

## AIR TOUR TO REACH HERE 11:30 FRIDAY

Start of 11-day Circle of the Pacific Northwest Made This Afternoon

LARGE CROWD IS EXPECTED HERE

R. A. Alexander, North Powder Flier, with Tour—Famous Stunting Team Will Perform.

The Pacific Northwest air tour, consisting of six airplanes in under way this afternoon, winging its way from Vancouver, Wash., to Yakima, where it is scheduled to spend the night. All planes assembled at Vancouver yesterday, reporting to the tour manager for instructions and number assignments.

From Yakima, the air armada visits Pasco, Spokane, Moscow, Lewiston, La Grande, Baker, Pendleton, Portland, Tillamook, Salem, Springfield, Medford, Silverton, Corvallis, Keno, Tacoma, Chehalis, Seattle and Fort Angeles.

Interest is high in the visit to La Grande in running high, and thousands of people—many of them from out-of-town points, particularly in Walla Walla county—are expected to gather here Friday for the event. La Grande is fortunate in one respect—the airplanes will come here on the regular stop, and the following day will pass over the city again, following the air mail route from Baker to Pendleton. The ships leave Baker about 8 a. m. Aug. 2 and will be over La Grande about 8:30 to 9 that morning.

The hop from Lewiston to La Grande, a distance of about 90 miles, will require an hour and a half, and the airplanes are scheduled to arrive here at 11:30 o'clock. Previous information was that the time of arrival would be about 10 o'clock, but definite information was released today with the itinerary now completed. From 11:30 until 3 o'clock, the planes will be in La Grande, with the public able to inspect the various planes during the luncheon hour when the aviators will be guests of the Lions, although not a regular meeting. Most of the club members will be on the field, assisting in handling the crowds.

Stunts on Program

After luncheon, the program calls for some stunts, and a parachute drop, then the take-off for Baker, which will require approximately 90 miles. At the time the first ship wheels onto the runway, the final one of the 46 takes to the air. The time schedule was released by Major Howard C. French, Portland chief of operations. Russel Lawson, Portland tour manager; Major Dave Logg, Seattle president of the association; and Major V. C. Haines, Spokane, assistant chief of operations.

Pilots on the air tour for eleven days of hard work ahead of them, with full 12-hour days outlined. On several hops the pilots must be able to take off at 7 o'clock in the morning and fly for 12 hours through without any let-up until 7 o'clock or later at night. Flying will be permitted until dark on unlighted fields and after dark on lighted fields only by planes with navigation lights.

"Nearly all the pilots will be flying 10 hours a day," explained Major French, "and those who are stunting and carrying passengers will easily fly more than that. This can be understood when you consider that the actual flights between four towns a day will furnish less flying than over the airports."

North Powder Flier Signed

One Union county flier will be among those in the air tour—R. A. Alexander, of North Powder. The team of four commercial stunt pilots, Miss Dorothy Heater, Ter Rankin, Dick Rankin and Lieut. Charles Mounce, of Portland, is on the list. Bob Tex Rankin and

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## EAST OREGON GRAIN MEN TO SEEK REFUND

SALEM, Ore., July 29 (AP)—Eastern Oregon shippers of grain and grain products are expected by the public service commission to recover about \$2,000,000 in reparations from the Oregon-Hawaii Railroad and Navigation company as a result of the interstate commerce commission's order of last week reducing grain freight rates.

On an order in 1924 the state commission reduced rates for interstate shipments. Enforcement of this order was temporarily enjoined by the courts pending decision by the interstate commerce commission in the interstate rate issue this was terminated last week. The I. C. C. order made reductions on a parity with the state commission's order of 1924. The injunction was effective July 1, 1929. The railroad company was charged for interstate shipments. Now Oregon shippers, represented by E. M. Cousins demand reparations dating back to 1924.

Chairman Frank J. Miller of the public service commission said today that hearings will be held in Portland at an early date.

## ENTERS DERBY



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Gladys Donnell of Long Beach, Cal., is the first to enter this year's national air derby for women. The race will be from Long Beach to Chicago, starting August 17.

## NEIGHBORS STOP SPREAD OF FIRE

Barn and Large Amount of Hay and Grain Destroyed Last Evening

By Mrs. E. D. Whiting (Observer Correspondent)

Fire completely destroyed a barn on the Jim Briggs farm here last evening. Due to the aid given by scores of neighbors and friends, other nearby buildings were saved.

The fire was caused by a kerosene lantern exploding near the hay and between 25 and 30 tons of hay were burned. Also a great deal of grain which had just been stored there last evening. Harness and machinery were also burned. An estimate of the loss had not been made this morning.

Mr. Briggs had just completed combining his crop of grain and the tractor which was used to run the combine, owned by R. F. Allen, was in the barn but it was removed to safety. The combine caught fire but this was extinguished before much damage was done. Horses and other livestock were also removed before they were injured.

There was no insurance on the structure.

## FOREST FIRE BLAZING NEAR LA GRANDE TODAY

A forest fire started over the crest of the hill west of La Grande about 10 o'clock this morning, burning in some cut-over timber. A patrolman, working out of the office of Warden L. C. Morehead, was here shortly before noon recruiting a crew of men to fight the fire. Reports received

## J. B. Breshears Passes Away On 72nd Birthday

Joseph Brent Breshears, 72-year-old pioneer of the Grande Ronde valley, died at 2:15 o'clock this morning at his home at Cove. Death came on his 72nd birthday anniversary, as he was born July 29, 1858.

Mr. Breshears has been a merchant at Cove for the last 10 years and before that was a farmer near Elgin for a period of 42 years.

Funeral services will be held at the Elgin city hall tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, with interment in the Elgin cemetery with Snodgrass and Zimmerman in charge.

## Boy Scouts Swing Into Camp Routine

Reports received here from the Boy Scout camp at Lake Anthony are that the quarter of a hundred boys, including a large number from La Grande, have swung into the camp routine with most of the days spent in hiking, studying camp craft, woodcraft, etc.

The boys started the two-week period Sunday, spending most of the afternoon in getting settled. A dinner, that evening was followed by horseshoes and baseball and later by the opening campfire of the outing.

## Traffic Violators Pay Fines to City

Traffic law violations resulted in fines amounting to \$18 in municipal court last night. Charles Comstock was fined \$10 for speeding. R. Weeks paid \$2.50 for driving through a stop sign. Ray Lynch was fined \$2 for parking between 2 and 5 a. m. in the business district. Carl Curteman was fined \$2.50 for overtime parking in a loading zone, and J. F. Ravenscroft was fined \$1 for illegal parking in a loading zone.

## Two Accidents But No One Is Injured

Two automobile accidents, both of a minor nature with no one hurt, occurred near La Grande Sunday and Monday.

Ernest Brannon and John McNair, of Union, reported a collision of their cars one mile west of Hot Lake at 11 o'clock Sunday night.

Yesterday at 11:45 o'clock, Ernest Beyer, of Astoria, and E. A. Menell were driving one mile west of Meacham when their cars collided.

## Dairymen Unite In Desire To See Creamery Built

Resolution of Confidence Adopted at Union; Session Scheduled for Pleasant Grove.

Union county dairymen may differ on a few points concerning the location of their proposed new Union county unit of the Farmers Cooperative creamery, but they do most sincerely want the new creamery and hope for a continuation of their organization along unselfish cooperative lines. This was indicated at a mass meeting held last night at Union, at which the creamery situation was discussed pro and con by interested dairymen.

The following resolution adopted at the close of the Union meeting, summed up the sentiment that existed following the discussion:

"The dairymen of Union county, that having heard the discussion regarding the conditions surrounding the location of the creamery we believe that the circumstances call for the renewed expression of our confidence in the board of directors of the Farmer's Cooperative Creamery. We further feel that our fellow dairymen, who have signed with us to support this movement should lend a helping hand to further the ends of cooperative marketing of cream in this valley."

Joe Fisher, Cove dairymen who is milking more than 60 cows, was elected chairman for the Union meeting. Mr. Fisher declared in an introductory speech, that he had favored another location early in the negotiations to obtain a local creamery, but believed the location had been chosen according to the terms of the agreement contained in the contracts signed by each member of the marketing group.

Discussion which arose concerning the means by which the location had been selected, showed a strong undercurrent of feeling that someone had "outsmarted" the expert of the Challenge Cream and Butter association, A. B. Hopkins, who chose the site. Mr. Fisher declared in an introductory speech, that he had favored another location early in the negotiations to obtain a local creamery, but believed the location had been chosen according to the terms of the agreement contained in the contracts signed by each member of the marketing group.

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## Institute Will Begin At 9:30 Here Wednesday

The annual two-day business institute for the Oregon Retail Merchants association, will begin in the Sacajawea inn tomorrow morning at 9:30 o'clock with Professor E. E. Bosworth, of Portland, as the Accounting for Retail Business.

At 10:30 to 11:30 o'clock "Retail Advertising" will be the subject and this meeting will be held in the Grande theater in order to allow illustration. Professor H. T. Vance will be in charge.

The remainder of the two-day program follows:

9:30 to 3:00 "Store Arrangement," O. P. Tate

3:30 to 4:30 "Retail Credits and Collections," Prof. Bosworth

8:30, "Salesmanship," at banquet at Sacajawea inn.

Pro. Vance

Second day:

Conference by appointment through the morning.

2:00 to 3:00 "Window Trimming," Pro. Vance

3:00 to 4:00 "Store Organization and Management," Prof. Bosworth

Must interest is being shown in

## Farewell Banquet For Captain Ely

Officers of the Second Battalion, 180th Infantry, from Union, Baker, Pendleton and La Grande, were guests of Lieutenant Colonel R. E. Huron at a dinner at the Sacajawea inn last evening honoring Capt. E. W. Ely, Capt. Ely, U. S. A., who has been stationed here for the last few years, has been ordered to Missoula, Mont., and will leave La Grande shortly.

The officers, during the evening, presented to the honor guest a complete set of fishing tackle.

After the dinner the officers attended the regular drill of Company 2, at which there were 50 guardsmen in attendance.

## John MacDonald Tells His Story To California Supreme Justices

SAN FRANCISCO, July 29 (AP)—John MacDonald, 58-year-old Baltimore waiter, told the justices of the California state supreme court here today, he gave false testimony in the Mooney-Billings bombing case in 1918 because he was induced to do so by Charles Fickert, then district attorney.

Under questioning by Justice Preston, MacDonald admitted he had told "five different stories at five different times" about what he saw in connection with the bombing of the Preparedness day parade here in 1918. Asked here the court was to know which one to believe, he replied "only by your own judgment."

MacDonald was asked if he was corrupted in 1918 and he replied he was not. Explaining he had been taken to the office of Charles Fickert, then district attorney, and "induced by Fickert" to tell a story different from the truth about the explosion which took ten lives and injured forty persons.

"A whole pack of lies was packed into my head," MacDonald said.

Thomas J. Mooney and Warren C. Billings are serving life sentences for the bombing and the purpose of MacDonald's testimony is to determine whether the court shall recommend a pardon for Billings. Under California law a second offender can

## CHANGSHA IS DOOMED WITH REDS AMUCK

Carnival of Killing And Looting Under Way in Chinese City

LOW WATER KEEPS BATTLESHIPS AWAY

Communists Burn Much of City, Which Has a Half Million of Native Population.

SHANGHAI, July 29 (AP)—Changsha, capital of a Chinese province, apparently was doomed today as communists burned and looted their way through the city.

Foreign gunboats were forced to withdraw from the city due to the lowering of the river level. Foreign property worth millions of dollars thus was left at the mercy of the reds. Burning and looting was going on unrestrained.

The majority of the foreigners left the city, having boarded warships in the Siang river.

Late advices said four missionaries, including W. H. Lingle of the American Presbyterian mission with headquarters in New York, and Allen Cameron of the Faith mission, with headquarters in Denver had remained within the walled city, which has a native population of about 500,000.

Carnival of Killing

Foreign wireless reports from carnival of killing and looting. They apparently sacked virtually all of the city, which lies on the right bank of the river.

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## ITALY VOTES FIVE MILLIONS TO REBUILDING

ROME, July 29 (AP)—The council of ministers at noon today voted an appropriation of 100,000,000 lire, or about \$5,000,000, to rebuild the stricken earthquake area of middle south Italy.

Minister of Public Works Crollonza was directed by the council to return immediately to the stricken zone to supervise the reconstruction. His undersecretary Leoni was delegated to remain in the earthquake territory at least until the end of August.

Mr. Leoni reported to the council the entire quarter of Ariano and Napulja constructed of 350 fairly stable houses had been cleared of wreckage and the people, once convinced there was no further danger, were looking back to their homes.

Construction for the homeless was begun today near Melfi and Canosa and the building being of steel character that it can later be transformed into permanent buildings.

Similar construction will be started tomorrow for Accadia, and Anzano, Lucerdona, Aquilona, Ariano, Villanova, Delibattola and Montecorvino.

Premier Mussolini presided at the council of ministers and Secretary Turati attended.

## Alleged Narcotics Ringleaders Held

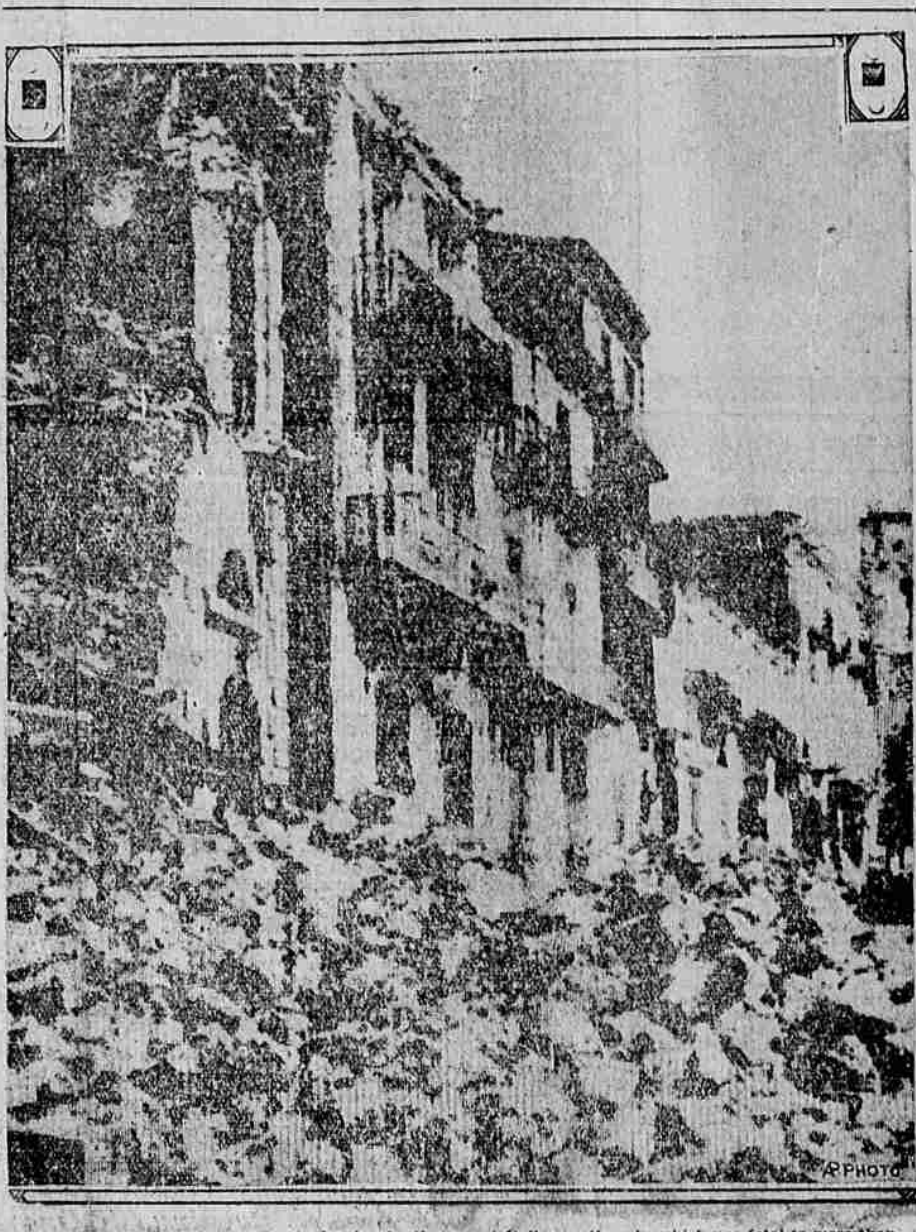
WASHINGTON, July 29 (AP)—Harry J. Amalinger, acting director of narcotics, announced today division agents had arrested the ringleaders of several gangs who have been importing millions of dollars worth of narcotics into this country from Turkey.

The largest gang, he said, was headed by Tony Lapinto, who lives on Long Island and was known as "Boss" Tony. Lapinto and Frank Desco were arrested in New York.

## To Consider Deer Season Situation

SALEM, Ore., July 29 (AP)—With the object of forestalling the inconvenience of a deer hunting season, the California state supreme court here today, he gave false testimony in the Mooney-Billings bombing case in 1918 because he was induced to do so by Charles Fickert, then district attorney.

## RUINS OF EARTHQUAKE IN MELFI



Above: The first picture of actual ruins in the recent Italian earthquake which was fatal to more than 2100 persons. The photo, by the Associated Press, shows ruins caused by the tremors at Melfi, Italy, one of the hardest hit towns. This picture was taken from London.

## Heat Wave Ends After Rocketing Up to 114 Above

CHICAGO, July 29 (AP)—The heat, making a final burning gesture yesterday that sent mercury rocketing as high as 114, has tugged its tail between its legs and scampered away before the rush of an Alaskan cool wave.

Even as the midwest read black headlines in announcing relief was near, the area suffered the most severe heat of the current spell. Salem, Ill., had 114 degrees, and there were readings of 112 and 111 in several other Illinois communities.

Kentucky reported 113 at Bowling Green, with temperatures of 107 at Ashland and Louisville. St. Louis had 108.

The temperature drop began late yesterday. In Omaha, which only the day before had had a 108 degree heat, the temperature settled to a comfortable 81 and kept descending. The northwest was normal or near normal after many days of record heat.

Routing of the heat wave, the weather bureau explained, has been accomplished by the descent of much cooler weather from Alaska and the northwest.

## Air Derby Fliers Turn To The East

METROPOLITAN AIRPORT, Los Angeles, July 29 (AP)—The first of the all-American air derbys to start eastward on their home stretch, Lee Gehlbach, of Little Rock, Ark., got off, promptly at 8:01 o'clock flat top. He headed his tiny 100 horsepower plane toward the base of Mojave desert, and Golden, Utah, tonight's stopping place.

Herman Hamer, of La Salle, Ill., got away second at 8:02 a. m. He was followed at one minute intervals by Lowell Bayless, of Cleveland; Charles Meyers, also of Cleveland; and Henry Ogden, of Inglewood, Cal.

## "Safe And Sane" Smith Is Killed

YOUNGSTOWN, O., July 29 (AP)—D. D. Smith, known through 13 years of flying as "Safe and Sane Smith," was killed here last night when an airplane in which he was a passenger, with a student at the controls, stalled and dived from a height of 300 feet.

## Wheat Today

CHICAGO, July 29 (AP)—Late reports of rains in Illinois and elsewhere led to reactions from new advances scored today in corn values, and pulled support from under wheat. Toward the last, the wheat market, depressedly forecasting receipts of spring wheat, tumbled to below fresh bottom price records reached earlier in the day. Profit-taking sales in the corn market were also a feature as the day drew to an end.

Wheat closed nervous, 1 1/2-1 3/4 a bushel lower than yesterday's, with corn closed at 1 1/2-1 3/4 net, 1/4 unchanged to 1/4 off, and provisions unchanged to 1/4 off.

## LIBERALS LOSE IN ONTARIO VOTE

Government of W. L. Mackenzie King Overthrown in Election

OTTAWA, July 29 (AP)—R. B. Bennett, Conservative leader and prime minister-elect of Canada, will face parliament with a clear working majority—the first premier in nine years to have in the house of commons enough adherents to outvote the combined opposition.

Tribulations from the dominion's general election of yesterday showed the Conservatives to have 138 seats, the Liberals 85, and five other parties ranging from two to ten seats, with five seats still in doubt.

OTTAWA, Ont., July 29 (AP)—After 12 years in power the Liberal government of W. L. Mackenzie King has been overthrown. The Conservative party, headed by Richard Bedford Bennett, won a majority of seats in the house of commons in yesterday's general election.

When Mackenzie King submits his resignation to the governor general, the prime minister will be Bennett, a lawyer who has practiced for years in Calgary and was born and educated in Nova Scotia. He has been Conservative leader three years. He is 60 years old and wealthy. The time of the change is not definite as an outgoing ministry is given opportunity to adjust its affairs.

Victory for the Conservatives, traditional proponents of a high protective tariff, was forecast early by an almost unprecedented upsurge in Quebec Liberal stronghold. There they gained 20 seats, increasing the four Quebec seats they held in the last

## Tree Sitters In Bremerton Up 300 Hours

BREMERTON, Wash., July 29 (AP)—Preston Leard and Stewart Habbitt, youthful Bremerton tree sitters, had been about 300 hours, or 12 1/2 days, at 9 a. m. today. Preston is the son of Dr. A. W. Leard and Stewart is the son of a retired naval officer, Lieutenant-Commander L. R. Habbitt.

The boys have no intention of coming down from their madrasa tree. They have been up 33 hours longer than E. B. Landre, 12, Oakland, Cal., contestant for the world's tree-sitting championship.

## Child is Crushed Under Car Wheels

PORTLAND, July 29 (AP)—Three-year-old Jacob Koberdence was crushed to death last night under the wheels of an automobile driven by Thomas Piddock, 25, as the boy at play ran from behind a pile of wood into the path of the car.

Piddock was not held. Police and the coroner said the accident was unavoidable.

## Asks Investigation Of Bankruptcy Laws

WASHINGTON, July 29 (AP)—President Hoover announced today he had asked Attorney General Mitchell to make an extensive and vigorous investigation of bankruptcy laws and practice.

The inquiry will be under the direction of the solicitor general, Mr. Hoover said, with the department of commerce cooperating.

Its purpose was outlined by the president as the formulation of legislation to correct present evils in the bankruptcy laws.

## R-100 Hugging West Coast Of Scotland Today

LONDON, July 29 (AP)—The British dirigible R-100, Canada bound, was out to sea this afternoon about 30 miles from the northwestern tip of Ireland, running into rather adverse winds.

BELFAST, Northern Ireland, July 29 (AP)—Hugging the west coast of Scotland in order to avoid adverse winds, the British dirigible R-100 at noon today was making progress toward the Hebrides on her journey from Cardington to Montreal.

The airship held a northeasterly course and was reported last off Ormsay Island, Argyllshire, Scotland. The position indicated the ship, which left her mooring mast at 3:45 a. m. Greenwell time, was making every effort to shape a favorable westerly course out to sea.

The maritime county of Argyllshire, one of Scotland's most ancient, is mountainous and it was considered the commander, Squadron Leader R. E. Booth, probably had run into rather heavy counter-currents from the peaks of the lands of the Campbells on his way out.

The dirigible was reported making approximately fifty knots. Commander Booth had estimated the journey to Canada would require about sixty hours, which would bring the dirigible to Montreal at about 10:00 a. m. Eastern standard time on Thursday if the schedule was maintained.

The rate at which the R-100 was traveling this morning, however, indicated arrival might not be possible until many hours later than estimated.

## Alice Du Pont, 18, Figures In Crash

BOSTON, July 29 (AP)—Eighteen-year-old Alice Du Pont, daughter of A. Felix Du Pont, of Wilmington, Del., today held a private pilot's license although her plane ground-looped and hit another here yesterday during test flights. She was uninjured.

After making one successful flight her Kitty-Hawk plane served and hit another while taxiing for another take-off. Both ships were damaged but within an hour Miss Du Pont had a new propeller and right wheel put on her plane and took the air again.

## BASEBALL NATIONAL LEAGUE R. H. E.

Philadelphia	2	10	2
New York	11	11	0
Batteries: Bengie and Rens; Hubbell and Hogan.			

Brooklyn	3	12	3
Bronx	4	13	2
Batteries: Vance, Phelps and Deberry; Shierel and Spohrer.			

St. Louis	5	4	
Pittsburgh	3	12	3
Batteries: Rhem, Orsbrown and Wilson; Kremer and Hensley.			

## BOAT SINKS, DOZEN DROWN IN LAKE ERIE

Six Members of Crew of George J. Whelan Are Picked Up Today

CAUSE OF WRECK IS NOT CERTAIN

Craft Suddenly Tips Over, Trapping Many Men Before They Had Chance to Escape.

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