

PROGRESS IS BEING MADE IN BUILDING

Completion of Depot Foundation Work is to Take Place Soon.

HOTEL ANNEX IS NEARING THE TOP

Workmen Laying Brick on Seventh Floor—Other Projects in City Are Moving Ahead.

With carloads of sand and gravel unloaded at the site of the new Union Pacific \$150,000 depot in La Grande yesterday, preparations are heading up for the completion of the pouring of concrete for the basement. Concrete has already been poured for much of the foundation but the basement proper was still in process of excavation yesterday.

Work has been progressing as rapidly as possible on the depot, and it is expected that it will be completed sometime this fall.

Work on Seventh Story

Brick layers are at work now on the seventh floor of the Sacajawea Inn, the pouring of concrete having been completed. The upper floor of the annex to the hotel building, which is being erected by Julius Roesch, will consist of apartments.

Work on the annex was started early this year and has gone ahead with very little delay, story after story going up with the passing of the spring weeks.

The annex will give Mr. Roesch and La Grande a block of buildings very rarely found in a city of comparable size.

Other Work Moving Ahead

Other construction work in La Grande is moving ahead very well. Three projects have been completed in the last fortnight—the Perkins Firestone station, the A. R. Hunter station and the new Observer building.

The concrete work for the L. C. Smith apartment building on Washington between Elm and Depot has been completed.

On the site where the Masonic association will erect a two-story building to be occupied by the J. C. Pomeroy company, excavation has been completed and the concrete has been poured for the basement and the workmen are going ahead with the remainder.

East of the Larson Chevrolet garage, giant timbers are on the ground for the garage annex to be built by Mr. Roesch, and concrete foundation work has been taken care of.

In addition to these buildings, several other projects of size, including the Cemetery Memorial works on East Adams and other residential and business construction, is under way or else being planned for this year.

Permits \$400,000

Building permits at present are almost \$400,000, which figure is expected to pass the half million mark before the year ends, which will make 1930 the second largest year in local building history.

MAN WANTED IN TACOMA IS JAILED HERE

B. Terry and Sylvia Cummins, 15-year-old girl, were taken from the La Grande city jail yesterday by a Walla Walla guard who was to deliver them to Tacoma officers. Terry is charged with enticing the girl from her home. He was arrested here Friday after local officers received a wire from Washington.

Myers and Ryder Trial Under Way

PORTLAND, Ore., June 25 (AP)—Trial of Donald E. Myers and Forrest Ryder, of La Grande, who are charged with the operation of a still near Elgin, Ore., continued in federal court here today.

SUPPLY BILL VOTE BLOCKED

WASHINGTON, June 25 (AP)—Consideration of the second deficiency appropriation bill carrying funds for starting the Boulder Canyon dam and various other emergency appropriations was blocked in the senate today by Senator Couzens, republican, Michigan, who demanded prior consideration of the house measure regulating motor bus transportation.

WEATHER TODAY

7:30 a. m.—49 above.
Minimum: 45 above.
Condition: partly cloudy.

WEATHER YESTERDAY

Maximum 73, minimum 48 above.
Condition: partly cloudy.

WEATHER JUNE 25, 1929

Maximum 81, minimum 61 above.
Condition: clear.

Company E Will Arrive Home At About 9 A. M.

La Grande Guardsmen in Portland Today on Leave—Start for East Oregon Tonight.

Company E, 18th Infantry, will arrive in La Grande about 9 o'clock tomorrow morning on a special train, according to reports today from railroad officials here. The guardsmen left Camp Clatsop this morning, where they have spent the last 15 days, and were to spend today in Portland on leave, enroute for Eastern Oregon this evening. Besides La Grande guardsmen, the companies from Baker, Pendleton, Union and The Dalles were to come east on the special train.

By Charles Cook
(Observer Correspondent)

CAMP CLATSOP, Ore. (June 24 by mail)—With just one more day of training at Camp Clatsop, Company E, La Grande's national guard organization, is eager to go home after two weeks of successes. The company was outstanding in athletics, a La Grande man winning first place in the 100-yard dash in the field meet and a La Grande team winning the Oregon national guard championship in the tent pitching race. Company E's baseball team won the regimental championship, also. The company played an outstanding part in the great combat demonstration held Saturday and was an efficient guard detail on Saturday night.

Company E played an important part in the sham battle held on Saturday afternoon. Company E men held 100 yards of the half mile long battle front and went through its part in the big show without a hitch. After the heavy artillery in the rear had begun its barrage and the machine gunners had rained clouds of dust on the opposite hillside, the skirmish line went forward and added to the din. The line moved forward and a second line followed, adding to the noise which blank ammunition and contributing to the spectacle by setting off smoke bombs. The third wave got its chance to show off when the final rush was made and 1500 yelling men dashed up.

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Starr Praises Normal School in Rotary Talk

C. L. Starr, former Oregon Normal school regent and present member of the state board of higher education, was a visitor in La Grande today, visiting the Eastern Oregon Normal school, President H. E. Inlow, ex-Governor Walter M. Pierce and many other friends in this city.

Mr. Starr, who is from Portland, was guest speaker at the Rotary club luncheon at noon at the La Grande hotel, giving a brief outline of the work of the new state board of higher education. He then spoke of the local Normal school, saying that there is no doubt among those who know the facts as to the splendid work of President Inlow and the faculty, already proven by the quality of the graduates turned out this spring. Quality rather than quantity is his idea.

Mr. Starr also stressed the fact that all state institutions are paid for by the state as a whole and that partisanship should be avoided.

College Quartet Will Sing Friday

The male quartet of the Northwest Nazarene college will sing at the Church of the Nazarene Friday evening, June 27. It was announced today by the Rev. G. E. Sharp, Accompanying the quartet will be the A. D. Messers, of Ontario. All are invited to attend the program which begins at 8 p. m.

Albert Hopkins Accepts School

Albert Hopkins, a student of the Eastern Oregon Normal school and a letterman in baseball at the Normal school and major sports at the Norman, Okla., high school where he graduated, has accepted the position as principal of the Oregon Trail school, four miles south of Nyssa. Mr. Hopkins attended the University of Oklahoma in '29 and is now completing his work at the summer session of the Normal school.

Missionaries Will Speak At Mission

Louis Johnson and Arland Wascell, missionaries to Borneo, Dutch East Indies, will speak at the Gospel mission Thursday and Friday evenings at 7:45 p. m. These two missionaries will be leaving for the Dutch East Indies in August of this year, where thousands of people are being taught the old line gospel. Mr. Wascell plays the piano and organ and both men are good singers and speakers. It is said.

CLEAR ROAD FOR SECOND HOOVER VETO

Branded "Bad Legislation" Veterans Relief Bill Goes to President.

G. O. P. LEADERSHIP SUPPORTING HIM

If House Fails to Override Veto, Another Veterans Measure Will be Formulated.

WASHINGTON, June 25 (AP)—The road was cleared for President Hoover's second stinging veto of a veterans relief bill today by house acceptance of senate amendments to its measure to aid world war soldiers.

Branded "bad legislation" by the president, it goes to him at once. He is expected to repeat his objections in a decisive veto message, after which the house will be called upon to sustain or override him.

May Not Reach Senate

A two-third vote is necessary to override a veto and, with the republican leadership behind Mr. Hoover, proponents of the bill are expected to be defeated. The senate would not then be called upon to act on the veto. The house will begin formulation of another veterans bill aimed to overcome administration protests.

The first such bill vetoed was for relief of Spanish-American veterans. Both senate and house overrode Mr. Hoover's wishes. He repeated his objections to that legislation after it was enacted into law.

Will Support Veto
In a caucus last night of 154 republicans, it was agreed to support.

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JULIUS MEIER'S HAT IN THE RING

Portland Business Man Willing to Carry on So-Called Joseph Platform

PORTLAND, Ore., June 25 (AP)—Julius L. Meier, prominent Portland business man, today had entered the ranks of receptive candidates for the republican nomination for governor.

A statement he issued last night indicated that he would carry on the so-called Joseph platform, but "I will not stand in the way of a man who is wholeheartedly in sympathy with the Joseph ideals."

The boom for Meier started in Klamath Falls from where dispatches named him as the logical successor to the nomination to succeed Senator George W. Joseph, who died suddenly at Camp Clatsop.

"If I personally can help to carry out the will of the people as demonstrated at the polls in the form of the Joseph platform, I shall be satisfied," Meier said.

Invited to Attend Coolidge Reunion

Mrs. Richard Shanks, of this city, who is a second cousin to ex-President Calvin Coolidge, has received an invitation to attend the Coolidge family reunion to be held at Whitehouse, Mass., on June 28 in honor of John and Mary Coolidge (who came over to America 209 years ago) and all their descendants.

Reports Still Persist That Pope Is Indisposed, Despite Denials

VATICAN CITY, June 25 (AP)—Reports still persisted today that Pope Pius XI is indisposed, despite a denial by authorized officials that he is suffering from a uremic crisis.

It was learned that several Roman doctors have been consulted recently concerning the pontiff's aggravated bladder trouble, and that the possibility of an operation has been discussed.

It is most difficult to ascertain the exact nature of the pope's reported malady since Pius XI, unlike his predecessors, has not appointed an "archibishop" or papal physician.

The result is that whenever the pontiff feels the need of medical advice Dr. Milani, director of public health services of Vatican City state, is called in. He is in no wise the pope's personal physician and is not in daily contact with him and his calls on his patient are extremely intermittent.

Vatican spokesmen, in support of their denial that there is anything grave in the pope's condition, pointed to the energetic fashion in which he conducts audiences of large groups—the quickness of his step as he circles around the big halls, the vigor and clarity of his speeches to pilgrims and above all his unflinching joviality.

Shansi Troops Enter City Of Tsinanfu Today

Allies of Rebellious Northern Faction Capture Important Chinese Center; no Bloodshed.

TOKYO, June 25 (AP)—A Renko news agency dispatch today from Tsinanfu, capital of Shan-tung, said one regiment of Shansi troops, allies of the rebellious northern faction, entered the city this afternoon. Northern occupation of the city was orderly as Nationalist forces had evacuated it during the early morning.

Han Fu-Chu Nationalist commander, left Tsinanfu on a special train at 8 a. m., and the evacuation of his troops was completed an hour later.

The Shansi army arrived four miles west of the city last night and the vanguard made an orderly entrance today. Anticipating possible disorders Japanese authorities in the capital city summoned all women and children to places of refuge last night.

Although anxiety had not ended, official circles in Tokyo were gratified that there had been no bloodshed and saw therein justification for Foreign Minister Baron Shidehara's "hands off" policy.

EVACUATION UNDER WAY

PEIPING, June 25 (AP)—The forces of the Nanking government began the evacuation of Tsinanfu yesterday morning and troops of the northern coalition are expected to enter the city today.

A number of Japanese and other foreigners already have left and arrangements are being made for assembling the other foreign residents in places of safety in case of need, although it is generally felt that serious disturbances during the transfer are unlikely.

According to a dispatch from Mukden, the northern party has reached an agreement with Chang Hsueh Liang, the Manchurian war lord, regarding Chaatung.

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PENDLETON, Ore. (June 25 AP)—Marion Jack, 60, prominent Pendleton pioneer, died yesterday in his cabin in the Blue mountains. Death resulted from a heart attack. With him at the time of death was Colonel J. H. Haley, lifelong friend and pioneer of this country.

News of the death of Marion Jack was received with sorrow in La Grande, where he is very well known. Mr. Jack is a former member of the state game commission and one of the very prominent republican politicians in Eastern Oregon.

Exclusive Casino Raided by Officers

NEW YORK, June 25 (AP)—Officers, officials and waiters of the exclusive Central Park Casino and the Ritz-Carlton roof were held in hall ranging from \$500 to \$1000 today on charges growing out of raids by federal prohibition agents last night.

Ball of guests charged with possession of liquor was fixed at \$500. Officials of the Ritz-Carlton were held in \$1000 ball on charges of maintaining a nuisance and the waiters were held in a like amount charged with sale and possession.

DOLP IS ELIMINATED

OAKMONT, Pa., June 25 (AP)—Winston Fuller, University of Southern California, defeated John Beale, Union college, one up, and will meet the other Southern California entry, Allen Moser, in the second round.

Knox M. Young, Geneva, eliminated Vincent Delp, Oregon, two up and one play.

Portland To Get 500-Foot Channel

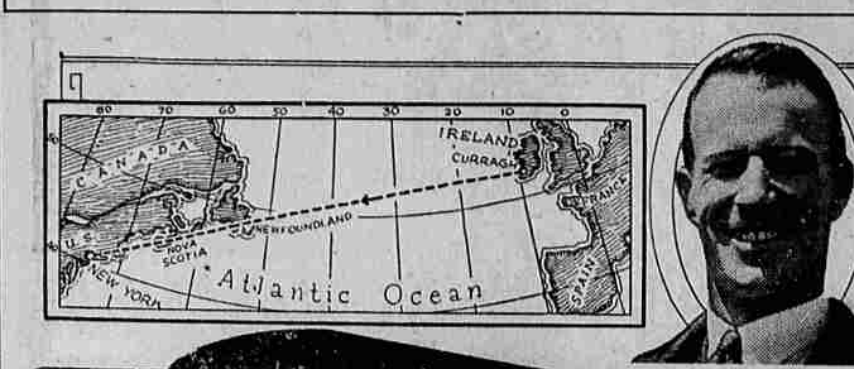
PORTLAND, Ore., June 25 (AP)—The chamber of commerce today received a telegram from Senator McNary in Washington, D. C., stating that Portland would have a channel 500 feet wide and 35 feet deep to the sea. The senate and house conference committees agreed on the width provision.

The spokesmen further said last Sunday he refused to take the elevator from his private apartment to descend to St. Peter's for a canonization service, insisting on walking down the long stair-case before mounting the "sedia gestatoria" or portable throne.

However, those close to him during the ceremony noticed that several times he passed his hand in front of his mouth as though slightly distressed and it was obvious to all those in the front ranks of the great congregation that he was perspiring profusely. Otherwise, his firmness of step and resonance of voice were remarked by every one.

Among those inclined to take the Vatican denials "diplomatic" in character, destined to quell apprehensions, it was stated that yesterday's audiences ended suddenly at 6 p. m., an unusually early hour and no explanations for the sudden ending were given. Normally the pope receives right up to 9 p. m., when he dines.

FIRST TO COMPLETE WESTWARD OCEAN FLIGHT



Captain Kingsford Smith and his three companion aviators, flying the "Southern Cross," arrived safely at Harbor Grace, N. F., early today after spanning the Atlantic ocean. The quartet is the first to successfully complete a westward journey across the ocean from Europe to American shores.

Condemned Man May Offer Self For Experiment

SANTA FE, N. M., June 25 (AP)—Woo Dak San, a Chinese, condemned to electrocution in New Mexico for murder, may be given the alternative of death of offering himself as a human experiment to the efforts of science to combat trachoma.

Dr. Polk Richards, of the United States Indian service at Albuquerque, and Dr. S. I. Proctor, oculist of Boston, and now of Santa Fe, have discussed the possibilities of experimenting with Woo Dak.

Dr. Richards had talked with Attorney General M. A. Otero over the possibility of obtaining the man's consent for such an experiment and that it was suggested that they request Governor R. C. Dillon for permission to talk to the Chinese on the subject.

Specialists believe they have isolated the trachoma germ, Dr. Richards said, and while experiments have been made on monkey, science needs a human specimen to obtain positive proof of whether inoculation with the germ discovered will produce trachoma.

Should Woo Dak San consent for specialists to use him for a trachoma experiment, he would in all probability suffer no ultimate effects from the inoculation, Dr. Richards said today.

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Tornado Damage Around \$250,000

PRATT, Kan., June 25 (AP)—A tornado that struck four miles west of Pratt last night cut a swath half mile wide and 4 miles long, injured two women, damaged a dozen farm homes and laid waste hundreds of acres of ripened wheat.

Damage was estimated at \$250,000.

Wheat Today

CHICAGO, June 25 (AP)—It was nip and tuck today between traditions that urged speculative buying of wheat and corn at this time, and current economic developments which tended toward an opposite procedure.

Taken as a whole, tradition won for at least the time being as to wheat, but not so as to corn. Throughout the day, wheat prices averaged higher, notwithstanding much apprehension expressed regarding grain storage facilities southwest becoming overcrowded owing to harvest progress and relative lack of export demand.

Wheat closed nervous 4-5c a bushel higher than yesterday's finish. Corn closed 3-5c off, oats 3-5c up, and provisions varying from 10c decline to a rise of 17c.

FIND LONG LOST EXPRESS PLANE

Search Continues For Maurice Graham, Missing Since January 10.

LOS ANGELES, June 25 (AP)—With the discovery yesterday of the wreckage of his plane in the Wasatch mountains, eight miles south of Cedar City, Utah, officials of Western Air Express today are pressing a search for Maurice Graham, airmail pilot, who disappeared in a snowstorm last January 10.

Jimmy Carson, Graham's buddy on the Los Angeles-Salt Lake City airmail run, last night definitely identified as Graham's the jacket, boots and parachute found by sheepherders near the wrecked plane. Carson left Cedar City early this morning to view the wreckage.

While officials of Western Air Express believe Graham was not killed in the crashup of his plane, they feared he wandered in deep snow, became exhausted and died of exposure.

Ward Mortenson, 19, and Elburn Orton, 19, who found the plane, said it was not badly damaged and that the steel hull vault beneath the pilot's cockpit apparently was unbroken. The motor was intact. The parachute on which the name "Maurice Graham" was stenciled, was found hanging on the motor.

Graham, a World War flier, was last seen when he took off from Las Vegas, Nev., on the night of January 10, for Salt Lake City, Utah. A blizzard was raging, and Graham apparently was forced to land on the mountainside.

Since then hundreds of persons on foot and horseback, and scores of planes have scoured the bleak desert and rugged mountain country along the Nevada-Utah mail route. The search never was abandoned. Carson was flying over Nevada deserts when the plane was found.

Graham has a wife and two children in Los Angeles.

TWO HANGARS, 27 AIRPLANES ARE BURNED

CHICAGO, June 25 (AP)—Two hangars and 27 airplanes, 12 of them tri-motor passenger planes, were destroyed by fire at the municipal airport early today. The loss was estimated at more than two million dollars.

The hangars destroyed were those of the Universal Airlines, Inc., and the Grey Goose Airlines, the latter under lease to the Toot Airlines. The fire followed an explosion of undetermined cause in the Universal hangar.

Rail Extension To Bend Considered

ALBANY, Ore., June 25 (AP)—Business men of Albany today continued to discuss the possibility of an extension of the Oregon Electric, now under construction up the Santiam valley.

They said it would require but 40 miles of construction to proceed through the Santiam pass across the Cascades into Bend. Such a line would reduce the distance between the coastal counties of the state and the eastern section.

PLANE UP 32 HOURS

CHICAGO, June 25 (AP)—The endurance plane "The City of Chicago" had completed 322 hours of continuous flight at 12:40 p. m. today.

PLANE LANDS AFTER NIGHT IN DENSE FOG

Southern Cross Safe This Morning in Harbor Grace, Newfoundland

COMPLETE FLIGHT OVER THE OCEAN Will Continue to New York Tomorrow—Shortage of Fuel Prevented Reaching U. S.

HARBOR GRACE, N. F., June 25 (AP)—The airplane Southern Cross landed here early today after spanning the Atlantic ocean from Ireland and the fliers immediately made plans for flying to New York, then to San Francisco. Such a flight would virtually complete an around-the-world flight for the Southern Cross, which previously had been flown from San Francisco to Australia and England.

The plane had gasoline for only four hours flying time when it landed.

The plane touched the ground at 5:57 a. m. E. S. T. (8:27 a. m. Newfoundland D. S. T.). It had been circling over the field for about half an hour.

All four fliers were reported well.

The flying field is in good condition and a supply of gas and oil is on hand for the hop to New York.

Conquer Dense Fog
Happy that they had landed safely, after flying through a dense fog which provided little or no visibility during the night, the fliers said they would refuel and take off for New York.

The plane fought its way to the Newfoundland coast through a night that presented almost every danger to aviators. The fliers said that for more than an hour during the night they had flown blindly not knowing where they were or in which direction they were heading.

The fliers were finally directed by radio to the landing field here. After circling the field, for considerable time they asked that a plane be sent up to guide them down. This was done and the Southern Cross glided safely onto the field.

The four aviators were in good condition and although disappointed in not being able to reach their goal, said they were determined to finish their flight to New York.

George Bylander to Withdraw P. S. C. Petitions, Report

PORTLAND, Ore., June 25 (AP)—George Bylander, Portland, sponsor of the initiative petitions abolishing the public service commission, today announced that petitions which had been submitted to the county clerk for checking would be withdrawn.

The chief registrar in the county clerk's office said Bylander's reason for withdrawing the petitions was that they did not meet the requirements or approval of the secretary of state.

The petitions will not be re-circulated as amended petitions must be filed by July 3.

Youthful Fliers Killed in Kansas

WICHA, Kas., June 25 (AP)—Death halted the first cross-country attempt of two youthful fliers near here last night when their plane crashed in a forced landing. Leopold C. Schunacher, Palo Alto, Cal., the pilot, was killed and his companion, W. E. Edwarson, Brooklyn, N. Y., was injured, perhaps fatally.

The youths, both students at LeLand Stanford university, were attempting to land because of low fuel supply.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

R. H. E.
Detroit 4 8 1
Boston 1 1 1
Batteries: Hogsett and Hayworth
Desautels; Russell, Durham and Berry.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

(First Game) R. H. E.
Chicago 1 7 1
Philadelphia 8 12 0
Batteries: Lyons and Tate; Earnshaw and Cochran.

AMENDS REDRAFT

WASHINGTON, June 25 (AP)—The house interstate commerce committee today amended its redraft of the senate railroad consolidation resolution to forbid consummation of the proposed merger of the Great Northern and the Northern Pacific railroads until after next March 4.

CATERPILLARS ARE MARCHING ON MINA, NEV.

TONOPAH, Nev., June 25 (AP)—Destroying all vegetation as they go, green-bodied caterpillars with a saw-like tail are advancing as an army between Luning and Mina, Nev. The saw-like tail is used to cut down twigs of greasewood and sagebrush and locomotion furnished by 16 legs, either side gives a strong resemblance to this centipede.

Farm experts say they never heard of such a visitor before in any farming area. They march in a solid body and one motorist who drove through the "army" asserted it covered a length of 75 miles and was advancing with "incredible speed."

In the wake of the invaders there is not a trace of vegetation. Where the pest originated provides a mystery, as the fertile country west of where they were observed had not been visited by them.

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