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FAIR WEATHER
Tonight and Thursday. Moderate temperature. Gentle variable winds mostly north to easterly.
Local: Max. 74; min. 53; rain, none; river, 2.2; atmos. part cloudy; wind, northwest.

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FIND TAXI DRIVER MURDERED

SEARCH FOR LOST PLANE UNAVAILING

Vast Pacific Continues To Hide Disabled Navy Seaplane PN-9 No. 1, Forced Down.

Honolulu, Sept. 2.—(By Associated Press)—The vast Pacific continued today to hide the disabled navy seaplane PN-9 No. 1 while efforts to rescue Commander John Rodgers and his four co-aviators went on with redoubled force.

Lack of fuel forced the giant seaplane to descend late yesterday on a stormy sea when its destination on a non-stop flight from San Francisco to Pearl Harbor was less than 300 miles away.

Lieutenant Commander M. B. McComb, junior commander of the air station at Pearl Harbor, estimated today that the seaplane descended about 100 miles north-east of the island of Maui and 20 miles from the U. S. S. Arctostaphylos, which was on station 1800 miles from San Francisco. He estimated the drift at that point due to existing ocean currents would amount to six miles hourly, which would move the seaplane, if afloat, 108 miles to the westward by 8 a. m. today.

Four In Hunt
Four naval planes left the Maui base, Lahaina roadstead, at 6:20 o'clock this morning. Two others remained at the base to take on more fuel before taking the air to cover a territory of approximately 100 square miles. Two of the planes reached the eastern point of Maui at 7:30 a. m. and reported back by radio that the sea was choppy, with a 20 knot an hour wind blowing.

The navy ships Navajo and Sunadin also were engaged in patrolling Maui water and in addition to other ships previously assigned to the task.

Crew of Plane
The U. S. S. Arctostaphylos made another attempt to launch a scouting plane at dawn, but failed due to rough weather.

The crew of the seaplane PN-9 No. 1 comprised:
Commander John Rodgers, Havre De Grace, Md.
Lieutenant Byron J. Connell, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Shiles N. Pope, Jackson, Pa.
William H. Howlin, Richmond, Va.
Otis G. Stantz, Terre Haute, Ind.

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SUBSIDY FOR FLEET FAVORED

Portland, Or., Sept. 2.—Need of a subsidy to place the American merchant marine on a competitive basis in foreign trade with Great Britain and other leading nations was voiced by business men of Portland and tributary territory at the afternoon session yesterday of the regional conference held here by representatives of the merchant marine committee of the United States chamber of commerce.

American ships, with their high cost of construction, maintenance charges and high wages cannot compete with merchant ships of other nations who provide subsidies and where construction costs, wages and repairs are low, it was stated.

C. K. Dawson, manager of the Columbia Shipping company, expressed the opinion that the government subsidy should apply to all ships, both freight and passenger, on the basis of deadweight tonnage. The subsidy should be sufficiently large, he said, to place the American operated ships on a parity with ships of other nations.

Slate Construction company, Albany, incorporators, Mack Slate, Fred Slate, Virgil A. Crum; capital, \$25,000.

PN-9 NO. 3 TOWED IN PORT FROM OCEAN

Seaplane Forced Down By Breaking of Oil Feed Lines—Damaged Also In Making Landing.

San Francisco, Sept. 2.—(AP)—The PN-9 No. 3, in tow of the destroyer William Jones, arrived off Crissy field at 8 a. m. today after being forced down late Monday some 300 miles out from San Francisco on her attempted flight to Honolulu.

Lieutenant Allan P. Snoddy, her commander, and her crew of four were unhurt. They remained in the seaplane during the 300 mile journey back to shore. The return trip was made at a speed of about 10 knots.

The PN-9 No. 3 was forced down by the breaking of two oil feed lines. An aileron and stabilizer were damaged when she alighted in mid-ocean. On arriving in port, she was immediately conveyed to the repair base at Crissy field and a corps of mechanics set to work repairing her. This is expected to be completed tomorrow.

First Account Given
The first direct report of the flight of the PN-9 No. 3 and the mishap which put her out of the contest was given out by Commander Snoddy.

"Engine trouble developed when we were about 300 miles out," he said. "Soon it became apparent that we would be forced to alight."

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SLIGHT TREMOR IN CENTRAL STATES

Cleveland, Ohio, Sept. 2.—(AP)—A slight tremor registered on the seismograph of St. Ignace college here today. Father Flodenbach said it might have been caused by common waves or a slipping cave in. Such shocks occur almost daily here.

Evansville, Ind., Sept. 2.—(AP)—Evansville was shaken by an earthquake about six a. m. today. It was the second quake felt here within a few months. No damage was reported.

No official record of the quake had been made at the weather bureau today. Observer A. Brand said he had no official information that the quake was general in western Indiana and Illinois and in southern Kentucky and that from reports he had received, it probably centered in that territory.

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Slain Nurse Collected Blackmail from Men For Mythical Infants

Oakland, Cal., Sept. 2.—Investigation into the murder of Bessie Ferguson Loren, Oakland nurse, took a sensational turn with the statement last night by Under Sheriff W. M. Veale of Contra Costa county that he had obtained from Mrs. Anna Ferguson, Bessie's mother, an admission that for several years and almost up to the time of her daughter's disappearance on August 13, Bessie had regularly received money from at least three men whose names previously had been brought into the case.

Under Sheriff Veale said Mrs. Ferguson mentioned the names of an Oakland physician, an Oakland dentist and a San Francisco accountant and former employer of Bessie Ferguson. Requesting one of all three will be undertaken as a result of Mrs. Ferguson's latest disclosures, Under Sheriff Veale said.

Bobs at Last.



Ethel Barrymore, home from England, dropped into a barber shop in New York and had her hair shopped. "Can't understand why I didn't do it before," said the famous actress, who was noted for her beautiful long hair.

INTOLERANCE OMNINOUS SIGN SAYS HUGHES

Detroit, Mich., Sept. 2.—Liberty and law are a combination "which our political alchemists seem to find increasing difficulty in successfully achieving," Charles Evans Hughes said today in opening the forty-ninth meeting of the American Bar association, of which he is president.

"We call ourselves the ministers of justice," he said, "but we are reminded that the justice to be administered is justice according to law—the expression of the democratic will."

The problems presented by the multiplicity of laws, the encroachments on liberty of learning, inadequate payment of judges, inordinate latitude granted lawyers, especially in sensational cases and the need of proper standards of legal facts that sparkled in Mr. Hughes' address.

"Liberty today has such broad scope," he said, "that it taxes the acumen of the ablest statesmen to provide laws which even measurably assure it."

"The most ominous sign of our times is the indication of an intolerant spirit. It is more dangerous when armed, as it usually is, with sincere conviction. It can be exercised only by the genius which watches over our infancy and has guided our development—the American spirit of civil and religious liberty."

"Democracy has its own capacity of tyranny."

Slain Nurse Collected Blackmail from Men For Mythical Infants

Under Sheriff Veale said Mrs. Ferguson told him she was positive that Bessie never had been a mother, as indicated in letters and telegrams found among the dead woman's effects.

Veale learned from Mrs. Ferguson, however, that her daughter collected regular monthly payments from several men for the support of three mythical children.

"The mother told me," said Veale, "that her daughter had derived a regular income for years in this fashion from men who believed themselves to be fathers of children that never existed."

Gordon Rowe, San Francisco accountant; Dr. J. L. Loran Pease, Oakland dentist and Dr. J. J. Moyer, Oakland physician, were the persons named by Mrs. Ferguson from whom the payments were received, Veale declared.

PRISON MAY BE BIG ISSUE IN ELECTION

Movement To Initiate Bill Placing Penitentiary In Hands of Board May Involve Candidates.

(By Harry N. Crain.)
There is a strong prospect that the prison problem, which has been brought so glaringly into the limelight by the Murray-Kelley, Willow break and the revelations as to the conduct of the penitentiary that have flowed it, will be a live issue in the gubernatorial contest that Oregon is to face next year.

Even now there is a movement afoot to initiate a measure for submission to the electorate in November, 1926, that will place the selection of the prison warden and administration of the institution in the hands of a non-political prison commission, and with Governor Pierce considered an assured candidate for re-election such a movement would inject the prison very definitely into the campaign as a major issue.

Pierce would oppose. The prison, a nightmare that most governors would like to avoid, has been somewhat of a hobby with Pierce and his efforts to make it a self-sustaining institution through development of its (Continued on Page Four)

GRAND ARMY IN ANNUAL PARADE

Grand Rapids, Mich., Sept. 2.—Musket and sword gave way to canes and crutches as the Grand Army of the Republic marched today in what may be its national parade.

With shoulders curved by the weight of years but with gleaming and unbroken spirit the boys of '61 marched, 5000 strong, between massed thousands of cheering spectators.

New flags and battle-scarred old ones, fluttered with equal glory as the remnant of the ranks of the Union army wound through the streets. The blare of twenty bands had a pathetic accompaniment in the shuffling of 5000 pairs of feet that have trod the war-wetted fields of Antietam, of Gettysburg, and of Chancellorsville.

No double-quick today; almost funeral the tempo, for the boys who wore the blue have long since turned gray. Many, indeed, were unequal to participation in the parade while others, bowing to time, rode in automobiles behind their marching comrades.

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MOBILIZE SHIPS TO HUNT PLANE

Honolulu, H. I., Sept. 2.—(A. P.)—Mobilization of all available vessels to aid in the search for the PN-9 No. 1 was suggested today in a message from Commander William R. Van Auken of the U. S. S. Arctostaphylos.

Commander Van Auken recommended that all vessels take stations as soon as possible on the scouting line bearing north along the 155th meridian from latitude 23-30 to 23-36. Stations would be maintained during daylight retiring in a line on a westerly course to the 156th meridian during darkness.

The message estimated the drift of the disabled seaplane at five nautical miles an hour since landing at about 1:30 p. m. (Island time) yesterday at longitude approximately 153.

New York.—Willie Hoppe, billiard player, has married Dorothy Devere, vanderbilt actress at Manhattan, Long Island. He was divorced last year from his first wife, Alice Alsh of New York, and received the custody of his two children.

MITCHELL TO EXPOSE ARMY AIR SERVICE

Demoted Official Throws Bombshell Into Official Circles With Book Entitled "Winged Defense"

San Antonio, Texas, Sept. 2.—(AP)—Colonel William Mitchell, "stormy petrel" of the air service, threw a bombshell into the air service circles today when war department officials began to review his book "Winged Defense," which had been published against war department orders.

"The truth about United States air service is going to be suppressed no longer," declared the commander of the eighth corps area air forces to the Associated Press.

"I have disobeyed no orders," Colonel Mitchell asserted, although admitting that he had published his book without submitting it to his superiors for approval.

"The truth of our deplorable situation is going to be put before the American people, come what may," he continued.

Aviators to Talk
"If the war department wants to 'start something' so much the better. Then I can get the case before congress and the people and then we will have a chance to remedy this unfortunate condition."

"Aviators are the only persons competent to tell what is wrong and they are going to tell, I assure you that."

"One fourth of the short comings of our air service have not yet been told but they are going to be."

"This book is just the beginning. I am at present preparing a series of articles which will 'rip the cover' off these deplorable conditions."

"Winged Defense," a story of the development of commercial and military aviation, came off the press yesterday. Its publication had been specifically forbidden by the war department.

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FINED FOR SETTING FIRES IN RESERVES

Bend, Or., Sept. 2.—Two convictions for fire trespass in the national forest were secured yesterday in justice court, according to forestry officials. H. F. Sullivan of Sisters was fined \$50 and costs amounting to \$16.20 for setting several fires in the road northeast of Black Butte.

George Frank, who came across the Cascades from the Willamette valley with a team and wagon was fined \$5 for leaving a camp fire near Sisters.

Three other cases of fire trespass are pending at the present time, officials said today and convictions have been secured in three previous cases so far this year.

Sues For \$1000 Each For Loss of Two Teeth In Auto-Bike Smash

One thousand dollars for two teeth, is one of the demands made in a new complaint filed in circuit court by Jacob Swartz as guardian for Harold Swartz, against the Salem Baking company. It is charged that a truck driven for the Salem Baking company collided with Harold Swartz, 20, riding on a bicycle at an alley intersection between Commercial and Liberty on State street and that Swartz was thrown violently to the pavement.

He charges that two of his front teeth were knocked out, which will disfigure him for life, such disfigurement being valued at \$1000. But that's not all. The pain and suffering sustained by Swartz with the teeth is valued at

\$100 and the dentist was paid \$52.50 in working on the teeth and the complaint states further work probably will have to be done.

Swartz places his wrecked bicycle at \$17.50, and that in addition a pair of trousers was destroyed by the rough contact with the pavement and his loss in that regard is put at \$7.50. Onto these aggravations, the fall to the pavement caused a fifth and sixth teeth to be knocked out and this damage is listed at \$17.50. In addition there is enumerated a broken lunch unit—value \$3. All told \$1182.25 is asked for in the complaint.

Once before a complaint was filed in this case, the plaintiff taking a voluntary non-suit.

INDEPENDENCE MAN SLUGGED AND SHOT BY TRIO OF THUGS

Lloyd Wanted For Independence Murder Is Former Convict

W. R. Lloyd, who is sought by Polk county authorities as the suspected slayer of Clinton I. Baun, Independence taxi driver, on a lonely road nine miles south of that city last night, is an ex-convict from the Oregon state penitentiary. It became known here today.

Lloyd was received at the prison October 26, 1921, from Lane county to serve two years for forgery, and was dismissed at the expiration of his minimum term April 26, 1923. His record at the prison shows him to have been 22 years old at the time he was received, dark complexioned with dark hair and eyes, stocky built, weight 143 pounds, height 5 feet 3 and three-eighths inches, height 5 feet 3 and three-eighths inches, height 5 feet 3 and three-eighths inches. He had a wart on the ring finger of his left hand and a scar on his right thumb.

PLANE FAILURE DOES NOT WORRY AIRPLANE CHIEF

San Francisco, Cal., Sept. 2.—(A. P.)—Admiral William Moffett, chief of the bureau of aeronautics of the navy, said at noon today:

"We are not worried yet by the failure to find Commander Rodgers and his plane."

"The fuel tank of this plane was empty and it can't sink," he said.

Admiral Moffett pointed out that the condition of the PN-9 No. 3, which made a forced landing 300 miles out on the route of the San Francisco-Honolulu flight demonstrated that even when heavily loaded, as it was, the metal planes can alight safely in a rough sea.

"The PN-9 No. 1 would have landed light," he explained. "The PN-9 No. 3 could make it safely, loaded almost to its utmost with fuel, it is reasonable to think that the other plane could, being light, making a landing easily."

"During the war and since we have demonstrated the seaworthiness of this type of plane, so I say, I am not worried yet. I still think we will find them safe."

The damages that were sustained by the PN-9 No. 3 which reached San Francisco today were done by the destroyer Jones in attempting to secure it and were not done in landing, the admiral stated.

London, Eng.—Labor leaders are asking golf clubs to raise sheep in order to cut the cost of living.

For-Hire Autoist Killed by Three Passengers Who Had Hired Him to Drive to Albany—Body Left Beside Road Nine Miles From Independence—Car of Dead Man Taken—W. R. Lloyd Suspected of Crime

The Ford touring car, Oregon license number 31,040, which was taken by the slayers of Clinton I. Baun, Independence taxi driver last night, was found at The Dalles at 12:30 o'clock this afternoon by the police in The Dalles, according to word received by Sheriff T. B. Hooker of Polk county just after 1 o'clock this afternoon. Sheriff Hooker was advised that the suspected slayers are supposed to still be in or very near The Dalles and a search is being instituted for them.

Independence, Ore., Sept. 2.—Clinton I. Baun, 34-year-old for-hire driver of the firm of Baun Bros. Livery of this city, was killed by three passengers who had hired him to drive them to Albany, and his body was left by the roadside in a lonely spot about nine miles south of Independence between 9 and 9:30 o'clock last night.

Today Sheriff Tom Hooker and police officers throughout the western part of the state are looking for W. R. Lloyd and his two companions, thought to have been Baun's passengers, as suspects in connection with the murder. They took Baun's 1924 model Ford passenger touring car, Oregon license number 31,040, and headed south on what is known as the Buena Vista road between Independence and Albany, traveling at a high rate of speed.

STANFIELD FOR LEASING POLICY FOR GRAZING

Spokane, Wash., Sept. 2.—Sentiment so far developed in the hearings being conducted by the United States senate subcommittee on public lands, "points with favor toward a leasing policy of unreserved public domain with local option privileges," Senator Robert N. Stanford of Oregon, chairman, declared upon the arrival of the committee here today.

"This generally is in line with the policy of the interior department," he said. "There is no demand for transfer of power over grazing rights from one department to another but the stock men are highly favorable to the creation of a new commission here which they could present their views."

In formulation any new grazing policy the public as well as the stock raisers and farmers will be taken into consideration, he continued and declared that any policy that would tend to raise the price of meat would be unpopular.

Senator Tasker L. Sloat of Nevada, a member of the committee in the eastern interests want the returns from the public lands to be placed in the national treasury.

"They have had their pie and now they want part of ours," he said.

Called Mozart's Music Hellish and Hideous

Berlin, Sept. 2.—(AP)—Not much was thought of the music of Mozart, 125 years ago by Prince Henry and Prince Ferdinand of Prussia. In letters addressed by them to Count and Countess Henckel-Donnersmarck, it was characterized as "hideous." One of the letters, dated December 15, 1800, says:

"Last Friday a musical piece by Mozart (church music) was performed and admired by many. I do not mind telling you confidentially though that I thought it hideous."

"It is hellish music and only requires a cannon to make the inferno complete."

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