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NO PROSPECT OF GENERAL OREGON RAIN

Hunting Ban Will Not be Lifted Until Forests Are Soaked.

WEEK'S FORECAST IS "FAIR WEATHER"

Eastern Oregon Enters Fourth Month of Dry Spell, Longest in Many Seasons.

Although deer and bird hunters, as well as other residents of Eastern Oregon, were hopeful last night of a drenching rain over the week-end, partly clear skies and the weather forecast today dispelled hopes of a general downpour.

The Portland bureau of the government weather forecasting organization, predicted the weather in Oregon would be generally fair tonight and tomorrow, with cooler temperatures in the eastern section.

The forecast for next week is for fair weather. This definitely marked the continuance of the longest dry spell in the state in many years.

In the Grande Ronde valley there have been no rains of consequence since the middle of June, and for the last three months, valley and hills have been drained of almost every drop of moisture.

The fall has been ideal for harvesting, with grain and hay and early fruit work uninterrupted. Prune picking will start next week and the annual apple harvest about the first of the month, and prune and apple growers are not anxious for rain, as it would interrupt the work in the orchards.

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WEATHER TODAY 7-20 A. B. 78° above. Minimum: 42 above. Conditions: mostly cloudy. Weather Yesterday Maximum: 84; minimum: 43 above. Conditions: clear. Weather Sept. 21, 1928. Maximum: 81; minimum: 45 above. Conditions: clear.

X Avenue Fire Destroys Home, Damages Others

Total Loss Estimated at \$2,000—Cause of Blaze Defective Flue, Fire Chief Believes.

One house was destroyed and two others were damaged by fire early this morning on X avenue, causing a total loss estimated at \$2,000. The property destroyed belonged to Roy Strong, 1801 X avenue.

The truck was called out at 2:34 a. m. and the fire had so big a start in the home that it was impossible to save the structure. However, extinguished a fire on another house belonging to Mr. Strong, which caused about \$200 damage to the roof. A third fire, slightly damaged another house, but was quickly checked. Recall was at 3:40 o'clock.

The home was insured for \$500 and the loss was estimated at \$2,000. The furniture for \$400. The opening meeting of the Union county chamber of commerce will be held Tuesday at noon in the La Grande hotel, with an interesting program prepared. The Eastern Oregon Normal school faculty, the coach and the football squad will be guests of the chamber and some of them will make the first of the month, and prune and apple growers are not anxious for rain, as it would interrupt the work in the orchards.

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La Grande Lions Organize Club At Heppner, Ore.

A fifth Lions club was added to the Eastern Oregon district last night when the La Grande Lions sponsored the organization of a Heppner club. This was the fourth group formed here in less than four weeks by the La Grande Lions.

The Heppner organization has 21 charter members. James M. Burgess was elected president, C. L. Sweck vice president, E. C. Hall secretary-treasurer, S. C. Noll treasurer, Charles W. Smith, Paul L. Marble and Dr. A. H. Johnston, long term directors, and John A. Hiatt and Spencer Crawford, short term directors.

Mr. Hiatt is chairman of the membership committee and Mr. Noll is chairman of the committee on constitution and by-laws. S. L. Thompson, deputy district governor; Jack Ferris, president and Carl Helm of the La Grande club were present at the meeting, all giving brief addresses.

Mr. Ferris stated that with the Lions organization extending over Eastern Oregon it will be possible, through united effort, to secure greater publicity and interest for this section of the state, particularly in Western Oregon.

Golf Course Will See Busy Weekend

Another interesting day is in store for local golfers at the country club course tomorrow, it was announced today. In addition to the fall handicap tournament, now under way, a regular weeknight tournament will be held.

The tournament committee asks that as many matches as possible be played in the fall handicap tournament.

Young Man Hurt In Motorcycle Wreck

Leon Woodell, who was injured in a motorcycle accident between Hubler and Burns streets yesterday afternoon, left the Grande Ronde hospital today and expects to leave here for Oregon State college, to enter school immediately.

Mr. Woodell was hurt about the head but his injuries proved not to be serious.

NAME GENERAL EVERSON WASHINGTON, Sept. 21 (AP)—President Hoover today appointed Brigadier-General William Graham Everson of the Indiana national guard, as chief of the militia bureau of the war department.

FROM 12 COUNTRIES HONOLULU (AP)—The third biennial conference of the Institute of Pacific Relations at Kyoto, Japan, Oct. 24-Nov. 9, will have a membership of 180 from a dozen countries, including 49 from the United States, six from Hawaii and three from the Philippines. Official observers from the League of Nations are also expected.

CROSBY AND PARDEE LEAD AT ROUND-UP

Pendleton Show Will Close Tonight With Happy Canyon Pageant.

PARADE THRILLS THOUSANDS TODAY

Bonnie McCarroll, Woman Rough Rider, Still Unconscious From Accident Thursday.

PENDLETON, Ore., Sept. 21 (AP)—The twentieth annual Pendleton Round-up will close today with the naming of the all-around cowboy champion for the year. A handful of cow pokes are lunched in the race for the crown this year with Bob Crosby, three-time winner, and E. Pardee, veteran performer, standing out ahead of the others.

Officials said the meatest bunch of buckers are up for the world's championship contest. The thriller for the crowd today was the Western Ho parade with several miles of pioneer trains, cowboys and Indians featuring it. Happy Canyon, the night pageant, closes the show tonight.

Pardee went into the finals yesterday by winning the calf roping and wild horse events. He bulldozed his animal in 19 seconds. Crosby was second with 29.4 seconds.

Dick Shelton rode Phillip Toolins into the ground to advance to the finals in the world bucking contest, and Bobby Askins, former title holder, rode only three jumps on the hurricane back of King Tut. Mile Shelton won first honors in the cowboy punting races.

Bonnie McCarroll, woman rough rider, was still unconscious in hospital today after being tossed from her horse Thursday.

MESSENGER BOY ADMITS ROBBERY

Acted as Tool of Others in New York Theft Yesterday of \$512,000.

NEW YORK, Sept. 21 (AP)—Milton Alter, 18-year-old messenger boy, today confessed to the police that he had been the tool of others in the theft yesterday of \$512,000 in negotiable securities from his employers, R. V. Hissco company, brokers.

The boy, who had been employed by the brokerage house at a salary of \$15 a week, said the robbery was directed by a man known to him as Jack Kosen. The kid said Kosen had stopped him repeatedly on the street and urged upon him the easy opportunity of making money. The string was repeated yesterday before the boy visited the Guaranty Trust company to redeem with a \$40,000 certified check stocks and bonds worth \$512,000 which had been deposited on collateral on a loan.

"He said to me, 'he needed money and that I should work with him,' the boy said, 'and he then told me that my father was to receive \$50,000 as my share. Then I finally consented.'"

WETS WELP SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 20 (AP)—Wets weep and dry cheer. Consigned to the dump heap by court orders, \$75,000 worth of counterfeit money, seized aboard a fruit cutter, Quadra, was destroyed here yesterday.

STATUE DISCOVERED MOSCOW (AP)—A statue of Pygmalion and Galatea, attributed to the French sculptor Falconet who lived in the 18th century, has been found in the reserve stock of the Museum of Icons and Paintings, Falconet came to Russia in 1786 and remained 20 years. One of his works is the famous copper equestrian statue of Peter the Great in Leningrad.

GIBBY OF MISON READING, Cal., Sept. 21 (AP)—Charged with arson in connection with a purported plot to burn two barns on his family's ranch, Harold H. Braden, 44, son of a prosperous Trinity church rancher, was found guilty by a superior court jury.

Tiger Grid Squad In First Scrimmage Of Season—Team Assuming Shape

Some 22 husky Tigers, who have been waiting for two weeks to get a tussle smack at an opponent, had their chance yesterday afternoon, when Coach Ira Woodell put his first two teams through some brisk scrimmages.

On the one squad, there was Pat's Evans, Stanford and Paton in the back field with some of the veteran line-men, including Guilleman, Mrs. Captain Roe, Berry, Thompson and others. The other squad was lighter, but in spite of this gave the older players determined and at times successful resistance.

Stubborn Defense Now and then a forward pass would be intercepted for a direct gain against the veteran eleven and once in a while one of the lighter backfield men would knife through for a few yards.

But, on the whole, the Paus, Paton, Evans, Stoddard combination checked up gains, particularly Paton, who reeled off considerable yards in his own defense.

At times the bigger line would open holes for the backfield that a wagon could have gone through,

and at other times their opponents resisted efforts and held the backs almost on the line of scrimmage.

There was spirit and fight, and some pretty fair tackling, blocking and interference, showing up. Rough spots are still visible in evidence, however, and observers believe it will take at least two more weeks to have the squad into a well-behaved machine. And at the end of those two weeks, Nampa will furnish the test.

Painting yesterday was only preliminary, and whether the Tiger squad can picture a better way can put on high and away down the hill for far terms being certain. In other departments, there are extreme conditions developing.

The Tigers will go into a busy period of training next week and the week following, in preparation for the game at Wallowa Oct. 3 and the game with Nampa, Oct. 11. It is possible that the Tiger squad and the Eastern Oregon Normal school, against which they will make their first game, will meet together during the week after the Wallowa game occasionally.

Search Spreads For Murderer Of King Hill Girl

Southern Idaho Being Combed For Man in Striped Overalls and Wearing a Mackinaw.

KING HILL, Idaho, Sept. 21 (AP)—Search for the assassin of 11-year-old Marie West, found slain in the deep Snake River canyon near here yesterday, today had spread over 8-southern Idaho, a body, with the throat cut, and showing signs of an attack, was lying in the shallow water of the stream, but the bottom by a rock led to her leg with wire.

With only one bare clue to aid searchers for her assassin, officers over the southern part of this state have been asked to hold all suspects. A man in striped overalls and wearing a mackinaw was reported by a motorist as having been seen walking eastward along the Oregon Short line railroad tracks near the scene of the girl's murder at about the time it is supposed to have been committed Thursday.

An inquest into the death will be held this afternoon in Glenn Ferry, where the body was taken. Was on way to school.

The little girl had been adopted by Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Melsenz, less than a year ago, and when killed was on her way to school in King Hill, two miles from her home. Apparently she had scarcely got out of sight of her foster mother when the attack occurred.

Officers conducting the investigation, said she apparently was seized about 100 feet from a willow patch near where the body was found. She dropped her lunch bucket and the food spilled out along the right of way. The bucket was found, the food hastily crammed back into it, on an embankment above the railroad.

Officers were conducting their search principally among towns along the railroad for the country is sparsely settled to the north and east of King Hill for some distance, and is entirely desert a short distance across the river to the south and west.

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Co-Ed Robber Wins Battle In Courts

NEW BRAUNFELS, Tex., Sept. 21 (AP)—The long legal battle of Mrs. Rebecca Bradley Rogers, former University of Texas co-ed, to secure a prison sentence in connection with the \$1,000 robbery of the Farmers National bank of Buda, Tex., in 1926, today apparently had ended successfully.

The young woman's fourth trial came to a close last night when the jury, unable to agree, was discharged. Shortly afterward District Attorney Fred Brandt indicated he would not prosecute her the fifth time.

England Accepts Compromise Plan GENEVA, Sept. 21 (AP)—Lord Robert Cecil today withdrew the British abstention resolution regarding Ireland and the new treaty which had stirred league of nations debates this week and accepted a compromise proposal which he declared accomplished the purpose of the British government.

WEATHER OUTLOOK SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 21 (AP)—The weather outlook for the week beginning September 22, was announced here today by the United States weather bureau as follows:

For Western states: The outlook is for generally fair weather but with occasional fog along the coast. Temperatures above normal in the interior of California and below normal but rising towards the middle of the week elsewhere.

MESSENGER ROBBED NEW YORK, Sept. 21 (AP)—An 18-year-old member's messenger, who disappeared today with over a half million dollars in securities, planned his affairs late this afternoon that he was in Brooklyn, where he had been taken by two men who had kidnaped him and pushed him out of the precincts.

QUARANTINE SHELTER SAN PEDRO, Cal., Sept. 21 (AP)—A quarantine shed on a steeply sloped hill from San Clemente Island when it was announced by inspectors that they were infected with "scabbies."

SCHWAB ON STAND TODAY IN SHIP QUIZ

Chairman of Bethlehem Steel Denies Knowledge of Shearer's Work.

AGREEMENT MADE UNKNOWN TO HIM

New York Shipbuilding Corporation Treasurer Questioned on \$143,000 Spent in Capital.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21 (AP)—Employment of William B. Shearer, naval propagandist, by American shipbuilders as an "observer" at the Geneva conference was described as "most unwise," today by a senate investigating committee.

Charles M. Schwab, chairman of the board of directors of the Bethlehem Steel corporation, Schwab said he knew nothing about the Shearer deal until many months later. When first asked about the Shearer arrangement by a newspaperman, Schwab said he had denied it because "I couldn't believe it and knew nothing of it."

The Bethlehem Shipbuilding corporation, a subsidiary of the steel corporation, was one of the three companies which employed Shearer at Geneva.

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Seven men were aboard the seized vessel.

The patrol boat brought the schooner to the coast guard base at the state pier here and held the crew under heavy guard pending arrival of the customs authorities.

Deputy Collector Jerrold D. Dillon of the customs service, declared that the boat was seized within New York jurisdiction and that it would probably have to be taken to New York.

The cargo of alleged contraband is represented by about 1,000 cases of assorted liquor. It was learned that this apparently represented the seized portion of the original cargo aboard the ship.

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It would remain for congress to take action, but it is believed what is recommended on the issue by the bankers will receive the support of congress, for the reason that the plan is in the nature of a compromise with the state.

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Fight Circulation Of Questionnaire

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21 (AP)—Circulation in the public schools here of a questionnaire, sponsored by the Arizona administrative union seeking information as to religious affiliations of students and parents, caused consternation among parents today.

Threats of legal action to prevent further distribution of the questionnaire have been made by parents, it is said.

Ministerial representatives said the only reason the questionnaires were distributed was to enable churches to ascertain what homes in Arizona have no religious connections.

Cabaret Death List Grows To Twenty Persons

Investigation of Tragic Fire in Detroit Under Way—City Departments Are Involved.

DETROIT, Sept. 21 (AP)—The death list in the fire which early Friday swept the Study club, a Detroit cabaret, was increased to 20 today.

The latest death was that of Mrs. Helen Snyder, wife of Stuart Alfred Snyder, of Montreal. She died at Receiving hospital.

The body of a woman in the county morgue was identified shortly before noon as that of Miss Mabel Ireland, of Saginaw, Mich.

Authorities were seeking to determine whether the unidentified body of a man at the morgue is that of Allan Klein, of Cleveland, president of the Goldsmith Publishing company, as indicated in an anonymous telephone call received by Deputy Coroner George A. Berg.

Klein is known to have been in Detroit on business Thursday and to have been a friend of Miss Ireland.

One of the injured, Roland Lowe, of Detroit, died early today. Eight of the injured have been discharged, while a majority of the others are reported in a "temporarily serious condition."

Making Investigation Investigation of the fire today broadened to include four city departments in its scope.

While Henry J. Garvin, a detective inspector, tentatively placed the blame for the tragedy on the cloak room girl who is said to have opened the front door when the flames were first discovered on the first floor of the club, County Prosecutor James C. Chesebrough announced that his office not only would seek to place criminal responsibility for the fire but would hold to account as well, the authorities who permitted the place to operate.

Departments which will be affected in view of the prosecutor's statement were the recreation department, which granted the license for dancing, the police department, which approved a permit for remodeling of the place when it was opened last year, and the fire commission which permitted the building to open after its investigation was supposed to have proved the place safe.

Proprietor Held Prosecutor Chesebrough said that Martin Cohen, owner of the Study club, who is being held pending the investigation, admitted he recently had been ordered to install a fire escape to replace an old one which had been torn down. Laurence J. Riehwine, a recreation department inspector, said that Cohen had been granted a permit a year ago on the promise that he would build the new fire escape. Cohen also admitted, the prosecutor asserted, there were no signs pointing to exits.

Natives Afraid According to brief wireless dispatches from the plane, the natives of the island at first fled when they saw the big machine in the sky hovering over the island but later returned to their dwellings when the plane descended. Upon being reassured that the unexpected Russian visitors were not hostile, the natives welcomed the air-men heartily and placed all their slender resources and supply of food at their disposal.

After resting here for a day or two and priming their machine for (Continued on Page 16)

WHIPPERS ARE IN JAIL TODAY IN PORTLAND

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 2