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Weather Forecast

PORTLAND (AP)—
Rain tonight and Wednes-
day accompanied by
fresh southerly gales.

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Two Pendleton Men Meet Death

FLOOD WATERS
GRIP CAPITAL
OF OKLAHOMANorth Canadian River Ris-
ing, Inundates Oklahoma
City TodayBREAD LINES ARE
NOW ESTABLISHEDRetail Business Center of
City Threatened; Waters
Break Through Municipal
Reservoir.

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)—A catastrophic flood gripped Oklahoma City today. With virtually the entire south side inundated, flood waters of the North Canadian river are rising rapidly, evening relentlessly upwards from the lowlands.

The waters are already literally lapping at the threshold of the retail business center of the city and are sweeping southward, forming a raging torrent, swollen to unprecedented proportions by four days rain in the western and north central section of the state.

The flood broke through the municipal reservoir ten miles west of the city early today and flung a nine foot wall of water to spread further disaster to the already stricken lowlands of Oklahoma City's south side.

The homeless are being fed in bread lines. Many persons are marooned.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. (By the Associated Press)—Western, central and southern Oklahoma Monday night was in the grip of the most disastrous flood ever recorded in the state. Rivers and streams, swollen by rains that have fallen virtually without intermission since Friday morning were sweeping southward carrying on their foaming crest bridges, houses and other property that had been caught in the current.

The north and south Canadian rivers, the Cimarron, the Washita, the north fork of the Red river—all are spreading destruction that is estimated already in the millions of dollars.

No authentic reports of loss of life had been received here Monday night. An unconfirmed account of the death of a Wichita Falls & Northwestern railroad bridge worker at Camargo on the south Canadian, was the only report of the kind that came out of the areas stricken by the floods.

Scores of families, however have been forced to flee, leaving their household goods behind them.

Reports from Canton indicated that the river had straightened its course sweeping through farm lands heretofore considered immune from flood damage.

Expect High Water.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Monday night awaited with marked apprehension the onslaught of a wall of water in the north Canadian, which according to an official warning of J. P. Slaughter, chief of the local United States weather bureau, will be between four and six feet higher than any before.

For the first time in the history of the city, more than casual concern was felt for the safety of the business district would be gravely imperiled.

Soldier Prisoners on Hunger Strike

DUBLIN (AP)—Speaking at meetings at which the release of Republican prisoners was demanded, Michael Conyn said Sunday that the soldier prisoners had started a hunger strike determined to be free either alive or dead.

The Market Today.

PORTLAND (AP)—Cattle weak, calves 50 cents lower last yesterday. Hogs, sheep steady. Eggs two cents higher, 42 to 52 cents. Butter firm.

Early Neglect Blamed
For Feeble Brains Today

DETROIT, (INS)—Virtually every case of mental deficiency recorded has its origin during the formative period of the life of the person affected, in the opinion of Dr. Arnold Gesell, Ph. D., director of the Yale Psycho-Child and professor of child hygiene at Yale University.

Dr. Gesell addressed the delegates to the annual convention of the American Child Health Association at today's session.

Discussing "The Pre-School Child As a Health Problem," Dr. Gesell made an earnest plea for a more intensive effort by individuals and organizations to improve the health and mental equipment of the child from two to six years old, who so long has been neglected.

"The pre-school child is being rediscovered," he said. A few years ago the pre-school period of childhood was practically called the "No Man's Land" in the field of public endeavor. It was pointed out that there were social provisions to protect the

Titled.



Lady Winifred Pennington is probably the only titled woman of the U. S. embassy. She is the wife of the attaché at Berlin. Her son is the present Earl of Shrewsbury.

WORLD SERIES'
CURTAIN FALLS

Yanks Shout With Joy as
Giants Weep over Defeat;
Attendance and Receipts
Records Shattered.

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press)—The final incident in the great drama came; the players leave the green carpeted stage as the crowds shout, the curtain falls. But this is not the end. Behind the scenes, in the dressing rooms the repressed emotions of the players, victorious and vanquished, burst forth. This is the human side of the real drama.

In the dressing room of the victorious Yankees is Miller Huggins, that bit of a man, the manager, proud a bit with Old Man Dugan, doing a "jumping jope" patting them with hands and feet. There is Babe Ruth, who struck out at the most dramatic moment of his career, being jostled and prodded in the ribs, then pushed over a bench, all the time laughing as if his ponderous self would split.

Aaron Ward yells like a Contancie with seven scaps at his belt. Sad Sam Jones is no longer sad; he's singing hallday at the top of his voice. Bob Meusel, who made the hit that won the series, is being hugged and kissed by no other than Little Eddies Bennett, the mascot, whose cheeks are wet with tears of joy. There is bandaging and more slugging. Wallis Schang kicks off his spiked shoe and it flies clean through the window pane.

Giants Silent.

Then the rooms of the Giants. A different scene is slung, no loud talking, no hurry to get dressed. In a far corner sits Little Arthur Nehf, the pitcher, his head in his hands, sobbing. About him gathered his team mates, telling him not to mind; that he cracked at that moment in the eighth inning when the game seemed

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LEGION FACES LLOYD GEORGE
PROBLEMS AT FAVORS PEACE,
CONVENTION ASKS U.S. HELP

Every State in Union Rep-
resented at San Francisco
Annual Session

HEATED MEETINGS
ARE EXPECTED

Condemnation of Ku Klux
Klan Debated by Commit-
tee; Convention May Be
Split.

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Heavy mist tried in vain to take the color and snap from the great American Legion pageant, the chief event of today's convention. The mist made the streets slippery but the Legionnaires stepped with the same carefree abandon as on the summit of days.

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Legionnaires from every state in the Union gathered here Monday for the opening of the fifth annual convention of the American Legion.

A sea of flames, a riot of color and music—Indian bands, navy bands, army bands, cowboy bands, fraternal bands—greeted the delegates and visitors at all corners of the huge civic auditorium, wherein the 1923 convention got into motion Monday after the usual routine necessary for permanent organization.

The American Legion auxiliary convention began its annual session Monday after the close of the initial legion session.

Committees on resolutions, rehabilitation, legislation, constitutional amendments, international organization, Americanism, finances, military affairs, naval affairs, aeronautics and time and place for the 1924 convention struggled throughout the latter part of the day preparing data for the consideration of the open convention during the next four days' sessions.

Many questions vital to the welfare of the American Legion, are being considered in these committee rooms, members stated.

A strong hand on the helm is necessary to steer a straight course during the next four days' session of the convention. Monday night, a demand that the words "Foster and Proctor" be dropped from the American Legion preamble was made late Monday and Legion committee members said that this would be kept off the floor of the convention if it were possible.

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Northwest Gathers at Min-
neapolis to Honor Former
British Premier.

SIoux INDIANS
ADOPT STATESMAN

Appeals to Americans to Aid
Europe Bring Peace, in
First Address in United
States.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (By the Associated Press)—An appeal for the United States to help Europe make peace was made here Monday by David Lloyd George, the war-time premier of Great Britain. In his first public address in this country, after concluding his tour of Canada.

Speaking before many hundreds of persons at a luncheon given by the Minneapolis Civic and Commerce association, the former premier said:

"I am not here on any mission, but let me say to you one thing that until the United States of America, with its mighty influence, with its great power, with the moral command which it has in the world because of its past, with the great claim that it has won by coming into the war without any selfish purpose but for a holy ideal, sending millions of your best young men across to fight for liberty and for nothing else—until this great ideal sends its influence into the scale of justice, I despair of the future."

Referring to a statement that Americans were doing their best to forget the recent World war, he urged that they do not forget.

"There is nothing," he said, "for you to forget—nothing. There is something, yes, something for you to be proud of. You came for naught but at the call of a great purpose and a great ideal. It ought to be your pride. The part you took in it is one which is worthy of your greatest traditions. And my last word is that so far from forgetting that part, I trust that the United States of America will once more, in due time, in its own way, cast its great light into the scales of peace."

Welcomed by Crowds.

The address was the one formal public function on the program of the distinguished visitor during his day's visit to this city. Arriving early Monday morning, he was welcomed by huge crowds at the station and on the way to his hotel and thousands crowded the streets and greeted him with applause as he was escorted on a night-long trip along the Minne-

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Late News Flashes

Two Suspects Arrested at McMinnville.

PORTLAND (AP)—Two men were arrested last night and were suspected to be connected with the Southern Pacific Siskiyou holdup and murder of trainmen. They were believed today innocent by the police who credited the men's story that they were in Sheridan Thursday and had been picking hops in the Willamette valley for the past few weeks.

Three Youths Confess to Murdering Patrolman.

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—Three youths held in San Bernardino, California, suspected of being implicated in the killing of Patrolman Crowther, of Salt Lake City, have confessed, according to advices today. The police at Ludlow, California, yesterday arrested the three driving an automobile which Crowther was driving when last seen October 12th. Crowther's body was found Sunday on Jordan river.

Suggests Rate Reduction.

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Coolidge suggested today to the president Mr. Rea, of the Pennsylvania railroad that freight rate reduction be made by railroads on wheat for export, and that railroads institute the same rate on export coal as on coal for domestic use. Rea probably will consider the suggestions in conjunction with executives of other larger railroads.

PROMISE FOUR
NIGHTS OF FUN

"Cast the Blues Aside and
Rejoice That You Are
Alive at Days of '49 Show"
Is Invitation.

"You'll leave your troubles behind into the backyard and forget that the blues ever invaded your realm!" Such is the promise that the B. P. O. E. Lodge No. 412, of La Grande, issued to the public in general and everyone in particular.

"Why, when, how and where?" "At the Days of '49 show to begin at the Zuhle hall Wednesday evening at eight o'clock—of course." comes the prompt reply from the folks who then add, "and if you don't have the most enjoyable, most amusing and best time of your life, it will be because you're a chronic, incurable, cynical, dyspeptic, gloomy, moth eaten and wife beaten remnant of the 'human race'!"

"And the glowing promise of fun that the forty-niners are giving out, and they swear by all that's right and Holy that they will prove their assertions in every way."

Final plans are now completed for the annual show, given for the benefit of the Christmas tree for the kiddies and for assistance for the needy. One of the members of the forty-nine tribe was buttonholed by a reporter today and he said, "Don't miss it! The biggest night of fun offered Continued on Page Four."

Puget Sound
Is Visited
By Winter

SEATTLE (AP)—The first blast of winter struck Puget Sound last night. The street cars were stopped for 45 minutes this morning on account of a broken power line.

ANTONIA (AP)—The first southwester of the season, blowing at a maximum of 30 miles per hour, struck North Head last night. The velocity was 48 miles per hour this morning. No damage to property was reported.

WALTON ATTORNEYS
ROUTED IN EFFORT
TO HALT INQUIRY

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. (AP)—A motion by attorneys for Governor J. C. Walton to quash a grand jury called to investigate alleged misuse of state funds by the governor, was stricken from the records and the grand jury was convened here Monday. This is the first grand jury that was prohibited previously by one of the governor's martial law edicts.

The governor's motion declared that the grand jury was under the domination of the Ku Klux Klan and had been called for the direct purpose of indicting him.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. (By the Associated Press)—A resolution introduced in the lower house of the state legislature Monday calling for an investigation of all members to determine whether they belonged to the Ku Klux Klan was tabled after three minutes' discussion.

HEARING EVIDENCE
IN STATUTORY CASE

The case of the State of Oregon versus Chester Butcher, charged with a statutory offense, is still being tried this afternoon, with slow progress being made. About noon the evidence was still being heard and indications pointed toward a completion of the case not sooner than tomorrow and possibly later.

Completion of the selection of jurors occurred yesterday afternoon about two o'clock.

Habeas Corpus Writ Denied.

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The superior court Monday denied a writ of habeas corpus to Esther Lee Fulton, whose return to Phoenix, Ariz., was asked by officers of that state. She here Sunday night by a Chicago train with the alleged murder of John, in an automobile and both were killed instantly.

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AUTO SKIDS
ON PAVEMENT;
WRECK FATAL

L. S. Bentley and Wilfred
Davis Nearly Instantly
Killed.

TWO OTHERS IN CAR
ESCAPE UNINJURED

Accident Occurred on Wet
Pavement Between Athe-
na and Weston.

Pendleton (AP)—L. S. Bentley, prominent business man of this city, and Wilfred Davis, an employee in Mr. Bentley's store, were killed last evening when an automobile skidded on the wet pavement between Weston and Athena.

Carl Cooley and John Dickson were also in the car but were uninjured.

FOREST FIRES
MENACE HOMES

Woods Are Blazing Near
Duluth; Valuable Timber
Burned; Settlers' Homes
Threatened.

DULUTH (AP)—The north woods are again blazing today. The fires have been driven by a southwest gale and are burning much valuable timber, besides threatening the homes of settlers.

UNION COUNTY
IS REPRESENTED

Six Are Attending Brigham
Young University From
La Grande, Imbler and
Cove.

Six persons from Union county are enrolled in Brigham Young University in Utah. They are Gladys K. Peterson, Roland E. Kilpack and Blanche Whiting, from La Grande; Florence Westenskow, from Imbler; and Della Weimer and Mrs. Beatrice Young, from Cove.

Enrollment at the Brigham Young University is fifteen per cent higher than it was on the corresponding date last year. Already they have started registering the second thousand, the completion of the first thousand having been achieved last week. Practically every section of the Intermountain region is represented in the enrollment, including besides all of the counties of Utah, the States of Oregon, California, Arizona, Colorado, Wyoming, Idaho, Montana, Maryland, and Texas; and Canada and Mexico.

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FINANCIAL CARTOONLETS

Tax Supervision Board
Hearings Are Wednesday

The Union county tax supervision and conservation commission, consisting of J. E. Reynolds, chairman, C. D. Huffman and Henry McGoldrick, will hold their first hearings of tax budgets for 1924 tomorrow morning in the city hall building, opening the hearings at 10:30 o'clock.

At this time the commission will act as tribunals on the budgets of School district No. 1, which consists of the La Grande high school and grammar schools, and of the City of La Grande.

The third and final hearing will be held in the afternoon of the same day, beginning at 1:30 o'clock, the commission to pass judgment upon the tax budget prepared by the Union county court for Union county.

The hearings are being looked forward to with interest by many. On the one hand, the element that believes in strict economy believes that it is possible that the commission may put their feet down on several appropriations that the economists believe unnecessary; and on the other hand the opponents of the appropriations should be eradicated, are preparing to make a last stand in favor of the appropriations they are supporting.

The hearings are public and will probably result in a large attendance of interested property owners and tax-payers.