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## FOUR SHIPS IN DISTRESS TODAY

# Cross Country Air Mail Starts

### NEW YORK TO FRISCO TEST TO BE MADE

Planes to Leave Both New York and San Francisco This Morning.

FLYING TIME IS FIXED, 30 HOURS

Special Delivery Letters and Newspapers to Be First U. S. Transcontinental Air Mail.

(By Associated Press) HEMPSTEAD, N. Y., Aug. 21.—With one plane flying from San Francisco to New York, another took off from Hazelhurst field, Long Island, today for the Pacific coast in the first of a five days' test inaugurated by the government to demonstrate the feasibility of a permanent transcontinental air mail service.

NEW YORK, Aug. 21.—Uncle Sam today will make his most audacious attempt at delivering transcontinental mail in record time. From New York a plane will wing its way westward, bound for San Francisco. From San Francisco a machine will speed eastward for New York. The aircraft will pass one another in the center of the continent, if plans carry.

### Booster Trip Thursday Is Now Planned

About forty members of the Union County Chamber of Commerce have organized their intentions of joining the booster trip planned by that organization to North Powder and Union on Thursday, August 23, and the trip to be made in one day via auto. Several others will probably go also and they are urged to make reservations immediately with Earl C. Reynolds, secretary of the Chamber.

### 6--HOUR DAY IS NEAR, SAYS N.Y. SHOE KING

(By I. N. S.) BINGHAMTON, N. Y., Aug. 21.—America is face to face with the dawn of the six-hour day. The eight-hour day has really been here for five years.

#### Weather Forecast

PORTLAND, Aug. 21.—Fair in the East with showers in the west portion tonight and

### U. S. Will Not Hasten Debt Funding Plan

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21. (AP)—The American government probably will make no immediate effort to hasten negotiation of a debt funding agreement with its foreign wartime debtors as a result of information brought back to the treasury Monday by Secretary Mellon.

### DEER HUNTERS GET TWO BUCKS

Opening of Season Yesterday Resulted in Two Kills; Burghduff Says Season Is on.

The question as to the opening of the deer season in Union and Wallowa counties now appears to be a confused tangle, with the state forester and the attorney general maintaining that it does not open until September 10, and the state game warden asserting that it opened August 20. The latest reports received today are:

L. H. Russell, of La Grande, today received advices from the Oregon state forester to the effect that the deer season does not officially open until September 10. The state forester states that the supposed opening of the season August 20 is not legal.

### Fire Takes 2 Lives in N.Y.

NEW YORK, Aug. 21.—Two men were killed and 57 injured when a three story brick dance hall and store building in Brooklyn collapsed last night during a fire, burying a score of firemen and spectators. The loss of life is much less than was at first indicated.

### FOOD SHORTAGE IS ADDING TO GERMAN COMMUNIST PERIL

Civil War Spectre Hovers Over Land; Writer Paints Picture of Suffering.

By FRITZ EBERT, Jr., Son of President of the German Republic. (Written Especially for International News Service) (Copyright, 1923, by I. N. S.) BERLIN, Aug. 21.—In spite of the nation-wide, conscience-agonizing agitation of the Reds, the bulk of the German workers steadfastly refuse to be lured into the ranks of Communists, who wish to hoist the Soviet Star over our country.

Yet, what agitation, promises and propaganda have so far failed to do, hunger may in the end accomplish. The danger of the much-dreaded "Red wave" is only just beginning to become acute.

Berlin is bare of the most necessary foodstuffs. There are no fats, no potatoes, no meat. Just as in the worst days of the war the housewives of all classes of the population are standing, from early morning on, in long lines in front of food stores, hoping that some time in the course of the day there will be a pound of potatoes, just a bit of fat, a piece of meat or only a sausage. Most of them wait in vain.

Here is one of the many pictures that have come to be the order of the day in the streets of Berlin: Paints' Picture of Suffering. A 72-year-old woman waits, in a long queue with many other women, for potatoes. She waits two and a half hours. Finally her turn comes—but just then the store's small supply is exhausted. The storekeeper announces that he expects more soon. The little white-haired matron waits another two hours; at last there comes a wagon with a few sacks. The new supply is so small that each of the women can only get five pounds. Thus this 72-year-old woman has had to wait four and a half hours for five pounds of potatoes. She pays thirteen thousand marks a pound. Before the war one could get ten pounds for three marks.

### MOBS LIKE THIS GATHER QUICKLY IN REPUBLICAN GERMANY



Scarcely of food and deprivation of the mark make it easy for Red agitators to gain an audience in Germany. Mobs like this, shown before the former emperor's castle, the "Lustgarten," Berlin, have been frequent in the past few weeks, and now are a daily occurrence.



NEW CHANCELLOR Gustave Stresemann, who succeeded Chancellor Cuno, and who has formed a coalition cabinet, in which four separate political parties are represented. The new arrangement tends to "isolate" the Communists in the Reichstag. It has been declared.

### ONE ZABEL IS LEADER TODAY

Reports received from Legion headquarters today noon relative to the standing of the competitors in the bathing girl contest sponsored by the American Legion of La Grande, stated that Ione Zabel had gained the lead with a margin of 200 votes over Iris King, in second place.

The standing of the girls entered is now: Ione Zabel—4500, Iris King—4200, Effie Atsworth—4050. Everything is being made ready for the big state convention of the American Legion which is to be held in Seaside, 6, 7, and 8 of September. Several added features which are entirely novel are scheduled for the three days entertainment and business transactions.

### French Reply To British

PARIS, Aug. 21.—The French reply to the recent British reparations note was unveiled to the British embassy today. This is regarded in official circles as conciliatory, though unyielding on outstanding features of the French policy.

### WALLACE SEES RUIN IN LOW WHEAT PRICES

Distorted Relationship of Farm Prices With Those of Other Products Blamed for Difficulties.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—Thousands of American farmers will go bankrupt with wheat selling at considerably less than cost of production, Secretary Wallace declared Monday while thousands of others will be able to hold on by the most grinding economy. If the present plane of prices of commodities other than agricultural is to be maintained, he added, prices of farm products must be increased.

Eastern railroads could help by making substantial reductions in freight rates on agricultural products, especially if destined for export, Mr. Wallace asserted, pointing out, however, that until agriculture, industry and commerce are brought into a more normal relationship, "acute agricultural problems will develop, one after the other."

"The ruinously low price of wheat is not a new agricultural disease," said the secretary in a statement. "It is just one more acute symptom of the general trouble from which agriculture is suffering. The disease itself is the distorted relationship prices of farm products and other commodities."

### Bandits Loot Train, Beat Up Crew, Escape

OKLAHOMA CITY, Aug. 21.—Five masked bandits looted the mail and express cars of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas passenger train near Okesa, Oklahoma, shortly after midnight. They made their escape with twenty registered packages after overpowering the train crew. The value of the loot is unestimated early today.

### SEATTLE BOY DROWNED IN ONE WRECK

Steamer Ran Down and Sunk American Fishing Boat; Captain Saved

U. S. CRUISER IS ASHORE IN FOG Two British Steamers Meet Disaster Today; Coaler Is Ashore on East Coast; Liner on Rocks.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Aug. 21.—Ray Hoffman, of Seattle, was drowned, and the Seattle fishing boat Decision was sunk off Port Townsend early today when the Canadian Pacific Steamer Princess Charlotte ran down the American boat in a dense fog.

### SIX-CENT OFFER MADE ON PRUNES

Good Prices for Fruit on Way; Prune Market Is Gradually Opening Up.

San Jose, Cal., Aug. 21.—The prune market is gradually opening up. Independent packers were out among the orchards this week offering 5-4-2 and 6 cents depending on the quality of the fruit. Some growers brought at these prices but a large majority of the growers were inclined to hold for better prices.

### "Blue Mountain Air" Blows Off the Press

The "Blue Mountain Air," official publication of the Union County Chamber of Commerce, made its first appearance in La Grande this afternoon with a four page issue. The organ, to be issued hereafter semi-monthly, is published from the headquarters of the organization that it represents and contains much interesting information relative to the Chamber work and La Grande and Union county in general.

### Chief To Be Easy On War Law Violators

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—President Coolidge told the White House visitors today that he had decided to adopt a "reasonable" attitude in the matter of clemency for war law violators, but that he recognized that some of those still imprisoned were only receiving just punishment for crimes of which they were convicted.

### 3--YEAR OLD KIDDIE IS STRUCK BY AUTOMOBILE

Levie Blackman, three-year-old son of Robert Blackman, of the La Grande Pipe and Concrete works, located at Island City, suffered a fractured collar bone and several minor cuts about the head as the result of an accident yesterday afternoon. He was struck by a car driven by Duncan McDonald who was driving to La Grande. The little boy is recovering nicely today, according to reports.