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OREGON: Cloudy tonight and Tuesday becoming unsettled Tuesday, probably with rains near the coast. Normal temperature.

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DRAINAGE IS PROBLEM IN THIS VALLEY

Complete Report of Situation Received From Dr. T. C. Adams

THREE AREAS MAY BE MADE FERTILE

Survey Points Out Land That Can Be Improved Alkali Treatment Also Recommended

A complete drainage survey report of the Grande Ronde valley has just been received by the soil department of the Oregon experiment station from Dr. T. C. Adams, who has been in charge of the field work in Union county, according to word received this weekend from Oregon State college at Corvallis.

Orchards Damages

Damage to orchards by seepage water in the vicinity of Union can be corrected by installing intercepting drains, the report shows. North of Hot Lake the valley is flat, effected in places by alkali, high water table and compact subsoil. Much of this area is susceptable to improvement with water control and chemical treatment for alkali.

A third problem is that of overflow land along the Grande Ronde river and Catherine creek. Relief may be obtained by improvement of the channel, by cut-offs leveling, clearing the outlet from the valley and storage of flood water in irrigation reservoir's in the mountains.

Land Needing Drainage

The lands most attractive for drainage improvement are shown by the survey to be those northwest of Union, overflow lands northeast of Hot Lake and swamp lands southwest of Lone Tree.

The investigation has included problems equally important to supplemental irrigation. Dr. W. L. Powers, head of the soils department, will meet with representative farmers of that district and members of the Union county chamber of commerce tomorrow to present the results of the findings at a luncheon at the La Grande hotel.

In addition to Mr. Powers' talk at the chamber of commerce luncheon tomorrow, the high school will furnish several musical selections.

MASONS FROM PENDLETON TO VISIT FRIDAY

Twenty-five officers and members of the Masonic lodge of Pendleton, No. 52, will come to La Grande Friday night and will attend a meeting of the La Grande lodge No. 41 and will exemplify the work of the third degree. The Pendleton lodge was invited to come to La Grande some time ago, following a like invitation and acceptance on the part of the local lodge to visit Pendleton less than a year ago.

The meeting here Friday evening will open with a dinner at 6:30 o'clock for the visiting Masons and all local members, which will be served in the Masonic hall. This part of the evening's program is in charge of a committee of officers and members, headed by F. A. Epling.

Wednesday evening several local Masons will go to Lostine to attend a meeting of Wallowa county Masonic lodges to be held there. A banquet will be served by the Eastern Star members. Several La Grande Masons have been invited to take part in the program, including George T. Cochran, who will give a lecture on "The Other Wise Man." Grand Master Robert Eakin, who is expected home tomorrow from the convention of Masonic grand masters held in Washington D. C., E. R. Ringo, and Colon R. Eberhard.

Vaughn Mayfield To Serve 50 Days

Vaughn Mayfield, of Elgin, was sentenced by U. F. Weiss, Elgin justice of peace, to 50 days in jail on charges of drunkenness and disorderly conduct on a public screet Friday, following his arrest. He was brought to La Grande and is now serving his sentence in the county jail.

Traffic Officers Test Headlights

Three state traffic officers, after testing automobile headlights here the last of the week, have gone on into Baker, Malheur and Harney counties today to conduct similar examinations.

Besides Dick Robertson, local officer, Traffic Officers Lansing, of Baker, and Yancy, of Ontario, were here for the tests.

Baker Bulldogs Defeated, 17-15 By Tiger Cagers

Thousand Persons Watch La Grande Humble Traditional Rivals — Last Half Rally Wins

La Grande High school closed its pre-tournament basketball season here Saturday night in a whirl of glory, defeating the strong Baker five 17 to 15 in spite of the loss of the star forward, Braden, from the lineup. Going into the game with the dope against them, the Tigers unleashed a strong offensive in the last half, scoring eight points to Baker's four and at the same time holding the Bulldogs scoreless in the last quarter.

A fighting spirit that could not be downed enabled the Tigers to humble the Baker team, coupled with an airtight defense. The contest was rough, three men being ejected from the lineup because of too many personals, but it was fast in spite of the many fouls called.

First District Defeat

Incidentally, by holding Baker scoreless in the last period, the Tigers accomplished something that no other team for several years has been able to do. The defeat of Baker here was the first district loss of the season and only one other quintet, the strong Milton-Freewater five, has downed the Copper Jackets this year—that by a margin of one point.

Baker started the scoring and during the first quarter rolled up eight points to La Grande's five. In the second the Tigers rallied and outplayed the visitors by one point, going into the third period with the score 11 to 9 against them.

In this period, the Tigers began to find themselves and their airtight defense began to work. Only twice was the Baker players able to score a field basket and only one foul try was converted. At the same time La Grande was matching the Baker score and making an extra point.

In the last quarter a basket by Hibberd, forward, put the Tigers into the lead and from then on, Baker was unable to score. Several times the visitors shot but each was a hurried attempt, most going wide of the basket. La Grande played the last few minutes with two substitutes replacing Stoddard and C. Wolfe.

1000 in Attendance

Approximately 1000 persons crowded into the L. D. S. Recreational hall to witness the game and during the last quarter, the cheering was so intense that it was difficult to hear the referee's whistle.

This ended La Grande's regular season and no more contests will be played until Thursday, when the Tigers will enter the district

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Perfect Score Puts La Grande At Top in State

La Grande clay pogeon experts had a perfect day yesterday, scoring three wins and one tie in the Oregonian telegraphic trapshooting tournament, and maintaining their place at the top with a percentage of 1.000.

Four clubs shot 75s yesterday—Roseburg, La Grande, Heppner and Echo. La Grande won from Bandon and Bend, won a shoot-off with Pendleton hanging over from last Sunday when the two teams tied, and tied with Roseburg.

High gun men for the wing, Fin and Fleetfoot club were: J. B. Smith, Art Weagle and A. J. Stange, all shooting 25 straight. At Roseburg J. Marks, Nick Andrieff and Chrisl Hestness duplicated the La Grande men's feat.

La Grande Ties for First

Bandon's score was 69, none of the three high shooting a 25. Pendleton turned in a 71, one man, Henry Collins, smashing 25 clay pigeons. At Bend, no one went straight, the high score being a 24. The total for Bend was 68.

This puts the La Grande team in a tie with Coquille and Heppner for first place, neither of the three teams yet being defeated. Last week Baker, Portland, Klamath, La Grande, Medford, Heppner and Coquille were tied for first.

La Grande's tie with Roseburg will probably be shot off next Sunday.

About 50 shooters were at the Lone Tree traps yesterday. Scores below 25 and 20 or bigger follow: Dr. R. G. McCall, W. H. Bohnenkamp and Alvin Bennett, 24; Tracy Hollister, Chase Bohnenkamp, William Rollins, D. Dammen, 22; A. McAllister, 22; H. K. O'Brien, H. E. Coolidge, C. L. Mackey, Jim Garity, 21; Lynn Hannifield, Joe Dial and Nate Zweifel, 20.

Mrs. Pinchot Seeks Seat In Congress

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27. (AP)—Mrs. Gifford Pinchot formally announced today that she was a candidate for the republican congressional nomination in the fifteenth Pennsylvania district.

The wife of the former governor of Pennsylvania pledged herself in a formal statement "to vote dry, to live dry and to work for the dry cause."

PIERCE GIVES REASONS FOR FARM EXODUS

State Taxes and Freight Rates Attacked by Former Governor

SPEECH CLOSES FIFTH CONFERENCE

Poll Taken of Those in Attendance Indicates a Heavy Vote Against $3 Car License Here

The address of Ex-Governor Walter M. Pierce Saturday afternoon closed the 1928 Agricultural Economic conference which had been in session during Friday and Saturday was attended by several hundred citizens of this county and some visitors from adjoining counties.

The address of Mr. Pierce was an answer to a question which, he stated has often been put to him of late, "What is the matter with the farm?" suggesting that there must be some reason for the fact that among the young people of today there is a decided tendency to leave the farm, in fact the exodus, according to the speaker is quite alarming.

In finding the answer to the question, Mr. Pierce sited the difference in desire, in fact he stated, "the desire to own a bit of land, a home, a small amount of livestock and start out for one's self" which prevailed almost universally a gen-

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WELSH ARTISTS HERE WEDESDAY

Cambrian Musicians To Present Program in First M. E. Church

Music lovers of La Grande will have an opportunity to hear some of the finest kind of music presented by artists who come here with recommendations of the first rank next Wednesday, Feb. 29, when the Cambrian musicians, Welsh artists, will be presented by the Methodist Episcopal church in their church auditorium. The program which the three artists will give Wednesday night follows:

"Overture to the Occasional Oratior," Handel, organ solo by William Ifor Jones; recitative, "And God Said" and an aria, "With Verdure Clad" from the "Creation" by Haydn, Jeanette Christine, soprano.

Prologue "Pagliaccio," Leoncavello, Glanville Davies, bariton; Three Choral Preludes, J. S. Bach, (a) "In Dulci Jubilo," (b) "Sleepers Awake," (c) "The Lord He Is Our Creator," William Ifor Jones, organist; "The Lass with the Delicate Air," and the "Melba Waltz Song," Arditti, Jeanette Christine; "The Sword of Ferrarra," Bullard, Glanville Davies; "Taccata in G Major," Du Boise, William Ifor Jones; duet "The Voyagers," Sanderson, Jeanette Christine and Glanville Davies; "Song of the Flea," Moussourgsky, Glanville Davies; "Organ Finale," Lemmens, William Ifor Jones.

"Land of My Fathers", Welsh and "My Country 'Tis of Thee" will conclude the program.

POWDER AND HAINES BANKS CONSOLIDATE

Business Change To Become Effective on First Day of March

OPERATE OUT OF BAKER CO. TOWN

Decision As To Official Personnel of New Institution To Be Arrived At Later

Consolidation of the Farmer's State bank of North Powder and the Bank of Haines, to become effective Mar. 1 when the North Powder bank will be moved to Haines, has been affected, it was learned today from Florence Bacon, county treasurer. Mrs. Bacon was notified by E. L. Garrison, cashier of the Farmer's State bank, for the reason that the bank has always been one of the county depositaries.

Whether the same officers will be retained at the Haines bank or whether some charges will be made in the officers could not be learned today, although it was learned that Hugh McCall, formerly treasurer of Union county, and for the past three years cashier of the Haines bank, will continue to hold his position as cashier.

Mr. Garrison, who has been cashier at the North Powder bank, will be an officer of the Haines bank, and it is thought that most of the other officials of the North Powder bank will continue to serve in the consolidated bank. T. B. Garrison is president of the North Powder bank. Will Wright is vice president, L. E. Garrison cashier and D. F. Cook assistant cashier. Mr. Wright is connected with the Oregon City bank and is a former Union citizen. He was at North Powder last week on business. Charles Wright his brother, was cashier of the Haines bank preceding Mr. McCall, and is now connected with a Baker bank.

The president of the Haines bank is Frank Loennig. Mr. McCall, the cashier, is well known in

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Summerville Host To Lodge Members

About 150 members of the Odd Fellow and Rebecca lodges of Union county, from Elgin, Cove, Summerville, Union and La Grande, gathered at Summerville Saturday night for the regular meeting of the district association of the lodge.

The Odd Fellows met in the I. O. O. F. hall there and the third degree work was exemplified for two candidates. The Rebecca meeting was held in the Masonic hall. The degree work was exemplified for three members of the order.

After the regular lodge sessions a joint meeting of the two organizations was held in the Masonic hall. A banquet was served, followed by a program which included talks and musical numbers, a one-act play entitled "Why I Joined the Rebeccas," and a comedy skit, "The Miller's Daughter." Dancing was enjoyed after the program until a late hour.

The next meeting of the association will be held at Cove Saturday, March 31.

Organ Recital Given by Mrs. McCall Assisted by Mrs. Simpson, Portland

St. Peter's Episcopal church was well filled with interested listeners last evening when the sixth of a series of musical programs was presented by Mrs. R. G. McCall, organist, assisted by Mrs. Leota Simpson, soloist, of Portland.

Mrs. McCall played three groups of organ numbers and all were rendered in a most capable manner, and were well received by the large audience. Her first group included "Prologue," "March," and "Intermezzo" by Rogers, the second group consisted of "Meditation" by Chaminade, "Concert Piece Op. 17," and "Canzonetta Op. 36," both by Parker, and her final group was "Andante Cantabile" by Widor and "Cantabile in F Major" and "Melody in G Minor," both by Guilmant. In addition to these selections she also played the prelude and postlude and the offertory.

Mrs. Simpson sang beautifully two selections "Spirit Divine" by Hamblen and "The Song Triumphant" by Coverly.

Mr. Riley Speaks

Preceding the organ recital the rector, the Rev. Oliver Riley, gave an address on "The Light of a Christian." Morning services were also very interesting, the Rev. Mr. Riley speaking on the subject "Temptations of Jesus," and Mrs. Florence Lynch Miller singing "Cast Thy Burden on the Lord," by Hamblen.

The Osoka campfire girl group had charge of the evening's services at the First Methodist Episcopal church yesterday. Campfire ceremonials were demonstrated by the ten girls of the group, and their guardian, Miss Arla Verity, gave an interesting talk on the ideals and purpose of the campfire organization. In the morning the pastor, the Rev. H. W. Parker spoke on the subject "Playing the Game." Sherwood Williams sang a solo "Thy Faith in God."

There were 12 conversions at the Church of God. The Rev. Nelson Knight, who is here from Elma, Wash., had charge of the services and in the morning he spoke on the subject "The Love and Severity of God." The service was said to be one of the finest in the history of the church. The offering taken amounted to $41.

Planning Campaign

The visit of the Rev. Mr. Knight has strengthened the church considerable and plans are now being made for an extensive evangelistic campaign. Mr. Knight will be here until Friday and will conduct meetings every night until that time.

Other church services of the city were also well attended. Two Chinese missionaries at the Church of the Nazarene told some interesting facts about conditions in China. "Bible Day" was observed at the Central Christian church, special Lenten sermons were given by the Rev. J. George Walz at the First Presbyterian church, and the Rev. Leif H. Awes of the English Lutheran church gave a special sermon on "The Meaning of Jesus."

CANDIDATES THREE—AND FRIENDS

Not often does one see three aspirants for the presidency in such friendly pose. Yet each of this trio has announced an ambition to capture the republican nomination. Left to right, Senators Charles Curtis, of Kansis, James E. Watson, of Indiana, and Frank B. Willis, of Ohio.

40 Members Of Woman's Club in Minstrel Show

UNION, Ore., Feb. 27. (Special)—A "Negro Vaudeville," sponsored by the Woman's club, with a cast of 40 women minstrels was presented in the high school gymnasium here Friday night before a large audience.

The program opened with the song "Kentucky Babe" by a chorus of 25 women voices. Miss Bethine Miller gave a toe dance, Mrs. Helene Stearns sang a solo, a sextet, composed of Miss Nellie Geertsen, Miss Irene Lovhaug, Mrs. E. P. Coburn, Mrs. Merton Davis, Mrs. Adrian Goodbred and Mrs. Orvel Jensen, with Mrs. Edith Phy as piano accompanist, sang "Southern Hush Song." Amaryllis Knight gave a planologue entitled "Why," and Mrs. Harry C. McClay of La Grande sang "Negro Lullaby."

Miss Helen Johnson danced the charleston, Miss Cynthia Hobbs sang "Hallelujah," accompanied by Mrs. Phy, and a musical skit "Ice Cream" was given by a sextet composed of Mrs. Gerald Spencer, Miss Nellie Geertsen, Mrs. E. P. Coburn, Mrs. Neil Morrison, Mrs. W. W. Stevens and Miss Irene Lovhaug. Mrs. S. E. Miller, Mrs. Bert Knight, Mrs. W. H. Vogel and Mrs. Fred Fox presented the "cake walk" after which the first part of the program ended with a song "Rocking the Moon to Sleep" by the chorus.

One-Act Play

The second part of the program consisted of a one-act play, entitled "Mrs. Black's Pink Tea," and was under the direction of Mrs. Adrian Goodbred. Mrs. Frank Sturgill took the part of Mrs. Black, and other members of the cast were Mrs.

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First Ward Will Present Comedy Drama Tuesday

The First Ward M. I. A. is presenting a three-act comedy, "The Prince of Liars," with Elwood Gwilliams in the title role, tomorrow night at the high school at 8:15 o'clock. Proceeds will be used to defray the ward expenses during the year. Rehearsals have been under way for six weeks, under the direction of Lee Stockdale, who has rounded the play into an unusually clever comedy, it is said. The "Prince" is a newlywed who is confronted with the "mother-in-law problem", and when his wife goes away on a visit and leaves his mother-in-law to manage the house, he has some adventures which bring in both humor and excitement. Mr. Gwilliams' ability in dramatics, and particularly in comedy roles, is already well known to La Grande audiences. The rest of the cast is also very capable, nearly every member having appeared here before in either high school, M. I. A. or town productions. Lucile Black has the part of the mother-in-law.

The cast follows: Arthur Hummington, Elwood Gwilliams; Ralph Ormerod, Elwood Hiatt; Joshua Gillibrand, Donald McCall; Dobson, Marion Stoddard; Mr. Hummington, Mrs. Elmer McManus; Mrs. Gillibrand, Miss Lucile Black; Rose Colombier, Maxine McNeill; Daisy Maitland, Miss Ruth Irwin; Barbara, Barbara Hiatt.

Robbers Loot Two Portland Churches

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 27. (AP)—Robbers broke into two east side Portland churches last night, forcing a safe in one and a cabinet in the other and taking loot approximately $600 in value.

The two churches were the Westminster Presbyterian and St. Davis Episcopal church.

HIGHWAY CREWS STARTING WORK

To Remove Snow Fences Up Branchline Soon—Road Conditons Fair

A crew of about ten men are working on the La Grande-Wallowa Lake highway between here and Wallowa putting in new culverts, it was announced this morning by Oscar Cotler, resident maintenance engineer here. This is practically the beginning of highway work in this division this season, although work has been under way for the past several days about 18 to 20 miles north of Enterprise on the forest service section of road, where crushed rock is being hauled for repairing several soft places in the road.

Snow fences between here and Elgin and east of this city will be taken down within the next few days. These fences are usually taken down after the first of March, although they are left up the entire year along the highway over the Blue mountains.

C. R. Seitz plans to start his rock crushing plant at Meacham soon. He will furnish between 4000 and 5000 yards of maintenance material for the highway department to be used in maintenance this spring, and about 20,000 yards which will be stored for future work.

Mr. Cutler reports that the highways are in good shape for this season of the year, although there are more small surface breaks to be found this year than ever before. He believes this is due to the changeable weather conditions, which thaws the frost in the roadbed during the day and freezes again at night.

MAYOR SENDS GIRLS OUT OF DANCE HALLS

BUFFALO, N. Y., Feb. 27. (AP)—Enforcement of the edict against girls drinking and dancing in cabarets was carried out by Mayor F. X. Schwab in person early today when he visited two all night places, ejected the patrons and tore down the licenses from the walls. The mayor, accompanied by police, broke down the doors when refused admittance, stopped the orchestras, drove out all attaches, then questioned girls found in the places before permitting them to leave. Samples of beverages found behind the bars were taken.

April 22-28 To Be U. S. Forest Week

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27. (AP)—The week of April 22-28 was set aside today in a proclamation by President Coolidge for nationwide observation of American forest week by "public discussion of our forests and of what must be done to safeguard and restore them."

The president emphasized particularly the need for supressing the forest fire evil, and pointed out the benefits that will accrue from making the forest lands of the United States fully productive of continuous timber crops.

Believe Two Lost In Plane Flight

NEW YORK, Feb. 27 (AP)—A flight in the freezing cold of Saturday afternoon by a pilot and a passenger who wanted to meet an incoming liner and wave a greeting to a woman passenger, today was believed to have added two more namesto the list of flier lost at sea.

The two missing men are Walter Hendricks, 27 years of age, of Kew Gardens, Long Island, a professional pilot, and the passenger, believed to be Dave Staggert whose address is unknown.

Chicago Police Arrest Five On Robbery Charge

Part of $133,000 Loot Recovered, Authorities Report; Confessions Made By Two

CHICAGO, Feb. 27. (AP) — Twenty-four men and six women arrested by the police as implicated in the $133,000 Grank Trunk mail train robbery, were turned over to K. P. Aldrich, chief post office inspector today. Four others were sought.

CHICAGO, Feb. 27 (AP)—Police today announced the solution of the $133,000 mail train robbery at Evergreen Park Saturday, the arrest of five of the seven bandits and recovery of a large part of the stolen money.

William O'Conner, deputy commissioner of police, after spending most of the night on the case said he would turn over to the postal inspectors for prosecuting these men:

"Limpy Charlie" Cleaver, at whose home was found $17,125 and $600 in bonds; William Donovan, whom police say plotted the robbery wit hCleaver; William Carmody, Angelo Francisco and Joseph Lamm, the latter proprietor of a pool room where members of the gang were said to have gathered.

Obtains Confessions

The deputy commissioner said he had detailed confessions from Cleaver and Donovan, together with additional information involving them in two other robberies—the Ravenswood National bank holdup in which $80,000 was taken and the holdup of Joseph Fekete, a mortgage banker.

Fekete partly identified Cleaver, Carmody and Francisco as men who robbed him Feb. 3. Bonds found at Cleaver's home were identified as having been taken from the Fekete bank.

The deputy police commissioner who has been in active charge of the investigation from the moment the word was received that the Grand Trunk train carrying payroll money to two Harvey banks had been held up, did not reveal the exact amount of money recovered.

"It is a great deal more than the $17,125 we found in Cleaver's home," he said "but the exact sum will not be announced until we have completed our work."

Raid Aids Police

He would not discuss the police report that a raid on the far south side early today in which three women were arrested, had led to the finding of $18,000 of the stolen money.

On Saturday morning the train left Chicago with the consignment of $133,000 by two Chicago banks for two banks in Harvey. Among the passengers, according to police reconstruction of the robbery, was Donovan. It was he, they say, who pulled the emergency cord which brought the train to a stop.

So foresighted were the robbers that they had planted a cache of dynamite under the platform of the loney St. Maria station in Evergreen Park, to be used if the explosives carried by the men proved inadequate for blowing open the mail car door and safe. The cache was found last night by members of the bomb squad.

Escape was made in a car driven, police charge, by Carmody.

Some 25 other suspects who had been held for questioning have been released, investigation proving they had no connection with the case. Two other men whose names were not revealed, are being sought.

Mother Of Lone Eagle Flies To N. E. A. Sessions

BOSTON, Mass., Feb. 27. (AP)—This city today played host to Mrs. Evangeline Lodge Lindbergh, Detroit high school teacher and mother of Col. Charles A. Lindbergh.

She arrived here yesterday in the coldest weather of the year after an airplane trip from Detroit to be a guest of the National Educational association during its convention.

Accompanying her was Miss Maud Dawson, fellow teacher at the Cass Technical high school. They arrived in a tri-motored United States army plane piloted by Lieut. Albert F. Hegenberger of Hawaiian flight fame and Lieut. Harry Johnson.

They made the trip from Selfridge field in a little more than seven hours and were received here by an enthusiastic crowd.

The women were met by an official delegation headed by Mayor Nichols and Representatives of the National Educational association and officers of the first corps area.

Later in the week Mrs. Lindbergh is to receive a gold medal and certificate of life membership in the National Educational association.

35 Perish When Theater Is Burned

MORIAGO, Italy, Feb. 27. (AP)—Thirty-five persons are known to have perished in a disastrous fire which swept a local motion picture theater today.

LOS ANGELES NEAR PANAMA LATE TODAY

Giant Airship Reported Over Serrana Bank, 326 Miles From Goal

WRECK MARS DAY FOR AVIATION

Pilot Killed in Deming, New Mexico — Three Navy Officers Missing from Hampton Roads

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 (AP)—The dirigible Los Angeles, en route from Lakehurst, N. J., to France field, Panama, passed Serrana Bank at 3:15 o'clock eastern standard time this afternoon about 326 statute miles from her destination, the navy department was advised late today.

Since the Los Angeles passed Jamaica she has been making an average speed of 83 nautical miles per hour, the navy department estimated. At this speed she was calculated to arrive at France field between 7 and 8 o'clock However, it was expected her speed will be reduced to delay her arrival until the cool hours of the evening.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 (AP)—Far past the midway mark, the giant airship Los Angeles glided over Southern waters today on an unheralded non-stop training flight from Lakehurst to France field, Panama.

Starting unannounced from her New Jersey station at 6:15 yesterday morning the big lighter-than-air craft was attempting her longest journey since she was flown from Germany as the ZR-3.

The trip approximately, 2,300 miles and mostly over water, should be accomplished barring motor trouble and bad weather in about 38 hours, provided the ship maintains the better than 50 mile an hour pace set for the first half. Nassau, British Bahamas, about midway, was passed at 1:05 today, 18 hours and 50 minutes after leaving Lakehurst. On this basis it was estimated the ship should reach France field about 8 o'clock tonight.

Using Radio

The ship has been in touch by radio with the navy department at regular intervals although these grew farther apart as she progressed nearer her goal.

After reporting herself over New York harbor at 8 a. m. yesterday, she radioed as she passed East of Cape Charles, Va., 240 miles off shore between Savannnah and Jacksonville; 300 miles east of Daytona, Fla., and over Nassau.

Except for crossing over the Bahamas, Cuba and Jamaica, the trip will be all over water. For this reason, the flight is regarded as one of prime importance and a great test for the craft.

PANAMA READY

PANAMA, Feb. 27 (AP)—All preparations were completed this morning for reception of the Los Angeles at France field at the end of a 2,000-mile flight from Lakehurst, N. J.

Weather conditions were described as "good" by naval officials

THREE OFFICERS LOST

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 (AP)—Three naval officers who set out on a flight today from Hampton Roads to Anapolis have not been heard from, the navy department was advised this afternoon by Captain A. W. Marshal, comander of the aircraft carrier Lexington.

The men are Commander T. G. Ellyson, executive officer of the Lexington; Lieut. Commander Hugo Schmidt, and Lieut. Roger Ramsehousen. They left Hampton Roads at 2 o'clock this morning and nothing has been heard of their whereabouts the despatch said.

PILOT KILLED

DEMING, N. M., Feb. 27 (AP)—Pilot Joseph Green of Wichita, Kans., was killed and two other fliers were injured when two airplanes collided in the air near Cambray, 35 miles east of here today. Both planes crashed and were wrecked.

Prince Henry Is Dumped by Horse

MILTON MOWBRAY, England, Feb. 27. (AP)—Prince Henry, third son of King George, was heavily thrown from his horse while hunting with the Quorn hounds today. He injured his leg and collar bone but made light of the accident.

The prince's horse fell at an awkward hedge obstacle near Ragsdale, throwing him from the saddle.