

DEDICATION OF FIELD IS MADE

Thousands Gather to Watch Planes Perform Stunts For Occasion

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bled crowd. Governor Patterson called to dedicate the field formally, cut his speech to a few words and signalled for the hoisting of the Stars and Stripes. Bug bands sounded the salute to the colors, and the dedicatory services were at an end so far as the formalities were concerned.

Planes Cavoort Overhead As Great Through Watches

Overhead noisy bombing planes, acrobatic training ships, a naval amphibian, and flashing pursuit planes on the ground, thousands of spectators, "air-minded", interested in the coming revolution of the age of air transport—such was the setting for the events of the afternoon at the airport. The ceremonies were part of the program of the state convention of the American Legion, whose local post has been active in promoting the local enterprise.

Nineteen planes, army and commercial ships, were in attendance. The crowd could only be guessed at; but the number ran far into the thousands. The north and west sides of the field were banked with cars and the lanes leading to the field were crowded with autos. Alderman Townsend

is introduced.

Carl Gabrielson, general chairman of the Legion convention committee, called the assembly to order and introduced Watson Townsend, chairman of the airport committee and member of the city council. Mr. Townsend called the port as marking a milestone in Salem's history and introduced Mayor Livesley as one whose foresight has contributed much toward Salem's development. The mayor expressed the feeling of pride which the people here have in the new airport and satisfaction at the accomplishment made by the city in developing the field. Governor Patterson's part then completed the program.

On the speakers' stand were members of the airport committee, Ben S. Fisher, state commander of the American Legion, the governor, the mayor, Secretary of State Hal Hos, Secretary of the Board of Control, Carl Abrams, congressman, W. C. Hawley, Douglas McKay, commander of Capital Post No. 9, and other prominent local, state and civic affairs. Lee Eyerly, superintendent of the airport, his arm in a cast as a result of his recent accident at Eugene, was present.

Stunts Performed By Aviators

Music was furnished by the Marshfield band.

With the speech-making giving way to the airplanes the crowd gave undivided attention to their stunting. The bombers confined their stunts to formation flying, to individual banking and swooping. Five army training planes from Pearson field, Port Vancouver, under command of Lieut. Bond, gave a number of maneuvers. Loops, "falling leaf" barrel roll, flying upside down, gave the spectators many a thrill. The three army pursuit planes flew off to do their tricks in view of the guests at the auxiliary tea at the gardens of Mrs. Clifford Bond. Commercial planes made many flights, though they did not engage in stunting. The big Standard Oil plane, a Ford tri-motored job, the largest on the field, attracted much attention. Local S. O. manager Collins was busy arranging flights for the notables. Mayor Livesley was taken for a flight over the city and on his return was presented with a large floral horseshoe by the Standard Oil representatives.

Union Oil Plane Makes Fast Trip

One of the planes which arrived yesterday was the Union Oil "traveler" plane. Pilot Lienish left Phoenix, Arizona, Tuesday afternoon. He picked up F. P. Smith, company engineer at San Francisco, Mills field, at 5:30 Thursday morning, and reached Salem at 11:30, after having made one 40-minute stop. Mr. Lienish is aviation manager for the Union Oil company.

The new Bessie plane, City of Portland, a product of the new Bessie factory there, was on hand. Adams of Silverton had a Waco plane; there were two Travelairs, one from Eugene and the other from Portland; also a Stinson-Detroiter from the Portland Airways. Hugo Barbours is Next on Program

After their necks grew weary with gazing into the sky on the roof of which planes were sailing and tumbling about, the crowd turned to patronize the barbecue. Legionnaires served the hungry multitudes with generous sandwiches of barbecued beef hot from the great oven where Sheriff Cy Bingham of Grant county had cooked it. Beans and coffee completed the menu. Despite the size of the crowd there was plenty of food for all.

While traffic was well organized under the direction of state and city officers, the congestion was great and much delay was experienced in getting to and from the grounds. A few cars went into the ditch but no serious accidents of any kind were reported.

WITNESS SHAM BATTLE

Monmouth People Have Very Fine Trip Battleships ARE SEEN

By BEULAH H. CRAVEN
MONMOUTH, Aug. 8.—Mrs. R. D. Elliott and children, Warren and Betty, returned Tuesday from Fort Worden, Wash., where they were guests of Lieutenant and Mrs. John Harry for two weeks. Mrs. Elliott and Mrs. Harry are sisters.

Their visit was replete with interesting occurrences centering about the military life of the Sound. They found especially interesting the sham battle between the army and navy in which all American forts and fleets on the Sound participated last week, and in which the big shore guns were fired.

English Notables Visited

On July 30, Mrs. Elliott accompanied Lieutenant and Mrs. Harry to Victoria, B. C., where they attended a social function given by the Canadian army officers and their wives in honor of the American army officers of the Sound and their wives. Luncheon mentioned as accomplishments the assistance to the Doernbeck hospital, and the passage of an increased widows' pension law fathered by Wilbur Henderson, a legionnaire member of the legislature.

Other reports read included those of the national committee-man adjutant, finance officer, chaplain, historian, citizens military training corps committee, transportation committee, boy scout committee and drum corps committee.

Proposed constitutional amendments introduced, included one to change the name of the district committee to district commander; and another proposing a change in the basis of representation at the state convention.

Regulations submitted included proposals to urge establishment of soldiers' homes for the veterans in Portland; to increase the dues 25 cents; to amount to go into the national hospital fund; to favor suspension of army posts which are to be abandoned; to urge establishment of a hospital for women; to favor extending the bonus privilege to veterans who have lived in the state ten years.

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were "enjoying the happiest moments of their lives" aboard the Zepppelin as it soared the sea.

The Graf left Lakshurst at 11:04 o'clock E.S.T. Wednesday night, heading seaward for her first scheduled stop at Friedrichshafen, Germany. Thursday it reported its position several times by wireless and two ocean liners and two freighters sighted it plowing along through the atmospheric sea.

At 11 a. m., Thursday, almost 12 hours after the takeoff, the dirigible reported to the navy that it was 630 miles east of New York. The ships which sighted the dirigible, the Roosevelt, the Rochambeau, the Commercial Trader and the Tomala, gave scant details, but mentioned that the weather was "fine and clear," and another that the Graf was following her eastward course toward her European goal. The Graf herself, confined her navy messages to terse notations of position and time.

Dr. Hugo Eckener, commander of the ocean dirigible, expected to be in Friedrichshafen by Sunday, his 61st birthday anniversary. After refueling there the course lies over Siberia to Tokyo, across the Pacific to Los Angeles, and on back to Lakshurst and completion of the first dirigible flight around the world.

CAUCUS SUPPORTS CARL GABRIELSON

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someone, and it is not logical to suppose that it came from the George camp, started some political corruption which upon investigation seems to be based on a most fantastic chain of imagination.

Ben Dorris, Eugene, delegate to the national American legion for years, and a strong member of the old line politicians in the state legion, has been speaking for Sid George, who, it is rumored is a very good friend of his. Dorris is also a good friend of Charles Hall, who some claim, is aiming higher than the rank of senator in the state government. The chain of evidence against George seems to hang on the fact that he is a friend of Dorris and that Dorris is a friend of Hall. The whole story runs so flimsy as to hardly merit recognition.

Vic MacKenzie is still being objected to for national committee-man on the ground that he has served for two years. There seems to be some deep-seated prejudice against a repeater in office. There is some rumor that a resolution will be introduced at this convention to the effect that no office holder may repeat a term. If this is passed Graham Glass, Jr., would have a strong chance although he is seemingly not very popular with up-state folk.

Don Graham, Prineville, is still strong as the opposing power to George. Graham, it was rumored Thursday, was saying that he had refused the commandership, but Friday is another day and a man can always change his mind.

Rumor also has it that Irl McSherry, Tillamook, is still the peace-maker, dark horse that will run to command together the rough edges of the insurrectionists over the state and especially of

TRICK POLICE DOG IS FOUND POISONED

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 8.—(AP)—Zeb, a highly trained police dog, said to have doubled for the noted canine movie star, Streetheart, and owned by M. C. Keefe, San Francisco, was buried today in a canine cemetery while motion picture cameras clicked.

The dog was poisoned Wednesday night after his owner had allowed him a few minutes freedom. Authorities have been asked to trace the poisoner.

Numerous Dance Events Arranged For Legionnaires

Legionnaires, Legionettes, visitors, townspeople and everybody else, danced and took in dances to their heart's content last night, with three halls, Dreamland, Crystal Gardens and the armory, decorated and in best running order for the occasion. A check of attendance would be impossible, with the crowd coming and going, picking now one place and now another, and with one hall sometimes filled and sometimes the orchestra only playing for a few scattering couples.

But anyway, there were those who danced and danced and danced.

SNOOK CLAIMS TO FORGET ALL

Mind is Blank on Details of Actual Murder, He Tells Jury

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He told the jury he feared his life was in danger and that he struck her over the head with a hammer.

Only First Few Blows Remembered

"The first blow was a light one," he said. He admitted striking her twice more, and then asserted he could remember nothing until her body was beside the machine and he was sitting on the running board holding his head. The state charges that he beat her with the hammer until she was insensible and then slit her throat with a pocket knife.

The former professor wept when he spoke of his wife on two occasions.

He said that he then went home and slept soundly. He identified Miss Hix and stated that he and the pocket knife, but said he could not remember using it.

He said that he was the victim of foul language during the long questioning after his arrest the next day and charged that Prosecutor Chester slapped him. He said he signed a confession, which he claimed was no more than a stenographer's short hand notes, to rid himself of the questioning which had broken him down.

Prosecutor Chester vigorously cross examined him, and showed him the girl that he said was broken and would not talk.

A relentless cross examination to break down Dr. Snook's account of the killing was undertaken by Prosecutor Chester Jr., just before adjournment.

Prosecutor Chester made no reference to the defendant's recent testimony about the killing itself during his first barrage of cross questioning, but took Dr. Snook through a review of letters he had written Miss Hix on several occasions.

The letters were filled with endearing terms and expressions bearing on the illicit relationship point and that the question must be settled before the conference proceeds to other matters.

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Old Pioneer is Happy on Plane Trip He Avers

No passenger in the big tri-motored plane of the Standard Oil company at the dedication Thursday was more happy than J. N. Skalte, a pioneer resident of the Willamette valley. Although 80 years of age, Mr. Skalte was delighted to make the air trip. He declared the ship "rode easier than a schooner."

Mr. Skalte was born in an immigrant train at a point now known as Government camp near the base of Mt. Hood. When he was three days old, he became a resident of Willamette valley where he has lived continuously since that time.

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Promptly at 11 o'clock this morning the first stunt will be on, this one being staged by the Hillsboro boys. An interval of 20 minutes the following corps will put on their offering: Dallas, Sheridan, The Dalles, Bend, LaGrande and Baker. Houston said Thursday that he wanted every post to have its representation on time for its stunt.

One hundred dollars in cash is offered for winner of first place while \$50 in cash is to go to second place winner.

Chief Justice O. P. Coshaw, Archie Holt and Charles Knowland are to be judges of the affair.

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