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SAVINGS DEPOSITS TOTAL 7 BILLION

Washington, D. C.—Americans are becoming thrifter and thrifter—all walling about "spend-thrift America" to the contrary notwithstanding. Figures made public by the federal reserve board prove it. They disclosed that in 902 principal banks on August 1 savings accounts amounted to \$7,903,000,000, a gain of more than half a billion dollars over 1924, or nearly \$5 for every man, woman and child in the country.

The American people far surpass all other people in their savings, according to figures compiled by the reserve board. All federal reserve districts showed increases over August 1, 1924, varying from 4 per cent in Chicago to 11 per cent in San Francisco.

For the United States the percentage of increase was 7 per cent. The New York district led the country with 30 banks representing savings deposits of \$2,098,000,000 August 1.

BRIEF GENERAL NEWS

Figures published by the municipal authorities disclose that Tokio's population is now 2,036,136.

Major John F. Hylan of New York who was defeated in the primary will not run as an independent.

American churches and schools have been destroyed in Hauren, Syria, in the "holy war" undertaken by the Arabs and Druses against the French. Congressman John Phillip Hill of Maryland will introduce a bill in the national congress in December providing for the repeal of the eighteenth amendment.

Fire destroyed the extensive Japanese parliament building in Tokio. Although the damage was great, no lives were reported lost. The property loss is estimated at 2,000,000 yen.

Hans Wagner, former Pittsburg baseball star and one of the greatest shortstops of all time was defeated in the Pittsburg republican primaries as a candidate for county sheriff.

Delivery of domestic size anthracite coal to consumers who have half their winter's supply in stock and delivery of more than three tons at a time to households was prohibited by the Massachusetts state emergency fuel administration.

Norris to be Heard on Charges.

Kelso, Wash.—Declaring that he intends to force every issue in the charges made against him by A. Ruric Todd, City Engineer George Norris voluntarily placed himself in the charge of Sheriff Clarke Studebaker, insisting that the warrant issued Sunday night charging him with the murder of Thomas Dovery be carried out. The prosecuting attorney's office announces that no information of any incriminating nature has ever been submitted by Todd against Norris.

AIR INQUIRY BOARD INVESTIGATION OPENS

A Wide Conflict of Views Is Developed During the Probe.

Washington, D. C.—The president's special board, opening its inquiry into America's air power, brought to the public view a wide conflict of opinion in the war department as to the relative importance and position of aircraft to other units of the national defense.

The board heard those charged with the administration of the army discuss the policy, fundamental ground-work and prospects for its air service, about which Acting Secretary Davis said there was no cause for alarm, despite the fact that it was operating with inadequate equipment and was in need of additional funds.

Although Mr. Davis and two of his high-ranking officers vigorously opposed the creation of a department of national defense with a directing head of all air forces, which has been urged by Colonel William Mitchell, this proposal drew the favor of Major-General Mason M. Patrick, chief of the army air service.

General Patrick said he believed such a department would ultimately be advisable in the system of national defense, but in the meantime the air service should be made "semi-autonomous," with a position similar to that of the marine corps in its relation to the navy.

Maintenance of the navy air service organization in substantially its present form was advocated by Secretary Wilbur before the president's air board.

The position of Secretary Wilbur in favor of maintaining substantially the present organization for naval aviation was supported before the board by Admiral Eberle, chief of naval operations.

ODD FELLOWS MEET IN ANNUAL CONCLAVE

Portland, Or.—The one hundred and first annual communication of the sovereign grand lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows opened here Monday.

Members of the organization are in the city from every state in the union and every province in Canada. Various other countries have representatives in attendance.

After the opening number by the orchestra the audience gave "America" and "God Save the King." The invocation was given by the Rev. P. M. Blomquist, a veteran of the Canadian forces of the World war.

A fine welcome was accorded all the visitors by Henry Young, grand master of the grand lodge of Oregon. A formal welcome to the Rebekahs by Myrtle James, president of the Rebekah assembly of Oregon.

Grand Sire Thompson responded to the various welcoming addresses. He is a prominent Detroit lawyer and is owner of a number of Michigan newspapers.

Mrs. Myrtle W. Tandy of Jacksonville, Ill., president of the Rebekah assemblies, responded on behalf of her sisters of Odd Fellowship.

PRESIDENT NEARLY IS HIT

Motorist Fined for Endangering Life of Coolidge.

Washington, D. C.—President Coolidge, who has had a habit of strolling unconcernedly about the streets accompanied by only a single secret service man, narrowly escaped being run down and seriously injured by an automobile Sunday night.

Only the quick work of the operative who accompanied him prevented his being struck by an automobile at Jackson Place and H street, close to the White House.

The secret service man grabbed the president's arm and pulled him from the path of the machine.

The automobile was driven by Nathan D. Smith, 56, of Baltimore, who was arrested.

Shenandoah Crew Game, Board Hears.

Lakehurst, N. J.—Lieutenant-Commander Zachary Landsdowne and the officers and men with him in the control car went to their death attempting to keep control of the great airship Shenandoah near Ava, O., September 3, the naval court of inquiry was told by Colonel C. G. Hall, an official observer for the army air service, a survivor of the disaster. Lieutenant-Commander C. E. Rosendahl, navigator and senior surviving officer in the first official report ever made of the disaster added his praise to that of Colonel Hall.

Indiana Has Earthquake.

Evansville, Ind.—This section of southern Indiana was shaken early Sunday by a short earthquake shock. The tremor rattled windows and dishes.

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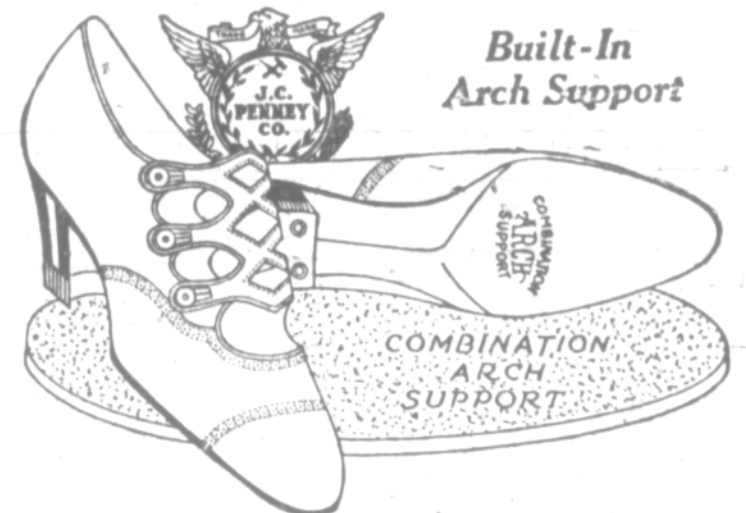
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CONDITION OF SPRING WHEAT IS LOWER

Washington, D. C.—The condition of the crop in the four spring wheat states, North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota and Montana, was described by the department of agriculture as much below that of last year on September 1.

The lower condition this year was attributed to rust and drought. The durum variety of wheat, however, was found to have been affected less than others because of its resistance to rust and drought.

The condition of durum wheat in the four states combined September 1 was placed at 84 per cent of normal compared with 94 per cent last year, while all spring wheat in that

section, including durum, was given a condition of 72 per cent compared with 90 per cent last year. Spring broad wheats in those states were 68 per cent of normal compared with 88 last year.

The condition of all spring wheat, including durum, throughout the United States was placed at 75 per cent of normal September 1, compared with 82 per cent last year, with spring broad wheats about 73 per cent compared with 97 per cent last year.

RAILWAY VALUATION RAISED

Washington Boosts the Figures of ex-Supervisor \$12,493,000.

Olympia, Wash.—Valuations of the six largest steam railroads operating in the state of Washington are placed at \$333,921,671 in a statement issued by the state board of equalization. The valuations are \$12,493,000 greater

than those fixed by J. M. Thatcher, ex-supervisor of taxation, before he left office last spring and \$2,016,387 greater than the valuations of 1924, comparative statements show.

As was the case last year there will be no levy of the general fund and the levy for state purposes will be 10,299 mills, a decrease of 1,450 mills over 1924, the statement reveals.

The assessed valuation of personal property in Washington for 1925—representing 50 per cent of the actual valuation—as equalized by the various county boards of equalization, is shown as \$230,971,930 in an abstract prepared by the state tax commission. The valuation represents an increase of \$2,575,567 over 1924.

Son of Darwin Dies in England. Cambridge, England.—Sir Francis Darwin, son of the famous evolutionist, Charles Darwin, died here.