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WEATHER

Thursday fair; moderate south-westerly winds.

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ANTI-BEER BILL IS LAID ASIDE, RESPITE TAKEN

Congress Now in Recess Until September 21, No Action Taken Regarding Beer for Invalids.

PRESIDENT SIGNS DYE EMBARGO LEGISLATION

House of Representatives to Enjoy Longer Vacation Than Senate

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24.—Congress took a recess tonight until September 21, without a vote by the senate on a bill prohibiting the manufacture and sale of beer to the sick.

Definitely Solved The anti-beer bill was laid aside tonight by the senate at the request of Senator Sterling.

House Extends Recess The senate is expected to resume work upon reconvening, but Representative Mondell, the Republican leader, obtained agreement to have the house declare three days recess from September 21 to October 31.

President Harding was at the capitol late tonight to sign a number of bills. The last to be put before him was the dye embargo extension, and the last measure to be passed by the senate.

PEACE TREATY IS NOT SIGNED

United States and Central Powers Fail to Complete Arrangements

BERLIN, Aug. 24.—The peace treaty between the United States and Germany was not signed today as had been intended.

The delay in signing resulted from an unexpected technical point raised in connection with the formalities arranged by Ellis Loring Dresel, the United States commissioner, and Dr. Friedrich Rosen, the German foreign minister, yesterday.

The ceremony of signing was to have occurred at noon today at the foreign office, but it was postponed at the request of Mr. Dresel, who asked the privilege of querying the Washington government on the mooted point.

At both the headquarters of the American commission and the German foreign office it was said that the technicality which involved the delay did not affect the contents or character of the treaty, as both governments had reached full accord on the official text some days ago.

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SCENIC PRESERVATION MADE OBJECT OF STATE SOCIETY

Temporary organization of the Scenic Preservation association of Oregon, which is to become statewide, was effected at a conference in the office of Governor Olcott yesterday afternoon.

The following men attended the conference: Governor Olcott, Fred Kiser, J. H. Rankin, L. A. Nelson, George Cecil, E. S. Collins, Henry Fries, W. C. Culbertson and John B. Yeon, all of Portland; Herbert Nunn, state highway commissioner; F. A. Elliott, state forester, and T. E. McCroskey, manager of the Salem Commercial club.

The following clubs or organizations were represented: Portland Kiwanis club, Portland Ad Club, Portland Chamber of Commerce, Portland Realty board, Salem Commercial club, state highway commission and United States forestry service.

All Cities to Act. The Portland men who attended the conference will constitute a temporary executive committee who will draw up a set of by-laws to be approved later. The meeting instructed Governor Olcott to issue a request for each civic or commercial body of the state to appoint a scenic preservation committee, the committee to assemble in their respective cities and each to select a representative who shall be recommended to the governor for appointment as a vice-president of the state association. The governor in the near future will call a meeting of these representatives.

ZR-2 CATASTROPHE SHOCKS AMERICA, YANKEE CREW LOST

HULL, England, Aug. 24.—(By The Associated Press) —Seventeen officers and men of the United States navy and twenty-seven officers and men of the British navy met death today in the collapse of the great dirigible ZR-2 over the city of Hull.

Every one of the Americans on board the ill-fated craft perished as far as could be ascertained at midnight tonight. Only five men of the forty-nine who were making the trial trip in the dirigible prior to the vessel being turned over to the United States navy are known to have been saved.

The American officers who started the trip included Commander Louis H. Maxfield, Lieutenant-Commander Emory Coil, Lieutenant Henry W. Hoyt, Lieutenant Marcus H. Esterly, Lieutenant Commander Valentine N. Bieg and Lieutenant Charles G. Little.

The American enlisted men who went up with the craft from Howden were C. I. Aller, Robert Coons, L. E. Crowl, J. T. Hancock, William Julius, M. Lay, A. L. Loftin, A. I. Pettit, W. J. Steele, N. O. Walker and George Welsh.

The British losses include the famous air veteran Brigadier General E. M. Maitland and all the other officers on board, except Lieutenant Wann, the commander of the ZR-2. Starting from Howden Tuesday morning on a test flight to Pulham, the big aircraft had been afloat for 34 hours, at times in bad weather, and was returning to the Pulham airdrome at the time of the disaster, which constitutes the most terrible of its kind in peacetime.

The ZR-2, sister ship of the famous R-34, the first dirigible to cross the Atlantic, was on her final test trip, prior to being accepted by the United States navy and taken across the Atlantic by an American crew especially trained for that purpose. She was 695 feet long and was built to carry a crew of thirty. Her speed was estimated at 70 miles an hour. The American navy was to pay \$2,000,000 for the craft.

While flying at about 1,000 feet over Hull, spectators saw the ZR-2 seemingly buckle amidships and plunge downward over the city and into the Humber river.

Bulletin: 11:23 p. m. HULL, England, Aug. 25.—(By The Associated Press)—Norman C. Walker, a rigger, was the only American to escape when the ZR-2 was destroyed here last evening. It was reported early in the night that he had died, but inquiry has established the fact that he is still alive. His home is in Commerce, Tex.

Weakness Rumored. One theory of the cause of the disaster is that while the ship's rudders were being tested the giant craft took a sharp turn, which caused her framework to buckle and that the explosion of a gasoline tank completed the tragedy of the air. The actual cause, however, may never be known. A rumor had been afloat for some days that ZR-2 was structurally weak, but this was stoutly denied by all in authority.

Jump From Wreck. Tens of thousands of spectators saw several men climb out of the wreckage.

TWO ARE DEAD, FIFTY INJURED

Rio Grande Passenger Train Crashes Through Bridge Near Gale, Colo.

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo., Aug. 24.—Two persons were killed and more than 50 injured today when Denver & Rio Grande western passenger train No. 1, westbound, plunged through a bridge into a creek at Gale, Colo., near here. The dead are: Douglas Armstrong, engineer, Grand Junction, and William Redfern, 52, Lallavre, Cal., a passenger.

The wreck was due to a wash-out which had damaged the bridge. It was said tonight that most of the 50 persons injured would be able to continue their journeys or return to their homes by tomorrow, although a few were said to be in a serious condition, though not expected to die.

The train wrecked near Denver at 8:30 o'clock yesterday morning, en route to Salt Lake City, Utah.

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LAST SPOONFUL CONCRETE PUT ON FINE ROAD

New Pacific Highway to Be Finally Opened for Traffic in Four Weeks — Rapid Work is Done.

TROUBLESOME GAP IN THOROUGHFARE CLOSED

Construction South of Salem Considered Model of Modern Improvement

At 1 o'clock, yesterday, the last spoonful of concrete was laid completing the south-of-Salem section of the Pacific highway leading towards Jefferson.

A lot of material has been laid on that road. It is 8.57 miles long, 16 feet wide, seven inches deep, solid concrete. There are 105,000 sacks of cement, 8,000 cubic yards of sand, 13,000 cubic yards of gravel. The superficial area is almost 91,000 square yards. The trucks traveled close to 100,000 miles in hauling the material to place.

Water System Built. The contractors had to build their own water works system, to carry water to the building site. At times they were pumping water three miles to use in the concrete mixing and road finishing operations.

The road stops at the south end, six miles this side of Jefferson. That, however, interests the public far less than the fact that at the north end it didn't stop until it had established a connection with paved commercial street, Salem. Now it's a straight shoot from here clear to the other end of the 8.57 miles of this new section.

City Council Helpless. Travelers and natives and even callous-footed and souled yellow dogs have jeered, wept, prayed, swore despairingly over the South Commercial street road leading into Salem. They have charged it up to the city, with the violent assertion that "it's always the cities that have the worst roads."

Development Interesting. A concrete road is an interesting development. This new Pacific highway is the very best thing in permanent road building. First the grade is made, leveled, rolled. Then the water pipe line is laid alongside, to have water ready for both the mixing and the sprinkling after the material is laid in place. Then the trucks set to work on their interminable hauling job. The seven trucks on this one job have traveled close to 200 miles in 79 days, eight drivers working in relays, eight hours at a time, and covering a total of almost 100,000 miles. The average haul for the 21,000 cubic yards of sand and gravel, and the 105,000 sacks of cement was a little more than five miles; all the gravel was from the Salem Sand & Gravel plant in Salem. The cement too is an Oregon product. From the Oregon Portland Cement Company at Oswego.

Mixer Works Happily. The gravel is dumped where it can be handled by the big Koehring mixer that handles five cubic yards at a charge. The mixed concrete is run out to place on a crane-arm extension that can place it anywhere on the 16-foot roadway. After the required depth is placed in one section, the mixer moves back a few feet, to take up another batch of materials, while the leveling gang goes over it. The material already dumped and finished is ready for surfacing.

The roadway is marked by heavy stringers, carefully laid to the required grade. These form the ways on which the leveler is operated—a huge scraper, resting on the two sides of the 16-foot-wide mould walls, and which is drawn over and over the plastic concrete to give it the proper slope. The finished road is given a crown of one and a half inches, to make it shed water. After it is properly formed, the fast-hardening concrete is rolled with heavy, long-handled hand rollers.

Pavement Protected. When the proper surface is obtained, the new road is covered with a sheet of canvas or burlap and left to settle for a day. It takes almost 1000 feet of canvas, 24 feet wide, to cover the roadway that will be laid in a day. The contractors have as much canvas on the job, as a three-ring circus. It is sprinkled heavily all day.

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LAKE LABISH LANDS ON FIRE AND EFFORTS TO QUENCH BLAZE UNAVAILING; RAIN IS NEEDED

MONEY COMES TO BE PAID GUARD BOYS

Treasury Checks Aggregating \$24,000 to Be Distributed in Willamette Valley

United States treasury checks aggregating more than \$24,000 were received at the offices of the adjutant general yesterday for distribution among Oregon citizen soldiers in payment for armory drills.

Most of these checks will be distributed in Salem, McMinnville, Silverton, Medford and Portland. Checks for national guardsmen in other sections of the state are overdue.

A total of \$115,000 of federal funds has been distributed in Oregon since the first of the year. Adjutant General White said. The largest payroll resulted from the encampments held at Camp Lewis and Fort Stevens. More than 2400 Oregonians are on the federal military payroll, and receive regular compensation for services under the national defense act. Funds under this act are prorated among the states according to the strength of the national guard.

Oregon has the largest national guard, based on population, of all western states, and the second largest in the United States.

REFUND OF TAXES MAY BE HALTED

Action May Be Filed Against Sheriff Orr of Polk County Today

DALLAS, Ore., Aug. 24.—(Special to The Statesman)—A suit will in all probability be filed with County Clerk Moore tomorrow by Robert S. Kresson, attorney, to enjoin Sheriff John W. Orr from paying the refund ordered paid to the taxpayers of Polk county by the state tax commission out of the general fund.

The attention of the state tax commission was called to the tax situation in Polk county several weeks ago by the Southern Pacific railway company in setting up a portion of its taxes. The railroad attorneys found that Polk county had gone over its 6 per cent limitation something over \$10,000 and the commission ordered the sheriff immediately to begin preparations for refunding this amount to the taxpayers. Mr. Kresson, after an exhaustive search of the records, has found that the excess taxes have all been drawn on the fund raised by the special high school levy and the refund should not be made out of the general fund as the sheriff proposes to do.

The sheriff's clerical force has been making preparations this week for refunding the money due those taxpayers who have paid their taxes in full and was going to begin the task a few days ago. The suit, which will be held before Judge Harry H. Belt as soon as he returns from a trip to southern Oregon will delay the matter somewhat and it is the opinion of persons interested that the case will bring out some points of the tax law never before uncovered.

Man, Long Dead, Found Near Columbia Highway

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 24.—The body of a man whose last name, the police believe, was Olson, was found lying under a tree about 100 yards off the lower Columbia River highway about two miles north of Linton. Apparently the man had been dead three months or more. The body was lying on a pair of blankets which had been carefully spread on the ground. There were no evidences of a murder having been committed, officers said.

Charles Chaplin Will Re-visit Native Land

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Aug. 24.—Charles Chaplin, film comedian, left Los Angeles today for New York City from whence he plans to sail for England, his native land for his first visit there in several years. He said he expected to be abroad about three months.

BISHOP LEWIS DEAD.

SIoux CITY, Ia., Aug. 24.—Bishop W. S. Lewis of the Methodist Episcopal church, died at a hospital here today after a long illness.

QUINABY, Or., Aug. 24.—Travelers along the Pacific highway east of Chemawa are astonished to see the earth on fire in the fields adjoining the road, where the celebrated Lake Labish vegetable loam has become ignited from burning brush. All efforts to extinguish it with loose dirt have proved unavailing, as the application of soil of the same nature is merely adding fuel to the flames. Nothing but rain in generous quantities can subdue the blaze.

This land is valued at \$1000 an acre on account of its vegetable composition and serious injury would result if the fire should spread over any considerable areas as the porous nature of the soil permits the fire to burn deep into the earth.

Falls City Man Killed By Backfire of Motor

W. O. Wilson of Falls City died at a local hospital yesterday as the result of injuries received when he was thrown through the side of a garage by the back fire of a Ford lumber truck which he was attempting to crank.

Rushed from the Foster lumber camp on the Big Luckiamute near Hoskins where the accident occurred, Wilson died before Dr. Butler of independence could reach his bedside. Concussion of the brain was given as the cause of death.

Little is known of the conditions surrounding the accident. He is survived by a wife and child in Falls City and by parents who live near Salem. The body is at the Rigdon undertaking establishment.

Montana Woman Is Hunting Her Son Here

Mrs. A. DeLong, Mont., who arrived in this city yesterday in search of her son, Earl Hinote, who was said to be in a local hospital has asked the aid of the police in locating him, for she has been unable to find where he has been at any one of the Salem hospitals.

Several days ago she received a telegram from her son's wife saying that he had been injured and that he was at a Salem hospital and asking that the mother come to his bedside. Mrs. DeLong is also unable to find the wife. Hinote's home is in Marshfield.

GREAT INCREASE IS SHOWN BY ASSESSOR IN GROWING ACRES

There is 52,634 more acres devoted to farming in Marion county than there was one year ago, according to the annual report of Oscar A. Steelhammer, assessor, in his horticultural and agricultural report of Marion county. The farming acreage at present in Marion county is 382,301, while one year ago it was 329,667.

The number of farms has also increased during the past year, according to the same annual report. One year ago there were 4,615 farms in the county, while today there are 4,724.

Spring Wheat Increases There is also a slight increase in the acreage of non-bearing prunes, as the report of one year ago estimated 1,794 acres, while for this year it is 1,873, an increase of 79 acres.

In the acreage of spring wheat, there has been a gain of 2,300 acres covering the report of this year with that of a year ago. The spring wheat of last year was 11,294, while for this year the Marion county acreage is 13,799, according to Mr. Steelhammer's report.

The acreage of winter wheat has fallen off, for while it was 22,590 one year ago, this year's report shows only 22,026 acres.

Hop Industry Spurts The hop industry has taken a sudden spurt when it comes to acreage, comparing this year with the assessor's report of last year. Today there are 4,689 acres of bearing hops in Marion county while the report a year ago gave 3,229 acres. The non-bearing acreage, however, is smaller, as there is only 484 acres of non-bearing hops in Marion county compared to 1,232 acres a year ago.

Oats Most Popular The heaviest acreage of all crops in the county is that of oats, amounting to 42,861 acres this year. This is 7,926 acres more than the combined winter and spring wheat acreage of the county.

Clover is also a heavy crop in the county, with a total this year

FILMMAKERS ACCUSED OF BAD POLITICS

Defeat of Candidates Who Favor Control is Said to Have Been Threatened

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24.—Investigation of the "political activities" of the motion picture industry was proposed in a resolution introduced tonight by Senator Myers, Democrat, Mont. The resolution charged that the industry, in an effort to repeal motion picture censorship and control laws had promised the publicity of the screen to "elect all who agree to vote for its repeal, and to defeat all candidates who refused."

The picture industry by its own announcement, the resolution said, had "entered politics to become a factor in the election of every candidate, from alderman to president, from assemblyman to United States senators."

HOBOKEN, N. J., Aug. 24.—Five hundred bodies of American soldier dead, awaiting shipment to the homes of relatives, were removed in safety late today when fire of unknown origin swept over the army waterfront reservation here, destroying piers five and six and an adjoining army store house and barracks.

Vessels Threatened Pier four, at which the giant liner Leviathan and the transport Wheaton were docked, was saved with difficulty. The flames licked the sides of the Leviathan, damaging a small section of the workwood on the bow and the forward mast but a fire boat wedged its way between the liner and the burning pier and successfully fought off the flames.

Bodies Are Removed When the fire broke out, Captain H. S. Wilbur, officer of the day, called out the entire army personnel, about 150 men, who started removing the bodies. Four hundred longshoremen, on duty at nearby piers assisted.

One thousand other bodies were lined up on pier four, but were not disturbed. The transport Wheaton, which recently arrived here with 5,000 bodies still had 2,000 aboard but the fire was on the opposite side of her pier.

Man Found Beaten to Death, Police Active

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Huge Expense Sum is Approved by Congress

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24.—The bill carrying \$48,500,000 for expenses of the shipping board for January 1 next, and \$200,000 for expenses of the disarmament conference, was sent to the president tonight when the senate and the house adopted a conference report on the measure.

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COAST BASEBALL

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STANDING OF THE CLUBS

HOBOKEN PIERS BURNED, SAKE BODIES OF DEAD

Giant Liner, Leviathan and Transport Saved After Struggle Which Calls Out Fire Fighters.

TWO PIERS, WAREHOUSE AND BARRACKS LOST

Bodies of 400 Soldier Dead Rescued by Volunteers, Guards and Laborers

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