

AMERICAN AIRMEN LAND IN GERMANY

Chamberlain in Bellanca Plane
Breaks All Non-Stop Dis-
tance Records.

Berlin.—For the second time in little more than a fortnight an American airplane has spanned the vast Atlantic and landed safely on the European continent.

The non-stop flight of the Bellanca monoplane Columbia, piloted by Clarence D. Chamberlain with Charles A. Levine as his companion, ended at Eisleben, Saxony, 116 miles southwest of Berlin, at 5 o'clock Monday morning (midnight New York daylight saving time), when the fuel supply was exhausted.

Taking to the air again, the fliers made a brave attempt to reach Berlin, but apparently lost their way in the cloud banks and adverse winds encountered during the morning, and came down at last in a marshy field at the village of Klinge, near Kottbus, Brandenburg, 70 miles southeast of the capital.

In alighting, the propeller hit the ground, the wheels of the Columbia settled into the marshy ground and further progress was impossible. The plane had traveled 120 miles from Eisleben and, if headed in the right direction, would have landed at Berlin.

The fliers failed to achieve their goal, Berlin, but they established a new long-distance sustained flight record, having covered 3800 miles from Roosevelt field, New York, to Eisleben.

Starting from Roosevelt field at 6:05 a. m. Saturday they had been in the air 42 hours when forced to land at Eisleben, as compared with 33 1/2 for Captain Lindbergh's 2610 mile flight from New York to Paris a little over two weeks ago.

GREAT NORTHERN APPROVES BEND LINE

St. Paul, Minn.—The board of directors at a meeting here approved plans of the Great Northern railroad to complete work already started on the Bend, Or., to Klamath Falls, Or., extension of the Oregon Trunk line.

The Northern Pacific, joint owners with the Great Northern of the Oregon Trunk line, declined to participate in the project at a meeting of directors in New York.

Lease of the Great Northern to a proposed unified company to be formed in event of consolidation with the Northern Pacific, was approved by the directors.

It was indicated at the meeting that both the Great Northern and Northern Pacific would approve formally of the proposed unification plan.

The approval of the plan by the Great Northern board was the first action taken concerning the plan of leasing the two roads to a proposed unified company, by either the Great Northern or Northern Pacific.

IDAHO BANK ROBBED

Two Cashiers and a Minister Are
Locked in Vault.

Rathdrum, Idaho.—Between \$8,000 and \$10,000 was obtained, according to estimates of bank officials, by two unmasked robbers, who committed a daylight holdup of the Rathdrum State bank here, and escaped with a confederate in an automobile.

The men entered the bank and locked H. E. Finch and Miss K. H. Eplin, assistant cashiers, in a vault. Rev. C. F. Madsen entered during the robbery and he too was locked up.

Scoping up all the money in sight, the pair fled in an automobile bearing the license number of a Pomeroy, Wash., resident. Presumably the car had been stolen.

Suits Against Columbia Span Lost.

Washington, D. C.—The United States supreme court dismissed appeals in two suits brought by McPherson Brothers company to prevent condemnation of land for construction of a bridge across the Columbia river in Washington at the Douglas-Okanogan county line. The McPherson company operate a ferry across the river and two suits were brought against the Douglas and Okanogan county superior courts and the Okanogan Douglas Inter-County Bridge company. The ferry company lost in state supreme court and the two defendants moved for dismissal of the United States supreme court appeal.

Estates Give State \$41,491 During May

Olympia, Wash.—Inheritance tax collections from 117 estates during May netted the state \$41,591.48, while 6 escheats brought in \$3547.46, making total for the month of \$45,138.94, as shown by the report of the inheritance and escheats division of the state tax commission. There were 560 new estate cases reported during the month.

GRANT B. MILLER



Grant B. Miller of Willard, Ohio, who succeeded Rush D. Simmons as chief of post-office inspectors.

FLOOD REFUGEES RETURN TO HOMES

New Orleans.—Having engulfed approximately 10,000 square miles, or two-thirds of the alluvial lands of Louisiana, the Mississippi valley flood slowly drained into the gulf of Mexico with falling stages everywhere except in the south part.

A lake more than 225 miles long and ranging from 50 to 100 miles wide lies over the lowlands along the west side of the Mississippi river and through the level basin of the Atchafalaya river.

As ridges of land emerged from the flood with recession of waters to the north a great exodus began. Joyful refugees, glad that they can go back to the homes from which they were driven by the racing waters, prepared to set sail on the receding sea to be in their houses and ready to plant crops as quickly as they can get into the fields.

A general exodus back to the farms is in sight in the Bayou des Glaises section. The inhabitants hope to get feedstuffs and food crops in the ground in time to assure a harvest.

SHORT NEWS NUGGETS

Detroit has been selected as the 1928 convention city of the Northern Baptists.

King George of England celebrated his 62d birthday quietly at Buckingham palace Saturday.

Robert McKim, 50, pioneer film actor, died at a Hollywood hospital following a stroke of paralysis three weeks ago, while making a personal appearance in Salt Lake City.

Gilbert H. Hitchcock, Omaha newspaper publisher, and ex-United States senator from Nebraska, and Miss Martha Harris, member of a family socially prominent in Memphis, were married in Memphis.

Two preliminary permits for construction of power projects in the Tongass national forest of Alaska have been granted by the federal power commission. In both instances the power would be used in the manufacture of wood pulp.

Favorable Report Made on Idaho Tract

Washington, D. C.—An additional 75,000 acres of land adjacent to the Payette river in Idaho was held to be irrigable in a report made public by the interior department, based on an investigation by engineers. More than 100,000 acres in the river basin already are under irrigation. Before there can be any decided increase in the irrigated area, however, the report declared storage must be provided.

Rescued from Well After 72 Hours.

Martinez, Cal.—Fred Walters, 68, was rescued here from the bottom of a 40-foot well where he had been standing up to his neck in water for three days and nights. Walters was brought to a hospital, where physicians said he was threatened with double pneumonia.

Lindsey Loses High Court Appeal.

Washington, D. C.—Ben B. Lindsey, formerly juvenile judge at Denver, Colo., was refused a supreme court review of the judgment of the Colorado supreme court holding that he had been defeated at the November, 1924, elections by Royal R. Graham.

Medford Man Heads West Point Class

West Point, N. Y.—Hans W. Molmer of Medford, Or., will head the West Point class of 1927, which graduates 203 cadets as second lieutenants in the army June 14. Cadet Homer leads the class with a total of 2757.05 points out of a possible 2975.

LINDBERGH TO GET OFFICIAL WELCOME

National Capital Plans Warm
Reception for Famous
Aviator.

Washington, D. C.—Rested by a long sea voyage on the cruiser Memphis, after his strenuous two weeks in Europe, Captain Charles A. Lindbergh will find upon his arrival here at noon next Saturday a fast-moving program in connection with his official welcome by President Coolidge on behalf of the American people.

There will be the reception of the hero of the New York-to-Paris flight at the president's wharf at the navy yard, a long automobile ride over Pennsylvania avenue, part of it with a long military escort, the president's welcome at the Washington monument grounds, his decoration with the distinguished flying cross, another motor ride to the temporary White House, a cabinet dinner, a visit to the Minnesota society reception at the Willard hotel and finally entertainment by the National Press club.

On Sunday Lindbergh will slip back into his role of private citizen and will find time to be with his mother, Mrs. Charles L. Lindbergh, his inspiration and encouragement in his great adventure, who also is to be the guest of the president and Mrs. Coolidge at the temporary White House during her stay in Washington.

Army aviators who have distinguished themselves during war and peace have been invited by Secretary Davis to participate in the reception to be given here next Saturday in honor of Captain Charles A. Lindbergh.

ALIEN WOMEN IN PEKING NOW UNSAFE

Peking.—All British residents of Peking who live outside the legation quarter of the city are "strongly advised" to send the women and children of their households out of the city. This warning is contained in a circular sent out by the British legation, which also advises all British males living outside the legation quarter to prepare to withdraw into it at a moment's notice.

This part of the previously announced schedule of evacuation corresponds with the announcement of the arrival of the Nationalist forces at the Lung-Hai railway.

Some British women and children are leaving the city and the British subjects remaining behind are preparing to enter the legation when summoned. Many of them are sending their valuables to the legation quarter or to Tientsin, where the British authorities are arranging storage for them.

COOLIDGE VIEWS FLEETS

Naval Pageant Staged at Gateway to
Atlantic.

Norfolk, Va.—President Coolidge, as commander-in-chief, reviewed the nation's sea armada, the combined Atlantic and Pacific fleets, from the bridge of the Mayflower, when he watched the guardians of the country's far flung coast line steam slowly past him down the Chesapeake bay to the sea, their heavy guns rolling out a continual thunderous boom of salute.

It was the most elaborate review in the country's history. By ones and twos—for some of the smaller craft went by in couples—they paraded past, 98 of them, flags flying, bands playing, officers and crew in resplendent dress uniforms, standing proudly at attention as they passed their commander-in-chief.

For more than two hours they passed—battleships, destroyers, submarines, aircraft carriers, auxiliary vessels, all the units of modern sea warfare.

Four Dead in Tampa Jail Raid.

Tampa, Fla.—Four dead, three others in a serious condition and more than a score wounded marked the three nights of rioting that culminated when national guardsmen answered shots from a crowd in the vicinity of the county jail with machine gun fire. The mob attempted to remove Levine, confessed slayer of five, from the county jail.

Spokane Air Derby Prizes Listed

Spokane, Wash.—Cash prizes, totaling \$28,250, besides a silver trophy for the first enclosed cabin cruiser to arrive here, were announced by the contest committee of the national air derby from New York city to Spokane next September.

D'Autremont to Face Court Again.

Medford.—The re-trial of Hugh D'Autremont, alleged Siskiyou tunnel bandit slayer, charged with the murder of Charles O. Johnson, Southern Pacific brakeman, started Monday morning in circuit court at Jacksonville.

FREDERIC E. LEE



Frederic E. Lee of the University of Maryland, appointed American financial trade commissioner at the United States Embassy in London.

WASHINGTON FISH BOARD RESIGNS

Olympia, Wash.—Governor Roland H. Hartley accepted the resignations of all three members of the state fisheries board.

At the same time he suspended the board's order No. 18, which provided drastic regulations of purse seine fishing, generally in conformance with the regulations enforced in Alaska by the federal government.

The order has never gone into effect because of lack of official publication. It was passed two months ago by State Representative Edward A. Sims of Port Townsend and E. P. Blake of Seattle, with Captain Harry Ramwell of Everett, the third member of the board, dissenting.

Purse seiners declared that the order would have forced virtual suspension of their operations. Governor Hartley said that when he appoints a new board the members will be persons who have no direct interest in the fishing industry.

WIFE OF CALLES DIES

Mexico's First Lady Succumbs to
Heart Attack in Los Angeles.

Los Angeles, Cal.—Senora Natalia Calles, wife of President Calles of Mexico, died in a hospital here from a heart attack suffered five days after a major operation.

Senora Calles, who came here two weeks ago, after attending the marriage of her daughter, Senorita Ernestina, to Thomas Arnold Robinson of New York, at Nogales, Ariz., had been progressing favorably from the operation.

Averescu Regime Ends in Rumania.

Bucharest.—The Averescu ministry, which has been in power in Rumania since March 30, 1926, has resigned and Prince Barbu Stirbey, administrator of the royal domains, has been requested by King Ferdinand to form a national union ministry. The selection of Prince Stirbey, who as a trusted friend of Queen Marie and a brother-in-law of Ionel Bratiano, was in the nature of a political bombshell.

Big Nugget Found Near Helena.

Helena, Mont.—A gold nugget weighing 57 ounces, valued at \$1028, was taken out at the head of Nevada creek near Stemple by Fred Mead, veteran prospector and Arthur Woods, a report stated.

Kansas Lifts Cigarette Ban.

Topeka, Kan.—Sale of cigarettes and cigarette papers, forbidden in Kansas for nearly 20 years, became authorized when a law repealing the state's anti-cigarette statute went into effect.

THE MARKETS.

Portland.
Wheat—B. B. bluestem, \$1.57; hard white, \$1.52; federation, \$1.46; soft white, western white, \$1.47; hard winter, \$1.43; northern spring, \$1.45; western red, \$1.40.
Hay—Alfalfa, \$20.50@21; valley timothy, \$20@20.50; eastern Oregon timothy, \$22@22.50.
Butterfat—39 1/2c.
Eggs—Ranch, 19@20c.
Cattle—Steers, good, \$9@9.75.
Hogs—Medium to choice, \$9.50@10.50.
Sheep—Lambs, medium to choice, \$8.50@11.
Seattle.
Wheat—Soft white, western white, \$1.45; hard winter, \$1.43; western red, \$1.42; northern spring, \$1.44; B. B. dark northern spring, \$1.37.
Hay—Alfalfa, \$25; timothy, P. S., \$22.
Butter—Creamery, 42c.
Eggs—Ranch, 19@22c.
Cattle—Steers, choice, \$8.75@9.50.
Hogs—Prime, \$10.80@10.90.
Spokane.
Cattle—Steers, good, \$8.75@9.25.
Hogs—Good, \$10.15@10.25.

OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Brief Resume of Happenings of
the Week Collected for
Our Readers.

The 22d annual convention of the Oregon Bankers' association was held in Gearhart last week.

The summer improvement program at Springfield includes the laying of more than two miles of concrete sidewalks.

The largest senior class in the history of The Dalles high school, numbering 111 students, was graduated last week.

Drillers at the new city well at The Dalles have reached a depth of 740 feet and are planning to sink the shaft to the 1000-foot level.

Between 150 and 175 delegates from coast and down-river communities attended the Roosevelt highway meeting in Portland last Monday.

Veterans of foreign wars from 13 of the 16 Oregon posts were represented at the annual state encampment held in McMinnville last week.

The state land department turned over to the state treasurer in May a total of \$78,779.42, according to George G. Brown, clerk of the state land board.

Construction of a \$120,000 logging road which will lead from Algoma ten miles into a heavily timbered area in central Klamath was announced last week.

A grower-packer plan of marketing for the northwest prune industry was unanimously adopted by the state prune convention held in Corvallis recently.

The Marion and Yamhill county courts awarded the contract for rebuilding the Newberg bridge over the Willamette river to the Clackamas Construction company. The bid was \$25,760.

The 34th annual commencement of the Medford high school was held last week and the largest graduating class in Medford's history, 92 members, received their diplomas.

A large delegation of Oregon dairymen is expected to attend "Guernsey Gaities" annual gathering of state Guernsey breeders to be held in Astoria June 9, 10 and 11.

The frost danger season of the Rogue river valley was officially declared at an end last Saturday, as the latest frost ever recorded there was on May 28 several years ago.

Virginia Hastings, 19-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Hastings, was suffocated when fire destroyed the ranch home of the family 20 miles southeast of The Dalles.

The state board of control approved the organization of an association in Salem to include the superintendents of the various state institutions. Meetings will be held monthly and quarterly.

Pure tin is being extracted from the rocks near Gold Hill, in the Rogue river valley. That the white metal is tin has been attested by assayers in San Francisco, Denver and other places.

State Senator McNary will be one of the principal speakers at the Wilamette valley Chautauqua session at Gladstone park Friday, July 15, which is Grange day. His subject will be "Farm Relief."

Rhea Luper, state engineer for four years, was re-elected to the office by the state reclamation commission. Mr. Luper will serve as secretary of the reclamation commission, in addition to state engineer.

Portland's nine high schools will graduate the largest class in their history this June. The graduation list will total 1267. Of these 553 are boys and 714 are girls. The June class of 1926 had 1187 members.

While the apple and pear crop of the neighboring district was not affected by the April cold weather, George Chamberlain, Mosier grower, reported that the cherry crop will be only 10 per cent of normal.

It will require 40,000 loaves of bread, 12,000 pounds of meats, 4000 pounds of beans, 2500 pounds of coffee and 30,000 dozen eggs to feed the 3000 members of the Oregon National Guard during the annual encampment at Camp Clatsop beginning June 15. The encampment will continue for 15 days. The total cost of the encampment, including compensation to the guardsmen, will be \$115,000.

Hood River's new high school auditorium was dedicated last week, when commencement exercises were held there for the class of 1927, 39 boys and 54 girls, the largest ever graduated by the school. The new auditorium seats 1200.

Thomas M. Miller, 88, bailiff of the Clackamas county circuit court for 57 years, has retired, and E. P. Carter of Gladstone was appointed to take over the duties. Mr. Miller was the oldest bailiff in Oregon in appointive service.

Oiling operations have started on the Old Oregon Trail highway from Pendleton to La Grande by the state highway department and all traffic is being detoured over the Duff grade between Pendleton and Mission.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Walker, prominent pioneers and residents of the Cottage Grove section for more than 60 years, were both seriously injured in an automobile accident when their car skidded on the Pacific highway.

Lane county has 15,054 registered voters, according to County Clerk Dillard, who checked up the registration books after they closed a few days ago for the special election June 23. Of the total number registered, \$435 are men and 5619 are women, the records show.

The directorate of the Apple Growers' association made tentative plans for construction of a plant for removing spray residue from fruit. It is proposed to erect the building on the Union Pacific tracks in Hood River. The plant will have a capacity of 5000 boxes a day.

Senator Joe E. Dunne and Representative J. O. Bailey of Multnomah county and W. J. Herwig, secretary of the National Narcotic association, were appointed as members of the state narcotic commission authorized under a resolution adopted at the last session of the legislature.

The Dalles plant of the Libby, McNeil & Libby cannery will open for the season next week using new equipment installed during the winter that will speed up production considerably, it was announced. The cannery will open on strawberries largely purchased from Hood River valley.

Virgil Learned, 11-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Learned, is in a serious condition in a Medford hospital from severe burns suffered when a spray rig engine caught on fire and the gasoline tank exploded on the Learned orchard ranch on the Crater Lake highway, near Medford.

The Nestucca Improvement association held a picnic at Blaine Grange hall, May 29. The purpose of the meeting was to bring together people of Beaver, Blaine, Silver Falls, Carlton and Yamhill who are interested in the proposed Nestucca route as a shorter road between Portland and Tillamook.

A proposed amendment to the Seaside city charter to authorize the water commission to issue \$25,000 in bonds for construction of a pipe line along the west side of the Necanicum river and maintenance of the present system was defeated at a special election by five votes. The count was 97 for, 102 against.

First-half taxes in the amount of \$2,233,140.06 have been remitted to the state treasurer by the various Oregon counties, according to a statement prepared by the treasury department. There are eight counties which have not yet completed their remittances.

There was due the state in first-half taxes the amount of \$2,613,103.62.

Bids for grading an eight mile section of the Wapinitia spur of the Mount Hood highway in Wasco county were opened by the United States bureau of public roads. The bid of F. L. Brown of Boardman, for \$51,108, was lowest. There yet remains about six miles of the spur to be graded, the contract for which will be let next year probably.

A smokers' code which would prohibit smoking while a person is in motion in a forest has been partly worked out by forest service officials in session at Bates, near Bend. Under the proposed code, persons will not smoke while walking, driving or riding. The theory advanced was that smokers will put out all lighted material while standing still.

Action which may eventually lead to changing the name of the Dalles-California highway was taken recently by directors of the Bend chamber of commerce, who went on record as favoring a new name for the north-south route through central Oregon. Names tentatively considered are the Fremont trail, the Cascade highway and the Dalles-Bend-Klamath highway.

Marion county filed a demurrer to the alternative writ of mandamus in proceedings brought by the state to recover a part of the county's share of the Oregon & California railroad grant land tax refund. The case against Marion county involves approximately \$41,000. The outcome of the state's suit against Marion county is being watched closely in that it will affect the grant land tax refund to 17 other counties in Oregon. The aggregate tax refund to the 18 land grant counties in Oregon involves more than \$6,000,000, of which amount the state claims more than \$1,350,000.

The meadowlark is the winner in the Oregon state bird contest, receiving more votes than all of its opponents combined. An unofficial estimate made by those in charge of the contest gave the meadowlark 40,000 votes out of 75,000 cast.

Crews from the state highway department are making the final survey for grading work which will start on the 12-mile uncompleted stretch of the Pendleton-John Day highway between the Lazinka ranch and Teal tunnel within the next two weeks.