

STORM KILLS CHILD NEAR THE DALLES

Four-Year-Old Tot Caught by Wall of Water in Narrow Canyon.

ELECTRIC STORM HITS PORTLAND

Two Homes Struck By Lightning—Rain and Winds Bring Benefits and Losses to State.

The DALLES, Ore., June 16 (AP)—Trapped in what could be a dry gulch, Raymond Breezy, four years old, was carried to his death yesterday when a five-foot wall of water from a cloudburst swept down the narrow canyon.

The Breezy family arrived Sunday to pick cherries, and pitched two tents in the dry gulch. He Nielsen, who was with Raymond, Breezy heard the rush of water and escaped with his wife and another child. Nielsen and Raymond were caught by the torrent from which Nielsen finally escaped. The child's body was found a half-mile down the creek.

ELECTRIC STORM IN PORTLAND PORTLAND, June 16 (AP)—Two homes were struck by lightning here last night as a violent storm swept over the city, bringing a deluge of rain and disabling sections of the city power system.

A corner of the residence of Mary Quirk was struck upon by a bolt which struck the chimney and showered bricks over the roof. No one in the house was injured. The aerial on the roof of the home of Harlow C. Bundy who was lying on the davenport listening to the radio, the set about two feet from his head, which was connected to the radio set. No one was injured. Storm sewers, blocked in several sections by sawdust or other debris, were unable to carry off the torrential rainfall, with the result that intersections were flooded. On Belmont street four cars were stalled in deep water at one time. In addition to the two homes, a street car was struck by a terrific bolt. None of the passengers were injured but a gaping hole was left in the roof of the car.

The storm brought 37 of an inch of rainfall in the 24-hour period ending at 5 a. m. today. The downpour was followed by a bolt which continued throughout the morning.

ROGUE VALLEY DRENCHED MEDFORD, Ore., June 16 (AP)—The Rogue river valley after being threatened with one of the most severe droughts in its history, has been thoroughly drenched by a 48-hour steady downpour which brought 1.60 inches of rain and was continuing undiminished today. The rain is of immeasurable value to horticulture and agriculture.

STORMS VISIT CALIFORNIA SAN FRANCISCO, June 16 (AP)—A freak June storm visited Northern California last night, providing a leaving rainfall in many places (Continued on Page Eight)

GEO. GIGNAC PASSES AWAY AT HOT LAKE

By Mrs. L. Z. Terrall (Observer Correspondent) UNION, Ore., June 16 (Special)—George Gignac, a resident of Union for 46 years and a native son of California, passed away at Hot Lake at 2 o'clock this morning following a illness of many months. He was taken to the lake Sunday by his friends in a final effort to prevent death.

Funeral services are to be arranged by the funeral home of which he was a member for 20 years. Mr. Gignac was born in Placerville, Cal. Feb. 14, 1888 and his only known relative is Mrs. W. W. Stone, of Placerville, a sister.

He was a great lover of the outdoors and had quite a collection of pictures, which demonstrated his photographic skill. He was a painter and paperhanger by profession.

Mrs. Stella Ingle On Summer Cruise

Mrs. Stella Ingle, central school teacher, left Saturday for Portland where she will spend a resident study at the University of Hawaii, with this work in charge of professors from both universities.

The party will sail from Vancouver, B. C. on June 20 and return to the same port on Aug. 5.

Courses will be given on shipboard by professors from the University and the party will spend a resident study at the University of Hawaii, with this work in charge of professors from both universities.

Funeral arrangements will not be made until after an inquest which will be held this evening at which Mrs. Eaton, wife of the deceased, is at Sloan.

The body of Fred Eaton, La Grande man and member of the American Legion, who was killed near Sloan, Oregon, by a train Sunday night, was returned to Union, and the dry spell which had been in the area since the body of the deceased, is at Sloan.

Royal Russian Chorus Charms Local Audience

Matchless Harmony and Beautiful Solo Numbers Bring Round Upon Round of Applause.

Their voices blending in matchless harmony and the soloists carrying their parts to perfection, the Royal Russian chorus presented a concert before a crowd of some 400 Union county people last night at the L. D. S. tabernacle. The younger and older world famous musical organization in La Grande was sponsored by American Legion post No. 48.

The 11 members of the chorus, led by Princess Margarita Agrevaeva Slaviansky, daughter of the man who founded the chorus some 60 years ago, were given round after round of applause that instilled in each number bringing instant approval from the appreciative audience.

Solo Number Delight Crowd Princess Slaviansky served as conductor of the chorus, except during solo numbers by her daughter, Madeleine M. Slaviansky, when she sang a solo number which charmed the audience with her rendition of several solo numbers, including the ever popular "Love's Old Sweet Song."

Another number, with the bass singer taking the solo part, that pleased the audience was the popular number, "Old Man River."

The concert ranged from classic and religious to popular, with every person present—regardless of his or her taste for music—finding something decidedly pleasing. The concert was (Continued on Page Five)

Local Rainbow Girls Honored As Meet Nears

Word has been received in La Grande that four local girls, members of the La Grande Assembly No. 13, Order of Rainbow for Girls, have been elected to the Grand Cross of the assembly which will honor any Rainbow girl can attain. The degree is given to the girls for outstanding work in their own assembly.

The girls receiving this honor are Misses Edna Brown, Mary Lou Piper, Lois Hansell and June Coolidge, three of whom are past worthy advisors of their assembly. Miss Coolidge having been recorder for two years and has held other minor offices. This degree will be conferred by past masters and patrons of Holy Chapter, Order of Eastern Star at the Saturday morning session of the state convention here this week.

Plans for the convention are being completed and the opening session will be held Friday morning at 10 o'clock at the Masonic hall. Robert Eakin, city attorney, will give the address of welcome to the city and Miss Edna Brown, junior past worthy advisor, will give the address of welcome to the La Grande assembly.

Supreme Deputy to attend the convention is C. Tipton, La Grande, supreme deputy for Oregon is to be in attendance, as well as Miss Maxine Peterson, of Corvallis, grand worthy advisor. Other outstanding social workers will be grand representatives from a number of neighboring states and other grand officers of Oregon.

The closing event on Saturday evening, which is the outstanding social feature of the convention, will be in the form of a reception to the executive staff of the supreme assembly. Members of the DeMolay have been invited to attend also.

Announcement is made by those in charge that anyone who may be able to entertain delegates to the convention is requested to call Mrs. Charles Graham, as a sufficient number of rooms has not yet been secured.

C. E. Rally To Be Held At Church

Arrangements were made today to hold the rally of the Christian Endeavor societies at the Christian church instead of at the home of Dr. J. L. Macpherson on the foot of the mountain because of the weather.

Rev. Paul C. Brown, of Los Angeles, Pacific Coast secretary of the International Society of Christian Endeavor, is expected to arrive in La Grande tomorrow morning from Boise. Mr. Brown is well known among the young people of the city.

Cardinals of young people from Baker, Elgin, Wallawa, Lostine and Enger, are expected to attend the meeting which will include all societies of the Grande Ronde C. E. union. A potluck dinner has been planned and will begin promptly at 7:30, after which there will be singing and an address by the guest speaker.

Fred Eaton's Body Brought to City

RAY BUELL ELECTED TO SCHOOL POST

Defeats Vernon Ainsworth in Annual Contest Monday by 67 Votes

TO TAKE OFFICE AT NEXT SESSION Succeeds F. A. Epling, Retired; Buell Polls 272 to Ainsworth's 205; 480 Persons Vote.

Ray Buell was elected to membership on the La Grande board of education at the annual school election yesterday in the Mt. Emily road \$2000 campaign swung into the final phase of the drive today.

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The good roads committee has studied the situation very carefully and has promised to make an effort to each firm in La Grande in proportion to the business they do, they expect to receive. The committee has been very fair in the matter and no allotment is excessive. Your portion has been fixed at ( ) dollars—filled out by the committee, and we sincerely hope this amount is agreeable and that you will mail your check promptly since the entire (Continued on Page Five)

SUMMER QUARTER OF SCHOOL OPENS

Enrollment at E. O. N. About Same as in 1930—More Children Register

With an enrollment apparently about the same as last summer, the Eastern Oregon Normal school, summer quarter, opened in La Grande yesterday, with registration occupying the first day and with more to register during the remainder of the week.

At the same time the training school for La Grande children opened, the lower grades in the Normal school building and the upper grades in a center school. The attendance at the Normal school, which opened yesterday, with about 200 registered compared with approximately 150 last summer.

This year all eight grades are being held at the training school, which will continue through the first six weeks of the summer quarter.

Bishop Remington to speak at the opening assembly, which will be held during the summer quarter at the Normal school. Dr. Rev. William P. Remington, bishop of the Eastern Oregon diocese of the Episcopal church, will be the speaker.

Huskies Score First Blood In Freshman Race

POUGHKEEPSIE, June 16 (AP)—Syracuse won the Junior varsity crew race. California was second and Cornell third.

REGATTA COURSE, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., June 16 (AP)—A yeilding crew from far away Seattle came to the regatta today to win the first race of six other universities, in the first race of the annual intercollegiate regatta, Washington winning by a length with Cornell second and Syracuse third.

The Washington time was 9:48.4; Cornell 9:53 and Syracuse 10:04.2.

SENATOR BAILEY WINS EUGENE, Ore., June 16 (AP)—Former Senator Edward P. Bailey was elected director of the school board for the Eugene district last night by a vote of 406. His nearest competitor, Dr. F. E. Adams, received 92 votes. The other candidate, Judd Stauffer, polled 63 votes.

MOUNT EMILY ROAD DRIVE GOING AHEAD

Chamber of Commerce Launches Final Phase of Campaign.

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18-Year-Old Girl From Kentucky Is Miss U. S. of 1931

GALVESTON, Tex., June 16 (AP)—Ann Douglas Patterson, of Ludlow, Ky., 18 years old and blonde, is the "Miss United States" of 1931.

She was chosen from 28 American contestants by a committee of artist-judges in the 12th annual international beauty pageant here last night. No rank was given to the other entrants.

Governor Flem Sampson, of Kentucky, the winner conceded, had promised to make her an honorary colonel if she achieved the greatest success among the Blue Grass contingent.

Tonight Miss Patterson goes against a foreign delegation of eight young women with the title "Miss Universe," a \$2500 cash prize and a Broadway stage contract as the awards.

Hot Lake Man And Son In Car Wreck

Last evening while J. W. Lillie, manager of the Hot Lake sanatorium, was returning from Portland with his son Byron, who is a law student at the University of Oregon.

Fortunately both escaped with a few bruises and scratches.

Grande Ronde Valley Smiling With Additional Moisture In Its Soil

The Grande Ronde valley was smiling today, with an additional 38 of an inch of rain soaked into its soil since 7 o'clock yesterday morning—sufficient to break any drought conditions that existed, and give new life to hay and grain crops, as well as garden stuff, lawns, etc.

Rivers, unusually low for this season, were swelled to some extent, and the question of irrigation was definitely settled for awhile, at least.

In Wallawa county, where conditions in some sections were reported to have been proportionately worse than here, the rain was doubly welcome. Wallawa ordinarily has more rain than Union, and the dry spell had been felt more severely as a consequence.

With the exception of some fields of spring grain, it is believed that the moisture received in the last few days—more than half an inch—will take the "kinks" out of the hay and grain crops in general, and bring most of them through to harvesting time.

In some sections the first cutting of hay was caught in the rain, but in general the showers were greeted joyously. With the cherry crop not ready for harvesting for a week or so, no serious damage was done in any damage in the orchards.

VICTIM OF MYSTERY MURDER



Soon after the body of Miss Starr Falchall, above, was washed ashore at Long Beach, Long Island, police declared her the victim of assault and murder and began a search for a predominant politician, an artist and a doctor who they believed might be implicated in the crime. Since then other angles have been investigated.

Chinese Gunboat Saves U. S. Ship From Brigands

SHANGHAI, June 16 (AP)—The Chinese gunboat Weichun saved the American cargo steamer Chita from river pirates Sunday when the latter vessel ran aground in the Yangtze river Sunday and a band of brigands swarmed aboard to loot her.

Loaded with a valuable cargo, the Chita ran aground near Shashan on the Yangtze river Sunday. The vessel ran aground in the Yangtze river Sunday and a band of brigands swarmed aboard to loot her.

The Weichun then stood by until the Chita in floating.

Towing Nautilus To Ireland For Needed Repairs

ON BOARD THE U. S. BATTLESHIP ARKANSAS EN ROUTE TO COPENHAGEN, Denmark, June 16 (AP)—The battleship Wyoming today was towing the disabled Arctic submarine Nautilus through a heavy rain storm and fog toward Queenstown, Ireland, where the undersea craft will put in for repairs.

The Nautilus, in which Sir Hubert Wilkins hopes to reach the North Pole, became disabled Sunday. Messages intercepted between the craft and the Wyoming today said the engines were still disabled and that the battleship was encountering difficulty in towing the submarine. Its steaming speed being slowed by heavy weather.

Midshipman from the naval academy at Annapolis, on the annual training cruise braved a driving rain storm to sight the submarine from the decks of the warships. The most interested was Midshipman Donoghue, son of Commander Donoghue, captain of the Nautilus.

America's Mayors Leave For America

HAVRE, France, June 16 (AP)—America's touring mayors sailed for New York in the Ile De France this morning, ending a tour of France which began on May 21.

Many of their new French friends were at the railway station at Paris today, where several of the visitors promised that they would be back soon.

So pleasant was their trip that those who sponsored it in France are planning to invite 100 American newspaper men to spend two months in France next year. Announcement of this plan was made last night at a farewell dinner to the mayors.

Two U. S. Marines Reported Killed

WASHINGTON, June 16 (AP)—Two Marines were reported to the navy department today to have been killed in an engagement with insurgents in Nicaragua.

Recover Bodies Of Victims Of Biscay Tragedy

100 Additional Bodies Sighted This Morning—Estimate Dead at More Than 470 Persons.

ST. NAZAIRE, France, June 16 (AP)—About 100 bodies from the sinking of the excursion steamer St. Philbert were sighted this morning floating among wreckage near the mouth of the Loire river.

The pilot of a hydroplane notified authorities and tug put off at once to recover them.

Eight army trucks started for Nantes on a 38-mile ride with the bodies of 70 persons fished out of the Bay of Biscay yesterday.

Officials of the operating company determined that 474, including the crew but excluding children under four years old, were aboard the vessel when the left Nantes Sunday for a picnic at Noirmoutier Island. Forty-three passengers declined to make the return trip on account of stormy weather and eight were rescued after the boat went down near the mouth of the Loire river.

Thus, the number of the dead unofficially was placed at least at 428. It was estimated that 10 young men who paid no fares were aboard and were lost.

Eight young men who were saved were resting comfortably in a hospital. (Continued on Page Three)

Russia Turns To Better Methods In Wheat Fields

Below is given the final installment of a statement issued by Bartlett Frazier Co., one of the large grain organizations of the United States, dealing with the world wheat situation, as it exists, taking the stand that Russia is the key to the problem:

Improving Farm Methods This enormous area is now under direct state supervision, with modern machinery and methods available for use, and what is equally important, with state collection for domestic distribution and for the export trade easily and rapidly made. To illustrate the thoroughness of the plan it may be pointed out that operations are being pushed most rapidly in the great grain producing areas, the program from the current year calling for the collectivization of 80 per cent of the wheat area of the country by the end of 1931 as against 55 per cent on December 31, 1930. The official plan not only calls for the consolidation of vast aggregate areas of peasant holdings into socialized farms, but it takes cognizance of the possibility of better yields as a result of better soil, better methods of plowing and better farm machinery. The freakishly heavy yields for the crop of 1930, of course, are not to be entirely credited to the consolidation of the land, but to the new methods, however much they fall short of sanguine expectations, will prove more efficient than the extremely primitive methods of the individual Russian peasant.

What It Means The purpose of the Russian drive for state supervision of agriculture is to produce a simple, quickly enlarged and readily available and (Continued on Page Eight)

Capone To Plead Guilty, Paper Says

CHICAGO, June 16 (AP)—"Scarface Al" Capone pleaded guilty today to evasion of tax laws and conspiracy against the prohibition law. Federal Judge James H. Wilkerson will sentence the gang leader June 30.

CHICAGO, June 16 (AP)—The City News bureau said it had learned from a reliable source that Al Capone would plead guilty when arraigned today on charges of violating the prohibition act and the income tax law.

The bureau was informed a new attorney took a leading part in inducing the gang chief to admit guilt would appear in court with Capone's usual counsel.

A government official, told of the probable plea, said "You never can tell what these fellows will do until they come into court and do it."

Irish Volcano Is In Eruption Today

GALWAY, Ireland, June 16 (AP)—Sileekmakilla mountain in County Leitrim is erupting great volumes of thick black smoke covering the farmland for several miles around. The stuff has a most disagreeable odor and in some sections traffic along the roads is impossible.

PARIS, June 16 (AP)—The ministry of agriculture today authorized the raising of the percentage of foreign wheat in French flour from 25 to 30.

Wheat Today

CHICAGO, June 16 (AP)—Official statements which were generally interpreted as meaning that government-sponsored agencies would continue to compete with private interests in the grain trade had a bearish effect on wheat prices today. Increased movement of newly harvested domestic winter wheat also was a weight on values. New crop deliveries of wheat sold within a fraction of the season's lowest figures.

BEFORE DAYS AHEAD, SAYS MR. HOOVER

Hopes and Plans For a New American Prosperity are Voiced

By Robert S. Pickens (Associated Press Staff Writer) INDIANAPOLIS, June 16 (AP)—Hopes and plans for a new prosperity, to be wrought out of great natural resources by a courageous people, were expressed today by President Hoover last night in an address devoted to the "dominant" subject of the depression.

In the vast and profoundly decorated auditorium at the state fair grounds the chief executive spoke to 2500 persons, members and guests of the Indiana Republican editorial association, and to countless others over nationwide radio hook-ups. A chicken dinner was served by students at Butler university, and before leaving his address Mr. Hoover gave out word that the men might remove their coats.

Hoover Defends Course Before this hot, restless, but nevertheless responsive audience, the chief executive, in a series of plastic tones, defended his course in the economic crisis; assailed "theoretical panaceas" for recovery; and gave assurance that the government's program of recovery are asserting themselves.

Seated around him on the speakers' platform were Republican leaders from Indiana, and the states in which the Democrats made large gains in last November's election. Departing from his prepared address Mr. Hoover paid each a personal tribute.

The presidential party leaves this morning for Marion, O., where later in the week he will address the memorial erected to honor his former chief, the late President Warren G. Harding.

Tracing the Causes After tracing the causes of the depression to the world war and its resultant high taxes, huge armaments and political instability, Mr. Hoover declared that the people of the country should take to heart lessons to be learned from its many phases.

"From the experience of this depression," he said, "will come not only a greatly sobered and more efficient economic system than we possessed before, but also a greater knowledge of its weaknesses."

Lists Weaknesses Some of the weaknesses he listed were: inability of the federal reserve system to prevent diversion of large sums into "wasteful speculation and stock promotion"; inability of some banks to give proper protection to depositors; use of commodity and currency exchange; "illegitimate speculation"; dumping of stocks and real estate on a falling market to avoid payment of capital gains taxes; and "unwarranted and excessive government expenditures."

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EX-HUSBAND IS FACING DEATH CHARGE TODAY

PORTLAND, June 16 (AP)—Death came to Beatrice Tunstall, 35, last night, five days after she was wounded in a revolver duel with her former husband, Harry Emery, 55. A charge of first degree murder was today filed against Emery.

The shooting took place on a parking strip on the west side before dawn Thursday. Emery received a shoulder wound from a revolver fired by his wife. Each fired four shots.

An unidentified man who neighbors said accompanied Emery to the woman's house, was being sought by police. Emery has refused to comment on the shooting except to say his former wife fired at him when he appeared at the house and that he returned the fire. One bullet from his revolver pierced her abdomen.

Murders His Wife Because of Eating

GREENWOOD, S. C., June 16 (AP)—John Cox, 40-year-old farmer, was held here today on a charge of murdering his 29-year-old wife because, her lawyer has refused to comment too much of the fried chicken set before guests.

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WEATHER FORECAST Oregon: Probably local showers tonight and Wednesday; clearing Wednesday; moderate temperature. Moderate northwest winds offshore. WEATHER TODAY 7 a. m.—54 above. Minimum, 50 above. Condition: Cloudy. WEATHER YESTERDAY Maximum 66, minimum 56 above. Condition: Cloudy, rain 36 of an inch. WEATHER JUNE 16, 1930 Maximum 73, minimum 59 above. Condition: Clear.