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RAILREPORT
IS GIVEN BY
MR. COOLIDGEOutlook in Reference to
Lewiston-Homestead
Road Not BrightMISS TYLER TELLS
OF MODERN CHINASee Russian Hand in Tur-
moil and Unrest—Fut-
ure Is Uncertain, She
Tells Business Men.

A report by H. E. Coolidge, president of the chamber of commerce, and a talk dealing with China given by Miss Gertrude Tyler, returned missionary, made up the program of today's forum luncheon in the Sommer grill.

Mr. Coolidge, who with the president of the Baker chamber of commerce, attended a meeting in Portland last Thursday at which time the proposed Lewiston-Homestead railroad was taken up, declared that the situation is serious. He states that both Washington and Idaho interests are forming powerful organizations and favored organizing business men's organizations in Eastern Oregon to combat the proposed project.

Mr. Coolidge, representing the local chamber, and the Baker chamber representative have both written to the public service commission asking that no action be taken until the project is thoroughly investigated and the interests of Eastern Oregon are considered. He believes that the commission will go slow in becoming a party to the movement until it has heard all sides of the case.

Mr. Coolidge declared that he believed that the Union Pacific system is grateful to La Grande, Baker and other Eastern Oregon cities and towns that are taking a stand against the building of the proposed Lewiston-Homestead railroad.

Russia's Part in China
Miss Tyler, who recently returned to America after 18 years in the Orient, gave first hand information concerning the upheaval in China and, from her remarks, the audience was impressed with the part Russian red elements are playing in building up of anti-foreign feeling.

She explained the nationalistic movement, its program, and conditions in general. "The future is uncertain and no one knows what will happen," she said. "Business is at a standstill and the school programs have practically been closed."

Unrest and turmoil exist throughout China, Miss Tyler declared, adding that the people are willing to follow the lead of anyone who will promise them peace.

Red Infection
The Chinese people as a whole are not antagonistic to foreigners, she said, but the soviet reds have contributed much to engendering such a feeling.

Miss Tyler admitted that foreigners have imposed upon the Chinese in some ways but she said

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Church Plans
Improvements
Totaling \$1500

Beginning this week a number of improvements are being made at the Church of God chapel. A building permit for \$1500 was taken out this morning.

The chapel, which has never been entirely completed, will be finished on the outside and painted. As soon as this work is finished work will start on a basement to make more room for the Sunday school.

The Sunday school has an enrollment of about 225 and a regular attendance of more than 150.

12,000
PEOPLE ON
THE STREETS

A crowd of over 12,000 people on the streets in the business district is seldom seen in La Grande. Probably for the first time in the city's history there will be that many people downtown at one time during the legion convention in July—with resultant business volume of considerable magnitude.

Regular contact with a crowd of that size by a business firm is possible only through The Observer as it goes each day to over 12,000 readers. You can't pass a store's door every day when you keep daily contact with the store when its advertising message is found regularly in The Observer. You have regular, detailed information on what is new and different—and it is only natural that you should show a steady spending preference for those stores.

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Five Teams To
Participate In
M. I. A. Contests

Cove, Baker, Imbler Union and La Grande to Compete in the L. D. S. Tabernacle Tonight.

The Mutual Improvement associations of the La Grande stakes of the L. D. S. church will meet at the tabernacle here this evening for the contest to decide which M. I. A. will go to Boise to meet the winning organization from that stake, the Boise contest to determine who will attend the grand finals at Salt Lake City.

Cove, Baker, Imbler Union and La Grande will take part in the contests tonight. There will be competitive public speaking for both the young men and young women, a male quartet contest, girls chorus and tenor, baritone, alto and soprano solos. The program will begin at 8 o'clock and the public is invited to attend.

Continued Tomorrow
The contests will be continued tomorrow night when Baker and La Grande will compete in drama. The play to be given is "The Unequaled Yoke" by Blanche McKay.

After this contest those present will go to the amusement hall where Union and La Grande will contest in dancing. "The Lancers" being the title of the dance.

After the dance competition a social will be enjoyed before adjournment.

Awes To Deliver
Baccalaureate
Sermon Sunday

The Rev. L. E. Awes, pastor of the La Grande English Lutheran church, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon to the La Grande high school graduating class, it is announced today. The services will be held next Sunday night, May 15, in the L. D. S. tabernacle, beginning at 8 o'clock.

On the following Wednesday night, May 18, commencement exercises will be held in the L. D. S. tabernacle, also beginning at 8 o'clock. Dr. Arnold Bennett Hall, president of the University of Oregon, will deliver the commencement address.

Hospital Plans
Open House Day
Here on May 12

Thursday is national hospital day and according to the annual custom there will be open house on that day at the Grande Ronde hospital here.

Hospital day is observed over all the nation and it is at that time that attention is turned toward making those who are ill and confined to the hospital happy. The day is especially set aside for visiting the hospital and taking flowers to the sick there. For many years Chapter I of P. E. O. has furnished the program for hospital day in La Grande. This organization has charge of the arrangement and this year, Mrs. H. A. Zurbrugg is chairman of the committee and assisting her are Mrs. F. A. Epling and Mrs. G. L. Dutton.

There will be a musical program during the afternoon. Members of P. E. O. will be on hand to arrange the flowers and to receive the callers. They will also serve refreshments during the afternoon.

Class Picnics At
Radium Springs

The senior class of La Grande high school left for Radium Springs in annual spring picnic.

Several cars transported the more than three-score members of the class, accompanied by faculty members. They will return to La Grande this evening.

Accident Victim
Is Laid to Rest

Funeral services for Little Clair Cook, 6-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Cook, who was instantly killed Sunday afternoon when he struck by an automobile, were held at the Catholic church this morning at 9 o'clock. A large crowd was in attendance at the funeral services and also at the grave.

He was laid to rest in the Catholic cemetery under the supervision of the W. H. Bohnenkamp company.

PORTLAND ATTORNEY FACES
DISBARMENT PROCEEDINGS

SALEM, Ore., May 10. (AP)—Disbarment proceedings against William G. Martin, Portland attorney, were referred by the supreme court today to Judge John P. Stevenson, of Portland. He will take testimony and report his findings to the supreme court after which the case will be set for argument.

PATTERSON
OPENS VALVE
IN M'KAY DAM

Dreams of the Umatilla Farmers Come True This Afternoon

WILL CARE FOR
LARGE DISTRICT

Basin Will Aid Stanfield, Hermiston and Westland Sections of West End of County.

PENDLETON, May 10. (AP)—When Governor Patterson opened the needle valve on the McKay dam at 1:30 o'clock today, the dream of farmers in the west end of Umatilla county became a reality and 11,000 acres of former arid land became susceptible to irrigation.

With Governor Patterson, Recreation Director Dr. Elwood Mead, United States Senator Fredrick Steiwer, Representative Sinnott and other officials present, the giant man-made reservoir which when filled to capacity, will store 75,000 acre feet of water was formally dedicated after three years of construction work at a cost of \$500,000 below the original estimate due to skillful engineering. The original cost was estimated at \$3,000,000.

The basin will care for the Stanfield, Hermiston and Westland sections of the west end of Umatilla county.

Caravan Tour

Following the dedication ceremony, a two-hour caravan tour was made of the project to be benefited by the reservoir and this will be followed this evening by a banquet in Hermiston.

Dr. Mead was this morning the guest of the Pendleton Commercial association at a breakfast at which he spoke briefly on reclamation and irrigation projects.

William Mullholand, chief engineer of the Los Angeles water department; H. Van Norman, chief assistant and Fred Pliginsk, chief mechanical engineer, were among official visitors to attend the celebration. They came here purpose to see the construction work on the big project. Mr. Mullholand has been with the Los Angeles water department for 50 years and

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ART EXHIBIT IS
ON DISPLAY HEREWorks of Oregon Artists
Brought Here by La
Grande Women

An art exhibit, composed entirely of paintings by Oregon artists, was opened in La Grande today and members of the Art Research club, who brought the exhibit to La Grande, witnessed the pictures before noon.

They were agreeably surprised with the excellency of the collection, declaring that it surpassed all expectations.

There are 25 paintings in the collection, all being oil canvases, with the exception of two portraits of water colors.

The exhibit will be formerly dedicated this afternoon before the members of the Neighborhood club and this afternoon the exhibit will be open to the public. The pictures will be on display again tomorrow afternoon in the Neighborhood club rooms, when the art class is inviting the public to call and see them.

Lift Load Limit
On Oregon Trail

The load limit on the Old Oregon Trail highway, between La Grande and Pendleton, was raised to the legal limit yesterday, it was announced from the state highway offices here this morning.

The restriction on the highway since early spring was 6500 pounds until three weeks ago when the restriction was raised to 10,000 pounds. The road is said to be practically dry now, and in fairly good condition making the load limit no longer necessary.

Tickets Selling
Rapidly for Dance

Tickets are selling rapidly for the Mississippi flood benefit dance to be given tonight in the Elks hall and indications are that a large crowd will attend. The La Grande band will play on the streets before the dance and will donate music during the evening. Dancing will start about 9 o'clock and the public is invited.

COMB OCEAN
FOR FRENCH
FLYING ACES

Captains Nungesser and Coli a Day Overdue at New York

NO TRACE OF TWO
AVIATORS FOUND

Paris Anxious as to Fate of Her Birdmen—Mobs Range Through Streets, Slur Americans.

By The Associated Press
The bleak stretches of the stormy Atlantic are being combed today for the missing aviators, Captains Nungesser and Coli, now 19 hours overdue at New York on the flight from Paris.

Fifty-eight hours had passed at 11 o'clock this morning since the "White Bird" lifted her wings from the flying field at Le Bourget and not one authentic word of the plane's whereabouts has come from any source.

Steamships are searching the seas as they cross between the continents—the liners Westphalia, Cameronia and George Washington reporting by wireless today that they were keeping a lookout for the Frenchmen.

Scouring Waters

The United States government has sent out two big naval tugs—the Mandan and Mohave—to scour the waters that lie between Boston and Cape Sable, one of the legs of the course to New York. Heavy fogs blinded the lookouts.

French destroyers, submarine chasers and seaplanes cruised about the English channel in the belief that the flyers may have been forced down in that waterway. Off the coast of Ireland ships on their courses hunted for the missing aviators.

Days may elapse before any definite information comes of the aviators. If forced down off the Grand Banks and picked up by fishermen three weeks or more may pass before the news of their rescue is received.

Paris was alarmed over the disappearing news that no word had come of the French war aces.

SEEN EARLY SUNDAY

PARIS, May 10. (AP)—A message stating that the trans-Atlantic plane of Captain Charles Nungesser was seen going northwest at the mouth of the Shannon river, County Clare, Ireland, at 11 o'clock Sunday morning, was received this afternoon by the general director of aeronautics from its representative in the French embassy in London.

The message said that the plane had been seen by several observers who agreed in their report of its passage. The plane was going northwest at the time that it was reported to have passed over Carrig Island and Kilrush which are at the mouth of the Shannon river. (Carraig Island and Kilrush are about 550 miles in a direct line from Paris.)

PARIS EXCITED

PARIS, May 10. (AP)—Paris today was in the grip of mixed

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Heavyweights To
Headline Boxing
Card Here May 14

Nuts Gorman, of Hood River, and Young Peter Jack, of Portland, heavyweights, have been signed to meet in a 10-round main event here Saturday night in Zuber hall—the headline of a 25-round boxing card sponsored by a number of local fight fans.

Plans are to later organize a club here for the express purpose of promoting boxing and wrestling events.

Gorman, who tips the scales at 185 pounds, recently won a decision over an Idaho leather pusher in Pendleton in what was described as a first class scrap.

Jackson, who weighs 187, has been fighting in Portland regularly and needs little introduction to Oregon fans.

Allen in Semi-Windup
Giving the cord added interest, will be a six-round semi-final between Del Allen, 149, of La Grande, and Emil Perkins, 143, of Portland. Allen, considered one of the contenders in Eastern Oregon, has been consistently winning all matches and this is expected to be one of his hardest tests.

Filippo Ford, 128, of La Grande, will meet Billy Knight, 128, of Umatilla, in a return go. Recently Knight won a decision over Ford here and the local boy is eager to even things up.

Bud Sames, 130, and Carl Stodard, 120, will meet in the curtain raiser.

The card will begin at 8 o'clock so as to allow the business men to attend. Tickets are on sale at all La Grande cigar stores today.

POLA AND HER PRINCE



Pola Negri, flower-laden, and her husband-to-be, Prince Serge Midvani, are shown as they arrived in Paris to be married. The wedding was to take place at Pola's chateau in a suburb of the French capital. Pola is reported to be happy even if the prince's title is not taken seriously by Parisian aristocracy.

Pioneer Woman
Passes on Here
At Family Home

Mary Parker, 89, pioneer of Union county, died this morning at her home at the corner of East Pennsylvania and Cherry. Funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon at the home with the Rev. H. W. Parker officiating. Interment will be in the Island City cemetery under the direction of the W. L. Bohnenkamp company.

Mrs. Parker was born in Vermont to county, Illinois in 1838 and married James Parker in September, 1853. In 1871 they came to Union county where she has since made her home. She was a member of the M. E. church of Cove.

She leaves the following relatives: Mrs. Emma Lee, La Grande; Mrs. Julia Young, Caldwell, Ida.; Mrs. Sarah Bloom, Ceredah, Ida.; Mrs. Viola Cady, Spokane, Wash.; John, James and Allen Parker, of La Grande, and Frank Parker, of Wachenetta, Wash.

BANKERS LIFE
LOSES FIGHT
TO VOID ORDER

A number of persons in the La Grande territory who have policies with the Bankers Life Insurance company of Iowa will be interested in the following news story which appeared in the Des Moines Register:

"Application of the Bankers Life company for a stay order suspending the temporary injunction restraining the company from lapsing assessment certificate holders was denied yesterday. The temporary injunction was issued last week by Judge L. F. Cummings of Marshalltown."

"Approximately 45,000 assessment certificate holders are affected by the refusal of the high court to grant a stay. Their certificates, under the injunction, cannot be issued if they tender payment of the April assessment at the same rate paid in 1926. Yesterday was lapse day."

S. H. Weimer Buys
Cove Lumber Yard

COVE, May 10. (Special)—The lumber yard at Cove, owned by Hess and company, has been purchased by S. H. Weimer. Mr. Weimer has also leased the box factory, which opened for business Monday morning with Roy Baxter in charge.

Three trucks have been put into service and much of the lumber will be sent to Elgin for finishing. Lumber at the Elgin yard suitable for boxes will be brought here.

Fined \$100 For
Overloading Car

H. Emswender was arrested this morning on Spruce street, and was taken before the municipal court on a charge of driving an overloaded truck. He was sentenced to pay a fine of \$100.

Emswender was hauling logs and had 31,000 pounds on his truck when arrested, five and a half tons more than the load limit allows.

ST. LOUIS, May 10. (AP)—Babe Ruth hit his seventh home run of the season in the first inning of today's Yankee-Browns game. Gaston was pitching. Two men were on bases.

Arkansas Views
Ruined Towns in
Path of Tornado

Series of Storms Yesterday Leave More Than 70 Dead in State Devastated by Floods.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., May 10. (AP)—Arkansas today surveyed the ruins of a dozen towns laid waste by a series of tornadoes which yesterday swept the state from end to end, leaving 70 dead and 350 injured in its wake.

From Strong and Norphlet in the south central portion to Walnut Ridge and Hoxie in the northeast where the terrific winds leaped over into Missouri to deal death and destruction to Poplar Bluff, the map of the state looked like a giant checker board, one county swept by the storm and next one northward untouched in almost faultless regularity.

First making its appearance in Arkansas at Strong and Norphlet in Union county where 18 are known dead and 19 others believed dead, the storm began its leaping course through the state.

28 Known Dead
It was in Lawrence county that the wind took its heaviest toll. Here 25 persons are known to be dead, over 200 injured and several others missing. One farm house near Egypt in Craighead county, east of Lawrence, was demolished and seven persons, seeking refuge from the blast, were killed.

A Frisco passenger train standing on a side track at Walnut Ridge in the same county were wrecked when three coaches were blown from the track. No passengers were on the train but three trainmen were seriously injured.

FLOOD IS HITTING
AT BATON ROUGEMississippi River Tearing at Levees on 50-Mile Front Today
NEW ORLEANS, La., May 10. (AP)—White-capped billows of the Mississippi river cut deeply into levees along a 50-mile front north of Baton Rouge yesterday and last night and today hundreds of laborers were manhandling the weakened spots.

Along the Bayou des Glaises levee where larger hanks centered several days, 600 citizens were fighting the flood. "As the situation there hourly grew critical, major John C. Gotwals, engineer, in charge of a rescue fleet with its base at Natchez, Miss., announced that all boats in his area except those needed for transportation of food and supplies, would be concentrated in that section."

Throughout the lower valley, tension was increasing and patrols were more vigilant. New Orleans was considered out of danger. Thousands of persons in the valley between New Orleans and Old River were still menaced however. Seepage was causing damage at Moreauville. Waves were reported to be splashing over the top of a dyke there.

Herbert Hoover, secretary of commerce; Dwight L. Davis, secretary of war, and a group of New Orleans bankers discussed plans for rehabilitation of the flood devastated sections of Louisiana yesterday. They said that plans were being formulated for a finance corporation to furnish funds for the rehabilitation of farmlands.

Similar organizations are being formed in Mississippi and Arkansas.

Juror Still Sick
So Jacksonville
Court Adjourns

COURT HOUSE, JACKSONVILLE, Ore., May 10. (AP)—The trial of Hugh De Autremont, 23, alleged slayer of a woman, adjourned today for the murder of Charles O. (Coyle) Johnson, of Ashland, during the progress of a trial held Oct. 11, 1923, was again adjourned this morning, owing to the illness of juror S. W. Dunham, 63, Medford, who was stricken Friday night.

Under an agreement reached between prosecution and defense counsel with the court, in chambers, court adjourned until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

A medical commission composed of Drs. E. B. Pickett, G. G. Thayer and R. W. Steeler, all of Medford, was instructed by the court to examine Juror Dunham this afternoon at 5 o'clock in the presence of a representative of the state and the defense, and determine the condition of the juror.

A report by the same commission to the court this morning stated that Dunham was suffering from acute infected gall bladder, and that the date of his ability to return to the jury box was "indefinite and uncertain."

Under an agreement between counsel it was agreed that Dunham be removed to his home from his hotel quarters.

California Not
For W. G. McAdoo

WASHINGTON, May 10. (AP)—William G. McAdoo will not have the support of the democratic delegation from his home state of California should he again be a candidate for the democratic presidential nomination. Theodore B. Dockweiler, democratic national committeeman from California, predicted here.

Mr. Dockweiler, here on private business, said a majority of the opposition to McAdoo among California democrats favored Governor Al Smith of New York, but he believed the delegation would be instructed by James D. Phelan, former California senator.

STORM DEATH
TOLL STANDS
AROUND 220Three-Day Visitation of
Tornadoes Wreak Havoc in Middle WestPROPERTY DAMAGE
MANY MILLIONSSome Relief from Freak
Weather—Promised by
Observers Due to Cool
Wind from West.By the Associated Press
Casualty lists in a three-day siege of tornadoes and storms in western states today showed 218 known dead and more than 800 injured, many severely.

The report by states:

Several persons were unaccounted for in Arkansas. The three deaths in Wyoming occurred in a blizzard, while a woman was drowned near Sioux City, Iowa.

THUNDER IS GREAT

KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 10. (AP)—Tornado and storm casualties in middle western states today stood at more than 200 known dead and upwards of 800 injured, many probably fatally.

Hundreds were homeless in five states visited by a series of freak storms that started Saturday and reached a climax yesterday when large areas were devastated in Arkansas, Missouri, Texas and Illinois. Torrential rains over the week end added to property losses estimated at millions of dollars.

Arkansas towns reported 70 known dead and more than 300 injured in the wake of tornadoes that swept from the southern section of the state to the northeast counties. Lawrence county was hardest hit. Twenty-eight perished there and approximately 200 were injured. Eighteen were dead and 19 unaccounted for at Strong and Norphlet in Union county, while eight were killed in Cleveland county.

Seventy-three persons were known to have been killed in a dozen Missouri communities. Sixty died in a tornado that raged the business section of Poplar Bluff in Southeast Missouri. Relief workers had placed 42 bodies in morgues while 12 bodies were taken to homes in the damaged residential district.

Missouri Toll High
Ten deaths resulted from tornadoes in Central Missouri. Seven were killed in Callaway county in the vicinity of Axtavase, New Bloomfield, Guthrie and Carlington. A 70-mile gale that raked St. Louis caused three deaths.

Texas reported 33 dead, more than 100 injured and property damage exceeding \$1,000,000 from twisters that dipped at scattered points in Dallas, Collin, Hunt and Lamar counties, shortly before dawn yesterday. Sixteen were killed at Nevada, ten at Garland, four at Wolfe City and two at Kellogg. Most of the victims were caught in their beds.

Tornadoes and high winds in Illinois killed 19 persons and left many injured. Five perished at New Columbus last night. Chicago reported two killed, Hinckley and Rushville one each, while one person was struck by lightning at Jacksonville, Ill. Wind caused heavy damage at several points.

Relief work directed by the Red Cross was under way in south central Kansas where 10 were killed.

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BELLANCA IS
READY TO FLY
ACROSS OCEAN

NEW YORK, May 10. (AP)—Charles A. Levine, president of the Columbia Aircraft corporation today said that Carl Shorrey, official starter of the New York-Paris flight, will seal the tanks and barograph of the Bellanca plane tomorrow in preparation for the "hop off." Shorrey is secretary of the National Aeronautic association.

Mr. Levine said that from present weather reports, the plane will not leave tomorrow on the proposed New York-Paris flight.

TODAY'S GAMES

NATIONAL LEAGUE
PHILADELPHIA R. H. E.
Chicago 6 10 4
Philadelphia 3 8 4Bateson: Baker 1,000,000
Carlson and J. Wilson.
All other National league games postponed, wet grounds.