

## MEIER ILLNESS IS WATERED STATE CIRCLES

More Serious Than at First Admitted; Expected to Resume Work Soon

Landers Investigation and Highway Developments Week's Highlights

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This is a story written from behind the scenes in Oregon's theatre of politics. It recounts the temperaments of the stars, possible changes of cast, and the ups and downs which the audience gazing at the changing drama of 1931 does not always see.

Undoubtedly the continued illness of Governor Meier is the most momentous event of the week. From the first reports that the governor was only tired and needed a few days rest from his labors the news of the executive's condition has steadily grown more serious and during the past few days fear has grown for the governor's ultimate recovery. Friends close to the governor it has been learned that he is a victim of a serious heart ailment which has made absolute quiet and rest imperative. His condition has been sufficiently grave to make it unwise to move him from the Benson hotel where he has been confined and now after nearly three weeks of confinement, the governor is still in bed and unable to much work.

Over Meier's Illness  
The chances are that Mr. Meier will be back at the job but how soon or how long is no one knows. The stress and strain of recent months has taken its toll and Mr. Meier has realized at last, along with his medical advisors, that he cannot continue in his strenuous, vigorous pace, which has marked the first eight months of his administration.

As the reports of the governor's illness have grown more grave, people have uniformly expressed alarm and have uniformly solicited for his recovery. So revolutionary have been Mr. Meier's changes in administration and so large a place has the personal factor played in his administration, any mishap to Governor Meier or any serious impairment of his health would be nothing less than calamitous.

Mr. Meier's serious illness may have come as a surprise to many, but he, too, was frail, subject like his predecessors to the weight of office cares and equally under a mandate to safeguard his health to the uttermost.

The investigation of the Landers administration at Monmouth was another news highlight of the week. With Mrs. Walter M. Pierce of La Grande in the dual role of investigator and prosecutor, the first day's hearing Wednesday was perfunctory, poorly organized and of little value inasmuch as the evidence was rambling, much of it was inadmissible because of its hearsay character and few of the questions asked made of Governor Meier in his August 26 letter to the board of higher education were touched upon.

Next Thursday, September 17, the hearing will be resumed, to mean the end of the proceedings. Anti-Landers groups will have had time to organize their case. Monmouth Situation of Long Standing

The Monmouth situation is an old sore spot. For years charges and counter-charges have been waged around the administration. Quite generally it has been agreed that Mr. Landers' man, his well-meaning, his administrative ability, manifested in vacillating decisions, poor student morale and low academic standard has been the center of his critics' attack.

How far the effort to correct the situation will go is entirely dependent upon the forthcoming hearings. It was evident Wednesday that the charges preferred would have to be better substantiated than they were by the higher education board would decide upon a summary removal of the president.

The hearing may develop into a political battle which will upset the present constituency of the board of education. For example, C. L. Starr, its president, is a known supporter of the Landers administration. With Burch of Medford aligned behind Starr, Mrs. Pierce indicated Wednesday that her special committee of investigation has been blocked. Were it not for the support of Governor Meier in demanding, through a letter to the board, that the Landers' situation be investigated, the recurrent attacks against Landers might have died aborning.

Mrs. Pierce is known as a Landers' opponent. She opposed his appointment eight years ago when her present husband, then Governor of Oregon, named him. She has been a confidant through the years of Dean Jessica Todd who until this year was a potent influence in everything which went on at the Normal. Mrs. Todd has long been a thorn in the side of President Landers. Every overt move of the president or every

## Searching Party Will be Sent To Alaska; Rescue Hope Revived



Hopes of finding C. A. Allen (left) and Don Moyle, missing trans-Pacific airmen, were revived Saturday following report a plane which was probably theirs was heard near Lituya Bay on the Alaskan coast west of Juneau Tuesday about the time they would have reached that vicinity. A searching expedition is to be sent out by John Buffelen of Tacoma, owner of the plane.

## MICKEY MOUSE TO HOLD PET PARADE

Hundreds of Children Will Exhibit in Procession Saturday, Sept. 19

Saturday, September 19, will be a "Red Letter" day in the lives of the children of Salem. Mothers and fathers will proudly watch their sons and daughters parading through the streets with their favorite pets, beautiful and comical costumes, decorated bicycles, tricycles, doll buggies, wagons, no one knows what a sight this day holds in store for us. There will probably be many impersonations of famous movie

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## HIGHWAY MEETING DATE IS NOT TOLD

Whether the next meeting of the state highway commission will be held in Portland or Salem has not been decided definitely last night. C. K. Spaulding, Salem member of the commission, said the meeting probably would be held Thursday.

The principal business to come before the commission is that of selecting a route or routes for the proposed new cutoff highway from Portland to the sea.

Four routes have been proposed. These include the Wilson River, Vernonia-Hamlet, Ridge and Wolf Creek. The largest number of firms have been received from the Vernonia-Hamlet and Wilson River routes.

The Uptown association of Portland recently went on record favoring the construction of two routes. This organization favored the Wilson River and Vernonia-Hamlet routes, and urged that both of these be included on the state highway map.

## Many Shoppers Here Saturday

Salem was thronged yesterday afternoon and last night with crowds of post-harvest shoppers, dancers and theatre-goers. Prompted by good weather, harvest payroll checks and the beginning of schools, men and women and youngsters from miles around came to the capital yesterday. Several theatres last night had lines standing waiting entrance, while dance halls uniformly reported good business.

## Roseburg Home Will be Only One Hawley Avers

Congressman W. C. Hawley was back in Salem yesterday after spending the week in southern Oregon, principally to attend the state reclamation congress, but hardly had he cleaned up the office mail before he was off again, this time on a trip into southern Oregon to be made with Ronald C. Glover, local attorney and one-time secretary to Mr. Hawley in Washington, D. C. The two men will be away for a week, winding up their trip next Saturday at the site for the veterans' home but the celebration in Roseburg where the congressman will be the honored guest of the Roseburg chamber of commerce.

"It is true that I am deeply gratified that Roseburg has been named as the site for the veterans' home but the choice is just what I expected," the congressman commented. "I believe that climatic conditions at Roseburg have been proved excellent for invalid soldiers. I believe 95 per cent of the people of Oregon wanted Roseburg chosen. I believe the selection was an excellent one viewed from development for the state and the inter-

## SCHOOL STAFFS GET READY FOR YEAR'S OPENING

"Big Push" to Arrange Last Details set This Week; September 21 Date

Arranging Free Textbooks One of Tasks to be Done in Advance

Principals, supervisors and department heads of Salem schools will go into a "big push" this week in their intensive program of making final preparations for the opening of the schools on Monday, September 21. In their efforts to get the schools off to as smooth a start as possible, they will be head over heels in the work, planning schedules, holding conferences to arrange the year's plan of studies and getting the new free textbooks in order.

As a result of the organization work done by the supervisory staff during the past and the present week, the teachers will go on duty on the first day of school with the situation well in hand for another year's task of guiding 3000 to 4000 pupils in acquiring the knowledge they are said to need in this school age.

Although according to their contracts they are not required to go on active duty until September 21, all of the instructors are expected to be present at the high school building next Saturday morning, September 19, for a general staff conference. Following this meeting, they will confer with the principals at their respective buildings to hear of final plans for school opening.

Final Checkup is Herculean Task  
George Hug, city school superintendent in his office daily, working out such matters as school boundaries, final assignment of teachers to each building and general details of the city system's organization. Checking on supplies and the handling of the free textbooks are causing Miss Helen Bristow, Hug's secretary, to work overtime. The mat-

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## INTANGIBLES CASE RULING EXPECTED

Only a few weeks remain until the U. S. supreme court will declare whether it will assume jurisdiction in the case involving the constitutionality of the 1929 Oregon intangibles tax. The announcement will be made at the opening of the October term when the court reassembles after its summer vacation.

If the court assumes jurisdiction then it will set a date for the Oregon supreme court, which declared the law invalid. In case of the ruling of the Oregon court is not overturned then under the 1931 act of the legislature the money paid in for 1929 intangibles taxes will be refunded to the persons who paid it. It amounts to nearly \$900,000. The state tax commission has the forms ready so the money can be remitted promptly in the event the state loses the appeal.

## George Putnam Only One Hurt; Amelia Crashes

DETROIT, Sept. 12 (AP)—Amelia Earhart Putnam, noted woman flyer, had her second crash in four months in an auto-giro today and her husband, George Palmer Putnam, who was 100 yards from the scene, suffered the only injury.

Attempting a slow landing near the grandstand at the Michigan state fair grounds, Mrs. Putnam failed to level off soon enough and the plane dropped 20 feet to the ground. Putnam suffered slight internal injuries when he fell over a guy wire in running to the scene of the crash.

## Classified Ad Brings Results

WANTED—Saleslady, dry-goods and ready-to-wear. Must be experienced and must have best of references. Call in person at Birch's Golden Rule Store.  
When an advertisement such as the above is answered by over a score of prospective salesladies before the advertiser has had time to appear, there is ample proof that Statesman Classified Ads bring results.  
This advertisement inserted by Birch's Golden Rule Store, 1000 Commercial, is just another such proof. The office received orders to cancel the ad, needless to say.

## Death Total At Belize is Set at 1000

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BELIZE, British Honduras, Sept. 12 (AP)—More than 1,000 of the 16,000 inhabitants of Belize perished in Thursday's hurricane, it was estimated tonight after a survey.

Unable to keep up with the rising death toll, the government applied the torch tonight, to burn areas where the destruction and death took the highest toll. The funeral pyres were lighted to ward off the menace of disease, made more threatening by the broiling sun which beat down upon the ruined city.

Fire lanes were then cut around the grimly burning area to protect the rest of the city. The food problem was becoming pressing tonight. Several small food riots occurred during the day, but all were quashed immediately. Relief kitchens have been set up and it was announced that they will remain open day and night to feed the thousands of homeless in the city.

The city itself presented a pitiful sight today. Every building was reported damaged, some vessels which were in the harbor were reported to have disappeared during the height of the storm and all boats in the harbor suffered some damage.

Ships of hundreds of tons burden were washed up on the land by the tidal wave and a 200-ton dredge resting on the pier was the work of the customs landing shed. Many boats of smaller size were driven far inland by the gale and the deluge of water.

## NOTED AVIATOR OF FRANCE IS KILLED

Joseph Lebrich and Mesmin, Mechanic, Crash While On Nonstop Flight

MOSCOW, Sept. 12 (AP)—Joseph Lebrich, noted French aviator, and his mechanic, Rene Mesmin, were killed when their airplane Hypheer II in which they were attempting a record nonstop flight from La Bourget to Tokyo crashed in a field near the mouth of the river Tanit, in the vicinity of Ufa, at 8 a. m. today.

Marcel Doré, co-pilot of the plane and its third occupant, saved himself by a parachute jump. Delay in identifying the two airmen who were killed was caused by the fact that none of the populace of Ufa could understand French. A dispatch received here said, however, that all assistance was being provided for Doré by an official of the Bashkir republic who went to the scene with a doctor.

The accident occurred when the fliers had been in the air only about 20 hours after their take-off from Paris. Unfavorable weather which beset them during their entire voyage across Russia was believed to have been a contributing cause.

## FIND NO TRACE OF ESCAPED PRISONER

No trace of James Murphy, 17, who Friday night saved through bars of the city jail to make his escape, was given by city officers yesterday in their efforts to apprehend the lad. Young Murphy was arrested and jailed Friday morning on charges of being drunk and possessing liquor.

Officers stated last night that had Murphy remained in the jail overnight he probably would have been released yesterday morning on condition that he leave the city. He will now face a stiff fine or jail sentence, if he is caught.

Shortly before Murphy escaped, he was fingerprinted by Lou Bjerges, police department fingerprint expert. As a good description of Murphy was obtained, it is expected to be only a matter of time before he is caught and returned here to face the jailbreaking charge. The description has been either telephoned or mailed to police officials over the state.

## Joost is Chosen Head of Oregon Walther League

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 12 (AP)—Oregon district of the Walther league today elected George Joost, Portland, president, closing session of its two-day convention here. The league is made up of young people's societies of Lutheran churches of Oregon and southern Washington.

Rev. O. A. Scheller, Lebanon, was chosen vice-president; Verna Christianson, Portland, recording secretary; and Harold Staats, Portland, treasurer.

## INSURANCE FOR WORKERS GETS SUPPORT HERE

Improvement Upon British Dole System Talked at Carpenters' Meet

Old age Pensions, Shorter Hours Backed; Allen Again President

A flood of oratory, poured forth at the meetings yesterday of the state council of carpenters, resulted in the passing of six resolutions dealing with the labor situation. The 19 carpenters assembled here for the gathering put their oke on resolutions favoring unemployment insurance, maintenance of the prevailing wage scale on all government construction jobs, old-age pensions, the five-day week and the six-hour day.

The delegates declared this convention was the best held in the seven years the state council has been in existence. The council is now in existence. The council is now in existence. The council is now in existence.

First hand information on England and its world-heralded "dole" system was brought to the convention by B. S. Slemmon, Portland. Who recently returned from a trip there. The system of unemployment relief decreed as a dole is not really that, Slemmon declared, it is a system of unemployment insurance. The English plan is good, but it could be better, he said, and pointed out cases of women who received the "dole" money at the same time their husbands were also receiving it. If longshoremen who worked 40 hours at a stretch, the equivalent of five eight-hour days, then demanded the "dole" on the days they were not working.

Many 16-year-old boys in England are also under the dole, Slemmon reported. He saw a benefit in this, however, in that when they were under the dole, their actions were under check and they did not have such great opportunity to engage in nefarious activities. Complaining of the troubles the machine age has brought upon

## START SEARCH FOR NARCOTICS CARRIER

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 12 (AP)—Immigration Inspector R. J. Norene today asked aid of local police in watching for alleged contraband cargo and passengers aboard the auxiliary schooner Marabelle which he said was expected to land somewhere on the Oregon coast.

The immigration service had learned, Norene said, that the vessel carried 500 lbs of opium, 124 Chinese men and six Chinese women. Federal officers were using airplanes, boats and shore patrols in their attempt to intercept the boat.

He told police the contraband might be carried in covered trucks either to Washington or California. The same organization, he said, landed opium and 12 or 20 Chinese on the California coast last October.

The Marabelle left Hongkong July 29.

## South Pole Trip Planned by Byrd

BOSTON, Sept. 12 (AP)—Read Admiral Richard E. Byrd tonight announced he would conduct another expedition to the south pole. The announcement came just prior to a dinner with 10 of his company members on his last trip, the occasion marking the third anniversary of the event.

## Livestock Space at Fair All Gone; to Build Barn

Every available stall and pen in the livestock barns of the Oregon state fair had been reserved by Saturday, Max Gehlhar, director of the department of agriculture, announced. A hurry call for circus tents to house the additional entries which will come in before the closing date, September 20, has been sent out.

So urgent is the desire of Holstein-Friesian breeders of Oregon to have full space necessary to house all their growing list of entries that they held a special meeting of their association in Medford Saturday afternoon and made demands on Director Gehlhar for more space.

Accordingly a crew of carpenters has been ordered to report for work Monday morning and build a new barn 60 feet long north of the present Holstein barn.

## Hogg Pass Railroad Prospect Revived by Right of Way Filing

Head of Grange Isn't Candidate For Reelection

Portland & Southeast Company Officials Refuse to Talk

Move is of Interest Here, Connection With O.E. Seen

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 12 (AP)—C. C. Hulet, Albany, announced here today that he will not be a candidate to succeed himself as president of the Oregon state Grange. Subordinate granges had already been notified of his decision he said. They are casting preferential ballots for state officers this month.

"I have always been an advocate of the short term," Hulet said, "for various reasons. And I'm consistent in that regard."

Hulet's term expires June 1, 1932.

## PLANE OWNER WILL BACK SEARCH PLAN

Buffelen to Finance Cruise Seeking Allen, Moyle In Alaskan Wilds

TACOMA, Wash., Sept. 12 (AP)—John Buffelen, Tacoma capitalist and owner of the plane in which Don Moyle and Cecil Allen started out from Tokyo on a nonstop flight to Seattle, said here tonight he would finance an expedition into southeastern Alaska to seek the missing airmen. Buffelen said he had negotiated with Ensign E. E. Dillman and another officer at Sand Point naval station, to fly into Alaska on the quest.

The decision to finance a trip to Alaska was reached after Capt. H. Hanson of the passenger steamship Alaska reported at Seward, Alaska, yesterday the motor of an eastbound plane had been heard offhanded from Lituya Bay, on the Alaskan coast west of Juneau about 11 p. m. (P.S.T.) Tuesday night.

The coast in that vicinity is extremely rugged and seafaring men and aviators have had a hard time of it. The plane reported heard was that of Moyle and Allen. They probably cracked up either along the shore or in the nearby coastal mountains.

The navy fliers will leave Sand Point shortly, Mr. Buffelen said. Whether the men will use a navy plane or a commercial ship was not disclosed.

## Call Witnesses For Hearing on Landers Status

Fifty requests were sent out this weekend by E. E. Lindsay, secretary of the board of higher education, calling men and women from all parts of the state to testify here next Thursday in the hearing on President Landers' conduct of Oregon Normal school affairs. Witnesses summoned to the hearing were taken from a list given Lindsay by Mrs. Walter M. Pierce and also by President Landers. Testimony will be heard both in support of the charges brought against Landers and in his support.

Lindsay said the number of the letters invited to testify in the hearing, which started here last Wednesday, could not be completed in a day. C. L. Starr, Albert Burch and Mrs. Walter M. Pierce are members of the special investigation committee appointed by the board of higher education.

## Fish Launch is Struck, One of Crew Drowned

LONGVIEW, Wash., Sept. 12 (AP)—Vivian P. Lee, 18, Rainier, Ore., was drowned and two other men narrowly escaped death tonight when the steamer Florence Luckenbach struck the fish pick-up launch May Day off the Longview grain elevator.

The men rescued were Captain R. R. Edwards and another member of the crew whose name was not obtained. They were taken from the water by unidentified fishermen.

## Fireless Period Proves Lengthy

City firemen lolled about their stations for 71 hours Friday and Saturday without receiving a single fire call.

## WRECKING OF AUTO FAKED, IS CHARGE

THE FALLES, Ore., Sept. 12 (AP)—State Police Sergeant Frank Grimm announced here today he had located Wayne Boynton, MacMarr store manager, sought since Monday when his automobile was found wrecked near Cascade Locks, Ore., in Seattle. Boynton was alive and well Grimm said.

Boynton told Grimm, the latter said, that his automobile had been crowded off the Columbia river highway by a big truck and he had suffered a nervous breakdown as a result of the accident.

Grimm said, however, that all evidence pointed to the car having been driven down the 57-foot embankment. Boynton was accused of embezzling more than \$500 from the MacMarr store at Burns, the officer continued, and also had two mortgages on his automobile.

No charges have been filed Grimm said, pending decision of MacMarr officials and insurance companies involved.

## Fruit Packing Plant Burned

MEDFORD, Ore., Sept. 12 (AP)—Fire today destroyed the Medford Fruit company packing plant with an estimated loss of \$20,000. Though the building was not being used for fruit packing this season, quantities of supplies stored in it were destroyed.