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URGES CARE
IN FORESTS
THIS SEASONAssistant Supervisor Is
Main Speaker at Cham-
ber LuncheonGIVES STATISTICS
ON OREGON'S LOSSConservation and Refor-
estation Unless Protec-
tion Is Practiced.

A strong plea for protection of Oregon's forests was made today by Fred Furst, assistant supervisor of the Whitman national forest, before the Union county chamber of commerce at its Tuesday noon-day luncheon at the Sommer hotel.

The three big things for which forest week is dedicated, he said, are "conservation, reforestation and protection—and without the last, the other two are useless."

Care in seeing that all fires are put out, against tossing of matches or cigarettes where they may cause fire was urged.

1900 Fires in 1926

He cited statistics for 1926, showing that 1490 fires occurred in Oregon and Washington last year of which 800 were man made. Thirty-five per cent of these were caused by smokers.

"Lightning will strike," Mr. Furst declared, "but man caused fires can be avoided if care is exercised."

The speaker told briefly of the starting of forest week in 1921 until at present it is the only "week" that is recognized by the United States government. He added, however, that the results obtained from the week are not as great as had been hoped for.

Fires Costly

Touching upon the cost of fires, he said that Oregon and Washington fires in 1926 cost the people of the nation \$500,000 to fight. This figure does not include loss of timber.

"Destruction of our forests has come to a point," he said, "where we have \$1 million acres worth nothing but for raising timber."

Reforestation cannot be accomplished over night, he asserted, stating that it takes 180 years to bring a yellow pine to a desirable size. Federal work in Oregon forests has cost about \$20,000,000 since 1906. Mr. Furst said, adding that total receipts for the 21 years only amounted to about \$7,000,000 leaving Uncle Sam about \$13,000,000 to furnish in excess of this amount.

Mr. Furst also explained the system used in combating forest fires, centering about a key man or central dispatcher, and consisting of lookout stations strategically placed, fire fighting posts, etc.

Boys' Week Announced

Several announcements were made during the luncheon. One called attention to boys' week, which begins Sunday, and another mentioned the dairy special which will arrive here Thursday.

The chamber of commerce is favoring a future meeting of Eastern Oregon chambers of commerce to discuss the proposed railroad out of Baker toward the Snake river.

TO BUILD AT KLAMATH

TACOMA, Wash., Apr. 26 (AP)—The Weyerhaeuser Timber company intends to build a lumber mill at Klamath Falls, as originally proposed and there has been no change in plans.

The company intends to build the mill provided railroad facilities give shipping outlet over all lines.

Plans as originally understood contemplated the building of the mill when the railroad extension is completed from Bend to Klamath Falls.

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"CURE-ALL"
ADVENTURE

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"Observer Advertising—
A Merchandising Service"

New Pastor of
Presbyterian
Church ArrivesThe Rev. J. George Walz
to Deliver First Ser-
mon from Local Pulpit
Sunday, May 1.

The Rev. and Mrs. J. George Walz, accompanied by Mrs. Walz's sister, Miss Charlotte Kuhl, and his aged father, C. A. Walz, arrived in La Grande last night from Nevada, Iowa, and will make this city their home. Mr. Walz is the new pastor of the First Presbyterian church here, and will deliver his first sermon from the pulpit of the local church Sunday morning, May 1.

For the past nine years Mr. Walz has been pastor of the Central Presbyterian church of Nevada, Iowa, a town of about 5,000 people, and the county seat of Storey county. Before that time he was engaged in religious field work.

About a year ago the Nevada church, which has a membership of about 215, completed the construction of a new \$50,000 church building, equal to churches in many of the larger cities.

Highly Recommended

Mr. and Mrs. Walz came to La Grande highly recommended by their former congregation.

They were about 10 days on the way to La Grande from Iowa, stopping many times. They spent the week end at Baker, Idaho, where they visited the Rev. W. C. Ross, former pastor of the Presbyterian church here.

They were greeted at the train last evening by a large delegation from the local church. Today they are unpacking their furniture and hope to be able to spend the night at the manse.

Although Mr. and Mrs. Walz have visited Western Oregon before, this is the first time they have ever been to Eastern Oregon. They are much impressed with the Grande Ronde valley and La Grande.

Highway Work Is
Under Way Along
Old Oregon Trail

The work of oiling and reeling state highways in this division is now under way. Oiling equipment left here Saturday for Ontario and work was scheduled to begin there, either on the Payette or Welser spur along the Old Oregon Trail highway, sometime yesterday.

Reeling work from Hopperton Junction to Hermiston on the Old Oregon Trail. Next week the highway between Hermiston and Pendleton and Pendleton and Pilot Rock will be reeled.

Working Toward La Grande

Both of the oiling crews and work of here are working toward La Grande. Plans are to have all of the work, mostly of which is reeling, completed by the middle of July, in time for the roads to be dry and in good condition for the state American Legion convention here the last of July.

Smith-Kozar Case
Set For Thursday

SALEM, Ore., Apr. 26 (AP)—The case of Smith vs. Kozar was this morning set for hearing before the state supreme court on Thursday of this week at 10 a. m.

The case comes before the supreme court on appeal from the Marion county circuit court, where it was instituted by L. B. Smith, of Portland, Smith, representing the Greater Oregon League, filed a petition for writ of mandamus to require Sam A. Kozar, secretary of state, to submit house bill 72 of the 1927 legislature to the people for referendum. The bill, carrying the emergency clause, was put into effect immediately and under it the "blue blank" questionnaire was devised for use by county assessors in arriving at true valuations of business establishments for taxation purposes.

SMITH CALLS ON CAL

NEW YORK—Said the governor of New York, as he relates in substance, to the president of the United States:

"Welcome to the state. Do anything you want to, providing you don't get caught at it."

Said the president of the U. S. to the governor of New York:

"Well I'll take a chance."

Mr. Smith called on Mr. Coolidge at his hotel.

ARUNDELL RECOVERS

PORTLAND, Ore., Apr. 26 (AP)—C. Rogers Arundell, commission of the federal board of tax appeals, who collapsed here yesterday while delivering an address, had recovered today and was continuing his hearings on income tax appeals.

BENTON GETS CHECK

CORVALLIS, Ore., Apr. 26 (AP)—Benton county today received a government warrant for \$266.647.19 the county's share of the Oregon-California tax refund.

RIVER FLOOD
RAGING INTO
NEW DISTRICTAdditional Thousands
Rendered Homeless as
Water Extends ScopeRUSHING SUPPLIES
TO STRICKEN AREANew Orleans Menaced—
Army of Men Working
to Strengthen Main Le-
vees Above City.

By the Associated Press

New Orleans threatened as Mississippi river flood crest approaches city state of Louisiana asks war department for permission to break levee below city to relieve situation.

Two additional deaths reported and unconfirmed reports tell of others. The dead now are estimated at 500.

Rolling Rock, Miss., and much territory in Mississippi, Arkansas and Louisiana evacuated. Tenants on plantations around Rolling Rock refused to heed warning and fear for their safety felt.

With the situation relieved, temporarily at least, between Cairo, Ill., and Memphis a new break occurred in the Mississippi river levee at Goshall, Ill., today. Goshall, a town of 500 population and 32,000 acres of farm land, threatened Greenville was cut off from outside communication and Arkansas City was under water. Aviators reported population apparently safe on high ground.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Apr. 26 (AP)—The Mississippi river and its tributaries today flooded new territory in Mississippi, Arkansas and Louisiana, rendering additional thousands homeless.

Concerned over threats to communities not yet reached by the record crest of water, relief forces, centralized in the organization of the American Red Cross, moved to establish advanced outposts so that any new emergency might be met speedily and efficiently.

With the known death list steadily climbing above the 100 mark, and varying estimates of 200 to 500 dead, whole stricken area every precaution was being taken to prevent additional casualties from disease, hunger and exposure.

While boats and air craft scoured

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ART EXHIBIT TO
BE HELD FRIDAYElementary Schools of La
Grande to Stage An-
nual Grade Display

The annual public school art exhibit, which is held in the La Grande schools every spring before the close of school, will take place Friday afternoon, April 29, from one o'clock until four, in all of the elementary school buildings of the city.

The high school work will not be exhibited at this time, the date when it will be on display to be announced later.

Will Be Cross Section

The art exhibit will not be a selected exhibit of outstanding work, but will include some of the work of each child in the school, which gives a reliable cross section of the art work being done in the elementary schools.

Art work in the schools and the exhibit is under the direction of Mrs. L. L. Douglas, supervisor in art and penmanship.

Displays in Each Room

The work of each child will be displayed in his respective rooms, where teachers and principals will meet the parents and patrons. A cordial invitation is extended to everyone interested to attend.

At the central school the parent-teacher association will hold a tea during the afternoon of the exhibit.

Prince's Family
Fights Marriage

CHERBOURG, France, Apr. 26 (AP)—Pola Negri, motion picture actress, and Prince Serge Medvedoff, Russian nobleman, are firmly resolved to be married next month despite opposition which has developed in the prince's family.

They made this announcement upon arriving here today on the Aquitania from New York. Once married, they said, they were going back to America—Miss Negri to continue her screen work, and the prince to engage in the oil business.

HEARING DATE SET

SALEM, Ore., Apr. 26 (AP)—The state public service commission today set June 2 as the date for a hearing on the matter of a toll road connecting Portland and Tillamook.

Dairy Profits
Special Is Due
Here ThursdayU. P.-O. A. C. Train to Be
Greeted by Large Dele-
gation—Touring Cen-
tral Oregon Today.

Interest is high in the coming of the Union Pacific Dairy Profits special to Union county the end of this week, and judging from the number of inquiries coming in at the county agents' office and chamber of commerce office there will be a large crowd out to see the train during its stop in La Grande.

The train will arrive here from Pendleton at 1:45 o'clock Thursday and will be here until four o'clock, going from here to Elgin, where it will be from 4:45 o'clock to 6:45 o'clock. From there the train will go to Walla Walla, stopping at Joseph, Enterprise and Walla Walla on Friday and returning to Union county that night, stopping at Union Junction Saturday morning from eight o'clock to 10:30.

Coolidge to Speak

H. E. Coolidge, as president of the Union county chamber of commerce will give a short address of welcome upon the arrival of the dairy demonstration train in La Grande. Robert Wilkerson, of the Union experiment station, will say a few words concerning the purchased sire plan sponsored by the chamber of commerce.

Miss Carmen Daniel, of Cove, will be introduced as the winner of the U. P. scholarship in Union county last year and as United States champion Holstein calf member last year.

Cove Group Coming

A large delegation from Cove will be here to see the train, according to J. E. Mills, including a large number of livestock club members from there.

S. T. Hallie, chairman of the dairy committee of the grange, has written to all of the granges in the county, asking that the committee of the grange members, and that a large delegation be out to see the train.

AT BEND TODAY

BEND, Ore., Apr. 26 (AP)—Bond farmers and business men welcomed the Oregon Agricultural college-Union Pacific dairy profits special train here this morning at the third stop of the tour of eastern Oregon.

Gradual expansion was reported in the dairy industry here. Keen interest was shown in latest production and marketing methods as shown in the demonstration car and by specialists. A modern creamery, with large steady payroll, is encouraging the dairy industry here, said residents.

Redmond which has been advancing rapidly in dairy industry and Maupin, farther north, were other central Oregon stops today.

To Combat Crime
Wave in Portland

PORTLAND, Ore., Apr. 26 (AP)—All law enforcement agencies in Multnomah county will unite in a program to combat organized crime in Portland.

This was decided at an adjourned session held yesterday afternoon in the office of Sheriff T. M. Harburt. No definite policy was decided upon, but the officials arrived at a better understanding as to how to co-operate in the matter of law enforcement.

Mayor Baker, City Attorney Grant and District Attorney Mayhew agreed to give their support to any program worked out by the police department, sheriff's office and constables office.

Three holdup men, Clifford J. Carr, 19, George W. Bickmore, 19, and Thomas O'Brien, 22, were in jail here today, having been returned from Vancouver, B. C., on charges of assault and robbery of Mabel Lamm's card room.

Several American Sailors Wounded
By Gunfire From Troops on Yangtze

SHANGHAI, Apr. 26 (AP)—Several sailors aboard the U. S. auxiliary vessel, Penguin, were wounded, one is feared mortally, when the ship was heavily and persistently fired on yesterday from the south bank of the Yangtze river eight miles from Kiangyin, about halfway between Nanking and Shanghai.

The Penguin, which was evacuating the steamers Tungwa and Tuckwa down the river, replied to the fire with machine guns and rifles after which five pieces were fired on her, to which the American vessel replied with her larger guns.

The American destroyer Paul Jones also was fired on but from the north bank of the Yangtze, eight miles east of Kiangyin, returning the fire with machine guns.

The destroyer Shanghai was fired on by field pieces while under convoy by the American destroyer John D. Ford as the vessel was proceeding up the river near Nan-

A PORRIDGE EATING CLASSIC



The newest of indoor sporting classics has been introduced in Winnipeg, Can., where a hotel staged a porridge eating contest for messenger and bell boys. Scotty Warner, a Scotchman you may be sure, who is pictured with hair parted in the middle, won it by eating two quarts in 4½ minutes.

Audubon Society
Organizes And
Elects Officers

The La Grande Audubon society was organized at a meeting in the Neighborhood club rooms in the public library last night and officers were elected for the coming year. The organization was affected under the supervision of H. S. Baker, of Portland, a business man who is devoting much of his time without remuneration to forming such clubs.

William Miller was elected president, Mrs. L. I. Bussey, vice president; Mrs. H. H. Cleaver, secretary; Earl Zundel, treasurer; directors, ex-Governor Walter M. Pierce, Mrs. E. P. Mossman, E. R. Hing and Miss Inogen Russell. The Audubon society is affiliated with the national organization and its purpose is to foster and study bird and wild life.

4-Team Baseball
League to Start
Season Sunday

A Baker and Union county semi-professional baseball league has been organized and the first games will be played Sunday at La Grande and Haines. It is announced today by Hector McInnis, of the local club.

The Sunday game will be played here in the high school athletic field with Baker as the opponent, and will be called at 2:30 o'clock. Fans will go to Haines for the other opener.

Manager McInnis announces that the lineup has not been decided upon as yet, but that Helms, Knight, Treckel, Thelken, Hargelt, Blackman, Melonson, R. Keown, Gartry and McInnis will probably play.

The remainder of the schedule will be announced later, and will probably consist of either nine or 12 games.

Buggy Ride Ends
In Murder of Man

TRENTON, N. J., Apr. 26 (AP)—Charles Price was charged today with permitting his wife to go buggy riding with another man, and then murdering the man during the ride. The slain man was Edward Masterson, 38, the same age as Mrs. Price. The husband who gave the strange permission was 62.

The compact was made less than a month ago in the office of Justice of the Peace Elmer Smith at Lambertville, where Price was arraigned for murder today.

Would Build Bend,
Klamath Railroad

ST. PAUL, Apr. 26 (AP)—The Great Northern railway has asked the interstate commerce commission for permission to build a line from Bend to Klamath Falls in Oregon, in lieu of the previously proposed extension of the Oregon Trunk road.

PORTLAND, Ore., Apr. 26 (AP)—Application of the Great Northern railway to act independently of the Northern Pacific in making the bend to Klamath Falls extension was announced in connection with a petition forwarded to the interstate commerce commission for time in which to negotiate with the Northern Pacific and the Oregon Trunk for use of trackage, and with the Southern Pacific.

Some modifications of terms for joint use of the Southern Pacific tracks between Pampa and Klamath Falls also was requested. The Great Northern also again raises the question of construction of an entirely new line between Bend and Klamath Falls or to a connection with the Stahara line at Sprague river landing and common-user privilege of the Stahara line and proposed extensions.

2,000 DROWNED

SHANGHAI, Apr. 26 (AP)—Two thousand northern Chinese soldiers are reported to have been drowned when shells from the Cantonese batteries at Nanking sank their boats in the Yangtze river.

Two launches, towing a dozen boats full of northern troops, attempted to reach the southern shore of the Yangtze near the Nanking forts last night, the dispatches said.

A searchlight revealed their approach, so shells were fired by the Cantonese, and all the boats were sunk.

Foreign Policy
Of U. S. Devoted
To ProtectionPresident Coolidge Denies
That America Is Im-
perialistic—Mexican
Problem Discussed.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 26 (AP)—President Coolidge returned to Washington early today from New York where last night he spoke at a dinner of the United Press association.

NEW YORK, Apr. 26 (AP)—A foreign policy devoted to the protection of American citizens and the maintenance of peace was outlined last night by President Coolidge as in keeping with the new position in the world in which he pictured the United States.

Speaking before the dinner of The United Press association commemorating the twentieth anniversary of that organization, Mr. Coolidge discussed at length the problems involving this government in Mexico, Nicaragua and China.

The president saw difficulties in carrying into effect such a proposal as that of the senate for the dispute growing out of that nation's oil and land laws and forecast an amicable adjustment of this situation on the basis of a recent conference he had with the Mexican ambassador.

Tellus's Report

He revealed that Ambassador Tellus recently brought word from Mexico City that American property would not be confiscated by the Mexican government.

"I am glad to report, Mr. Coolidge said, that the Mexican Ambassador has recently declared to me that she does not intend to confiscate our property, that she has shown diligence in capturing and punishing those who have murdered our citizens, and expressed the wish, which we so thoroughly entertain, of keeping cordial and friendly relations."

"With a strong sentiment of this nature, which I am convinced, animates the people of both countries, it will surely be possible to reach an amicable settlement."

Will Protect Citizens

Assurance was given by the president in his address which was devoted almost entirely to foreign affairs, that wherever an American citizen goes "the duties of our government must follow him."

He said protection of American lives and property constituted the main problems of the United States government in both Nicaragua and China.

"Our government has usually been too remiss, rather than too active, in supporting the lawful rights of its citizens abroad," he added. "That has been so long our established policy that it is rather difficult to conceive it assuming a truculent and arrogant attitude."

Denies Imperialism

Taking cognizance of contentions in some quarters that America was imperialistic Mr. Coolidge

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Read Confession
By Mrs. Snyder;
Lover Involved

QUEENS COUNTY COURT HOUSE, New York, Apr. 26 (AP)—Mrs. Ruth Snyder enlisted the aid of her lover, Henry Judd Gray, to kill her husband because the husband had threatened her and she feared for her life, according to her confession read in court today.

District Attorney Newcombe read Mrs. Snyder's confession, Justice Scudder having overruled objections by defense counsel. In the confession Mrs. Snyder stated that it became evident soon after her marriage 12 years ago, that she and her husband were unloved to each other.

The confession dealt in detail with her meeting with Gray and their subsequent intimacies. As these were read of Mrs. Snyder raised her chin haughtily but Gray gave no sign of hearing.

Domestic relations became unbearable, the confession said, when Snyder threatened "to blow my brains out." Mrs. Snyder said she appealed to Gray.

Bandits Release
American Nurse

SHANGHAI, Apr. 26 (AP)—Miss Mary L. Craig, Philadelphia nurse recently kidnapped by bandits in Yunnan province, has been released. American Consul General Gauss was advised from Yunnanfu, capital of Yunnan province, today that Miss Craig was free and well.

Miss Craig, a medical missionary of the China Inland mission, was captured near Yunnanfu more than a week ago, while she and a number of other missionaries were trying to make their way to safety from the interior.

The Rev. Morris Sichter, of Toronto, Canada, and his eight-year-old daughter, were killed by the bandits. Mr. Sichter and their five-year-old son were taken prisoners together with Miss Craig.

Washington at New York, postponed, cold.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

BROOKLYN (AP)—R. H. E. New York 7 14 2 Brooklyn 2 8 2

Batteries: Fitzsimmons and Hamby; Barnes, Cantrell and DeBerry.

THE WEATHER

OREGON: Showers in the portion and probably in the portion tonight and Wednesday. Cooler in the interior Wednesday.

PLANE FLOPS.
2 NON-STOP
FLYERS DIECommander Noel Davis,
Famous in Aeronautics
Victim of CrashWERE PREPARING
TO CROSS OCEANSecond Tragedy in At-
tempt to Fly from New
York to Paris—Fonck
Disaster Recalled.

NEW YORK, Apr. 26 (AP)—Commander Noel Davis and Lieutenant S. H. Wooster were suffocated by gasoline fumes and not killed by injuries due to the crash of their plane, Richard H. Byrd, of the Keystone Aircraft corporation, makers of the plane, told The Associated Press this afternoon.

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Apr. 26 (AP)—Commander Noel Davis, who was preparing for a New York-Paris, trans-Atlantic flight, and Lieutenant Stanton H. Wooster, his alternate pilot, were killed today when their giant airplane, the American Legion, crashed near Messick, Va.

Reports received at Langley Field said that the machine apparently developed engine trouble, became unmanageable and fell several hundred feet to the ground. It was carrying a load of more than 13,000 pounds.

The accident occurred about 8:30 o'clock this morning. Messick is a fishing and farming settlement on Black river, a few miles inland from Chesapeake Bay. Telephone messages said the machine was badly smashed. Neither air men had time to jump.

Bodies Removed

The bodies of the two officers were removed from the wreckage soon after the accident and were taken to the naval hospital at Portsmouth. Information at the naval base indicated that the plane crashed in about four feet of water and that both flyers were drowned. Officers at Langley Field were informed that Commander Davis was attempting a forced landing when the big craft became unmanageable.

Mrs. Davis has been visiting friends at Langley Field while her husband tested the American Legion.

The ship was a triple motored Keystone Pathfinder, one of the largest of her kind ever built. She was equipped with several 1000-gallon gasoline tanks and was capable of a speed beyond that of the average craft of her size.

Test Successful

Commander Davis yesterday spoke with pride of the performance of the machine which he has been testing at Langley Field for the past few weeks. He said:

"We are almost ready to get away now, but there is no hurry about the test. We want to have everything in our favor and I think the May full moon will give us favorable weather."

"All the tests made with the machine have been perfect. I have never piloted a better plane. I and my companions and other officers at Langley Field have been particularly pleased with the manner in which the plane gets up when loaded."

"Some of us had feared that when the machine was loaded to capacity, as she will be when we start on our long flight, a large field would be necessary for her to get up. The contrary has been proved."

"The machine rises in less space than is required for some smaller planes. It is the best mechanical bird I have ever seen and I believe we will make the flight to Paris with few difficulties."

SECOND TRAGEDY

NEW YORK, Apr. 26 (AP)—The death of Commander Noel Davis in Virginia today marked the

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TODAY'S GAMES

AMERICAN LEAGUE

BOSTON (AP)—R. H. E. Philadelphia 9 14 3 Boston 5 11 3

Batteries: Esmuk, Quinn, Williams, Gray and Cochrane, Perkins, Whitte, Landgren and Hartley, Hoffman.

CLEVELAND (AP)—R. H. E. St. Louis 2 5 1 Cleveland 6 10 1

Batteries: Gaston, Wingard and Schanz; Hodgin and L. Sewell.

Washington at New York, postponed, cold.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

BROOKLYN (AP)—R. H. E. New York 7 14 2 Brooklyn 2 8 2

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