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THE WEATHER

OREGON: Unsettled and probably rains tonight and Wednesday. Moderate temperature. Moderate to southeast winds.

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WILL ERECT BUILDING ON FIR, ADAMS

Two-Story Brick Business Structure to Be Built Next Year

PLANS ARE NOW BEING PREPARED

Old Grande Ronde Valley House to Be Razed to Clear Site, Mrs. Snyder Announces.

As soon as weather permits next spring, work of tearing down the Grande Ronde Valley house at the corner of Fir street and Adams avenue will begin and as soon as this is completed, a modern two-story brick business building will be erected, it was announced late yesterday by Mrs. Ira A. Snyder.

Mrs. Snyder said that plans for the building have not been completed and she is not certain as yet what the structure will cost but further details will be published later when the blue prints, which are being prepared by Charles B. Miller, local architect, have been finished.

Front on Adams

The building will front on Adams avenue and the lower floor, which will be divided into store rooms, will extend 150 feet along Adams. The Fir street frontage will be 55 feet but part of the building fronting on Adams will run back 110 feet—along the Hackman lot which Mrs. Snyder has purchased.

Moon Drugs, which now occupies the corner location, will have the same location in the new building.

The upper floor will contain office rooms, Mrs. Snyder says. A full concrete basement will be built.

To Raze Pioneer Building

When workmen begin tearing down the Grande Ronde Valley house it will mark the beginning of the passing of another of the landmarks in the business section. This pioneer building was one of the first two-story business structures to be erected in La Grande and is many years of age. At one time it was one of the leading hotels of this city, it is said.

Mr. Miller, who is drawing the plans, also drew plans for the new seven-story Sacajawea Inn and several other outstanding business and residential structures in this and nearby cities.

ERECTING NEW SNOW FENCES ON HIGHWAYS

State highway engineers in this division have started to prepare for winter. Workmen begin to put up snow fence last week and will continue the work all this week. The fence was put up between Elgin and Minam last week and this week work started between Elgin and La Grande and Kamela and Emigrant Hill.

There will probably be about five miles of snow fence in the three sections.

Below Freezing in Valley Last Night

A breath of cold weather, a sample of the winter to come, drifted over the Grande Ronde valley last night, and this morning found the government thermometer at the municipal building registering a minimum of 28 above zero—four degrees below freezing weather.

This is the coldest weather yet this fall here.

TWO MEN INJURED

PORTLAND, Nov. 8 (AP)—Two men were injured today when an elevator at the Meier and Frank warehouse fell four stories to the basement.

William M. Kesseling, 62, and George Lakas, 38, were taken to a hospital in a serious condition.

IN TOUCH WITH 3000 FAMILIES

Imagine the difficulty and expense of reaching over 3000 families in the La Grande territory with a message if The Observer were not available to business firms wishing to serve these families!

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'Hello, There' Is Presented Here To Large Crowd

Musical Comedy Pleases Audience in Arcade Last Night — Final Staging This Evening.

A large crowd gathered at the Arcade theater last evening for the first presentation of the musical comedy, "Hello There," by the La Grande Neighborhood club, and all left the theater expressing approval of the play.

The characters were well cast for their particular roles, and the chorus work was probably the most outstanding of any home talent show ever given here, many believe.

The story of the comedy centers around John and Susie Weber, Curtis Barnes and and Miss Ruth Bramwell, brother and sister who are just home from college and decide to have a house party for their school-mates to liven things up.

They decide that the party shall be a masquerade. John fixes it so the parson, Hugh E. Brady, and his father, Elwood Gwilliams, wear similar costumes, and his mother, Mrs. W. H. Leisman, and the girls' chaperone, Mrs. Elmer McManus, dress the same, which results in many complications.

John loves Grace Loveland, Mrs. F. S. Sherwood, and Susie is in love with Billy Donnelly, Tom Russell, and after the party and all complications are straightened out all ends happily.

Comedy Parts

Mrs. H. P. Miller, as Bridget Fitzpatrick; Tom Bruce, as Jimmie Hughes; Hugh Brady, as Parson Smithe; Mrs. E. McManus, Mrs. Lovell; Mrs. G. R. Claycomb as Aunt Matilda and Richard Dykhuis as Professor Bidwell furnish much of the comedy of the show. The cooks' chorus, in which Bridget Fitzpatrick sings accompanied by a chorus of six Irish cooks, received much applause.

The military cadets' drill was an attractive feature of the presentation and showed much training. Twenty-four girls took part in the drill and a number of changes were made—many of them difficult ones. For this feature Mrs. Leal Russell was Columbia and Richard Dykhius was the soldier boy.

The kiddie review, which opened the show, was well received and the kewpie chorus, in which five little children of the ages of three and four years, was particularly pleasing to the audience. The youngsters taking part in this were little Misses Sarah Patten, Boncille Bruce, Nancy Bohnenkamp, Ann Stoddard, and Ruth Jeanne Zurbrick. Preceding this chorus three little girls, Gladys Roberts, Virginia Riley and Nola Mae Mosby, students of Miss Guilda Ashby, appeared in clever solo dances.

Barefoot Chorus

Just before the appearance of the barefoot chorus, in which about a dozen girls appeared in overalls and bare feet, Miss Guilda Ashby gave a solo dance.

The "Dutch Kids" chorus was another in which children took part. It also was exceptionally good. Those in this chorus were Kathleen Peare, Justine Cade, Margaret Trowbridge, Marjorie Tryon, Ruth Stoddard, Patsy Jesse, Nola Rae Mosby and Winifred Scott. They wore clever dutch costumes and wooden shoes.

The "Sunshine" chorus, which was the most difficult of the entire production, was well given and was enthusiastically received. The Japanese chorus, Spanish dancers,

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DeMoss Concert Ensemble Gives Recital Tonight

The famous DeMoss concert ensemble of Oregon, now on its 56th annual tour with some members of the original family still in the company, will appear in concert tonight at the First Methodist Episcopal church. For the past ten years the company has been entertaining exclusively in the far east states and is being welcomed back this winter by western audiences. That George DeMoss, a member of the original company, is a native of Union county lends color to this evening's concert. Mr. DeMoss was born at Cove, commencing his concert career at the age of five. During his long and interesting musical career he has been a pupil of the musical masters of the Royal academy in London. Another member of the company, Elbert DeMoss, the solo violinist, is a pupil of Alexander Bloch and Larison of the Leopold Auer school in New York city. Homer DeMoss, flute soloist is a student of George Barrere, the famous French miutist. Mrs. George DeMoss is an accomplisher artist who has been with the company for 30 years. Mrs. Elbert DeMoss is a pupil of the Rittenhouse Conservatory of Philadelphia. Miss Florence Smith, solo pianist, is a graduate of the American Conservatory of Chicago.

These artists will give an evening's program which includes orchestral music, violin solos, flute solos, piano solos, sleighbell ringing, handbell ringing, dramatic musical readings, playing two concerts at once, playing two guitars at once and singing the famous song of the "DeMoss Lyric Bards."

BIG SALARY

Fifteen years ago Mrs. Blanche R. Green of Chicago took a job in the business world when an accident incapacitated her husband. Today, as vice president of a corset company she makes $100,000 yearly and is America's highest salaried business woman.

PENDLETON TEAM TO PLAY TIGERS

Buckaroos and La Grande About Evenly Matched, According to Scores

Seasoned football fans aren't making strong prophesies one way or another on the outcome of Friday's annual gridiron "classic" between Pendleton's Buckaroos and La Grande's Tigers. But they are assuring each other that the Armistice day football crowd—and it is expected to be a big one—will see a good game and a close one, for dope, take it or leave it, balances the two teams evenly. Baker beat La Grande 26-6, and Mac-Hi beat Pendleton 40-6. Then Baker and Mac-Hi fought to a scoreless tie in a hectic game last Friday. That gives La Grande, technically, a six-point advantage. On the other hand Pendleton held the much-touted eleven of The Dalles to 13-0 and has played more games than La Grande, both conceded to be points in their favor.

High school students, however, aren't putting much stock in analytical dope and have picked the Tigers as winners. As a further assurance of victory they are making plans for a pep assembly Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock that will be, as one high school student put it this morning "a pep assembly what is a pep assembly." E. D. Towler this morning announced officials for the game, which will begin at 2:30 o'clock. Morgan, of Imbler, with Folgate, of Walla Walla, and Dempsey, of Milton - Freewater, will be in charge.

Defense Loses a Point in Oil Case

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8. (AP)—The defense lost a point in the oil conspiracy tangle today when a Burns detective failed to identify the government agent he claimed had improperly talked to a juror in the case.

William Long, a detective had made an affidavit intended to show that H. R. Lamb, attached to the attorney general's office, had trailed Juror Norman Glascock to the Potomac flying field and there had conversed with Glascock. Long failed today to recognize Lamb as the man involved.

Long's failure to identify Lamb followed a denial by Glascock, who said he had never visited the flying field and had never seen Lamb.

Lindbergh Drives Henry's New Auto

DETROIT, Nov. 8 (AP)—Col. Charles A. Lindbergh piloted one of the new Ford automobiles about the grounds of the Ford airport today. With Major Thomas G. Lanphier, commandant of Selfridge field, near Mt. Clemens, Lindbergh went to the airport today to be a luncheon guest of Henry and Edsel Ford.

On his last visit to the airport, Col. Lindbergh persuaded Henry and Edsel Ford to take their first ride in an airplane.

Forestry Taxation Problems Taken Up

OREGON CITY, Ore., Nov. 8. (AP)—Problems of forestry taxation were discussed by Dean Peavey of Oregon State Agricultural college, in the principal address today at the annual convention here of assessors of Oregon.

Chamber of Commerce Urges That Free Site Be Given Oregon State Highway Commission for Shops

Resolution Is Passed and Will Be Presented to Local City Officials

The Union county chamber of commerce members, in forum luncheon at the Sommer grill today, unanimously voted for the passaged of a resolution urging that steps be taken to secure and offer a site to the state highway commission for its highway shops, now located in La Grande but on a site which is not regarded as adequate or permanent.

The resolution in full is printed further along in this report.

The chamber also passed a motion that the merchants of La Grande be requested to close their stores on Friday, Nov. 11, Armistice day.

Red Cross Worker Speaks

Miss Jean Blanchard, national Red Cross worker, was present and spoke briefly of the work of the Red Cross, particularly referring to its personal service rendered during national disasters. She cited two instances to illustrate her point conclusively and in closing urged that the citizens of La Grande contribute to the membership campaign which is to be staged later in the month. She also mentioned La Grande's part in the Red Cross work, calling attention to the late Earl Kilpatrick's service, and also to the work contributed by Sherwood Williams.

Members of the DeMoss concert ensemble were present, including George DeMoss, who has played in all concerts given since organization in 1872. He was born near Cove, Ore.

Two Flute Solos

Homer DeMoss played two flute solos, accompanied by Miss Florence Smith at the piano, and the two offerings resulted in generous applause on the part of the business men.

It was announced that the Rev. R. C. Lee, of Union, who was to have talked at the meeting today, was ill and was unable to attend. The next meeting will feature a talk on "Scenic Oregon" by Harley H. Richardson.

The resolution which was passed in reference to the highway shops site follows:

"Whereas, The Oregon state highway commission's shops are now located at La Grande and are temporarily occupying property of Union county, and

"Whereas, They have outgrown their present location and are desirous of securing a permanent one with better facilities, and

"Whereas, The location of this enterprise in La Grande necessitates the maintenance, by the said commission, of a considerable local payroll, and brings to this city state employes from all parts of Eastern Oregon, and

"Whereas, The said Oregon state highway commission has signified its intentions of making La Grande the permanent location of its said shops, providing a suitable location can be secured, and

"Whereas, Neighboring cities have offered the said commission free sites for the location of the said shops and for the maintenance of yard facilities, and

"Whereas, La Grande, by its city

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P.-T. A. Council To Change Time Of Its Meetings

The meeting time of the Parent-Teacher city council was changed yesterday afternoon when the regular meeting of the council was held in the Neighborhood club rooms at 4:15 o'clock. Beginning with next month the council will meet from 3:45 to 4:45 o'clock, the first Monday in each month. Mrs. Carl Douhan, Mrs. G. M. Pierce and Mrs. H. R. Hanna, members of the by-laws committee, submitted the recommendation to the council.

Chairmen of standing committees were announced at the meeting as follows: Health, Dr. Margaret Ingle; home service, Mrs. J. K. Charlton; public welfare, Mrs. Robert Eakin; education, Mrs. Beatrice Young; religious education, E. A. Sayre; ways and means, Mrs. Louis Wetzel; and publicity, Mrs. E. D. Towler.

Announcement that Miss Lucy Case, nutrition expert from the Oregon agricultural college, would be here the second week in December was made.

The convention committee reported that all bills for the convention had been paid. Receipts from the Williams colored singers amounted to $213.95 nearly half of which remained in the treasury after all expenses were paid.

Mrs. Charles Playle, representing the Neighborhood club, asked the co-operation of the parent-teacher associations in securing a better system for the disposal of garbage in the city.

Mrs. George R. Lyman, chairman of the resolutions committee, submitted a resolution expressing the sincere gratitude and appreciation of the council to all who assisted in making the convention a successful one.

Mrs. L. Faus, president, presided over the meeting.

Plot To Spread Germs Discovered

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 8. (AP)—William Nash, arrested yesterday after police discovered letters indicating he had sought to import leprosy and anthrax germs, was to be taken before a sanity board today. Police said he was in an advanced stage of a virulent disease himself, and believed he was mentally deranged.

Hundreds of letters, most of them containing morbid thoughts were found in his rooms. Police today received a telephone call from a prominent Portland man, whose name was withheld, saying Nash threatened four years ago to bring germs into Portland.

Nash's alleged plot to spread the germs was discovered as a result of the finding of a letter in an ash can.

Senor Latour Is Dead, Result of Illness, Wound

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8 (AP)—Senor Don Francisco Sanchez Latour, Guatemalan minister to the United States, and one of the most widely known of the Central American diplomats, died here last night.

The minister underwent an appendix operation last Saturday. It was believed by close friends and associates that his strength, taxed perceptibly since he was found unconscious in his study last May with a bullet wound near the heart from his own pistol, was not sufficient to withstand the strain of the operation.

The shooting was described by members of the family as accidental.

News of the illness of Senor Latour had been withheld from the public and it was not until shortly before his death that it became known that he had undergone an operation. Inquirers at the legation were told earlier in the night that nothing could be given out about the minister.

Members of the family were told by the minister's physician that the immediate cause of death was peritonitis resulting from acute appendicitis and that the bullet wound was in no way responsible.

Pursuant to Senor Latour's wish, the body will be sent to Guatemala.

Catches a Turtle In Prairie Creek

ENTERPRISE, Ore., Nov. 8—An unique find for Wallowa county streams and lakes was made Sunday by Leland Hambelton in Prairie creek, back of H. C. Cramber's house in Enterprise. This was a turtle with a shell about seven inches long. It was of the hard-shell variety and resembled the tortoise common in swamps and sluggish streams of the east.

The oldest resident of the county can recall no turtle ever being seen in its streams before, and they wonder where this animal came from. It has been placed in a glass jar at the Bob-Inn, where it attracts as much attention as if it were some rare creature.

COOLIDGE FOR INHERITANCE TAX REPEAL

President Believes Federal Government Should Leave It Up to States

CHARGES MADE IN REVENUE HEARING

Chairman Green Accuses Opposition Group to Inheritance Tax of "Packing" Committee.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8 (AP)—The fight over the inheritance tax spread all over the capital today, bringing new charges of lobbying at the house ways and means committee hearing, eliciting from the treasury a declaration that the administration would continue to stand for repeal of the levy and from the White House the statement that the President stood with the treasury.

Mr. Coolidge and the treasury, through Ogden L. Mills, undersecretary, stood on the ground that the tax was not necessary as a peace-time federal revenue measure but on Capitol Hill, those advocating its repeal, ran into a determined zone of opposition.

Charges "Packed" Committee

Chairman Green, of the committee, finally declared the tax repeal advocated had packed the committee room, and other members, notably Representative John Garner, pounded at witnesses in an effort to show that some one else was paying the expenses of the repeal battle.

Lee Satterwhite, of Texas, came under the main fire of Mr. Garner, who insisted on knowing whether a "Mrs. Darden" had given him one check.

Satterwhite, a member of the national council of state legislatures, said the move to obtain repeal of the inheritance tax had prompted his interest in the organization.

Garner asked Satterwhite who had paid his expenses on past visits to Washington.

"My expenses were paid by a fund that had been accumulated."

"Who had charge of that fund. Didn't Mrs. Darden give you a check?"

"Mrs. Darden gave me a check."

"That's all," concluded Garner.

Satterwhite then said that he frankly admitted his expenses had been paid from a fund raised by subscription from all parts of the country.

Coolidge's Views

The President's position was made clear even while a heated controversy over the inheritance tax was going on before the house

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Moore Resigns As Editor Orange Owl

CORVALLIS, Ore., Nov. 8. (AP)—Dallas "Dinty" Moore, of Corvallis, storm center of the furore over alleged improper contests of the home-coming issue of Orange Owl, humor magazine of Oregon State Agricultural college, has resigned as editor of the Owl and president of the Hammer and Coffin fraternity, sponsor of the publication. His retirement, announced today, was requested by the fraternity.

College authorities are allowing the situation to be handled by the students themselves.

Blast Destroys Theater, Church; Loss Is $500,000

Mysterious Explosion in Hammond, Ind. This Morning Is Puzzling to Police Authorities.

HAMMOND, Ind., Nov. 8. (AP)—A series of mysterious explosions which the police attributed to black powder bombs wrecked the State theater here at 3 o'clock this morning, damaged All Saints church across the street, blew down trolley and telephone poles, and broke plate glass windows for blocks around causing estimated damage of $500,000.

The theater is in the rear of the three story brick State block which cost $1,500,000.

The blasts blew out the theater walls on State street for almost a block ,demolished the roof, balcony and stage which crumbled into a twisted mass of bricks, masonry and steel.

The bombs apparently had been placed in the Sibley street entrance to the theater where steel doors were blown in. The first blast was followed by two more. As the theater walls crumbled, trolley and telephone poles tumbled into the street in front of the block and windows and part of the roof of All Saints Catholic church across the street crashed down.

Fire which followed was quickly extinguished. Owners of the theater could assign no reason for the bombing, stating that they had no labor troubles and no enemies that they knew about and the police were working without tangible clues.

VARE'S MACHINE OPPOSED IN EAST

Elections Under Way in Several States — New York Amendment Up

JACKSON, Miss., Nov. 8. (AP)—The entire democratic state ticket was formally elected today, the nominees of the August primary having no opposition. The slate, headed by Theodore G. Bilbo, for governor, included one woman, Mrs. W. A. Montgomery, a member of the prison trustees.

By the Associated Press

J. Hampton Moore's endeavor to defeat the Vare political machine at Philadelphia and a lively contest over the proposed removal of pari-mutuel machines from the race tracks of Kentucky furnished the particular points of interest in elections today in scattered states throughout the country.

For the most part, only local issues with but a minimum effect upon national political affairs lay before the people. These included the election of two governors, three members of the lower chamber of congress, numerous municipal and state officials and decisions by referendum on enactments of state legislatures.

Smith in Opposition

The most important of the last, perhaps, was in New York, where the voters were called upon to determine the fate of a proposal that the term of the governor to extended from two to four years, with the gubernatorial campaigns falling in the same years as presidential elections. Governor Smith has been active in its opposition.

The Philadelphia mayoralty cam-

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STARVATION SPECTRE IN NEW ENGLAND

Flood Waters Recede Disclosing Widespread Distress and Lack of Food

ACUTE SUFFERING IN WINOOSKI AREA

Third Cavalry in Charge at Waterbury, Issuing Provisions to Citizens with Tickets.

BOSTON, Nov. 8 (AP) — New stories of distress came from Northern Vermont today with advancing line came the latest tale of fatalities from last week's flood, which has claimed more than 140 victims.

From Newport, Vt., near the Canadian line came the latest tale of suffering, when a party of four men tramped miles over torn roads and swaying bridges to Burlington to tell of a town that was face to face with starvation.

They said that at least three men had perished there with the possibility that many more might have been claimed in the sudden rise of the Black river.

Flood Crest Receding

New Hampshire, taking calmer stock of its losses than was possible in the first few days following the storm, found them not as great as had been thought. The flood crest of the Connecticut river was receding.

In Vermont where the full blow of the storm fell, a situation persisted today that state officials and others, while praising the attitude of the citizens in their efforts toward reconstruction, did not attempt to minimize.

The four men who reached Burlington from Newport, said that town was staring starvation in the face.

Flood waters were still rising, drinking water was being obtained from one small pipe that was carried across a cracked and tottering bridge and food was hardly to be had at any price.

Homes Under Water

Practically every house along the river bank was under water and many had been toppled into the stream. The yeast supply was gone and there was no meat and little fuel. The livestock perished almost to a head, eggs were non-existent.

The men said that they had lived on nothing but corn flakes and milk for four days.

Other stories of acute suffering and immediate need came from the Winooski valley, where 56 persons are known to have perished.

Snow added to the difficulties of relief by making the roads more treacherous for relief trains. To add to the general apprehension, Lake Champlain today began to show the effect upon it of the enormous volume of water which it has absorbed from the hundreds of streams for which it acts as a catch basin. The lake was above its usual spring flood level and still rising.

Military Rule

At Waterbury a detachment of the Third Cavalry took charge and a drastic order was issued making all meals in the town church compulsory. No eating in private homes is allowed. Food is issued only to those having official tickets.

Steel cables were stretched across the Winooski and Little rivers to send food and clothing to the needy in the outlying districts.

At Bolton, where 28 persons were believed to have lost their lives, the first relief party to break through carried a large supply of embalming fluid but found that only seven bodies had been discovered. They reported a fair amount of food left in the town from a quantity floated down the river from Waterbury on a raft made of coffins lashed together.

States and railroads face the task of restoring mile upon mile of shattered or undermined highways and road beds, bridges that have been swept away by the hundreds and steel trestles that have been twisted as if made of cardboard.

CARES FOR 6000

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8. (AP)—Nearly 6000 homeless victims of

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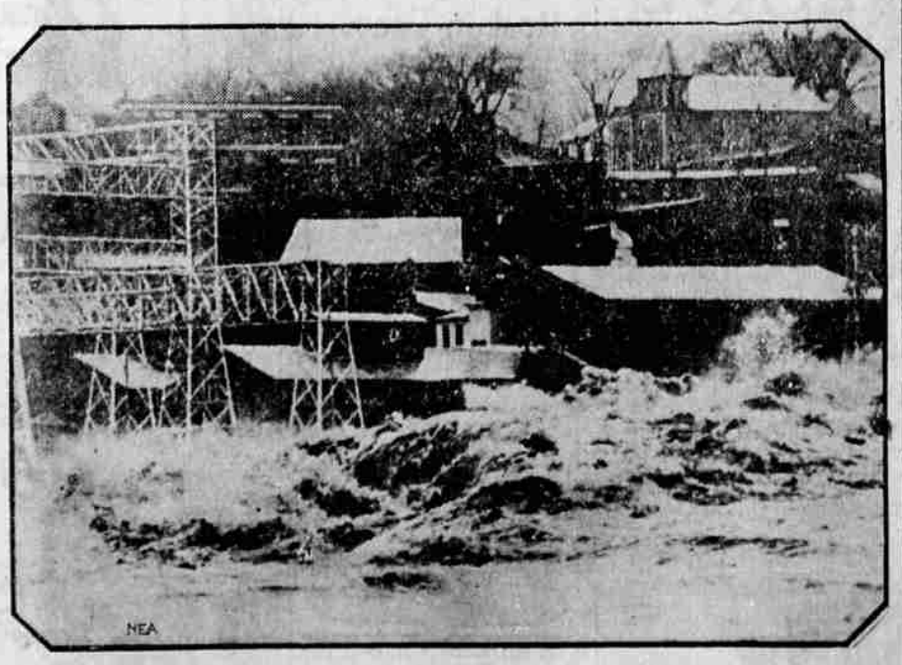
TWO AVIATORS, LONG MISSING, SAID KILLED

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Nov. 8. (AP)—A report that Second Lieut. E. A. Thomas and Sergeant Frank Dowdell, American aviators who have been missing for more than a month, ever since they crashed in their plane, while on patrol duty were killed by the followers of the former liberal General Sandino after a fight at a cave entrance, was received here today from Nicaraguans living in the Ocotal region. The report is believed here to be authoritative.

FLOOD WORST IN NEWENGLAND'S HISTORY



A death list mounting into hundreds, and property damage of many millions were caused by the rampage of New England rivers. Above is pictured the Connecticut river roaring through Bellows Falls, Vt., where it wrecked industrial plants and inundated parts of the city. It is hammering at the Babbitt paper mills here.