

Weather — OREGON — Cloudy and unsettled with rain west portion; no change in temperature; moderate south winds. Max. 52. Min. 45. River, 9.3. rising. Rainfall, .09. Atmosphere, cloudy. Wind, Southwest.

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RAIN — RAIN — RAIN That's what makes things grow in Oregon — Plenty of sunshine this summer. Take time now to glance at the Classified Columns of this paper — there are things there of interest to you.

SEVENTY-FIFTH YEAR

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ENTIRE CREW OF VESSEL IS LOST IN GALE

Japanese Freighter Founders and Sinks With Two Steamers Standing by; Seas Are Heavy

'RESCUE IMPOSSIBLE,' RADIO MESSAGE READS

Futile Race With Wind and Waves is Lost; Lifeboats Are Smashed

NEW YORK, April 21.—Thirty-eight Japanese seamen, the entire crew of the Japanese steel freighter Raifuku Maru was drowned in the raging North Atlantic sea today when their ship sank as the Cunarder Tuscania and the Homeric of the White Star line stood by, unable to help because of the heavy seas.

"Regret unable to save life," read a laconic message wireless to the White Star office here by Captain John Roberts of the Homeric a few minutes after the Raifuku Maru sank. Riding the air close upon Captain Roberts' message came this from the Tuscania:

Terse Message Sent "Tuscania arrived at SOS in time to see her sunk with all lives aboard. Rescue impossible."

A detailed report of the disaster which occurred 180 miles south and west of Sable Island will not be known until the Homeric, New York bound, from Southampton, arrives tomorrow.

All that is known now is from the meager report sent through the air from the stricken steamer and the ships that sought to aid her. The "high lights" of the tale are supplied in two of these messages.

"Ship 39 degrees low. Now very danger. Please quick assist."

It was this message with its quaint language of the Raifuku Maru's captain that rang a "full speed ahead" signal aboard the Homeric, and sent it plunging through the wind and waves on its futile race against death. The message for help was sent out shortly after 4 o'clock this morning.

Race With Death Lost Hours later, Captain Roberts sent this message to his line offices:

"The Homeric proceeded to the assistance of the Raifuku Maru at 4:47 a. m., Eastern standard time, and sighted the steamer at 10:54. The steamer sank at 11:55 in latitude 4:13 north, longitude 61:39 west. Regret was unable to save life. Proceeded on voyage at 12:03 this afternoon."

This marked the end of the stricken freighter's seven hour struggle against a half gale that had swept the waves into monstrous battering rams. Her crew were helplessly trapped for her lifeboats had been smashed by the thundering seas. The ship of 5,857 gross tons listed badly, her bulk cargo of wheat having shifted

CATTLE ARE DYING FROM PLANT POISON

Deadly Larkspur Reported to be Causing Hundreds of Deaths in Herds

PORTLAND, Ore., April 21.—Hundreds of cattle have died in southeastern Oregon in the last few days from larkspur poisoning, according to Stanley G. Jewett, predatory animal inspector of the United States biological survey, who returned to Portland today. Most of the common larkspur found in eastern Oregon is poisonous for cattle, and because the rains were unusually heavy early in the year, the growth of grass and flowers were abundant.

Mr. Jewett said that losses had been heavy on a score of ranches south of Steins mountains to the Nevada boundary. On an automobile trip of about 30 miles he saw 60 dead animals near the road.

Accuracy in News Is Goal of Associated Press, Speaker Says

NEW YORK, April 21.—In addressing the members of The Associated Press at their annual luncheon B. Noyes, president of the association, said: "By a series of subtle executive encroachments I have succeeded in establishing, in practice at least, the right of exhorting you briefly on the ideals on these annual occasions and on this, the twenty-fifth anniversary of The Associated Press in its present form. I have no intention of waiving any of my prerogatives—even usurped ones."

"I find that even within our membership are those who only dimly realize our purposes. "I begin, therefore, at the beginning. You who are gathered here today are The Associated Press. There is no entity with a separate interest. The Associated Press is merely the instrumentality through which 1200 member newspapers exchange news, one with the other and also collect original news through a staff employed by these same 1200 newspapers. "Your organization is purely democratic, cooperating and non-profit making. "For purposes of administration

you select 15 newspaper men, connected with member newspapers, who act as your trustees. "The news service you require and receive must be non-partisan in the broadest sense, it must be without bias of any sort and it must be as accurate as is humanly possible. "I do not, of course, claim that there have not been the failings to which any human institution is subjected—but these have been individual errors and not intentional departure from the principles laid down. "The members of this organization have no thought of delegating to the officers or the board of directors of The Associated Press the duty or the privilege of doing their thinking for them, of determining what is the right of any public question, of either advocating or opposing any cause or individual. "Now, while our organization may have ideals and purposes of the highest type it is quite another thing to attain them in practice. "The accurate news, the unbiased

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RUMOR HEARD ON SHIP DEAL

Reports That Resignations To be Requested Current; Not Confirmed

WASHINGTON, April 21.—Concern for the administration of the Shipping Board's affairs prompted the recent letter of inquiry by President Coolidge to Chairman O'Connor of the Board with respect to the position of the commissioners who opposed the sale to the Dollar interests of the five vessels in the California-Orient line.

This, rather than the sale itself, was disclosed today as the important factor in the president's mind, but the question whether he contemplated any action as a result of the wide split in the board which developed over the sale remained in doubt tonight. Reports that resignations might be called for or proffered went without confirmation as did suggestions that some reorganization of the board's functions might be looked for.

President Coolidge made his inquiry of Chairman O'Connor when it appeared possible minority members might appear before the court in the injunction proceedings initiated by the Pacific Mail Steamship company to halt the sale, and by filing answers and appearance of counsel, be in the position of opposing the government in the suit.

The letter was received after Commissioner Plummer had left for court to submit affidavits of

Full House Greets Willamette Students Who Offer "Icebound" at Waller Hall

Three-Act Comedy Wins Praise in Manner of Presentation; Cast is Well-Selected While Director is Highly Commended

By AUDRED BUNCH Playing to what was practically a full house the cast that put on "Icebound" last night at Waller hall gave Willamette university a distinct renaissance in dramatics. The drama, Owen Davis' three-act prize-play, is of large character interest at its outset, a fact that made the adaptation of the cast to their parts one of outstanding importance. Henry Jordan and Walter Welton were one and the same person last night, in fact so completely did Mr. Welton take his part that one felt hesitation in imagining him outside of it. Emma, his wife (Marian Wyatt), was possessed with the proper bearing for one who "with her eyes shut" had married into the Jordan family. Nettie, her daughter by a former marriage, was impudent and sparkling all in one. Ella Pfeiffer, as Sadie Fellows, was the typical widow mother, and carried a part that was a distinct contribution to the success of the play. It was young Master Willis Hawley, Jr., who scored as heavily as any character of the evening with his perfectly naive American boyishness unspiced by any stage mannerisms. Rather, the stage seemed the very receptacle for it. Ella Jordan's part was taken by an established campus actress,

NEW INVENTION HELD SUCCESS

President's Voice is Broadcast From Film Made In Advance

NEW YORK, April 21.—An address by President Coolidge, in which he sounded a message of peace and prosperity, tonight was broadcast from a specially prepared photo-film made a week ago at the White House, marking what was said to be the first attempt ever made to broadcast a voice from the motion picture screen.

The film, which recorded both the movements and voice of the president, was shown at the Friars club, to visiting editors and publishers in New York, dinner guests of Mr. Koeningberg, president of King Features Syndicate, international news service, and Universal service. Dr. Lee De Forest personally supervised the making of the film and its projection while the Radio corporation of America took charge of the broadcasting.

Tonight's demonstration described as a notable scientific achievement enabled the president to reach millions of persons with his message without taking active personal part in the immediate proceedings. Expressing amazement at the wonder of the invention, President Coolidge said that he had chosen to speak of matters as old and familiar as the new process was new and novel. "The nation holds a position unsurpassed in all former human experience," he said. "I do not profess that we can secure an era

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DEFENSE OPENS ARGUMENTS IN WHEELER CASE

Counsel in Oil Charges Against Montana Senator Examine Witnesses; Prosecution Closes

CASE MAY BE ADJOURNED FOR TWO DAYS, BELIEF

Thomas J. Walsh, Defense Attorney, Leads Assault on State Witness

GREAT FALLS, Mont., April 21.—(By The Associated Press.)—Legal counter maneuvers began today at the trial of Senator Burton K. Wheeler as his attorneys took up the defense of their client, who is charged with wrongfully appearing before the department of the interior to prosecute oil prospecting permits after his election to the senate. Without asking for a direct verdict, Senator Thomas J. Walsh, chief of defense counsel, began the examination of witnesses as court convened this morning. Four Men Summoned He later announced he had summoned four witnesses from the east in an effort to controvert the testimony of the government's star witness, George P. Hayes, New York attorney. The government also had its inning when one witness testified that Edwin S. Booth, former solicitor for the interior department, was in communication with Hayes in March, 1923, regarding the affairs of Gordon Campbell, Montana oil operator, for whom the government charges, Wheeler prosecuted permits before the department. A two days' adjournment of the trial was seen when Senator Walsh requested Federal Judge Frank S. Dietrich to allow time for defense witnesses to arrive from the east. To Decide Merits The government offered no objections and Judge Dietrich took

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JURIST DEFENDED IN PAROLE CASE

Second Charge Against Embellisher Will Not be Pressed, Judge States

SEATTLE, April 21.—Defending Judge Walter M. French of Kitsap county, who gave Ray Zbinden, scion of an influential Seattle family, a suspended sentence for embezzling money to finance rum runners, Judge John T. Ronald refused today to hear a second charge, which Prosecutor Colvin filed after denouncing French. "My confidence in Judge French is such that I know whatever order he made he made from the heart," declared Judge Ronald, a veteran of the King county superior bench, after announcing that he had a statement to make to all parties concerned. Judge French Wednesday imposed sentence of one to 10 years (Continued on page 4)

SANSON MEETS WITH WORKERS FOR CAMPAIGN

Forty-One Interested Persons Are Convancing City Seeking Quota for New Linen Mill

MORE FLAX DATA IS GIVEN TO PUBLIC

Planting Should be Made About Now According to Chamber of Commerce

With the closing of the day, workers brought in an excess of 150,000, which has been subscribed in the campaign to raise \$300,000, Salem's quota towards the erection of a \$600,000 linen mill in this city. Tom Livesley, John McNary, Harry Hawkins, Homer H. Smith, C. F. Giese, Theodore Roth, George Vick, William Bell, and R. O. Snelling made short addresses before the committee of 41 persons, assembled at the chamber of commerce at noon. Forty men and one woman—Mrs. Willie Pettyjohn, realtor—members of teams working in the city, reported a total of \$17,300 has been secured since the day previous, to T. M. Hicks, president of the Salem chamber of commerce. Will Report Today The workers are to report today at the club rooms to make an additional report of the progress of the campaign. Despite the fact of passing the half-way mark, the workers know they are in for a good hard job and plan to stick to it until the last bit is done. It is a job to a finish, is the spirit manifested. During the afternoon, D. M. Sanson, linen expert who is sponsoring the establishment of the mill here, will be in the city, accompanied by Lieutenant-Colonel W. Barram. Mr. Sanson desires to confer with the committee here before his departure to Ontario. Flax Data Given Flax information has been brought to the fore by the chamber of commerce for the purpose of showing what can be done with an acre, and some flax seed. Flax seed is worth from \$2.75 to \$3 a bushel, with two bushels sowed to the acre. Because the flax is a 90-100 day crop the plantings must be made any time between April 1 and May 15. Flax growers state that land that will grow wheat or oats will grow flax and the methods of cul-

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Grandmother Declared to Have Beat Child to Death

TILLAMOOK, Ore., April 21.—Sylvia Louise, 4 year old daughter of Mrs. Cora M. Descamps, 2049 Willamette boulevard, Portland, and Peter C. Descamps of Washougal, Wash., died at 11 a. m. today following a beating which her grandmother admitted administering, according to District Attorney Barrick. The child had been living on a farm in the Meda district about 35 miles south of Tillamook. The grandmother was brought to Tillamook tonight and was held in the city jail. A post mortem will be held tomorrow to determine the cause of the child's death.

BETTER THAN WHEAT

From before the dawn of history, fine linens have been among the most prized of all possessions— Forming the filmy laces of the ladies; outriding the fiercest gales in the sails of ships; and outlasting the lives of the makers by thousands of years in the tapestries in the regal palaces and in the wrappings of the mummies— And so it will ever be; the uses of linens growing with every new advance; needed for airplane wings, for the backing of rubber things for a thousand uses, for car tops and seats, etc. And the seed of the flax: Without this there could be no linseed oil, therefore no protecting paint for metal or wood or other surface, and the world would go to rust and rot. And no putty and no linoleum. Do you not see? Flax is not only as "good as wheat," it is better than wheat— And the linen industry is one of the most reliable of all industries; it will last forever. It comes from an annual crop on the land, and will renew itself each year, as long as grass grows and water runs. Of course Salem must get the second linen mill, and thus be a long distance on the road towards becoming the Belfast of the New World.

Attack on Senate Is Continued by Dawes; Address Stirs Party

NEW YORK, April 21.—Vice President Charles G. Dawes addressing the 25th annual luncheon of the Associated Press in the Waldorf Astoria today, continued his campaign for closure in the United States senate and called upon the people, countless numbers of whom heard him by radio to impress upon their individual senators the need for this reform. Introduced by Frank B. Noyes, president of The Associated Press as a "radiant personality," and a public official who has "cut out for himself a man-sized job," Mr. Dawes drove home his argument with characteristic energy, shaking his fist vigorously as he talked of the effects of unlimited senatorial debate. The audience of 1100 persons, publishers and their guests, applauded enthusiastically when he assured them that he had been elected by the people "not by the senate," and that he believed it his duty to further non-partisan, non-sectional and patriotic movement for reform in senate procedure. "The United States senate is responsive to public sentiment and not to me," said the vice president, "but if I can be a conduit in the transmission of public sentiment upon those senators in their individual constituents, I will be satisfied to quit office." Then turning to Senator Arthur Capper of Kansas, a publisher, who was in the audience, Mr. Dawes asserted: "Let me tell you another thing, senator: You look out for a man that has not got office on his mind either to keep in office or to get another one. Look out for him when he comes to the matter of bringing public sentiment to bear upon senators in their individual constituencies. What people want is sincerity. There is no greater calamity to any man when he is ambitious than to have the right untimed date. Why? Because through the years as he speaks on every subject at great length—wonderful speeches sometimes—the American people are interpreting his

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DEBATE BITTER IN PARLIAMENT

Chamber of Deputies Give Painleve Vote by Confidence After Battle

PARIS, April 21.—(By the Associated Press.)—The chamber of deputies tonight gave Premier Paul Painleve and his government a vote of confidence, 314 to 218. The vote came after nine hours of bitter personal debate, in which Joseph Caillaux, the new finance minister, was the central point of attack. Caillaux, restored to power from prison and exile, was considered by the opposition as the most vulnerable spot in the armor of what has been designated the Painleve-Briand-Caillaux cabinet which is staging the most impressive comeback in history of the French political world he has weathered the fierce storm in the chamber. The ministerial declaration, the context of which was virtually known previous to M. Painleve's presentation of it before the house, was a matter of secondary importance both for those within the chamber and the thousands surrounding the palace Bourbon, who had come to see Caillaux. The government in its declaration appealed for national concord and emphasized the need of real surety for France. The ultimate imposition of drastic financial measures was foreshadowed in the statement that "when we have succeeded finally and definitely in balancing the budget we will be obliged to ask big sacrifices of the nation."

SHIP IS SIGHTED WASHINGTON, April 22.—The dirigible Los Angeles arrived over Bermuda at 2:10 a. m.

Hundreds of Questions Are Heard by Murdock; Crystal Seance Used

Results Obtained by White Mahatma Astound Salem People; Statesman Gives Second Installment of Queries by Local Residents

Murdock, "The Eminent White Mahatma," who is pleasing, perturbing and mystifying capacity audiences at the Bligh theater, continues to be bombarded with questions from the anxious, and that he never tires of advising his myriad admirers is amply attested at each performance. Questions concerning matters on the land and on the sea, in this and foreign countries, in fact it is doubtful if there is any subject that at some time the mystic is not asked to answer or some problem he is not requested to unravel. That he delights in his particular line of endeavor is proven by the spontaneity with which he responds; his answers are freighted with good, wholesome philosophy of the constructive kind. Absolutely no claims to any affiliation with powers other than normal are made by Murdock and he says that what he does in his famed "Crystal Seance" is but the result of a lifetime study, plus a keen training and development of the mind, and is within the scope of the average human. During his engagement at the Bligh, which will continue up to and including Thursday night, with a special souvenir matinee for ladies only on Thursday after-

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OVER 150 BOYS IN COUNTY TO MEET IN CITY

Full Three-Day Program is Outlined for Visiting Delegates Beginning Friday Afternoon

SPECIAL SPEAKERS TO GIVE ADDRESSES

Frank Moran, of Seattle, Coming with Particular Message For Boys

Enthusiasm runs high at the Salem YMCA and the flashing touches are being given the plans for the inter-county Older Boys' conference to be held here April 24, 25 and 26. The boys have a full program awaiting them, every minute is crowded and the plans are so designed that the delegates will take a big message back to their communities. Outstanding speakers have been secured, and one of the best programs has been prepared. "Building on the Square" is the theme of the three day conference, which will be supplemented by the motto, "Spread Contagious Christian Character."

Banquet Prepared Friday afternoon will be turned over exclusively to registration and assignment to entertainment of the delegates. A banquet has been arranged, which will be featured by welcome yells and addresses. Responses, organization and elections of the officers will precede the main address by Frank Moran, of Seattle, noted boy worker. Frank Moran is an outstanding worker in the world of boys and much effort has been used to get him here. The conference had to be postponed on a previous occasion in order to secure the appearance of this speaker. Mr. Moran will speak on "Building on the Square."

Discussion to be Held The Saturday session of the conference will start at 9 o'clock, with fellowship and a talk by Mr. Moran. Discussion of vocational choices will be considered at this time, in addition to the talk by Mr. Moran on "Christianity in Your Vocation." Assignment will be made to the business men of the city for lunch, the boys being the guests of the business men at the noonday meal. It is expected 150 boys will be entertained at this time. The afternoon session will be featured by discussion of the physical problems of the boy, a conference picture, sports in the YMCA gymnasium, and a cafeteria supper. Preceding the address in the evening by Mr. Moran on the subject, "Choices in Our Social Life," the delegates will discuss problems of high school life. Mr. Moran's address will cover the time spent in the high school. The outstanding feature of the Sunday session will be the address of Mr. Moran on "My Contract With Christ," and will be the clinching of the four talks which have been given during the three days of the conference.

TUESDAY IN WASHINGTON

Advises were received that two distinct anti-government movements are under way in Honduras. Secretary Hoover decided to call another national radio conference, probably in September. The tariff commission opened hearings on the proposed imposition of special tariffs on butter-fats. Western railroads filed a brief with the Interstate commerce commission declaring their inability to maintain service under the present rates. President Coolidge decided he would be unable to attend the Bunker Hill celebration at Boston June 17, but probably will speak at Cambridge July 7. The Internal revenue bureau ruled that users of gasoline in business activities may deduct special state taxes from their federal income tax returns.