

Today

By Arthur Brisbane To Fight Costs Money. Boiled in Oil. All-Metal Dirigible. Danger Our Freedom.

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Big, rich nations, having had all the war they want for the present, ask China and Russia not to fight. But China's border reports frequent clashes.

"Soviet troops repulsed by heavy artillery fire," and "Chinese garrison resisting with rifle fire and machine guns."

Troops and heavy artillery have been moved to the border on both sides. That means war among "higher civilized people."

Russia and China, especially, would find it hard to finance a war. The great Chinese banker, educated at Harvard, T. V. Soan, who recently resigned as manager of Chinese finance, said he could provide for the army of 1,500,000 men \$5,000,000 a month, but not the \$10,000,000 demanded.

That would make our wartime patriots laugh. They spent fifty times ten millions just getting ready to begin, and after they had spent one thousand times ten millions they had nothing to show except airships that wouldn't fly and surface ships costing a billion that the government can't give away.

War is expensive when you're unprepared. Hazara tribesmen in Afghanistan, rebelling against their khan, captured his general and boiled him alive in oil with his staff.

That seems incredible even among savages. But punishment of similar brutality was common among "civilized" nations in Europe not far back than Shakespeare's day.

If Queen Elizabeth's lover, Essex, had been punished for treason like ordinary men he would have been hanged, cut down before he was dead, disemboweled, then killed.

Ravaillac, who killed Henry the Fourth of France, was put to death with slow tortures inconceivable. He was finally killed by pouring melted lead into his abdomen.

Human beings have improved a little. Extremely important to flying will be today's proposed trial of the first all-metal dirigible.

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Lead-mouthed fellers are great on known' jest what ought to be done, but they're poor detail men. Col. Landbergh has got an awful fine little wife, but she's almost cost him the front page," said Ted Binkley this morning.

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ENDURERS COMPLETE BIG CIRCLE

Spokane Sun God Arrives Back Over Home Port at 1:43 Today — Covers 7200 Miles—115 Hours in Air—Thousands Cheer Pilots—New Records Are Established.

FELTS FIELD, SPOKANE, Wash., Aug. 20.—(P)—Nick Mamer and Art Walker, who completed a transcontinental non-stop refueling flight at 1:43 p. m. (P. C. T.) today, were ordered to land at 6 o'clock tonight by the National Air Derby association, sponsoring their flight.

SPOKANE, Wash., Aug. 20.—(P)—The airplane, Spokane Sun God, arrived over its home port at 1:43 today, completing the first transcontinental non-stop round trip flight.

Thousands of persons cheered Pilots Nick Mamer and Art Walker as they flew over Felts field after making a refueling flight to New York over a route north by way of San Francisco and returning over a northern route.

The plane had covered approximately 7200 miles and had been in the air 115 hours and 45 minutes when it arrived here. When Mamer and Walker would land was still uncertain.

Future plans were to be discussed with sponsors of the flight by means of messages exchanged over Felts field. Besides being the first plane to have flown on a non-stop round-trip flight across the continent, the Spokane Sun God set a new record in covering 7200 linear miles without a stop.

SWISS FLIERS UNREPORTED IN ATLANTIC HOP

(By the Associated Press.) Two youths whose audacity far outshines their experience, were unreported today as the time drew near when they should complete their perilous flight from Europe, if they had been able to surmount the atmospheric obstacles of the hazardous westward crossing.

Since they passed over the Azores at 1 o'clock eastern standard time, yesterday afternoon on their way from Lisbon to New York, no word was heard of the Swiss fliers, Oscar Kaeser and Kurt Luescher, up to 2 o'clock eastern standard time, this afternoon.

Continuance of the speed they maintained from Lisbon to the Azores should bring them to New York about 3 o'clock, but failure of ships or persons along the route from Newfoundland to see anything of the plane caused increasing anxiety for the 21 and 22-year-old aviators, neither of whom knew much of navigation.

No plane has ever yet made the journey from Europe to New York across the North Atlantic. The only one to make the westward crossing at all was the German plane Bremen, and that was forced down on Greenly island far from its destination.

SOLO RE-FUELER CONTINUES VIGIL

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 20.—(P) With the motor of his plane still functioning smoothly and himself apparently none the worse for wear after an all night vigil alone in the skies, Donald Tompkins, former army flier, at 10:30 this morning had been aloft 24 hours and 20 minutes in his quest for a solo refueling endurance record of more than 48 hours.

At 8:29 a. m. he completed the 11th refueling of his monoplane San Franciscan over the Mills field airport.

Oregon Weather. Unsettled tonight and Wednesday, probably with rain in the northwest section and along the coast. Cooler in the interior Wednesday. Moderate winds, becoming southerly on the coast.

THEATER MAGNATE GIVEN PRELIMINARY HEARING



Alexander Pantages in Los Angeles court answering the charges of a 17-year old girl. Left to right: W. I. Gilbert, defense attorney; Pantages; C. A. Stewart and District Attorney Buron Fitts, prosecutors.

GIVE DETAILS SNOOK TO DIE IN PEAR SHIPMENT OF COMMUNITY ELECTRIC CHAIR INCREASES WITH CHESTPROGRAM NOVEMBER 29 PICKING WORK

Officials of New Local Organization Make Public Constitution Under Which They Will Operate—Ask Suggestions, Criticisms. Condemned Man Looks Judge in Eye As Penalty for Slaying Paramour Is Pronounced—Motion for New Trial Is Lost.

So that every citizen may know every detail of the Community Chest organization, which in the fall will start the first annual drive for funds, officials of the organization today made public the following facts contained in its articles of incorporation.

In commenting upon this action, officials mentioned that this statement be carefully read, and any suggestions or criticisms be forwarded at once to Hamilton Patton, the secretary. They point out now is the time to make changes, rather than after the drive has started.

It was also pointed out that, contrary to local rumor, there is to be no paid executive, the administration work to be done by volunteers, working entirely without remuneration.

The main items covered in the statement follow: The name of this organization shall be the "Community Chest of Medford, Inc."

The objects of this organization shall be to strengthen and make socially efficient the spirit of human helpfulness in Medford, to afford the citizens the opportunity to contribute to human welfare work through a community chest, to assist in coordinating the work of the charitable, civic, philanthropic and benevolent organizations of Medford and vicinity, and to promote cooperation, efficiency and economy in their operations, to the end that undesirable social conditions may be reduced and if possible eliminated.

Each contributor to the community chest shall be an individual member of this organization. Any organization or agency participating in the benefits of the community chest shall be an institutional member. Such organizations shall be institutional members as are admitted to membership by the board of directors of the community chest.

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WOMAN AIR RACER DIES IN PLUNGE

Marvel Crosson of San Diego Found Dead With Shattered Plane Near Wellton, Ariz.—Parachute Failed to Function After Leap Is Belief—Tail Spin Was Seen.

PHOENIX, Ariz., Aug. 20.—(P)—The body of Miss Marvel Crosson, San Diego flier, reported missing last night when other entrants of the women's air derby from Santa Monica, Cal., to Cleveland, landed here, was found early this morning six miles north of Wellton, Ariz.

She was found some distance from her wrecked plane, her parachute released, but unopened. The wreckage of the plane was seen by a search party which found the body said it was apparent that she had leaped in an attempt to save her life.



Associated Press Photo Marvel Crosson.

Searching parties despatched into the almost inaccessible country gave up their hunt last night along the Gila river where ranchers reported seeing a plane forced down in the cottonwood growth, continuing again this morning until the body of the 25-year-old aviatrix was discovered.

Planes from Phoenix and Los Angeles left for Yuma, Ariz., shortly after daylight to establish a base and search for the missing pilot before it became known that the mystery surrounding her failure to show up after taking off from the Yuma control yesterday afternoon had been solved.

Miss Crosson's body was found about 200 feet from the plane. The badly broken condition told a story of probable instant death from the fall. Around her broken form was draped the parachute which failed to open. The rip cord had been pulled.

The plane, to, was broken and twisted. Eye witnesses to its sudden fall late yesterday said that it had gone into a tailspin, diving earthward from an elevation of approximately 1000 feet.

WILLIAMS YOUTH CONFESSES ARSON

GRANTS PASS, Ore., Aug. 20.—(P)—State forestry office agents today obtained a confession, they said, from a farmer boy, 14, that he set the fire which recently destroyed 75 acres of reforested area in the Williams creek section.

The boy, whose name was not disclosed, because of his youth, was taken to the office of the district attorney and reprimanded. He was "sentenced" to make a tour of the burned-over areas, the agents said, an object lesson of the result of his act.

Smothered in Ore. KELLING, Idaho, Aug. 20.—(P)—Buried by a mass of muck, Harold Purbin, 19, an employe of the Banker Hill mine, was smothered to death today. Company officials said he had smothered in an ore bin against orders.

Portland—J. C. Penney hall under construction at the Pacific International Livestock exposition grounds.

Too Large; ly Drowns California Man

SANTA ROSA, Cal., Aug. 20.—(P) Charles Bidwell and Charles Calk, of Healdsburg, set out to catch a fish but their quarry almost caught them. A huge sea lion became entangled in their net and dragged them into the water. Unable to swim, they were nearly drowned when other fishermen rescued them.

AIR DERBY CONTINUED BY FIFTEEN

Ill Luck Dogs Women Fliers in Race to Cleveland—Claire Fahy Says Plane Tamped With—Thea Rasche and Bobbie Trout Wreck Landing Gear in South.

DOUGLAS, Ariz., Aug. 20.—With eight of the 15 fliers landed here, following their takeoff on the third lap of the Santa Monica-Cleveland women's air derby, Mrs. Louise Thaden of Pittsburgh and Phoebe Omile of Memphis, Tenn., took temporary leads over the two classes competing.

PHOENIX, Ariz., Aug. 20.—(P) With the shadow of death brooding their trail, 15 entrants of the women's Santa Monica, Cal., to Cleveland air derby took off from here today for Douglas, Ariz., 200 miles away, on the third lap of their race. The first plane got off at 8:12 a. m. (M. S. T.) and all had cleared the airport at 8:40.

Two others of the twenty original starting planes which took off from Clover Field, Santa Monica, Cal., Sunday, were definitely out of the race, another was scheduled to take off from Mexicali, Lower California, today in an effort to catch up with the others at Douglas, while the status of the fifth was in doubt.

Mary Elizabeth Von Mack of Detroit, who landed Sunday at Montebello, on the first leg of the flight, when she became confused, caught up with the parade last night, her plane was in the starting lineup from Phoenix today.

Claim Plane Wrecked. Claire Fahy of Los Angeles, forced to land with engine trouble at Calexico, Cal., withdrew from the contest when she and her husband, Herbert J. Fahy, Los Angeles test pilot, said they found evidence that her plane had been tampered with. The center section wires had snapped as she landed, Mrs. Fahy said, and her husband declared they showed signs of having been weakened by acid.

Thea Rasche, of Germany, set her plane down near Holtville, east of Calexico, with carburetor trouble, and wrecked her landing gear, which she said she found immediate repairs could not be made, but said she would proceed to Cleveland as soon as possible to compete in the national races there.

Bobbie Trout of Los Angeles smashed her landing gear in a forced descent at Algodones, Mexico, south of Yuma, and it appeared doubtful whether she would be able to continue. No word had come from her regarding her intentions.

Other comparatively minor misfortunes overtook various members of the flight during yesterday. Opal King, New York, blown off her course, took to the ground at Prescott, Ariz., but ascended again and reached Phoenix two hours behind the leaders.

Amelia Earhart of Boston, was leading the field at the Yuma control station, but damaged her propeller in landing, and lost 30 minutes in repairs. The delay did not affect her elapsed time standing, however.

Wire Report on the Pear Market

CHICAGO, Aug. 20.—(U. S. D. A.) Pear prices: 21 California, 1 Colorado, 1 New Mexico, 2 Texas arrived; 28 cars on track; 18 sold, 11,246 boxes sold \$2.25 to \$2.85, average \$2.15.

DRY EXPOSE BASIS SUIT FOR LIBEL

Mrs. Willebrandt and News Feature Company Sued for Million By Former Chief St. Louis Federal Prohi Unit — Post Dispatch Payment Tied Up — Articles Quoted.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 20.—(P)—Mrs. Mabel Willebrandt, former assistant United States attorney general and the Current News Features company were named defendants in a \$1,000,000 libel suit filed here yesterday by Gus O. Nations, former chief of the St. Louis federal prohibition unit.

Under garnishment proceedings, Nations has tied up funds due the feature service and Mrs. Willebrandt, from the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, which has published her articles on prohibition enforcement.

Nations charges the articles were intended to make the public understand that he, while in office, had been guilty of official misconduct. Nations quotes from two of Mrs. Willebrandt's articles to substantiate his claim.

It also was learned, the suit would be filed in Washington, D. C. The article to which Nations' specific objection was made was not published as fully in St. Louis as in other cities. Nations telegraphed other papers that if they retracted the statement connecting him with alleged conspiracy in the Griesedick brewery case, he would not file libel suits against them.

Gus Nations is a brother of Heber Nations, former Missouri labor commissioner, who was twice convicted of conspiracy to violate the federal prohibition law. Each time the court of appeals set aside the verdicts and his case is pending.

SMOOT ESTIMATES TARIFF REVENUES

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—(P)—Chairman Smoot of the senate finance committee today estimated the total revenue likely to be derived from the tariff rates proposed by that committee as \$695,498,469 compared with \$648,014,545 under the house bill and \$516,612,924 under existing laws.

This would be a reduction of approximately \$49,885,924 compared with the house bill, but an increase of about \$50,000,000 over customs receipts from the present Fordney-McCumber act.

Appointment. WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—(P)—Gerrit John Deikema, of Michigan today was appointed minister to Holland to succeed the present minister, Richard M. Tobin of California, who has resigned.

Will Rogers Says:

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Aug. 20.—With the morning papers stating we had 11,000 miles of lighted airways, a Zeppelin with 60 people going around the world in less time than a congress-

man can make a speech, with 20 more or less beautiful air-headed women, who have exchanged their kimonos for hennets and goggles, with our great navy flier, Williams, tuning up to go 350 miles an hour, and me feeding two Fords and a Buick and 25 head of horses, it just looks like I am out of tune with progress.

Yours, WILL ROGERS.

P. S.: They are aviators but they are still women. They had only been out 60 miles, when they all struck and wanted to have it their way.



FOOD PRICES IN SLIGHT INCREASE

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—(P)—Retail food prices were shown by the labor department today to have increased two and one-half per cent from June 15 to July 15.

Using 100 as the index number of 1912, the July figure was 158.3 compared with 154.8 in June and 152.8 in July, 1928. Increases were noted on potatoes, eggs, steaks, suets and oranges.

For the year ending July 15, 51 cities showed increases in retail food costs, Salt Lake City leading with 8 per cent, Dulles, Columbia, Milwaukee, Pittsburg and St. Louis each had increases of 6 per cent.

WALKER IS ELECTED LEADER OF KIWANIS

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 20.—(P)—Clarence Walker of Portland was unanimously chosen governor of the northwest district of Kiwanis International on the first ballot of Tuesday afternoon's session of the district convention here.

MODOC FOREST BLAZE SPREADS BEFORE BREEZE

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 20.—(P)—Oregon's forest fire situation assumed serious proportions tonight and today emergency fire fighting crews were combating flames in the Modoc national forest about one mile south of the Oregon-California line. Emergency crews were rushed to the forest from the Fremont forest.

G. D. Brown, Fremont forest supervisor, said the blaze was spreading rapidly toward the Fremont forest. Low humidity and winds in that section, he said, makes conditions unfavorable.

Late last night strong winds whipped the eastern Oregon fires into fury and threatened the Umatilla and Malheur forests in various sections. Twelve fires, 11 of them said to have been started by lightning, were reported by Malheur John Guthrie, chief of the district forest office here.

The most serious blaze, Guthrie said, was near Dayville on the Malheur reserve. About 600 acres had been burned over and 60 fighters were endeavoring to keep flames from spreading.

Thirty acres had been fire-swept near Heppner in the Umatilla forest, he said.

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Oregon Fire Situation Grows Serious — Emergency Crews Sent to California Line — Eastern Fires Blaze Up Anew.

Any member, individual or institutional, may be suspended for infraction of these by-laws or other cause upon vote of two-thirds of the entire membership of the board of directors; but no member shall be suspended without 60 days notice and warning, stating the reason therefor, and opportunity to be heard by the board of directors.

Any member, individual or institutional, may resign membership at the end of any fiscal year, upon 30 days notice of intention to resign. In the case of resignation of an institutional member this notice shall be accompanied by certified copy of a resolution to that effect that resignation is desired, duly passed by its governing body.

The government and control of this community chest shall be vested in a board of directors, whose board shall have full power to fill vacancies in its membership until the next annual meeting, to elect its own officers, appoint such committees and employ such agents as it may deem necessary, and to define the terms of office, and powers and duties of all such officers, committees and agents; to enact by-laws, rules and regulations; and in general to do all things that may be necessary or expedient in their opinion, for the maintenance, operation and regulation of this community chest.

The board of directors shall be composed of nine elected members, three of whom shall be elected each year for a term of three years.