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Oregon: fair tonight and Thursday but clouds near the coast, not much change in temperature. Humidity generally below normal in the interior.

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SCORES DIE IN CLEVELAND INFERNO

1,000 GREET
GIANT PLANE
ON ARRIVALLieut. N. B. Mamer
Brings "West Wind" to
Ground About Noon.MET AT FIELD BY
LOCAL CLUB MENFliers to be Given Banquet
at 6:30 this Evening—Ship to remain
here until Friday.

Soaring down over La Grande like a giant hawk, the tri-motor Ford monoplane, "West Wind," piloted by Lieut. N. B. Mamer, internationally known flier, landed at the La Grande airport just before noon today. Flying from Baker with a full load of passengers, including Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Perkins, the half a hundred mile trip was made in about 30 minutes, including time taken to circle over Hot Lake and this city before landing.

As the graceful ship slipped down onto the ground, it bounced back into the air and then settled on the run way, coming to a stop before a crowd of people estimated to number nearly 1,000. The ship rides so smoothly that the passengers were without knowledge of the bounce that preceded the ship's stop. "The trip was wonderful," Mr. Perkins said, and his wife was every bit as enthusiastic.

Met by Delegation
Leaving the "West Wind," Lieut. Mamer and his crew were greeted by a delegation of men headed by committees and presidents of the Lions and Rotary clubs and the chamber of commerce. The welcoming was headed by the Lions who are also sponsoring a banquet for Mamer at 6:30 o'clock this evening in the Suckewea Inn, assisted by the Rotarians and the chamber of commerce members.

Meeting President G. S. Birnie, of the Rotary club, Mamer was informed of the movement under way to secure the government emergency field as a municipal airport. "That is the better spirit," Mamer declared, adding that he found the field to compare favorably with other airports he has visited.

"The field is adequate to take care of the largest planes," he said to an Observer reporter, in response to an inquiry.

The "West Wind," which is the latest plane put out by the Ford company, required only 400 or 500 yards to land in and had no difficulty in negotiating the landing in the La Grande field.

Our trip from Baker was without incident," Mamer smiled in response to another question. "Perhaps some of the passengers might tell you whether they enjoyed it. And the passengers did enjoy one of them exclaiming that it seemed safer in the giant plane than in an automobile."

Largest Plane to Come Here
The "West Wind," an all-metal plane, is the largest ship to ever land in La Grande, dwarfing the ordinary sized biplane or monoplane with its 80-foot wing span. The cabin accommodates 19 passengers in addition to the crew and is so arranged as to insure the passengers' safety.Millworkers to Organize
LOCAL UNION
Millworkers of La Grande and representatives of other trades met in Eagles hall last night when 65 more men signed a request for a charter for a mill and timber workers union here, bringing the total signers to 155. The charter is to be sent to today and in about 10 days C. O. Young, international organizer, will return to La Grande for installation. About 250 men were in attendance last night. It is reported.

The building and day laborers have also signed a desire to organize, labor officials report, and are expecting to request a charter in the near future.

WEATHER TODAY
7:30 a. m.—48 above.
Minimum: 24 above.
Condition: clear.WEATHER YESTERDAY
Maximum 66, minimum 41 above.
Condition: clear.WEATHER MAY 15, 1929
Maximum 75, minimum 42 above.
Condition: clear.Fourth Annual
Field Day For
Schools FridayArrangements Completed
Today for Event—Of-
ficials Named and
Events are Announced.

Final arrangements were made today for the fourth annual elementary school field day, to be held Friday afternoon, beginning with a parade at 1 o'clock which will precede a track and field meet at 2 o'clock at the high school athletic field.

The children in the four grade schools will be dismissed at 11:30 a. m. Friday, according to Supt. J. T. Longfellow, and will return to their schools at 12:30 o'clock to prepare for the parade. Both parade and track meet are to start promptly at the appointed time. Officials have been selected as follows:

Parade: Capt. Walter Best, marshal of the day, and Lieut. Jesse V. Andrews, assistant.

Field meet:
Director of meet, W. M. Pearce, referee and starter, Lee Reynolds, clerk of course, R. W. Christie, timers, J. H. Pearce, J. E. Reynolds, Jimmy Rosenbaum, judges of finish, Charles Reynolds, W. C. Perkins, Herbert Browning, Ernest DeLong and S. D. Rowe; judges of jumps, B. E. Hummel, A. W. Nelson, Roscoe Nease; judge of filled events, W. K. Gilbert; assistants to Mr. Gilbert, Donald Patton, Virgil Conley, Vernon Patton; inspectors of track, Fred Nowland, Loyd Ahlert, Robert Evans, Gene Faus; official scorer, E. A. McKachan, assistant scorer, Arnold Gralapp, Oscar Warnock; recorders of events, L. L. Ketter, high jump—Herman Wolfe, broad jump—Leonard Roe; official announcers, Dale Charlton, Lawrence Ray; police officers, Chief Cliff Haynes, Claude Cooper, William Howard, Dick Robertson.

The events in the field meet will include 15 dashes from 25 to 150 yards for both boys and girls, arranged in various classes. There will be three field events, broad jump, basketball throw and high jump, each event arranged in three classes. Six relays are scheduled: 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.

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Two-Story Home
Damaged Early
Today By Fire

A two-story dwelling place at 1315 Jackson avenue, belonging to Charles Nizer, caught fire early this morning and the business was discovered at 2:45 o'clock when a fire alarm was turned in. Both city trucks answered the call and extinguished the blaze, saving the west side of the house. Damage, while not yet estimated, will amount to several hundred dollars. It is said. The recall was sounded at 4:20 a. m.

The origin of the fire has not been ascertained. The house was unoccupied and there was no furniture in the building. Insurance in the amount of \$1,600 was carried on the structure.

Ruth Geibel Is
Elected Editor
Of L. H. S. Mimir

Ruth Geibel was selected to be editor of the Mimir for the coming year at an election held yesterday at the La Grande High school, and Clair Perkins was elected business manager. Virginia McWilliam, Naahum will be assistant business manager.

All classes held meetings yesterday, and arrangements for the junior-senior banquet, to be held Saturday, were discussed. At the student body session yesterday it was decided to close up the business year and notices are being sent out asking that all bills be turned in immediately.

Senior announcements have arrived.

William Cook, 67,
Dies In Bremerton

William Cook, a former resident of La Grande, died May 12 in Bremerton, Wash., according to a telegram received by Everett E. Walker, secretary of the Eagles lodge. Mr. Cook's body will arrive in La Grande Wednesday evening on No. 18, accompanied by his sister, en route to Burley, Ida., where burial will take place.

Mr. Cook, who was 67 years old at the time of his death, made his home here for several years and is a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, having joined the La Grande lodge in November, 1919.

INCREASING
PROSPERITY
IS PREDICTEDReport Given by President
Hoover's Committee on
Economic Charges.ONLY ON FRINGE
OF POTENTIALITIESOutlook is Bright if Balance
Between Production
and Consumption
can be maintained.

WASHINGTON, May 15 (AP)—An increasingly prosperous future for the United States, provided that the present economic balance between production and consumption of wealth can be maintained, is predicted by the report, published Tuesday, of President Hoover's committee on recent economic changes.

A maintenance of high wages, in the light of what the report cited as "insatiable commodity demand," and increasing application of scientific and managerial skill, and an elimination of speculation, the writers of the document concluded, would assure the continuous advance of living standards for the majority of the nation's population.

Only on the fringe
"We seem only to have touched the fringe of our potentialities," the report said, though it declared emphatically that during the seven years including 1928, with which year its data ceased, Americans had enjoyed a material welfare beyond all human experience. "The survey has proved conclusively," the report continued, "that wants are almost insatiable; that our satisfied makes way for another. The conclusion is that economically we have a boundless field before us; that there are new wants which will make way endlessly for newer wants as fast as they are satisfied."

"We have the power to produce and the capital to bring about the exchange between producing and consuming groups. We have communication to speed and spread the influence of ideas. We have the science and arts to help us. We have a great national opportunity."

Many Sign Report

Besides the president, signers of the report were Owen D. Young, Clarence M. Woolley, Daniel Willard, Louis J. Tabor, A. W. Shaw, John J. Raskob, Lewis E. Pieson, Adolph C. Miller, George McJannet, Max Mason, John S. Lawrence, Julius Klein, William Green.

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INSPECT NORMAL
SCHOOL TODAY

H. E. Inlow, George Hartman and Mr. Bennes Satisfied With Progress.

H. E. Inlow, president of the Eastern Oregon Normal school, and George Hartman, normal school regent, drove to La Grande this morning and inspected the normal school, which they found to be progressing satisfactorily. They returned to Pendleton this afternoon.

The building will be practically completed in time for the dedication and part of the furniture will be in place. The steps will not be finished at that time but are expected to be completed before the opening of the summer term June 17. Floors are now being laid and those to be covered with linoleum will be ready the last of this month. White stucco is being applied on the concrete walls and tile is being placed on the roof. The interior, also, is being decorated, with workmen tinting the walls. Work is progressing on the mail and the ground is being graded in preparation for planting of grass.

BOSTON GOOD
WILL GROUP TO
BE WELCOMED

A group of 35 Boston chamber of commerce members on a goodwill "land cruise" of the Pacific Northwest, will pass through La Grande tomorrow morning by train at 7:45 o'clock. It was learned here today. The train will stop here for five minutes and during that time a delegation from the La Grande chamber of commerce will greet the visitors.

The "land cruise" was in Portland early this week, in Seattle yesterday and were to visit Spokane today.

SENATE AND
HOUSE FACE
AN IMPASSEInclusion of Export De-
benture Provision in
Farm Bill is Cause.CALL CONFERENCE
FOR LATE TODAYDevelopments in Controversy
Overshadow Other
Legislation—now a Def-
inite Issue.

WASHINGTON, May 15 (AP)—An impasse between the senate and house on farm relief has developed by inclusion of the export debenture provision in senate bill and a conference of republican leaders of the two branches to study means of procedure has been called for late today.

WASHINGTON, May 15 (AP)—Developments in the threatened controversy between the senate and house over the right of the former to initiate export debenture legislation in its farm relief bill provided the overshadowing topic of interest on Capitol hill today despite that two other important administration proposals were formally before congress for discussion.

The differences between the two chambers on the debenture question was made a definite issue with the passage of the senate bill, 54 to 32, late yesterday. It was ordered sent to the house today despite that administration leaders there would move to have it voted unacceptable and returned to the senate because of the debenture section.

House Debating Tariff
The general debate on the tariff bill remained the regular order of business in the house, meanwhile, and the senate had before it a motion to give the combined measure providing for the 1930 census and for reapportionment of the house membership on the basis of that enumeration the privileged status of unfinished business.

In the absence of Chairman Jones of the commerce committee, Senator Johnson, republican, California, has taken charge of the bill but his attempt at the close of the session yesterday to have it made the unfinished business was temporarily forestalled.

Senator Harrison, democrat, Mississippi, one of those who blocked action at the last session on the reapportionment measure, objected to an immediate vote making the bill the order of business. Adjournment was taken with the understanding, however, that the bill would be called up today.

Passage Expected Soon

The measure is one of the on the limited program of President Hoover for the extra session, and

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Car Dives Over
High Embankment

PENDLETON, Ore., May 15 (AP)—Wilbur Moore, of Elgin, and John Adams, the Dalles, narrowly escaped death late yesterday when the brakes on the automobile locked and the car went over a steep bank as they were coming down the Emigrant Hill section of the Oregon Trail into Pendleton. Adams received a slight concussion of the brain and minor bruises. Moore's injuries consisted of a dislocated shoulder, cuts and bruises. Both men were received at a hospital but were able to leave today.

Mr. Moore and Mr. Adams operate a planing mill at Elgin, according to reports received here.

Central and High
School Entered

Some time Monday night, according to a report made to the police, some one broke into both the high school and Central school buildings, entering E. D. Towler's office and searching through many of the rooms in the two buildings. Some Yale keys, two Minnie, a pair of field glasses, and various articles such as fountain pens, etc., belonging to different teachers, have been reported missing.

In each case a window was broken, so as to permit the releasing of the catch, after which the window was raised.

Underclassmen
Win Contests

Underclassmen won today's annual tug of wars, which have been substituted for the mascot fight. The freshmen won two pulls from the sophomores and the juniors out-tugged the seniors two straight.

LIEUTENANT MAMER AND "WEST WIND" ARRIVE HERE

Fashion Show Is
Given By High
School Classes

The annual fashion show, given at the La Grande High school yesterday afternoon and evening, displayed 92 dresses. This show exhibits the work of the domestic art department, in charge of Miss Arnoldus. The dresses will also be exhibited at the domestic science building next Tuesday at 8 p. m.

Although the fashion show is given yearly, the health skills given by the members of the domestic science and home management classes in charge of Miss L. Harrison, are new ideas. Mildred Cade was the untanned housewife in the song of the home management class; others in the cast included: Ermalene Mires, cook; Elizabeth Helen, society lady; Marie Baxter, clerk; Agnes Peterson, gardener; La Velle Richey, nurse; Doris Cade, Jean Campbell, painter; Berneva Hunt, French maid; Marie Jones, artist; Mildred Ahlert, Dutch cleanser lady; Hazel McPherson, teacher; Marguerite, McGlenning, sports girl.

The health skill was cleverly given by the group of girls. The cast follows: Marian Webb, the mother; Clara Coughenower, the father; Alta Fairbanks, the neighbor; Jeanne French, the son and Ruth Cullen, the daughter.

H. R. H. TO PLAY HAGEN

LEEDS, Eng., May 15 (AP)—The Yorkshire Evening News says today that the Prince of Wales will play a golf match with Walter Hagen Saturday or Sunday.

TODAY'S
BASEBALLNational League Games
Chicago.....R. H. E.
Boston.....7 14 1
Batteries: Rush, Cuyegros and Gonzales; Jones, Leverett and Spohrer.Pittsburgh.....R. H. E.
Brooklyn.....9 14 1
Batteries: Grimes, Ferguson and Haggraves; Clarke, Ball and Pich.Cincinnati.....R. H. E.
New York.....12 16 1
Batteries: Lucas and Gooch; Fitzsimmons, Genewich and Hogan.St. Louis.....R. H. E.
Philadelphia.....1 11 0
Batteries: Mitchell and Smith, Wilson; Bengie, Collins and Davis, Lelann.American League Games
Boston.....R. H. E.
Chicago.....4 10 0
Batteries: Ruffing and Heving; Lyons and Crouse.New York.....R. H. E.
Cleveland.....7 9 0
Batteries: Phipps, Moore, Zachary and Jorgens; Shaute and Sewell.Philadelphia.....R. H. E.
Detroit.....5 9 3
Batteries: Walberg, Orwell and Cochrane; Sorrell and Phillips.Washington.....R. H. E.
St. Louis.....3 7 0
Batteries: Braxton and Ruel; Stewart and Mantion.KING GEORGE IS
WELCOMED HOMEReturns to Windsor, After
Many Months Conva-
lescing From Illness.

WINDSOR, Eng., May 15 (AP)—King George came back to his own fireside in this ancient home of British sovereigns today like a conquering hero.

All Windsor and the surrounding countryside were out to welcome their monarch back after his long illness which for many weary months had kept him from them. The king, accompanied by Queen Mary, had a remarkable reception throughout the two and a quarter hours trip from Craigwell House, Hognor, where the king had spent several months of convalescence. But it remained for the "old home town" to outdo all the others as it welcomed again its most prominent resident.

Thousands Cheer King
Thousands of cheering spectators including 2,000 school children and 1,000 men boys in silk hats and quail jackets, lined the ancient thoroughfare. As the royal car drove through, bags of rose petals were emptied from windows and fell in a crimson cascade about the machine.

It was the first time most of the inhabitants of Windsor had seen the king since the beginning of his illness late last year. All along the time there were cries of "God bless Your Majesty," and "welcome home," while there were tears on many faces.

The king and queen were smiling happily as they bowed towards the white sea of fluttering handkerchiefs and once or twice the queen brushed moisture from her eyes.

Mayor Greets King
At the bottom of Castle Hill,

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PRINCE SAVES
WORKER FROM
LOSS OF LEG

NEWCASTLE, Eng., May 15 (AP)—The Prince of Wales was the central figure in an exciting episode here yesterday when he dramatically rescued a man from being drawn into some machinery at the Northeast Coast exhibition which the prince was opening.

In describing the rescue of the man, who was named Guinness, the foreman of the exhibition, an eyewitness said that the thing happened in a flash. Guinness was sitting on a ladder adjusting a machine for the manufacture of tin containers which the prince was examining. He was pointing out one of the interesting features in the process when one of the tin caught in a carriage. Guinness, in snatching at the time to save breakfast, slipped off the ladder and hung with his feet within a few inches of the machinery rotating at great speed.

The prince grabbed at Guinness' overalls and pulled him towards the ladder," said the informant. "The overalls slipped from the prince's hand and Guinness, who was still clinging to an overhead gear, swung back to his dangerous position. The prince then seized him the second time and succeeded in pulling him back clear of the machinery. He would have lost his life had he dropped."

Graf Zeppelin
Given Permit To
Fly Over France

FRIEDRICHSHAFEN, Germany, May 15 (AP)—The departure of the Graf Zeppelin for the United States was definitely set late today for between 6:30 and 6 a. m. Central European time tomorrow (between 11:30 p. m. and 12:00 midnight Eastern standard time) Wednesday.

FRIEDRICHSHAFEN, Germany, May 15 (AP)—Dr. Hugo Eckener, commander of the dirigible Graf Zeppelin, was understood this afternoon to have applied for a permit to fly over France during the night, with the departure of the airship from Friedrichshafen at about midnight (6 p. m. E. S. T.).

PARIS, May 15 (AP)—The French government has given Dr. Hugo Eckener, commander of the German dirigible Graf Zeppelin, permission to fly over France at any hour convenient to the airship, further notice, the German embassy informed the Associated Press this morning.

The new permission was granted this morning. Therefore, if Dr. Eckener contemplates leaving Friedrichshafen at midnight (6 p. m. E. S. T.), as is announced here, he can do so without further formalities.

It was stated here that there was no necessity for Dr. Eckener to ask for specific permission, as had been reported in Berlin.

FRIEDRICHSHAFEN, Germany, May 15 (AP)—Mrs. Mary Pierce, of New York City, today received an urgent request from the United States secretary of state, suggesting she refrain from crossing to America aboard the Graf Zeppelin when it leaves here tomorrow morning.

The request was transmitted to Mrs. Pierce through John E. Kohl, United States consul at Stuttgart. Mrs. Pierce promised the consul she would not make the trip, she said.

Sinclair, In Jail,
Returned To Chair

NEW YORK, May 15 (AP)—Harry F. Sinclair, serving a jail sentence for contempt of the senate, was reelected chairman of the board of directors of the Sinclair Consolidated Oil corporation at the annual stockholders meeting today.

Long Loses First
Skirmish In Court

BATON ROUGE, La., May 15 (AP)—Governor Huey P. Long, facing eight charges of impeachment, lost his first skirmish with the Louisiana senate, sitting as a court of impeachment today, when he rejected a demurrer that would have quashed all of the charges except the first. The vote was 29 to 12.

Davis May Become
Islands Governor

WASHINGTON, May 15 (AP)—Frank P. Davis, secretary of war in the Coolidge cabinet, is the most likely choice for governor general of the Philippines and announcement of his selection apparently awaits information as to whether he would accept the post.

BLASTS FIRE
IN HOSPITAL
FATAL TO 93Patients, Nurses and Doc-
tors Succumb to Flames
and Poison Gases.FIREMEN BATTLE
TO QUELL FLAMESMore than 300 Persons In
Clinic Hospital When
Explosions Occur in X-
ray Room.

CLEVELAND, O., May 15 (AP)—At least 93 lives are known to have been lost and scores of persons injured in a deadly explosion and fire at Cleveland Clinic hospital here today. Many of the dead were victims of poisonous gases and suffocated in agony. Others died from burns. Most of the victims were patients who were powerless to escape the death they could see approaching them. The death list will continue to mount through tonight, medics said. Identification of the bodies was slow and for hours after the disaster, frantic relatives sought vainly to learn the fate of their loved ones.

Pharmacists stated the fumes after the explosion and said it was hazardous that had choked many of the victims to death. The gas came from burning X-ray films, thousands of which were stored in the basement of the clinic. There were 350 patients registered at the clinic at the time of the explosion. After the fire and blast all of them were taken away from fire or poison gas or were dead.

Most of those killed were patients of the hospital. A few were believed to be nurses and doctors. Two hours after the building took fire, all of its occupants had been removed and the fire had been extinguished.

Dead Turn Green

Most of the fatalities were the results of fire but many were believed to have been suffocated by poisonous fumes from burning chemicals. Some of the dead turned a ghastly green color when they were removed from the building, spectators said.

Hardly two hours was required to complete the tragedy. With the first alarm, all available fire apparatus in the eastern part of the city was rushed to the hospital which is located at Euclid avenue and East 92nd street.

Scores of firemen battled scorching flames while others donned gas masks and risked their lives inside the building.

Group Taken from Roof

In rescue work, some of the patients were removed through windows. One group of patients, doctors and nurses were taken off the roof.

Some of the victims were burned horribly. Others were unconscious. Many were crying out in fright and bewilderment. They were rushed as fast as possible to nearby hospitals.

Scores of bodies were brought out of the building with firemen unknowing whether they were dead or alive. The majority were dead.

Many of those who remained living a few hours after the fire, were expected by doctors to be added shortly to the list of dead.

Many of the bodies were taken to the county morgue. Some remained in hospitals, and some were placed in a temporary morgue in the rear of the damaged building. Ghastly Scenes
The scenes of the explosion and fire were ghastly. Some of the patients screamed horribly with fright as they saw deadly gas creep upon them while they lay in bed, helpless to move.

Tragedy started them in the faces and they were helpless. Some who were rescued broke into hysterical tears and as they were carried from the building but many screamed with the pain of the awful burns.

The agony of those stricken by the fire vivid in aspect of horror with the convulsions of other patients and nurses who clutched at their throats and gasped for breath as they suffered the torments of poison gas.

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