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WEATHER

Generally unsettled today. Possibly with rain. Max. temp. perature Tuesday 84. Min. 43. Clear. River —2.8. No rain. Wind northwest.

PRICE FIVE CENTS

CITY READY TO DEFEND POWER RIGHTS TODAY

Hearing is Scheduled Before Engineer Rhea Luper at Capitol Building

Threatened destruction of the only remaining wilderness recreation area within short driving distance of Salem...

Heroes



"Nick" Mamer, top, and Art Walker, bottom, yesterday landed at Spokane after completing the first non-stop refueling flight across the United States and back.

CONTINENTAL TRIP ENDS AT SPOKANE

Mamer and Walker Ordered To Land After Circling Aviation Field

FELTS FIELD, Spokane, Aug. 20.—(AP)—Nick Mamer and Art Walker stepped from the cabin of the flame colored Spokane Sun God at 5:59:40 p.m. (P. S. T.) the first fliers to complete a round trip non-stop flight across the continent.

The two men brought their plane to earth after having been in the air for five full days, during which they traversed 7200 miles, the greatest lineal-mile distance ever completed.

Mamer was at the controls when the plane touched the ground. He taxied down the field for several hundred feet and Walker jumped from the cabin into the arms of a pressing crowd.

"Herbert Hoover," the small, bald, bespectacled, power of the Wright whirlwind motor developing 300 horse power, left Spokane last Thursday night at 5:58:10 p.m. (P. S. T.) and winged toward San Francisco, near where the first refueling contact was made.

From Mills field they turned eastward in the light, translucent fog which had followed them successfully at Rock Springs and Cheyenne, Wyo., North Platte, Neb., Cleveland, and New York, the eastern terminus of the flight. They took on a full supply of gasoline, oil and food over Roosevelt field and

engineer of the Zeppelin, and H. M. Scott, engineer of the Los Angeles, representing the American company which is supplying the fuel gas.

Both engineers were confident their work would be completed by Wednesday evening.

The Japanese weather survey of the whole western Pacific area made for Dr. Hugo Eckener to-night, disclosed no major disturbances anywhere.

If the Graf averages as fast a passage over the Pacific as over Europe and Asia, or approximately 1700 miles daily, she should reach American territory by Saturday and sail over Los Angeles early Sunday.

It was officially indicated that Dr. Eckener intended to follow the great circle steamship route northeast from Kasumigaura. This would keep the Graf over the steamer lanes from Yokohama to

the direction of Karl Beurle, chief of the power company's plans, according to Mr. Williams, involves construction which would dry up Marlon fork for sufficient distance to destroy all game fishing possibilities in the vicinity.

Testimony will be presented beginning 10 o'clock this morning

SWISS FLYERS STILL MISSING ON LONG TRIP

Nothing Heard of Oscar Kaesar and Kurt Luescher Who Are Overdue

NEW YORK, Aug. 20.—(AP)—Two Swiss fliers, scarcely more than boys in years and novices in experience, were overdue tonight in their attempt to conquer the westward crossing of the north Atlantic in an attempt in which far better equipped expeditions had failed before them.

With the unbounded confidence of youth and blithely disregarding the fact that they knew next to nothing of navigation and none too much of flying, Oscar Kaesar and Kurt Luescher took off from Lisbon early yesterday morning and headed their white monoplane for the far coast across the waves.

A German steamer saw them 175 miles at sea and they flew over the Azores at one o'clock, Eastern Standard time, in the afternoon. Up to that time they had maintained a speed of 90 miles an hour and the gasoline consumption had apparently been light enough to give the 21 and 22 year old fliers the belief that they could make the American coast.

Plans Involve Dash Back to Europe

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—(AP)—Five battalions of infantry were ordered disbanded by Secretary Good today so their enlisted personnel could be transferred to the five year army aviation expansion program.

The cavalry, field artillery, engineer corps, ordnance, and chemical warfare service units also were ordered to furnish a total of 1,084 enlisted men to the aviation service.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—(AP)—Estimates made public today by Chairman Smoot of the senate finance committee placed customs receipts under the committee revised tariff bill at \$605,498,469, a decrease of approximately \$40,500,000 under estimated revenues from the house rates, but an increase of about \$30,000,000 over existing collections.

The Utah senator estimated receipts under the house measure at \$646,014,545, and those under the existing law at \$516,581,344 of 431 changes in house levies approved by the finance committee.

Mr. Smoot said 254, or 59 per cent, represented decrease. He figured the average protection of 10 or the 15 rate schedule that make up the bill had been reduced, one was identical, and four contained "slight increases."

The chairman further estimated that 13 per cent of the 177 increases approved by the committee a majority affected commodities in the agricultural schedule, while many of the remainder touched products in other schedules in which the farmer had an interest.

As an example he mentioned the proposed new raw sugar duty of 2.20 cents a pound against Cuba, which, though representing a decrease from the house tariff of 2.40 cents, is an increase of 0.44 cent over the existing levy.

Caseln also was rated. This commodity would be raised to 3 1/2 cents a pound by the committee bill, from 2 1/2 cents under the present law. Farm organizations have advocated a higher duty.

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—(Special)—Nearly a hundred men were fighting desperately tonight to halt the advance of a timber fire which threatened to destroy the Frank Thomas sawmill, six miles east of Silverton.

The fire started in logged off land about 5 o'clock Monday afternoon, being ignited by sparks from a donkey engine. It spread early this morning into timber on the Ed Porter tract, which was being logged to the Thomas mill. No hope was held this afternoon of saving any of the timber, but a backfire was started in an effort to save the sawmill, which is a 25,000 foot capacity plant.

At 9 o'clock tonight the fire fighters were holding their own against the advancing flames, which were then within a quarter of a mile of the mill. It was predicted that barring a change in the direction of the wind, they would be successful in holding the blaze by backfiring.

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W. J. CULVER IS CALLED AFTER BRIEF ILLNESS

County Roadmaster, Resident Here Many Years, Passes Beyond

W. J. Culver, veteran roadmaster of Marion county, died at 11:50 o'clock Tuesday night at the Willamette sanitarium in this city following a paralytic stroke which he suffered last Friday morning while at his desk in the county courthouse.

Mr. Culver was a native son of Marion county, being born here in 1867 in the old donation land claim taken by his grandparents, the miles east of Salem in the Rickety district during the old homestead was Mr. Culver's property at the time of his death.

Mr. Culver in boyhood attended public schools in Salem and later was a student at Willamette university here. Upon completion of his work there he was elected county surveyor taking office when he was 21 years of age.

He held this office for two terms and then was named city engineer. Later he went to Alaska for more than a year and during his residence there he was in charge of the

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At the same time, the view in official quarters in London that every day gained without formal outbreak of hostilities was a point in favor of peace.

Diplomatic advice today said that all was quiet in the vicinity of Manchuria, so much so that Japanese residents who had fled at the prospect of war were returning. This view of the situation was confirmed by Tokyo where it was said there had been no serious development for the past two days.

Charges of counter charges brought by both China and Russia are increasing in bitterness, but are doubtless intended largely for foreign consumption and to justify in the eyes of signatories of the Kellogg anti-war pact their refusal to resume negotiations.

One of the most interesting developments was the complete refutation of the Peiping report that 10,000 Soviet soldiers had invaded Chinese territory.

Cases of raids and sabotage by Russians continued to be reported from Chinese sources and are so circumstantial as to leave the impression of having substantial basis. One explanation of the raids given in Shanghai specials was that they were intended to intimidate the Nanking government.

BEND, Ore., Aug. 20.—(AP)—Lashed by a high northwest wind, a forest fire was burning uncontrolled today within three miles of the city limits here. The blaze was reported to have started in Shevlin park, city property, and raced on toward a stand of yellow pine owned by the Brooks-Scanlon Lumber company.

A large crew, aided by a Bend fire department pumper, was dispatched to fight the fire.

ST. PAUL, Aug. 20.—(AP)—Stets against reduction of the flax duty below the 63 cents a bushel fixed in the house tariff bill was voiced today by Governor Theodore Christianson in a telegram sent to Senator Reed Smoot of Utah.

A tariff on flax less than the house bill figure, the governor said, would be a serious mistake. He added that increased flax production in the northwest would help produce the peroxide surplus of wheat and potatoes and improve economic conditions in sections now seriously depressed.

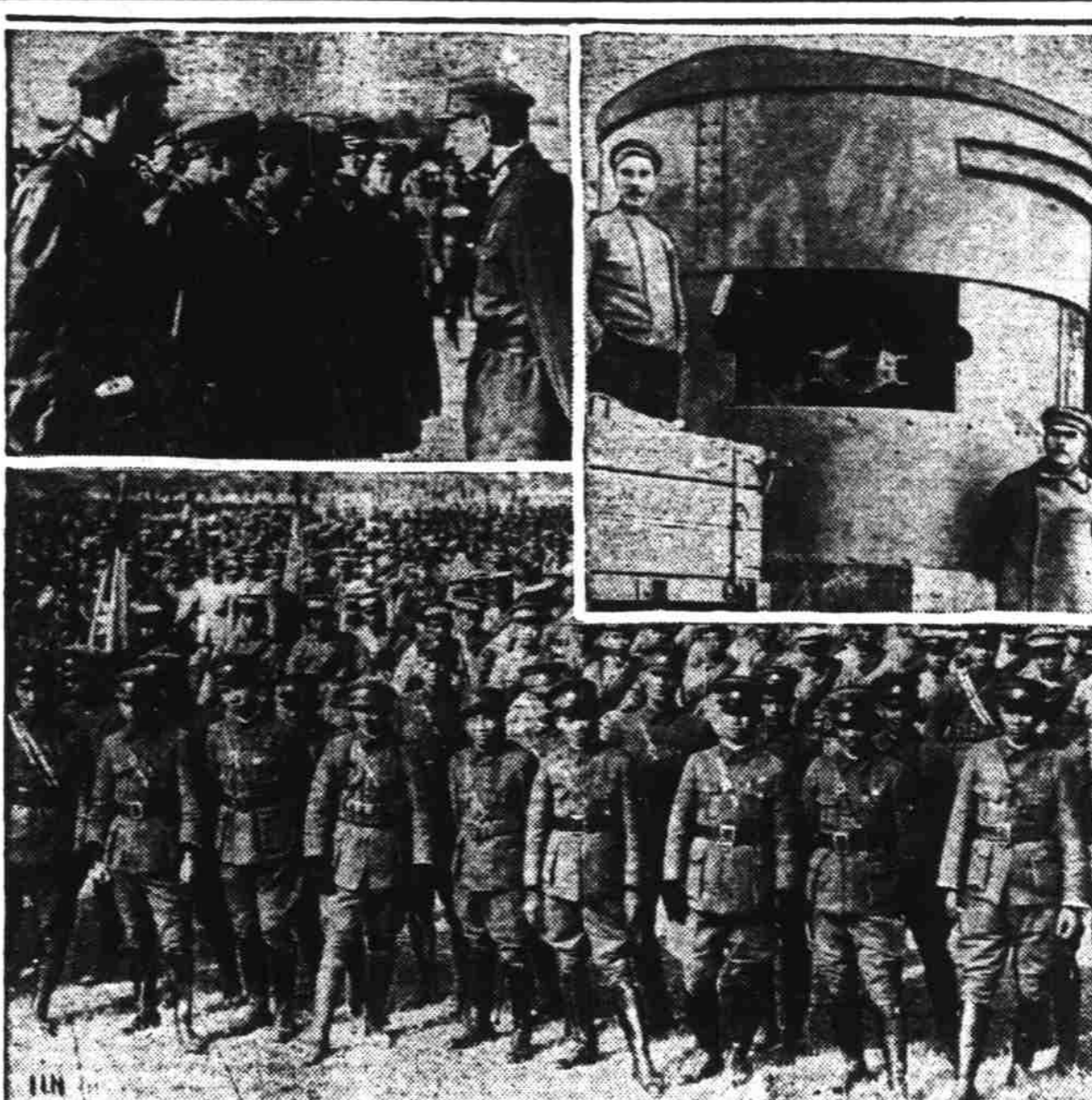
Republicans of the senate finance committee have tentatively approved a rate of 55 cents a bushel for flax. The present tariff is 40 cents.

How's that for proof that Statesman want-ads do bring results? A lady had a furnished house to rent. She advertised it in the Statesman and in two days had so many calls she put in a "stop" order. Of course she rented her house.

The busy season for real estate is right at hand. School will resume soon. People are getting located for the winter. NOW is the time to rent or sell your house.

Reach the interested public through the classified columns of The Statesman. Low in cost—Big in returns. We take want ads over the phone from telephone subscribers. Call 500 OREGON STATESMAN

Manchurian War Clouds Threaten Peace



Latest advices from the Far East indicate the complete breakdown of a diplomatic settlement of the Chinese-Russian controversy and the seriousness of the situation is unquestioned.

OPPOSING FORCES RESTING ON ARMS

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Portland Invites Zeppelin to Make Stop in That City

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 20.—(AP)—An invitation to pay an aerial call on Portland was cabled to Dr. Hugo Eckener, commander of the Graf Zeppelin, now in Japan, today by Raymond B. Wilcox, president of the chamber of commerce.

THADEN PLANS IS FIRST TO ARRIVE

Memphis Woman Leads Tiny Motored Ships Into Douglas, Ariz.

DOUGLAS, Ariz., Aug. 20.—(AP)—Mrs. Louise McPhetridge Thaden sprang down upon the international airport here at 10:15:40 a. m. today to take third lap prize money in the large plane class and the elapsed time to lead in the Santa Monica to Cleveland women's air derby.

Mrs. Phoebe Omile of Memphis, brought the first of the remaining three ships of the small motored class into Douglas, winning the lap and retaining her elapsed time lead. Her time from Santa Monica was 6 hours, 27 minutes, 27 seconds.

Edith Foltz, Portland, Ore., followed her with elapsed time of 7:38:49. Gladys O'Donnell, Second to Arrive

Gladys O'Donnell of Long Beach, Calif., followed Mrs. Thaden into Douglas on the day's flight from Phoenix, and placed second in the race standing with an elapsed time of 6:00:38. Amelia Earhart, Boston, was third in 6:03:09, while Florence Lowe Barnes of San Marino, Calif., yesterday leading Mrs. Thaden by six minutes, lost her way today and dropped into fourth place with elapsed time of 6:27:09.

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CONVENTION IS BEST YET HELD SAYS GOWMAN

Annual Session Brought to Close With Banquet Tuesday Night

Total Attendance of 970 Is New Official Record for N. W. Kiwanis

Acclaimed by T. Harry Gowman, of Seattle, governor of the district, as the best attended and conducted meeting of the Kiwanis International ever held in the northwest, the 12th annual convention came to a close late Tuesday night, after a banquet at the armory.

Following a golf tournament this morning in which both men and women will participate, delegates will be trekking for home pleased with three days of Salem hospitality.

Final registration figures for the convention brought the mark to 970 and established a record not only for total attendance but with the fact that one of the eight clubs from the Salem section had one hundred per cent enrollment. Largest Crowd on Record at Banquet

The banquet Tuesday night attracted the largest crowd at any of the meetings and with Governor Gowman presiding visiting Kiwanians were treated to three hours of lively entertainment.

Special musical numbers were given by Walter Allen of Raymond, the Aberdeen Nightingales, the Portland men's chorus and by both the Portland and Oregon City quartets which were entered in competition for a district trophy. The award was made to the Portland quartet. The Seattle trio, which was featured at the women's luncheon, gave two well received numbers.

President Ralph Cooley of the Salem club presented District Governor Barrick of Tillamook with a beautiful Pendleton blanket as his own gift to the "Cheesemakers" for being the first group in the district to report one hundred per cent registration for the northwest convention.

Resolution Favors Change in Representation

Earlier in the day, the district delegates took the most important action of the sessions regarding the policies of Kiwanis when they voted unanimously to favor a resolution which would reduce the number of club representatives sent to international conventions and confine these representatives to divisions of the district instead of following the former custom of sending one delegate from each club.

The resolution asked that a committee of five be appointed to present the matter in full to the meeting of governors in January who will in turn present the resolution to Kiwanis international officers. The resolution introduced by Al Dunsward of Tacoma, received hearty support on the floor from members who declared that the cost was too excessive in sending a delegate each year.

Past President Cites Education Essential

O. Sam Cummings, past president of Kiwanis International, addressed the convention at the morning meeting and pointed out three essentials in Kiwanis education. He said these included education of the members in the machinery of operating Kiwanis, increasing the quality and quantity of membership and the forwarding of the missionary spirit of Kiwanis.

Bates, flying the speedwing Waco which won the national air tour and placed third in the Los Angeles air derby last year, landed at Swan Island field here tonight. John Wood was pilot of the plane last year.

Bates said he flew over the route of the race to familiarize himself with the country.

Germany Voices Request For Definition of Status As Allied Meeting Fails

THE HAGUE, Aug. 20.—(AP)—The seriousness of the state of the reparations conference, which has gone into its third week with little or nothing accomplished on the main problem, was brought forcibly to the attention of all delegates today by German action in requesting a conference to determine what she must pay after September 1 if the Young plan is not accepted in the short time remaining.

It was considered that Dr. Gustav Stresemann, German foreign minister, had served notice on the creditor powers that they had better come to a quick agreement because in any case the Reich would not pay more than the Young plan calls for. Germany was supposed to make the last payment under the Dawes plan at the rate of about \$50,000,000 a year at the end of this month and to pay as the first annual instalment under the Young plan the lesser sum of \$402,000,000.

Dr. Stresemann addressed his letter to Premier Jaspard of Belgium and it was immediately accepted by the six chief creditor nations. The meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m., tomorrow. The meeting of tomorrow of the six big powers is expected to bring about a decision whether further attempt shall be made to bring about an agreement here or the adjournment taken to Lausanne after the assembly of the League of Nations, or that the experts be left to grapple with the problem while the chief delegates retire to get home atmosphere.

Dr. Stresemann was understood to have no special plan for the transition period between termination of the Dawes plan and the moment when the Young plan may have been adopted by the creditor powers. He decided simply to lay down the principle that the experts having found reparations

Giant Zeppelin Scheduled To Start Today on Flight Across Ocean to America

TOKYO, Aug. 20.—(AP)—Illuminated by two batteries of lights by which more than a hundred Japanese naval mechanics worked to refuel her, the globe-circling Graf Zeppelin was almost ready tonight for its trans-Pacific flight to Los Angeles, the last great test of her flight around the world to Lakehurst.

The dirigible's departure remains fixed at 4 a. m. Thursday, Japanese time (2 p. m. Wednesday, E.S.T.) provided the weather permits. Indications tonight from the Japanese weather bureau were that favorable conditions for the Pacific flight would reign for several days.

While the majority of the officers and crew retired early tonight after a day of strenuous entertainment, out at Kasumigaura airfield, the work of refueling the Graf and replenishing her stores proceeded steadily. It was under the direction of Karl Beurle, chief

engineer of the Zeppelin, and H. M. Scott, engineer of the Los Angeles, representing the American company which is supplying the fuel gas.