BYRD FORCED DOWN ON FRENCH COAST

Blinding Fog Prevents Landing the "America" in Paris.

Paris.-Battered by storm and enveloped in endless, blinding fog, with compass out of order and out of gasoline, the giant trans-Atlantic monoplane of Commander Richard E. Byrd dropped like a wounded gull into the sea at Ver-Sur-Mer on the coast of Normandy-175 miles west of its transoceanic goal.

Not until virtually the last drop of gasoline was gone did the American argosy give up its determined groping in the impenetrable fog for the landing field at Le Bourget. After more than 40 hours in the air, the end of the heart-breaking suspense came.

The great plane which had leaped with such power from the runway at Roosevelt field, struck violently in shallow water, tore the wheels from the fuselage, plunged out 200 yards off the beach and then sank to the top of its wings in the booming surf.

It was then that Commander Byrd's painstaking foresight came into play, and the rubber life raft that he had been so careful to test before hopping off proved its service.

Clinging to their now helpless ship, the four American airmen succeeded in launching their raft, and, manning it, rowed quickly to shore.

AIRMEN RECEIVE **GREAT OVATION**

Paris.—Commander Richard E. Byrd and his three companions on the trans-Atlantic flight of the giant monoplane America, when they arrived in Paris, sized that for much longer than sixty received a tremendous ovation from a huge crowd that filled the St. Lazare railroad station

The great crowd filled the station almost to the bursting point and overflowed into every nearby street.

So dense was the throng that Commander Byrd and his companions, after a short reception upon their arrival on the station platform, had to fight their way to waiting automobiles while the crowd cheered wildly and threw flowers in their path.

The tremendous enthusiasm was not confined to Paris, and every station along the line from Caen, where the American aviators went from Ver-Sur-Mer, was jammed with people when the train passed.

AVIATION MAKING GOOD

Oakland-to-Honolulu Flight Climax of Year's Developments.

Yonkers, N. Y .- Describing the California-Hawaii flight as a fitting climax Secretary of War Davison, in charge timber land. of aeronautics, outlined the army's program for the second 12-month period of its five-year aviation development plan in an address before the Rotary club here.

Praising the flight of Lieutenants Maitland and Hegenberger, Mr. Davison said: "The courage and skill spirit of the army air corps, while the efficient performance of the plane points to the high standard set for army aircraft."

With the new fiscal year starting. \$21,891,000 will be available, he declared, for continuation of the aviation development.

In reviewing the progress of the past year, the assistant secretary said modern equipment by September 1.

Nanking Prepared to Make Amends. Shanghai.-The Nanking, or moderate nationalist regime in China is willing to accept responsibility and make reparations for damages suffered by Americans during the Nanking disorders of March 24, C. C. Wu, minister of foreign affairs for the Nanking gov- red, \$1.33. ernment told Burton K. Wheeler, Uni-

ted States senator from Montana, who

is studying conditions in China.

Fokken Plans Plane to Fly 72 Hours. New York .- An airplane capable of flying 72 hours and which he intimated will be used in the proposed Seattle-Tokio flight, is being built by Anthony Fokker, he announced. Fokker built both the "Bird of Paradise," flown to Honolulu by Maitland and Hegenberger, and the "America" in which Byrd and his companions flew

Byrd Allowed 3477 Miles.

Washington, D. C. - Commander Richard E. Byrd was credited in figures compiled by the geological survey with covering a distance of 3477 miles, the air line distance between Roosevelt field, New York, and Ver-Sur-Mer, France. Lindbergh covered 3610 miles and Chamberlin and Levine 3905 miles.

PROF. C. F. SHAW



Prof. C. F. Shaw of the University of California, who was appointed to represent the United States at the First International Congress of Soil Science in Washington.

CANADIANS OBSERVE DIAMOND JUBILEE

Ottawa, Canada. - The Diamond Jubilee of the Confederation of Canada was appropriately celebrated throughout the Dominion from July 1 to 3. It is sixty years since Canada became a united self-governing country. Prior to July 1, 1867, Canada was a number of sparsely settled provinces with scarcely any knowledge of or communication with one another.

At the Diamond Jubilee celebrations which were held in every city, town, hamlet and village, speakers emphayears the bond of friendship between Canada and her nearest and largest neighbor, the United States, has grown stronger with the passage of time. The remarkable development that has taken place in Canada since 1867 was also a feature of the public

COMBINE LAND OFFICES

Roseburg Has 2,250,000 Acres Under New Arrangement.

Roseburg, Or.-Consolidation of the Roseburg and Portland district United States land offices has been completed here. All government land in Oregon west of the Cascade mountains is now handled through the Roseburg office, which is the third largest in the United States from the standpoint of revenue, being exceeded only by offices located in oil-bearing districts. The local office now has juirsdiction over more than 1,000,000 acres of homestead land and more than 1,250, of the first year's progress, Assistant | 000 acres of Oregon and California

> As the timber is removed the tracts will be thrown open to entry.

An increase in the office force has been requested by H. A. Canaday, register and receiver.

Apple Crops to Bring Good Price.

Hood River, Or .- With apple yields shown by the two pilots typify the in all commercial sections of the nation showing a heavy falling off this season, indications point to profitable prices for the Pacific Northwest's apple crop. The opening price of Gravensteins has already been set at \$2 to U. S. RELINQUISHES AIR MAIL \$2.25 per box.

Industrial Survey Work to be Begun. Seattle, Wash, - Preliminary work on an industrial survey of the states the war-time wooden training planes of Washington, Oregon, Idaho and for reserve and national guard flying | Montana will be started at once by would be completely replaced with the United States bureau of foreign and domestic commerce, according to Shirl H. Blalock, district manager.

> THE MARKETS. Portland.

Wheat-Big Bend bluestem and hard white, \$1.39; federation, soft white and western white, \$1.37; hard winter, \$1.34; northern spring, \$1.36; western

Hay - Alfalfa, \$20.50@21; valley timethy, \$20@20.50; eastern Oregon timothy, \$22@22.50.

Butterfat-391/20 Eggs-Ranch, 19@22c.

Cattle-Steers, good, \$9.25@10. Hogs-Medium to choice, \$8.50@ 10.35.

Lambs-medium to choice, \$10.50@

Seattle. Wheat-Soft white or western white, \$1.44; hard winter, \$1.43; western red and northern spring, \$1.42; Big Bend bluestem, \$1.53; Big Bend dark northern spring, \$1.52; Big Bend dark hard winter, \$1.49.

Hay-Alfalfa, \$25; timothy, P. 8,

Butterfat-43c. Eggs-Ranch, 1716 @2114c. Cattle-Steers, choice, \$9@9.75. Hogs-Prime, \$10.50@10.60.

Spokane. Cattle-Steers, good, \$8.50@9 Hogs-Good, \$9.50@9.75.

GREATEST TREASURY SURPLUS IN HISTORY

Much of Excess Will be Spent Before Next Congress Convenes.

Washington, D. C. - The treasury surplus for the fiscal year which ended June 30, was \$635,809,921.70, the greatest in history.

Total ordinary receipts for the year were \$4,129,394,441.10, and the cost of operating the government chargeable against such receipts was \$3,493,584,-

This particular surplus will have been dissipated, however, before congress meets to draft a new tax bill, and any reduction must be based on estimates of the surplus for the current year.

Of the total excess, \$611,000,000 already has been applied to retirement of the public debt, the treasury announced. Part of the remaining \$24,-000,800 has been carried over as an increase in the net balance in the general fund, and will be used for debt reirement purposes.

"More than one-half of the surplus of \$635,000,000 is due to receipts on account of disposal of capital assets, back tax collections in excess of tax refunds and other items of a fast disappearing or non-recurring character," Acting Secretary Mills said. "It will be apparent, therefore, that without these special and non-recurring items which aggregate \$370,000,000, the surplus would have been about \$265,000,-000, of which a considerable part is to be attributed to decrease in expenditures, some of which represent a postponement rather than actual savings."

Total ordinary receipts showed an increase over the preceding year of \$167,000,000. The principal items of increase were customs receipts, \$26,-000,000 internal revenue receipts, \$32,-000,000; foreign repayments, \$11,000, 000; on account of railroads, \$53,000, 000; from federal farm loan bonds and other securities, \$29,000,000 and miscellaneous receipts.

Income tax receipts aggregate \$2,-225,000,000, compared with \$1,982,000,-000 in 1926 and as against treasury estimate of \$2,190,000,000.

EXPERTS PREDICT HUGE WHEAT CROP

Walla Walla, Wash. - The largest wheat crop in many years is predicted by grain men here. Carl Roe, district manager of the Kerr, Gifford Grain company, estimates that 5,000,000 bushels will be harvested in this county, 6,000,000 in Umatilla, 2,000,000 each in Garfield and Columbia, and 1.-000,000 in Franklin.

Turnover in farm machinery cated since the war buying. Sales run | world in London. uniformly through Walla Walla, Day, ton and Columbia counties, Pomroy dealers reporting 35 combine harvesters and 25 binding machines sold. with harrows and plows. Sale price of combines averages \$3000.

Starbuck and Fields, northeast, indicate from 40 to 50 bushels to the acre in many places.

This total of 16,000,000 bushels for in 10 years, say grain men.

Western Route Passes to Boeing Air plane Company.

Washington, D. C .- The postoffice department's notable contribution to flying, the western half of the transcontinental air mail from Chicago to fly over the Rocky mountains, has been turned over to private operation after nearly seven years of government service.

The relinquishment of the service to the Boeing Airplane company of Separtment's plan to place its transcontinental air mail in the hands of pri- 1924. vate commercial aviation companies The eastern division of the air mail from Chicago to New York will be turned over to the National Air Transport, Inc., of Chicago on July 31.

The Boeing company is operating a ficient to transport two passengers and the mail cargo.

Bay Cities Welcome Aviators. San Francisco.-San Francisco and Oakland are preparing an elaborate welcome for Lieutenants Maitland and Hegenberger, pilots of the big army Fokker monoplane on the virgin voy to San Francisco bay July 12.

Sapiro Suit Retrial Set for September Detroit Mich .- Federal Judge Fred Pacific Coast Air Traffic Increases. M. Raymond set September 12 as a tentative date for the re-trial of Aaron

COMMANDER BYRD



was forced to land the airship "America" on the coast of France in the trans-Aatlantic flight to Paris.

SUBMARINE SEEMS DESTINED TO STAY

Geneva. - The time for abolishing submarines as engines of naval warfare apparently has not yet arrived, for the naval experts of the tri-partite naval conference failed to follow the American suggestion, made on the opening day of the conference, that the United States would be willing to consider abolishing the submarine if such action were made universal.

It is understood, however, that the experts agreed upon the five-inch gun as the largest cannon for submarines.

The British delegates proposed creating two categories of submarines, one with a maximum size of 600 tons, and the other with a maximum of 1600 tons, with an age limit of 15 years. The Americans are reported to favor a higher maximum size than 1600 tons, on account of the paucity of American naval bases. It also is said that the Japanese suggested making the age limit for submarines 12 years.

SHORT NEWS NUGGETS

Wallace O. Woods of Kansas has been appointed register of the treasury by President Coolidge. Spokane citizens have raised \$60,

000 to finance the big air derby planned for that city for September 14-20. Milligan, pride of Scotland, in the tenth round of their 20-round bout for cates exceptional activity not dupli- the middleweight championship of the

recapture the San Aldino gold mines in Nicaragua, owned by an American. Charles Butler, following bandit seizure of the property, according to state department Nicaraguan advices.

Industrial England heaved a vast sight of relief recently when it was announced that the number of unemployed had dropped below the million this section will be greater than any mark for the first time since the beginning of the general strike early last year.

> Crop reports from most of the wheat growing sections are optimistic and it is possible the Pacific northwest will this year have its greatest yield. Grain men are talking of a 100,000,000-bushel wheat crop for Oregon, Washington and northern Idaho.

San Francisco, over which pilots daily Judge Lindsey Put off Famous Bench. Denver, Colo. - Ben B. Lindsey's long career as judge of the Denver juvenile court, which he founded a quarter of a century ago and made famous throughout the world, was interrupted when a court order officialattle, Wash., June 30, marked the first ly ousted him, in line with the Colostep in the consummation of the de- rado supreme court's decision last winter that he was illegally elected in

Bill Tilden Loses to Frenchman.

Wimbledon, England. - Snatching victory out of the very jaws of defeat. Henri Cochet, one of France's "Three Musketeers" of tennis, wrote tennis fleet of 21 planes of its own make, suf- history when he defeated William T. tennis courts.

Hawaii Needs Famous Plane.

Washington, D. C. - Lieutenants Maitland and Hegenberger will not fly back to the United States, and the age to Hawaii. The fliers will return plane with which they reach Hawaii will be left there for inter-island flying, the war department decided.

> San Francisco.-Pacific coast passenger air line traffic has increased Pacific Air Transport, declared here. | were effective last season.

OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

Indications point to erection of a federal building in Oregon City within the next two years, according to Representative Hawley.

An improved mail service between Ashland and Klamath Falls will be started August 1, according to the Ashland postmaster. The Portland district United States

land office, which was established at Oregon City 72 years ago, passed out of existence last week. The Santiam Pass highway between the Cascadia ranger station and Fish lake has been ordered closed by the

Linn county court and the forestry service. L. M. Baldwin, Hood River contractor, was awarded a contract for construction of a cleaning and packing

plant for the Hood River Apple Growers' association. W. H. Fitzgerald of Portland was appointed by Governor Patterson as a member of the state industrial acci-

dent commission to succeed William A. Marshall, who resigned recently. Fire destroyed the O'Neil store at Tumalo, eight miles west of Bend, is 1117 as compared with 1008 at the Tuesday night. Flames reduced the building to wreckage within 30 min-

utes after the fire was discovered. Rejection at the recent election in levy to erect new fair buildings and

holding of a fair this year at Medford. Two persons are dead and a third is result of an explosion of a five-gallon can of kerosene in the hands of Oscar Johnsrud, 27, of McCoy mill, 25 miles east of Eugene.

Between 300 and 250 soil scientists their only stop in Oregon at Corvallis July 9 when they are scheduled to arrive on a special train now on a transcontinental tour.

Shattering all previous records, the Libby, McNeil & Libby cannery at The Dalles processed 141/2 tons of strawberries in four and a half hours average was 291/2 tons.

Central Oregon farmers predict a expected to average 30 bushels an acre. Recent rains made a record yield almost a certainty.

Collections of the Oregon customs district for the year ending last Thurs-Mickey Walker knocked out Tommy day topped another new high mark, amounting to \$1,613,515, while for the year ending June 30, 1926, they were \$1,258,161, and that was a record.

Astoria held a loggers' jubilee July American marines are being sent to 2 to 4. Log-bucking, rolling, cable splicing, track laying, line pulling, calk-shoe races and intercamp boxing were featured. Hundreds of loggers participated in the various stunts.

> When the election board of West precinct of Hood River opened the polls at the Frankton school they discovered that vandals had entered the building and had stolen the telephone instrument and electric lighting fix-

> The first of a series of district meet. ings, called for discussion of plans for community packing houses and the removal of spray residue, was held in Hood River last week by the Apple Growers' association at the Oak Grove school house.

The Sycan white wolf, which has ranged for 12 years in Lake county and has killed \$15,000 worth of horses. sheep and other livestock in his career, was trapped last Monday by Elmer Williams, of the United States biological survey.

Stanford Warren, infant son of Mr. smothered to death last week when a rubber bib he was wearing was drawn for a few minutes by the mother. The baby sucked the thin rubber tissue into its mouth and nostrils.

Wheat exports from Portland during the cereal year ending Thursday tax, which was defeated by over 19,totaled 26,711,217 bushels valued at 000. Eighteen counties out of the 36 \$36,210,937, according to figures tabu- in the state voted for the tax. They Tilden, the American ace, after one of lated from Merchants' Exchange rec- were Benton, Clackamas, Crook, Gilthe greatest uphill battles ever stag- ords. This is far above the total of liam, Hood River, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, ed on the Wimbledon championship 17,269,538 bushels valued at \$25,691,- Malheur, Polk, Sherman, Umatilla,

Mrs. Ruby Hagman was proclaimed the modern "Mrs. Jiggs" recently at North Bend, was injured fatally when the annual central Oregon tri-county a large tree fell on her. After watchpicnic when she won the rolling pin ing the cutting and wedging of the contest by hurling the household wea- tree she started for safety. Without Oregon championship.

The Great Southern Railroad company, operating between The Dalles service commission that it will reissue

The Lost lake highway is open to traffic and camping places around the scenic spot were crowded over the holidays.

A car of bing cherries sent to New York from Milton last week, brought the highest price on record. Fifteenpound lugs brought \$5.25 each, and the car was worth about \$6000. Growers are expected to net 25 cents a pound. Only five cars of cherries were grown in that district this year.

Bond issues aggregating approximately \$900,000 were approved by substantial majorities by the voters of Salem in the recent election. The bond issues passed include one for \$500,000 for a new sewer system; \$350,000 for construction of new bridges, and \$40,000 for the purchase of an incinerator to replace the city dump.

A delegation of Umatilla Indians called on Governor Patterson to protest against the taking of additional land from the Umatilla reservation for the purpose of widening the Old Oregon Trail. The delegations was headed by Gilbert Minthorn. The Indians are dissatisfied with the price set upon the land through condemnation proceedings.

Every county in Oregon except three, 21 other states and four foreign countries are represented among the 602 adult students registered in the summer session of the Oregon Agricultural college, a report from E. B. Lemon, registrar, showed. With the junior summer session students the total corresponding time last year.

All fishwheel operators on the upper Columbia were ordered to shut. down as a result of the dissolving of Jackson county of the one-mill tax the temporary injunction restraining the state from enforcing the legislacomplete several old ones may prevent | tive act banning fishwheels from that section of the stream. M. T. Hoy, acting master fish warden, called on all suffering seriously from burns as a the operators. There are about 30 wheels belonging to different firms.

John Tapp, veteran huckleberry picker of Hood River, after a survey of the berry tracts in the Green Point. and Mount Defiance sections, reported from all over the world will make that indications point to a negligible yield this year on the lower altitudes. 'The short crop is largely due," said Mr. Tapp, "to the ravages of sheep that have been grazed for the past several years in the huckleberry fields. and to frost."

The 1926 fruit pack in Oregon exceeded 3,000,000 cases and was the in one afternoon last week. The daily largest in history, according to a report released in Salem recently. The 1926 pack exceeded the 1925 pack by bumper wheat crop this year. The 1,124,283 cases. The loganberry pack grain around Madras and Culver is for 1926 aggregated 694,757 cases, cherries 389,335 cases, pears 540,993 cases, prunes 373,038 cases and apples 420,357 cases. In every line but plumsthere was an increase in the pack for

> With a total volume of construction valued at \$2,316,145 recorded for the first 29 days of June, Portland has maintained a substantial increase for the first half of this year compared with the same period of last year. For the six months period just past, Portland has achieved a total of \$20,073,-020 worth of new construction, as against \$17,257,075 for the first six months of 1926, a gain of nearly \$3,-

> Fire originating in the Hotel Oregon last week, destroyed that place, Polar Bear pool hall, Redmond Cleaning Works and across the street destroyed the Hotel Redmond, Hotel Redmond Grill, Redmond Land and Loan company, the county agent's office, Magnolia shop, Ben's confectionery, Hiway theater, Hotel Annex and Deschutes-Power and Light company's office. Most of the buildings were covered by

Only four measures on the state ballot in the special election were approved, and these were the most inconsequential of the lot. Every measure dealing with taxes or expenditure of money was voted down. The netresult of the election has been closing the Nestucca river to commercial fishing; adopting a measure to prevent and Mrs. H. W. Frink, Neskowin, was votes being sworn in on election day; permitting persons charged with crime to plead guilty without waiting to be over his face. He had been left alons indicted, and expunging from the constitution a dead-letter section which prohibits negroes from voting. Most important of all the measures on the ballot was the proposed state income 254 for the cereal year ending June Union, Wallowa, Wasco, Washington, Wheeler and Yamhill.

Mrs. J. H. Myers of Lakeside, near pon 120 feet. She claimed the central warning the tree toppled over the wedges and crashed upon her.

In one of the lightest votes in the history of Wasco county a local measand Friend, has notified the public ure calling for the voting of \$22,000 Sapiro's \$1,000,000 libel suit against more than 6000 per cent since January the same reduced rates on grain ship-Sapiro's \$1,000,000 libel suit against infore that the same reduced rates on grain ship-Henry Ford and the Dearborn Inde-1, A. K. Humphries, an official of the ments for the season 1927-1928 that county fair ground in The Dalles, was sverwhelmingly defeated, 1269 to 483,

