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SALEM, OREGON, TUESDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 23, 1924

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## U. S. AVIATORS READY TO TURN NORTH TODAY

### Hop to San Diego Is Completed Safely a Little Ahead of Schedule By World Girdlers

## FLIGHT TO TAKE THEM ALONG PACIFIC COAST

## Historic Trip of Famous Globe Fliers Ends Officially at Seattle

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Sept. 22.—America's round the world fliers returned today to Rockwell field, San Diego, from which they took off last March to start on their globe encircling trip. As if to give good measure to an achievement already heralded far and wide, the fliers got in ahead of the announced schedule, disappointing part of a large crowd on hand to make the welcome a real one, and the aviators made it plain that they appreciated the reception.

The announced plan is for the fliers to resume their trip tomorrow. They expect to leave for Santa Monica at about noon. They will go on as far north as Seattle.

## COUNTY SHOWS FAIR FEATURE

Josephine Has 50 Varieties of Grapes—Others Come in Strong

## STATE FAIR PROGRAM TODAY

**Morning.**  
9:00-10:00—Concert at main entrance by Salem Cherrian band, Oscar Steelhammer, directing.  
9:00—Finals in men's singles horseshoe pitching contest.  
9:30—Arrival American Legion posts from all point in Oregon.  
10:00—Concert on grounds by Hebel's Cherrybud band.  
10:30—Canning contest by girls of Clatsop county industrial clubs, in educational building.  
10:30—Concert in bandstand by Salem Cherrian band, Oscar B. Gingrich heard in vocal solos.  
11:30—Music by American Legion bugle and drum corps on grounds.

## PHILADELPHIA PLAYER WINS GOLF MEDAL

### Dudley Clarke Corcoran Makes 67 in Qualifying Test—Westerners Enter

ARDMORE, Pa., Sept. 22.—(By the Associated Press).—Dudley Clarke Corcoran of the Huntingdon Valley club, Philadelphia, today won the qualifying medal of the National Amateur golf tournament with a new record.

Corcoran has the honor of making the lowest 18 hole medal score ever made in national amateur golf, and also the lowest qualifying score for 36 holes. The old 36 hole record was equalled by Jones today.

## MRS. W. T. JENKS DIES IN PORTLAND

### Prominent Salem Woman Passes Away After Illness of Three Months

Salem friends were very much shocked to hear of the death of Mrs. Edith E. Jenks, wife of Walter T. Jenks, who died at a Portland hospital early yesterday morning following an illness of over three months from a puzzling disease.

## ESCAPED LUNATIC STILL AT LARGE

### Jacob Hall Makes Getaway From State Hospital at 1:30 This Morning

Jacob Hall, an inmate of the state insane asylum, made his escape at 1:30 a. m. today, and was still at large at an early hour this morning, according to announcement given out at the institution.

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## WHEELER USES MEANS' LATEST IN NEW SPEECH

### Crowd Made Up Largely of Farmers Hears Daugherty Bitterly Assailed

## LATEST PHOTOGRAPH OF THE TWO CANDIDATES ON BOURBON TICKET



John W. Davis and Charles W. Bryan

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## PEACE PACT IS NOW COMPLETE

### Official Presentation Made of Long Expected Draft of Protocol

GENEVA, Sept. 22.—(By the AP.)—If three or four of the great powers—Great Britain, France, Italy, Japan—who have permanent seats on the council of the league of nations, and ten other states, members of the league, ratify the protocol of arbitration and security which was made public today, there will be opened at Geneva on June 15, 1925, a great international conference for the reduction of armaments.

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## SHOULDERS ARRIVE JUST IN TIME TO SAVE TOWN

### Seattle Rainfall Quenched a Fire, Started Last Week in Green Timber South of Eatonville, 38 Miles Southeast of Tacoma, Which Threatened to Destroy the Town Today, and Saved the Pierce County Town from Destruction, According to a Dispatch Received Here From Kapowain, 12 Miles North of Eatonville.

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Mrs. Sweetin was brought from her home in Ina, 12 miles south of here this evening after the clergyman had told the state's attorney that he had poisoned his wife so he could marry Mrs. Sweetin, and that he had bought the poison that was administered to the woman's husband.

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In answer to the state's attorney's questions, she insisted that none but proper relations had existed between her and the clergyman, that he treated her the same as he did the other women of the congregation, and that the rumors linking her name with that of the minister were unfounded. While no formal charge has yet been placed against the woman, in connection with her husband's death, she is held on the strength of the minister's confession.

MOUNT VERNON, Ill., Sept. 22.—Rev. Lawrence M. Hight of Ina, signed a new confession late today in which he said he poisoned his wife, Anna, and bought poison with which Mrs. Wilford Sweetin killed her husband. They had planned to be married, the minister admitted.

Mrs. Sweetin was ordered arrested. Early in the day the Ina clergyman had signed confessions that he had administered poison to both his wife and Sweetin. Until this afternoon he had steadfastly maintained Mrs. Sweetin was in no way to blame.

Sheriff Hicomb was not at the jail when Hight made the latest confession. A local newspaperman took down the admissions, which were attested by the Rev. Dr. Hall.

Hight said he purchased poison at Benton July 22 and gave it to Mrs. Sweetin, whose husband died July 23. Later he purchased more of the poison in Mount Vernon, which he administered to his wife. She died September 11. Fearing possible mob action, State Attorney Frank G. Thompson telephoned the sheriff's office from Ina late today asking the jailer to throw a guard around the county jail. Thompson said feeling was running high at Ina. Fifteen special sheriffs were sworn in immediately.

Mrs. Sweetin was arrested at Ina and brought to the county jail here shortly before 6 o'clock tonight when State Attorney Thompson, who had returned with the woman began to question her. When arrested, Mrs. Sweetin was not informed that Hight had made a statement implicating her in the death of her husband.

In his latest confession Hight repudiated his statement that he put poison in Sweetin's drinking water. "I said that to shield Mrs. Sweetin," he declared.

### Shows Arrive Just In Time to Save Town

SEATTLE, Sept. 22.—Heavy rainfall quenched a fire, started last week in green timber south of Eatonville, 38 miles southeast of Tacoma, which threatened to destroy the town today, and saved the Pierce county town from destruction, according to a dispatch received here from Kapowain, 12 miles north of Eatonville.

## FINE START MADE IN ATTENDANCE AT OREGON STATE FAIR

### Admissions Exceed Those of Year Ago on Opening Day, and 1200 Attend Horse Show—Beautiful Grounds Greet Visitors—Rain in Evening Puts Damper on Amusements

Old Man Oregon State Fair arrived in the city Monday and is spending the remainder of the week here in celebration of his 63rd anniversary. Age has not dimmed his enthusiasm and more than double the number of persons who paid admission last year were on hand the opening day to pay their tribute yesterday.

Never has the slogan of a bigger and better fair been more accurately used than this year. Growth is noted in all departments while quality is seen as well as quantity. It was estimated yesterday that a majority of the departments had increased from 25 to 50 per cent over the corresponding entries and exhibits of 1923.

Rain began falling about 7 o'clock last night, but failed to dampen the ardor of the 1200 who paid admission to see the horse show. The crowd was fairly high in the exposition buildings and business was ruined for the amusement concessions. The weather man advises that raincats be kept near at hand today or Wednesday.

Displays on Time

This year the displays were in readiness for inspection when the gates swung open at 8 o'clock Monday morning and the 63rd annual state fair was launched. Last year it was the second day before several of the county exhibits and other booths were completed.

Not only the pavilions, but the livestock shed and poultry departments display a far more complete arrangement than they did at the corresponding time last year.

Seldom have more beautiful grounds welcomed strangers and visitors. The vivid green of the sward and the carefully arranged and placed flowers brought forth favorable comment from all sides.

Youngsters Have Day

Monday was set aside as children's day, and hundreds of happy youngsters were on the grounds bringing forth a large delegation of adults. Just how many persons were on the grounds yesterday is a matter of conjecture, for with a small army of attaches and the necessary workers and passers all served to swell the total. Three bands furnished music for the day, the Cherrian, of Salem, an official state fair band, and the band from the boys' training school, which gave concerts in the pavilion.

Hebel's Cherry Bud band, a juvenile organization, was present. The official program opened with the Cherrian band, under the direction of Oscar Steelhammer, giving a concert near the main entrance, followed by another concert from the band stand at 11 o'clock. The band also played during the horse races in the afternoon and the horse show at night.

Cooperation Helping Factor

Cooperation between exhibitors and officials of the fair has brought most gratifying results this year and enabled the fair to hit its stride the opening day, according to J. E. McClintock, cashier and manager. All those interested were on the ground early and late preceding the opening and by their uniform efforts brought a harmonious effect, he said.

Some interesting figures were shown in the report of the day's receipts compiled by Mr. McClintock last night. The season ticket sale over last year showed an increase of more than \$200; single paid admissions were double those of the opening day of 1923 while the grandstand receipts were greatly in excess of those of last year.

Over 1200 at Horse Show

The horse show last night is indicative that it is a popular as well as social event. Mr. McClintock said. Last year admission was \$1 and for the opening night this year was 25 cents. Where 187 paid to witness the blooded horses and their riders in 1923, more than 1200 paid last night in addition to those admitted by passes. The lower price has been advocated by Mr. McClintock.

Sunday was a big day this year, there being 1162 paid admissions.

ATTEMPTED ESCAPE FATAL

CHESTER, Ill., Sept. 22.—George W. O'Malley of St. Louis, serving a life sentence for murder was shot and killed and John Weiger, another long term convict was dangerously wounded when guards of the state prison here frustrated a delivery of six inmates.

There ain't no such animal. This might be the expression of some after looking over the poultry department. Meet the Kiwi.

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### THE WEATHER

OREGON: Unsettled; rain in north and west portions; moderate temperature, fresh south and southwest winds, gales on the northwest coast.

LOCAL WEATHER (Monday)

Maximum temperature, 75. Minimum temperature, 51. River, -2.4; rising. Rainfall, .01. Atmosphere, cloudy. Wind, southwest.