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## SKY ARMADA INFORMATION OVER CHICAGO

### 659 War Planes Parade In Attack Groups Over Lakeport

### Army Masses Its Power In Manuevers of De- fense

Chicago (AP)—A proud armada of the nation's fighting aircraft streaked through the skies above America's inland metropolis Thursday.

It was the army's greatest demonstration of its air strength. Over Chicago's lake from 659 planes. Paraded in formation, serenading thousands of watchers as speedy pursuit ships sang a high tenor to the deep baritone hum of mighty bombers.

Thousands left Michigan boulevard skyscrapers as the planes appeared from the north, where the aerial procession had formed after a wide circuitous movement from the five airports in which they had concentrated Wednesday from Dayton.

Roofs and office windows were dotted with on-lookers, and a mass of spectators poured on the green turf to the edge of Lake Michigan and gazed skyward.

Overhead the sun shone.

Major Davenport Johnson of Gallatin (Continued on page 15, column 7).

## Good Evening!

### Sips for Supper By DON UPJOHN

Dr. Mark Hayer of Dallas, than whom there are no better chefs, has sent us over a check for \$2.50 to add to the Billy McAdams fund with the comment that "it seems just too bad that one with such genial ways and kindly disposition should be so afflicted." Thanks Mark, we have relayed it on to John Farrar.

We have received a letter signed "1931 Straw Hat Committee," referring to Chief Minto's old straw hat being heaved into the Willamette and with the added suggestion that the committee had overlooked Walt Fuhrer's straw hat which "outdates the neolithic period."

New listen, committee, we made no objection when you had Frank Minto's old straw thrown into the river knowing that you boys had to have your little fun. But if you start on Walt Fuhrer's hat to go the same route we rise up in protest. There are plenty of laws on the Oregon code that contain three or four pages of laws about polluting the streams of the state. The state board of health has been appealing to time and time again to clean up the Willamette at this point. And in face of these facts it's no time to talk about throwing that old lid of Walt Fuhrer's into the river. The river is having a hard enough time as it is without going into the summer season trying to absorb that old sunbust.

Why do you do it, this glutton of a committee will want to leave Carey Martin's straw hat into the river if it is given a little authority like that and there's no telling where it's going to wind up.

## JENKINS SLATED FOR POLICE JOB

Portland (AP)—The News-Telegram said Thursday that the appointment of Chief of Police Leon V. Jenkins of Portland as head of the new state police force was virtually assured.

The newspaper said that this report was current in political and police circles and that it was understood that Jenkins will act in an advisory capacity until he was able to complete his official duties here.

The News-Telegram said that General Smedley D. Butler and Governor Meier have agreed that Jenkins is the logical man for the post and that his contemplated appointment was acceptable to all but one state executive. The story added that a possibility remained that another Portlander or an eastern Oregon man might be named and (Continued on page 15, column 5).

## \$3000 VERDICT FOR DEATH CAR DRIVER

Oregon City (AP)—A verdict of \$3,000 against the Rev. A. E. Danley of Eugene was returned in circuit court here Wednesday in favor of James Wagner of Canemah. The suit grew out of the death of Wagner's father, Rudolph Wagner, 63, who was struck by an automobile south of here last November.

Wagner had asked damages of \$10,000.

Kenneth Isaacson and George Isaacson, Portland, were named as operators, were named as co-defendants but the jury found in their favor.

Wagner contended the car driven by Danley forced the Isaacson truck off the highway, striking his father who was walking along the edge of the road.

## 53 ARMY POSTS TO BE ABANDONED

Washington (AP)—Abandonment of 53 army posts, valued at \$22,000,000 is contemplated by the war department, it was announced.

The posts were designated by the general staff after a survey ordered by the president. Their abandonment, General Douglas MacArthur, chief of staff, said, will contribute to military efficiency as well as economy. Only 13 of them now are garrisoned. Others may be added to the list, MacArthur said.

Included in the harbor defense posts which will be disposed of, except for garrisons, are:

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## UNBUBBON YOUR VESTS, BOYS Who cares what Smedley Butler does.

Why waste your time on a brigadier? Who cares if Hal gets a three back for you? Who cares if he gets the coming year on your motor car for the coming year? Who cares if Minto stirs up the cops and switches them off on a new routine? Who cares if the cops get a two-bit raise for a four hour day on a flax machine? Who cares if they launch a new attack? Who cares if the state police? Or whether a darn for this or that? Or whether the world has war or peace? Why worry your heads over little things? For this is the springtime of the year. And the wide world laughs as it smacks its lips. For strawberry shortcake time is here.

Not wishing to slight anybody, sure we extend our big strawberry competition to the Ettersberg growers as canning season advances.

Why we might even go further than this and inaugurate a prize competition for the biggest and best sack of sugar left at our house by a local grocery.

If there's any one thing we want to be it is fair, open and above-board and not shut anybody out.

## BURGLARS WARNED BY POLICE RADIO

Chicago (AP)—The radio system which Chicago police installed to speed up capture of criminals has been turned by robbers into a means to help them evade capture, it was discovered Thursday by Sergeant Tom Staibus of Austin station.

Staibus' squad was touring the streets when a flash came over their radio to hurry to the Prudential Life Insurance company, where burglars were reported working on the second floor.

The squad arrived a minute too late. The burglars had just left in such a hurry they forgot their tools.

Among the "tools" was a portable radio. It was tuned in on the police broadcasting station. Upon entering the place, the robbers had set up the portable and the same flash which sent Staibus and his men speeding to make the capture had been the robbery warning to flee.

## Joke on The Snake Ate China Nest Egg

Petersburg, Ind. (AP)—The joke Mrs. Salina Gladish reported, was on the snake.

For two weeks, she said, she had been missing eggs from her hen's nest. Last Tuesday a China nest egg was gone. Thursday she saw a large snake in the barn yard. She killed it with a hoe and was surprised to find inside its carcass, the China egg.

## RUSSIA NEEDS MORE WHEAT FOR HOME USE

### Soviet Delegates Refuse To Curtail Production For Own Consumption

### Definite Export Quotas Favored As Remedy for Wheat Surplus

London (AP)—Soviet Russia's delegates to the world wheat conference said Thursday they opposed a plan suggested by Samuel R. McKelvie, head of the American delegation, for reduction in wheat acreage because of industrial and social conditions in Russia made increased wheat production imperative.

"Wednesday," an official announcement said, "The American delegation submitted a proposal which is unacceptable to Soviet Russia because of conditions in our social system, our industrial workers, and in view of the increased production which is necessary to meet growing industrial demands."

"It seems advisable to us to allow each country to decide for itself whether to curtail production of agricultural commodities, and wheat in particular."

The statement said it was the Russian opinion, drawn from statistics (Continued on page 15, column 6).

## CO-OP COUNCIL HEARS GEHLHAR

Portland (AP)—In the first public appearance he has made since being appointed director of the department of agriculture, Max Gehlhar of Salem Thursday announced a policy of close cooperation with the interests of individual industries in Oregon agriculture for the general betterment of farming in the state.

Gehlhar was the principal speaker at the meeting of the Oregon Cooperative Council in session here.

Through a coincidence the director of the newly created department spoke first before the body which had been most active in opposing the idea of a distinct agricultural department.

In introducing the new director, however, President Glenn Marsh of Hood River declared the council is most desirous that the department succeed.

"I have no pre-conceived or hard and fast policy that I intend to put in force," Gehlhar said. "But I do want the suggestions and counsel now and at any time of just such groups as this. The department must depend at all times on the cooperation of those actually engaged in the individual agricultural industries, otherwise any progress is limited to the capacity of the officials themselves."

"I have already found there is considerable misconception as to the functions of the state department," he continued. "It was not created to do for farmers by some magic means the things they must do for themselves."

The speaker also pointed out that (Continued on page 15, column 4).

## SOUTHERN PACIFIC CUTS FRUIT RATE

Portland (AP)—A six and one-half cent reduction on freight rates for fruit from the southern Oregon section to Portland, was announced Thursday by J. N. Malchuk, assistant freight and traffic manager of the southern Pacific railroad.

The existing rate is 35 cents a hundred and the new rate, which will become effective August 1, in ample time for the 1931 harvest, will be 28 1/2 cents.

The new rate, admittedly made to meet truck competition, is expected to stimulate shipment of fruit to Portland for the European trade. Heretofore a large export of the Medford crop has moved overland to New York for European dispatch there.

It is believed however, that with the new rate much of this export business will be routed via the port of Portland.

## Gets Convention Eugene Special Train

Portland (AP)—A special train will carry delegates to the Eugene convention of the Oregon State Graduate Nurses' association May 25 and 26, it was announced Thursday.

## M'Namee Sad As Wife Sues For Divorce

New York (AP)—The wife of which millions of radio fans have listened cheered with emotion Thursday as Graham McNamee confirmed the shattering of a romance which Broadway had considered an idyllic example for ten years.

Mrs. Josephine Garrett McNamee is suing the radio announcer for a separation. The suit has been on file several weeks but no inkling of her charges has leaked out.

McNamee, looking haggard and nervous, said he had been alone several weeks although even his nearest friends knew nothing of Mrs. McNamee's intentions.

"I haven't seen her application for a settlement," he said "but I been served with the necessary papers. I don't know where Mrs. McNamee is, but I do know that the statement that the separation is by mutual consent is untrue."

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## DUNLAP'S BODY SENT TO PARIS

Tours, France, (AP)—In the presence of three French generals, the body of General Robert H. Dunlap, U. S. M. C., who died attempting to save a French woman from a landslide, was removed from the mortuary chapel Thursday and placed in a hearse for transportation to Paris.

The flag-covered coffin was borne across the street, General Gougeon, commander of the ninth army corps, and Generals Lobeau and Mauren of the artillery corps, stood at attention, surrounded by their staffs. The prefect of Tours, Marcel Gregoire, supervised the arrangements.

A crowd of people who had come to show their respect for the American heroism stood bareheaded, men and women crossing themselves meanwhile. Commander Calvin Cobb, of the American embassy, accompanied the body on the journey to Paris.

Mrs. Denis Briant, who was taken alive out of the wreckage from which the general's body was recovered, underwent a second operation at the hospital here Thursday and her condition was reported extremely grave. Her leg was so badly crushed that part of it was amputated immediately after she was rescued.

## GUBA SUPPRESSES REBEL MOVEMENT

Havana (AP)—The government Thursday announced that the authorities had suppressed revolutionary attempts at Manzanillo and Jajmal and some "excitement" at an official statement issued by Secretary of Interior Octavio Zubizarreta said the government had taken measures to prevent further trouble and that its armed forces were prepared for any emergency although "there is no fear that events will become more serious."

The statement added that reports from all other points in the republic showed absolute quiet prevailing. It declared that while a suspension of constitutional guarantees which the president was authorized to use at his discretion had not yet been resorted to if the attitude persists.

The government reports that one was killed and only a few wounded in the disturbances which occurred in the province of Oriente.

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## SUN YAT SEN'S SON TO JOIN REBELS

Shanghai, China (AP)—Sun Fei, son of the late Dr. Sun Yat Sen, and until recently minister of communications in the National government, has withdrawn to Canton, apparently intent on taking a post in the independent Canton government, it was learned Thursday.

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## Central Oregon Faces Driest Year In History Crops Being Abandoned

The driest season known in recent years in Oregon has struck the central part of the state and has resulted in real cause for alarm, State Engineer Charles F. Stricklin, said Thursday.

The dry area constitutes a strip through the central part of the state through California and to the Mexican line. The strip runs from the Cascade mountains to the Blue mountains.

Reports from that section indicate the farmers there have given up any idea of crops this season, but are worried for enough water for their wells to supply livestock and some orchards. Where this water is coming from, had not been determined. Reports from California, Stricklin states, indicate that state is worse off than Oregon in the area of the dry strip.

The state distributes water for irrigation to a million acres, but the streams are lower and some of them in the dry area are entirely dried up this year. Lack of snow in the mountains has likewise slowed down and dried up many springs.

## FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS MEETS FRIDAY

### Business and Professional Women To Assemble In State Convention

### Program of Sessions and Entertainment Arranged Locally

The eleventh annual convention of the Oregon federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs will convene in Salem Friday for a three-day session. Registrations will commence at the convention headquarters in the Marion hotel at 10 o'clock. The list of 164 voting delegates, which includes the six elective federation officers, ten federation directors and chairmen, presidents of the 22 clubs in Oregon, and 126 official delegates, is expected to be augmented by several hundred additional club members who will attend the convention sessions and the many social events planned by the Salem club.

Pre-convention sessions of the executive council and their luncheon, a luncheon for vice-presidents of the 22 clubs in the Oregon federation, and a third luncheon for all convention delegates and visitors not included in the other luncheons, will be held at the Marion hotel Friday noon.

The business sessions will be held in the chamber of commerce rooms, Miss Martha Gaeth of Portland, state president, calling the convention.

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## MORE FIGHTING AMONG CHINESE

Shanghai, China (AP)—Fighting between revolutionary forces in northern China and government troops was reported Thursday to have broken out along the Peiping-Hankow railway.

The reports could not be confirmed. A censorship on press dispatches was anticipated by cable officials here.

The spread of insurgent movements to north China was regarded as a serious threat to the authority of the central government at Nanking, already harassed by open rebellion in the south.

The government was reported to have decided to use the Yangtze river naval squadron in an effort to establish a blockade at Canton, seat of the southern Canton, an emergency military conference was called at Nanking.

General Chiang Kai-Shek, head of the national government, was understood to be taking drastic action to check the growing revolutionary menace.

## GRAZED BY LIQUOR SHOOTS UP FAMILY

Medford, Ore. (AP)—Joseph Fleischmann, 35, shot and killed his wife and two small sons Wednesday night and for five hours held his two daughters, another son and three adults in a state of terror while he talked incessantly of firing deer rifles bullets at them.

The three adults, one a Catholic priest, escaped from the Fleischmann farm home, two miles north of here, amid bullets from Fleischmann's gun. They called authorities who arrested the man before he could harm his other children.

Fleischmann, an assistant sherriff maker, was crazed by liquor. Sheriff George R. Baird said, he said Fleischmann had been confined twice before for alcoholic insanity.

## LOCAL AUTHORITIES SEEK ARMY POST

Washington (AP)—President Hoover has received two requests from local authorities to take over army posts for local purposes, it was announced Thursday at the White House.

Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt, New York has asked for 2,000 acres at Camp Upton, L. I., and Senator Howell, republican, Nebraska, has asked for part of Fort Omaha for a municipal university.

## NAME OF CRAWFORD'S SLAYER TOLD POLICE

Los Angeles (AP)—The name of the man who may have killed Charles Crawford, powerful politician, and Herbert Spencer, newspaperman and magazine editor, was given to the police Thursday by Guy McAfee, known as a political "boss" and lord of big gambling interests in the city.

Police said McAfee gave them the name of the suspect at a conference which broke up about noon.

## California's Heat Wave Broken; Snow Falling In Rockies

San Francisco (AP)—A record May heat wave in northern California was broken Thursday by cool ocean breezes as an army of fire fighters brought under control hundreds of brush and grass fires started in the last 48 hours.

The third major fire in San Francisco in as many days swept a large mercantile building and climaxed a series of blazes that caused damage exceeding \$1,000,000. Oakland brush fires which destroyed several homes and threatened many more, and others in Tahoe national forest, Calaveras, Tuolumne, Santa Cruz and El Dorado counties were under control.

"Fire weather" prevailed over southern California, although lower temperatures were forecast.

Denver, Colo. (AP)—Apple and cherry blossoms and tender young crops in this section were covered Thursday with snow as temperatures fell to a level which, in the judgment of the commission, will protect the credit of the carriers.

A committee was appointed to work out the details.

It consists of W. W. Atterbury, president of the Pennsylvania; Daniel Willard, president of the Baltimore & Ohio; P. E. Crowley, president of the New York Central lines; J. J. Bernet, for the Van Sweringen lines; J. M. Davis, president of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western; J. J. Peily, president of the New York, New Haven & Hartford; and C. H. Hill, president of the Virginian.

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It was pointed out that the committee's major work will be to study the question completely and to decide on the amount of increase to request. It was said there was a disposition on the part of the executives expressed at the meeting to ask only for a sufficient increase to protect the roads.

## BEAUTY QUEEN TO RETURN HOME

Nice, France (AP)—Charlotte Nixon-Nirdlinger, acquitted by a jury of Frenchmen, made plans Thursday to proceed as quickly as possible to the United States.

The St. Louis beauty queen was free after two months in jail in Nice, after the shooting of her husband, Fred G. Nixon-Nirdlinger, wealthy Philadelphia theater owner.

Mrs. Nixon-Nirdlinger departed for a mountain village in the foothills of the Alps, overlooking the Mediterranean, where she sought to avoid the throngs of curious. She left her two small children at the shooting in Nice, scene of the murder.

Her mother, Mrs. James H. Nash, accompanied her into seclusion. She said they intended to remain several days before proceeding back to America.

The acquittal permits the young widow to claim a third of her husband's estate, valued at \$75,000. Her claim would have been annulled under the Pennsylvania law had she been sentenced.

Mrs. Nixon-Nirdlinger said she had little money available and that she intended to live simply, keeping her share of the estate—about \$240,000—for the education of the children.

## RAILROADS ASK HIGHER RATES

New York (AP)—Presidents of the eastern railroads, representing all lines east of the Mississippi, Thursday voted to ask the interstate commerce commission to restore freight rates to a level which, in the judgment of the commission, will protect the credit of the carriers.

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## PROTESTS GRAIN ACREAGE CUT

Hot Springs, Ark. (AP)—Senator T. H. Caraway told the Arkansas Bar association Thursday that if American representatives at the London wheat conference were successful in reaching an agreement to restrict American exports of acreage the effect would be "to starve people off the farms and into the cities."

Such an eventuality, he said, would cause "grave consequences to our governmental fabric."

"Twenty-one millions of people are now paupers through the unemployment of 7,000,000 workers," he said, "and any restriction of farm acreage or exports would send an additional 10,000,000 people off the farms into the cities to live off charity."

Senator Caraway asserted the government owes agriculture, as a class, the obligation of removing the "high and unjust tariff."

"The present administration tells the farmer he must go back to the law of supply and demand," he said. "There is no such law, under the tariff."

"If that law is applied, then the farmer must be allowed to sell to whomever he pleases and be allowed to buy from whatever country he pleases."

## NO SITE SELECTED FOR SOLDIERS' HOME

Washington (AP)—The federal hospitalization board considered proposed sites for the northwestern branch of the soldiers' home at an executive meeting Thursday but members declined to discuss their deliberations. The site must be approved by President Hoover before an announcement is made.

It was announced later that the board had not reached a decision Thursday but had asked additional information on the various sites proposed from the veterans bureau. The matter will be taken up at a meeting later in the week.

## Charley Erb's Suit Is Heard at Medford

Medford, Ore. (AP)—Charley Erb's \$17,000 suit against the Consolidated Truck company for injuries suffered in a crash on the Pacific highway near here in February, 1929, continued in circuit court here Thursday. The former star University of California football player and ex-Idaho coach, alleged that he was in a hospital 12 weeks following the crash and that the injuries prevented him from coaching.

## SPONSORS OF REFERENDUM AWAIT RULING

### Attack Upon State Police Bill Delayed Until Court Acts

### Kowitz To File Suit in Behalf of Sportsmen Organizations

If sponsors for the referendum attack upon the state police bill get under the wire with their completed petitions within the statutory time limit for filing with the secretary of state, midnight of June 3, it will be a scant margin of hours to spare it now appears.

Copies of the perfected petition with the ballot title prepared by Attorney General Van Winkle are ready for circulation, but their actual circulation is being held up pending a decision by the supreme court on the validity of the title, which decision will come on an appeal to the court.

Until this decision is handed down there is, according to Ed P. Averill and other sponsors for the petition, nothing to be gained in circulating them. In the event any defect is found in the title all names which might have been secured on the petitions prior to the (Continued on page 14, column 2).

## FOIL GROCERY STORE ROBBERY

Officer Wintergreen who has the South Salem patrol at night cruised along in his car just at the right time early Thursday morning to break up what evidently was the plan of four pizzeria from parts unknown to break into the Knights grocery store on South 14th street. He took them to headquarters where they were booked as Earl Sears, 23, Buckley Evans, 22, James V. Flint, 19, and Collier C. Jones, 29. They are held for investigation.

The quarters were rumbled by the officer at 2:25 a.m. The thief found one in the street, one stationed on the sidewalk and the other two at one of the store windows, with a significant appearing empty sack lying at hand.

Wintergreen said that the men had attempted to enter the store, Evans, the oldest of the four, having tried to open the rear door.

The Sheridan dairy store, known as the Haasdel, at State and 12th streets, was entered by burglars some time during the night, but apparently nothing was taken. Entrance was made by prying open a window leading into the boiler room, the "Jimmy" being used for the purpose, from indications. The tracks of a man were found outside. The place was entered some time between midnight and dawn.

## NO WAGE CUT IN STATE DEPARTMENT

Secretary of State Hal E. Hoss, announced Thursday that the department did not contemplate the reduction of the wage scale to its previous level. He made this announcement following the action of the state industrial accident commission in which the wage scale was cut on an average of 10 per cent. Rumors had been circulated that other departments contemplated such action.

Hoss stated the salary and wage scale in the state department was as low as possible now, and that he could not reduce wages further. No other departments have announced any wage reductions or plans to that effect.

## Vababond Lover To Bring \$10,000 To Song Writer

Chicago (AP)—The "Vababond Lover" was back home Thursday, a court decision.

The song, which was sung all over the country, was written, Judge Phillip E. Sullivan decided Wednesday, by Jesse Brown, an attorney in whose behalf he ordered an accounting from Rudy Valee, Leo Zimmerman, Leo Peist, Inc., publishers, and two phonograph companies.

Brown said he expected to realize \$10,000 as a result of the decision. He said he turned in on the radio the night two years ago when the song was a big hit and remembered he had written it at a time when he was leading an orchestra.