has been greatly weakened, the bandit outrages have become numerous. It is felt that proclamation of the Washington treaties might have had some effect toward stabilizing the situation.

For a somewhat different reason the delay over the submarine and gas warfare treaty is a cause of regret to officials here. It had been hoped at the time of the Washington conference that the doctrines laid down in the treaty as binding upon the signatories could be extended without delay to all other nations, adding a new chapter to international law. That world process cannot go forward, however, until the treaty has been ratified.

The submarine provision of the treaty probably are of greater importance to Great Britain than to the other signatories because of her geographical situation. It is to be remembered that British delegations at the conference sought to extend submarine entirely. The Root resolutions embodied in the submarine and gas warfare treaty were written for the purpose of finding a compromise ground in which naval opinion of all the powers could combine.

### The Market.

PORTLAND, July 10.—Cattle steady, hogs strong prime light \$5.75 to \$5.90; lambs 25 cents higher, sheep steady choice valley lambs \$19.25 to \$19.75. Eggs firm and butter weak.

## Womens Clubs Hear Princess

(By Associated Press)  
PORTLAND, July 10.—Princess Santa Borghese, of Italy, addressed the convention of business and professional women's clubs describing the political situation in Italy.

She said there were no separate women's organizations in Italy but that the men and women worked together in the Fascist party.

Dr. O. Latham Hatcher, of Richmond, Va., presented the report of the education committee recommending high school education to form the basis of training for business women.

## NORMAL SCHOOL WELL ATTENDED

### Conditions Described By North Powder Observer Correspondent Who is Attending Summer Session.

This morning's mail brought to the Evening Observer an interesting communication from Mrs. Lillie Law, of North Powder, who is attending normal school during the summer. She describes life at the school and gives an interesting account of conditions there as she sees them. The letter in full follows:

"The State Normal school located at Monmouth, Oregon, has settled down for a summer of hard work. It has taken some time for everything to get started and for everyone to find themselves, but nearly every one has their schedules made up and know their places.

"We had just had a few days when the 4th of July broke in. School sessions ended on Friday evening and a holiday was given until July 8th. This gave a large number the opportunity to go home or visit Portland to see President Harding and the greater number did so. We will now have to make up the holidays by having school on two Saturdays.

"There is an enrollment of 349 students and all are here in all the time. The larger number are here for the full summer session of 12 weeks, still a large number will only take six weeks.

"President Lauder and his corps of teachers are doing all they can, but the number of girls are so many and classes so large that it is impossible for them to give the time and attention they should. The rooms are far too small and are crowded to their full seating capacity, many chairs are brought in, and all classes are crowded.

"The student body is organized and are now planning their work for the summer. Movies are given every Friday evening, and a social time every Saturday evening. This with the other social events going on give plenty of social life for the students. Every day is planned for the welfare of the student body.

"Eastern Oregon is represented by (Continued on page 5)

### Elks in Atlanta.

ATLANTA, Ga., July 10.—Elks moved its capital to Atlanta yesterday. Thousands of delegates to the B. P. O. E. annual convention arrived in the city from all parts of the United States.

The delegation from Portland, Oregon, announced that it would go after the 1925 convention. Boston is making a strong bid for the next annual convention with little opposition.

## Winter Wheat In County Promises Excellent Crop

The Grande Ronde Valley is experiencing one of her best years as an agricultural center, both in grain and fruits, this season. Not only is the cherry and apple crops showing promise of a yield above normal but grains, especially wheat, are giving indications of a satisfactory return at harvest time.

"Winter wheat throughout the county where good stands exist, promises an excellent crop," states H. G. Avery, county agriculturist, who is in close touch with conditions throughout the county. "At the present time many fields in the Sand Ridge country near Imbler and Alsea are standing from 5 1/2 to 6 feet high. The ground underneath this heavy crop is quite moist, an exceptional condition with the winter wheat crop at this time of the year. Lodging on account of weather conditions is not nearly as serious as was anticipated. Low spots which lodge nearly every year and some of the fence rows which are cut for hay are the only spots where a great amount of lodging has occurred with the exception of some fields affected with the 'take all' disease. Much of the lodged wheat promises to, at least, partially mature, and will not be a total loss, providing harvesting methods are successful.

## BUMPER CROP FOR OREGON IS DOUBTFUL

### F. L. Kent Believes That Winter Wheat Damages Will Hurt Yields.

### EASTERN OREGON SUFFERS LITTLE

### Washington Is In Line for a Record Crop; Local Outlook Good; Haines Sees Big Hay Yield.

PORTLAND, July 10.—Prospects for a bumper grain and hay crop for Oregon were somewhat lessened by June and July rainfall. Agricultural Statistician F. L. Kent reported today.

A large share of the grain almost ready for cutting is beaten down and cannot be harvested with the usual equipment.

However, benefit to spring crops and pastures will doubtless offset the injury to the winter wheat.

Present indications are that the 1923 Oregon wheat crop will equal if not exceed the big 1921 crop. Cherries are damaged but later fruits will be benefited by rain.

### Eastern Oregon Unhurt.

Damage in Eastern Oregon to winter wheat and cherries is of a much less important nature, according to a consensus of opinion among agricultural authorities. Damage to the cherry crop is practically none and the winter wheat crop is only damaged to a small extent in this section of the state.

### French Wheat a Success.

MOSSCOW, Idaho, July 10.—Walter Bingham, a farmer on American ridge, has five acres of magnificent wheat grown in Franco Bingham, who sows from six kernels of the common wheat grown in France. Bingham, who served with the 31st division during the World War, brought the six kernels home with him and planted them carefully keeping the grain separate from other wheat and planting the increase each year. The wheat grows six to six and a half feet tall, and is headed. It has proved most profitable, the stalks are so large and firm that it resists high winds and rain. (Continued on page 5)

## FORECAST SEES SMALLER CROPS

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 10.—Smaller crops than last year were indicated in the July forecasts of the department of agriculture, issued Monday for wheat, corn, rye, white and red potatoes, rice, hay, apples and peaches. It has proved most profitable, the stalks are so large and firm that it resists high winds and rain. (Continued on page 5)

Production this year was forecast at 2,877,000,000 bushels.

Winter wheat showed a slight improvement over a month ago, but production showed a deterioration of 7.5 points in the month. The combined production forecast, however, is 4,000,000 bushels larger than the June forecast with a total crop of \$21,000,000 now indicated.

This year's potato crop probably will be 40,000,000 bushels less than last year's record production, the 1921 production being forecast at 382,000,000 bushels.

A tobacco crop of 1,425,000,000 pounds, as forecast for this year, would make it the fourth largest ever grown, while a flax seed production of 18,000,000 bushels, as forecast, would make it the largest crop in 10 years.

