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## General Wood is Claimed By Death

### Governor General of Philippines Succumbs Following an Operation.

Boston, Mass.—Major-General Leonard Wood, governor-general of the Philippines, died at the Peter Bent Brigham hospital here Sunday, following an operation.

General Wood was admitted to the hospital Saturday for observation and underwent a "serious operation" according to a bulletin issued by Dr. Alexander Lambert of New York.

Dr. Lambert's bulletin, although failing to state the exact nature of the operation, indicated it was for a recurrence of a tumor which was removed by Dr. Harvey Cushing 17 years ago.

General Wood was born in Winchester, N. H., in 1860. He was graduated from Harvard as a doctor of medicine, and two years later became an army surgeon. He served through Indian wars in the southwest and took an active part in the fighting, despite his medical rank.

In 1891 he was promoted from lieutenant to captain. When the Maine was sunk, he organized the first regiment of United States volunteer cavalry and went into action as colonel in May, 1898. In June he was made brigadier general and in December was promoted to major general, temporary rank, for gallantry in action.

When the Spanish surrendered at Santiago he was made military governor of the city and later civil governor of the province. He was military governor of Cuba from 1899 until May, 1902, when the Republic of Cuba was organized.

General Wood returned from his post as governor-general of the Philippines several weeks ago and visited President Coolidge at Rapid City, where he reported on conditions in the islands. Then he came to Boston and was admitted to the hospital.

## WORLD AIR RECORD SMASHED BY GERMANS

Dessau, Germany.—Smashing the world record for endurance flights, previously held by Clarence Chamberlin and Bert Acosta, the two German flyers, Johann Ristick and Cornelius Eversard, came to earth here at the end of 52 hours and 22 minutes of continuous flight.

The two aviators covered approximately 6788 kilometres or some 500 kilometres farther than the distance between Dessau and New York. Had the men been flying in a straight line they might have flown from Dessau to Pittsburgh.

The flight was hailed with great glee all over Germany as it was a preliminary test for a flight across the Atlantic in the same Junkers plane, Europa, which the two fliers used to break the record.

## CANDIDATE HUNT ON

Many Considered Eligible for the Republican Nomination.

Washington, D. C.—Political discussion in the national capital has turned largely from President Coolidge's announcement that he does not "choose" to run in 1928 to the prospects of the various men whose names have been put forward as eligibles for the republican presidential nomination.

While none of them has made any declaration, Secretary Hoover, Vice-President Dawes, Frank O. Lowden of Illinois, Senator Borah of Idaho and Speaker Longworth were among those around whom much of the speculation centered.

From Detroit came a statement of Henry Ford that he believed Secretary Hoover was the logical man to be picked by the republican party as their candidate in 1928.

## Chinese Legend

The legend of the Chinese willow plate design is the love story of Li Chi, the only daughter of a mandarin, and Chang, her father's secretary, who lived in an island cottage at the top of the plate. When the mandarin forbade the match the lovers eloped and lay concealed for a time in the gardener's cottage, from there escaping to the lover's home. The father, pursuing them with a whip, would have beaten them to death had not the gods changed them into turtle doves. At the time of the elopement, the willow shed its leaves.

## Boy Falls Under a Truck and Receives Serious Injuries

Quite a serious accident occurred Monday when Walter Edger, 15, in jumping from a moving wheat truck, slipped and fell. The rear wheel of the truck passed over his abdomen.

The driver was slowing down to stop for the boy to get off, but he did not wait. The lad was rushed to Walla Walla by Dr. Cowan, where he was operated upon and was found to be in a very serious condition. He is improving, however, and hopes are entertained for his recovery.

The boy is a member of the Edger family, employed at the Koepke farm south of town. Last winter Walter and his small sister were slightly injured when a Ford in which they were riding to school, skidded from the highway and went into a ditch.

## His Last Ride in a Colorado Rodeo Injures Strickland

Mrs. A. L. McEwen has received a letter from Mrs. Mabel Strickland, well known lady Round-Up performer, who was visiting at Cheyenne, Wyoming, after a strenuous contest at Monta Vista, Colorado.

Her letter state that her husband, Hugh Strickland, had suffered a severe injury to his leg, compound fracture between the knee and ankle. He had ridden his last horse in the Monta Vista Rodeo when he was crowded into the fence and the accident resulted. He was awarded second place in the bucking contest.

Mrs. Strickland is now in Chicago, where she will ride in the relay race. In about two weeks, Mr. and Mrs. Strickland expect to start west when they will attend the Round-Up. Mrs. Strickland has been selected by the directors to be queen of the Western Classic. Hugh does not expect to compete, owing to his accident.

## Pendleton Prisoners In Attempted Jail Break

The East Oregonian reports that what officers believe would have been a wholesale jail delivery at the Umatilla county jail, was frustrated Monday morning when the cell block and jail house was searched by Deputy Kessler and a large hole almost through the wall was located behind a curtain of fresh laundered clothes.

The search of the cell house was made after Jack Wilson, being held for the grand jury on a charge of rape, escaped from the custody of a guard in the court house yard and the suspicion of the deputy was aroused.

Following a close questioning of the prisoners after the attempted jail break the officers say that John Barnes, being held for the grand jury on a charge of assault and robbery, admitted having used a window admitted to force the hole in the wall. Approximately two dozen bricks had been removed and the debris had been secreted behind fixtures in the bath room.

## First Fire Here

The first grain fire of the season in the vicinity of Athena occurred Tuesday afternoon, when a weed fire got away from Henry Barrett, blazed into Sheldon Taylor's stubble field and fanned by a slight breeze burned rapidly. About half of the wheat had been hauled from the field, the loss reported is 77 sacks of grain. It was covered by insurance.

**Death of Mr. Ferguson's Daughter.**  
W. S. Ferguson was called to Seattle Saturday by the death of his daughter, Mrs. Geneva Urick. Mrs. Urick had been ill for several months having had influenza in January. She did not recover and the malady developed into tuberculosis. The funeral was held Monday.

**To Improve Water Supply**  
Weston Leader: An expert, Mr. Larkin, representing the Wallace-Tiernan Co. Inc., of Newark, N. J. was a recent visitor in Weston. He came to inspect the sterilizing plant at the water works impounding dam on Pine Creek above town, and to make certain readjustments with a view to better service.

**Liberia's U. S. War Debt Paid.**  
Washington, D. C.—Liberia became the second nation to pay its entire war debt to the United States when it turned over to the treasury a check for \$35,619. Cuba is the other nation which has wiped its war debt slate clean.

## Wide Difference Noted in Average Yield

### From 34 to 62 Bushels Per Acre Reported Average in This District.

A wide difference in the average yields of grain on farms of the Athena district is seen from the reports made by local wheatraisers. The range of production runs all the way from 34 bushels per acre to the highest yield yet reported, 62 bushels.

The difference in the yields is mainly attributed to the damage caused by the late spring frost, which cut down the yield of the early sown Federation, but did not materially injure the later sown grain of the same variety. The higher yields of Federation in this section are from fields that were sown in October, and the hardest hit is found in the fields that were seeded in September. It is claimed that a matter of a days' time in sowing last fall is now noticeable in the yield.

It is contended that the early sown grain had reached the proper stage of maturity to be susceptible to frost damage, whereas the later sown grain was not far enough along to be severely damaged.

Notwithstanding the damage sustained by frost, Umatilla county is producing a bumper crop. Big yields are reported in the Athena-Weston wheat belt, and the light soil lands are yielding the best crop in many years.

In the main the market has been satisfactory and considerable wheat has been sold at prevailing prices. Canadian reports are to the effect that grain in parts of the Dominion has been seriously damaged by early frost during the fore part of the week and the market is expected to stiffen as a result.

## Harvest Notes.

The best yield reported to the Press comes from the Charles Betts farm south of town, where 65 acres is said to averaged 62 bushels.

From 300 acres at his place north of Athena, Marion Hansell cropped 17,764 bushels of cleaned and weighed wheat, or a little over 59 bushels per acre. Mr. Hansell is also farming in the Nolin district, southwest of Pendleton, with Fred Beckner, and they are harvesting 1000 acres of grain there which is averaging around 30 bushels.

At his home place near Weston, John Banister took 50 bushels per acre from a field of 160 acres.

The John Walker farm south of town, cropped an average of 56 bushels to the acre.

W. O. Read, who last year raised a good crop, this season cut a field of 68 acres that averaged 56 bushels, and another field of 78 acres that made a little over 61 bushels to the acre.

Watts Brothers, north of Athena, are harvesting a big crop. The machine is now being operated on a block of 400 acres which is estimated to be averaging between 55 and 60 bushels per acre.

The J. N. York place north of Weston, averaged a little better than

## MME. MATSUDAIRA



A new and especially posed portrait of Mme. Tsuneo Matsudaira, charming wife of the Japanese ambassador. She is frequent hostess to the diplomatic set in the national capital.

40 bushels per acre. An 80 acre field on the Lila Kirk farm south of Athena, averaged 60 bushels per acre.

Part of Louie Ringel's place averaged around 60 bushels. The hail storm during the Weston cloudburst cut a portion of his acreage down to 30 bushels per acre.

G. M. Morrison says wheat in the Adams neighborhood is turning out from 35 to 55 bushels per acre.

James Bell is harvesting a 35 to 40 bushel crop.

## California Reports Rich Find of Gold Quartz

A vein of gold ore estimated to run not less than \$3000 per ton has been uncovered on Red Gap creek, 7 1/2 miles southeast of Orleans, in northeastern Humboldt county, California.

A tunnel driven 40 feet into the mountain pierced the vein. At least \$20,000 of gold-bearing ore is in sight it was reported. Nuggets the size of peas dropped from the decomposed ore. The strike was made in Virgin mountain country, ten miles from the nearest mountain road. Efforts are now being made to determine the extent of the vein.

Three Eureka business men, interested by a prospector, took an option on the claim at a figure reported to be \$50,000, and for the past month had been boring the tunnel.

## Weston Potato Show.

Weston Leader: A check for \$300 the annual appropriation for the Umatilla county potato show held every year at Weston, has been received from the county treasurer and is on deposit at the local bank. The suggestion is made that it is not too early for growers and others interested in the show to begin preparations for the event, in order to insure a creditable display and program.

## Motor Association Plans Caravan Trip

### Personally Conducted Trips Will Start At Portland August 20.

In innovating personally conducted trips to interesting places, the Oregon State Motor Association seems to have struck a popular chord. The first of these trips, which was the Mount Hood climb on July 23 and 24, was attended by approximately fifty been uncovered on Red Gap creek, 7 1/2 the ascent of the mountain.

Encouraged by the success of this trip, the association is announcing a more ambitious trip for the month of August, leaving Portland on the 20th. This trip will be in the nature of a six-day caravan, and will take in as fine a variety of scenery as America has to offer. Included in the trip will be visits to Crater Lake and the Oregon Caves, in addition to a trip across McKenzie Pass.

The innovation on this caravan trip will be the "personally conducted" feature, and the arrangements have been concluded whereby the various interesting points will be described by persons intimately acquainted with the region and its history.

Stops will be made en route and opportunity given for authorities to speak to the members of the caravan on the many interesting and scenic wonders which will be encountered.

Overnight stops will be made at Eugene, Bend, Crater Lake, Oregon Caves and Corvallis. Members can either stay at hotels or camp out as they prefer, as arrangements have been made with the idea of providing both types of accommodations, for those who make the trip.

## Standard Theatre Offers Good Picture Program

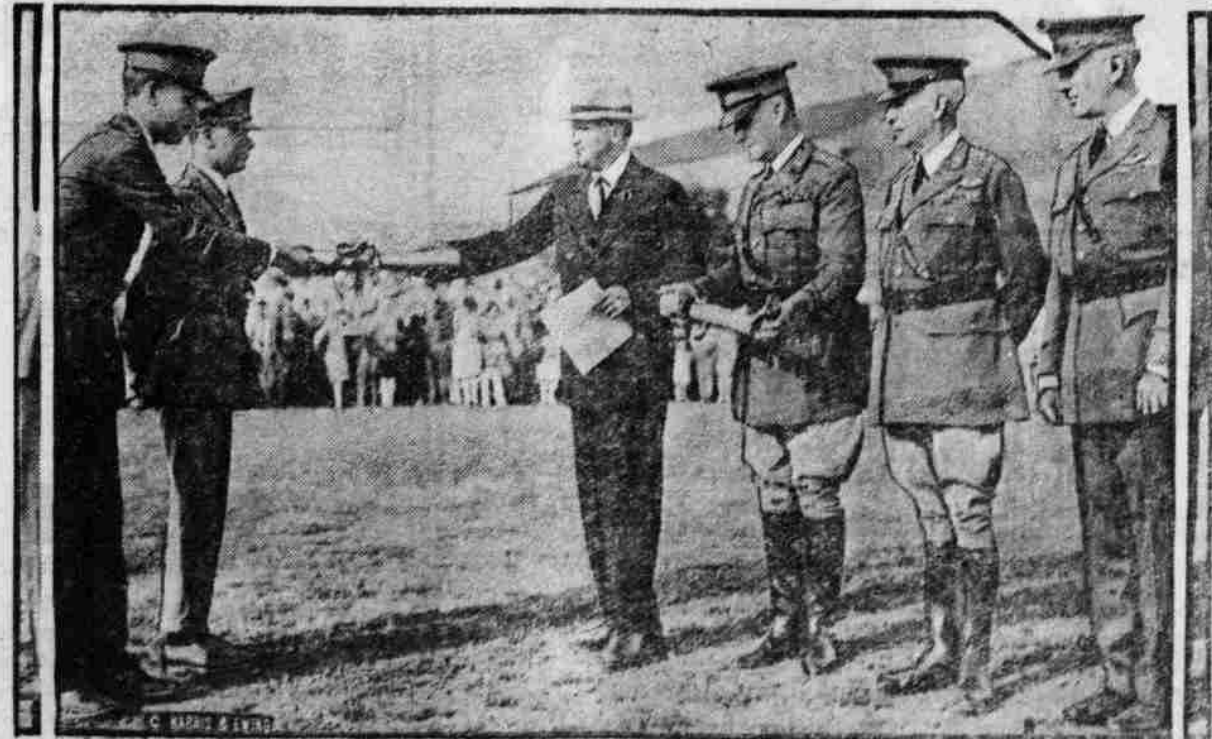
The Standard Theatre offers two fine shows for its week-end programs Tomorrow night Milton Sills and Doris Kenyon will be seen in First National's masterpiece production of "Men of Steel." Here is a photograph having story, plot, photography and action all welded into one of the greatest screen productions of the year, and it will be shown at regular admission prices.

Sunday night Marion Davis will be presented by Metro-Goldwyn in one of the few superlative comedies of season, "Tillie the Toiler," the picture that set audiences howling with laughter all over the country. Comedy news and review numbers as usual, on both programs.

## Missing Girl Sought.

Police and sheriff's offices at Walla Walla Saturday night started a Northwest wide hunt for Diva Kilborn a 13-year-old girl, whose parents reported that she had disappeared. According to the family the young girl was left at her home while her parents were on a shopping tour. When they returned she was not to be found.

## Pacific Flyers Are Cited for Decorations



Lieuts. Lester J. Maitland and Albert F. Hegenberger, who achieved the distinction of being the first to fly to Hawaii, were warmly received on arrival in the national capital. After receiving the congratulations of the nation from Secretary of State Kellogg, they were presented with citations for the Distinguished Flying Cross by the acting secretary of war, F. Trubee Davison, as shown in this photograph. Right to left: Brig. Gen. James F. Fechet, assistant chief of army air service; Maj. Gen. Mason M. Patrick, chief of army air service; Maj. Gen. Charles E. Summersall, chief of staff; Acting Secretary of War Davison; Lieutenants Hegenberger and Maitland.

## Dawes Discusses Naval Conference

### Premier Baldwin and Secretary Kellogg Also Speak of Geneva Failure.

Buffalo, N. Y.—Diplomatic restraint was cast aside by Vice-President Dawes Sunday, speaking at the dedication of the international peace bridge, to bring the naval conference failure at Geneva boldly into open discussion of its effect on British-American relations.

Both Secretary Kellogg and Premier Baldwin, touching on the subject, voiced confidence that the stream of British-American friendship flowed on unchecked by recent difference in views.

The vice-president, however, went directly into the subject to declare it "unthinkable that Great Britain and the United States, solemnly pledged to the principle of equality, will again place upon their peoples the burden of competitive naval building because temporarily their experts disagree in their practical interpretation of that principle."

Secretary Kellogg's speech dealt only by inference with the Geneva failure. Welcoming the British royal and distinguished guests to the United States in the name of President Coolidge, he spoke of differences that will arise to test American-Canadian friendship, but added:

"They are such as have been settled and can be settled by the exercise of tolerance and patience, and the application of good common sense."

Premier Baldwin was more direct. Speaking of the years of British-American peace, he said:

"Problems have arisen and will arise. Opinions will vary how they shall be solved. "Only recently we have had to differ for a moment; but we know in our hearts it does not affect our friendship. Statesmen of the past, as this bridge testifies, have well and truly laid the foundations of friendship and good will in the hearts of our peoples."

## U. S. WILL INSIST ON NAVAL PARITY

Washington, D. C.—The United States government believes in and will insist on actual naval parity with Great Britain, state department officials made clear in discussing the speech of Chancellor of the Exchequer Winston Churchill in England Saturday.

Churchill approved naval equality of the two nations in principle but not in actual mathematical application because of Britain's empire trade routes.

Department officials approve Vice President Dawes' statement at Buffalo advocating naval equality and deploring suggestions of naval building competition between the two nations in the wake of the defunct Geneva arms conference.

Dawes' suggestion that lack of preparation for the Geneva conference was responsible for its deadlock was refuted, however, in authoritative circles.

## GOVERNOR FULLER UPHELD

### Each Step in Prosecution of Vanzetti and Sacco Held Just.

Boston.—Count by count, Judge Webster Thayer was justified in refusing a new trial to Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti, in the report of the governor's advisory committee, issued from the office of Governor Alvin T. Fuller.

As if in reply to attacks upon him on the score that he upheld Judge Thayer's decision without discussing the detailed issues of the famous case, Governor Fuller had the full report—10,000 words long—prepared and issued to the press.

The effect appeared to be that of shutting off all hope of a stay of execution. It was also, in effect, a tacit reply to world-wide agitation and to the demonstrations of radicals which had spread terror in many cities.

The man who with a microscope tries to discover in his fellows blotches and imperfections is engaged in very unprofitable business. He would be far better employed if he used a telescope to find in them beauty and substantiality of character.—Gris.

## New Study Course In English Being Sent Out to Schools

A Salem special says that printed in a separate volume from the other subjects, the new course of study in English for Oregon high schools is being mailed to city and county superintendents, according to C. A. Howard, state superintendent of public instruction. The new course was written by a committee of teachers headed by Mrs. Margaret Goodall, head of the English department of university high school at Eugene. Other members of the committee were Miss Winnifred Graham, Marshfield; Miss Ada V. Ross, Salem; Miss Maude M. Mochel, Woodburn and Dr. M. Elwood Smith, Oregon Agricultural college.

The other high school courses, bound in one volume, will be ready for distribution within ten days. In most subjects the new high school course of study is very little different from the one in use during the last four years.

## Reports of Frost Send Wheat Prices Upward

Reports of frost damage in the Canadian west and an official weather forecast predicting frost danger to Manitoba and Saskatchewan within 24 hours sent wheat prices rocketing Monday at Winnipeg upward from 8 to 8 1/2¢.

Excitement ran high for a time, but liberal offerings forced the market back two cents. Trading was normal thereafter and wheat closed with gains of 7/8 to 6/8 for the day, October at \$1.51 1/2, December \$1.47 1/2.

All other news was forgotten in the fact of the frost reports which were mostly of a private nature, and had not been confirmed at the market's close. Coarse grains followed the trend of wheat.

## Egyptian Leaders in Manufacture of Linen

That the manufacture of linen was known thousands of years ago to the Egyptians is proved by the ceredcloths or wax-covered winding sheets of the most ancient mummies that have been found, since these were made of linen. Pharaoh arrayed Joseph in vestures of the linen in 1776 B. C., and that was nearly 4,000 years ago. The garments of the priests of the Egyptians, as well as those of ancient Hebrews, were of the same fabric. Many varieties of flax are known and more than 25 have been cultivated, but the plant is said to rarely exhaust the soil, and so its cultivation suffered severely except in Egypt. There the fibers of this product were manufactured in very early times and the secret was carried to Tyre in 538 B. C. From Tyre the Phoenicians carried the secret of working flax to Europe and tradition is that the Irish were among the first to get it. As one of the products of Egypt flax is referred to in the Book of Exodus. To this day Egypt cultivates large quantities of this product.—Detroit News.

## Sesquipedalian Words

Mark Twain was not the only person to find amusement in the German language. A foreigner thus accounts for the deliberation with which the negotiations held at Locarno were carried on.

"Our interlocutors cannot end their explanations," said this foreigner. "With the best will in the world they cannot pronounce rapidly such words as this: Antialkoholcongressmitgliederverzeichnissdruckkostenveranschlagungsprufungscommissionsvorsammlungsanladungskarten."

This little word means "Invitation cards for the meeting of the commission for verifying the accounts of the expenses of printing the list of members of the anti-alcoholic congress."

## Birds' Food Important

Choice of food by a bird usually is the most important factor in its relation to man. One of the reasons for importing the sparrow was to have it eat dropworm, a shade-tree pest which spun down its silken threads among pedestrians. The dropworm is no longer a pest in cities, and entomologists give sparrows the credit. Not only this pest but almost every injurious insect we have is eaten at times by this ubiquitous alien.

## Displaying the Flag

The Shensandosh method of displaying the American flag is as follows: A hole is placed in the curb and plugged when not in use. A flagstaff is erected 14 feet 6 inches and the diameter at the base is 1 1/2 inches. A weather-proof American flag, size 4 by 6 feet, is put up. These flagpoles are always placed near the curb line near the pavement and the gutter and are 12 1/2 feet apart.