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THE WEATHER

OREGON: Fair tonight and Friday, but cloudy and somewhat in the north coast. Warm in the east portion Friday.

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Naval Experts at Conference Also Discuss the Question of Ratio

Britain Does Not Seek Supremacy

William C. Bridgeman Announces; Prospects for Successful Outcome Much Better.

GENEVA, June 29 (AP)—An agreement to limit the maximum size of destroyers was reached today at a meeting of the naval experts of the tripartite conference. The experts also discussed the question of ratio in the number of destroyers as between the United States, Great Britain and Japan.

It is understood that an accord was virtually reached on the ratio for destroyers, but the experts today declined to announce the ratio figures.

The maximum tonnage of destroyers is understood to have been fixed at 1,500 tons, a line of demarcation being drawn between destroyers and destroyer leaders.

The statement of William C. Bridgeman, head of the British delegation made exclusively to the Associated Press yesterday making clear that Great Britain does not seek naval supremacy over the United States and has no intention of withholding parity between Great Britain and the United States in all classes of warships, was the dominating topic of discussion in conference circles today.

It was felt generally that Mr. Bridgeman's disavowal of any British intention to seek naval supremacy over America would undoubtedly increase immensely the chances of success of the conference.

At the session of the international correspondents here the British delegation today gave out Mr. Bridgeman's statement to the Associated Press for transmission to correspondent papers in various parts of the world.

OUTCOME ENHANCED WASHINGTON, June 29 (AP)—Prospects of a successful outcome of the Geneva negotiations appeared greatly enhanced today as department officials with the announcement that America's parity with England in all classes of vessels would not be questioned by Great Britain.

This development coupled with indications that the British delegation is realizing the futility of attempting to reopen Washington treaty provisions, had department officials to hope that final agreement upon auxiliary craft limitation is becoming a matter.

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Buffington Goes On Stand Today In Circuit Court

Clayton "Pete" Buffington took the stand at 11 o'clock this morning in the second day of the case of the state against Buffington in the charge of possession of a will. The courtroom was again filled with spectators who are showing a marked interest in the outcome of the trial. Five witnesses of the state testified yesterday afternoon while Buffington was the fourth of the defense witnesses this morning.

Rapid-fire cross questioning by both District Attorney Carl Helms and Attorney for the defense, E. J. Deane and E. J. Green, for the defense, is adding to the interest of the trial. The still which was confiscated at the time of Buffington's arrest is in the courtroom and is a major factor in the progress of the case. Judge Fred Wilson is expected to direct the jury to the jury room for deliberation late this afternoon.

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Haines Stampede Will Begin Tomorrow And Continue Through Tuesday, July 5

The Haines stampede held each year at Haines, about nine miles east of Baker, will begin tomorrow, July 1, and will continue through Tuesday, July 5. The Monday and Tuesday programs were added to provide entertainment for the crowds, which will be in Baker July 4, 5 and 6 for the Elks convention and the American Legion three-day dance of July celebration to be held there.

A program of races, bucking horses and other features which go to make a successful stampede, has been arranged for each day. The race follows agricultural exhibits. Four hundred dollars has been provided for the relay races and \$200 for the bucking contest. Big dances will be held in the Stampede hall on Friday and Saturday nights.

Two Army Flyers Are Honored In Honolulu Today

Active Social Program Is Scheduled for Lieutenants Maitland and Hegenberger.

HONOLULU, June 29 (AP)—

Although they entered Honolulu through the back door yesterday morning Lieutenants Lester J. Maitland and Albert Hegenberger today were extended every honor usually accorded guests entering the city in the conventional manner.

The two trim, wind-bronzed, capable looking young army aviators had spent the night in a private suite at the Waikiki beach hotel in an earnest endeavor to make up for the sleep they lost in their flight of 25 hours 50 minutes from Oakland, Cal., to Hawaii at the end of which they had nonchalantly landed their six-ton Fokker at Wheeler field, near here, yesterday morning.

No definite time has been fixed as that the army plane would arrive, and reaching Wheeler field from an unexpected direction it had almost landed before its presence was noted by the waiting throngs.

The course the flyers followed had been definitely settled upon before their take off in Oakland, Maitland and Hegenberger were to fly straight from the Golden Gate to the island of Maui. The radio beam had been installed on Maui to show them the way.

Reckoning from the last authentic message from the flyers—six o'clock Tuesday evening via the President Cleveland—the airplane escort which was to welcome them left Wheeler field at dawn, flying toward Molokai, expecting to pick up the Fokker and guide it back to the field.

Father Presided Over First Court

Judge Fred Wilson Son of First Judge to Hold Circuit Court in County

Sixty-two years ago, Joseph G. Wilson, of The Dalles, circuit judge of the district including all Oregon east of the Cascades, conducted the first circuit court ever to be held in this county. Today his son, Fred W. Wilson, circuit judge, also of The Dalles, is conducting the same court.

This, and with it, facts of thrilling significance in that they tell themselves a story of amazing progress during the span between the father's and the son's visits was made known yesterday when Judge Wilson, who is in La Grande, for the first time, in connection with the Buffington trial, recalled stories told him by his pioneer father and searched the county vaults of the county clerk's office for records of his father's early court. In a short time he was reading from the first files, records of the beginning of court in La Grande.

"At a circuit court begun and held in the village of La Grande, in the county of Union and state of Oregon on Monday, the 15th day of May, 1865, before Judge Joseph G. Wilson, Isaac L. Thomas, clerk, and Isaac G. Shorter, sheriff."

"This is the first paragraph of the old record, which bears the signature of the early Judge Wilson. The discovery prompted Judge Wilson to visit with members of pioneer families who told him that the courthouse at which he sat had been built by his grandfather, being the present L. H. Russell building. Accordingly Judge Wilson with Mrs. Wilson and their two children, Elizabeth and Joseph G. Wilson, visited the Russell home. "We enjoyed a most pleasant visit with Mr. and Mrs. Russell," Judge Wilson said today. "I could not help but feel a certain sentimentality and a bit of pride over the discovery," he continued. "My son is named after his grandfather."

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BYRD AND PARTY EN ROUTE TO FRANCE



Here's the largest party ever to attempt the Atlantic crossing by airplane. Byrd and his party hopped off early yesterday morning in the big triple-motored monoplane "America," on an ocean jaunt with Europe the goal. Left to right the men are Bert Acosta, Commander Richard E. Byrd; Lieutenant George Noville and Bert Balchen.

Will Find Paris Easy to Locate

French Public Prepares to Welcome Commander Byrd on Landing

PARIS, June 29 (AP)—Commander Byrd will find Paris easier to locate than the North Pole. Every possible arrangement has been made by the French authorities to lead him easily to a resting place for his plane "America" beside the graceful column at the Le Bourget air field consecrating the glory of his predecessor, Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh, which by appropriate coincidence was unveiled today with the "America" crew. Byrd's safe arrival, so exact is the prestige of "America" which after the achievements of Lindbergh and Clarence D. Chamberlin, prepared to welcome him in a manner befitting his mission.

The French public, which seems to have no the slightest doubt of Commander Byrd's safe arrival, so exact is the prestige of "America" which after the achievements of Lindbergh and Clarence D. Chamberlin, prepared to welcome him in a manner befitting his mission.

As soon as the "America" is reported approaching the French coast, a French naval dispatch boat and the United States torpedo boat, "Whipple" and "Barker" will sail to sea from Cherbourg to meet the plane. The "America" will be met by the "Whipple" and "Barker" at night fall to guide him across Normandy and up the valley of the Seine to Le Bourget, where stronger lights have been installed 90 to make it impossible for him to miss the field.

All Paris Waiting Just as the quiet courage of Lindbergh in his lonely flight across the Atlantic gripped the French mind, so has the spectacle of the "America" in the air, the attempt made in impression, and all Paris this afternoon was waiting impatiently for the outcome.

This will readily prove whether commercial aviation across the ocean is feasible," was the motto of the comment heard in the cafes, on the street corners and in other places where people meet to pass the time of day.

The press took the same tone as the populace, and every comment praised the careful preparation and scientific exactitude insisted upon by the North Pole hero.

The point stressed above all was that the result of Byrd's flight would demonstrate beyond question whether passengers can be carried over the long stretch of the Atlantic with a reasonable degree of safety and with reasonable ease.

Plaque Dedicated Honoring Lindbergh

LE BOURGET, France, June 29 (AP)—While Commander Richard E. Byrd was making his way to Paris through a dense atmosphere of fog and with Charles D. Chamberlin and Charles A. Levine standing by in his big, a north-plane commemorating Charles A. Lindbergh's feat of first crossing the European continent by air from the United States, was dedicated here today on the spot the young American landed on May 20.

The plaque was a simple slab engraved with the words, "Charles Lindbergh, after having crossed the Atlantic, landed here May 21, 1927."

Under this inscription were names of the two organizations which had the plaque placed here. H. H. Hancock—the international league of aviators and the "Wings of Peace" or "old timers" as the French chapter of the league is known.

Reports Are Of Changes Being Made in China

SHANGHAI, June 29 (AP)—News received here today from Hankow, seat of the radical nationalist government headed by Chiang Kai-shek, while measure is interpreted as meaning that important changes are being brought about there presumably in compliance with the ultimatum of Chiang Kai-shek, the moderate nationalist leader, and General Feng Yu-hsiang to oust the Russians, quash the radical labor unions and stifle communism generally.

A British navy radio message stated that the Russian Michael Borodin, adviser to the Hanks nationalists, will leave tonight for an unstated destination, that all Russians, except members of the consulate staff, will leave within 24 hours that certain labor unions have been dissolved, that the picketing system has been abolished and that there is a large movement of troops across the river Wuchang to guard the rail head.

Other reports from Hankow state there is a general feeling that the power of the radicals is near an end, and that the complete curbing of labor union excess is a matter of days. It being added that official circles as well as the public are expecting great changes in the governmental policy in the next few days.

Explosion Kills One Man Today

Rocks New Pittsburg Press Building; Injures Many Persons

PITTSBURG, June 29 (AP)—One man was killed and a large number of persons were injured today when a terrific explosion rocked the new Pittsburg Press building in the downtown section. First reports were that a storage gasoline tank in the engine room had exploded, but the absence of fire caused firemen to believe it was a natural gas explosion in a sub-basement.

Many windows in the big structure, which fronts on the boulevard of the city, were shattered by the blast. Persons in automobiles nearby were cut by flying glass while several pedestrians were reported to have been blown across the street. Within a short time all downtown fire companies were at the scene. Firemen after sending five persons to a hospital sent into the engine room where they found two men badly hurt, one of them that enroute to a hospital.

Lindsey Ousted By Court Order

DENVILLE, June 29 (AP)—The Lindsey long career as judge of the Denver juvenile court which he founded a quarter of a century ago and made famous throughout the world, came interrupted today when a court order officially ousted him in line with the Colorado supreme court's decision that since 1924 he was illegally elected to 1924.

Judge Lindsey, however, will remain in control of the office proceeds until a successor is appointed. The vacancy is expected to be filled Tuesday by the appointment of Robert W. Minto, attorney, although there is a slight possibility that Judge Lindsey will be appointed to succeed himself. It is not, he probably again will be a candidate at a special election later in the year.

Gehrig Hits More Homers Than Ruth

NEW YORK, June 29 (AP)—Lou Gehrig passed Babe Ruth in home runs when he hit for 109 in the first inning of the game with Red Sox here today. Ruth and Gehrig were on base when Gehrig hit his 25th of the season, against 24 for Ruth.

Paris Awaits Arrival of Byrd's Plane

American Ace Nearing Objective—Crowds Are Gathered for Welcome

Plane Hampered by Wind and Fog

Sets Record for Keeping in Frequent Communication with Ship and Shore During Trip.

NEW YORK, June 30 (AP)—The Western Union reported at 7 o'clock tonight (New York daylight time) that Commander Byrd had flown over Lisieux, northwest of Paris, and was expected to land at Le Bourget field in about a half hour.

ROOSEVELT FIELD, N. Y., June 30 (AP)—The "America" reached France at 2:45 p. m., eastern daylight time, according to a message to Rodman Wanamaker, president of the American Trans-Oceanic company, received here at 3:15 p. m.

The radio station at Guessant, France, picked up and relayed the following message from the "America":

"Just crossed the border line of France at 1:45 A. M. This is 1:45 eastern daylight time. The distance from Brest to Paris by air is about 210 miles. If Commander Byrd follows a direct route this will bring him to Le Bourget field about 6:30 p. m., eastern daylight savings time.

Commander Richard E. Byrd's scientific adventure in the atmosphere laboratory of the skies was drawing to a successful termination this afternoon as the monoplane "America" skirted Ireland and approached the coast of France. Based on the increasing speed made across the ocean, it was estimated that the plane would drop on to Le Bourget field at Paris about 5:30 o'clock, Eastern daylight time.

Having set new records for keeping in frequent communication with ship and shore the "America" was also taking to its landing place secrets wrested from the cloud banked skies which may be of untold aid to future flyers.

What those secrets are has not been divulged. Commander Byrd in one of his radio messages having merely reported laconically that "we believe we have collected some scientific data."

NEW YORK, June 30 (AP)—Hampered by strong head winds and dense fog the Paris-bound monoplane "America," with Commander Richard E. Byrd and his crew of three today roared over the North Atlantic in its 1900 miles water jump from Newfoundland to the Irish coast.

Mamer Leaves Spokane Early This Morning

NICK MAMER left the Spokane airport at 2:37 a. m. today enroute to Santa Ana, Cal., to enter the air races there next week. He planned to fly direct to either Portland or Eugene, Ore., and after a stop at Medford for gasoline and another at Redding, Ore., to land at Sacramento for the night. He planned to continue on tomorrow to Santa Ana with a stop at Bakersfield.

In the north Mamer expects to select an airplane to enter in the New York-Spokane air derby in September, and to seek entries for the derby, the San Francisco-Spokane air race and the national race at the Spokane airport afterwards.

TODAY'S GAMES

Table listing National League and American League games for June 30, 1927, including teams and scores.