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Population of Salem 1900, 4258;
1910, 14,094; 1920, 17,679
Marion County 1920, 47,177;
Polk county, 14,161
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OREGON: Tonight and Saturday fair; moderate northerly winds.
LOCAL: Northerly winds, clear; maximum yesterday 85, minimum today 48; river -1.2 feet and stationary.

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Reduce Army to 100,000

Borah Introduces Bill to Slash Third Off Armed Forces—Increase Loan Rates

Washington, Aug. 5.—Reduction of the army to 100,000 enlisted men was proposed today in a resolution by Senator Borah, republican, Idaho, regardless of the law fixing the strength at 150,000.
Reductions in army and navy expenditures is the only hope of reducing taxes, Senator Borah declared, supporting his resolution to cut the army to 100,000 men.
"There are no places where we can cut expenses to any appreciable extent except the army and navy," said Senator Borah. "If we are not willing to do that we might just as well tell the country that we will do very well if we hold expenditures and taxes where they now are and that there is no hope for reducing taxes."

Prison Trusty Flees From Flax Field This Morning

Twenty prison guards and a score of Marion county officers were this afternoon combing the Salem district in search of James Ward, 28, convicted of manslaughter, who while working in the flax fields near the state penitentiary, slipped away quietly about 9:30 this morning. His escape was detected at 10 o'clock.
Ward, a trusty, was committed from Linn county on March 15 for an indeterminate period of not to exceed two years. He would have been eligible to parole after having served one year.
On September 6, 1920, Ward in company with two men, drove into Sweet Home in an intoxicated condition. In an effort to arrest Ward, Henry Schenk, mayor of Sweet Home, deputized Mounts Story, 78, another Sweet Home resident. Ward resisted arrest and in the fight that followed Story sustained injuries from which he later died.
Officials said this morning that Ward may have headed toward Jefferson, where he has relatives. He is light complexioned, weighs about 140 pounds, and five feet, 9 inches tall. He was dressed in gray.

Release of Americans Doubted

Relief Officials Skeptical—No Prisoner Freed by Russia Has Yet Crossed Border

London, Aug. 5.—The American relief officials in London are placing little faith in the reports that the American prisoners in Russia have been released.
"We are keeping a vigilant watch over every possible exit the Americans might take from Russia and none save Mrs. Marguerite Harrison has as yet come through," said Walter L. Brown, European director of the American relief administration.
"This leads us to believe that the Latvian report of their release must be a product of the bolshevik propaganda organization.

Peace Era To Follow Conference

Failure of Disarmament Meeting Would Be Calamity Declares Harmsworth

Vancouver, B. C., Aug. 5.—If delegates to the forthcoming disarmament conference in Washington "truly and constantly represent" the desires of their nations, an agreement will be reached and an era of peace and prosperity will be opened in the Pacific that will extend ultimately to Europe and throughout the world, Lord Northcliffe, the noted English publisher, declared in an address at a luncheon given in his honor by the Canadian club here today.
President Harding and Secretary Hughes, Lord Northcliffe said, have a "very clear understanding of the momentous character of the gathering at Washington, which in my opinion may well prove to be the greatest and most pregnant gathering of the kind that has ever been held."

Tax Rebates Not to be Made Until Taxes Are Paid

Grasshopper Horde Suicide In Saint Lawrence

Quebec, Aug. 5.—Countless dead grasshoppers floated down the St. Lawrence river today. Observers could offer no plausible explanation. At Three Rivers the insects covered the river from bank to bank at one point. Having eaten everything behind them, the horde approached the river, failed to negotiate the broad jump and plunged ahead to their death.

Money Due Through Mistake In Fixing Levy Above Six Percent Limitation Not To Be Rebated Until October—County Officials Pass the Buck As To Blame For Error

Rebates on the \$17,000 due taxpayers of Marion county through a mistake in the original tax budget may not be made until October, according to information gleaned from the offices of county officials.
A week ago an order was drawn up by the district attorney and presented to the county clerk for signature, but due to the proximity of the period when the second half of the 1920 taxes will be due and payable and because of the inconvenience which would be caused at this time on account of this fact if the order has not been signed.
Furthermore it has not been decided as to which office the tax collector or the county clerk will bear the expense of making the refund, nor has any plan been devised which will eliminate any part of the task of going over the entire rolls and deducting 4-10 of a mill from the tax bill of every property owner.
It has been estimated that at least 50 of the largest taxpayers in the county will absorb 60 per cent of the refund, and that the remaining 40 per cent will be paid to the 29,950.
On \$1000 assessed valuation the tax amounts to 40 cents, thus if there were 2000 taxpayers whose property valuation would amount to \$100 the refund to only four cents which would hardly pay the property owners, whose tax bills are so small, the trouble of obtaining the refund. There is also the same number of taxpayers who have assessed valuation of \$200.
The fixing of the responsibility of the mistake in the tax estimate has met with little success. It apparently lies between the office of the county executives who made out the budget which the assessor was to collect in taxes, or it lies at the door of whoever added and copied the figures. The buck is passed, and, for the sake of harmony, no county official wants to say who caught it.

Ulster To Talk Peace Once More

London, Aug. 5.—Another meeting of the Ulster cabinet has been called to discuss the Irish peace negotiations, it was announced today, although it is reiterated in Belfast that no message has been received there from Eamonn DeValera.
It is added that no overtures will be entertained which diminished the powers of the northern parliament.
None the less the imperial government continues optimistic as to the outcome if it gets the opposing leaders together.
While the Sinn Fein leaders are maintaining silence, it is believed Mr. DeValera and his advisers favor a conference in London and will support before the republican parliament a proposal for such a conference.
It is hoped in government circles here that the republican parliament will announce its willingness to open direct negotiations in London for the future government of southern Ireland while attempting through other sources to make an arrangement with Ulster.

Miller's Home At Silverton Is Destroyed

Silverton, Aug. 5.—Flames completely destroyed the home of D. D. Miller, farmer of the Evergreen district two miles south of this city, this morning at nine o'clock, and it was only with difficulty that surrounding buildings were saved. Including furnishings, the loss is estimated at \$6500 with no protection from insurance.
The fire is supposed to have been caused by sparks from the chimney settling on the dry, mossy roof. The entire family was out of the house at the time but a small son discovered the blaze from the barn. Efforts of the family nearly succeeded in extinguishing the fire, until a breeze whipped up the flames to such an extent that the local apparatus, which was called, was of no avail.
The household goods of Selwin Miller, a brother in California, which were stored in the Miller home, were completely consumed.

Germany to Work Alone

Berlin, Aug. 5.—Germany will conduct her work in relieving famine sufferers in Russia, independently of other powers, it is officially announced here.
About 200,000 tons of grain must be available to feed the inhabitants of the districts afflicted by famine, according to a wireless dispatch received here from Moscow, quoting George Tchitcherine, bolshevik foreign minister.
The dispatch declared the soviet government is mobilizing all public agencies for relief work and reiterates recent denials of reports of horrible conditions in the districts stricken by crop failures. A special dispatch from Moscow to the Rotefabne, the communist organ here, says the soviet government has officially denied having applied to the United States, Great Britain or any other power for food relief.

Runaway, 15 Is Happy Return Home

Another lad, Mike Wolf of Gervais, has found that life on the open road sometimes lacks the attractiveness attributed to it by sentimental writers who scribble in cozy flats in the big cities.
Mike, who is but 15 years of age, was picked up by the police on the streets. He was without money, without food and he was hungry. At first he refused to give his true name. Stubbornly independent, he said he was Mike Kohn, a searcher for work.
Later the youth told his story. Dissatisfied with things as they were, he determined to set forth for himself and ran away from his home near Gervais.
Shortly before his father, informed of his son's whereabouts by Sergeant Clyde Ellis, arrived this morning, young Wolf said he would be glad to return to his home and resume his farm duties.

Vag Jailed Here Called Fine Singer

Senor Roberto Aranda, hailed as the "Mexican Caruso" in press dispatches from Syracuse, New York, spent a short time in the Salem city jail a few months ago, according to local officials.
Aranda, who, according to newspaper stories, has been praised by Mary Garden and John McCormick, also sang before the student body at the Salem high school. Aranda said he was graduated from several educational institutions in Mexico City.
Aranda, broke and hungry, was taken in custody by the Salem police, and was booked as a "vag." During his period of incarceration he entertained officers with many vocal selections.
Aranda is 28 years of age, but has the appearance of being much younger.

California Has 60 Percent Prune Crop

That California has only 60 per cent of a normal prune crop, and that the recent hot spell in the San Joaquin valley did great damage, was the statement of S. S. Johns of Myrtle Creek, one of the largest prune growers in that section of the country, while in the city today on business.
Mr. Johns had just returned from California, where he spent the winter, and states that the figures of the California prune crop are higher by 20 per cent than originally estimated.
The hold over of last year's crop there is 20,000,000 pounds, according to Mr. Johns.

Americans Win Fourth Yacht Race

Cowes, Isle of Wight, Aug. 5.—America won the fourth international yacht race here today, defeating the British entries by the close margin of 17 points to 16. Great Britain won the first three races.
The yachts finished in the following order:
Grebe, America, first; Polly and Fiza, Great Britain, second and third, respectively; and Victoria, Great Britain, sixth. The British yacht Jenn and the American Sheila had trouble with their gears and abandoned the race.

Government Pomologist Is Here In Town

For the purpose of writing a bulletin on prune culture, C. F. Klamann, pomologist of the agricultural department of the United States government, has been making investigation of several of the largest prune districts in this county.
Mr. Klamann is obtaining information particularly along the lines of fertilizing, pruning, and spraying and cultivation, and stated this morning that a large number of inquiries along this line have been and are being received in Washington from New England farmers. He selected this district for the reason that 90 per cent of the Italian prunes raised in the country come from western Oregon and Washington.
Mr. Klamann intimated that in the near future the northwest might have sharp competition in western New York which section was displaying a keen interest in that particular branch of the prune industry.

Lumber Trade Of Northwest Below Normal

With the production of 54,395,454 feet of lumber in 107 mills of western Oregon and Washington during the week ending July 30, the output of the section embraced is 29 per cent below normal, according to the report of the West Coast Lumbermen's association just issued. Shipments during the same period totaled 65,395,522 feet.
By delivery by rail, new business included 1,204 cars; rail shipments 1,235 cars. Unshipped balance in the rail trade was 2,770 cars. In the cargo trade, domestic orders totaled 5,987,046 feet and the export 4,461,000 feet. Coastwise and intercoastal cargo shipments totaled 21,325,910 feet; export shipments 5,693,385 feet. During "the period new business totaled 53,804,283 feet.

Blames Roosevelt For Forcing Peace Russo-Jap War

Williamstown, Mass., Aug. 5.—A Russian view of Theodore Roosevelt's successful efforts to end the Russo-Japanese war was given to the Institute of Politics today by Baron Zergius A. Korff, former deputy governor general of Finland.
"Bad feeling between the two nations was intensified by the determination of some Russian adventurers, aided and abetted by the czar, to obtain concessions in Korea," he said. "The psychology of the czar in this case is explained by his absolute contempt of Japan, on the one hand and on the other hand by his conceit and conviction that he could do no wrong. This was one of the most perilous of the influences of the Kaiser which told in this case very strongly. Wilhelm was consciously and cleverly urging the czar on to such a conflict. His game was a sure one too; Germany could only win and Russia could only lose.
"Not doubting Roosevelt's sincerity, we can, however at present question his wisdom in forcing this peace upon Russia. Not that we could expect a victory or even military achievement, but Japan might have learned a lesson which would have changed much of the succeeding events throughout the world.
"The Russian army would never have been able to show much grit, but her internal troubles would have increased and forced the government to grant more reforms, establishing in a firmer way the principles of constitutional government for which she was quite ripe, but which neither the czar nor the ruling class were yet ready to grant. What they did grant they tried to take back as soon as the social discontent quieted down.
"Again the continuation of the war would have brought important changes in Japan. Japan at that moment was at the end of her tether. Roosevelt, in other words, saved Japan from an economic collapse that might have called for constitutional reform in Japan also, and only the latter could be a reliable guarantee against the development of imperialism in the Pacific."

Auto Is Damaged In Collision Here

An automobile driven by William Jones, route 1, received minor damages this morning when it collided with a truck owned by the People's cash store. The accident occurred at the corner of Commercial and Center streets. The truck was not damaged, and neither of the drivers was injured.

Valley Motor Donates Spray

In order to save the numerous trees infected by the Elm tree beetle the Valley Motor company of this city has offered to S. H. Van Trump, county agricultural agent, a bean sprayer connected with a Fordson tractor with which to spray the foliage and to save as many as possible.
The tractor is on rubber wheels and can be taken any place. The spray reaching a height of 50 feet under a 300 pound pressure. The material for the spray will be furnished from outside sources and the work will be under the supervision of Mr. Van Trump.

Local Motorcycle Dealer Back From Southern Oregon

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Scott returned this morning by motorcycle from southern Oregon where they attended the Medford-Crater Lake motorcycle run. Mr. Scott was the first one to arrive at the lake and the last one to leave, taking in all of the side trips in the several days he was there. Roads in southern Oregon are regular boulevards, he reports the worst stretch between here and the California line being from Salem to Jefferson.

Ku Klux Klan Drive out Negroes

Texarkana, Texas, Aug. 5.—The proprietors of the three leading hotels here yesterday received notices signed "Ku Klux Klan committee" reading as follows:
"Get rid of all negro porters. Negro employees of two of the hotels immediately quit their jobs."

Three Chinese Suspects Caught

Portland, Or., Aug. 5.—Three Chinese, thought by police to be Sney Sing gunmen sent from San Francisco to even the death score with the Hop Sing tong in Portland, were arrested here today.
A loaded revolver was found by detectives, hidden in a newspaper and rolled in a bundle of innocent overalls. The Oriental, who insisted that instead of being tong assassins they were inoffensive farmers looking for work gave the names of Lee Sing, Huey Tset and Henry Hoy.

Committee Reports \$125 to Club Fund

Keeping well over their daily average, the report of the ten committee working in the commercial club campaign today at luncheon aggregated \$125. With this sum the total funds now amount to \$4,470.50 with a large amount of prospective members still in sight.
It was suggested today that the newspapers run coupons in order that their subscribers might send to the commercial club secretary the names of friends who would like to become members, and also give any one a chance to make application if so desired. No definite action was taken however, but within the next few days it is expected that there will be some plan of this sort worked out.
New memberships reported today are: Adolph Brothers, H. H. Henderson, Patton Brothers, H. H. Worth, Rev. Long of the First Presbyterian church, and R. K. Hoyt.
A large number of promised memberships were reported today. These will be in by the first of next week.

Children Perish Tenement Fire

New York, Aug. 5.—Four children were burned to death and seven other persons were seriously injured in an early morning fire which swept three tenement houses in the Bronx this morning.
The fire spread quickly from the tenement in which it started, to two adjoining tenements and when firemen reached the scene they found more than a score of panic-stricken women and children crowded before the windows crying for aid.
Aerial ladders were run up and firemen began bringing the scantily clad women and children down to safety.

Bernstorff's Wife Gets Fortune Back

New York, Aug. 5.—Countess Von Bernstorff, wife of the former German ambassador to the United States, again has possession of the \$1,000,000 in money and securities seized in 1917 by the alien property custodian, it was learned today.
Return of the property was made yesterday to her American representative by the Bankers Trust company, the custodians depository, under an order of the District of Columbia supreme court.
The countess established the fact that she was an American citizen, prior to her marriage, having been Johanna Luckemeyer, daughter of a pioneer New York silk merchant.

Medieval Ceremony Marks Final Honors Paid to Dead Tenor

Naples, Aug. 5.—Mrs. Enrico Caruso has received more than 2,000 telegrams of condolence from industrialists in various parts of the world who are sorrowing over the loss of the great singer. Among them was one from Queen Mother Alexandra of England, which read:
"It is with deep regret that I hear of the death of your gifted husband whose wonderful voice has so long delighted the world. His loss will be much felt in England and I offer you my sincere sympathy in your great bereavement.
(Signed) "Alexandra."
Church government and people yesterday paid their honors to Caruso.
At the hall of San Fran Di Paula, where the requiem mass was celebrated, were gathered representatives of King Victor Emmanuel, the Italian government, the United States and many other countries. In the floral offerings heaped about the vault where the body was placed, were wreaths sent as tokens of the sorrow felt in virtually the entire occidental world.
It was estimated that nearly 50,000 persons gathered in front of the basilica. The press of the crowd in its attempts to enter the church to view the casket of the famous tenor was so great that troops had to charge several times upon the throng.
Moving from the church, the cortege was headed by mounted squadrons of municipal guards, garbed in full dress uniforms of ancient days and bearing medieval banners. Behind came the municipal band of Naples, playing a funeral march. The municipal services of Naples followed the firemen wearing the uniforms of former days and carrying floral tributes of the city. Then came a crucifix bearer, holding aloft the emblem of sacrifice, leading a procession of priests in cassock and surplice, while dominican and Franciscan monks with bowed heads and with lips uttering prayers followed.

Race Horses Seized

Buffalo, N. Y., Aug. 5.—Nine race horses en route from Windsor, Ont., to Saratoga, are being held by government officials here, following alleged discovery of wine and whiskey in the car in which the horses were being shipped. Customs men threatened to confiscate and sell the horses.

Tiny Dirigible Falls In Flight Spilling Crew

Rockaway, N. Y., Aug. 5.—The H-1, the smallest dirigible in the United States navy today fell on Barren Island during a test flight dumped out her crew of three, and lightened of this burden, ascended several thousand feet for a runaway flight north over Long Island Sound.

Workmen Busy On Stanford Stadium

Stanford University, Cal., Aug. 5.—Workmen, excavating earth at the rate of 3000 yards a day, have completed half their task of constructing the new Stanford stadium here. The stadium, started early in the summer, will be completed in time for the football "big game" between Stanford and the University of California, November 19.

Asks Cash To Deliver Spurgin

Chicago, Aug. 5.—James McShane, assistant state's attorney, today received a telegram from M. E. Clinton at Chihuahua City, Mexico, saying that he would turn over Warren C. Spurgin, missing Chicago banker, to the police if a sufficient reward were offered.
Mr. McShane replied that the only reward he knew of was one of \$2500 offered by Lloyd.
W. C. Burns of Lloyd's said Mr. Clinton telegraphed that he would turn over Spurgin for \$15,000 but that the Lloyd's company had refused to discuss the matter with Clinton.
Wood Tarring by means of a sand blast, is giving satisfactory results.

Spanish Forces Suffer Defeat

Madrid, Aug. 5.—Spanish forces have suffered a severe defeat in northeastern Morocco where they have been resisting heavy attacks by rebellious tribesmen, it is declared by newspapers here.
Advisers received by LaVos state that Nador and Zeluan, which have been evacuated by the Spanish troops, while another newspaper says the tribesmen are holding 5000 Spanish prisoners for ransom.
The Moroccan situation has developed a political phase and King Alfonso is said to have summoned his advisers.
Benjamin Franklin's father was a soap maker.