

# Local "Pickup" In Sensational Penitentiary Break

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## BOMB INJURES PRESIDENT MENDIETA OF CUBA

### TWO KILLED, SEVEN HURT IN EXPLOSION

Assassin's Work Creates Terror At Luncheon Party In Camp.

HAVANA, June 15 (AP)—Explosion of a bomb placed directly behind the chair of President Carlos Mendieta this afternoon slightly wounded the president, killed two men and wounded at least seven others during a luncheon at Tiscornia immigration detention camp, across the bay from Havana.

The president was wounded in the hand and returned to the palace here for treatment. Those killed were naval Lieutenant Manuel Colomar and Matas Tapia, a seaman.

The entire naval garrison stationed at Tiscornia as well as 200 guests at the luncheon, newspapermen and photographers were placed under technical arrest and forbidden to leave the banquet hall where the explosion occurred.

Among the wounded was one cabinet member, Secretary of Communications Gabriel Landa, who was struck on the arm by a fragment of the bomb.

An eye-witness said that the bomb exploded just as the president was about to sit down after delivering a speech. Fragments of the bomb as well as debris littered everyone in the room. Apparently only a small fragment of the explosive casing struck the president.

### La Grande Honors "Old Glory" With Flag Day Program

La Grande paid tribute last evening to "Old Glory" on its 157th birthday anniversary and a large crowd of citizens attended the program which was planned by the Elks lodge.

Outstanding in the program were the numbers by the La Grande municipal band under the direction of Andrew Loney Jr. The numbers included in the program were "March, The Messenger" by Barnhouse; overture, "Light Cavalry," supper selection "Lucretia Borgia," Doenzetti; march, "Hostrauers," Chambers; overture, "Golden Dragon," King.

Proceeding the concert the order of events included the presentation of the flag and escort by the drum corps, who were assisted by the boy scouts, who presented their contest piece as their part of the program. Rev. J. George Walz gave the invocation prayer which was followed by the ritualistic work of the Elks lodge which was presented by the officers of the lodge under the direction of Robert Carey, exalted ruler.

A salute to the flag was presented by the boy scouts, which was followed by an appropriate solo by Paul Knautz. Rev. Robert C. Lee of Union gave an inspirational address on the subject of "The Flag," telling of conditions today regarding the flag. At the close of the address the audience stood for the singing of America and the band concert followed.

### Broncs Featured At Starkey Rodeo Sunday Afternoon

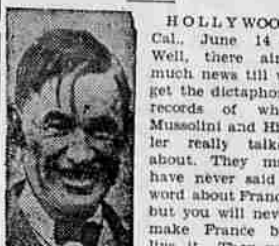
With a large array of wild horses and steers, and calves and goats reported to be adept at dodging ropes, all is in readiness now for the annual Starkey rodeo, to be held Sunday afternoon, beginning at 1:30 o'clock.

The scene of the rodeo, which is expected to attract a large group from La Grande and other nearby points, is the Charles Stiles ranch, and the road to Starkey now is reported in good condition. Besides bucking horses, steers, and roping of calves and goats, there will be other entertainment.

### MOTIONS HEARD IN CIRCUIT COURT

Motion day was held today by Judge J. W. Knowles in the circuit court today and motions were heard for the settlement of minor pleadings. Among the cases on the calendar were three civil cases one of C. D. Edmondson against C. S. Moore, the case of A. G. Berry, guardian, against Stanley Steil and the third of J. N. Parson against Mrs. L. L. Shepherd.

### Let's Have Our Own Dictator Confab



HOLLYWOOD, Cal., June 14—Well, there ain't much news till we get the dictaphone records of what Mussolini and Hitler really talked about. They may have never said a word about France, but you will never make France believe it. They were supposed to travel and meet on neutral ground. They met on neutral ground, but it was Mussolini's. To get even with 'em now we will have President Roosevelt meet Mr. Plutarco Calles of Mexico and show those Europeans a couple of boys that really run their countries. Yours,

Will Rogers  
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### ALL FACILITIES AT PLAYGROUNDS ARE OPEN TO ADULTS

A summer playground program for adults was announced yesterday by the La Grande playground committee.

It is urged by the committee that adults take part in and make use of the playground facilities that have been admitted here this summer for the first time, at the La Grande High school field, and at Greenwood school.

That the playgrounds are not for the exclusive use of the children of the city was stressed by the committee, of which Elmo Stevenson is chairman.

Organization of adult volleyball teams will begin tonight when the American Legion and the American legion auxiliary will gather at the

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### ROOSEVELT MAY VETO GRAZING BILL

WASHINGTON, June 15 (AP)—Representative Taylor (D., Colo.), told reporters today President Roosevelt had indicated he would veto the Taylor grazing bill unless two amendments written into the measure by the senate were modified.

The measure, intended to conserve the grazing area in the west, is before the president.

Taylor said an attempt would be made in the house to recall the bill for reconsideration.

The amendments objected to were by Senator McCarran (D., Nev.) which would force extension of the grazing permit issued to a livestock man, as long as annual renewal would impair the value of his livestock unit.

### Little Damage Done By Orchard Blight In Southern Oregon

MEDFORD, Ore., June 15 (AP)—Blight conditions in the orchards of the Central and Southern Rogue River valley, are under control, and will cause no material commercial damage, according to Dr. W. Aldrich, head of the Medford federal experiment orchard, and Robert K. Norris, horticulturist of the Pinnacle Packing company, with 25 orchards under his supervision.

Reports that "black blight" was prevalent here, was denied by both authorities, and both said they had never heard of such a tree disease.

### LUMBER SALES SHOW INCREASE

PORTLAND, June 15 (AP)—New business of \$6,150,000 feet, about 24 per cent less than for the 8-year weekly average for June, and 9 per cent under the total for the previous week, was reported by the Western Pine association for the week ending June 9.

For the year to date orders have increased 20 per cent over the 1933 total for the corresponding period. Shipments for the week totaled 45,136,000 feet, and production was 57,979,000 feet. Orders amounted to 35,080,000 feet compared with 57,187,000 feet for the corresponding week last year.

### It's Not So Bad For an 'Invalid'



So ill during play that he had to take hourly doses of medicine, Olin Dutra, golfing giant from Los Angeles, made enough healthy swings and fine recoveries to capture the National Open Golf Championship at Ardmore, Pa., with a score of 293. Dutra, who lost 15 pounds during the tourney, is shown above with victor's trophy.

### Germany Will Continue Out Of Geneva Meet

VENICE, June 15 (AP)—Germany will not return to the Geneva disarmament conference despite conversations between Chancellor Hitler and Premier Mussolini, German correspondents were told at a press conference this afternoon. The conference, to which only German newspapermen were admitted, took place immediately after Hitler's return from his second meeting with Mussolini. The correspondents were told no accord would be signed as a result of the meeting, although the premiers found themselves in agreement on many points.

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### ARMED POSSE SEEKS TRACE OF CONVICTS

Man Arrested Here Last December Gets Away With Prison Pal.

T. F. Audette, one of two convicts who is today at large following a sensational escape from the McNeil Island penitentiary yesterday, is a La Grande "pickup." He was arrested in this city by state police last December.

Coming from the east by automobile, Audette was questioned at that time and held here when officers noted he had but one license plate. Later investigation developed Audette to be an ex-convict from California. The car he was driving was found to have been stolen and he was confined in jail here until the arrival of a United States marshal early in January when he was taken to Portland for trial under the Dyer act, which has to do with transporting stolen cars across state boundaries. Upon trial he was found guilty and sent to McNeil's last February.

TACOMA, Wash., June 15 (AP)—Safe on the mainland after a sensational break from McNeil Island penitentiary, the "prison without walls" (Continued on Page Two)

### HOUSE PASSES RAILWAY LABOR, PENSION BILLS

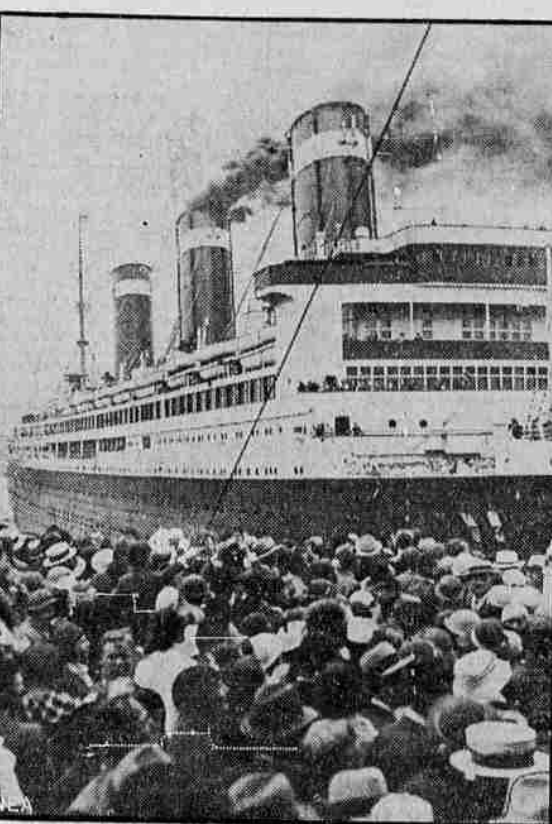
WASHINGTON, June 15 (AP)—The Crosser bill to establish a national board of adjustment to hear railway labor grievances was passed today by the house and sent to the senate.

The measure, designed to promote peace between carriers and workers, and to prevent interruption of rail transportation, was approved shortly after the house had passed another bill by the Ohio Democrat to provide pensions for railway employees.

The labor dispute bill prohibits carriers from influencing workers' labor organizations and outlaws contracts forbidding workers from joining labor organizations.

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### An Ocean Queen Gets a Royal Sendoff



Glistening under a new coat of paint, the United States liner Levathan, one of the mightiest of ocean greyhounds, is here shown pulling away from her New York port, with a crowd of 4,000 on hand to wave goodbye to her 300 passengers. It was the big ship's first European trip after a year's rest.

### LOOKS LIKE ANOTHER ROOSEVELT DIVORCE

RENO, Nev., June 15 (AP)—Mrs. Anna Curtis Dall, daughter of President Roosevelt, is establishing residence here and it was assumed divorce proceedings were in prospect. Mrs. Dall has leased a home at Lake Tahoe. The daughter of the president has been separated from her husband for more than a year. With her

two children, "Sislie" and "Buzze," she has lived at the White House the past year. Shortly after the Roosevelts entered the White House, Elliott Roosevelt, a son, left for the west coast, established residence at Las Vegas, and obtained a divorce from Elizabeth Donner Roosevelt, of Philadelphia. A few days later, in Davenport, Ia., he married Miss Ruth Coggins, of Fort Worth, Texas.

### JUST BEFORE PRESSTIME

F. R. TO VISIT BONNEVILLE  
POLISH MINISTER KILLED  
BAKER'S CODE PLANNED  
KLAMATH FALLS HAS FIRE

WASHINGTON, June 15 (AP)—President Roosevelt has not decided at which Pacific port he will land on his return from his forthcoming cruise to Hawaii, but he said today at his press conference he intended to visit the Bonneville project on the Columbia river and the Fort Peck, Montana, development.

WARSAW, June 15 (AP)—Bronislaw Pieracki, minister of the interior in the Polish cabinet, was mortally wounded late today by assassins who attacked him as he left his club. He died a short time later in a hospital.

SALEM, June 15 (AP)—A hearing relative to a proposed marketing agreement for the Oregon baking industry, will be held here June 27. Max Gehlbauer, director of agriculture, announced today. Creation of a state control committee of 22 members and establishment of a minimum retail price for bread and other bakery products has been proposed.

KLAMATH FALLS, May 15 (AP)—The Turner moulding mill burned to the ground here, this afternoon with a loss of \$15,990. The building was owned by the Klamath Pine Lumber company of Stockton, Cal.

### GREEN PROPOSES PLAN TO PREVENT STEEL DISPUTE

PITTSBURGH, June 15 (AP)—A delay in the steel strike was ordered today by the workers' convention. The strike had been tentatively set for midnight tonight.

PITTSBURGH, June 15 (AP)—A plan for settlement of the disputes in the steel industry was submitted by President William Green of the American Federation of Labor today at the steel workers' convention called to take action on the proposed nationwide strike. The labor leader suggested "an impartial board" of three members be appointed by the president to adjust differences over the steel code and mediate other disputes.

The workers shall maintain the right, he said, to organize freely and the board would have authority to hold elections among employees to choose collective bargaining representatives. If the plan is acceptable to both sides, the strike should be called off, he told the 200 delegates attending the meeting of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin workers.

### ACCIDENTS IN 1934 TOP PREVIOUS YEAR

SALEM, June 15 (AP)—Automobile accidents, injuries and fatalities in Oregon last month as well as for the first five months of 1934 show a considerable increase over the same periods last year, it was shown by a report from the state department here today.

Out of a total of 1,695 traffic accidents in May, 1934 persons were killed and 405 injured as compared to 1,568 accidents, 19 fatalities and 346 injuries in May, 1933. For the first five months this year there were 8,253 accidents in which 1,878 persons were injured, 119 fatalities. For the same period last year, 7,512 accidents were listed, out of which 1,398 received injuries and 90 were killed. Of the deaths recorded last month nine were pedestrians.

### ROSE FESTIVAL NEARS FINISH

PORTLAND, June 15 (AP)—Portland settled back today to something more nearly like its accustomed routine as the ceremonies and celebrations attending the 26th annual festival of roses drew to an end. The Standard Oil company of California won the sweepstakes award in the floral parade yesterday, and the display of the Pasadena tournament of roses won first place in the float classification for cities outside of Oregon. The Vancouver, Wash., junior chamber of commerce was second, and Richfield, Wash., was third. Oregon City won first place in the department for cities in Oregon. Leaverton was second, and Cascade Locks, third.

### PROTECTION IS GIVEN TO SHIPWORKERS

Forces Face One Another As Non-Union Men Unload Vessels.

### SIMILAR ACTION IN OTHER CITIES

Seattle and Tacoma Mayors Head Movements to Open All Ports in Pacific Northwest.

SEATTLE, June 15 (AP)—Thirty police and 100 striking seamen and engineers faced each other at the Todd dry docks here today where the pickets ordered non-union workers aboard the Lukenback ships to leave their posts.

Armed with clubs the union men stood across the street from the dock entrance, facing the policemen who were armed with riot sticks and shotguns. The officers were ready to clear the picket line away should any of the pickets try to enter the dock.

Mayors Charles L. Smith and George A. Smalley of Seattle and Tacoma enlisted today the aid of every port city in the Pacific northwest to open all ports simultaneously under police protection. After a conference with the Tacoma mayor, Smith said every port would be opened at once. Couriers will be sent out of Tacoma (Continued on Page Two)

### COAST BRIDGES GET EXTRA \$500,000

SALEM, June 15 (AP)—The amendatory agreement increasing the PWA loan and grant for the building of five Oregon coast bridges from \$5,100,000 to \$5,600,000, arrived at the office of J. M. Devers, attorney for the state highway commission this morning.

R. H. Baldoke, state highway engineer, said today that work on all five bridges should be under way some time in July. Work has already been started on the Alsea span, and bids opened on the other four, but contracts were held up on the latter until the added appropriation could be secured.

### POLICE HOLD MAN IN DEATH OF GIRL

SHARON, Pa., June 15 (AP)—Homer Saunders, 45, Westinghouse engineer, told police today that he had found the body of Leah Minerva Dille, aged 4, who has been missing since June 3, and cremated it. Police stated Saunders said he was rummaging a house at 317 Andrews Ave. the day after the child disappeared, when he found her dead on the floor. According to the police, Saunders says he took the body to his home, and later cremated it in a field.

### Baseball

NATIONAL LEAGUE	
	R. H. E.
Brooklyn	0 16 0
Pittsburgh	4 0 0
Zachary and Lopez; Lucas, Chagnon, Swift and Padden.	
R. H. E.	
New York	1 9 1
Cincinnati	2 5 1
Itzimmions and Mancuso; Fretz and O'Farrell.	
R. H. E.	
Philadelphia	4 9 0
Chicago	3 7 0
Collins, Johnson, Grabowski, Davis Darrow and Todd; Warneke and Hartnett.	
AMERICAN LEAGUE	
	R. H. E.
Chicago	7 13 1
Washington	8 13 1
Jones, Heving and Madjeski; Crowder and Sewell.	
R. H. E.	
Cleveland	12 17 0
Philadelphia	6 11 0
Hildebrand and Pytlak; Mahaffey, Lager, Flohr and Hayes.	
R. H. E.	
St. Louis	3 5 3
New York	6 8 1
Newson, Wells and Hensley; MacFayden and Jorgens.	
R. H. E.	
Detroit	11 13 1
Boston	4 9 0
Bowe and Hayworth; Cochrane; Ostermueller, H. Johnson, Welch and H. Farrell.	

### SEE YOUR DENTIST TWICE A YEAR



### "HENRY FORD" OF FRANCE RECEIVES BOMB PACKAGE

PARIS, June 15 (AP)—A bomb exploded in the office of Andre Citroen, the "Henry Ford of France," today in the campaign of terror by the "three judges of hell" which has frightened all Paris. The bomb was addressed to Citroen personally but was opened by the librarian of the motor plant. His hands were badly torn and the office was slightly damaged.

Four other infernal machines which failed to explode were received in the morning mail today, bringing to 10 the total of bombs mailed by the terrorists in the last 48 hours. Four persons have been injured by them.

### Wheat Today

CHICAGO, June 15 (AP)—Wheat rallied late today after temporary losses had replaced early gains in prices. Some renewal of speculative buying was responsible for late upturns. The temporary weakness of wheat was attributed to reports that movement of new wheat from the harvest fields southwest was rapidly increasing. Blvd, Okla., noting arrivals of 327 carloads today and Hutchinson, Kan., 111 cars. Omaha received its first car of new wheat today. It graded No. 1 hard. Wheat closed firm 1/4 to 3/8 above yesterday's finish, September 95 1/2 @ 1/2, corn 1/4 @ 3/8 down, oats unchanged to 1/4 higher, and provisions unchanged to 7c off.