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## THE AIR MAIL SITUATION

The mess which still centers about the air mail contracts throws a bright light on one of the most vital problems of modern times—the way in which all manner of skill, devotion and efficiency can be short-circuited if a few men at the top of the heap get to thinking too much about the clink of dollars. In the cancellation of air mail contracts there has not been a shadow of a reflection upon the men who actually have been doing the work. The pilots themselves have made one of the finest records in the history of aviation. They have been good, superlatively good, at a job calling for skill, coolness, and devotion.

From the standpoint of physical service, they have made the American air mail network one of the finest things of its kind in all the world—if not the very finest. Similarly, the technicians, the designers, the men who built the planes and fabricated the engines, the operating officials who arrange schedules and hand out assignments, the repair men and service men and radio and weather men—all these have filled their difficult jobs with distinction.

The troubles that led to wholesale cancellation of contracts were in no way due to the men who actually were doing the work of flying the mails. From a purely physical viewpoint, the air mail setup is and has been a thing of which the whole country could be proud. Where, then, was the trouble? It arose solely from the fact that this magnificent edifice of service rested on the wrong kind of financial base. In some cases—not in all, by any means—the men at the very top were less concerned with doing an important job in an efficient manner than with making two dollars grow where one had grown before.

To put it more simply, the fact that a few men were greedy was enough to nullify all the skill, the courage, and the devotion to duty which the great mass of employes put into their jobs. There has been a lot of talk, this last year, about the necessity for curbing the profit motive. The air mail situation is a striking example of it. Because a few men let the lust for profit run away with them, an entire industry has had to suffer.

We believe in individualism but when the members of a profession prove that they are unable to protect the public from sharks operating under the protection of the "ethics" so-called, it is time for somebody to regulate the profession.

No man can tell what the future may bring forth, and the small opportunities are often the beginning of great enterprises.

## ALASKA HELPLESS TO DEFEND U. S. A. DELEGATES SAY

By H. C. Hunter

WASHINGTON (AP)—Anthony J. Dimond, congressional delegate from Alaska, contends the next theater of war for the United States will be "Alaska, the helpless."

In that way he describes Uncle Sam's northernmost territory in connection with his bill to establish an army air corps training and defense base near Fairbanks. The site would be chosen by military aviation strategists and the post staffed with a full complement of officers and men equipped with bombers and observation, pursuit and patrol planes.

Dimond said he was not an alarmist and not fearful of war, but contended that if there were any danger to the United States it lay across the Pacific rather than the Atlantic ocean.

### Strategic Position

"In Alaska," he said, "we have a string of islands (Aleutian) running towards Asia. They contain one of the finest harbors in the world for a hostile power to base fleet operations and we have agreed not to put any fortifications out there. It is the strategic position of Alaska, now absolutely defenseless, which makes it imperative that an air base be established there and well manned."

Referring to the millions of dollars spent for military defense in the Hawaiian Islands, Dimond said:

"We have looked one doorway against aggression but have left the other, which would be the main entrance in case of war on the Pacific, wide open and unguarded. An enemy operating from Hawaii would be 2,000 miles from continental United States but he would be only 1,400 miles away if he operated from the Alaskan harbors."

### Seen As Aid To Flyers

Declaring that a fleet starting from the northern tip of Japan could cover the 1,800 miles to Alaska, Dimond said a fleet starting at the same time from Seattle, Dimond says an air force stationed at Fairbanks would have to fly only 1,200 miles to protect the territory.

Emphasizing hazardous flying conditions in the north, the delegate described the rugged mountains, the vast expanses of tundra lands, the freezing cold of arctic and sub-arctic winter as ideal conditions of army fliers.

He included in the measure a plan for rotating all pilots to give them experience in the north.

### Hopes For New Equipment

"Forced to combat the elements of our northland," he said, "I am certain army fliers and designers would develop new equipment which would make their work easier and safer and at the same time rescue Alaska from the danger of becoming the battleground of two nations if war between the United States and a Pacific power ever came."

## 20 OF OREGON'S 27 SENATORS SEE WITH BLUE EYES

WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY, Salem, Ore. (Special)—Senators have blue eyes.

At least, twenty senators out of 27 of the togetherness of the 27th Oregon state legislature have blue eyes, it was revealed in a survey tracing the racial composition of the members of the legislature released by Milo Ross, a senior student in anthropology. Eye color, Ross says, is one of the chief means by which the anthropologist determines races. Ross was puzzled, however, because not a single senator had a long head (dolichocephalic) in the anthropologist's name for it) and blue eyes and long heads anthropologically, are supposed to go together. The fact that the senators are long on blue eyes but short on long heads indicates a mixture of races, Ross said, a statement borne out by the figures he collected by tracing the ancestry of every member back for four generations.

In members of both the house and the senate British blood is predominant the study showed with 64 per cent of the blood in the members of the house British and 73 per cent in the senate. Next in ranking is the Teutonic strain 25 per cent of the house blood stream, coming from German Dutch, and Swiss antecedents, while 22 per cent of the racial composition is Germanic. Other strains were found in smaller degrees, including French, Jewish, Bohemian, Spanish and Indian.

The percentage of racial strains in the house was: English 37; Irish 14; Scotch 8; Scotch-Irish 4; Welsh 2; German 17; Dutch 6; Swiss 4; Swedish 1; Danish 1; and French 4. The racial composition of the senate approximated that of the house with, however, a ten per cent increase in the English strain.

Interesting data were revealed by the study. Five of the legislators were immigrants, while 21 are of foreign born parentage. Only 28 members of the house were born in Oregon.

Tracing the family histories, Ross got the low down on the ancestry of the lawmakers. Several were descended from pilgrims who came over on the Mayflower, while others were descended from European royalty. Joe E. Dunne, republican candidate for governor, boasts a Spanish duchess on one side and numerous ruling Irish princes from the kingdoms of Westmeath, Kildare, Heath, and Tipperary on the other. Senator A. C. Dickinson claimed to be descended from Bavarian royalty, while Estes Snieder traces a branch of his family to Italy where it still exists in the Count di Bati.

J. K. Weatherford of Albany, one of the two men in the legislature with Indian blood in their veins, has the distinction of wearing the largest hat in the house, a size 8 1/2. Head measurements are as important to the anthropologist as eye color.

John D. Goss, senator from Coos Bay and candidate for the democratic nomination for congress, was found to be 10-16th of English descent, 4-10th Welsh and 2-10th In-

## The Weather

**WEATHER FORECAST**  
Oregon: Increasing cloudiness in the east and unsettled probably with showers in the west portion tonight and Sunday; cooler in the interior of the west portion Sunday; moderate for the week. Generally fair weather with temperatures above normal in the interior; showers at beginning of week over Oregon.

**LOCAL WEATHER**  
Friday: Maximum 87, minimum 44 above. Clear.  
Today: Minimum 47, 7 a. m.—57 above. Clear.

Glean. A curious coincidence is that Goss and Coos are both words in the Cornish tongue for "woods."

## AT THE LIBERTY

Joan Crawford and Clark Gable (pictured above) are paired again as lovers in "Dancing Lady," Metro-Goldwyn-Meyer's new musical production which starts Sunday as the next attraction at the Liberty theatre. In the new photoplay which is based on the sensational Broadway romance by James Warner Bellah, Miss Crawford has the part of a chorus girl who is determined to win stage fame at any cost. Gable enacts a hard-boiled musical comedy director who tries to browbeat her. In prominent supporting roles are Franchot Tone, May Robson, Winnie Lightner, Fred Astaire, Robert Benchley and Ted Healy and his stooges.

## HOPES HIGH F. R. MAY BE AT JUBILEE

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Martin King, of the invitation committee.

Carl Gray, president, and W. M. Jeffers, vice president of the Union Pacific railroad, and J. W. Burnett, superintendent of motive power and machinery, all of Omaha, have said they would make every effort to attend.

Congressman Walter M. Pierce writes: "I wish to thank you for your very kind and courteous invitation to the semi-centennial celebration of the coming of the railroad to Eastern Oregon to be held in La Grande on July 20 and 21.

"I have set that date in my calendar as a red letter day and am looking forward to it with great interest. We have read here in the La Grande paper of the preparations for this event and have been very much interested in the manner in which it is being planned.

"The span of my life in Umatilla and Union counties has been just about the period which you are celebrating, so it is intensely interesting and personal to me."

Governor Ralph of California, replied to an invitation to attend with thanks and the statement that he would make an effort to attend the celebration.

## Woman Is Held On Charge of Kidnaping

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of the district office of the department of justice here, announced this morning.

Arrangements were being made to conduct a removal hearing before a federal judge today.

According to a copy of the complaint received by George F. Sullivan, United States district attorney, Mrs. Kohler, with Verne Sankey, Carl W. Pierce, Fern May Sankey, alias Mrs. Verne Sankey, and Arthur Youngberg, conspired between June 2, 1932, and April 1, 1933, to kidnap Charles Boettcher, II, and hold him for \$50,000 ransom.

## Officers Arrest Kidnaping Suspect

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confessed the Thursday abduction of Oliver and implicated a third man. The patrolman kidnaped at Warsaw was released unharmed.

Fairbankman Hoyt said Yount told him his home is in Oregon, but that he had been traveling through Missouri recently.

Superintendent Casteel said Marks and Clark after their capture told him they had planned to rob banks in Buffalo, Mo., and Raymond, Neb. The motor car the men were using when Oliver stopped to question them, Casteel said, was stolen in Grand Island, Neb., from C. A. Watson.

## FUNERAL FOR MRS. STOTTS SUNDAY AT 2

Funeral services for Mrs. Emma E. Stotts will be held at the Smidgrass and Zimmerman mortuary Sunday at 2 p. m. Rev. B. Marcus Goodwin of the Baptist church will officiate. Burial will take place in the I. O. O. F. cemetery.

## ALICE MILNE IS ELECTED

Word has been received in La Grande that Miss Alice Milne has been elected secretary-treasurer of the Art Guild on the campus of Oregon State college, where she is a junior in education.

## TO BE MARRIED THIS EVENING

Rebecca Kemler and Max McMillan left for Vancouver, where they will be married this evening. After a short honeymoon they will return to La Grande to make their home.

## Smile on Meeting for Paris Spy Trial



Not even accusations linking them with an international spy plot could keep Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gordon Switz, Americans, from smiling happily when, as shown above, they met in a Paris court. It was the first time they had seen each other since their arrest several months ago.

## RICH STRIKE IN NEW STATE PLAN OF GRADE A-B-C BUTTER WORKING

SPOKANE, Wash. (Special)—Ore so wide and rich has been struck on the 1500-foot level of the Page mine at Kellogg, Idaho, that Spokane mining men say it places the property in the class of big mines of that district.

The Page, which belongs to the Federal Mining and Smelting company, also owners of the Morning mine, has been a steady producer for several years, with production coming from as deep as 1200 feet.

In the first six feet of ore in the new strike, the average assays carried 3.9 ounces in silver, 10 per cent lead and 1.8 per cent zinc. In the next six feet, the assays averaged 9.1 ounces in silver, 22.8 per cent lead and 5.3 per cent zinc. This makes the body unusually rich and large, for the district it is in.

## CARLSON AT SWIM HELD BY PORPOISE CLUB

Ralph Carlson, field representative of lifesaving and first aid of the American Red Cross was in La Grande this week and on Wednesday evening at a meeting of the Porpoise club which was held at Cove, lifesaving tests were re-checked.

A picnic was held previous to the checking by Mr. Carlson and those present who participated in the event were Miss Bigelow, of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. Francis, Gerald, Joseph Combs, Woodrow Damerell, Harvey Carter, Bug Ingram, Maurice Weis, Art Steffin, Arlene Conrad, Grace Scully, Marguerite Klopfenstein, Frank Tyler, Gwen Hertzog, Catherine Osborne, Margery Horton, Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Ingle, Royal Borggren and Myrtle Hoyt.

A feature of the picnic was a large cake which was presented to the group by Nepti Combs, the top of which was decorated with the Red Cross lifesaving insignia in colors.

## ODD FELLOWS MEET FRIDAY

At the regular meeting of the Odd Fellows lodge last evening final preparations were made for the Century of Progress which is to be presented next Friday and Saturday evening.

Mr. Coxson of Portland, was a visitor at the meeting last night and gave a very interesting talk.

## Slain Gunman Is Identified Today As Bank Robber

LINCOLN, Neb., Apr. 21 (AP)—A gunman slain by police here was identified today by C. B. Wallace, president of the Farmers State bank at Bethany, Okla., as a robber who helped take \$969 from his bank Thursday.

Wallace said he also recognized pictures of Walter Dean, one of two other gunmen captured yesterday, as those of the second holdup man and arranged to go to the penitentiary where Dean was held to make positive identification.

## REV. BRACHER WILL PREACH

Rev. Edwin Bracher, pastor of the Zion English Lutheran church, who has been ill for some time, has recovered and will occupy the pulpit tomorrow morning at the 11 o'clock service, speaking on the subject "The Master's Purpose in Life." Other services will be as usual.

## BABY BORN AT ROMINE HOME

A seven and a half pound boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Russell Romine at their home at Y avenue, it was reported today. The child arrived on April 14.

## About Stamps

By Elza Martin, Well Known Stamp Authority

A registry stamp issue of 1911, of 10-cent denomination was originated by the postmaster general to prepay registry fees. The registry stamp is a rectangle on end and the size of the stamp is approximately three-fourths by seven-eighths inch, the color is light blue. The central design is an eagle with extended wings, perched upon a rock, within a circle set in a panel of plain lines. Above the circle and following its curve the words "United States Registry" appear in two lines; and in the lower corners the denomination "10" appears within circles, with the word "cents" between. These stamps were placed on sale Dec. 1, 1911, in time for use in connection with the holiday mail. Later persons unfamiliar with the purpose of this stamp, caused confusion by attempting to use it for prepayment of postage. Since ordinary stamps are valid for payment of registry fees, and a registry stamp is not required by law, the postmaster general on May 28, 1913 directed the discontinuance of the issuance of registry stamps. They will continue, however, to be valid for registry fees so long as any of the stamps remain unused.

The state surcharged stamps of Kansas and Nebraska were authorized as a measure of preventing losses from post office burglaries. At the time of the issue of these stamps many small post offices, were being robbed in the two states. The surcharge on the stamps was used as a method of identification, if the stamps were offered for sale in other states.

The stamps of the German colonies have been obsolete since 1915, when all of the colonies were captured by the allies, and now belong to France, Belgium, British Empire, etc. These stamps are rapidly disappearing from the market, and in the future will be real values, as their prices are sure to advance.

Scott has advanced the price of all foreign stamps 25 per cent and many United States stamps have shown a decided advance, during the last month.

A III Olympic Winter Games Commemorative Stamp was issued in honor of the International Olympic Winter Games held at Lake Placid, N. Y., in February, 1932. The stamp is a horizontal rectangle, the same size as the regular issue and is printed in red ink. Across the top of the stamp in a straight line are the words "United States Postage" in white Roman, and below in white Gothic lettering is the wording "III Olympic Winter Games." The central design is a representation of a ski jumper in action, with a background formed by a snow covered mountain. Across the base of the central design in two lines in dark Gothic lettering appear the wording "Lake Placid New York," and the dates "February 4-13, 1932."

In each lower corner is a large white numeral "2," and between the numerals are the words "Two Cents" in white Roman. This stamp was first placed on sale at the post office in Lake Placid, N. Y., on Jan. 25, 1932. The issue was 49,523,000 stamps.

## Contest to Be Held Here at 7:30 Tonight

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## Band Competing In State Tournament

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is directed by Andrew Loney Jr. Solo contests were held yesterday afternoon and La Grande won no first places. Whether any of the L. H. S. contestants placed was not included in reports received today over the Associated Press wire here.

Principal Arnold Grallapp of the High school, is with the young musicians and their director at Corvallis today.

## Egyptian Queen

Answer to Previous Puzzle

HORIZONTAL  
1 Venomous snake famous in Egyptian history.  
4 What Egyptian queen committed suicide with it?  
11 Refrigerant.  
13 Encircling.  
15 Pertaining to the ear.  
16 Insane.  
18 Diastoleal mark.  
19 Paradise.  
20 Feminine courtesy title.  
22 Dregs.  
23 Scimitar.  
24 Inorganic.  
26 To undermine.  
27 Paid publicity.  
28 Bill of fare.  
29 Set of three.  
31 Nay.  
32 Half quarts.  
33 Partitions.

3 To labor.  
9 Laws.  
10 Pertaining to the Andes.  
11 The ruler who aspired to this queen's country.  
12 Deity.  
14 Tyrant.  
16 The hand.  
17 Javelins.  
20 Money factory.  
21 Female horse.  
24 Males.  
25 Portion of the mouth.  
28 Flour factory.  
30 Indian.  
32 Skunk.  
34 Flowerlike.  
35 Rall (bird).  
37 Toilet box.  
38 Chief river of shrews.  
39 To laud.  
40 Impartial.  
41 To scream.  
46 Father.  
45 Self.  
47 Golf teacher.

VERTICAL  
1 Wild sheep.  
2 Typical genus of shrews.  
3 Scheme.  
4 Credit (abbr.).  
5 To shun.  
6 Father.  
7 Work of skill.  
47 Golf teacher.

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# TODAY IN BRIEF, IN AND AROUND OREGON

AS CHRONICLED BY THE DAILY LEASED WIRE OF THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**CHILD BURNED TO DEATH**  
MEDFORD, Ore., Apr. 21 (AP)—Two-year-old Dolores Everhard was burned to death late Friday when the family residence in the West Phoenix district was destroyed by fire. Two other children escaped. State police believe the children had been playing with matches. The fire broke out while the children's mother was visiting the mail box a quarter of a mile away. She had left the children alone while going for the mail.

**REGISTRATION HEAVIER**  
SALEM, Apr. 21 (AP)—Lists of registered voters filed from four counties here today revealed the first one yet to report a decreased listing from the special election of 1933. All four reported increased democratic registrations while one reported increase in both republican and democratic ranks. Klamath county, with a total of 14,817 showed a decrease of 234 under the 1933 registration.

**INJUNCTION SOUGHT**  
PORTLAND, Apr. 21 (AP)—Action was filed in circuit court here Friday by A. J. Tully, candidate for county commissioner, to enjoin the state liquor commission from prohibiting the circulation of home rule liquor amendment petitions as places licensed by the commission to sell beer and wine.

**DUNNE RESIGNS SENATE SEAT**  
PORTLAND, Apr. 21 (AP)—His resignation as state senator from Clatskanie, Columbia and Multnomah counties was submitted late Friday by Joe E. Dunne, candidate for the republican nomination as governor. He also resigned as port of Portland port commissioner.

"I am prompted to take this action," Dunne said in a letter to Governor Meier, "for the reason that I am now a candidate for the republican nomination for governor."

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week, represent Fruitdale, Indian Creek, Union, La Grande, Valeria Elgin, Mt. Carmel, Imbler, Island City, North Powder, Perry and Cove. Humorous and non-humorous divisions find competitors in three classes—third, fourth and fifth grades, sixth, seventh and eighth grades, and high schools.

La Grande entries are: grade schools—Richard Abrahamson, Gloria Balboa, Beatrice Burglund and Janice Matott; high school, Roy Freshman and Mildred Green.

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