

MANY KILLED IN THEATRE TRAGEDY

HEAT WAVE CONTINUES IN OREGON

Mercury Reaches 100 Above Here Late Yesterday Afternoon

97 REGISTERED HERE AT 8 A. M.

Slight Breeze Cooled City Nine Degrees in Two Hours; No Break in Warmth Imminent.

Maximum yesterday—100 above. Minimum last night—63 above. Today, 8 a. m.—97 above. Today, 10 a. m.—88 above. Today, 1 p. m.—85 above.

The mercury made a supreme effort yesterday and just reached the 100 mark at about 4 o'clock, providing the hottest day La Grande has experienced during June for many years.

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LOYD EDITING LAKE PICTURE

After four months of traveling, locations and studio shots, Frank Lloyd has completed the filming of Rex Beach's epic of the Alaskan gold rush, "Winds of Chance."

"Winds of Chance," handled in the same big way Mr. Lloyd filmed the memorable "The Sea Hawk," represents the most pretentious exterior photoplay ever filmed on the West Coast and is also the most accurate and dramatic drama of its type to be undertaken.

Mr. Lloyd has taken his company, comprising such well known players as Anna Q. Nilsson, Viola Dana, Ben Lyon, Victor McLaglen, Dorothy Sebastian, Hobart Bosworth, Claude Gillingwater, John T. Murray, Philo McCullough, Fred Kohler, Charles Crockett, George Nichols and Larry Fisher, to eight locations, representing more than 13,000 miles of travel and his locations have been typically Alaskan during four different seasons. They have varied from the wildest rangle in Western Canada to scenic on top of a mountain range at Wallawala lake at an altitude of more than 9,000 feet.

"Winds of Chance" is one of the most popular and dramatic narratives which have come from the pen of the writer Rex Beach and deals with the adventures of seven unique characters, all participants in the struggle for gold—Poleon.

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W.O.W. Camp Conducting Membership Campaign

The campaign now being conducted by the local W. O. W. camp No. 163 under the direction of C. E. Wilson, District Manager, is meeting with success and great interest is being taken by the local membership.

District Manager Wilson has charge of all the district lying between Pendleton on West and Boise on East, and headquarters for the next three months will be in La Grande.

It is the intention of the local Camp to put on a large initiation in the near future and this may be in the La Grande camp or a joint initiation may be held with the Union Camp.

The local Camp has received reports for the last eight months to the sum of \$8,000.00, or an av-

Guard Unit On Way To La Grande

La Grande Company Expected to Arrive Here Tomorrow Morning on Train 24.

CAMP JACKSON, Medford, Ore. (Special)—With camp broken up, the first train of guardsmen to arrive in Portland will carry the Eastern Oregon units. The train will reach the Rose City this evening.

Due Here Tomorrow. According to local O-W officials, Company E, 138th Infantry, O. N. G., the La Grande unit, is scheduled to arrive here tomorrow morning on Train 24, which stops here at 10 o'clock.

MEDFORD, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—The last of the Oregon National guard, camped here since June 12th, left for home at 7 o'clock this morning. The first of six trains carrying soldiers departed at 5 o'clock. Only a small force was left behind to clean up minor details. Adjutant General White termed the encampment "highly successful, without a single case of serious illness, and no arrests for disorderly conduct."

CAMP JACKSON (Special to the Observer by Many). Today has been the busiest day Company E has put in since being in camp. We were called out for drill at 7:20 and put in an easy two hours and a half. We returned to camp at 11:20 and the men were not called out again today. The non-commissioned officers were called out this afternoon for instructions by Major Horton.

Francis Snodgrass, Oscar Humphries and Ben DeGouss went on a fishing trip Sunday to Diamond lakes. They returned with ten trout weighing forty pounds. The fish were from fifteen to thirty inches long.

Preparations are being made for the return trip to La Grande. The company will spend twenty-three hours in Portland en route to La Grande.

All of the members of the guard

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DEATH CALLS ON L. Z. CARPENTER; FUNERAL SUNDAY

Lewis Z. Carpenter, who passed away yesterday after an illness of two years duration, will be laid to rest Sunday in the Island City cemetery following funeral services at 2 o'clock at the Snodgrass and Zimmerman chapel.

The deceased was born August 26, 1854, near Enterprise, Pennsylvania. He moved with his parents to Warren county, Iowa in 1885 where he grew to manhood. In 1898 he came to Oregon locating in the Grande Ronde valley where he has since resided. In 1899 he was united in marriage to Florence H. Humphries and to this union was born nine children, three sons and six daughters; Lloyd C., Thomas W. and Lewis Howard, Mrs. C. P. McPherson, Mrs. Walter Schuler, Mrs. Agnes Mason and Helen Carpenter, all of La Grande; Mrs. John Stowe, of Elgin, and Mrs. James March, of Susanville, Cal. All except the last named were present during his last illness. Mr. Carpenter united with the M. E. church when a young man.

Odd Fellows, Rebekahs To Picnic Here Sunday

The members of the Odd Fellows and Rebekah lodges are planning to hold an annual Union County District Association picnic Sunday at Riverside Park. A feature of the picnic will be a big basket dinner.

The policy of the W. O. W. is to loan their money on Municipal bonds in the local sewerage system, thus keeping their investment here and within their jurisdiction. They have \$10,000.00 reserve and have increased twenty times in twenty years. In fact, the W. O. W. is

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CONTRALTO FEATURED IN RECITAL

Alice Price Moore's Voice Pleasing to Local Audience

DePINTO ADDS TO PROGRAM'S CHARM

Artists Accompanied by Miss Nina Gibson, Pianist; Finale Features Trio.

Alice Price Moore's splendid contralto voice, so out of the usual range of female voices, came as a welcome change from the ordinary vocal recital in the concert at the Methodist church last evening.

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Over 40 cars of various makes will be sold to the highest bidder.

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The program will be published in the Evening Observer early next week.

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Their drill team will also put on some work while here. The train will stop here inside of an hour and cars will take the visiting Elks over the town and portions of the valley.

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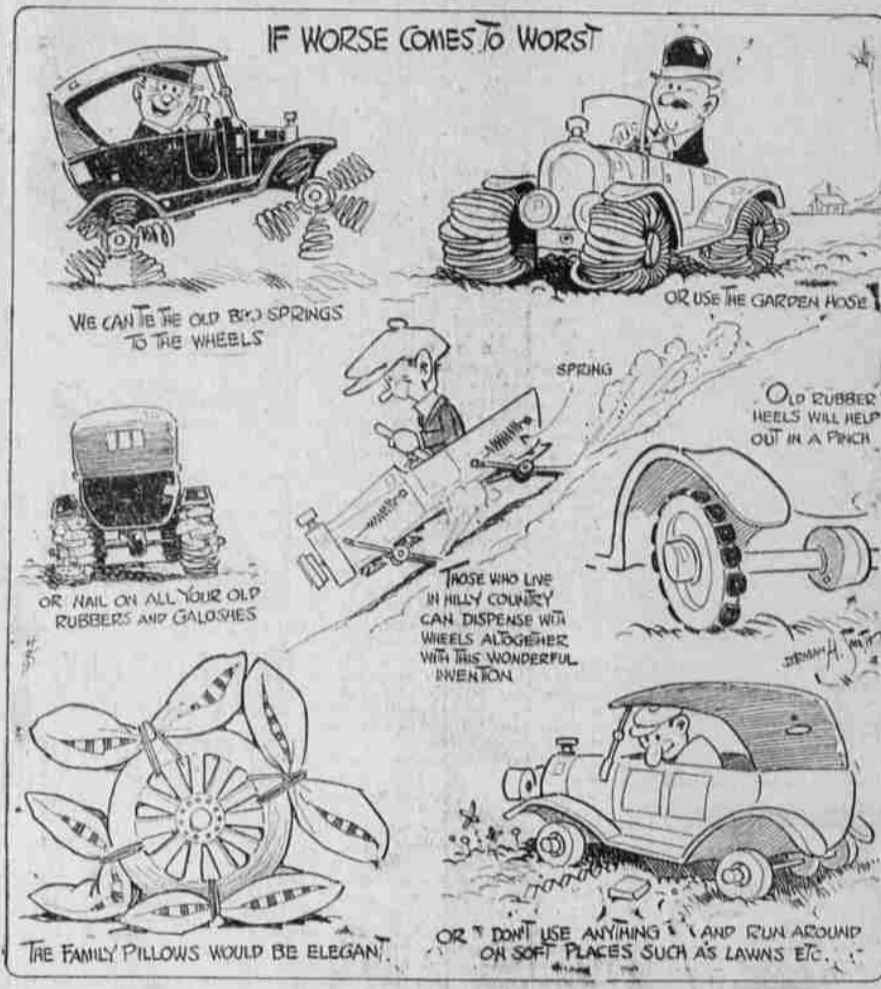
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The Rubber Situation is Growing Serious



BARNES WINS BRITISH TITLE

PRESTWICK, Scotland (By the Associated Press)—Jim Barnes, American professional, won the British open golf championship today with a score of 290 for 72 holes.

SEMI-FINALS TODAY. TACOMA (By the Associated Press)—H. Chandler Egan, of Medford, and W. J. Norman, of Tacoma, and Forest Watson, of Spokane, meets Lee Stief of Seattle, today in the semi-finals of the Pacific Northwest Amateur Golf tournament.

RIOTS TODAY IN SHANGHAI

SHANGHAI (By the Associated Press)—Dr. Alexander Baxter, vice president of the Canton Christian college, today corrected statements issued by the faculty and student committees of the college in which it was reported an investigation showed foreigners at the foreign settlement opened fire on a Chinese procession June 23. "I have personally gathered information which entirely satisfied me that the firing started from the Chinese side," Baxter said.

International Body For Debt Payments

BRUSSELS (By the Associated Press)—The international chamber of commerce today adopted a resolution declaring that the inter-annual debt must be settled. Former Finance Minister Clementel, of France, vigorously supported the resolution.

Dr. Walter Leaf, chairman of the Westminster Bank of London, and elected president of the chamber, succeeding Willis H. Booth, Jr., vice president of the Guaranty Trust Company, of New York.

Contrary to opinions expressed in speeches predicting the failure of the Dawes plan, the chamber adopted a resolution affirming the conviction that it is possible for Germany to fulfill her obligations under that plan.

Grant's Slayer Indicted. CHICAGO (AP)—Walter Krueser, who last Saturday stabbed to death Bernard Grant, jointly charged with him of the murder of a policeman, was indicted Thursday for the killing of Grant. It was announced at the criminal courts.

Grant was to have been hanged in August for the slaying of the policeman. Krueser, once convicted of the same, had been granted a new trial.

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"Easy Money" Trouble With U.S. Shipping

SEATTLE (By the Associated Press)—The main trouble with the government-owned merchant marine, which he discovered after he became president of the United States Fleet Corporation, was that it was suffering from too much easy money, Leitch C. Palmer told the National Foreign Trade convention today.

"Instead of getting down to real business and trying to come somewhere near living within its income," he said, "it was depending unduly upon the national treasury. Therefore, it seemed best to reduce the appropriation covering operating losses from \$43,000,000 to \$28,000,000 for the present fiscal year, while doing the same amount of business as last year, and to cut it again to \$24,000,000 for the fiscal year beginning next month. We are planning a further cut to \$18,000,000 for the following fiscal year, and we will continue this policy of reducing operating losses with improvement of services while the country at large is endeavoring to arrive at some constructive policy in the matter of the merchant marine as a whole.

"The progress made by the fleet corporation is perhaps best exemplified by the reduction in losses of its fleet of cargo vessels in the past year. The passenger lines and tankers are left out of consideration for the moment.

Average Loss Reduced. "A little more than a year ago we were operating about 320 cargo vessels at a loss of more than \$25,000,000 per voyage. During the first ten months of the present fiscal year, beginning July, 1924, the average loss was reduced to about \$20,000,000 and at the end of this period it had fallen below \$17,000,000.

"This improvement is attributable almost entirely to improved administration and increased efficiency of operation. As an initial step, the various lines were reorganized by consolidating those which were in competition with each other, or overlapping in the regions served, with the general result that fewer operators were retained, each with an increased fleet operating under conditions more nearly approximating the trade requirements. While the total number of vessels in the cargo fleet was reduced by these consolidations to about 200, the improvement in the handling of the vessels, reflected in their quicker turnaround, enables us to make practically the same number of voyages as before, with a substantial increase of cargo and revenue, and a reduction of operating expense.

At the same time we gradually reduced our overhead and in the elimination of unnecessary personnel.

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PROPOSAL REJECTED. PARIS (AP)—The chamber of deputies finance committee today rejected by a vote of 19 to 14 the Socialists' proposal for a capital levy.

TWO MAY BE DEAD. MARSHFIELD, Ore. (AP)—The coast guard and citizens of Charleston, near here, are searching the south slopes for the bodies of Lester Jans, 21, and Albert Frame, 16, half brothers, believed drowned while hunting.

TWO MEN MISSING. PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—Two men are missing as the result of two fishing boats being upset in a collision off the mouth of the Columbia river last night with the steamer West Nonsuch, said a radio report to the Federal Telegraph company here today.

ABDEL KRIM ATTACKS. FEZ, French Morocco (AP)—Abdel Krim, Rifian leader, began a vigorous offensive near Taza today. The French counter-attack.

General Pangalos New Premier of Greece

ATHENS (By the Associated Press)—General Pangalos, former war minister and one of the leaders of yesterday's revolution today definitely assumed the Greek premiership.

Iowan Appointed New Minister to Finland

SWAMPSCOTT (By the Associated Press)—Alfred J. Pearson, of Iowa, was appointed minister to Finland today by President Coolidge.

About Decimals, Pi And Languages and "Coqtels"

(By Charles P. Stewart) WASHINGTON, (NEA Special)—This is a hard one. Unless the reader is deeply learned, as the poet he never will be able to grasp its fine points. But the broad general principle is clear.

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BLAST, FIRE DESTROYS PLAYHOUSE

Firemen and Police Estimates as High as Two-Score Dead

HUNDRED IN PLACE; MAJORITY ESCAPED

Gillis Theater in Kansas City Laid on Ground in Few Minutes; Roofs, Floors Collapse.

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (By the Associated Press)—Firemen today began searching the ruins of the Gillis theater for bodies of persons believed to have lost their lives when fire and explosion wrecked the theater and more than a dozen stores last night.

John Hogan, fireman, was killed en route to the fire when a fire truck overturned.

It is estimated that 100 persons were in the theater when the blast occurred. The number who escaped is not known and the cause of the explosion is unknown, although police believe it occurred in a restaurant in the Gillis building. A negro in the restaurant said he detected gas fumes in the basement half an hour before the blast.

At 2 o'clock this morning police and fire department officials estimated that from 30 to 40 persons had lost their lives in the explosion and fire.

The officials, however, made it plain that their estimate was at the best guess work and declared that the number of casualties could not be determined with any accuracy until a thorough check is made of the ruins.

The explosion came with startling suddenness at 11 o'clock. Flames enveloped the structure almost immediately following the blast and the roof and floors of the building, constructed 42 years ago as the city's finest playhouse, collapsed.

Those able to escape did so almost miraculously, according to an eye witness. Exit, located on the second floor, were few. The rear exit was cut off when wooden stairs crumbled.

NAVIGATION AIDS NEEDED

SEATTLE (By the Associated Press)—The great need of the hour is not faster or larger airplanes, but reasonable aids to navigation. United States Senator Hiram Bingham declared today in an address on "Commercial Aviation" before the National Foreign Trade convention. America is slow in developing commercial aviation, he said, because Americans think in terms of railroad and motor transport rather than in terms of navigation. Commercial aviation does not need rare aeronautical inventive sense so much as it needs the application of common marine sense.

Pointing out the need of "better airways and real airports, Senator Bingham said:

"In shipping circles you understand the difference between a

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