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THE WEATHER Oregon: Cloudy tonight and Tuesday, probable showers west portion, moderate temperature. Fresh southerly winds.

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STATE CONVENTION OPENS HERE

200 BANKERS IN SESSION HERE TODAY

Business Meeting This Morning Opens Two-Day Oregon Convention.

ANNUAL BANQUET AND BALL TONIGHT

Officers to be Elected Tomorrow Morning—Chamber of Commerce Luncheon at 12:30.

The Oregon Bankers association opened its 24th session in La Grande this morning with the largest representation from the state that has ever attended a bankers meeting.

The opening session was held at 9:30 a. m. in the La Grande hotel with President John F. Daly presiding.

President Daly gave his report after L. Bursum, vice president of the association, responded to the welcomes.

Mr. Daly expressed a strong appeal for a policy of leadership to be taken by Oregon bankers in development of the state and its resources.

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Legion Expects To Buy Pulmotor For Life-Saving

Executive Committee Reaches Decision Following Tragedy That Took Two Lives Friday.

At an executive committee meeting held yesterday in the Sackawea Inn, the American Legion reached a decision to purchase a pulmotor and oxygen administering device.

It had been originally planned to use the carnival money to help pay for the drum corps trip to the state convention in Salem this summer.

A special legion meeting has been called for tomorrow night in the Sackawea Inn.

The plan is to have the pulmotor and oxygen device in the fire station.

Each paid fireman will be given complete instructions in the operation of the machine.

In addition to this, the legion also plans to have eight or ten of its members instructed in life-saving.

With the pulmotor at the fire station, instant response to a call may be secured at any time during the day or night.

The city has had a pulmotor for several years but it has been out of repair during recent months.

It has been sent away to be repaired.

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\$151,500,000 IS PLEDGED BY CONGRESS

Sum is for Federal Farm Board—Legislation Now up to Hoover.

INITIAL OUTLAY OF HALF BILLION

Selection of Board Membership for Farm Relief is Now Being Considered by President.

WASHINGTON, June 17 (AP)—Congress today appropriated \$151,500,000 for the federal farm board, and the legislation now goes to President Hoover.

WASHINGTON, June 17 (AP)—Responding quickly to the recommendation of President Hoover, the house today passed a bill to appropriate \$151,500,000 of the \$500,000,000 authorized for the federal farm board by the farm relief act.

The money would constitute the initial outlay of the \$500,000,000 appropriation authorized by the new act.

Chairman Wood of the house appropriations committee at once prepared a bill to carry out the presidential recommendation.

Expenditure of the money would be made by the members of the federal farm board created under the new law.

Selection of the board membership now is being considered by Mr. Hoover.

Action was taken shortly after the White House recommendation had been forwarded to the capitol from the budget bureau.

To further expedite work the measure was approved under suspension of the rules.

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Lumber Vessel Is Wrecked Off Columbia Mouth

One Seaman Killed, Another in Critical Condition and Fate of Eight Still in Doubt.

BREMERTON, Wash., June 17 (AP)—Refusing to leave his ship, Captain Louis Johnson alone remained with a part of the wrecked freighter Laurel today when the coast guard cutter Healy rescued the remaining seven of the crew, reports received here said.

PORTLAND, Ore., June 17 (AP)—One life was lost, the fate of eight persons is still in doubt, the States Line steamer Laurel is a total wreck and 3,000,000 feet of lumber, cargo from two storm-swept vessels is reported lost, as the result of a southwesterly gale which yesterday played havoc with Pacific coast shipping.

The eight persons whose lives are still in danger are members of the crew of the Laurel and are believed to be on the stern half of the vessel which is on a sand spit a half mile off the north jetty at the mouth of the Columbia on which the vessel was driven by the storm and broken in two.

The Laurel had passed out of the river at an early hour yesterday carrying 7,400,000 feet of lumber for New York and Philadelphia.

At 7 a. m. she broke in two one man was drowned and the other 32 were left on the stern.

Life saving crews reported one member of the Laurel's crew drowned, 24 rescued and eight still on the stern end of the vessel.

RUSSELL SMITH KILLED ASTORIA, Ore., June 17 (AP)—The coast cutter Healy today rescued the seaman who lost his life in the wreck of the Laurel.

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TITLED TRAVELERS IN LA GRANDE



Viscount Jacques de Sibour and Viscountess de Sibour, who stopped in La Grande Wednesday night and Thursday morning of last week on a flight from Portland, Ore., to New York City.

Long before the aviators had arisen a crowd gathered outside of their hotel. When they arrived at Le Bourget from Comilla, Spain yesterday at 8:47 p. m. (2:47 p. m. E. S. T.) not more than 5,000 people awaited them.

The first formal reception for the three aviators was that of the Aero Club of France, set for this afternoon, with other festivities to follow which probably will continue through several days.

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Paris Welcomes Atlantic Fliers And Stowaway

Young American, However, Puzzles Frenchmen and is Generally Dubbed "The Rascal."

PARIS, June 17 (AP)—Three French trans-Atlantic birdmen were plunged today into a long program of receptions, dinners and celebrations.

Although Paris seemed blasé to ocean flights there was no disposition anywhere to let the feat of Jean Alcock, Rene Le Fevre and Armand Lott pass without recognition.

The grinning, garrulous stow-away of the Yellow Bird, Arthur Schreiber, sure of a harvest of greenbacks for the story of his free stolen ride over the ocean, gave his first thoughts of the day to getting spruced up for his stay in Paris.

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NEW DISARM MOVEMENT TO BE LAUNCHED

Conversations Between MacDonald and Dawes Start Negotiations.

BOTH WILL MAKE TALKS TOMORROW

English Premier Emphasizes, However, That Other Powers Will be Asked to Co-operate.

LONDON, June 17 (AP)—America's new ambassador, Charles G. Dawes, and Great Britain's new prime minister, Ramsay MacDonald, have launched a new movement toward broad naval disarmament.

In a luncheon at the little town of Forres, Scotland, yesterday, General Dawes and Mr. MacDonald agreed on an understanding which will prove the basis and beginning of negotiations for their two governments, joined by the other naval powers.

Bare announcement of the accord General Dawes and Mr. MacDonald was contained in a statement after their conference.

Their conversation with the new ambassador, it is said, was held to two speeches, both to be delivered tomorrow night.

The former vice president will speak before the Pilgrims at London and Mr. MacDonald before the town council at Loochmouth, Scotland.

Writes Own Summary The prime minister, with his own hand, wrote out the summary of the conversation with the new ambassador.

"We have had a conversation regarding the present position of the question of disarmament as between the United States and Great Britain. It has been informal and general, and most satisfactory."

"His excellency, General Dawes, proposes to refer to the subject at the Pilgrims' dinner on Tuesday night, and I shall do the same at Loochmouth and that is intended to be the beginning of the negotiations. We both wish to make it clear that other naval powers are expected to co-operate in these negotiations, upon the successful consummation of which the peace of the world depends."

So far as could be ascertained no mention was made by either of what was believed to be a prime motive in General Dawes' hurried trip to Scotland to talk with the prime minister, that was to be in the invitation to come to confer with President Hoover of the Anglo-American situation.

London Surprised In London, while enthusiasm was expressed, the two men have found their opinions so reconcilable, there was a certain measure of surprise, not without a tinge of disappointment, at the reference to other powers partaking in the negotiations for a naval agreement.

It was thought the chances for reaching an agreement were much greater if the treaty were to be bilateral rather than multilateral. In some circles even there was distinct opposition to another naval agreement.

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Many Attend From La Grande—Miss Margaret Riggs Queen.

PENDLETON, Ore., June 17 (AP)—Four thousand persons lined the banks of McKay lake yesterday to witness the closing of the American legion's first annual two-day motor boat regatta over the ideal water speedway.

P. G. Epton, Portland, took a great share of the \$550 in prizes.

Quite a number of people from La Grande attended the McKay celebration yesterday, including several local dignitaries.

Miss Margaret Riggs, of La Grande, was queen of the regatta and also attended the dance Saturday evening in Happy Canyon.

Saturday's events at the dam were marred by rain and only two races were held that day, it is reported here.

The program yesterday was excellent, however, with the weather fair.

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LIONS LISTEN TO CONVENTION OVER THE RADIO

Members of the La Grande Lions club had a particularly interesting luncheon meeting today when they listened to a program from Louisville, Kentucky, over a radio furnished by Harry E. Williams.

The program came from the International Lions convention now in progress there over WLAB, Colonel George F. Southard was chairman of the International meeting and introduced the speakers, among whom the local club was pleased to hear the western district governor of Oregon Harry E. Swart, and E. D. Towler, of the La Grande club.

Mr. Swart told of the work of Lionism in the west and then introduced Mr. Towler, who recently left for the east and who made arrangements to attend the convention.

An amusing feature of the radio report today was the reading of a telegram from the La Grande club to the effect that the program was coming in very well, but the telegram had been sent out the convention headquarters requested that such telegrams be prepared in the future.

The Lions gave Mr. Williams a standing ovation of thanks for the radio installation.

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