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GREAT GLADNESS—The Lord hath done great things for us:
whereof we are glad. Psalm 126:3.

Mussolini's latest verdict abolishes the handshake. This modern gesture of greeting and farewell is unhygienic, he says, and should be "absolutely eliminated in the daily contacts of Italian citizens." In its stead he establishes for all the Fascist salute, given with the upraised arm in the ancient Roman manner. The change seems to be desired as much for its reversion to imperial Rome as for its hygiene. Yet the handshake was never half so unhygienic as the kiss. What will Mussolini do about that form of salutation?

Gov. Gen. Stimson at Manila recently sent to Washington what a correspondent calls "an urgent appeal to strengthen his staff with civilian experts." Many events have indicated the need of civilian rather than military government in the Philippine Islands, but it seems to be meeting with unexpected opposition in congress. Civilians cost money. Military officers do, too; but they are already on public salary, and so can be used for such posts without special appropriation. So more military men may be sent now, though neither the governor-general nor the natives want them, and continued emphasis on the military factor is unfortunate.

CONTRIBUTING TO AVIATION

The success of the German plane, Bremen, in crossing the Atlantic if not in reaching the goal at Mitchell Field, was a relief to an air-conscious world after so many disasters. Too many lives have been lost in Atlantic flights. Interest, though great, is no longer so much in the actual progress of aviation as in the battle with death.

No one doubts the heroic and defiant courage of the three men who left Ireland last Thursday. They have won well deserved praise but the failures of the past ten months indicate that the safety of land planes for sea flights has not yet been developed sufficiently to warrant more of these wagers between fame and funerals.

Lindbergh remains the one man who reached his exact goal, flying alone, and ahead of schedule. Yet he was the sixty-odd person to fly across the Atlantic, two dirigibles having accomplished the feat with large crews and the round-the-world flyers doing the same thing in short hops. It's only natural that many people should attribute much of Lindbergh's success to luck, and it is true that conditions beyond their control probably thwarted the German plane in reaching its goal last week. Regardless of any flyer's ability—and Lindy has demonstrated the superiority of his—there is much to be learned, much upon which improvement is necessary.

We are at a loss to understand what contribution to the art and science of aviation was made by the flight of the Bremen. The difficulties encountered were already known. No changes in plane design were tested by crossing the Atlantic that could have not been tested otherwise. Success has brought fame and probable fortune to three men but it has brought little to the world, if we discount the fact that it demonstrated the possibility of a plane to fly westward to America. And the United States army trio did that.

Perhaps the world has no right to question either effort or motive under such circumstances, but we believe the builder of improved planes, the engineer and scientist who can provide better methods of determining drift and location for ocean flights—that contributions of this kind will attract more lasting praise than the mere accomplishment of dangerous flights. Most of us, we believe, are more concerned with making flying safe, practical, and economical for purposes of business and recreation than for the conquering of unknown spaces.

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ABE MARTIN



"I'm glad my daughter had a college career for me I look back on, for it was the happiest and most restful period of my life," said Mrs. Lib Push, today. Tillford Moore implies a veteran of the World War and a Chicago primary, dropped in on him today.

Coolidge Pays Tribute Sunday To 'Old Hickory'

WASHINGTON, April 15 (AP)—The rugged figure of Andrew Jackson was accepted Sunday by President Coolidge, on behalf of the nation, to join the solemn circle of bronze and stone likenesses of the great which stands under the dome of the capitol.

In accepting the statue of "Old Hickory" from the state of Tennessee as a contribution to Statuary hall, Mr. Coolidge paid tribute to Jackson as one who exemplified the unlimited opportunities offered to me, regardless of seeming handicaps.

History accords to Jackson "one of the high positions among the great names of our country," Mr. Coolidge said. "He gave to the nation the spirit through loyalty to the Union a strength which was decisive for many years. His management of our foreign affairs was such as to secure a wholesome respect for our government and the rights of our citizens. He left the treasury without obligations and with a surplus."

"Coming up from the people, he demonstrated that there is sufficient substance in self government to solve the important public questions and the arising of a perplexing crisis. Like a true pioneer, he broke through the traditional impediments into which he was born, and leaving behind the provincialisms and prejudices of his day, pushed out toward a larger freedom and a sounder government, carrying the country with him."

The president sketched Jackson's boyhood, young manhood, and the period of his service in congress and an president, speaking of his high and turbulent temper, his disregard of obstacles, and his notable military exploits.

ANOTHER PLANE EN ROUTE

QUEBEC, Apr. 16. (By the Canadian Press)—A second plane of the Canadian Transcontinental Airways company left St. Andrew, Quebec today for Seven islands, to attempt to obtain news of the transatlantic fliers marooned on Greenly island.

The plane, piloted by Romeo Vachon, carried newspaper men, including a representative of the Canadian Press.

Textile Strike In New Bedford Is 100 Per Cent

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., April 16 (AP)—Union leaders claimed a 100 per cent effective strike this morning, when New Bedford textile operatives began their fight against a 10 per cent wage cut. Approximately 30,000 operatives are involved.

A full shift of non-union weavers was reported at work at the Pemaguid mill.

New Bedford's 30,000 operatives are almost all involved in today's strike. Only two big mills, the Beacon and the Dartmouth, were operating without a wage cut.

The wage cut announced by the mills last Monday as effective today was explained as necessary to keep the plants running in the face of competition.

'Pushacue' Wins Three-Cushion Billiard Title

CHICAGO, April 16 (AP)—Tilted-haired Johnny Layton of St. Louis, was chief of two worlds today—chief of a tribe of northern Minnesota Indians and chief of American three-cushion billiard stars.

His appellation, Chief Pushacue, was given to him by the Indians with whom he fishes every summer; he won the billiard crown Saturday night by Tomahawking the veteran Willie Hoppe of New York 50 to 37, in 46 innings, in the final match of the two weeks national three-cushion tournament.

As calm and philosophical as an aged Indian chief, Layton smoking his pipe of peace, the round Mound City man met and defeated Hoppe at his own safety game.

It was the fourth time Layton took the title. With it this time, he took \$1,200 in cash, custody of the diamond medal emblematic of three-cushion billiard supremacy in America, 24 per cent of the gate receipts and a salary of \$250 a month as long as he clings to the crown.

Hoppe, competing for the first time in his long career in a national three-cushion tournament, landed a tie for second place with the retiring champion, Otto Reibel of Philadelphia.

Portland To Play At Home Tuesday

PORTLAND, April 16 (AP)—Baseball enthusiasts of Portland were looking forward eagerly today to the opening game of the season here tomorrow when Portland meets the San Francisco Mission team. A parade starting at 11:30 a. m. and ceremonies at the ball park including flag raising by marines, will precede the starting of the game.

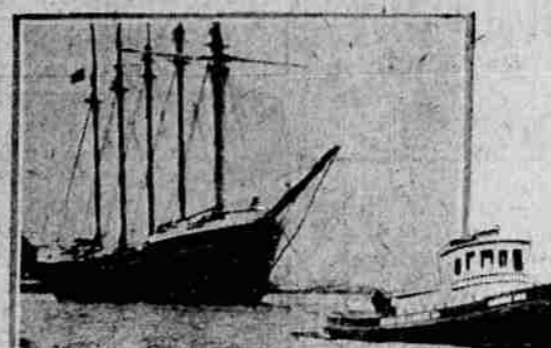
Skies were overcast here today with very mild temperature, but fans were hoping for good weather for the "opener."

LINDY TAKES AIR DENVER, Apr. 16. (AP)—Flying his new brought-in cabin monoplane which carried him to Denver from the Grand Canyon yesterday, Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh hoped off again this morning without announcing his destination. He nosed his craft southeastward.

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day by Prosecuting Attorney Green as he pressed his investigation into the cause of the explosion that de-

THEY ATE THE PARROT'S FOOD



Hunger, cold and other privations were the lot of 14 members of the crew of the five-masted schooner K. V. Kruse, which, owing to adverse storms, was 114 days from Adelaide, Australia, to Astoria, Ore. One sailorman went mad and leaped to death in the ocean. Food ran out and the rice saved for the captain's parrot was used. The vessel was blown nearly to the California line, and as far north as British Columbia before it could enter the Columbia river. Above is the Kruse being towed into Astoria; below, some of the crew hurrying to food and rest ashore.

stroyed a dance hall here last week, killing 40 persons.

Green suggested that J. M. Weser, 47, who rented a garage below the dance hall, may have been responsible for the blast, either because of pronounced views against dancing or because financial troubles may have led him to suicide.

Weser, a devout church man, was killed in the explosion. He had not made public expression of his hatred of dancing here, but at his former home in Alto, Mo., he was known as opposed to it, but not violently.

The prosecutor pointed out also that so far as direct evidence shows, Weser might have caused the explosion accidentally. He is confident, however, that it was not caused by gasoline fumes as at first supposed.

Weser's body, which was exhumed late yesterday shortly after burial, revealed burns on the face believed by physicians to have been caused by acid. Those, said Green, might have resulted while handling acid.

GOVERNMENT COSTS SHOW AN INCREASE

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\$3,137,619 being for maintenance and \$5,684,916 for construction.

Revenues
The total revenue receipts were \$22,954,701, or \$25.55 per capita. This was \$8,967,716 more than the total payments of the year, exclusive of the payments for permanent improvements, and \$885,107 more than the total payments including those for permanent improvements. This excess of revenue receipts is reflected in surplus of investments not shown in this summary. Of the total revenue receipts \$3,740 represents receipts from a state department or enterprise on account of services. Property and special taxes represented 26.1 per cent of the total revenue for 1927, 27.6 per cent for 1926, and 26.7 per cent for 1917. The increase in

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panies constituted 50.7 per cent of the total revenue for 1927, 46.8 per cent for 1926, and 11.9 per cent for 1917.

Receipts from business licenses consist chiefly of taxes exacted from insurance and other incorporated companies and of sales tax on gasoline, while those from non-business licenses comprise chiefly taxes on motor vehicles and amounts paid for hunting and fishing privileges. The sales tax on gasoline amounted to \$2,559,909 in 1927, and \$2,248,442 in 1926, an increase of 9.6 per cent.

Indebtedness
The total funded or fixed debt outstanding Sept. 30, 1927, was \$64,047,669. Of this amount \$24,466,750 was for highways.

The net indebtedness (funded or fixed debt less sinking fund assets) was \$36,455,029, or \$40.76 per capita. In 1926 the per capita debt was \$43.61, and in 1917, \$6.66.

Assessed Valuations and Tax Levies
The assessed valuation of property in Oregon subject to ad valorem taxation was \$1,110,677,849; the amount of state taxes levied was \$3,280,824; and the per capita levy, \$5.96. In 1926 the per capita levy was \$5.76, and in 1917, \$3.16.

the amount of property and special taxes collected was 122.4 per cent from 1917 to 1926, but there was a decrease of 4.4 per cent from 1926 to 1927. The per capita property and special taxes were \$6.83 in 1927, \$7.26 in 1926, and \$3.79 in 1917.

Earnings of general departments, or compensation for services rendered by state officials, represented 5.8 per cent of the total revenue for 1927, 5.2 per cent for 1926, and 10.6 per cent for 1917.

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