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THE WEATHER PORTLAND (AP)—Oregon—Unsettled; occasional rains in west portion; light local rains in east portion tonight and Thursday.

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JURY TAKES CASE THIS AFTERNOON

Two Austrians Tried in Justice Court for Possession of Whisky

NANICH DECLARES LIQUOR WAS HIS

Lukson, convicted Once Before, Asserts Before Jurors He Knew Nothing of Affair.

The state's case against Joe Lukson and Louis Nanich, Austrians charged with illegal possession of whisky, went to a jury of five men and one woman in the justice court shortly before 2 p. m. today. Nanich admitted in his testimony that the liquor was his. Lukson, once before convicted on a possession charge, told the court that he had known nothing of the drink that Nanich, his boarder, was dispensing when the officers made the raid.

Lukson and Nanich were arrested the evening of March 14 at the home of the former. Their trial has been postponed from time to time because of the district attorney's duties in circuit court or the absence of the state's chief witness. In the meantime, the prisoners were out on bail.

Officers Testify According to the officers—George M. Pierce, special deputy, George Pierce, federal agent, and John Allen, of the city force—Lukson and Nanich had the liquor in the dining room when they entered. The latter, seeing the local officer, made a dash for the bathroom with a milk bottle of whisky evidently with the intention of pouring it out. Pierce caught him before he had emptied the entire contents, he said. The milk bottle, about a fourth full, and a full pint flask.

Will Discuss Membership To be benefited by the rates offered on the trip to Paris in the fall of 1927 when the American Legion convention will be held there, ex-servicemen must be members of the American Legion during the years 1925 and 1927.

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Observer Advertising—A Merchandising Service.

Clover Crop Considered At Wallowa

Farmers Are Searching for Better Pasturage During Dry Summer Months.

WALLOWA, Ore. (Special)—A number of farmers in the dry farming areas of this section are becoming somewhat interested in the possibilities of growing sweet clover successfully on their farms, as a means of providing green pasture through the dry months of the late summer, and also for providing more suitable hay for dairy cows. Little no great amount of attention has been given to experimenting with this crop here. It has been tried out in a small way in a few instances, and some report satisfactory results. F. H. Wainward, who is farming in the hill section north of here, has experimented with different varieties of the plant during the past three years, and reports marked success.

Bulletin Quoted Farmer's Bulletin 485, issued by the department of agriculture has the following to say of sweet clover, as a hay and pasture crop: In the absence of more valuable forms of hay, sweet clover may be used for feeding all kinds of livestock. In the north one cutting is usually possible the first year, especially if seeded without a nurse crop, and two cuttings may be obtained the second season. In the south two cuttings in the first year and three in the second season are ordinarily possible. The Massachusetts State Experiment Station seeded a plant of sweet clover May 28 and on September 28, it was cut, yielding hay at the rate of 2,700 pounds per acre. At the same time, sweet clover produced a yield of 5,656 pounds per acre, and in 1925 the second season's crop was 6,320 pounds per acre. Sweet clover makes excellent pasture for horses, sheep, cattle, hogs and chickens, probably the best way to create an appetite for the plant is to commence pasturing the stock on it very early in the spring, before other green feed has become well started. A sufficient number of animals should be kept on it to keep it eaten down almost all times there will be an abundance of fresh shoots for grazing purposes.

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LARGEST FIRE OF KIND IN HISTORY

Hundreds of Men Constructing Dykes to Prevent Spread of Flames to Nearby Tanks.

SAN LUIS OBISPO, Cal. Apr. 7 (AP)—Four oil storage reservoirs containing a total of 3,700,000 barrels of crude oil burned fiercely on the tank farm of the Union Oil company, a mile and a half south of here, today after the striking of lightning in the field. Several hundred men constructed dykes to prevent spread of the flames to 50 tanks of smaller capacity on the farm. The fire is said to be the largest oil conflagration in the history of the American oil industry.

Calgary, Alberta, Apr. 7 (AP)—After destroying the north wing of the Banff springs hotel, a resort of the Canadian Pacific Railway in the Rocky Mountains, fire today threatened the remainder of the structure.

An explosion in a tower in the middle of the hotel broke hundreds of panes of glass and admitted to the first time to that part of the structure. The south wing at that time was unharmed. The explosion was attributed to leaking gas.

Ticket Sale Is Successful People began to gather in front of the Glass drug store shortly after seven o'clock this morning in order to be the first there to purchase tickets for the night opera "The True, the Place and the Girl" to be presented at the Arcade theater Tuesday and Friday nights under the auspices of the Monday Musical. The doors opened twenty minutes early and an hour later more than half of the tickets for both Tuesday and Friday nights were gone.

Naval Officer Opens Station in La Grande Navy recruiting has opened in the Eastern Oregon territory at La Grande today to direct the "bad dress rehearsal and presentation. Mr. Britts will also appear at one of the pianos. Mrs. Jesse Hoskins, of Baker, director of the Monday Musical chorus, who is assisting Mr. Britts arrived in La Grande last night to direct the rehearsal. These two directors are being assisted by Earl Stoddard and E. L. Meyers. J. B. Hollingsworth, dancing instructor, in charge of the dancing. Besides instructing the dancers Mr. Hollingsworth and Miss Arta Verity will appear in a colonial dance number in connection with one of Mrs. T. R. Maxwell's solos.

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Mail Plane Forced Down In La Grande

Engine Trouble Cause of Landing, According to Pilot G. H. Buck—Relief Plane Coming.

G. H. Buck, pilot of the Pasco to Elko mail plane, made a forced landing in the emergency field across from the Union Oil company at the edge of La Grande, shortly after 4 p. m. today. Motor trouble was the reason, Buck said. He wired for another plane to pick up the mail load here. Buck was the same pilot that landed an air mail plane at Elko Monday, and bears a patch of nose in testimony to his hard luck.

RENO, Nev., Apr. 7 (AP)—S. C. Clesler, general superintendent of air mail who is in Reno, sent a dispatch to Elko at 1 o'clock this afternoon, authorizing the use of a government plane at the Elko field in the search for Franklin Rose, missing pilot, and for a government flyer to take out immediately if conditions are favorable for flying.

MIDDLE WEST FEARS FLOODS CHICAGO, Apr. 7 (AP)—Flood conditions today faced several mid-western localities as a result of heavy rains, augmented by melting snow from the heavy fall of late March.

The industrial district of Fort Wayne, Ind., was threatened by rising waters of the Maumee river, swollen by rain which fell for hours.

Flood stage—15 feet—was reached late yesterday with a 17-foot stage in prospect today, in the eastern part of the city. The water in Lake Decatur, Decatur, Ill., was 18 inches above normal early today, following a severe storm last night. Water gathering in low streets backed up for several blocks, although no damage to property was reported.

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MUSSOLINI SHOT TODAY, WOMAN HELD

Attempt to Assassinate Italian Premier Stirs All Europe

WOUND BELIEVED NOT DANGEROUS

Revolver Fired Point Blank at Black Shirt Leader by British Noblewoman.

ROME, Apr. 7 (AP)—An attempt was made to assassinate Premier Mussolini this morning. A woman named Violet Alhina Gibson, nee Dalkey, fired a revolver point blank at him but he escaped with a slight wound. Mussolini was shot through the nose.

The shooting occurred at about 11 o'clock while he was leaving the session of the congress of international surgery in the Piazza di Capote to enter his auto. A great crowd was around the entrance cheering the premier when the woman pressed to the front and pointing a revolver directly at him, pulled the trigger. The woman was rescued from the crowd with great difficulty and was rushed to the jail where women prisoners are confined.

Mussolini Composed Although Mussolini, submitting to medical attention, maintained composure. He ordered that immediate disposition be taken to preserve order and that no retribution be taken.

News of the attempt created a sensation not only in Rome but in other cities throughout the country. The semi-official Stefani agency says immediate reaction was the organization of manifestations of loyalty to the fascist chief.

The woman who fired the shot is fifty years old and a British subject. While Mussolini and fascist regime have a firm grip on all Italy the opposition has been active, especially since the kidnapping and assassination of the anti-fascist deputy Matteotti in June 1924.

November Plot Bared Early last November a plot against the premier was uncovered. Tito Zaniboni, a former socialist deputy, was arrested in a hotel room adjoining the Chigi Palace, on the balcony of which Mussolini was to deliver a speech. The authorities declared he was equipped with a rifle with telescopic sights and intended to shoot the premier from the window of his room. Zaniboni and others arrested at the time are still awaiting trial.

Mussolini is no stranger to wounds. In February, while working on the Austrian front, he received a minor portion of the charge of a hand grenade. Ninety-eight wounds were counted on his body and he was invalided home, returning to the editorship of his newspaper, the Popolo d'Italia.

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She Raises Houseflies



The house fly has found a friend at last after years of knocking from health officers and scuttling by the general public. She is Vivian Elliott, Lake Forest Park, Wash., who raises flies in a special fly hatcher. She was named for her prize specimens.

VIRGIN LAND TO BE OPENED

WINNIPEG, Man., (Apr. 7 (AP)—Forty million acres of virgin land in Western Canada will be opened to settlement through the discovery of a great wheat belt early in the spring. The Canadian department of immigration announced today.

Garnet wheat ripens ten days earlier than marquis, the present staple variety of Canada and the "United States" said a bulletin. "This means that it will be possible to grow the new wheat successfully in areas farther north where marquis would never mature, by advancing harvest time ten days, garnet wheat has opened a vast new agriculture empire 100 miles deep by 300 miles wide stretching across Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. Growth under practical farming conditions has demonstrated that garnet dries dry weather better than marquis, that it is more immune to the dangers of rust and is not injured by excessive moisture."

MISSING AIRMAIL PILOT TRACED TO WHITE ROCK, NEV.

ELKO, Nev., Apr. 7 (AP)—Searching for Franklin Rose, missing air mail pilot today consisted mainly of ranchers and Indians scouring the desert wastes north of here on horseback. No airplanes have been seen out from 1 o'clock, Pacific time, when Leon Cuddeback, pilot, who completed the first southbound trip yesterday, took off with the northbound mail at about that hour. Walter Varney, president of the company, announced. Varney said he believed Cuddeback would have found Rose before he reached Boise.

ELKO, Nev., Apr. 7 (AP)—Searchers for Franklin Rose, missing air mail pilot, who left here for Boise, Idaho yesterday on the initial north trip of a contract air mail company, have traced him as far as White Rock, Nev., and 70 miles north of Tuscarora, an Indian village in Nevada.

There is no word of communication with this section from here, and no word is expected before noon, it was announced at the air field.

Attempt to Recall Milwaukee Mayor Fails

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Apr. 7 (AP)—An attempt to recall Mayor A. E. Cowell at a special election yesterday failed. The vote was 181 for recall, 228 against. Mrs. Edith Hazen, council member, retained her place, the vote being 79 for recall to 226 against. Councilman Hoy M. McIntyre was recalled by a vote of 187 to 142, and W. G. Fry was elected his successor, 152 to 137.

CORRUPTION PAINTED BY NEW YORKER

Emory R. Buckner, U. S. District Attorney, Tells Tale of Bribery

FEDERAL FORCES SAID INVOLVED

Sixty Million Gallons of Liquor Diverted Annually, Prohibition Witness Declares.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 7 (AP)—An intimate picture of the trail of lawlessness and corruption uncovered in prohibition enforcement in New York was given to a senate committee today by Emory R. Buckner, federal district attorney for the metropolis. The "atmosphere of collusion" in the federal building was described by the witness. He told of finding a scolding name of "fliers" bootleggers, waiters and others in the building when he took office 12 months ago.

Jurors were bribed even in the federal building itself, Buckner said, "but these conditions are now improved and the courts are catching up with their dockets." Alcohol diversion was described by the witness as the major difficulty in enforcement. Diversion now amounts to \$9,000,000 a year, he said, over the entire country. "You mean sixty millions in one year?" asked Chairman Means.

Interest Maintained. There appeared to be no falling off in the interest in the prohibition hearings, the committee session being crowded with an overflow into the halls.

To Speed Up. The proceedings the committee decided to hold a session tonight.

WILKINS FAILS TO SIGHT LAND

NEW YORK, Apr. 7 (AP)—Captain George H. Wilkins and his pilot, Ben Ellison on March 31 made a flight northward from Point Barrow to latitude 73 degrees and 30 minutes north, without sighting land, the North American Newspaper Alliance announced today. They returned safely.

Vilhjalmur Stefansson, the Arctic explorer, said this meant a flight of 700 miles from Fairbanks, Alaska, and 70 miles further than any explorer had previously gone in that direction.

Tacoma Aviators Are Rescued in Mid-Ocean

SAN FRANCISCO, Apr. 7 (AP)—A radio message received by the General S. S. Corporation here today, said that two Tacoma aviators, K. L. Jones and C. L. Langdon, had been picked up 300 miles south of Seattle by the Italian steamer Piave last night, after their hydroplane had been forced down by a broken crankshaft. The plane was the 535-M.

The Piave is due in San Francisco with the two aviators on Friday morning. The message gave no indication as to how long the men had been in the water or whether the hydroplane had been salvaged. The General S. S. Company is agent here for the Piave.

Bulletins

PARIS, Apr. 7 (AP)—A Bavarian dispatch from Rome says the attempt upon Mussolini's life was followed by demonstrations, in one of which the printing plant of 11 Mondo, anti-fascist newspaper, was destroyed.

BOSTON, Apr. 7 (AP)—Assets of \$742,815,568.88 were shown in the annual financial statement of the Fiat Motor company filed today with the Massachusetts state tax commissioner. The surplus was placed at \$122,368,493.03.

SALT LAKE CITY, Apr. 7 (AP)—Final arrangements were made today for cooperative marketing of wool from Utah through the Utah Wool Marketing association, a subsidiary of the Utah state wool growers' organization, when negotiations were closed with the Federal Intermediate Credit bank to permit growers of the state to obtain advances of from 17 to 20 cents a pound at 6 per cent interest.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 7 (AP)—Carmie A. Thompson, newly-named commissioner, discussed plans for his Philippine economic and internal conditions with a house official today. Indications are that Mr. Thompson will sail either from Seattle June 3 or from San Francisco June 12. If he travels by the Admiral-Orionette line from Seattle, he will go direct to the Philippines, touching at Guam, Hawaii and possibly Samoa on the return trip. Should he leave by transport from San Francisco, he will touch at mid-Pacific points on his way to the islands.

Crossley Platform Is Made Public Today JAMES J. CROSSLEY, candidate for the republican nomination as U. S. senator, today issued his platform. He declares himself for vigorous enforcement of the eighteenth amendment and all laws without discrimination; for farmers, wage earners and veterans' remedial legislation and for stabilization of market prices; for the G. O. P. merchant marine development; for restricted immigration; and full development of Oregon resources. He is opposed to convict labor competing with free labor and to convict child labor.

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