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## FIRE FIGHTERS AIDED BY RAIN

### Officials Rejoice Over Temporary Relief Throughout Northwest

## HAZARD'S END NOT SEEN

### Cities Throughout Oregon Greet Return of Mist With Enthusiasm, Fall Is Continuous

PORTLAND, Or., Aug. 17.—(By Associated Press.)—Forest service officials here were rejoicing today over the turn of weather conditions, which brought the first relief in the forest fire situation since July 12, when a series of dry electrical storms set forests ablaze over the entire Pacific northwest.

The steady rain and high humidity which came today probably will put out the fires or reduce them to a smoldering condition, officials of the forest service stated, although there was no reason to believe that the season of serious fire hazard was at an end.

The rains, unless heavy and prolonged, temporarily quiet the flames and give a false sense of security, the officials explained. Unless completely soaked, the fires are likely to break out after a short time and catch the fighters unaware. The season for forest fires extends for a month and a half or more, and some of the northwest's worst fires have taken place in September, the forest men said.

Reports of new fires in Oregon came today from the Willamette and Whitman forests of Eastern Oregon. A fire in the Willamette forest was burning 60 acres in the forest and 500 acres outside along Wild Cat and Willows canyons. The fire, which burned largely over cut-over areas was controlled by a force of 250 men.

Another forest fire in the same district, at Squaw Creek and Bear Canyon was burning 1000 acres inside the forest and 400 acres outside, most of the burns extending over water shed protection. A force of 25 men was being increased.

In the Whitman fires near Baker, the Tipton fire was under control after burning 1500 acres, and two other fires at Burnt River and Galena were both under control. One small fire has been found on Ladd Creek.

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## WARNS OF BLAST, KILLED BY STONE HURLED 500 FEET BY BLAST, KILLS WORKER

OROFINO, Aug. 17.—(By AP.)—While warning fellow workers of a dynamite blast, George P. Miller, 55, of Portland was killed near here today when struck on the head by a rock hurled more than 500 feet by the blast.

Mr. Miller was working on the 41-mile extension of the Northern Pacific railroad into the Clearwater timber district and had been sent to warn workers of the blast. He was knocked over a cliff by the rock, which struck him.

## WILL FREE GOLD EAGLE BEAUTIFUL SPECIMEN GAINS LIBERTY NEXT WEEK

A splendid specimen of golden eagle which has been a captive for exhibition purposes at an auto park north of Salem will be liberated during the sessions of the American Humane association in Portland next week. It was announced today by officials of the Oregon Humane society.

## MARKET SITE IS TALKED NO DECISION REACHED, WILL MEET AGAIN FRIDAY

The recently appointed public market committee met last night in the chamber of commerce rooms at the call of Watson Townsend, chairman, to discuss plans and proposed locations for the market. No definite decisions were reached, but the committee will meet again Friday night to carry the investigation further.

## Substantial Progress Is Noted in Farm Recovery

### Reconstruction in Agricultural Circles Not as Evident in Other Lines, but Progress Is Being Made, Secretary Hoover States

CALDWELL, Idaho, Aug. 17.—(By Associated Press.)—America's recovery from the World war has been complete with the exception of agriculture, Secretary of Commerce Hoover declared this afternoon in an address at Idaho's fourth annual celebration. "In describing America's economic rehabilitation Secretary Hoover said:

"In no other nation and in no case in the history of the world has there been such a measure of recovery as ours from as great a disaster."

"When the great war ended, more than seven years ago,"

he continued, "this country, with all those of the civilized world, was faced with the great task of reconstruction. Today, and for the whole of the last three years, all of our working people have been employed at a higher real wage than ever before witnessed. We have less poverty and we have grown to higher standards of living and comfort than even before the war. We have grown in national wealth by greater sums than ever in our history and to greater wealth and comfort than ever before in the history of the world.

"It is true that our agricultural industries have lagged in recovery behind our industrial population but, nevertheless, agriculture has made substantial progress from the depths of its demoralization. Sincere men of our nation are struggling constantly to add to the measures already taken which will overcome this final gap in our recovery. And I am confident it will be overcome."

The secretary, after reviewing the steps in reconstruction progress, including restoration of transportation, the elimination of unemployment, the balancing of the national budget, reduction of taxes, the restoration of foreign trade, and the elimination of waste in industry, declared, "We have had the most difficult question of the settlement of debts owed to our government by the former allies."

He added that the debts are obligations to the American tax

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## STATE FAIR DATES SET

### OPENS SEPTEMBER 27, WILL CLOSE OCTOBER 2

The Oregon state fair this year will last six days, September 27 to October 2, inclusive, according to announcement made here yesterday by Mrs. Ella Wilson, secretary of the state fair board. It previously was announced that the fair board had under consideration a proposal to extend the dates to include 10 days.

The board, at a meeting held here recently, increased the premiums in a number of departments and opened the day for exhibits in addition to those offered at previous fairs.

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## AMERICAN TRANSIT MAGNATES IS CONSIDERING BUYING UP THE NEW INVENTION. IT IS NOT REVEALED WHETHER OR NOT THEIR PURPOSE IS TO SUPPRESS IT, FOR IT IS KNOWN THAT AMERICANS ARE FOND OF THE NOISE OF THEIR EXTREMELY NOISY STREET CARS.

## SWIMMER TO TRY AGAIN

### THUNDER STORM FORCES LILLIAN CANNON TO QUIT

CAPE GRIS NEZ, France, Aug. 17.—(By Associated Press.)—The storm gods were not so kind to Lillian Cannon of Baltimore, as they were to Gertrude Ederle. The Baltimore girl who started early this morning to beat her Brooklyn rival in the trans-channel record was forced to give up the attempt after two hours and 35 minutes. The heavy squall pitted up the waves, which, meeting the rushing tide, made the sea too rough.

A terrific storm came up suddenly and with much lightning made a chopped up sea. "I won't let a little thing like a storm beat me," Miss Cannon said. "I'll try again at the first favorable tide."

## 2000 FIGHTERS NEEDED

### REDWOOD FOREST DOOMED UNLESS HELP IS SENT

FRESNO, Cal., Aug. 17.—(By AP.)—Declaring that Redwood canyon, near the Sequoia national park, is doomed with its 3,000 acres of sequoia giant and sugar pine timber, Frank Cunningham, forest supervisor of Sequoia national forest tonight broadcast an appeal to civic organizations of San Joaquin valley to raise 2,000 additional fire fighters for tomorrow to help control the fire near Badger, which has already burned over from 60,000 to 80,000 acres of brush and timber.

## MAZER, BEHIND BARS, DEFIANT

### Alleged Vice Lord's Lips Are Sealed Despite Quiz on Mellet Slaying

## WILL "ROT IN SILENCE"

### Believed on Verge of Confession Earlier, Now Sullen When Faced With Charge of Murder

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Aug. 17.—(By Associated Press.)—Louis Mazer, alleged Canton vice lord, charged with the murder of Don R. Mellet, Canton publisher, throughout hours of grueling today shouted defiance at his inquisitors. He stoutly denies any connection with the crime.

His erstwhile business companion, Carl Studer, called "Crown Prince of the Jungles" in Canton, was tight-lipped, declaring: "I'll lie in this cell until I rot before I make any confession."

Both men are held here on federal charges of conspiracy to violate the prohibition law. Their arrest yesterday was admittedly a ruse to get them into custody and away from Canton's allegedly corrupt political atmosphere, although Joseph R. Roach, Chicago "clean-up" attorney, says he has an "air tight" liquor conspiracy case against the pair.

Evidence with which Mazer was confronted included: Testimony by Steve Kascholk, "informer" against Mazer and others; that Mazer was an employer of the men who were designated to "get" Mellet.

Identification by Kascholk of Mazer's automobile as the car in which he was taken to the Mellet home to look over the scene of the

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## U'REN CHARGES SENT STEWER

### Law Makes No Provision for Tardy Complaints, Sam Kozer Declares

## CASE MAY GO TO CARSON

### Payment of \$500 for Services Omitted From Expense Statement Portland Attorney States

Because the law makes no provision for disposition of complaints which may be presented after 60 days from the time of the filing of any candidate's statement of expenses, Sam Kozer, secretary of state, yesterday forwarded to Frederick Stejwer and John H. Latourette, his campaign manager, copies of the charges brought by W. S. U'ren, Portland attorney, to the effect that the successful republican candidate for United States senator had violated the corrupt practices act by failing to include certain expenditures in expense accounts filed in the state department.

In a letter addressed to Mr. U'ren explaining his action the secretary of state said:

"Acknowledgement is made of receipt of yours of August 14, inclosing complaint against the statements of expenditures filed by Frederick Stejwer and John H. Latourette in the recent campaign of Mr. Stejwer for the republican nomination for United States senator in congress.

"Owing to the fact that the law makes no provision for the dis-

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## \$100,000 SOUNDS GOOD

### HELEN WILLS DENIES HAVING RECEIVED PRO CONTRACT

CHICAGO, Aug. 17.—(By Associated Press.)—Helen Wills, national women's tennis champion, has had no thought of turning tennis professional as Mile. Suzanne Lenglen has done because she has had no offers to do so, but added that "\$100,000 is a lot of money and if someone offered me that much I'd have to do some serious thinking about the matter."

Miss Wills left here tonight for her home in Berkeley, Cal., and a three months' rest from the strain of tournament competition after expressing much interest in the coming professional appearance in this country of Mile. Lenglen.

## Tuxedo School Will Face Cottage, Board Declares

### Committee Is Named to Bring Sewage and Water Problems Before City Council at Next Meeting, \$100,500 Is Fund Available

Indecision of several weeks standing concerning the location of the proposed Tuxedo Park junior high school was finally settled at the school board meeting last night when the board voted to place the building opposite the end of Cottage street. Directors Neer, McCallister and Downs voted in favor of the site, while Chairman Olinger voted against it.

Dr. Olinger favored the other site under discussion, which was about 50 feet east of the one adopted, facing the middle of the block between Cottage and Winter streets.

A committee consisting of Directors Simeral, Neer and Olinger was appointed to take up with the city council matters of drainage and sewers, and discuss the water problem for the new school with the water company.

Considerable discussion took place over the sewer and drainage problems. The board considers it imperative that a tile drain be built immediately through the gully running east and west through the middle of Tuxedo Park and seeks to have the city council finance building the drain. The problem of either building sewers to connect with the city sewer running near the east end of Tuxedo Park, or constructing a septic tank to care for sewage, was discussed. The distance from the building site to the city sewer is so great that cost of a connecting line will be large.

A septic tank can be built at less cost, but there is considerable doubt as to its practicability in the kind of soil there. No definite decision was made on this question, but it will be discussed at the board meeting next Tuesday.

The V-type of building, shown in the architects' plans was finally approved by the board, and a discussion on costs was held. A sum of \$100,500 is available for the whole enterprise and \$90,000 was decided as the amount available for construction work, excluding architects' fees, sidewalks and equipment.

Charles D. James, of the firm of James & Bartholomew, architects making the plans, was present and showed detailed drawings of the first and second floors. These drawings showed minor changes, such as making the halls 12 feet wide, rather than 10 feet as originally planned, and changes in some of the rooms made as a result of a conference between the architects and school department heads.

Mr. James suggested that some radical changes may have to be made in the plans in order to keep construction costs within the \$90,000 allowed.

## "STRANGLER" KILLS AGAIN

### "SMILE WAS GHASTLY," MAIL CARRIER DECLARES

OAKLAND, Cal., Aug. 17.—(By Associated Press.)—The parallel between the slaying here yesterday of Mary C. Nesbit, apartment owner and the murder of Mrs. Lillian St. Mary, Miss Clara Newman and Mrs. Laura Beal known victims of the "dark strangler" was completed late today when the autopsy surgeon, Dr. O. D. Hamlin, announced that the man who killed the woman also assaulted her.

Mrs. Nesbit was strangled to death with a towel in a vacant apartment of the building which she operated. Her body was found by her husband, Stephen W. Nesbit, upon his return home from work.

Police working upon the theory that the woman was killed by the "strangler" received corroboration from David Atwood, a mail carrier, who said that yesterday afternoon he met a dark, foreign appearing man on the stairway of the apartment house in which Mrs. Nesbit's body was found.

Atwood said that the man seemed nervous, but "what marked him out for me was his peculiar smile—a ghastly smile. It sent shivers up and down my spine."

## JACKIE STRONG BETTER

### GRESHAM LAD SPEEDILY RECOVERING FROM ORDEAL

PORTLAND, Aug. 17.—(By Associated Press.)—At the present rate of recovery, Jack Strong, 7 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Strong, of Gresham, Ore., who was lost from last Thursday evening until Sunday noon in the wilds of the upper Sandy near Mount Hood, will be normal within three or four days, according to advice from a Gresham physician, who attended the child when found. The boy lost several pounds in weight during the three days without nourishment, but this will be readily regained, it is said.

## PIERCE FIRES OPENING SHOT

### Key-Note of Fall Campaign Sounded in Speech Before Jackson Club

## FIVE ISSUES OUTLINED

### Reduction and Redistribution of Taxes, Self Supporting Prison, Irrigation and Good Roads Cited

PORTLAND, Aug. 17.—Under the auspices of the Jackson club, at the Portland city library this evening, Governor Pierce delivered what will no doubt be known as the opening and key-note speech of the present campaign in Oregon. The following is the full text of the speech:

The five leading issues in the present state campaign are:

- (1) Reduction and redistribution of taxes, which means the enactment of the Grange income tax bill and the defeat of the infamous Dennis resolution.
- (2) Making the Oregon state penitentiary self-supporting, which means the continuance of the present industries at that institution and the addition of more.
- (3) Irrigation, which means no further guaranteeing of interest on irrigation bonds, and the adoption of a feasible plan of rehabilitating those irrigation districts now in financial distress.
- (4) Highways, which means the completion and maintenance of the highway system without the issuance of further bonds, and the payment and cancellation of highway bonds as they become due.
- (5) Law enforcement, which means the enforcement of every law, including prohibition.

"I challenge my opponent, I. L. Patterson, in this campaign to meet me in joint debate, so that the voters of Oregon may clearly understand our position upon these important issues.

When I was elected governor in 1922, the state tax levy was \$9,876,289.11. The state levy now stands at \$7,200,830.79. The total saving in the four levies since my election to the governorship, from the high level of 1922, is \$6,516,088.79.

Yet, in spite of this showing, the opposition press continues to falsely state and reiterate, that state taxes have not decreased.

I am a firm believer in an honest, graduated income tax, such as the Grange income tax bill which is to be voted on in November. It cannot be disputed that if a man pays 6 per cent upon \$1000 annual income he pays out of his necessities; if he pays 6 per cent upon \$2500 income he pays out of his comforts; and if he pays 6 per cent on an income of \$10,000 yearly he pays out of his luxuries. Those at the bottom pay out of their necessities; those a little higher up pay out of their comforts; and those at the top pay out of their luxuries. By the graduated income tax we seek to reduce the burden of the man who pays out of his necessities.

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## DRAMA ENDS TRAGEDY

### TWO YOUTHS SHOT, AFTER THEATER COMPLAINT

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 17.—(By Associated Press.)—Real drama was substituted for stage drama in a Mission district theater here today when a policeman shot and killed one youth and shot and severely wounded another.

A dramatic skit was in progress in the theater, a vaudeville house, when the two youths wandered down the aisle and seated themselves beside the two girls. The youths, according to the girls, became objectionable and the girls called for help.

The theater manager summoned Policeman Joseph Greminger, stationed nearby on traffic duty. When he sought to eject the youths they put up a spirited battle and escaped. Greminger followed them with drawn revolver calling upon them to stop. The boys dashed into a nearby lumber yard. Greminger, after firing several shots at their feet, aimed at them. Frank Foy, 21, dropped dead with a bullet through his heart and Frank Goggin, 21, with a bullet hole in his arm, surrendered to him.



## NO WORK TODAY

LONDON.—King George has gone on a vacation. It is estimated that the accumulation of corner stones which will be laid during the royal vacation is so considerable that, were the indi-

vidual stones laid end to end they would reach—well, a pretty long way, you may be sure. What, by the way, does a king do with a vacation?



## THE OTHER WAY

CLEVELAND, Ohio.—Glenn L. Martin, one of America's pioneers in aviation, is extremely busy these days with orders from the government for a large number of bombing planes. But even so he occasionally remembers those trying early days when he was tinkering with what was to be his first plane. It is an abandoned church out at Santa Ana, Cal., his mother, who is still his closest companion, highly successful. The new cars have an oil lamp for him while he worked and when he struck a snag she'd say, "Try it the other way."



Glenn L. Martin, he'd find the way out in his suggestion. He is a serious sort, now successful, fond of opera and unlimitedly enthusiastic about aviation. It's coming—strong in his belief.

## HOW QUIET

STOCKHOLM.—The street railways of this city have introduced a noiseless street car. As an experiment it is highly successful. The new cars have speed, control—and almost complete silence. It is said that a committee of



## SIAM ISN'T THE ONLY PLACE THEY COME FROM

