

SID GEORGE HEADS LEGION

GRAF BREAKS PAST RECORD UPON RETURN

Huge Zeppelin Arrives at Home Port in 55 Hours From New York

Speed Average of 75 Miles Per Hour Maintained for Trip

Friedrichshafen (AP)—The transatlantic airship Graf Zeppelin, after a record breaking crossing of the Atlantic on the first leg of her round-the-world flight from Lakehurst, N. J., landed at Friedrichshafen at 1:03 p.m. (7:03 a.m. E. S. T.) Saturday.

The huge ship made the crossing in just 55 hours and 24 minutes, having picked up speed as she approached the coast of Europe.

The zeppelin touched the earth at exactly three minutes after one o'clock and with the help of the landing crew was turned around with her nose pointing north.

The ship's motors were kept running slowly to help turn her. The motors were stopped two minutes later and the landing crew began the task of pulling the Graf into the hangar field beyond the Zeppelin.

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LAW VIOLATORS PLAN TO TEST DRY STATUTE

Bend, Ore. (AP)—Attorneys for persons convicted under Oregon's new prohibition law making possession of liquor a misdemeanor were preparing for new trials following the decision of Circuit Judge Duffy who held that the law passed by the 1929 state legislature was unconstitutional.

Judge T. E. J. Duffy declared that it was apparent the legislature, through an error, had legislated the penalty out of prohibition. No maximum penalty for first offenders is fixed under the law as amended at the 1929 session, he said.

Attorneys declared the legislature intended to make the section read "No more than \$500 fine," but the wrong word was passed up by all committees and went through both the houses of the legislature. The amended law reads that the penalty for first conviction must be a fine of not less than \$500 or imprisonment in the county jail for not more than six months or both.

The judge's decision followed a plea from Mrs. Rose Tribou of Redmond, Ore., convicted under the law, who sought a writ of habeas corpus. She pleaded guilty to a charge of possessing liquor and the judge granted the writ, but at the same time ruled that the old Oregon prohibition law which the new statute sought to amend was still in effect.

Two men and one other woman are serving sentences passed on their conviction under the law.

The amendment was designed by the legislature to strengthen the prohibition laws of the state, although under the amendment possession was still classed as a misdemeanor. The old statute provided a fine of "not more than \$500 for first conviction, and a jail sentence of "not more than six months."

The amendment provided a fine of "not less than \$500 for first conviction," and failed to set a maximum penalty.

Judge Duffy's ruling was made on the grounds that the amendment is too indefinite, and that technically and practically it would tolerate any fine the imagination can conceive.

BULLET ENDS CHASE THRU STREETS; AUTO THIEF LANDS IN JAIL

A swift race over South Commercial street early Saturday morning, during which two cars attained a speed of 70 miles an hour, ended when Officer Burgess of the Salem police force, placed a well directed bullet in the rear tire of a machine that had been stolen from W. H. McClain, Linn county deputy sheriff, at Albany a half hour earlier. C. Allen, who says he hails from South Dakota, driver of the car, was placed under arrest.

The episode had all the essentials of a four reel movie thriller.

At 3:25 Saturday morning the local police were notified of the theft of the McClain car. Harry Levy, who had been assisting in taking care of various matters during the night, happened to be at

Good Evening! DON UPJOHN OFFERS Sips for Supper

Strange what'll happen to a fellow.

For instance, some time during the night last night we woke up and would have sworn we could hear some drums beating somewhere around town and some trumpets blowing and somebody yelling. Must have been something we ate.

The folks around here who have been fearful the legion boys might tear down a building or two in their exuberance needn't worry. The worry lies in fearing there's a building or two around here that they should tear down but won't.

Sure, and where else should a hula hula dancer come from if it wasn't Bend?

We dropped in on Bud Stutesman today when he was cutting up hop samples, a job he has done off and on for a good many years. "After awhile," said Bud, "you can kind of concentrate down on this smell of hops in a hop room so as to get some good effect out of it. Some of these hops got what I call a 2 per cent smell, some of them will run along as high as 4 per cent, and once in awhile we get a batch of olds a bird can get a good old 6 per cent whiff out of. If he does his breathing exercises strong enough with those old 6 per cent he can have a right pert good time cutting up hop samples before the day is over."

Bud's a temperance crank and confines his whiffing mostly to a round 4 per cent, but it shows what a man of initiative and genius can do when hard put to it.

We are glad to know that the police blotter shows that everybody in Salem was sober last night, to say nothing of this morning.

It's sure nice to see a great crowd of people maintain themselves orderly like and not let their enthusiasm run wild.

The last thing we'd want to be would be a bass drum in an American Legion drum corps.

MRS. CHANEY AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Sheridan Woman Wins Vice-Presidency With No Opposition

Principal Offices All Filled Without Sign of Contest.

Mrs. Newton Chaney of Medford was unanimously elected state president of the American Legion auxiliary when annual elections were held during the closing session of the 1929 convention here Saturday morning. Mrs. Chaney was vice-president of the department of Oregon during the past year.

Mrs. Otto W. Heider, of Sheridan, was placed in the vice-presidency without contest. For the past year she served as district committee woman for district one.

For the sixth successive term Mrs. Mabel McInturff of Marshfield was elected secretary-treasurer of the state organization. When elections were held Saturday morning Mrs. Veronia Nelson of Newberg nominated Mrs. McInturff for the sixth time.

The fourth non-contested office to be filled was that of historian with Mrs. Allen Cleveland of Salem elected to serve for a second term.

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GUNMEN HOLD UP CHICAGO TRAIN AND KILL GUARD

Chicago (AP)—Three gunmen took possession of an Illinois Central electric suburban train Friday night, shot and killed a guard, stole \$4,000 from a railroad collector, and escaped in an automobile after forcing the motorman to stop at a seldom used station.

The bandit-slaver was partially identified as "Wee Willie" Doody, desperado already sought for several other murders and numerous robberies.

The slain guard was Delbert Sudds. The collector was Jerry Carey.

As the train passed 23rd street, the robber partially identified as Doody tied a handkerchief over the lower part of his face, drew a pistol and stepped across the aisle. His companion drew two guns and faced the passengers before they realized a robbery was in progress.

Sudds tried to draw his pistol, but was shot before he could remove the gun from his holster.

Passengers and the train crew were taken to the bureau of identification to look over pictures of known criminals. After hearing the description of the man who killed Sudds, Chief of Detectives John Egan said they talked closely with those of Doody.

Doody, also known as "baby face," because of the innocence of his expression and the clearness of his complexion, has been sought since the shooting last spring of E. L. Jackson, postal inspector. Jackson recovered. During the search for Doody, Chief of Police Charles Levy of Berwyn, Ill., a suburb was slain by a gunman partially identified as "Wee Willie."

CONVENTION TO BREAK NEARLY EVEN IS BELIEF

The finance committee of Capital post, which is in charge of the financial end of the state convention of the American Legion, believes there is a chance for the big event to break even. There is the possibility of a small deficit. The outcome will not be known until returns come in from the Legion dances Saturday night, and just to bolster matters up financially the committee would like to see a big attendance at the dances.

A very thorough report will be made by the committee, prepared by a public accountant within the membership of Capital post.

It is now estimated that the expenses of the convention will total \$10,500. The paid-gate for the drum corps contest Friday night ran about \$4500. The baseball game Friday netted about \$800. The sale of programs has brought in around \$1100. Concessions paid a flat \$650 and the dances so far have returned \$1100, breaking about even.

The convention was underwritten by legion members and Salem business men in the amount of \$31,275.

JEWELS VALUED AT \$150,000 STOLEN

Beverly, Mass. (AP)—Jewels valued at \$150,000 were stolen early Saturday from the summer home of Sydney Hutchinson of Philadelphia. The loot included a \$100,000 diamond necklace, the property of Mrs. Hutchinson.

The reflection from a flashlight awakened Mrs. Hutchinson, but before she could summon assistance the burglar or burglars escaped. Several bedrooms had been ransacked.

Commander DRUM CORPS AWARD TAKEN BY PORTLAND

Medford Scores Highest in Drill and Military Maneuvers.

Night Program on Flood Lighted Field Attracts Thousands.

Portland took the highest honors for the second successive year. Medford won the cup for highest score in drill and infantry maneuvers by the narrow margin of one point. Portland won the music trophy, and Charles Whittemore, heading the Corvallis corps, received drum major awards, when the drum corps contest, an annual feature of American Legion conventions, was staged at Olinger field Friday evening before a crowd of 10,000 people.

Under a flood of lights that completely illuminated the big drill field, and with the advantages of a perfect summer night, drum corps from ten Oregon cities in competition presented the most colorful entertainment ever offered locally. Trim precision, snap and vigor, color and dash, were shown by every corps and the judgments were difficult to make and close in the count. Before six o'clock the crowds began to fill the grandstand and bleachers. The Albany Legion band furnished the entertainment until after eight o'clock when the competition started.

The Salem drum corps gave an exhibition drill while the judgments were adding scores. Incidental entertainment was also given during the evening by the LaGrande Legion.

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PARADE ENDS LEGION MEET

Thousands Jam Curbs Along Line of March To See Spectacle

Probably the largest crowd of American Legion convention week lined the streets Saturday to view the grand parade, one of the spectacular attractions of the convention. The parking restrictions arranged by the Legion committees and enforced by the Salem police proved to be much to the advantage of the spectators and eliminated many of the usual discomforts of street parades.

The line of march started almost on time, which had been set for 2:30 o'clock. The place of formation was in the neighborhood of State street to Commercial, north on Commercial to Chemeketa, east on Chemeketa to Liberty, south on Liberty to Court, and east on Court to the place of disbandment.

The reviewing stand was located on the south side of the courthouse yard, facing State street, and in the stand were leading state officials, city officials and military officers of the regular army and the national guard. The most interesting juncture of the event was when the marchers passed the reviewing stand.

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SLIDING SCALE SUGAR TARIFF PLAN DROPPED

Washington (AP)—Definite abandonment of the sliding scale sugar tariff plan as a substitute for the flat increased duty proposed in the house tariff bill, was announced by Chairman Smoot of the senate finance committee.

The Utah senator said he had decided to ditch the flexible rate plan after sounding out the sentiment of his republican committee colleagues.

This sentiment, Smoot said, was that inasmuch as representatives of the sugar interests were unanimous in opposing his scale plan, it would be inadvisable to go ahead with it.

The sugar schedule, he added, probably would be taken up for action by the committee majority Tuesday. He would not indicate however, whether the flat rate to be voted into the bill would be lower than the 2.40 cents a pound on Cuban raw sugar now in the measure at against 1.76 cents rate under present law.

SENATOR JONES SERIOUSLY ILL

Washington (AP)—Senator Jones, of Washington, who has been ill for some time in a hospital here, showed improvement Saturday after a somewhat restless night.

Physicians said his progress toward recovery had been slow for the past two weeks and that there had been slight relapses, but his condition was not alarming.

The senator's son and daughter are on their way to Washington but it was said at Mr. Jones' office that they planned a visit with him and had not been called because of any change in their father's condition. The senator was operated upon some weeks ago for an abdominal trouble.

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Figure In Elections

Top group, left to right: Mrs. Otto W. Heider, of Sheridan, new vice-president of the American Legion auxiliary in Oregon; Mrs. Newton Chaney, Medford, newly elected president; Mrs. Mabel McInturff, Marshfield, reelected secretary-treasurer. Left center, Don McLeod, Hood River, new vice-commander of the Legion; right center, Will Masters of Portland, defeated by Ben S. Fisher for national committeeman; below, Carl Moser, past adjutant and probable choice of new executive committee to succeed himself.

PANTAGES HELD FOR ASSAULT ON DANCER'S STORY

Los Angeles (AP)—Alexander Pantages, multimillionaire, theater magnate, Saturday was charged with two offenses against a 16 year old dancer, Eunice Pringle, in a complaint issued by District Attorney Byron Pitts.

The two counts accused Pantages of a statutory offense and an attack on a young girl by force and violence.

The girl claimed Pantages attacked her in his offices late Friday after she had gone there seeking to regain her place on his theater circuit.

The complaint was issued after District Attorney Pitts had conferred with the girl and Pantages and Dr. Hanna Beatty of the juvenile bureau.

Dr. Beatty reported to Pitts that an examination of the girl substantiated her accusations.

Pantages was taken to municipal court shortly after the complaint was made out and arraigned. He was ordered to return on August 14 for preliminary hearing and was released on \$25,000 bond.

FOREST FIRE BURNS HOMES

Hillsboro, Ore. (AP)—A combined prairie and forest fire, which already had destroyed 14 acres of shocked grain, a vacant house and barn in eastern Washington county, Saturday was sweeping into a 2,600 acre area of logged off land toward the homes of numerous settlers.

The fire of undetermined origin broke out late Friday after federal forest officials thought the forest fire situation in Oregon was under control. Fifty men, who had been fighting a large blaze in Klamath county, southern Oregon, were ordered to Washington county.

Several homes, between Shady Brook and Mason Hill are said to be in the path of the flames. One tongue of the fire crept into green timber 13 miles east of here and imperiled the home of Otto Solberger.

The area is owned by the Hrix company and is an area of 2,000 acres. It is said that nothing has been burned for three years and the entire region is tinder-like.

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SALEM SIZZLES UNDER HOT SUN

The weather man set out to break the season's heat record Saturday and was doing fine at the noon hour when the official government reading taken from the weather bureau at the municipal airport stood at 93 degrees.

Thereafter it became cooler, and at 1:45 o'clock the mercury had dropped to 92 degrees, with prospects of still lower temperatures as evening approached.

While Saturday's high was by no means the high for the year, it was only 1 degree under the record of 96 degrees established late in the month of July. The maximum temperature for the previous 24 hours up to noon Saturday was 92 degrees.

BROADCASTING CHAINS MERGED

San Francisco (AP)—Merger of the Columbia broadcasting company and Don Lee chain of radio stations, to become effective January 1, 1930, was announced here Saturday by officials of both companies.

The merger will create one of the largest broadcasting chains in the world, it was asserted.

Six Pacific coast stations will form the western unit of the new system, combining with half a hundred stations in the midwest and east, according to President William S. Parley of Columbia and Don Lee, owner of Station KPRC here and station KJH in Los Angeles.

The new combine will be known as the Don Lee chain and Columbia Broadcasting system.

Western stations to be linked in the new system are KPRC at San Francisco, KJH at Los Angeles, KMGJ at Fresno, KOIN at Portland, KVI at Seattle, and KEPY at Spokane.

MAN WHO BROKE JAIL HERE IN 1925 CAUGHT

The city of Salem is \$100 richer Saturday as the result of having two officers on the police force who have a good memory when it comes to faces.

Ray Miller, arrested about four years ago on a liquor violation charge was sentenced to pay a fine. Not having the money he was forced to serve it out in jail. On Armistice night Miller and a jail companion managed to saw the bars from a window and escaped. Nothing was heard of either until Friday night. While walking through the downtown district, Friday evening, Chief Minto and Sergeant Thompson recognized Miller in a crowd. He was placed under arrest and again taken to the city police station.

This time he had the money. He paid his \$100 and departed saying, "now I can live in Salem again."

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GABRIELSON FORCES QUIT DURING VOTE

Douglas McKay Moves Election of Eugene Man be Unanimous

Ben Fisher Choice of Delegates for National Committeeman

Sidney S. George, of Eugene, was the unanimous choice of the eleventh annual convention of the American Legion for state commander, the name of Carl D. Gabrielson, of Salem, being withdrawn by Douglas McKay, commander of Capital Post No. 9, when roll call showed Gabrielson losing in the contest. Gabrielson was placed in nomination by Harold Warner, of Pendleton and George by F. E. Rowland, of Corvallis. Ben S. Fisher, of Marshfield, retiring state commander, defeated Will H. Masters, of Portland, for national committeeman, Masters withdrawing in favor of his opponent before roll call was completed.

Other officers elected were Don McLeod of Hood River, vice-commander; T. D. Stoughton, of Portland, reelected finance officer; Rev. Charles A. Talors, of Gresham, chaplain. The office of state adjutant, held by Carl Moser, of Portland, will be filled by the new executive committee. Moser is slated for the place again. Rev. Talors was officiating at a military funeral and was unable to attend the closing session of the convention.

District commanders, unanimously elected by their respective districts, were J. C. (Jude) Moreland, Estacada, first district; Ira White, Tillamook, second district; F. W. Siegler, Corvallis, third district; Gladwyn Smith, Grants Pass, fourth district.

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NEW DISTRICT FOR PORTLAND MEETS DEFEAT

Creation of an eighth district in the state department of the American Legion to comprise Multnomah county lost on the floor of the eleventh annual convention Saturday morning.

Constitutional amendments approved were the election of delegates to the national convention by roll call of posts in congressional districts and changing the title of district committeeman to district commanders.

Adverse reports were turned in in connection with the prohibition of any person holding a public office by election or appointment from being a member of the legislative committee and giving a vote to state officers, district committeemen and national committeemen making their delegates at large. Both adverse reports were adopted.

The necessary two-thirds majority was not obtained in the proposal to take a vote away from past commanders except the last state commander, the result standing 105 no and 40 yes. Creation of a \$1200 revolving fund for use of the state hospitalization committee in emergencies was left up to the new state executive committee.

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