

SMALL FIRES ARE CAUSED BY LIGHTNING

Many in Umatilla National Forest and Five in This Territory. ALL BLAZES ARE UNDER CONTROL

Hail Storm in Camas Prairie Wheat Country Causes \$300,000 Loss - Portland Dry.

One Burns Over 5 Acres. The largest blaze in the state patrolled last in Union county burned over five acres before it was controlled.

Humidity Low. The low humidity, high winds and above 90 heat have served to increase the fire hazard.

Lightning Sets 29 Fires. WALLA WALLA, Wash., Aug. 5 (AP)—Lightning set 29 fires in the northern half of the Umatilla national forest over the weekend.

Portland Needs Rainfall. PORTLAND, Aug. 5 (AP)—A foot of rainfall is required to bring the fall up to normal in Portland.

Louie Hale is Fined, Given Term in Jail. Louie Hale, of Elgin, has started serving a 30-day term in jail.

Band to Give Park Concert Friday Night. A program with popular appeal has been arranged for the concert to be given by the municipal band Friday evening at Riverside park.

Baptist School Council in Meet. An enthusiastic meeting of the Sunday school council of the First Baptist church was held at the church Monday evening.

Funeral Services Will Be Tomorrow. Funeral services for the late Andrew Van Bloklund, pioneer farmer of this valley, who met a tragic death Monday when struck by a bolt of lightning, will be held tomorrow.

Does Not Believe Rumor. MOSCOW, Aug. 5 (AP)—The soviet government authorities today gave no credence to reports abroad of an earthquake said to have occurred along the shores of the Caspian sea.

To Pray for Rain. CHARLOTTE, N. C., Aug. 5 (AP)—A meeting of church members here has been called for Sunday to pray for rain.

Weather Today. 7 a. m.—96 above. Minimum: 60 above. Condition: clear.

Weather Yesterday. Maximum 97, minimum 56 above. Condition: partly cloudy.

Weather Aug. 5, 1930. Maximum 90, minimum 50 above. Condition: clear.

Two Grades Are To Be Added To Training School

More Training Teachers and New Equipment Planned for J. H. Ackerman School.

With the addition of two training teachers and new equipment, the J. H. Ackerman Training school of the Eastern Oregon Normal school will be enlarged for the ensuing year to include six rooms, all of which will be accommodated on the main first floor of the normal school building.

The new training teachers are specialists in the field of elementary education and hold the bachelor's degree. Room for 60 more students will be provided for the school.

The Ackerman training school is a member of the city school system, and is the fifth school to be established here besides the high school. The others are Central, Willow, Greenwood and River.

Peace Officers Of East Oregon Meet Yesterday

Several Union county peace officers attended the quarterly session of the Eastern Oregon Peace Officers Cooperative association held yesterday at the Masons' park 15 miles east of the city of Canyon City.

There were 53 in attendance, including Traffic Officer Dick Robertson, Police Chief and Mrs. A. C. Hayes, Police Manager and Mrs. W. C. Crews of La Grande.

Hunter Sells His Station To June Stalcup

June Stalcup, formerly in partnership with Doyle Zimmerman at the Playle Oil station, today announced that he has acquired the A. R. Hunter station on Adams street, at the intersection of the road that leads toward Wallawa county.

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HE DIDN'T AND SHE DID

Waukegan, Ill., Aug. 5 (AP)—One back seat driver who did not confine her activities to talking in the Waukegan hospital with a fractured skull, she is Mrs. James Granger.

ISABELLA M. ALDEN DIES

PALO ALTO, Cal., Aug. 5 (AP)—Isabella M. Alden, 88, sister of more than 120 persons and known to her public as "Pansy," died here today.

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JACKSON AND O'BRIENE ARE NEARING GOAL

St. Louis Airmen up 367 Hours This Afternoon—Seek Endurance Mark

HOLLYWOOD FLIER CONTINUES TRIP

Helicopter Crosses English Channel—Kingsford-Smith has Appendix Operation.

FLYING NEWS OF DAY

Amarillo, Tex.—Hollywood flier continues journey east. The Bourget, France—Japanese aviators start flight to Tokyo.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 5 (AP)—Dale Jackson and Forest O'Brien today had less than 200 hours to go to better the world's record for refueling endurance flying set last month at Chicago by the Hunter brothers with a sustained flight of (approximately) 554 hours.

LE BOURGET, France, Aug. 5 (AP)—The Japanese aviator Azuma took off this forenoon in a 450 horsepower biplane for Berlin, on the first leg of his flight to Tokyo.

REYKJAVIK, Iceland, Aug. 5 (AP)—Wolfram Hirth, young German aviator, who wished to fly from Iceland to Greenland and the United States.

PEARE EXPLAINS PARTY POSITION

Presents Prepared Statement to Observer for Publication Today.

J. H. Peare, who represented C. H. Bidwell republican state committee-man of this county, at the recent state committee meeting in Portland when Phil Metachan was nominated for governor, and who later was secretary of the state of the fall for an independent caucus, today gave the following statement to The Observer.

Gloria And Marquis Will Live Apart

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 5 (AP)—Gloria Swanson and her titled husband, the Marquis Henri de la Palaine, have decided "to live apart."

Drum Corps, Drill Teams Will Parade

The Baker, Enterprise and La Grande drum and bugle corps and La Grande auxiliary drill teams of the American Legion will parade La Grande streets tomorrow night, it was announced today.

Dr. H. S. Hamilton Conducts Methodist Conference - Church Elects Officers

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Three Issues In Primaries; Four States At Polls

Farm Relief, Party Regularity and Prohibition Intertwined With Campaigns.

By the Associated Press. Farm relief, party regularity and prohibition were issues intertwined with primaries today in Kansas, Minnesota, Virginia and West Virginia but for the most part the questions and candidates concerned only voters within the states.

Out in Kansas, plagued by the drought and low wheat prices, Senator Henry J. Allen, strong administration supporter, was seeking the republican senatorial nomination. The contest for governor, however, drew more attention.

Governor Clyde M. Reed, who thinks the federal farm board's acreage reduction campaign foolish, was opposed by Frank Hauke, legislator and farmer. Hauke has charged the governor with attempting to undermine the affairs of the government. He did not take direct issue with Reed on the wheat reduction matter.

Senator Arthur Capper, republican, had no opposition for the nomination of a state traffic department. Jonathan Davis, democratic senatorial candidate.

Glass Has No Opposition. In Virginia where the fact that the legislature did not support Alfred E. Smith, democratic nominee, has not been forgotten, Senator Carter Glass had no opposition for the democratic senatorial nomination.

NEW AIRPORT IS DEDICATED AT MEDFORD. MEDFORD, Ore., Aug. 5 (AP)—The Pacific northwest air war left here today for Silverton and Corvallis. The four participants in the dedication of an airport here.

Albert Coffin, 59, Dies Early Today

Albert Coffin, age 59, passed away early this morning, death resulting from a short illness. Mr. Coffin was of the Pumpkin Ridge, district near Summerville. He is survived by one brother Edgar and by two nieces, Mrs. Jessie Pratt, of Seattle, and Mrs. Georgia Farmer, of La Grande.

Billings May Be Called to Stand

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 5 (AP)—Chief Justice William H. Taft today announced Warren K. Billings, preparedness day bomber whose pardon plea is being heard by the supreme court, will be brought from his life's cell in Folsom prison before the court some time later in the hearing.

17-Year Blonde Wins Title At Galveston, Tex.

GALVESTON, Tex., Aug. 5 (AP)—A golden-haired, 17-year-old New Orleans high school girl is American beauty champion in the annual international pageant of pulchritude here.

Wheat Today

CHICAGO, Aug. 5 (AP)—Corn jumped up to higher prices today in the late dealings, influenced largely by a statement from President Hoover, relative to government relief for drought-stricken areas.

Baker Valley Man Battles With Bull

BAKER, Ore., Aug. 5 (AP)—Floyd Johnson, Baker valley farmer, was in a hopeless battle today, the result of a 21-minute life-and-death battle with an angry bull. The animal attacked him on his ranch and hurled him to the ground many times.

BRITISH DIRIGIBLE ENDS FLIGHT

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ADMIT'S TRAFFIC SHAKE-UP LIKELY Baker Prepares For Convention Of Legion Men

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 5 (Special)—Baker will assume festive attire as the 1930 Gold Rush convention of the American Legion is opened Tuesday, August 14. Already the streets are decorated with the high lines and within a few days will start on the street and building decorations.

At the same time Hoss denied he contemplated removing from the traffic force Sergeant W. H. Ellenberg, stationed at Eugene, of Lieutenant O. C. Nichols, now at Medford.

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 5 (AP)—Confirmation of reports that T. A. Raffety, chief of the state traffic department, could be removed from his post have been received from Hal E. Hoss, secretary of state. Hoss was reached by telephone at his beach home at Taft.

When Raffety's resignation becomes effective, he said, "I will have in mind the man who will be appointed as his successor. It will not be Captain Joseph J. McMahon, as indicated in published reports."

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Nationalists In Changsha Today, Nanking Reports

City Recently Captured by Communists - One American, Three British Sailors Wounded.

NANKING, China, Aug. 5 (AP)—It is officially announced that national troops this morning reentered Changsha which recently was captured by communists.

AMERICAN IS WOUNDED. SHANGHAI, Aug. 5 (AP)—One American and three British sailors were wounded when communists attacked foreign gunboats on the Siang river near Changsha, before the British from the Hunan province capital disclosed today.

The American bluejacket was shot through the chest yesterday when one of the United States gunboat Palos with lead for the second time in a week. The Palos quickly silenced the communist fire, dispatches said.

Details of the wounding of the British sailors were lacking, but it was known they were members of the crew of the British gunboat Teal.

Five sailors on the Palos were wounded last Wednesday when communists fired at the gunboat as it approached Changsha to observe conditions after reds had looted and burned many sections of that wealthy city. Fifty bandits were killed and many wounded as the Palos repelled with machine guns and three-inch rifles.

Dispatches said the latest communist attacks upon foreign gunboats involved Japanese and Italian vessels as well as the Palos and Teal. American warships, including two destroyers, were concentrated today at the tri-city of Hankow, Wuchang and Yangtze to protect foreigners against threatened red incursions.

Hankow Under Martial Law. Other foreign quarters were barricaded and guarded to prevent re-entrance of scene last week at Changsha, when foreign property valued at millions of dollars was destroyed by communists.

An armored train yesterday scattered a skirmish party of reds which approached within 25 miles of Hankow. The bandits previously announced a band of cadres to fight them and took their arms and ammunition.

Kiangsi province dispatches said Kiating summer resort near Kiating, Kiangsi, was visited by more than 900 foreigners. Kiating itself is nearly emptied of foreigners, who have departed for Shanghai and Hankow.

CHANGSHA DISPATCHES YESTERDAY SAID communists, continuing their fabled acts there, killed 100 wealthy Chinese held for ransom.

STORIES OF TORTURE. SHANGHAI, Aug. 5 (AP)—Stories of torture and other forms of violence involving women missionaries continued today's reports from the reds. British consular authorities at Foochow reported desperadoes had chopped a finger from the hand of a British woman missionary at Kienyang, Northern Fukien province, and sent the severed digit to provincial officials at Yenching along with a demand for \$50,000 ransom.

LONDON, Aug. 5 (AP)—Official quarters in London today received a telegram from the British government.

ADVERTISING IS HELD ESSENTIAL

Outstanding Independent Merchant Speaks to Portland Chamber.

PORTLAND, Aug. 5 (AP)—Fred P. Mann, Devils Lake, N. D., outstanding independent merchant and former director of the United States Chamber of Commerce, told members of the Portland chamber yesterday advertising and "a fighting spirit" are essential in the business world.

When business is hardest to get, it is a time advertising is most needed, he said. "A survey made in North Dakota in 1918 showed that 75 per cent of the independent merchants did not advertise at all," he concluded.

Three hundred buyers from western state and Alaska here registered here for the week. A thousand more is expected.

GOVERNMENT HOPES TO AD DRY SECTIONS

Drought Situation in East Studied by Hoover, Hyde and Legge.

REPORT WILL BE RECEIVED MONDAY. Old Sol Trying Hand at Farm Relief in Mid-West - Rain Brings Some Relief.

By the Associated Press. The seriousness of the drought situation in a wide area east of the Mississippi river has resulted in conferences between President Hoover and Secretary Hyde, and an order has been issued to make a detailed survey by the department of agriculture, which will have to make a report next Monday.

President Hoover in his statement said: "The drought situation has been the subject of several conferences between Secretary Hyde, Chairman Legge and myself. The department of agriculture has undertaken a detailed survey of the situation. The information so far indicates great variation in the effect of the drought, both as between states, and even between farms in the same counties.

Real Suffering Likely. "There can be no doubt as to its most serious character in many localities, and that unless relieved, there will be real suffering. The maximum intensity seems to lie in a belt roughly following the Potomac, the Ohio and the Mississippi rivers.

"The measures of assistance that the farm board and the other agencies of the federal government can and should undertake are being determined.

"It is evident already that large measures of food movement to livestock and other agencies of movement of animals out of the worst areas will need to be undertaken later in the fall. It is too early to determine the precise character of relief which depends upon the further spread of the drought; no stone will be left unturned by the federal government in giving assistance to local authorities. I have asked the department to investigate the situation from a transportation point of view."

OLD SOL AND FARM RELIEF. CHICAGO, Aug. 5 (AP)—Farmers throughout the grain belt have begun to feed their wheat to the hogs and to cut it for hay, reports to the grain trade were indicated today and which depend upon the further spread of the drought; no stone will be left unturned by the federal government in giving assistance to local authorities.

Nature Takes a Hand. Arthur Jackson, of the grain firm of Jackson Brothers Boesel here, said he was informed by a miller in Lafayette, Ind., that load after load of wheat is being hauled to the mill by

SHIPS COLLIDE; ONE HALVED; 4 MEN MISSING

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 5 (AP)—The American freighter Chickasaw, owned by the Moore McCormack company, collided early today with the Swedish freighter Femern, cutting the Femern in two. Four men were reported missing.

The blow smashed the Swedish vessel into two parts, the forepart going to the bottom.

The Chickasaw, slightly damaged, was expected to arrive here this afternoon.

The Femern is listed in the American shipping record as of 387 net tons, built in 1920 at Oslo, owned by Anglo-Swedish. No Femern is listed in any available shipping register.

Runs "Gauntlet" And Arm Is Broken

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 5 (AP)—K. O. Lundstrom, Portland, appeared before the school district board of directors last night and asked he be relieved of a doctor bill for an injury received by his son, Vincent, in the gymnasium of the school.

Lundstrom said Clarence Bell, gymnasium instructor, had forced Vincent to "run the gauntlet" and the youth had suffered a broken arm.

BASEBALL National League R.H.E. Philadelphia 2 1 1 Boston 6 4 0 Batteries: Elliott, Phillips and McCurdy; Frankhouse and Spohrer. Cronin. FIRST GAME: R.H.E. Washington 6 13 1 New York 4 7 1 Batteries: Hadley and Spencer; Pennington, Johnson and Dickey; Jorgens. (Babe Ruth hit his 41st home run, a tremendous drive that traveled 450 feet into center field bleachers.) Boston R.H.E. Philadelphia 4 12 0 Batteries: Burman, MacFayden and Connolly; Berry, Mahaffey, Quinn and Cochrane.