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## RECORD CROWD SEES VALENTINO FUNERAL

### Enormous Throng Pays Farewell Tribute to Sheik of Screenland.

New York, N. Y.—Broadway, where Rudolph Valentino once worked as a dishwasher, Monday paid farewell tribute to the man who died at the height of his career as sheik of the movies.

No funeral proceedings in the history of New York City were witnessed by a larger crowd than that which silently watched the funeral procession move slowly from Campbell's funeral parlors to the church.

The famous thoroughfare was lined with many thousands as the funeral cortege moved from the funeral church at Broadway and Sixty-sixth street to St. Malachy's church, in West Forty-ninth St., two miles away.

Members of the police bomb squad and 263 regular policemen, including a mounted squad, patrolled the funeral route and stood guard outside the funeral establishment and the church.

Pola Negri, Polish actress, who announced before Valentino's death that she was engaged to marry him and Jean Acker, the dead actor's first wife, who had said that she was reconciled to him just before his death, followed the body into the church.

## AIR HERO KILLED IN PLANE CRASH

Philadelphia, Pa.—Commander John Rodgers, hero of the Hawaiian seaplane flight, was killed in a fall in a land plane off the Philadelphia navy yard. Samuel Schultz, his mechanic, was critically injured.

Accompanied by Schultz, Commander Rodgers had flown from the Anacostia field near Washington, on a trip here to inspect some new planes of the type used on the Hawaiian flight.

Some officers and men at the yard had been watching the plane as it circled and descended, ready for the final gliding sweep to the ground. The plane was pointed towards the field and descending rapidly, but still about 30 feet above the surface of the river, 100 feet from shore, when its nose was seen to tilt towards the water and then dive into the river.

Commander Rodgers and Schultz, strapped to their seats, were unable to do anything to save themselves.

## AIR MAIL TO START SEPT. 15

### Daily Flights Except Monday to Link Pacific Coast Cities.

Washington, D. C.—Service on the Pacific coast contract air mail route between Seattle, Portland, San Francisco and Los Angeles will be inaugurated September 15. Postmaster General New announced Tuesday.

The Pacific Air Transport company will operate the service, using eight planes. The line will hold the first contract to call for night flying. Lighted airways have been established.

The route is the longest of the contract air mail routes, with a length of 1009 miles, making the postage between Seattle and Los Angeles 15 cents an ounce and to other points 10 cents.

The service will be operated daily except Monday.

### Man Sues Dry Chief.

Salem, Or.—Damages of \$50,000 are sought against William S. Levens, state prohibition commissioner, and three unnamed deputies in a suit filed in the circuit court by Russell Beckett of Salem, convicted of possession of liquor.

Beckett declares in his complaint that Prohibition Commissioner Levens has threatened to make his life a burden and said he would run Beckett out of town. The deputies used strong arm methods in handling the case, it is alleged.

New York.—Gertrude Ederle was given a homecoming ovation as New York never before has given a woman. Packed throngs that witnessed her triumphant procession up the canyon of lower Broadway were estimated as greater than those that welcomed returning heroes after the world war. It was the day of days for the youthful swimmer who was the first of her sex to conquer the English channel and in a better time than any man had ever achieved.

## BUT LITTLE CHANGE SEEN IN WHEAT PRICE FOR 1927

Wheat growers were advised by the department of agriculture that the world market situation confronting them probably would show little change from the present in 1927, and that they should not expect conditions similar to those prevailing in 1925, when prices were on a domestic market basis.

"Does not seem likely that the world market situation for wheat next year will be materially different from the present," the department statement continued, "as there is little indication of any material expansion in acreage outside the United States and the carry over next July is not likely to be large. Barring unusually high yields such as occurred in 1915 and 1923, over a large part of the world, foreign competition probably will be about on a par with the present year.

"If American farmers carry out their intentions to increase winter wheat acreage 14.4 per cent, and abandonment and yields are average, a winter wheat crop of around 573,000,000 bushels would be produced, which would be about 9 per cent less than that harvested in 1925. With this average yield next year there would be a surplus for export and additions to carry over around 200,000,000 bushels.

Farmers should not be misled by the relatively high prices received for the wheat crop harvested in 1925, when prices were on a domestic basis and under normal conditions should expect in 1927, prices more in line with world prices. Farmers in sections which normally have a large corn acreage should also keep in mind, in making a shift in wheat acreage, that the present unfavorable situation for corn is not likely to be repeated next year. In planning production, farmers should consider also what producers in competing countries are doing.

"The areas sown in wheat in competing export countries, outside of Russia and the Danube countries, expanded considerably during the war and have been maintained or continued to expand since the war. With average yields, foreign competition probably will be maintained and may be slightly increased."

### NEXT WEDNESDAY NIGHT

The management of the Standard Theatre calls particular attention of its patrons to the presentation of next Wednesday night's picture, "Never the Twain Shall Meet," from the story by Peter B. Kyne. The Standard was fortunate in securing this fine production at a price which justifies regular admission prices figuring on a full house attendance. The mid-week date selection was made so that Athena business men would have the opportunity of seeing the picture. Round-Up week there will be no shows at the Standard on Wednesday and Saturday nights. Sunday night, following the Round-Up, Gloria Swanson will appear in "Stage Struck."

### THE GYPSY CARNIVAL

The gypsy carnival lawn social given under auspices of the B. Y. P. U., of the Baptist church, Saturday evening, was attended by a large number of people, including out-of-town patrons. Over \$40 was taken in from the sale of refreshments. The lawn was attractively decorated with electrically lighted Chinese lanterns, and a vocal and instrumental program was given.

### ONE THAT DIDN'T GET AWAY

When Grant Prestbye returned from Montana last week, he had just been fishing in Ronan Lake, and he brought home one that didn't get away. A fine rainbow trout, 24 inches long and weighing six pounds, is what Grant's friends admired while on display in one of Steve's show windows.

### SCHOOL NEXT TUESDAY

The Athena schools will start next Tuesday, instead of opening Monday as stated in the Press last week. A letter from Superintendent Hadley, who is in Portland, advises that the teachers will have a meeting in the school building Monday afternoon for the purpose of formulating plans for the year's work.

### WORK ON GARAGE STARTS

Work on the new garage for the state highway maintenance department is under way on the state's property on Second street, at Main.

## STANFIELD DECLARES HIS INTENTION TO ENTER RACE

Senator Robert N. Stanfield, who was defeated in the May primary for the republican nomination for United States senator, declared in a statement at Portland, that he would become a candidate at the November election to succeed himself. He said he expected to "accept the nomination as a candidate for United States senator, provided such nomination is tendered to me prior to September 3, the last date for filing acceptance."

A meeting of 100 citizens friendly to Stanfield is planned to nominate him formally, it was said by his supporters. Under the state law a nomination can be made in this manner.

He will oppose Frederick Steiwer, who received the republican nomination in the primary and Bert T. Haney, former member of the United States shipping board, the democratic nominee. Steiwer was successful in the primary in a field of eight candidates, receiving 40,063 votes, Stanfield being second with 29,447. The total number of republican votes cast for senator was 125,079.

In his statement Stanfield emphasized his reluctance to give up important senate committee chairmanships, which he said he regarded as belonging not to himself but to the people of Oregon. He also reiterated charges that his candidacy had been injured in the primary campaign by a "yellow ticket" which is to be investigated by grand juries in Multnomah and Marion counties. This ticket, purporting to endorse Stanfield without his knowledge and consent, was circulated among voters opposed to the Ku Klux Klan, according to Stanfield.

### STANDARD PICTURES

Tomorrow night the Standard will present Jackie Coogan in the best picture this irrepresible youngster has ever made. It is a rollicking jamboree of fun, pathetic situations and fine acting of a splendid story. Sunday night, the last appearance of Rudolph Valentino on the Standard screen will be made, when he plays the part of Rodrigo Torriani in "Cobra," one of Paramount's big pictures of the year.

### PRIZES FOR DEER

A Walla Walla sporting goods house is offering prizes for the first two deer killed and exhibited there. As there is no open season in Walla Walla county this year, contenders for the prizes are looking to Umatilla county, where the season opens September 10, and to Columbia county, Washington, where the season opens October 15.

### MORE SHELF SPACE

Interior improvement made at Steve's store this week includes more shelf space for the men's wear department, and a new location for the heating stove.

## RANCHER NEARLY KILLED WHEN ATTACKED BY BULL

The Walla Walla Union reports that H. D. May prominent rancher narrowly escaped death in an encounter with an angry bull on the May farm, about six miles southwest of Walla Walla. Mr. May is in a very critical condition as a result of the fight, his injuries being so severe as to prevent removal to the hospital for treatment.

The encounter occurred about 9 o'clock, when Mr. May went into the pen to remove the animal to other quarters. He had succeeded in getting a rope about the bull when the animal rushed him. Armed with a pitchfork the man jabbed several times, piercing the animal's thick hide, but failing to stop him. The bull rushed Mr. May again and again tossing him about the pen. Only the fact that the bull has no horns saved the man's life it is believed.

The man was finally thrown against the fence by the animal, and managed to crawl under it to safety. He was found by the children, none having been near the pen when the encounter occurred.

Mr. May's injuries include three broken ribs, a bad cut on the head, several broken fingers and intensely painful bruises. A physician was summoned immediately following the accident.

### MISS ARETA LITTLEJOHN WED TO MR. FRANCIS C. GURNEY

In the presence of the parents of the happy couple at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Littlejohn in Athena, Wednesday, September 1, Miss Areta Littlejohn became the bride of Mr. Francis Claire Gurney, of Baker, Oregon.

The ring service was used, and Rev. Bollinger of the Baptist church, read the ceremony at 11 o'clock. Immediately after the ceremony, the newly wedded couple left on a honeymoon motor trip to Spokane and Seattle.

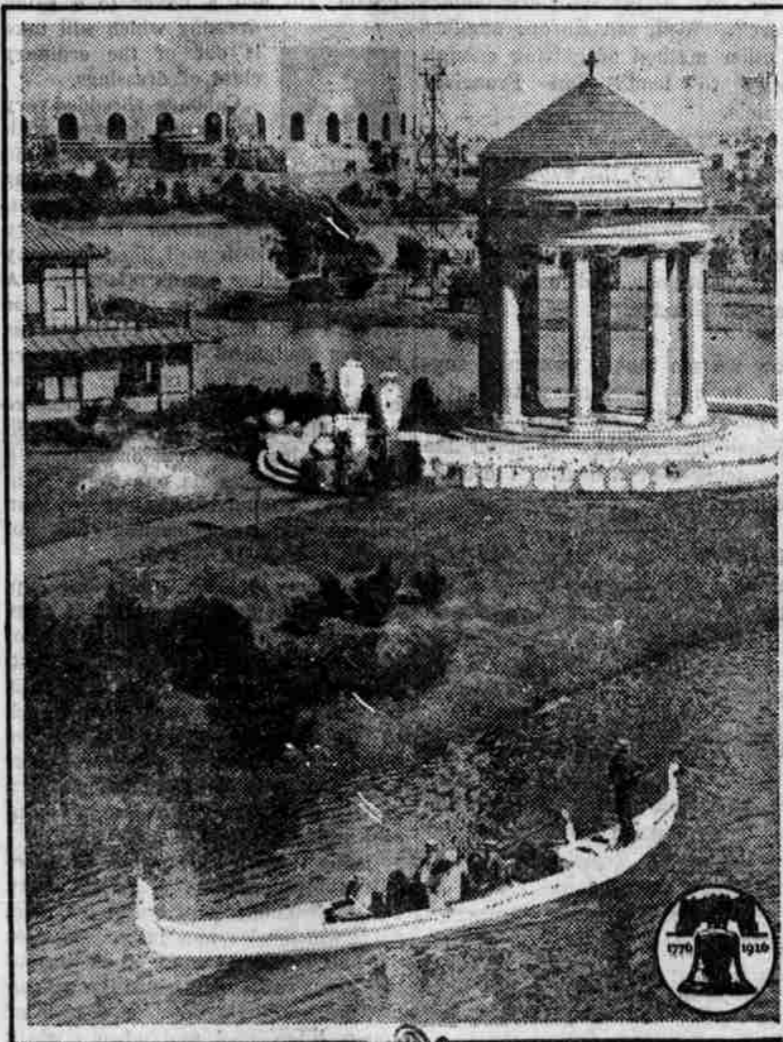
The groom was accompanied from Baker by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Gurney. He is associated with his father in the lumber business in Baker county, and is located at Haines, where he and his bride will make their future home.

His bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Littlejohn, and grew to womanhood in Athena. She is a graduate of Athena high school and University of Oregon. Since graduation from the University she has been a successful teacher, occupying responsible positions in the high school departments at Haines and at Marshfield. The Press unites with Athena friends in congratulations.

### WALLA WALLA FAIR

An old time county fair will be held at the Walla Walla fair grounds, September 9, 10 and 11. Stock and agricultural exhibits will be a feature and \$1500 in purses have been set aside for a racing program.

## ON THE SESQUI LAGOONS



Here are Americans, visitors to the Sesqui-Centennial International Exposition in Philadelphia which celebrates the 150th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, riding about the lagoons in an Italian craft, a gondola, from which they view the buildings and displays from many lands. In the distance can be seen the mammoth Sesqui Stadium; to the right is the signal tower of the United States Coast Guard building and exhibit, and to the left is one of the Japanese paradises which dot the exposition grounds. The Grecian pavilion is one of the permanent structures on the site before the city government decided to build the Sesqui at the front door of the great Philadelphia Navy Yard. The Exposition continues until December 1.

### IN AUTO ACCIDENT

While returning from Pacific City to Newberg last week, Mr. and Mrs. Goff, Mrs. R. B. McEwen and two sons met with an automobile accident in which all members of the party were more or less bruised and Mr. Goff seriously injured. An approaching car, crowded the Goff machine to the side of the highway, when the rear wheels skidded in loose gravel and the car rolled down a 20-foot embankment. An ambulance took Mr. and Mrs. Goff to their home at Newberg. Mrs. McEwen and sons returned in Mr. Goff's machine, which though badly wrecked, came in on its own power.

### PENDLETON'S NEW STORE

Pendleton's new department store, Bond Brothers Company will open September 4th in the Dickson Building on Main street, with a complete modern stock of men's and boy's clothing and furnishings; women's, misses and children's ready-to-wear; men's women's and children's shoes; millinery; bargain basement merchandise; gift goods, linens; piece goods; luggage; lingerie; bedding—in fact, all of the goods which make up the stock of an up-to-date department store.

### FIVE HUNDRED TONS OF PRUNES WILL BE DRIED

Unsatisfactory prices for prunes this season will give the Western Dehydrator plant at Milton-Freewater a long run on drying the late ripening portion of the crop.

A large part of the crop was shipped out at prices unsatisfactory to the growers, consignments being made to all parts of the country. The remainder of the crop would have been a loss to the growers had not the dehydrating plant been there to handle the surplus.

The Freewater Times says the turners in the enlarged drier plant are now ready for prunes. Expert apple and prune drier men have been employed and the company expects to have around 500 tons of green prunes put through the drier. Twenty tons a day is said to be the average capacity of the plant at present.

A modern type of grading machine is being installed which will grade and pack the dried product according to size.

Around \$25,000 was spent this summer in enlarging the capacity of the drier with experts from California overseeing the installation of new machines. It is now said to be one of the largest plants of its kind in the Northwest.

The dehydrator will be used extensively this season for the drying of C grade apples and will also be a source of income to the community in the employment of considerable labor.

### ONIONS AT A DOLLAR

Tom Norman's two-acres of onions are now atop of the ground, in several big, fat rows across the patch. They are being offered at \$1 per sack. The onion harvest this season has not been a profitable one for the grower. Thousands of carloads were thrown on the market, and in many instances did not bring sufficient returns to defray freight charges.

### NEW WILSON HEATER

In stock at Rogers & Goodmans is something new in living-room heating stoves—the Wilson Hot Blast coal stove. Of beautiful design and finish the heater is a distinct adjunct to household furnishings. It is equipped with hot blast and air circulation features, both of which are fuel-saving and heat-control devices.

### SELLS THE "GROVE"

Mrs. Ella Brotherton Keiser has sold the "Grove" boarding house in Walla Walla, to Mrs. Grace Wilson of that city.

## ORIENTAL INVASION ALARMS CANADA

### Minimum Wage Law Planned to Exclude Asiatics From Industry.

Victoria, B. C.—Canada's oriental problem is reaching an acute stage in its relation to industry, according to new and startling figures issued by the British Columbia labor department here. These show that in British Columbia, where Canada's oriental population is almost exclusively concentrated, of every nine persons in industry one is an Asiatic. What is more serious, the oriental industrial population is growing all the time. Announcement of these figures caused a profound impression in western Canada, where the oriental question is cause of keen alarm.

Out of approximately 104,000 persons employed in British Columbia industry 11,460 are orientals. With a total population of 600,000, it is evident that Canada's most western province, like California, is being penetrated by Asiatics in virtually all lines of business.

Western Canadian business men are waiting eagerly to see how these figures will be affected by this country's first serious effort to stem the tide of oriental penetration. This will take the form of a minimum wage law to be brought into effect in the British Columbia industry November 1. With minimum wages in force in the timber industry, it is thought the oriental will lose his single advantage in the labor market—his willingness to accept wages lower than white men can live on. Forced to pay a fixed wage to all employees, operators, it is thought, will employ white men in preference to Asiatics, as white men are conceded to be more efficient.

## ANOTHER WOMAN SWIMS CHANNEL

Dover, England.—Mrs. Clemington Corson of New York, the mother of two children and well known as a long distance swimmer, swam the English channel.

Mrs. Corson's official time was 15 hours and 28 minutes.

She was the second woman to accomplish this brilliant feat in the stormy history of channel swimming, Gertrude Ederle, who returned to her home in New York Saturday, conquered the grim stretch of water on August 6, being the first woman to ever swim the channel and setting up the record of 14 hours 31 minutes.

Mrs. Corson's victory was more impressive inasmuch as Frank Perks, English swimmer, who started with her, and swam most of the way in her trail, was forced to quit when a mile and a half from the English coast after being in the water more than 14 hours.

Except for the record made by Miss Ederle, Mrs. Corson broke the records of the previous five men channel swimmers, her time being about 15 hours. The best time made by a man channel swimmer was by Sebastian Tiraboschi, the Argentine-Italian swimmer, who crossed the channel in 1923 in 16 hours 23 minutes.

### CHANNEL TIME IS BROKEN

#### Otto Vierkoeten Covers Distance in 12 Hours and 40 Minutes.

Dover, England.—Otto Vierkoeten of Germany swam the English channel Monday.

He landed at 2:15 p. m. at Langdon Stairs, half way between Dover and St. Margaret's bay, from Cape Gris-Nez, France, where he entered the water at 1:25 a. m.

The elapsed time of the swim according to the figures, is 12 hours and 40 minutes, or nearly two hours better than the record of 14 hours and 31 minutes established by Miss Gertrude Ederle on August 6.

Vierkoeten's landing was witnessed by only a few soldiers, who ran down from the Langdon battery, across the beach. The soldiers carried the swimmer to his small boat, which conveyed him to the accompanying tug.

### Fires Put on Head of Forest Firebugs.

Salem, Or.—The state board of forestry issued a proclamation offering a reward of \$500 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of any person found guilty of maliciously and purposely setting fires in the forests of Oregon contrary to law.

## Labor Day Activities

