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THE WEATHER Oregon: Fair and continued cold tonight and Tuesday; moderate east to north winds on the coast.

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CREWS WORK NIGHT, DAY; ROADS OPEN

Nearly Foot of Snow Followed by Wind Keeps Department Busy.

MERCURY DOWN TO FIVE BELOW HERE

Severe Cold General Over State With Sub-Zero Temperatures in Western Oregon.

Table with 2 columns: Location and Temperature. Includes La Grande, Meacham, Reith, Telocast, Huntington, Salem, Portland, Bend, The Dalles, Eugene.

Eastern Oregon and parts of Western Oregon were again drenched by heavy rains during last night and early this morning, and a chilly wind that whipped La Grande, made the five below mark here seem much colder.

Highway crews were busy night and day over the weekend keeping the roads clear, but now were blocked and this morning the department officers reported all roads clear.

In La Grande, the city sidewalk snowplow was attacking drifts that made walking difficult in some sections, and snow shovels were in general demand over the city.

A report was received here that several cars were snowbound for awhile yesterday north of the city park on the Mt. Glen road.

This morning, with the wind moderating and the mercury up to two below at 7:30 o'clock, the sun brightened the valley from a cloudless sky, and the temperature began climbing at a somewhat more rapid rate.

Since Sunday night, Jan. 6, La Grande has had no weather above freezing point, the mercury ranging from an even 32 above to 19 below, or a total of 48 degrees.

The forecast for tonight and tomorrow is "continued cold."

SALEM TWO BELOW SALEM, Ore., Jan. 20 (AP)—After riding through Sunday with a maximum of 19 degrees above zero the official temperature plunged down during the night to a minimum of 2 below zero, the coldest since December, 1919, when 6 below was recorded.

NO RELIEF IN SIGHT PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 20 (AP)—As winds stirring up a turbulent coast wind, the Spirit of Winter hovered tensely over Oregon today. Nowhere in the state was there indication of relief. In no section could weather observers offer encouragement to those making anxious queries. Things had come to such a pass that "old timers" were writing to newspapers, pointing out that "not since back in..."

With the thermometer at 19 degrees in Portland today, and temperatures ranging from 17 to 26 degrees during the past 24 hours, the weather forecast indicated continued cold today and tomorrow, with easterly winds and clear skies.

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KLEIN VISITS; PLAN SURVEY OF COLLEGES

Dr. Arthur J. Klein, who heads the higher education division of the United States office of education, spent Saturday in La Grande in conference with H. E. Inlow, president of the Eastern Oregon Normal school.

The conference was with reference to the higher educational survey to be conducted in Oregon this year under the direction of the state board of higher education. This survey will include the five state institutions, the University of Oregon, Oregon State college and the three Normal schools, and is expected to be completed during 1930.

WEATHER TODAY 7:30 a. m.—2 below zero. Minimum: 5 below. Conditions: clear.

WEATHER YESTERDAY Maximum: 15 above, minimum: 5 above. Conditions: snow 7 inches, moisture .50 of inch (four inches snow fell Saturday night).

WEATHER JAN. 20, 1929 Maximum: 19 above, minimum: 10 below zero. Conditions: partly cloudy.

La Grande And Two Others Bid For Convention

Executive Committee of Wool Growers Association Expected to Decide Next June.

The Oregon Wool Growers Association, which completed its annual convention last Saturday at The Dalles, may meet in La Grande next year. However, this city, in its bid for the 1931 convention, has two rivals—both in Eastern Oregon—in the communities of Burns and Ontario.

The La Grande bid was extended to the sheep men by Walter Pierce, former governor; Harry G. Avery, county agriculturist, and A. I. Hunter, secretary of the Union county chamber of commerce, who returned Saturday from The Dalles meeting.

The decision to enter a bid followed action of the county association at its meeting at Union recently, when the movement was sponsored by G. I. Hess, president of the Union commercial club. The vote at the county meeting was unanimous.

Three local men who attended the convention report that the decision as to the site for the 1931 meeting will be made next June.

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Dog Team Races Up Adams, Driven By Thula Geelan

Downtown La Grande this morning had a glimpse of a dog team, mushing along miles per hour and driven by one of the most famous women in dog racing in the west.

Mrs. Thula Geelan, of McCall, Idaho, and Mrs. Geelan, en route to Truckee, Cal., for the 20-mile three-day races there Jan. 31, Feb. 1, 2, stopped off here for a few hours and Mrs. Geelan ran the team of nine Irish setters from the Jennings garage up Adams to the La Grande hotel and then back.

Mrs. Geelan finished third at Truckee last winter and fifth at McCall, competing with a dozen of the best men and women drivers in the country. From Truckee, the Geelans will go to Ogdon, Feb. 15 and 16 for a 50-mile race, then to Ashton for the 25-mile derby there Feb. 22 and then back to McCall for the Feb. 28-March 1 race.

McCall's 25-mile dog race is scheduled for the first day and ski jumping for the second day.

In La Grande today, Mrs. Geelan remarked that the nearby hills here offered an ideal spot for ski jumping. Mr. Geelan, who was formerly a merchant in McCall, before selling his business to become a dog fancier, was the instigator of the McCall event, which now ranks among the leading ones in the nation, after seven years of operation.

Fire Damages Courtney Home; Loss About \$250

A new home, belonging to Earl Courtney, and located near La Grande, was damaged to the extent of about \$250 by fire Saturday at 6:10 p. m., according to Fire Chief C. T. Lindsey.

The fire, the origin of which is unknown, was in the front end of the attic. The loss was covered by insurance.

Mr. Courtney was preparing to move into the recently completed house but the fire is expected to cause him to postpone this until repairs are made.

Discuss Business At Forum Luncheon

Four business matters will be taken up at the chamber of commerce luncheon at the La Grande hotel tomorrow at noon. Matters to be discussed include the Mt. Emily highway, the Lewiston cutoff, the economic conference, and proposed stamp or slogan for La Grande, according to announcement today.

The Lewiston cutoff fight, which ended with success last week when the I. C. C. refused to authorize construction of the Homestead-Lewiston railroad project, will be reviewed.

All business men are urged to attend the luncheon tomorrow.

"Runaway" Log Is Fatal to Horses

Iyer Simonsen, logging contractor in the Ladd Canyon district, suffered the loss of a valuable team of horses Saturday, according to word received here. The two horses were at the bottom of a log chute when a log jumped over the chute, striking and killing the animals.

WASER UNDER KNIFE

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 20 (AP)—Lloyd Warner, Pittsburgh Private outfitting, had his appendix removed here today and was reported in good condition following the operation. Aside from slowing down during early spring training, the operation was not expected to interfere with Warner's work.

BATTLESHIP REDUCTION IS FAVORED

Hoover's Announcement Hopefully Received in London Today.

CONFERENCE WILL BEGIN TOMORROW

King George Receives Delegation This Afternoon—Will Talk Over Radio 2:40 a. m.

LONDON, Jan. 20 (AP)—The time of the NBC rebroadcast of the opening ceremonies at the five-power naval treaty from London tomorrow morning has been advanced 20 minutes. The pickup is to start at 5:40 a. m. eastern standard time, instead of 6 o'clock (2:40 Pacific time).

Previous to the address of King George of England, opening the party, William Hard, NBC representative, who will make daily reports on the progress of the conference, will introduce an English commentator.

The CBS chain also announced a change in the time of its broadcast to 5:40 a. m. An English speaker will introduce the king to its audience.

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TIGERS NOSE OUT ENTERPRISE 16-15

Sannar, Chieftain Forward, Held to Six Points in Saturday Game.

The La Grande Tigers evaded the pre-tournament count with Enterprise Saturday night by nose-outing the Chieftains 16 to 15 on the small Enterprise floor, in a rough game. Earlier in the season Enterprise defeated La Grande here by a decisive count.

Sannar, crack forward with the Enterprise, aggregation, was held to six points, largely because of "covering" by Willie Torrence, Tiger center.

The game concluded a branch line trip that started with a loss to Joseph the night before. Following the contest, the team drove back to La Grande, arriving here late during the night.

The Tigers, remembering the earlier defeat, scored six points in rapid succession, before Enterprise got started, and at the end of the game.

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"How Cold Was It?" Remains Leading Question As Frigid Wave Continues

'Is it cold enough for you?' That question, asked during the last fortnight possibly more than any other one, is becoming decidedly unpopular in most sections of La Grande, although its partner: "How cold was it?" still remains in the circle of popularity.

"My thermometer says 19 below," one man informs, and another immediately disputes him with the statement that his says "only eight below." A few mornings ago, when it was 16 below here, two thermometers, on opposite sides of a business street in La Grande, were exactly five degrees apart at the same moment—one saying 18 below and the other 15 below.

But thermometers are personal matters, and each owner has the unquestioned right to "stick up" for his particular weather reader.

Anyhow, whether the thermometer said zero or ten below last night, there is no question but that it was cold, and the famous "Hot Stove League" was plenty popular. With the wind whipping through

children couldn't get to school unless the snow drifts were pierced.

All of the roads are up in the sections—that is the Old Oregon Trail and La Grande-Wallowa Lake highway are being traveled—but state highway crews were forced to work day and night over the weekend to prevent drifts from stopping automobiles. This morning the report was issued that the highways are in good condition now for this time of the year, and that no stretch was actually blocked during the storm. The railroad trains were encountering no difficulties, and with the wind

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Sign Protocol Ending 10 Years Of Negotiation

Document Adopting Young Plan of Reparations Agreed Upon After General Compromise

THE HAGUE, Jan. 20 (AP)—The protocol adopting the Young plan was signed this afternoon at the second Hague reparations conference.

After more than 24 hours of continuous session the committee on non-German reparations finally solved the conflict between Hungary and Austria and their reparations creditors today.

The result was a complete compromise to which every one contributed something and appeared to be satisfactory to the sleepy and hungry delegates.

Hungary agrees to pay her creditors 12,500,000 gold crowns a year after 1943 until 1956 while Austria pays 1,000,000 gold crowns a year during the same period.

The document, which puts an end to ten years of contention and negotiation of the reparations problem, consisted of 119 pages with fourteen annexes and twenty separate agreements between the different powers.

It scales down the total reparations Germany must pay for the enormous claims presented at peace conference totalling \$100,000,000 to a little less than \$9,000,000,000 payable in fifty-nine years.

It brings to an end the sanctions authorized by the treaty of Versailles in the eventuality of a default by Germany and throws the

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GUARDSMEN TO GET \$1200 PAY THIS EVENING

Company E, 186th Infantry, will receive pay checks for the period ending Dec. 31, at the regular drill tonight, the checks this time amounting to approximately \$1,200, the largest total in the company's history. This is due, according to Capt. W. A. Benn, to the excellent attendance during October, November and December, and also to extra drills held to make up for ones missed during June and July.

A non-commissioned officers' school will follow drill tonight. The drill will be of a nature preparatory for the federal inspection, to be held the first of March.

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Judge Faces 1,000 Cases of Divorce

CHICAGO, Jan. 20 (AP)—Judge Harry A. Lewis, chief justice of the superior court, started today to clear the docket of more than 1,000 contested divorce cases.

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Gladys Mae Parks Given Long Term

CAMPDEN, N. J., Jan. 20 (AP)—Gladys Mae Parks, convicted of second degree murder and manslaughter for the deaths of two children, was today sentenced to 25 years imprisonment.

She received 25 years on the charge of killing Dorothy Rogers, 4 and 19 years on the manslaughter charge for the death of Timothy Rogers, the sentences to run concurrently.

Radio Commission Loses Its Appeal

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20 (AP)—The supreme court today in effect threw out the appeal of the Federal Radio Commission in the General Electric case involving broadcasting station WGC at Schenectady, N. Y.

The court declined to hear counsel for the General Electric company after counsel for the government had closed.

This indicated the General Electric had won in its contention that the decision in its favor by the District of Columbia court of appeals permitting WGY to be on the air without time limit was final and not open to review by the supreme court.

RECAPTURE CONVICTS MACON, Ga., Jan. 20 (AP)—Three escaped convicts from the West Virginia penitentiary were captured in a swamp near here this morning after a battle with officers who had kept an all night vigil about the area. Two of the convicts, a man named Bias and one named Childers, were wounded. Bias probably fatally. The men told officers they escaped while serving sentences of 40 years each.

YOUNGEST COMMERCIAL PILOT



Betty Russell, San Francisco high school student, and just 18, celebrated her birthday by going right up in the air when she received her commercial pilot's license. Boy or girl, she is the youngest such pilot in the United States, it is claimed.

43,487 Violent Deaths In One Decade, Chicago

CHICAGO, Jan. 20 (AP)—A decade of deaths from violent and unnatural causes was reviewed today by Dr. Herman N. Hundersen, Cook county coroner.

In the period from 1920 to 1929, there were 43,487 such fatalities, the coroner said, automobiles being the principal cause. Deaths from this cause showed an increase of 100 per cent in the ten year period. Deaths from alcoholism increased from 29 in 1920 to more than 300 last year, he said.

"Had alcohol been the one outstanding problem faced by this nation today," Dr. Hundersen said, "He pointed out that had liquor was as apt to be found in Gold Coast neighborhoods as in the slums."

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WOMAN DECLARES PROHI LAW FAILS

Congresswoman Mary K. Norton Would Amend the U. S. Constitution

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20 (AP)—Asserting that "as an experiment, noble or otherwise, prohibition has failed," Representative Mary K. Norton, democratic, New Jersey, a wet, introduced a resolution today to amend the constitution to permit a referendum on the question of repealing the eighteenth amendment.

The proposal would be submitted by the states to voters at the first general congressional election three months after the adoption of the resolution.

If a majority voted for repeal, the eighteenth amendment would no longer be a part of the constitution but congress would retain power to prohibit interstate transportation of liquor in violation of state laws and no state would be permitted to have saloons.

Mrs. Norton said in a statement that in introducing the resolution, she believed she was voicing the sentiment "of the best thinking men and women in America."

"Women who believe, as I do, in temperance," she added, "realize that as an experiment, noble or otherwise, prohibition has failed."

PROGRAM CONSIDERED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20 (AP)—The program for bolstering the prohibition laws was taken up today by the senate judiciary committee and subcommittees were appointed by Chairman Norris to consider pending measures.

Senator Harris, democrat, Georgia, a dry wet before the committee to urge his bill carrying out the recommendation of the law enforcement commission to give the United States commissioner power to try minor prohibition cases.

The committee asked Attorney General Mitchell to submit a report on this proposition, against which some opposition has appeared on the ground that it might be contrary to the constitutional guarantee of trial by jury.

Chairman Norris named a subcommittee including Senators Steiwer, Oregon and Herbert, Rhode Island, republican, and Overman, North Carolina, democrat, to consider the Harris measure.

Senator King, democrat, Utah, brought up his bill for transfer of the prohibition enforcement service from the treasury to the justice department—another recommendation of the law enforcement commission.

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16 KILLED IN PLANE CRASH LATE SUNDAY

Giant Monoplane Plunges Into Mountainside Near Oceanside, California.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 20 (AP)—Flaming death, striking out of the muck of a fog-laden sky, today had claimed the lives of sixteen airplane passengers, spectators at Sunday's jockey races in Agua Caliente, Mexico. Their pleasure jaunt was cut suddenly short last night by the plunge of their giant T. A. Muddox airplane, tri-motored Ford monoplane, into a Southern California hillside as they returned to their Los Angeles homes. Eight men and eight women, all but three of whose bodies were burned beyond recognition, were the victims of a sudden horror, that swooped them from the air into the oblivion of a gasoline-fed funeral pyre.

Eye-witnesses, motorists who likewise were hurrying homeward along the coast highway topping the bluffs of the Pacific shoreland, men who said they heard trouble, some airplane motors sputtering uselessly, and the pilot of a Western Air Express passenger plane who saw the great craft take its human cargo to its horrible doom—all spoke of the misty fog, hanging like a black shroud which forced planes beneath a dangerously low 200-foot ceiling.

Red Hot Coffin Eye-witnesses who, hearing the crash and struck with horror by the immediate licking flames, hurried to the spot only to find red hot metal a coffin for the victims, reported helplessly that all had been beyond the reach of human aid. The great plane, apparently snagging the hillside with a wingtip, tore through the soft soil many yards, breaking wide open the cabin, scorching in flames from burst fuel tanks, and piling into a crumpled mass that let not a single life escape.

The dead: Edward J. Bowen, president Union Tank and Pipe company, Los Angeles. Mrs. Edward J. Bowen, Los Angeles. Sedic Brown, assistant to J. L. Maddux, president of the T. A. T. Maddux Air Lines, Los Angeles. Mrs. Sedic Brown, Los Angeles. Mrs. Doris Cantillon, wife of Attorney Richard Cantillon, Los Angeles. Mrs. Ada M. Glover, relative of Mrs. Cantillon, Los Angeles. Mrs. Hannah Collier, Fairhope, Alabama. Miss Frances Jamison, Pasadena, Cal. Benjamin Miller, San Francisco, Cal. Mrs. Benjamin Miller, San Francisco, Cal. W. W. Paden, real estate man, Los Angeles. Edward J. Small, Los Angeles. Charles Raybold, Fairhope, Alabama. Elizabeth Squibb, Pasadena, Cal. Basil Russell, pilot of the plane. Freddie Walker, assistant pilot.

The plane, one of the latest all-metal, tri-motored ships to ply the T. A. T. Maddux Airways, which earlier in the day had flown to Agua Caliente laden with joyous week end sight-seers intent upon a

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Arctic Patrol, With 5 Missing Safe In Spokane

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 20 (AP)—Seventeen of the 22 ship Arctic patrol of the first pursuit squadron of the army, sent out from Selfridge Field, Mich., for winter flying experience, rested here today, the westward part of their previous completed.

Thirteen planes, all Curtiss Hawk pursuit ships in charge of Major Ralph Royce, squadron commander, glided into Newman Lake, 15 air miles from Spokane, yesterday after a speedy trip from Great Falls, Mont. This patrol joined the three pursuit planes and one tri-motored transport which broke through blizzards to arrive here from Kallispell, Mont., Friday.

The remaining five ships are scattered from Montana to Michigan, attempting to get through to reach the first objective of the flight.

In contrast to the truly Arctic conditions found on the early part of the trip, where blizzard-like snowstorms hurled the tiny ships like leaves in a dust storm and 43 below zero temperatures froze motors, the last leg of the flight was made in fair weather and under clear skies.

POLICE DOG SAVES TEN FROM FLAMES

CHICAGO, Jan. 20 (AP)—Rin, a police dog, was given credit today for having saved Mrs. Mary Ebersole, her three children and six other persons from possible death by fire early yesterday.

The dog leaped upon Mrs. Ebersole's bed, awakening her when fire broke out in the bedroom and had reached within 15 feet of her. Mrs. Ebersole aroused her children and notified the family in the flat above. A fireman was believed to have started the fire.

BAKER STORM BLOCKS ROADS OVER COUNTY

BAKER, Ore., Jan. 20 (AP)—A severe blizzard that blocked practically all market roads in the county and piled snow to a depth of two feet in some places of the city, was followed today by a sudden drop in temperature. The mercury slide off to eight degrees below zero at 5 a. m.

Six inches of snow fell Saturday night and yesterday, leaving a covering averaging ten inches in depth. Later today a warm sun brought slightly rising temperatures.

The Richland-Roberts road is blocked. Charles Baird, county judge, said he was certain all county roads were in bad condition. All state roads in the county are being kept open despite drifting snow.

Stinging Cold Fatal To Eight In South States

Sheriff Freezes to Death Down in Mississippi—Louisiana Man Dies of Exposure.

ATLANTA, Jan. 20 (AP)—Stinging cold, which carried sub-zero weather to the recesses of the Shenandoah valley of Virginia and the mountains of Arkansas in its weekend spread over the southland, has written a death list of eight names.

As the temperatures moderated today three more fatalities were reported.

Sheriff John W. Owens, 46, and W. J. Jones, 62, chancery court clerk, froze to death near Canton, Miss. The boat in which they were hunting on Big Black river capsized and after swimming to shore they became lost trying to make their way to shelter. Willis C. Walker, formerly of St. Joseph, Mo., died at Zwolle, La., from exposure.

Negro Freezes Traffic mishaps previously had taken three lives while an unidentified negro froze to death in Tennessee and a Louisiana planter was injured fatally in a slip on the ice. Thermometer readings rebounded more rapidly in snow swept Arkansas and Tennessee than in Virginia. In the former states only traces of the snowfall remained today. The Shenandoah valley experienced the coldest weather in eight years—twelve degrees below zero yesterday. There were no known casualties in that area however.

Improvement also was noted in Louisiana and Mississippi as temperatures worked their way above the freezing stage.

TWO DEATHS IN NEW YORK NEW YORK, Jan. 20 (AP)—Two deaths were on record today from the coldest weather experienced in the metropolitan area this winter. It was much colder in Pennsylvania and three deaths occurred in that state.

The mercury reached a minimum of 10 degrees above zero in New York City yesterday.

FIVE DEAD IN MID-WEST CHICAGO, Jan. 20 (AP)—The cold wave had moderated today, but not until it had cost the lives of five persons; three of them infants.

One baby was found dead in his crib, having been overcome by coal gas in the kitchen stove which had been kept burning during the night because of the severe weekend cold. Another was suffocated by extra blankets placed over his bed, and a third was burned to death when covers of his crib blanket caught fire from a stove.

William Daly, 65, was found dead of cold in his basement home, and Christopher Weyhe, 67, died of exposure.

The temperature, which was well under zero yesterday, responded to a Sabbath sun and tempering breezes, and was bound for a maximum of 25 degrees above zero today, the forecast said. Weather no colder than 15 above was the worst the weatherman could see in the immediate future. The entire mid-western

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TWO OFFICERS ARE SLAIN IN LIQUOR RAID

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla., Jan. 20 (AP)—Prosecution of George V. Moore in the state courts on murder charges for the slaying of two drys agents in a raid on his home was asked today by federal authorities coincident with a statement from Moore's attorney that the officers attempted to enter the residence "without a legal warrant."

District administrator Robert E. Tuttle of Savannah, said data gathered in his investigation of the killing of Robert K. Moore and P. R. Patterson would be turned over to Florida officers with a request for action against Moore. He said a warrant for the search of Moore's home obtained upon information that 12 quarts of liquor had been purchased from him Saturday was shown to the alleged bootlegger by Mooreure when the agents went to his residence that evening.

E. M. Baynes, counsel for Moore, declared that "they (the agents) overstepped their bounds and the shooting followed. They made an attempt to break into Moore's home with a warrant that did not permit search after night fall."

Four men were in the raiding party, but two escaped unharmed to Savannah. Mooreure was shot as he stood at Moore's front door and Patterson fell in the kitchen.