

RAINS BRING RELIEF TO DRY OREGON

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of Northwest.

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County Aided By
Heavier Rains — Skies
Continue Cloudy.

PORTLAND, June 15 (AP)—Beneficial rains in several sections of Oregon were reported by the weather bureau here today.

Eastern Oregon and Washington received rain over the week end. Umatilla getting .08, Bend .04, Spokane .02, Yakima .40 and Walla Walla .06.

Southern Oregon generally received more of a drizzling, Roseburg received 1.12 inches, and Medford and Grants Falls benefiting greatly from heavy showers.

Salem got .20 of an inch, Albany .28, and Portland .12.

The rain aided forestry officials considerably, bringing much higher humidity and lessening the fire danger.

Cloudy and unsettled weather was to continue, the bureau said.

RAIN 1.4 OF AN INCH HERE

In La Grande, the rainfall amounted to 1.4 of an inch, enough to benefit crops to a certain extent. The sky remained cloudy with prospects of more precipitation.

ROGUE RIVER GETS RAIN

GRANTS PASS, Ore., June 15 (AP)—Rain, falling here almost continuously since Saturday, continued today to bring relief to the most serious drought condition experienced in the Rogue River basin in many years.

The storm was general in this section of the state. Water for irrigation had recently been cut to half on account of the low water mark of the Rogue.

WHEAT CROP BENEFITED

PENDLETON, Ore., June 15 (AP)—Of immense value to the wheat crop in this section, .39 of an inch of rain fell here Saturday night, Sunday, and last night. It was clear today.

CHERRY CROP DAMAGED

THE DALLES, Ore., June 15 (AP)—Heavy, scattered cloudbursts which late yesterday swept over this section of Oregon, have caused serious damage to the cherry crop, growers reported today.

Wasco county orchardists are trying to find some means of salvaging the crop, since inspection indicates that the damage from damage from splitting, caused by the warm rains.

MINE TO OPEN NEAR MEDICAL SPRINGS SOON

BAKER, Ore., June 15—Production at the Twin Babies mine near Medical Springs is expected to start about July 1 with the installation of a new mill having a capacity of from 50 to 100 tons daily, it was learned here.

The mine, which is owned by the Union Mining and Milling company, comprising a group of Oregon and Washington men, was located about 30 years ago. All of the development work is said to have been done since the mine was taken from the bottom of the shaft show \$33 in gold to the ton.

The present shaft, which is 220 feet deep, will be sunk 200 feet more. Additional lateral work will then be started. A crew of 14 men is expected to start work within the next week.

Those interested are understood to include: Wallace O'Keefe of Portland, J. B. O'Keefe, Louis Book and A. B. Olden of Seattle, C. M. Shuer, L. Bolin and Dr. J. A. Frankovich of Everett, Andrew Ballard of Lyndon, S. Boyd and E. J. Davy, of Sumas, H. T. Shultz of Grandview.

Mrs. Frank Hansen Dead In Portland

Word was received in La Grande yesterday of the sudden death of Mrs. Frank Hansen in Portland. According to information received here, Mrs. Hansen had been ill only a few days, having left here a couple weeks ago to take her daughter, Virginia, to Portland for medical treatment.

She is survived by her husband and a young daughter.

Funeral services will be held at the Mellinger Undertaking Parlor in Tacoma, Wash., on Wednesday.

TO SING



Mademoiselle Mara Slaviansky, soprano soloist and accompanist, will sing in La Grande tonight with the Royal Russian chorus.

RUSSIAN CHORUS PROGRAM TONIGHT

World Famous Organization
of Singers and
Dancers in La Grande

The world famous Royal Russian chorus is to appear here this evening at the L. D. S. tabernacle under the local auspices of the American Legion.

Laurance A. Lambert, nationally known impresario of New York and Hollywood, under whose direction the chorus is making its second American tour, states that the seemingly "impossible" has been accomplished by this remarkable group of Russian singers, dancers and instrumentalists.

The organization has established, by brilliant programs and unusual versatility, new standards of fascinatingly beautiful entertainment, replete with the most modern and original dancing, and heart-stirring balalaika orchestral music.

Both singing and dancing soloists add to the luster of the vocal program, in which many combinations of singers are used, including duets, trios, quartets, male chorus, and full ensemble singing.

Considerable interest has been manifested in La Grande over the appearance tonight of this remarkable organization. Members of the municipal band provided impromptu concerts on the streets Saturday evening to advertise the appearance of the Russian chorus.

Everyone seems to be assured that this evening's entertainment will provide one of the richest entertainment feasts ever heard with an 87, and the concert will start at 8 o'clock.

Reynolds Leads Qualifiers For Golf Tourney

Charles H. Reynolds, club champion, led the 16 golfers who qualified for the 1931 championship tournament at the country club.

Mr. Reynolds carded a 79 for the 18-hole qualifying round, leading Paul Meyers, Lawrence Bay and Dr. R. E. Caton who tied for second with 84.

There are two chances this year for father and son to meet in championship play, Mr. Reynolds' son, Buddy, who heard with an 87, and Lawrence Bay's father, H. M. Bay, qualified with a 92.

Others who qualified were: C. W. Binger, 85; L. K. Kinsel, 88; E. Stephenson and E. Todd, 88 each; G. L. Larson, 90; W. L. Patterson, 91; Dr. R. F. Murphy and Jack Murphy, each 92; N. W. Frees and Ken Siegler, each 93.

The 16 men will be matched soon and play in the first round started. E. C. Stephenson won the dinner offered by E. F. McFadden for low net score of the day. His handicap is 25 and his 89 gross gave him a net of 64. Buddy Reynolds was second with a net of 67. His handicap is 20.

In the ball sweepstakes, H. M. Bay and Mr. Reynolds tied for first, each with a net of 72. The former's handicap is 30 and the latter's seven. Mr. Binger and Dr. Caté tied for third, each with a 73. Mr. Binger's handicap is 12 and Dr. Caté's is 11.

Court of Honor To Be Held Tuesday

A Boy Scout court of honor will be held at the high school auditorium tomorrow evening, beginning at 8 o'clock.

F. L. Meyers is to be in charge, assisted by H. E. Coolidge, Charles Binger, Charles Reynolds and A. W. Nelson.

Boys who will receive honors include Rex Wall, Frank Tyler, Ernest Briggs, Paul Higgins, Fred Gehring and Gilbert Stein. A number of other boys will receive lesser awards.

Wallowa Men In Quarrel; One Is Hurt Seriously

Reports Say Neighbors in
Altercation Over Water
Rights — Al Thompson
in Hospital.

Al Thompson, of Middle Valley, is in an Enterprise hospital reported to be suffering from a fractured skull, with some doubt expressed that he will survive. The wound, according to reports received here from two of the Observer's correspondents in Wallowa county, was the result of an altercation over water rights, in which Mr. Thompson was hit on the head.

One report is that Neal Baker, whose farm adjoins that of Mr. Thompson, hit him on the head with a shovel. Another report is that Mr. Baker's son, Buster, hit him with a rock. No official statements have been received in La Grande as yet, and the report is that no one other than the two men and the boy, about 17 years of age, was present at the time.

The story, as it is pieced together in La Grande, is that Mr. Thompson went to the irrigation ditch about 10 o'clock yesterday morning to turn the water onto his farm. Mr. Baker and his son were there, and protested, the protest leading to a quarrel.

Shortly afterwards, Mr. Thompson was taken to Enterprise where an emergency operation was performed and a number of pieces of bone were taken from his head.

One report is that a group of members of the Presbyterian church of Lostine were en route to Middle Valley for a picnic, and came upon the scene about the time of the quarrel.

Another report is that a group of Lostine, happened along, found Mr. Thompson injured in the ditch, and rushed him to Enterprise.

Both men are well known, live on neighboring farms, and the case is causing a great deal of excitement. Reports received here today were that both Mr. Baker and his son had been placed under arrest.

O. W. Blacksmith Killed by Train Near Sloan, Ore.

PENDLETON, Ore., June 15 (AP)—Fred Eaton, a railroad blacksmith, living at Sloan in the Blue mountains, was killed last night by a train on the Pacific coast.

Both legs were severed and his head mutilated. While an autopsy indicated death was accidental, officials here are following the theory the man may have been murdered. He spent the early evening at a sheep camp. His wife survives.

87 GRADUATE FROM COLLEGE AT SALEM, ORE.

SALEM, June 15 (AP)—Willamette university at its 87th graduation exercises today presented diplomas to 87 students. Judge Charles S. Cutting, of Chicago, delivered the commencement address and Dr. Carl A. Doney, president of the university, conferred the degrees and honors.

Baccalaureate services were conducted yesterday by Dr. Doney.

Of the graduates, 79 received bachelor of arts degrees, eight graduated from the college of law and one received a degree in music. Honorary degrees were conferred upon Charles A. Rice, of Portland; Lester Probstel, China, and Thomas D. Yarnes, Salem. In addition a large number of honor awards were made.

Ames Smith, of Portland, was elected president of the board of trustees of Willamette university at the annual election here late Saturday. He succeeds B. L. Stevens, who had held that position for 17 years. Paul Wallace, of Salem, was elected vice-president, Merton DeLong, secretary and A. N. Bush, re-elected treasurer.

Three new trustees were elected to the board, James Crawford, Portland; C. A. Sprague, of Salem, and B. O. Wright, of Portland.

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Chang Kai-Shek Is Returned to Chair

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STATE GAME COMMISSION STANDS PAT

Headquarters to Remain
in Portland, Group
Decides Tentatively.

ACTION TAKEN AT MEETING TODAY

No Economy Could Be
Effectuated By Removal of
Office to Salem, Com-
mittee Reports.

PORTLAND, Ore., June 15 (AP)—The state game commission decided tentatively today to keep its headquarters in Portland and not move to Salem. Considerable discussion over the proposed transfer of the offices to Salem preceded the decision.

The commission heard a report on an investigation of the proposed change made by a committee of the Portland chamber of commerce, of which Ivan C. Anderson was chairman.

A decisive vote on the question was postponed until the late afternoon session which was to be attended by Charles Gray, superintendent of state police, who on August 1, will take over enforcement of the game laws, as well as other state enforcement departments.

No Economy Seen

The chamber's committee report said no economy could be effected by

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SARVIS ELECTED HEAD OF LIONS

Officers Named For Com-
ing Year — Convention,
Air Tour Discussed.

Max Sarvis was elected president of the La Grande Lions club for the coming year, to take office the first of July, at the annual election held today at noon when the club met in the Sackajawva Inn for luncheon.

Other officers elected today: Fred Henning, first vice president; George Myrick, second vice president; Cecil Myrick, lion tamer; Jack Wright, tallowater; Harry McCarthy and E. D. Towler, directors. L. L. Snodgrass, present president, automatically became a member of the board of directors for a one-year term following the expiration of his office.

The coming convention, to be held June 26, was discussed by Sarvis and Fred Henning, chairman, reported that tentative arrangements were being made to take Earl Hodge, international president of New York, to La Grande to Wallowa lake and then to Spokane for the Washington convention via Enterprise and Lewiston.

If this works out, Mr. Hodge would be guest of honor at a luncheon in Wallowa county, which would be followed by Wallowa's charter night program in the evening.

Mr. Henning also reported that the decorations for the coming convention are being put up at the west end of the business section.

The matter of the coming Northwest Air Tour tentatively agreed to come to La Grande, was considered. It was announced that the tour is now scheduled to come to La Grande on Saturday, June 27, direct from Vancouver and spend the night here.

The question of financing the matter is to be taken up with committee-men from the Rotary club and the chamber of commerce, and the local committee was authorized to proceed with arrangements.

H. E. Coolidge Is Elected Director

SEASIDE, Ore., June 15 (AP)—John N. Edelfsen, vice president of the United States National bank of Portland, was elected president of the bank at the 36th annual convention here Saturday.

Other officers chosen were: F. E. Callister, vice president of the First National bank of Portland; Eugene Courtney, C. H. Stewart, Sam H. Baker, and H. E. Coolidge, La Grande.

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Hoover's Train In Middle West This Afternoon

President Confers With
Governor of West Vir-
ginia; Hoover on Three-
Day Tour.

By Robert S. Pickens
EN ROUTE WITH PRESIDENT
HOOVER TO INDIANAPOLIS, June 15 (AP)—President Hoover conferred with Governor Cooley of West Virginia, and other Republican leaders of that state as he moved into the middle west today to open a three days' speaking tour at Indianapolis.

The West Virginia Republican leaders, including Senator Hatfield and national committee members, Mrs. Lema Lowe Yost and Walter S. Hallinan, were welcomed aboard the special train at Charleston. They traveled as far as Huntington, visiting the president in a specially arranged conference car of the special.

Mr. Hoover showed an eagerness to talk with the party chieftains of West Virginia which elected a Democratic senator at the last election. He was interested, too, in learning of economic conditions in that mining state.

The presidential special spent much of the night on a siding in the mountains to make way for the daylight ride across West Virginia, Ohio and Indiana.

Presented Flowers.
Girls presented Mrs. Hoover with flowers at Charleston. Speaking at the West Virginia capital city the president thanked the citizens for the welcome and said it was "inspiring to see the American people at work."

He was introduced by Governor Conley.

Hallinan said after his conference with the chief executive that he had assured him that West Virginia would be for him for re-nomination and reelection.

"I told the president that the feeling in West Virginia was that he had done all he could do in this time of distress and that it was generally felt in this section that his administration had been capable and efficient."

MARION PREPARED

MARION, Ohio, June 15 (AP)—Marion was decked out in red, white and blue today awaiting the influx of the guests of honor at a luncheon to honor the memory of Warren G. Harding tomorrow.

Weeks of preparation were over and only final details remained to be arranged.

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60-Year-Old Man Preaches 20-Hour Sermon

LOS ANGELES, June 15 (AP)—Dr. A. P. Fetter, 60, president of the Hollywood Bible church, today preached a 20-hour sermon to a close at 2 a. m. today and laid claim to a world record.

Dr. Fetter's birthday anniversary.

Labor Government Defeated In House

LONDON, June 15 (AP)—The labor government was defeated in the House of Commons today on a "no confidence" motion in the government.

The defeat came with dramatic suddenness 20 minutes after the debate had opened, the vote being 232 to 208.

Prime Minister MacDonald immediately announced that the amendment to the government's bill was defeated.

The government's bill was defeated.

Cartoonist, Wife Robbed of Gems

CHICAGO, June 15 (AP)—Two tuxedo-clad bandits were sought today or the theft of \$50,000 worth of jewelry from Sidney Smith, noted cartoonist, and his wife, early yesterday.

Homebound bound from a South side country club ball the Smiths' car was stopped by a Michigan boulevard traffic signal.

One bandit guarded the chauffeur with his pistol. The other jumped into the car and snatched the jewelry.

The Smiths' car was stopped by a Michigan boulevard traffic signal.

Miner Shot In Leg; Woman Is Arrested

MEDFORD, Ore., June 15 (AP)—John Waworka, 40, a miner, was in a hospital here today with a bullet wound in his leg, and Mrs. Harry Huls, 27, was held in the county jail accused of the shooting. Her husband was being held for investigation.

ARGUE FOR 35,000 MILES



These three University of Oregon students will set a record before they return to school, for they are shown leaving San Francisco on a forced tour for eight months of debating in eight Australasian and Asiatic countries and two American island groups. The tour has the sponsorship of several peace and educational societies. Left to right: David G. Wilson; Capt. A. T. Totten, steamer Manganui; Roger A. Pratt and Robert T. Miller. Map below shows route the debating team will travel with their stops indicated.

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ACCIDENT TOLL IN OREGON FOUR

One Little Girl Gravely
Injured — Manslaughter
Charges Facing Man.

PORTLAND, Ore., June 15 (AP)—Four persons, victims of accidents in Oregon over the weekend, were dead today. One little girl was gravely injured.

The dead:

William Bell, 60, Milwaukee, Ore., who died in a local hospital yesterday of automobile accident injuries.

Bob Viers, 14, Dallas, electrocuted Saturday night by leaning against a short-circuited electric conduit.

Jack Almeter Jr., 4, son of Justice of the Peace Jack Almeter, Chiloquin, struck by a machine while on his way to Sunday school.

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Scaling Down Of German Payments Sound Business?

Editor's Note—This is the tenth excerpt from a speech delivered by B. H. Hutchinson at the convention of the Association of National Advertisers at Detroit recently.

By B. H. Hutchinson

Questions such as these few I have mentioned simply indicate some of the problems confronting any intelligent effort to devise ways and means of building solidly for permanent prosperity. There are, as you know, many others. Unemployment insurance, for instance, demands the best thought that business men can marshal. Here, as in the field of banking where so many failures have occurred in recent years, it must be recognized that improvement is both necessary and practicable to save a great social and economic loss.

Of these matters are, of course, largely domestic but if we are to build solidly for permanent prosperity in this country without giving thought to our dependence upon the rest of the world, we shall simply be the proverbial ostrich. Notwithstanding those well-intentioned isolationists who prate about our self-con-

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LIBRARIANS MEETING

GEARHART, Ore., June 15 (AP)—Librarians from all parts of the Pacific Northwest were here today for the annual convention of the Pacific Northwest library association. Mayor William H. Galvani of Seaside welcomed the delegates.

Miss Ellen Smith of Walla Walla, Wash., president of the organization, discussed the opportunity for service open to the small library. Business meetings occupied the day. A banquet was planned for tonight.

Baseball Today

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Brooklyn at Pittsburgh postponed.

AMERICAN LEAGUE
St. Louis at Chicago 3 7 0
Washington at Detroit 4 10 1
Gray and Ferrell; Brown, Marberry and Spencer.

400 PERISH IN TRAGEDY OFF FRANCE

Excursion Steamer St.
Philibert Turns Turtle
in Bay of Biscay.

FEW ESCAPE TO TELL THE STORY

Eight Persons Rescued
and Eight Bodies Re-
covered—Craft Search-
ing For Others.

ST. NAZAIRE, France, June 15 (AP)—Sixty-one bodies, mostly those of women, have been recovered in the vicinity where the excursion boat St. Philibert sank in a storm yesterday. It was announced this evening. Craft of all sizes continued tonight to scour the water in search of others of the more than 400 victims.

ST. NAZAIRE, France, June 15 (AP)—Dozens of harbor craft picked today way across the Bay of Biscay today with lookouts scanning the water for the bodies of more than 400 men, women and children drowned yesterday when a hurricane capsize the excursion steamer St. Philibert.

Eight persons were rescued and eight bodies have been recovered. It is possible that others escaped death and have not yet reported their safety, but the toll of the disaster was estimated with as much accuracy as possible at 443 dead.

Some May Have Escaped

There was a distinct slim chance that a final check would reveal that many of the passengers had left the boat before the storm struck. It was reported that some of those aboard may have reached the shore in safety between Pointe de St. Gildas and the Loire river. There can be no definite check until the families of those aboard the steamer have reported to the police.

The St. Philibert was a 100-foot river steamer. She put out from Nantes yesterday afternoon with a crowd of picnicers on an outing run by a labor organization, steaming down the river to St. Nazaire and across the bay to the island of Noirmoutier, not far to the south.

Less Than 30 Remained

There most of the passengers went ashore. The steamer was threatened when the steamer started on the return trip and at first it was reported that "hundreds or more" had decided to go back by boat. Later this was proved erroneous and it was said that less than 30 remained behind.

Off Pointe de St. Gildas the storm broke with sudden fury. The passengers stampeded to the leeward side, threw the boat off an even keel and she turned over.

A lightkeeper saw her go down.

Automobile loads of anguished relatives from numerous towns crowded St. Gildas Point. Through jammed into newspaper offices and covered the docks in the vain wish that the names of their friends or kin would be among the missing by boat.

Many clung to the hope that their loved ones were among those who remained on the island because of the foul weather.

Turned Turtle

From the lightkeeper's keeper at St. Gildas Point and the ailing survivors, authorities began to piece together the tragedy.

Their accounts led to the conclusion

"NAUTILUS" IN TROUBLE; NAVY STANDING BY

WASHINGTON, June 15 (AP)—The battleship Wyoming reported to the navy department today that it was towing the Arcturion by the "Nautilus" five knots on a course east of northeast from the position in mid-Atlantic where she became disabled. The battleship took the Nautilus in tow at 5:30 a. m. (Eastern standard time).

Since early Sunday the Wyoming and the Arkansas, now on midshipmen's duty, were en route to Europe, where they have been standing by the disabled submarine. Sir Hubert Wilkins, her commander, reported that one of the diesel engines upon which she depends for surface motive power had stalled.