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THE WEATHER

OREGON: Cloudy and unsettled tonight and Wednesday with rains west, warmer in west tonight. Increasing southerly winds on coast.

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SETTLEMENT
PROGRAM MAY
BE PREPARED

Wallowa County Delegation Meeting With La Grande Men Today

BIG OPPORTUNITY
FOR DAIRY COWS

Suggestions Voiced at Chamber of Commerce Luncheon; Legislators Make Reports

Union and Wallowa counties, and possibly one or two other Eastern Oregon counties, may join together in a land settlement program of their own making.

This was indicated at today's chamber of commerce luncheon in the Sackajawea Inn, when a delegation of men from Wallowa county explained their position and asked the co-operation of Union county in working out a comprehensive program.

Hopes For Dairy Expansion

The delegation was headed by Archie Miller, of Enterprise, who said that the Enterprise chamber has taken up land settlement and has hopes of arriving at a workable program. Eastern Oregon has not benefited from the state land settlement work, he said, in asking for the co-operation of this valley. Speaking of Wallowa's possibilities, Mr. Miller pointed out that a large number of milk cows could be taken care of in his county and that they would mean a great increase to the county's population and payroll, without interfering in any way with other industries, etc.

He said that Wallowa county is in La Grande's trade territory and that therefore La Grande should aid in its development.

N. C. Donaldson, Wallowa county agent, also spoke briefly stating that Wallowa county offers a good opportunity to farmers, particularly those interested in dairy farming. The net cost of producing butterfat there is less than in many big dairy sections of the state, he declared.

Round Table Discussion

A round table discussion followed, with several suggestions made by A. W. Nelson, George Huntington Curry, William Miller, Aug. J. Stange, G. L. Larson and Mr. McCully. Mr. Larson suggested specializing in boosting the dairying possibilities for a period of five years. Mr. Stange suggested that the two counties work out their program without looking to the state chamber of commerce for aid. Mr. McCully gave as his opinion that much good would result from contact with people who could not find land they wanted near Ontario in the government stretches. H. H. Weatherspoon suggested an Eastern Oregon division of the state chamber to assist. Mr. Curry said that a delegation should attend the state chamber annual meeting in Portland Monday.

Hugh E. Brady, presiding, on behalf of President Julius Roesch, announced a committee consisting of Mr. Curry, S. L. Thompson, Charles A. Malbois, Albert H. Hunter, Wray Lawrence and Oscar

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VETERANS TO
HAVE A PART
IN DEDICATION

A large delegation from La Grande is expected to attend a meeting of ex-service men in Portland, Mar. 18, for the purpose of the dedication of the new \$1,250,000 Veterans Bureau hospital on Marquam hill, it is announced. The commander and adjutant, with the post colors, and at least nine or ten other members of the La Grande post, will be there and take part in the ceremony. It is announced.

The dedication is scheduled for 1:30 p. m. and after this period the building will be inspected, including the morning a conference of commanders and adjutants, state officers and state chairmen of the Multnomah hotel. At 6:30 o'clock in the evening a 48 and 8 banquet will be held.

A feature of the day will be a parade at 12:15 o'clock.

The auxiliary also plans to hold a convalesce on the same day.

WEATHER TODAY
7:20 a. m., 20 above.
Minimum: 25 above.
Condition: cloudy.WEATHER YESTERDAY
Maximum 41, minimum 29 above.
Condition: partly cloudy.WEATHER MAR. 12, 1928
Maximum 43, minimum 22 above.
Condition: cloudy.La Granders See
Phenomenon In
Sky Last Night

Some Believe It Was A Display of Northern Lights While Others of Different Beliefs

La Grande people witnessed a phenomenon last night about 11 o'clock which many believe was a display of northern lights commonly known as the aurora borealis, although others were at variance with this opinion.

A white nebulous streak across the sky, curving as a rainbow from southeast to northwest was discerned. Close observers saw the tail of the light switched from the north to the south from the reddish, brown star Arcturus farther south about 20 degrees into the star Spica. Gradually it faded out, leaving nothing but conjecture.

North of 53, about 14 years ago the aurora borealis was seen many times by Hugh Brady, who described it as a spectrum of color—blue, yellow, green and red—rising fan shaped above the horizon. Each light dances to color and brightens the sky, as a light-house ray appears to those gazing shoreward from the sea.

Last night's visitation on La Grande appeared to the judge to be perhaps a reflection from the northern lights behind the storm clouds in the north.

An explanation offered by one La Grande man was that the strange appearance was the reflection of the moon through the clouds. Another humorously denied having seen the light with "No, I haven't been star gazing lately." Others thought it was the milky way.

Dr. Murphy's Opinion

One who speaks with some authority and who is nevertheless sure of the reason for the presence, Dr. Ray Murphy, who is an amateur astronomer, offers the following suggestion as a possible explanation: "Circling around the sun as does the earth are nebulous belts which are invisible except when they come into the atmosphere of the earth or of planets. It is possible that one of these belts came into contact with the earth's atmosphere and the friction caused the appearance of the lights. Stars could be seen through it. I am sure, however, that it was not a reflection from the northern lights because there were no cloud belts for the lights to reflect on."

Dr. Murphy says that about half an hour after the main light vanished a smaller arch similar to the departed one appeared in the

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Lyceum Number
Will Dedicate
H.S. Auditorium

The final lyceum number to be presented Thursday evening, Mar. 14, will not only provide a high class entertainment for La Grande people, but will also serve to formally dedicate the high school auditorium, according to announcement by the student body, which is sponsoring the lyceum program in this city this season.

For the last program, the Manhattan Marionettes will be the attraction, and for the benefit of those who have never seen this type of program, it is explained that the Marionettes are "life-like dolls" controlled by the "handing of 800 strings by the puppeteers."

May Learn Secrets

At the conclusion of the program spectators may visit the stage where they will see the minute details of puppet mechanism and the puppeteers will reveal the secret of how mechanical dolls can be made to live, to sing, to dance and to play.

In the program here there will be new circus features, including a cast of acrobats and jugglers, concert numbers wherein the dolls "sing and play" and a total of 20 of the dolls will take part in the program, with beautiful costumes and elaborate stage settings for each of the seven scenes.

M.I.A. Presents
'Once In A Blue
Moon' Tomorrow

An interesting evening is expected at the L. D. S. Recreational hall tomorrow night when "Once In A Blue Moon," a musical romance in three acts, will be staged by the M. I. A. The performance is to begin at 8 o'clock in the evening and will be under the direction of Mrs. A. L. Stoddard.

Forty people are included in the cast and chorus. Those having leading parts are: Nellie Dean, Louise Metcalf, Maxine McNair, Ruth Black, E. S. Gulliams, Myrna Ward, Irene Baxter, Melvin Palmer, Elwood Hiatt, Alva Olson, Marion Stoddard, Iris Hughes, Robert Stoddard, Lem Ward and Guy Andrews.

The play will be given on the lower floor of the hall.

STIFF FIGHT
LOOMING IN
MEXICAN WAR

Federal Forces Making Rapid Approach on Rebels at Torreon

OLACHEA TURNS
TO GOVERNMENT

Leader of Indians Seizes Naco in Name of Portes Gil; U. S. Soldiers Guard Border

AMERICANS GUARD
BORDER

WASHINGTON, Mar. 12 (AP)—Movement of a small body of troops to the Mexican border for the protection of Naco, Ariz., and to guard the water supply of Bisbee, about eight miles from the international line, was reported to the war department today by Major General Laster, commander of the Eighth army corps area at San Antonio.

The authorities there had become uneasy over the activities of the Mexican revolutionists across the border from Naco and appealed for army protection.

HIBBEE, Ariz., Mar. 12 (AP)—General Augustine Olachea, who with 1200 Mayo and Yaqui troops was reported to have captured Naco, Sonora, today, 12 miles from here, is quoted as stating he believed the capture of Nogales, and Agua Prieta by the central government forces to be but a matter of time.

General Olachea was leader of the Indian troops as rebels, but today is said to have seized Naco in the name of President Portes Gil and the Pacific Northwest.

EXTINGUISH FIRE
IN STORE BUILDING

Garment Factory, Shoe Shop Suffer Loss; Cause of Fire Uncertain

Fire, breaking out in the wooden store building owned by the Masonic lodge and located on Adams avenue next to the Star theater, was extinguished early this morning but not until firemen had used both the pumper and regular trucks.

Damage, while not yet determined, will not be heavy, it is believed, although Fire Chief C. T. Lindsey says that if a wind had been blowing, a fire of major proportions might have resulted.

The building was occupied by the Garment Factory owned by Mrs. J. L. Howard and a shoe shop belonging to J. P. White. Contents of both places were insured. Only water damage was done in the garment factory with water and smoke causing damage in the shoe shop. Mrs. C. S. Shultz, in the garment factory, said that part of the stock and the orders were unhurt, but that it would be difficult to estimate damage to the

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TYLERS WILL
HAVE CUSTODY
OF CHILDREN

R. E. Tyler, of the Blue Mountain creamery has received word from Mrs. Tyler who has been at her home in Iowa for the last two weeks or more, to the effect that at a session of the district court of Montgomery county, Iowa, held last week, Mr. and Mrs. Tyler were granted the custody of four children, who are to be brought to La Grande within the near future and reared by Mr. and Mrs. Tyler as their own children.

It will be remembered by friends of the family that Mr. and Mrs. Tyler, who are now in La Grande, died at their home near Villisca, Iowa, February 13 and 15 respectively after a very short illness of pneumonia following the flu. They left four children, Everett aged 14, Joan, 11, Robert, 5, and Paul, a babe of a year and a half, full orphans. Immediately upon receipt of the word Mr. and Mrs. Tyler wired to relatives in Iowa asking that they might have the children to raise in their own home rather than have them separated. When notified of the definite time that the court would attend to the matter, Mrs. Tyler left for Iowa. Mr. Tyler does not know when Mrs. Tyler and the children will arrive home but is rather expecting them some time next week. Mrs. Tyler with the little girl, Joan, is in Des Moines this week visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hill who are in the capital city during the present session of the state legislature of Iowa.

Good Season In
Prospect For
Country Club

Annual Meeting Held Last Night; Charles Reynolds Elected President for 1929

Prospects for an unusually good year for the La Grande Country club were predicted last night in the reports of committee chairmen and in the general discussion of plans for the club at the annual directors' meeting held in the office of Charles Reynolds.

Officers for the club elected for the year are: president, Charles Reynolds; vice president, W. C. Perkins; secretary-treasurer, H. M. Ray.

G. L. Larson, as chairman of the greens committee gave a resume of the year's activities of the committee which included the re-fencing of the entire course, the construction of traps and bunkers and the improvement of the creeks of the banks of the creek.

The work yet to be done includes the further improvement of the creek banks and the construction of a few additional traps.

The financial report of the club was given by Mr. Ray secretary-treasurer.

The course will be in excellent condition this year, it was pointed out. This is the third year of its institution in La Grande.

Appointment of committees of the organization will be completed shortly by the newly elected president, Mr. Reynolds, who succeeds the retiring president, William Siegrist.

Church Men Meet
In Seattle Today

SEATTLE, March 12 (AP)—Catholic church dignitaries of the west from the Mexican border to Alaska, were here today to witness the consecration of the Rt. Rev. Robert J. Armstrong as bishop of Sacramento, Cal. It was the greatest number of prelates and priests of the Catholic church ever gathered in the Pacific Northwest.

Contaminated Food
Cause of Death

THE DALLAS, Ore., March 12 (AP)—Contaminated food eaten Friday night resulted in the death here last night of L. C. Grisham. The Dallas farmer, and vent three other persons to the hospital, Mrs. Grisham and Mr. and Mrs. Perry Strong were confined to the hospital today with symptoms said to be strongly suggestive of botulism poisoning. Their condition, however, was said to be not alarm ing.

COLLISION CAUSES DEATH

CHICAGO, Mar. 12 (AP)—Joseph Scuduto, 19, is dead of injuries suffered yesterday in the collision of a H-mobiled park and Logan Square elevated train.

Fourteen others who were injured are expected to recover.

MARRIED IN CHICAGO

CHICAGO, Ill., Mar. 12 (AP)—Miss Mary Meeker, daughter of Arthur Meeker, former vice president of Armour and Company, was married yesterday to her older sister's divorced husband, Ambrose C. Cramer, 11.

Judge Ben Lindsey And Rector Of
Local Church Engage in Debate

Former Judge Ben Lindsey, of the Denver, Colo., juvenile court, who held this position for several years until 1927, and the Rev. Oliver Riley, rector of the Episcopal church in La Grande, engaged in a debate on the subject of companionate marriage last night in the L. D. S. tabernacle before a crowd of nearly 350 persons.

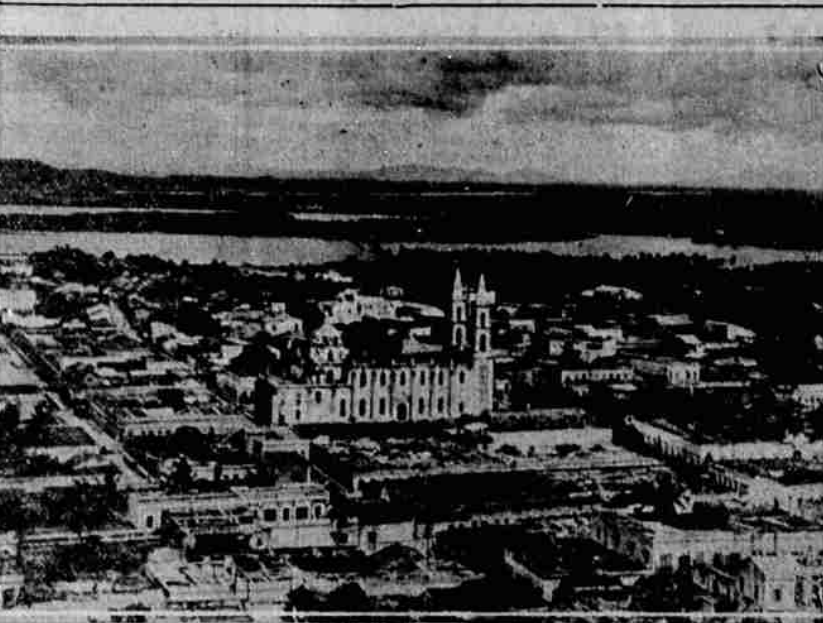
There was no vote taken following the debate, the speakers leaving it to each member of the audience to make his or her decision.

The debate, one of a series held over the nation in the last 2 years in which Judge Lindsey takes the affirmative part, was sponsored by the La Grande American Legion post.

Lindsey's Arguments
In brief, Judge Lindsey contended that his plan of companionate marriage, while admittedly not a panacea, would improve conditions as they exist today. "I am not opposed to old-fashioned marriage," was one of his opening statements, the speaker qualifying this, however, with the assertion that he believed that married couples should have the legal right to determine whether they shall have children.

His proposal is to legalize unions which he says make present-day marriages, at least 80 per cent of them, actually of a companionate nature, as he interprets the word. He also stated that he is opposed to the laws against information concerning birth control and is strongly in favor of thorough education of young people.

MEXICAN REBELS ADVANCING ON THIS CITY



Insurgents in Mexico are today making a cautious advance down the S. P. railway toward Mazatlan, Sinaloa, pictured above, where 2,000 federals are strongly entrenched. One of the most important battles of the present revolution may take place here, it is reported.

He Faw Down!
Yes; And He
Go Boom!

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Mar. 12 (AP)—Leonard Stevens, author of a song entitled "I Faw Down and Go Boom," was recovering today after being run over by a hit-and-run driver.

Stoddard Firm
Purchases White
Pine Co., Baker

BAKERT, Ore., Mar. 12—Sale of the Baker White Pine Lumber company by its receiver to the Stoddard Lumber company for \$125,000 was confirmed and approved by Circuit Judge C. H. McCulloch following a hearing in the court house Monday.

The Stoddard company, following confirmation of the sale, has plans formulated for the operation of the White Pine properties, as soon as the necessary repair work can be completed and the logging roads reconstructed. Considerable money will be spent in these two projects.

Joseph Stoddard, president, will be in complete charge of the plant. The company will also operate the new sawmill at Pondosa under the direction of Elmer L. Stoddard.

The enlarged Stoddard company will have a net worth of approximately \$2,000,000 and it is intended, providing the lumber market remains favorable, to operate the Baker and Pondosa plants at capacity.

Case of Scarlet
Fever Quarantined

A case of scarlet fever developed in La Grande yesterday. Police placed the home of Donald McLean, at 2205 Cedar street, under quarantine.

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BAND CONCERT TO
BE GIVEN SUNDAY

Director Andrew Loney Describes Some of Numbers to Be Offered

"One of the most pretentious numbers to be played is 'Procession of the Sardar' from the suite, 'Caucasian Sketches,' by Ippolitov-Ivanov," announces Andrew Loney Jr., director of the La Grande municipal band which will give a Sunday afternoon concert Mar. 17 at the Arcade theater at 4:15 p. m.

The author of this number is ranked among the very foremost of the modern school of Russian composers and this suite was written while he was under the influence of his Caucasian researches and is considered one of his very best and most effective works. It combines the most attractive traits of his special style of writing, is interesting and high melodious. The fourth number of the suite, 'The Procession of the Sardar' is quite pagan in color and is replete with striking oriental effects and brilliant instrumental combinations.

This number was included on a recent program of the Portland symphony orchestra.

"Florence Lynch Miller, popular La Grande soprano, will sing. The first will be 'Song My Mother Taught Me,' gypsy melody by Anton Dvorak and 'The Bells of St. Mary's,' by Adams.

"Roy Mattson, solo clarinetist of the band, will be heard in a solo, 'Sonnambula Fantasia,' by Cavallini. This number brings into play all the skill of an excellent clarinetist and is ably played by Mattson.

"At the first performance of the descriptive number, 'In a Clock Store,' a composition by Orth which was given last winter, it proved to be one of the most popular of the numbers included in the band's repertoire. This number will be repeated at the coming concert.

It contains numerous effects and imitations which will be handled by the percussion section of the band, Ray Bennett and Harold Browning.

"The saxophone quartet composed of Messrs. Brownson, Zundel, Gekeler, and Connell, has chosen for its number the beautiful 'Liebestraum' by Liszt. The piece has been particularly well adapted by the arranger for a quartet of saxophones.

"Among the lighter numbers to be played will be the Egyptian serenade 'Amina' by Lincke and the 'March of Toys' from the light opera of Victor Herbert, 'Hobbes in Toyland.'

"All concerts of the municipal band are sponsored by the city of La Grande and are free to the public. The use of the theater is donated by Messrs. Meyers and Greenfield of the La Grande Theater, Inc."

TRIPLEX HELD
BACK DUE TO
THE WEATHER

OCEAN SPEEDWAY, Daytona Beach, Fla., Mar. 2 (AP)—Adverse weather conditions today caused a postponement until tomorrow of the speed trials of Lee Bible, driver of J. M. White's Triplex racing car, who hopes to break the world's record of 221 miles an hour set here yesterday by Major H. O. D. Segrave of England.

Meanwhile, White, a Philadelphia manufacturer, who built the Triplex as a hobby was certain his car would set a higher mark than Segrave's Golden Arrow.

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Mar. 12 (AP)—Vice President Curtis today was taking things easy at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Lasker here, having come to Florida on a promise that he can rest and that the sun will be good for his rheumatism.

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Worst Storm In
Two Years Rages
In Laramie, Wyo.

LARAMIE, Wyo., Mar. 12 (AP)—The worst storm since the blizzard of May, 1927, was raging here today. Between 18 and 24 inches of snow had fallen and a high wind had piled the snow into drifts.

Highways were closed and traffic, even in the business section, was paralyzed.

The Union Pacific lines still were open but snowplows had been sent to keep the lines passable. Many cars were stalled.

MEDFORD, Ore., Mar. 12 (AP)

Snow was falling over the Central and Upper Rogue river valley today whitening the ground. Heavy storms were reported raging in the Siskiyou and at Crater lake.

ROSEBURG, Ore., Mar. 12 (AP)—Roseburg and vicinity experienced a heavy fall of snow early today. The snow was sufficiently heavy to blanket the hills and fields around the city, although it soon melted. The precipitation was welcomed by broom growers as lack of moisture has greatly delayed the harvest.

Broccoli is now being shipped at the rate of 75 to 100 crates daily but it will probably be a week or 10 days before shipments start in carload lots.

Jones Act Hits
Speakeasy; Moon
Price Is Soaring

NEW YORK, Mar. 12 (AP)—The New York Herald Tribune says today that the Jones act, increasing penalties for prohibition violations, has caused the price of liquor to soar, putting many of the smaller speakeasies out of business.

The wholesale price of whiskey, says the newspaper, has advanced as much as \$40 a case and grain alcohol has doubled to around \$14 a gallon.

Deliveries to speakeasies have been curtailed to such an extent that only about one-half the liquor ordered is being delivered.

Maurice Campbell, federal prohibition administrator, also declared the Jones act was putting many speakeasies out of business.

Tournament Will
Be Held in Salem

SALEM, Ore., March 12 (AP)—Assurance that the state interscholastic basketball tournament will be held in Salem as originally planned, was announced today by the Oregon High School Athletic association. Pairings for the various teams will be held Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the presence of all coaches involved.

The Wallows team arrived Monday and Astoria is expected here this afternoon.

Vice President In
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TO CONSERVE
OIL RIGHTS
HOOVER SAYS

President Declares There Will Be No Leases in His Administration

HURLEY, JAHNCKE
ARE APPOINTED

Patronage Causing Chief Executive Some Concern; May Recognize Southern Democrats

WASHINGTON, Mar. 12 (AP)—President Hoover said today that there would be no leases or conservation of government oil lands during his administration.

The president answering inquiries by newspaper men, said there would be no leases or disposal of oil lands during his administration, no matter by what department the lands were controlled, except such dispositions as were made mandatory by congress.

Burke Resigns

Commissioner Charles H. Burke, of the bureau of Indian affairs, has tendered his resignation and it was indicated today that it would be accepted by the president. The commissioner has been under continuous fire by members of congress for some time during an investigation of the administration of Indian affairs.

Burke himself had made charges that certain members of congress were conspiring to oust him, but later withdrew his assertion, that Senator Phil. H. Burton, Oklahoma, was involved.

New Appointments

He said today that he would serve until a successor is appointed and then would be "very happy indeed to get out."

Two new assistant secretaries of war and navy were appointed today by President Hoover. They were Ernest Lee Jahncke, of New Orleans, assistant secretary of navy, and Patrick Hurley, of Tulsa, Okla., assistant secretary of war. Mr. Hurley was one of the chief Hoover supporters in Oklahoma during the last campaign. He will be in charge of war department industrial mobilization plans, succeeding Charles B. Robbins, who had expressed a desire to return to private life.

Mr. Jahncke is a member of a family long prominent in the shipping and shipbuilding world. He will take over the duties of Theodore Douglas Robinson as assistant secretary of the navy.

Rear-Admiral William A. Moffett will be continued as chief of the bureau of aeronautics of the navy department.

May Recognize Democrats

Recognition of the leaders of the Hoover democrats of the south in the matter of federal appointments in that section is likely to be adopted by President Hoover as a cardinal point.

There also are indications that in the eastern and western states the regular organization leaders will be required to consult on appointments those who had charge of the Hoover pre-convention campaign in those cases where these men are not now identified with the regular state party leadership.

No Formal Word

While there has been no formal announcement of the methods that are to be pursued in selecting federal officers in the states south of the Mason and Dixon line, the general expectation is that this will be largely in the control of a committee for each state on which the Hoover democrats will have membership, although by no means a majority.

The patronage situation in the south already has given the president considerable concern and has been an indirect cause, at least, of the retirement of Horace A. Mann, a Washington lawyer, from the political field as director of political affairs in the south for the president, a job he performed

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WILKINS WILL
BE GUEST OF
GOTHAM TODAY

NEW YORK, Mar. 12 (AP)—Returning from his aerial exploration of the Antarctic, Sir Hubert Wilkins is to be the city's guest at an official welcome today.

Arriving late in the afternoon on the Pacific liner Ebro on which he traveled up the western coast of South America and through the Panama canal with a stop at Havana, he will be met at Hoboken by the mayor's committee for the reception of distinguished guests and escorted to city hall.

Whether Miss Suzanne Bennett, an actress, who announced her engagement to him shortly after his departure for the Antarctic last September would be at the pier to greet him remained uncertain.

The chief accomplishment of the expedition was the discovery that Graham Land is a series of islands and not part of the Antarctic continent as heretofore believed.