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PRESBYTERY
TO MEET IN
LA GRANDETwelve Churches Will Be
Represented at Ses-
sions TomorrowSUNDAY SERVICES
LARGELY ATTENDEDRainbow Girls Guests at
Presbyterian Church—
Program Given by Bap-
tist Organization.

The semi-annual meeting of the Grande Ronde presbytery of the Presbyterian church will be held in La Grande tomorrow, in the church here, beginning at 10 o'clock in the morning. The presbytery is made up of all of the Presbyterian ministers of this section of the state and a lay delegate from each church. There are 12 churches in the presbytery, including Baker, Halfway, Union, Enterprise, Walla-walla, Lostine, Elgin, Burns, Mil-vern, Crane, Dayville and La Grande.

The Rev. Samuel E. Harris, pastor of the first church at Burns, is the moderator and will preside over the meeting. William Baird, of Baker, is the stated clerk. Reports will be given at this time, of financial and other business transacted. Although only one day has been set aside for the meeting it may extend over into the second day.

Public May Hear Sermon

The only part of the meeting which is open to the public will be tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock, when the sermon of the meeting will be preached by the Rev. Mr. Harris. The Rev. Paris E. Wells, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Enterprise, will conduct the communion service at this time. Tomorrow morning, nearly 50 rainbow girls of La Grande were guests of the first Presbyterian church here. Following the choir in the procession they took their places in seats reserved for them at the front of the church auditorium. The choir sang "Like As a Father" by owner, and Mrs. S. R. Morgan sang "Amen, Shine, for Thy Light is Come" by MacDer-mid.

Inspiring Address

The pastor, the Rev. J. George Wink, talked to the girls on the subject, "Escaped by a Halo-brother." The address was inspiring and was much enjoyed by the large congregation. Several new members were received and baptism was administered to children and adults.

Other churches of the city were well attended. At the first Baptist church in the morning by the children of the Children's World crusade, which was well attended. The Rev. Oliver Riley, pastor of the Episcopal church spoke in the morning on the subject "A Primary Law of Spiritual Success," which was heard by a good sized audience. There were no evening services at the Episcopal church.

Opens Series of Sermons

The Rev. L. H. Aves, of the English Lutheran church gave the first of a series of after Easter sermons, which was well received by the congregation. The series will continue for the next four weeks.

Baptismal services followed the evening program at the Central Christian church. The pastor's subject for the evening hour was "Obedience Better Than Sacrifice."

TOMORROW IS
THE LAST DAY
TO REGISTER

Tomorrow is the last day to register to vote during the primary election May 15, and those who do not register cannot be sworn in at the polls on election day, according to a law passed last year.

Only about 150 persons registered during the two nights that registration books were down town. Kenneth A. McCormick, county clerk, reports. However, the registration so far has been good, many persons registering at the court house. The number is not believed to be above normal, however.

Faces Charge of
Stealing Pistols

Clifford Tiffany was arraigned this morning before Judge Hugh E. Brady in the justice of the peace court on a charge of grand larceny. The case was continued until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock and bonds were set at \$200. He was unable to furnish the bond money and was committed to the county jail. Tiffany is alleged to have stolen two revolvers.

La Grande Team
Easy Winner In
2-County MeetTigers Take 10 Firsts and
Roll Up 124½ Points to
Defeat Union, Wallowa,
and Enterprise.

The La Grande Tigers scored an impressive victory in their first track and field meet this year, by scoring a big majority of points in the two-county quadrangular meet here Saturday with Union, Wallowa and Enterprise.

Champions of Eastern Oregon for three years, La Grande is hopeful of making it four straight. Good material exists in the discs, javelin, mile, half mile, and points are anticipated in the 440, the jumps, shotput and possibly the hurdles when schools of the state east of the cascades fight it out at Union on May 5.

Win 10 Firsts
The final score Saturday was La Grande 124½, Union 46½, Enterprise 16½ and Wallowa 16½. Of the 14 firsts, La Grande took 10, Union winning three and Enterprise one.

The Tigers nearly made it 11 firsts, but Paton, quarter miler, after leading the field all the way, fell exhausted five yards from the tape and before he could crawl across the line, five runners passed him. Paton has a nice stride and plenty of power, but didn't seem in the best of condition.

Anson, of the blue and white colors, breeched in easily in both the mile and half mile, closely followed by C. Wolfe, of La Grande. Wolfe, incidentally, took on quite a task by participating in the 440 also, winning second in it.

Charlton took two firsts—in the 100 yards and 200 yards—both in the shot, giving him 14 points and individual honors of the day.

Two Records Broken
Two county records were broken. (Continued on Page 5)

Boy Scout Camp
To Open July 8,
Will Last Month

The Boy Scouts' summer camp period this year will be from July 8 to August 8, it was announced this morning by E. Russell Scott, scout executive of the Eastern Oregon Boy Scout council. Boy Scouts from the council, which includes Baker, Wallowa, Union and Grant counties, will attend the camp, which will be held on Catherine creek. Mr. Scott visited the camp site yesterday.

From July 1 to 8, the week preceding the camp period, camp will be conducted for the younger boys. These boys were just recently organized and are doing work similar to the regular scouting.

Joseph Macintosh will be the camp director. He is from the University of Oregon and is a senior Red Cross life saver and examiner.

Mr. Scott will leave Wednesday of this week for Portland, where he will attend a regional camp conference, which will be attended by the national camp director, E. L. McDonald. Several new ideas for camp will be secured at this meeting, which will add interest to this summer's camp.

Last week Mr. Scott attended a camp conference at Boise. Permanent camp plans were discussed.

Plans are to hold a camp conference here late in May or the first of June. A. J. Copeland, scout executive of the Lewis and Clark council, of Lewiston, Ida., and F. D. Hawley, scout executive of the Blue Mountain council, of Walla Walla, Wash., may attend.

Home-Coming Event
To Be Discussed

Discussion of the proposed "home-coming"—the mid-season event—will occupy the entire luncheon hour tomorrow at the regular chamber of commerce meeting at the La Grande hotel.

At a meeting of the mid-season event committee with the La Grande Board of Friday night plans for the affair were discussed, and arrangements tentatively outlined which will be presented to the members of the chapter tomorrow by A. W. Nelson, chairman of the committee.

Masons of County
Meet at Summerville

A get-together meeting of the Masons of Union county was held Saturday night at Summerville, with about 80 members of the lodge of this county and a few from Wallowa county in attendance. Members of the Summerville Eastern Star chapter served dinner at 7 o'clock and afterwards the regular work of the lodge was conducted. The Rev. W. F. Shields, district deputy of Wallowa, presided. Masons attended the meeting from Cove, Elgin, La Grande, Union and other points in the county.

GOVERNMENT
COSTS SHOW
AN INCREASEOperation and Maintenance
in Oregon Figures
at \$13.50 Per CapitaFEDERAL REPORT
SHOWS CONDITIONTotal Funded or Fixed
Debt Outstanding Sept.
30, 1927 Was \$64,047,660
—Half for Roads.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Apr. 16 (Special).—The department of commerce announced a summary of the financial statistics of the state of Oregon for the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 1927. The per capita figures for 1927 are based on an estimated population of 87,000.

Expenditures
The payments for operation and maintenance of the general department of Oregon amounted to \$11,876,691, or \$13.50 per capita. This includes \$442,844, apportionments for education to the minor civil divisions of the state. In 1926 the comparative per capita for operation and maintenance of general departments was \$12.23, and in 1917, \$5.99. The payments for operation and maintenance of public service enterprises in 1927 amounted to \$3,769; interest on debt, \$2,560,486; and outlays for permanent improvements, \$7,182,048. The total payments, therefore, for operation and maintenance of general departments and public service enterprises were \$22,089,594. Of this amount \$9,740 represents payments by a state department or enterprise to another on account of services. The totals include all payments for the year, whether made from current revenues or from the proceeds of bond issues.

(Of the government costs reported) above, \$9,522,566 was for highways.

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FLYING SCHOOL
WILL BE OPENEDMyron Hug President of
New Blue Mountain
Flying Service

Another flying school will be started in La Grande about the last of this month and will also operate at Elgin, Wallowa and Enterprise, according to an announcement by Tex Knight, manager of the newly formed Blue Mountain Flying service. Myron Hug, of Elgin, is president.

A. T. Shure, president of the Oregon Eaglehawk Sales company of Portland, was in La Grande Saturday with Frank Kramer, his pilot. They flew from the Rose City to La Grande in two hours and 20 minutes, stopping here at the Grande hotel. Mr. Shure signed up Mr. Hug as Eaglehawk agent for Union, Wallowa and Baker counties.

The flying school, according to Mr. Knight, will guarantee flying time or money refunded to those enrolling. A first class pilot is to be secured for the service and regular sightseeing trips over the valley, to Wallowa lake, Grande Ronde lake and other points within 100 miles of this city are to be established.

Mr. Knight will leave shortly for Denver to take delivery on a new plane which will be flown back to La Grande.

24-Inch Rainbow Trout Caught In
Grande Ronde As Season's Opener

Yesterday was the first day of the open fishing season, and this fact was quite obvious. Streams everywhere were lined with anglers who were out to make the biggest catch of the day.

Although several good catches had been reported this morning, there were probably numerous others which had not been reported. One excellent catch, one excellent catch of 20 trout, caught by Luke Zweifel were on display in the window of the W. K. Gilbert company this morning. This was the first catch brought to the store this morning after 8 o'clock. The largest trout was about 12 inches long and the others all near that size.

Nate Zweifel also reported a limit catch. He was fishing on the Wallowa river, as were many of the successful fishermen. Streams were all high and muddy, considering the weather. The best catches were made on the Wallowa river.

There were other fish on display in the window of the hardware company this morning in addition to Mr. Zweifel's. A large steelhead, which was caught by Frank Flannery in the Wallowa river, and which weighs six pounds and is

Band Is Placed
Fifth In State
Music ContestLa Grande High School
Organization Makes a
Strong Showing in Cor-
vallis Competition.

The La Grande high school band of 25 pieces, directed by W. W. Nussbaum, was awarded fifth place in the state competition at Corvallis held Saturday. Medford won first, Albany second and Corvallis third. Corvallis was state champion last year. The decision this year was so difficult that the judges, of whom Andrew Loney Jr., of La Grande, was a member, took more than an hour to arrive at the placing.

Local musicians regard this as an excellent showing, inasmuch as the band here is little more than a year old and was pitted against organizations of several years' standing. Many of the members of the local band had never played a musical instrument until the last several months.

The trip was made to Corvallis by train, leaving here Friday morning, finishing late that day. Most of the band came back last night but a few returned this morning. Practically all enjoyed a stop over at Portland on the return trip.

The members were unanimous in their praise of the fine treatment accorded them throughout the trip and especially praised Corvallis' hospitality.

It is reported that the Medford director, considering the high class competition, said that he would have been satisfied to be given sixth place.

La Grande band was the finest musical organization but that the others won on the basis of strong.

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COMMITTEE TO
PLAN BENEFIT
FOR LIBRARY

Pat's fund, started some time ago when Pat Fitzgerald gave a dime to the public library, has grown to \$13 and a committee is now working out plans for some sort of benefit to get a floor covering for the new children's room which will soon move into its new headquarters in the old Neighborhood club rooms in the library basement. The cost of the floor covering is estimated at \$300.

Librarians hope that Pat's fund will grow to a large enough amount to buy some bright colored, attractive drapes or perhaps a picture. Many school children have given to this fund, one small child donating 25 cents earned by taking care of smaller children. One dollar check was received through the mail.

The committee, planning the benefit consists of Mrs. Turner Oliver, chairman; Mrs. Norman Press, Central P. T. A.; Mrs. Beatrice Young, Willow P. T. A.; Mrs. Soelle Lambert, River P. T. A.; Mrs. Frank Millering, Greenwood P. T. A.; Mrs. J. K. Wright, Neighborhood club; Mrs. John Hodgins, Mother's Self Culture club, and Mrs. Louis Wetzel, P. T. A. council.

Stolen Car Is
Recovered Today

G. L. Larson's car, stolen from his residence on O avenue some time after 10 o'clock last night, was found at Hillsdale today, the police report. The car had gone into the ditch near the Five Points service station and abandoned. It was not damaged, the police report.

Dr. R. G. McCall's car was tampered with last night but the intruders were unable to gain access to the machine as it was locked.

13 CREMATED
IN ALTOONA
HOME BLAZEJoyful Wedding Party Is
Turned to Scene of Hor-
ror in PennsylvaniaFATHER ONLY ONE
TO MAKE ESCAPEOne Burned to Death in
Atlantic City—Officers
Investigate West Plains
Fire.

ALTOONA, Pa., Apr. 16 (AP).—Thirteen persons were burned to death at Blair Four, 20 miles south of here, early today when fire destroyed the home of Embro Krepschalk. The dead include a mother, her six children, another daughter who was just married and five men. They had gathered for a wedding in the home of Krepschalk, a quarry man. A daughter of the family was married Saturday and the bride and bridegroom were among the dead. The cause of the fire was not determined.

The dead:
Mrs. Annie Krepschalk, 38, and her six children, Katie, 17; Sallie, 15; Vernon, 12; Michael, 10; Nicholas, 7; George, 6; Mrs. Annie Zerboutz, 19, also a daughter, who was married Saturday and her husband, John Zerboutz, 19, of Ganes, Pa. Charles Chisom, 31; Thomas Joseph, 43; Peter Zerbe, 26; Joseph Rendelich, 21; the latter of East Brady, Pa.

Blair Four is a little quarry settlement a few miles outside Williamsburg. The house, a two story frame, burned rapidly, the only one to escape being Embro Krepschalk, head of the family, who was on the first floor. The others, trapped on the second floor were engulfed in the flames before they could get out.

All the bodies, burned badly, were recovered.

Coroner C. Roth took is investigating the blaze.

ONE KILLED, EIGHT HURT
ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Apr. 15,
(AP).—An unidentified man was killed and six other men and two women were seriously injured today when fire destroyed the triplets hotel at South Carolina avenue and The Boardwalk.

Ninety-eight persons were in the building. The injured included, Cella Boyland of Jersey City, who was believed to have fractured her spine in a leap from the third floor into a fireman's net.

Discovered shortly before 7 o'clock the flames spread quickly to the upper floors of the hotel. The home of the late Mayor Underhill on Ocean avenue was among the adjoining structures damaged.

PROBE FATAL EXPLOSION
WEST PLAINS, Mo., Apr. 16 (AP).—Revenue and financial troubles were two motives advanced to

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National Guard
Encampment To
Start June 13

SARASOTA, Fla., Apr. 16 (AP).—Adjutant General George A. White today announced that the annual encampment of the Oregon national guard will begin Wednesday June 13.

Approximately 2,000 Oregon guardsmen will participate this year, all units except the coast artillery to be in training at Camp Clatsop, where new buildings have been constructed for their accommodation. The artillery units train at Fort Stevens.

In addition to the national guard troops a rifle and a machine gun company from Vancouver, B. C., aggregating about 150 men, will train at Clatsop.

Funds from the war department, totaling about \$200,000, have been received to cover the cost of the encampment.

Eastern Oregon companies to attend will include Company E, 164th Infantry, of La Grande, and Headquarters company, 164th Infantry, from Union. Pendleton, The Dalles and Baker will also send units.

Watson said Mrs. Bowen had gone to the pantry to heat milk for her 12-month-old daughter. Throwing open the window to get some air, he said, she slipped and fell over the sill to her death.

Minority Report
Against Farm Bill

WASHINGTON, Apr. 16 (AP).—Declaring the new McNary-Haugen bill is a "mere political gesture" and predicting its veto if passed by congress, two members of the house agriculture committee, Representatives Fort of New Jersey, and Pratt of New York, both republicans, today filed with the house a minority report protesting against enactment of the measure.

"We are absolutely convinced that the bill as reported fails far short of meeting the essential objections raised by the president in his veto message of last year's bill," the report said.

WEDS PRINCE



King Albert of Belgium did not oppose the marriage last week of his nephew, Prince Charles Philippe, to Miss Margaret "Peggy" Washington society girl (above).

DEMOCRATS WILL
MEET IN GOTHAMFormal Launching of Gov.
Al Smith's Presidential
Campaign to Occur

NEW YORK, Apr. 16 (AP).—George W. Olvany, Tammany leader, was on his way north today to attend the meeting tomorrow of the democratic state executive committee at which the presidential candidacy of Gov. Smith will be formally launched.

Olvany, on his way from a fishing trip in Cuba and Florida, stopped in Asherville, N. C., to discuss with Gov. Smith, spending his vacation there, the probable course of events at tomorrow's meeting and those expected to grow out of its action.

A resolution is to be offered by former Lieut. Gov. George F. Lunn, and seconded by Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, placing Gov. Smith formally before the country's democrats. This resolution and speeches summing up Smith's qualifications for the presidency, are expected to bring from the New York governor a letter expressing his views on national issues.

The executive committee will al-

12-STORY FALL
IS FATAL TO
LORENA BOWEN

NEW YORK, Apr. 16 (AP).—Mrs. Lorena Valentine Bowen, 28, Italian-born poet daughter of William Royal Mallinson, a wealthy silk manufacturer, jumped or fell to her death from a pantry window of her parents' 15-room suite on the 12th floor of a dark avenue apartment house Sunday.

She had returned recently from a sanitarium where she was under treatment for a nervous breakdown. The body was found by another tenant of the building in the driveway surrounding the sunken Italian gardens in the courtyard of the building. It was clad in a green nightgown.

Albert H. Watson, secretary for Mrs. Bowen's father, issued a statement denying that she had committed suicide and denying also that Mallinson and his son-in-law, Eugene Ambrose Bowen, a wall street bond salesman, had been on bad terms.

Watson said Mrs. Bowen had gone to the pantry to heat milk for her 12-month-old daughter. Throwing open the window to get some air, he said, she slipped and fell over the sill to her death.

20 Known Dead In
Bulgarian Quake

SOFIA, Bulgaria, April 15 (AP).—With 20 known dead and about 100 persons injured, all available railroad cars today were being sent to the region of southern Bulgaria, which was devastated by an earthquake Saturday to house the homeless. Unusually severe cold weather has increased the hardships of the stricken people.

Two thousand houses were destroyed at Telihran where 12 persons were killed. Eight others were killed in surrounding villages.

President Will
Speak at D. A. R.
37th ConventionNational Defense to Be
One of Subjects Dis-
cussed in meetings in
Washington.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 16 (AP).—With President Coolidge heading its list of speakers for the first night session, the Daughters of the American Revolution assembled here today for their 37th continental congress amid much uncertainty whether the recent national defense controversy would be injected into the meeting.

In a pre-convention statement, which was handed all delegates, Mrs. Alfred J. Brouseau, president general, clearly defined the society's attitude on the question of defense and said she believed it had been misinterpreted in some quarters as militarism. She and other national officers were of the opinion that the entire membership would give its "undivided support" to such a defense program as she outlined.

Mrs. Helen Tufts Ballie, of Boston, executive secretary of the "D. A. R. committee of protest" and reputed author of the pamphlet, "Our Threatened Heritage" which called for the president general's statement, arrived in Washington last night for the congress. She is neither a delegate nor alternate, but declared her intention to sit in the gallery at the auditorium at the opening.

Take Up National Defense

The general subject of national defense will be touched upon by several speakers before the congress, including Secretary of War Davis who talks tonight on "Preparedness."

Mrs. Brouseau dwelt on it herself in her address prepared for delivery in opening the congress by restating its defense program.

"Do not be deceived by the smoke screen that national defense is politics with which this organization should have no concern,"

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Polar Dirigible
Safe in Germany
After Big Storm

STOLP, Pomerania, Germany, Apr. 15 (AP).—General Umberto Nobile brought his polar dirigible Italia through a night of head winds and electrical storms landing at Zedlin airbase six miles from here this morning.

The Italian airship with which he hopes to explore north polar regions, landed at Zedlin at 8:35 a. m. and was immediately placed in the hangar. It had taken the craft 20 hours and 40 minutes to come from Milan, which is about 680 miles from here by airline.

Apparently the only damage suffered by the ship was the tearing of the left stabilizer.

Terrible Storm

"We had a terrible storm over the Carpathian mountains," General Nobile told the Associated Press correspondent, "and I am exceedingly proud of the Italia. She behaved perfectly. I am quite confident the north pole expedition will be a success."

During their stay here the Italians will be guests of the German government. The expedition will pay only for supplies which they will carry into the north when the Italia sets out for Kings Bay, Spitzbergen, where the vessel Italia II, Milko will serve as a mobile base.

General Nobile had made arrangements to stay in the polar regions the remainder of spring and the large part of the summer operating from Kings Bay. From there the numerous exploring expeditions will set out fanlike in various directions.

Senator Dupont
Suffers Relapse

IRVINGTON ON THE HUDSON, N. Y., Apr. 15 (AP).—United States Senator T. Coleman Dupont of Delaware, who has been ill for several months, suffered a relapse yesterday but was said by members of his family to "as well this morning as he was a week ago."

Senator Dupont's condition was reported to be not critical and the slight relapse was attributed to a cold. He recently underwent an operation and it was reported that an artificial larynx has been placed in his throat.

Talking Movies
Near Perfection

NEW YORK, Apr. 16 (AP).—The people of the U. S. will know the figure and voice of the president they elect next November, not only through the moving pictures and the radio, but through talking movies, if plans of the new R. C. A. photo-tone announced by David Barnoff, president, are carried through.

Work is being rushed, Barnoff said, to enable theaters throughout the country to present talking movies throughout the campaign showing the candidates in action and presenting their arguments in their own voices.

PREPARE TO
HELP FLIERS
LEAVE ISLEDuke Schiller Pilots Plane
to Greenly to Bremen
and Its CrewANOTHER ON WAY
FROM ST. AGNESBrief Description of the
Flight Across Atlantic
Given—Many Difficul-
ties Encountered.

QUEBEC, Apr. 16 (By the Canadian Press).—Captain James Fitzmaurice, co-pilot of the trans-Atlantic monoplane Bremen, who left Greenly island in a relief plane with C. A. (Duke) Schiller this morning, landed at Natashquan at 3:30 this afternoon.

QUEBEC, Apr. 16 (By Canadian Press).—The Dominion ship service here announced the departure of Commandant Fitzmaurice from Greenly Island for Father Point, Quebec, in an airplane due there at 3 p. m. today. This would connect with a train today for Quebec or Montreal. The plane is piloted by C. A. (Duke) Schiller.

(By the Associated Press)
Preparation went forward with accumulating speed today to rescue the three aviators who were the first ever to fly an airplane across the North Atlantic from east to west and who landed on a tiny northern island cut off by ice from all the civilized world.

The first to scale that icy barrier and offer assistance to the German-Italian crew of the trans-Atlantic monoplane Bremen were C. A. (Duke) Schiller and Dr. Louis Cuddeford, who flew a Canadian National airplane through snow and sleet from Murray Bay, Quebec, to Greenly island in the straits of Belle Isle where the European aviators were marooned.

Schiller and Cuddeford arrived at the island in a fully equipped plane of ice-blocked land between the frozen shores of Newfoundland and Labrador, late yesterday but the bare news of their arrival was all the word that came to the outer world from them. Their plane was large enough to carry out again the Bremen crew. Baron Ehrenfried von Huenefeld, Captain Hermann Koehl and Captain James Fitzmaurice, but it was considered unlikely that the fliers would be willing to leave the plane that had carried them across the perils of the ocean.

Another plane left St. Agnes, Quebec, today for seven islands, Quebec to Greenly island possible and a sister ship of the Bremen prepared to leave New York during the afternoon piloted by Fred Melchior Junkers pilot, and Miss Herta Junkers, daughter of the German maker of the Bremen.

In this plane it was planned to carry a supply of the special ether impregnated benzol which is the Bremen's fuel and spare parts to enable reconditioning of the plane so that it can fly away from the island onto which it dropped after a terrifying experience in the foggy dark skies it would have to wait for transportation on the government ice breaker, Moncalm, itself unmoored 70 miles away in ice fields even with its main deck.

CLARK CITY, Quebec, April 16 (Canadian Press).—A brief description of the flight of the Junkers monoplane Bremen which made the east to west trans-Atlantic flight was furnished the Canadian Press tonight in messages from Blanc Sablon, the nearest last wire station to Greenly island.

Held back by fog and changing temperatures the Bremen left Blanc Sablon almost given up hope and the plane was almost out of fuel when land was sighted which the fliers believed was Newfoundland.

The aviators sensed victory with the appearance of land at about 5:20 p. m. Friday afternoon. They discerned a small lake on an island and decided to land. The plane,

E. W. STATLER,
HOTEL OWNER,
DIES IN EAST

NEW YORK, April 16 (AP).—Fitzgerald Milton Statler, who rose from bellboy to ownership of more hotels than any other man in the world, died today of pneumonia at the Hotel Pennsylvania, which he operated.

Mr. Statler, who was 65, was president of the Hotel Statler, Inc., which operated hostilities bearing his name in Buffalo, St. Louis, Cleveland, Detroit, New York and Boston. His first ventures were temporary structures at the pan-American exposition at Buffalo in 1901 and at the St. Louis exposition of 1904.