

## GERMAN AIRPLANE CROSSES ATLANTIC

Fliers Are Forced to Land to Land on an Island off Labrador.

New York.—The first men ever to make a non-stop westward airplane flight across the north Atlantic, after more than a day and a half in the air, and four hours spent in blindly wandering through an impenetrable fog, landed in the Junkers monoplane Bremen on Greenly Island, in the straits of Belle Isle, between Newfoundland and Labrador.

Messages relayed to the outer world by dog sled, radio and telegraph bore assurance that though the plane was damaged the three fliers, Baron Ehrenfried von Huenefeld, Captain Hermann Koebl and Commandant James Fitzmaurice, were uninjured and being well cared for by the little island's 14 inhabitants.

Three factors combined to prevent immediate continuation of the Bremen's flight from Ireland to New York, for one thing the fuel tanks were empty when the Bremen landed on a little lake on the mile-square island and the nearest supply is across the ice pack on the mainland. The messages from the aviators reported that the propeller was broken.

The Bremen started out with its German-Irish crew from Baldonnel airfield near Dublin, hoping to make a non-stop flight to New York. They planned to follow the great circle course, but for some reason they drifted northward and ran into fog off Labrador which prevented their continued progress and kept them groping blindly about until their fuel gave out.

## STIFF FIGHT MADE TO REPEAL AUTO TAX

Washington, D. C.—Spread of sentiment of representatives of the automobile industry for repeal of the auto levy is threatening the administration position in the senate for a tax reduction within the \$200,000,000 limit set by Secretary Mellon.

The 3 per cent automobile tax involves \$66,000,000, and Mr. Mellon said it must be continued, although the house voted its repeal. While most of the senate republicans appear ready to support him otherwise, the treasury head is admittedly facing a hard battle on this issue.

Chairman Smoot of the finance committee, which is laboring with the \$290,000,000 house reduction measure, declared there was a tough fight ahead if any part of the auto tax is to be retained.

Involving such a sum of revenue, the administration leaders realize that if this tax is repealed there will be little hope of keeping the total cut within the Mellon limit.

The committee, which has ended its hearings on the house bill, will settle down this week to fight out the differences between the democrats, who are urging a \$300,000,000 total cut, and the republicans, who are generally behind the administration.

## GERMANS LIKE PEACE PLAN

Kellogg Note Received in Berlin With Satisfaction.

Berlin.—Semi-official announcement was made that the German government has received Secretary Kellogg's anti-war proposal and the covering Franco-American correspondence with the greatest satisfaction, especially as the Washington initiative was in no wise directed against the objects and tendencies of the league of nations. The proposal was semi-officially described as a powerful impetus for creating peace and security within Europe, and as likely to lead to a significant turning point in the history of nations.

## Drops \$200,000 Loot in Battle.

Toledo, Ohio.—Five bandits kidnaped an express messenger and three guards here, seized \$200,000 in loot and 30 minutes later were surrounded in a garage by police. Abandoning the loot, the robbers fought their way to freedom with sawed off shotguns, after wounding Patrolman George Zientara.

## New York Planning Ovation for Fliers

New York.—Stirred as they had not been since Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh flew to Paris nearly a year ago, New York's millions planned such a welcome as only he received when the crew of the Bremen finally reach the city.

## White House Picket Drive Dispersed.

Washington, D. C.—A demonstration staged at the White House by about 100 members of the Anti-Imperialistic league in protest against the administration policy in Nicaragua, led to dispersal of the group and arrest of the pickets by the police.

## W. A. GILKEY



W. A. Gilkey, instructor in chemistry at the California Teachers' college, who has succeeded in producing synthetic rubies.

## POWERS INVITED TO JOIN PEACE PACT

Washington, D. C.—Great Britain, Germany, Italy and Japan were invited to join France and the United States in negotiation of a world-wide treaty bidding the nations not to resort to war with one another.

The invitation was extended by Secretary Kellogg, after an agreement on the procedure with Aristide Briand, foreign minister of France.

In a note to the four governments, presented simultaneously at London, Berlin, Rome and Tokyo by American diplomatic representatives, Mr. Kellogg outlined the discussions on the proposal between himself and M. Briand, and submitted a draft representing in a general way the form of treaty the United States is prepared to sign. Its language is practically identical with the original treaty proposed by M. Briand to the United States last June.

The four governments were told the United States "would be pleased to be informed as promptly as may be convenient whether they are in a position to give favorable consideration to the conclusion of a treaty such as transmitted, and, if not, what specific modifications in the text would make it acceptable."

## BRIEF GENERAL NEWS

R. B. Howell, United States senator from Nebraska, defeated O. S. Spillman, attorney-general, for the republican senatorial nomination.

The trial of Florence E. S. Knapp, ex-secretary of state of New York, on several criminal charges growing out of her conduct of the 1925 state census, will begin April 30.

Comptroller of the Currency McIntosh announced that the combined resources of 7734 national banks on February 25 was \$27,573,687,000, or \$2,500,000,000 more than a year ago.

Mrs. Ruth Hanna McCormick, widow of the late United States senator Medill McCormick, and daughter of the late Mark Hanna, led in the primary contest for one of the two nominations for republican representative at-large from Illinois United States Senator C. S. Deneen, which in the statewide primary swept into the political discard the republicans of the Small and Thompson faction which for seven years have domination Chicago and Illinois.

## Coolidge Extols Andrew Jackson

Washington, D. C.—A seven-foot bronze statue of Andrew Jackson, most dynamic of American presidents, was accepted by President Coolidge Sunday for the nation for perpetual display in the hall of fame in the capitol. Before a large gathering in Statuary hall, comprising most of Washington's officialdom, Mr. Coolidge extolled the seventh president for his private and public virtues and for his efforts in strengthening the national consciousness of his country and consolidating the federal government.

## Plane Drops Motor But Lands Safely.

South San Francisco.—Vance Breesee, flier and airplane manufacturer, piloted an airplane containing seven passengers, besides himself, to a safe landing near here after the motor and propeller tore loose from their frame and dropped to the ground from an altitude of 1200 feet. The engine and propeller were smashed into junk half a mile from where the plane landed.

## Bill Provides More Tars for Navy.

Washington, D. C.—Increase in the enlisted strength of the navy from 83,250 to 86,000 would be provided in the navy appropriation bill reported to the senate by the appropriations committee.

## St. Francis Dam Death Toll Raised.

Ventura, Cal.—Three more bodies of victims of the St. Francis dam disaster were recovered from the Santa Clara river bed by reclamation workers, raising to 314 the total bodies recovered.

## OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

One-fourth inch was added to the length of the standard pear box by the state board of horticulture at its meeting in Portland last week.

Streams of Baker county will be stocked with trout again this year, according to plans of the forest service and the Baker Sportsmen's association.

Work on the market road between Dayton and Salem has been resumed. Clearing the right of way is well under way, so that grading is expected to be started soon.

Within a few days water will begin pouring into the impounding basin which lies back of McMinnville's new \$60,000 dam recently completed on Haslink creek.

The Fred Schwab Commission company has begun the construction of an additional warehouse at Mount Angel that will be used for potato, hop and grain storage.

The Coos county bathing season opened last week, when hundreds bathed in the surf at Sunset, Bastendorf and Bandon beaches. The temperature was 80 degrees.

Approximately \$135,000 outstanding warrants of the city of Eugene will be called in for payment within the next week or 10 days, according to Fred Wentworth, city treasurer.

Bids for new quarters for the Marshall postoffice will be received May 14. Floor space of 32,000 square feet is required. This was announced by P. J. Neil, postoffice inspector.

Four blocks of street pavement in Dayton were voted at the last meeting of the town council. Superintendent of Streets T. A. Boulden will have charge of the construction work.

Four hundred young chickens and a brooder house on the ranch of W. Campbell, south of Athena, were destroyed by fire recently, when the brooder stove set the structure afire.

Val Becker, well-known stockman of Westfall, bulldozed a wild steer that acted queerly one day last week. The animal bit him. Now Mr. Becker is taking the pasteur treatment for rabies.

The Port of Coos Bay commission has voted to recommend to the war department the construction of a dike across Haynes inlet. It is hoped to reclaim approximately 3000 acres of tide land by the project.

A. E. Veatch, former mayor of Rainier, who was recalled in an election last fall, has purchased the Dwyer shingle plant in the Fern Hill district and has moved it to the Columbia river waterfront at Rainier.

Two firemen were injured when the large wooden structure housing the Burke Fish Packing company was destroyed by fire at Astoria last week. The firemen were cut by flying glass when an ammonia tank exploded.

An unidentified slayer Friday morning opened the door of a bunkhouse at the Oregon American Lumber camp 20 miles northwest of Keasay and shot Edward Wilson Morgan, 27-year-old logger, to death as he lay asleep.

A proposed \$37,500 bond issue for a new building and improvements for the Gresham high school was voted down at a special election last week, at which about 1000 ballots were cast. The vote was 3 to 1 against the bond issue.

Word was received at Astoria late Saturday by officials of the North-western Pulp & Paper company that contracts for the erection of a 100-ton pulp mill there had been signed with the Austin Construction company of Cleveland.

Tire puncturing material weighing 55 pounds, made up mostly of nails and tacks, was removed from The Dalles-California highway through the city limits of Redmond last week by the road sweeping magnet of the state highway department.

A meeting of the John Day Highway association was held at John Day on April 6 to complete advertising plans for the coming season. A committee from Condon was appointed to establish and maintain any signs necessary on that portion of the highway west of John Day. C. Woodward of Vale, and R. Willoughby of Nyssa, were appointed to supervise advertising on the east end, from John Day to Boise.

Election of officers and the plans for obtaining fire apparatus marked the organization meeting of the Gladstone fire department last week at the Gladstone city hall. Paul Wyman had been appointed fire chief by the city council at a previous meeting.

The Grant County bank of John Day has taken over the First National bank of Canyon City, and will pay all their depositors. The Canyon City bank closed its doors on April 4, having made arrangements with the John Day bank to protect its customers.

Governor Patterson relieved for one week the death sentences imposed on James Willos and Ellsworth Kelley, who were slated for execution in the state penitentiary Friday, for the slaying of Milton Holman and John Sweeney, guards, during a break at the prison in August, 1925.

After clinging to their overturned boat for one and one-half hours in the middle of the Columbia river off Bradbury slough, near Mayger, ten miles below Rainier, Ray Johnson, 35, and his brother-in-law, a boy of 13 years, were rescued by two deputy fish wardens passing in a patrol boat.

Fire losses in Oregon, exclusive of Portland, during March aggregated \$231,443, according to a report prepared by the state fire marshal. There were 60 fires reported, five being of incendiary origin. The most disastrous fire was at Goble, where a warehouse was destroyed with a loss of \$30,000.

La Grande will be host for the next convocation of the Oregon grand commandery of Knights Templar, grand chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and grand council of Royal and Select Masters, it was announced in Portland recently, after the three bodies had voted to meet in that city next year.

The Salem jail was flooded last week when Bill Lang, an unruly prisoner, tore the water pipes from their fastenings and caused other damages. Lang was arrested when officers had found him beneath an automobile which had overturned a short distance east of the city. Officers said he was drunk.

Joe Kirby, 26, employe of the Booth-Kelly Lumber company, lost his right hand and part of the left, and Wesley Kibby, 28, also of Wendling, was burned about the face in a dynamite explosion. Kirby was blasting stumps and was holding a stick of dynamite with a 12-inch fuse in his hand while he lighted it.

There was one fatality due to industrial accidents in Oregon during the week ending April 12, according to a report prepared by the state industrial accident commission. The victim was Fred W. Wagner, bridge carpenter, of Elgin. There were 716 accidents reported to the commission during the week.

The state highway maintenance crew is engaged in repairing the diking along the Roosevelt highway, just south of Coquille, which was damaged by the recent high water. A strip 200 yards long and 2 feet wide was washed away from the south side of the highway. The state crew is refilling the washout with ballast.

The load limits on the Old Oregon Trail highway between Baker and Haines and between Pendleton and La Grande were lifted last week, according to announcement by H. G. Smith, division engineer. The removal of the limit over the Blue mountains is tentative, as the highway near Glover is still reported to be weak.

Directors of the Canby, Mundorf and Union Hall school districts met at Canby recently and formulated plans to discontinue school in each of the two latter districts, sending the pupils to the Canby school. This plan is made possible by completion of the new high school building and will be tried out for the remainder of the year.

Members of the state supreme court went to Champcook park Sunday where they held a brief ceremony in commemoration of the first supreme court law action in the state of Oregon. The original session of the supreme court was held on Tualatin Plains in April, 1844. The suit heard at that time was a replevin proceeding filed by Ahi Smith to recover a team of Oxen from Ninevah Ford.

Senator Frederick Steiwer has telegraphed from Washington, D. C., that he will take up with the department of commerce the Baker request for permission to use the government landing field north of the city in return for payment of the ground rent. It is felt that Baker must have a landing field before long and the government field north of the city can not be used by private fliers except in emergencies.

Complying with the request of the Lincoln County Agricultural council, the county court has set aside a revolving fund of \$260 to purchase agricultural lime for the farmers of Lincoln county. Splendid results have been obtained on all types of soils with the use of ground lime rock. Clover and vetch yields have been doubled, and stands secured where the crops failed to grow previously. A carload of lime was ordered for immediate delivery at Toledo.

The Douglas county court has granted the request of the granges of the county for appointment of a county fair board and named George Staples of Reedsport, C. O. Garrett of Glendale and C. C. Hill of Glides as the three members, who, with the county school superintendent, Mrs. Edith Ackert, will make up the board. There has been a strong demand throughout the county for renewal of the annual county fair and the board was appointed with a view to its re-establishment.

## ISHBEL MACDONALD



Miss Ishbel MacDonald, daughter of the former British premier, has been elected as a councillor in the London elections, running on a Socialist ticket.

## SENATE APPROVES JONES FISH BILL

Washington, D. C.—The senate passed a bill by Senator Jones to authorize appropriation of \$100,000 for establishment of a fisheries experiment station on the coast of Washington, at a point to be designated by the department of commerce. The measure is endorsed by Commissioner O'Malley of the fisheries bureau; who explains that it desires to consolidate scattered investigation activities that reach from California to Alaska, and to conduct extensive research work which should be of great advantage to the fisheries industry on the Pacific coast. These investigations will include methods for better utilization of waste products, refrigeration, and the use of species that are practically neglected in a commercial way.

Another bill passed by the senate, originating with Senator Jones, authorizes expenditure of \$25,000 for investigation as to methods to prevent the loss of fish in irrigation canals and ditches.

## COOLIDGE PRAISE FLIERS

Messages Sent by the President to Germany and Ireland.

Washington, D. C.—President Coolidge sent messages of congratulation to Germany and Ireland. To President Von Hindenburg he said:

"The American nation rejoices with me over the successful spanning of the north Atlantic from east to west by Captain Koehl and his companions. I congratulate you and the German nation most heartily on this splendid achievement."

To Governor-General James MacNeill of the Irish free state at Dublin, the president telegraphed:

"I wish to express to you, as well as to the people of the Irish Free State, the great admiration of myself and the people of the United States for Colonel Fitzmaurice's share in the magnificent flight of the Bremen, and to rejoice over his safe arrival."

## Name Republican Convention Hostess

Kansas City, Mo.—Mrs. Jacob L. Loose will be the official hostess for the republican national convention here in June, Conrad H. Mann, general chairman of the Kansas City convention committee announced.

## Italian Ruler Escapes Blast at Milan.

Milan, Italy.—A bomb explosion shortly before King Victor Emmanuel inaugurated the Milan fair, killed 14 persons and injured 40 others.

## 25,000 Textile Mill Workers on Strike.

New Bedford, Mass.—Protesting a 10 per cent wage reduction, approximately 25,000 textile workers went on strike.

## THE MARKETS Portland

Wheat—B. B. bluestem, \$1.55; hard white, federation, soft white, western white, \$1.49; hard winter, \$1.38; northern spring, \$1.40; western red, \$1.38.

Butterfat—44c.  
Hay — Alfalfa, \$18.50@19; valley timothy, \$18@18.50; eastern Oregon timothy, \$20.50@21.

Butterfat—45c.  
Eggs—Ranch, 19@24c.  
Cattle—Steers, good, \$11@12.25.  
Hogs—Medium to choice, \$9.35@9.50.

Lambs—Medium to choice, \$13@15.  
Seattle.

Wheat—Soft white, western white, \$1.50; hard winter, \$1.40; western red, \$1.42; northern spring, \$1.43½; bluestem, dark northern spring, \$1.60; dark hard winter, \$1.57.

Hay — Alfalfa, \$24; timothy, \$28; P. S., \$24.

Butterfat—45c.  
Eggs—Ranch, 22@25c.  
Cattle—Steers, choice, \$11@12.  
Hogs—Prime, \$9.40@9.50.

Spokane.  
Cattle—Steers, good, \$11.25@11.60.  
Hogs—Good, \$9.10@9.25.

## FARM RELIEF BILL PASSED BY SENATE

Features Objectionable to the President Are Retained in Measure.

Washington, D. C.—The McNary-Haugen farm relief bill, carrying features which caused President Coolidge to veto it a year ago, was passed by the senate and sent to the house, which also is expected to approve it at an early date.

The vote was 53 to 23, as compared to the 47-to-39 vote at the last session. While this is more than the two-thirds majority which would be required to override a veto it was regarded as doubtful that with the full membership present a two-thirds majority could be obtained.

President Coolidge has left no doubt in the minds of congressional leaders that the bill still carried features objectionable to him, principally the equalization fee by which it is proposed to raise funds to take care of the surplus crops so as to maintain prices of farm products at a higher level.

On the final vote all the progressive republicans voted for it. In the far west the only votes against it were cast by Borah of Idaho and Shortridge of California, but Walsh of Montana and King of Utah were paired in opposition. New England voted solidly against it, but Wagner and Copeland, the New York senators, both favored it. Twenty-four republicans, 28 democrats and one farmer-laborite voted for the bill. Against it were 14 republicans and nine democrats.

Before coming to the final vote on the bill itself, the senate rejected, 64 to 5, a substitute by Senator Brookhart, republican, Iowa, which would have provided for a direct government subsidy up to \$600,000,000 to meet losses incurred by farmers in marketing their surplus crops.

The bill creates a governing board of 13 members, one from each of the 12 federal reserve districts, and the secretary of agriculture, to administer a revolving fund of \$400,000,000.

The federal farm board, to be appointed by the president, is given broad powers to aid cooperative associations, lend money, negotiate marketing agreements and withhold crops from markets, under provisions of the bill.

The present bill proposes two distinct and separate remedies for the solution of agriculture ills. First, loans to cooperative associations at low rates of interest and, second, in case of failure of the first, to negotiate marketing agreements, the cost of which would be paid by the equalization fee levied on the commodity receiving the benefit.

## DANCE HALL BLAST KILLS THIRTY-NINE

West Plains, Mo.—Thirty-nine are known to be dead and 20 more are in hospitals here in a serious condition as a result of an explosion of undetermined origin which wrecked a crowded dance hall.

Flames which followed the explosion swept the ruins of the building and burned three adjoining structures before they were under control.

One theory was that gasoline was stored in the two-story building in which the dance hall was located, but this has been denied.

Sixty or more persons were attending the dance when the explosion occurred. The force of the blast blew out the front and rear walls of the building, carrying many of the people with it.

Many of the injured that escaped from the burning building were found lying in the street and on the opposite side from the dance hall.

## WILL VETO FLOOD BILL

Coolidge Wants States to Assume Position of Obligation.

Washington, D. C.—After a visit to the White House, Chairman Madden of the house appropriations committee predicted that President Coolidge would veto flood control legislation. Such action was forecast unless states in the flood control area agreed to bear the cost of land needed for spillways and for construction of levees.

## Oregon State Prison Crowded.

Salem, Or.—The peak population in the history of the Oregon state penitentiary was recorded according to announcement by prison officials. When the count was taken at noon there were 690 prisoners in the institution. Sixteen of these were women.

## Statler, Head of Hotel Chain, Dead.

New York.—E. M. Statler, head of the Statler chain of hotels, died in his suite at the Pennsylvania hotel. Statler was 64 years old and was widely known throughout the country.