

# MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

TODAY'S NEWS TODAY

MEDFORD, OREGON, MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 1931.

PHONE 75

No. 139.

### Temperature

Highest yesterday	98
Lowest this morning	53
Precipitation—	0
To 3 p. m. yesterday	0
To 3 a. m. today	0

# FIRE SWEEPING APPLEGATE

## BUILDINGS AND LIVESTOCK ARE LOST IN FLAME

### Hundreds of Fighters Sent to Scene of 25-Mile Conflagration—Farm Families Forced to Flee Homes

Fire covering approximately 5000 acres and burning along a 25-mile front continued to rage in the hills west of the Applegate valley this afternoon. One entire farm, three barns and scores of haystacks were destroyed in the flames which reached the settlements late Sunday afternoon. Hundreds of fighters were taken into the Humbug section yesterday and today to attempt to check the blaze.

So great was the force of the flames that other burns in the district are said to have been all that saved many other ranch buildings from burning. At times yesterday the flames rushed forward at a rate of 40 miles an hour. A strong wind aided in the destruction.

The fire is not burning so rapidly today, although it is still regarded as menacing.

### Home Destroyed.

The home of Jacob Nielsen on Humbug creek was completely demolished by the flames late yesterday. Members of the family were forced to flee for their lives when the fire rushed toward their home. Livestock, chickens and farm animals are reported to have perished in the flames. A small chicken house is all that remains today of what was yesterday a prosperous foothills ranch.

Barns, sheds and haystacks were destroyed on the Hansen and Pitcock ranches in the same district. Reports that the buildings on the Walters ranch burned today were denied late this afternoon in a telephone conversation with members of the family.

Scores of livestock were burned yesterday and during the night when the fire was burning most fiercely. Many were trapped on range and pasture land and others died when barns and sheds became flaming furnaces.

A. L. McCarty, state fire warden, declared this morning that only a calm day could save the loss of much property in the fire zone.

Fighter Injured.

W. LaMarr, Gold Hill, was slightly injured late yesterday when a limb

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## PRIEST RIVER FIRE COVERS THOUSANDS OF ACRES



More than 50,000 acres of forest and farm lands in eastern Washington and northern Idaho were burned over in one of the most severe fires of the season. The 116th observation squadron of the Washington national guard took this air view of the flames.

## AMERICA'S PEAR CROP FAR SHORT OF FORMER YEAR

### Indicated Production Based On Condition August 1st Given As 24,100,000 Bushels in Crop Survey

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—(AP)—Corn production this year, based on the condition of the crop Aug. 1, was estimated today by the department of agriculture at 2,775,301,000 bushels compared with 2,967,953,000 bushels indicated a month ago and 2,093,352,000 bushels produced last year.

The country's indicated wheat crop, spring and winter combined, was estimated at 893,583,000 bushels as against 909,013,000 bushels indicated a month ago and 863,430,000 bushels harvested last year.

The indicated production of the principal crops, based on their condition August 1, with the indicated production a month ago and the 1930 harvests, was:

Dinter wheat, 775,000,000 bushels, compared with 713,000,000 and 612,000,000.

Durum wheat, 23,000,000 bushels, compared with 32,000,000 and 57,000,000.

Other spring wheat 95,000,000 bushels, compared with 124,000,000 and 194,000,000.

Oats 1,170,000,000 bushels, compared with 1,306,000,000 and 1,358,000,000.

Hay (tame) 77,500,000 tons, compared with 79,100,000 and 77,800,000.

Apples, 218,000,000 bushels, compared with 211,000,000 and 164,000,000.

Peaches 77,100,000 bushels, compared with 38,400,000 and 33,700,000.

Pears 24,100,000 bushels, compared with 24,400,000 and 27,500,000.

Potatoes 371,000,000 bushels, compared with 395,000,000 and 343,000,000.

The condition of the various crops on Aug. 1 was:

Corn 76.3 per cent of a normal; durum wheat 40.1; other spring wheat 39.5, oats 70.0; hay (tame) 71.8; pasture 63.7; apples 68.9; peaches 76.5; pears 60.2; grapes 60.5; potatoes 74.3.

C. W. Coleman was given a 30-day sentence in Judge Glen O. Taylor's court this afternoon for carrying loaded firearms in his car. He pleaded guilty and was paroled. Ted Clark forfeited his \$10 bail to appear to answer a drunken charge.

Arthur Hogkins was fined \$10 for drunken driving. He was arrested early Saturday after his car had crashed into a milk truck on West Main street.

Standard Statistics reports third quarter promises better relative building record than been witnessed in either preceding three-month period of year.

## MIDWEST STATES URGE DISMISSAL RAIL RAISE PLEA

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—(AP) A petition requesting the interstate commerce commission to dismiss the application of the railroads for a fifteen per cent freight rate increase was drafted today by representatives of the regulatory commissions of six middle western states.

The draft, signed by representatives of the South Dakota, Iowa, Minnesota, Kansas, Nebraska, and North Dakota commissions, contended the federal commission was without authority to authorize the increase because of a financial emergency alone and also that the carriers had failed to make a case.

The state representatives, who termed themselves a law committee, agreed to submit a counter proposal in case their petition was denied.

Under the alternative law, the commission would deny the freight rate increases insofar as they postponed further increases on rates recently prescribed under the Hoch-Smith resolution.

## SIX MEET DEATH IN CRASH OF HUGE PASSENGER PLANE

### Engine Tears Loose When Propeller Flies Off Hub—Pilot Makes Desperate Effort to Halt Plunge

CINCINNATI, O., Aug. 10.—(AP)—A pilot's desperate struggle to halt the headlong plunge of a tri-motored airplane failed to prevent its crash yesterday, in which six persons were carried to instant death.

The plane, bound from Cincinnati to Atlanta, had just taken off from Lunken airport when the propeller of its right-side engine came off and a moment later the engine itself tore loose and hurtled to the ground.

Thrown out of control, the big passenger plane at once started its death dive. Pilot M. T. Delli, 23, of Cincinnati, frantically strove to right it.

Witnesses said Odell apparently attempted to land the plane in a corn field. Instead, however, it smashed into a clay bank, turned over nose first, tore out the entire front end, and killed all aboard.

The victims were Miss Wrenna B. Hughes, 22, Port Thomas, Ky.; William E. Keith, Atlanta, Ga.; W. H. Brimberry, Atlanta, Ga.; V. O. Baum, 39, Memphis, Tenn.; William J. DeWald, 32, Port Thomas, Ky., co-pilot, and Odell.

Airport officials said the accident was caused by a broken hub on the propeller. When the blade came off, the motor revolved at such a terrific speed its fastening bolts were unable to hold it.

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## Today's BASEBALL

National	
Chicago	R. H. E.
Pittsburgh	3 7 1
Sweetland and Hartnett; Spencer and Phillips. (No other games scheduled today).	4 5 2

## VETS' SITE CHOICE WITHIN FEW DAYS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—(AP)—General Frank T. Hines, director of veterans activities was back in Washington today after a trip to the Pacific coast where he inspected sites for the proposed two million dollar national soldiers home to be built in Oregon.

It was said today the board of federal hospitalization which will definitely decide upon the site, probably will not meet until late this week or early next week.

## BOEING TO BUILD FIGHTING PLANES

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—(AP)—The navy today awarded a contract totaling \$27,947 for 45 fighting planes and spare parts to the Boeing Airplane company of Seattle, Wash.

The planes are single seaters, equipped with Wasp engines, manufactured by Pratt & Whitney company of Hartford, Conn.

In ordering the planes, the department exercised an option held in connection with a previous contract for 30 of the same type.

## WIMER SAWMILL TO BEGIN OPERATIONS

UPPER EVANS VALLEY, Ore., Aug. 10.—(Special)—Train Brothers' sawmill at Wimer is almost completed and will be in operation sometime this week.

## PRUSSIAN REGIME HOLDS WHIP HAND BY POPULAR VOTE

### Plebiscite Leaves Government of Otto Braun Firm in Saddle Despite Coalition Effort of Radicals

BERLIN, Aug. 10.—(AP)—Chancellor Bruening and Foreign Minister Curtius returned early today from their conferences with Premier Mussolini in Rome, happy that the Prussian plebiscite failed, but regretting the attendant disorders.

The first event drew the following statement from the chancellor: "Most important of all is that three million less Prussians voted for the plebiscite than voted for the opposition parties last September. That would seem to indicate that the radical wave is ebbing. It is interesting to note that in the large industrial centers the retrogression of radicalism is most marked. Things move more slowly out in the country, the farms and in little communities."

He said the plebiscite had assumed foreign political aspects far beyond its merits and while only local issues were involved a victory for the steel helmets would have been interpreted as a vote against the government's policy of international conciliation. Its failure, therefore, gave him new courage for the difficult months ahead.

That a firm hand in the government was more essential than ever was demonstrated to the statesmen several hours before they arrived in Berlin when their train passed by the debris of Saturday night's dynamite wreck. They also were targets of national socialist hoodlumism at several stations where the nazis voiced their disappointment at the plebiscite vote by shouting "Germany awake" as the sleeping car rolled by.

The combined efforts of the communists, national socialists and nationalists to dissolve the Prussian diet and to compel new elections failed by three and a half million votes.

Though revolutionist dynamiters derailed the Basel-Berlin express and the whole of the east central district of Berlin was in a frenzy of fatal rioting, the police obtained full control of the situation.

Two police captains were slain in the Buelow Platz, communist center of Berlin, and a steelhelmet leader was killed in Cologne as a result of conflict between authorities and radicals. A score of persons were believed to be dying in Berlin as the aftermath of a night that was replete with bullets and bloodshed.

Reds Start Fight.

The battle started when communists secreted on rooftops sprayed police on patrol with bullets, killing the two officers almost instantly. The police retaliated with spasmodic gunfire and finally drove their assailants to cover with possibly a score of them severely wounded.

Return to France.

Russell Boardman and John Polansky, Americans, landed at Marseille, France, after a speedy flight from Istanbul on the way from their contact his post-noon-equipped plane. Airport officials at length despaired of his coming and shut up shop, hoping the opening of telegraph stations would reveal his safety.

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## POLICE BRUTALITIES IN OREGON ARE INFREQUENT

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—(AP)—A tale of systematized police brutality spreading over half the nation—a 10-year record of illegal law enforcement by barbarous "third degree" methods, was unfolded today by the Wickensham commission.

Asserting its duty was to lay the "naked, ugly facts" before the public, the commission crammed into a single weighty volume on "lawlessness in law enforcement" more than five score proved instances of extorted confessions.

It urged upon President Hoover new legislation, or a new constitutional amendment if necessary, to abolish "conduct so violative of the fundamental principles of constitutional liberty."

It cited the Leopold-Loeb case, in which an innocent school teacher was beaten into confession, as having focused attention upon the "third degree."

It turned to the Snook case of Ohio as showing the unfavorable reactions to a prosecutor who struck the university professor on the jaw to obtain a confession.

One case, however, the commission refused to discuss, asserting flatly that a review of the Mooney-Billings case had been decided against because of inability to examine witnesses and because a pardon for one of the men accused of the 1918 San Francisco preparedness day bombing now is under consideration.

In addition to its assault upon the "third degree," the report condemned as too prevalent cases of conscious "unfairness in prosecutions" by disreputable attorneys and judges.

The bulk of the report, written by Professor Zachariah Chafee, Jr., of Harvard, and Walter H. Pollak, and Carl H. Stern of the New York bar,

## Wire Report on the Pear Market

CHICAGO, Aug. 10.—(USDA)—(AP)—Pear auction prices, market slightly stronger; 18 California cars and 7 others arrived; 22 California and 5 others on track; 20 cars sold. California Bartlett's, 10,196 boxes; \$1.50 = 3; average \$2.10.

NEW YORK, Aug. 10.—(USDA)—(AP)—Pear auction prices, market slightly weaker; 77 cars arrived; 64 California, 1 Louisiana unloaded; 38 cars on track. California Bartlett's, 42,710 boxes; best \$2.20 = 2.90; few \$3.25; ordinary \$1.90 = 2.35; common and ripe, \$1.60 = 2; average \$2.26.

## CRAMER MISSING; LINDBERGH HELD AT POINT BARROW

### Believe Mail Route Mapper Forced Down On Waves Crossing Arctic—Girdlers Questioned by Japanese

BERGEN, Norway, Aug. 10.—(AP)—Two naval seaplanes were prepared today to assist in the search for Parker H. Cramer, American aviator reported missing somewhere along the southwest coast of Norway, but the pilots said there was not much use searching the open sea, lashed by severe storms.

(By the Associated Press)

Bad weather, mystery, homesickness, daring, embarrassment, accident: All these characterized the feats of those who cut capers along the world's always yesterday.

The Lindberghs were weather bound at Point Barrow.

Parker Cramer, American aviator, was overdue in Copenhagen on a flight across the Arctic. It was believed he might have been forced down on the waves, as he was several days ago, or that he had landed at some deserted spot in Norway and had been unable to communicate his presence.

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