

WEATHER

Rain tonight, cooler extreme south portion. Tuesday fair, rather cool.

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SOUTHERN CROSS IS NEARING SUVA

GIRL AND TWO MEN READY FOR OCEAN FLIGHT

Plane Friendship At Trepasey Bay, N. F., Ready For Hop To London

GIRL'S FATHER SAYS FLIGHT IS FOOLHARDY

Trepasey Bay, June 4.—(INS)—The trans-Atlantic plane Friendship arrived here from Halifax at 2:28 o'clock local time.

Halifax, N. S., June 4.—(U.P.)—Miss Amelia Earhart of Boston, Wilmer Stultz and Lou Gordon took off at 8:30 a.m. (EST) today for Trepasey Bay, Newfoundland, to start their trans-Atlantic flight to England. Weather conditions were excellent.

The plane Friendship was expected to reach Trepasey Bay around 1 p.m. (EST.)

Plan To Leave Today

The flyers were prepared to leave Trepasey Bay as soon as possible today, because they had received reports that Atlantic weather conditions were excellent.

Miss Earhart and her fellow-aviators boarded the plane at the harbor seaplane station. They taxied it across the water and rose gracefully to make directly for Newfoundland.

Criticized By Father

Los Angeles, June 4.—(INS)—The attempt of Amelia Earhart to fly across the Atlantic today was criticized by the father of the aviatrix as "a foolhardy, sporting venture that will not advance aviation in the slightest degree."

"But I am trying to take a philosophical view of the whole thing," said the father, Edwin S. Earhart, Los Angeles attorney and former Kansas City judge.

"If my daughter doesn't get killed in some crazy airplane flight she might die of pneumonia and that would be a more lingering end. Of course, she's a good flier," the father added with a show of pride. "She's never had any crashes although she made two forced landings. Once when she was flying over Los Angeles, an oil gauge broke and temporarily blinded her, but she got out of that alright."

Chicago Policeman Slain

Chicago, June 4.—(INS)—Policeman William O'Connor was shot and killed, another man was shot and may die in a series of holdups by a gang believed by police to be bootleggers.

INDIANA HAS 8 VIOLENT DEATHS

Accidents And Suicides Responsible For Deaths Over Week-end

(U.P.)—Violence and accidents caused eight deaths in Indiana during the week-end.

Two Anderson men committed suicide by poisoning. The victims were Captain Gortley, 40, and Edward Beeman, 37. No motive was disclosed in either case.

John Hanes, proprietor of a road house east of Fort Wayne, died from wounds inflicted by bandits Jan. 28, 1927. A bullet which lodged near his spine had never been removed and Sunday while driving his car, Hanes became paralyzed and died shortly afterwards.

John Bruse, 16, Jeffersonville, died of a bullet wound and Edward Brannan, 18, who is said to have been handling a revolver when it was discharged is in custody. Brannan declared to police that Bruse shot himself, but witnesses of the tragedy said Graham was holding the weapon according to police.

Arthur G. Knight, 19, riding a motorcycle on a trip to the Posey county court house at Mt. Vernon to obtain a marriage license, was killed when the cycle and an automobile collided.

Andrew Soins, Chicago, was killed at Hammond when struck by a New York Central train.

Ray Stilson, Portland, committed suicide by drowning in Indian Lake near Bellfontaine, Ohio. He was a disabled veteran of the World war.

Lead Farm Revolt



Governor Adam McMuilen of Nebraska, left, and Mark Wood of Lincoln, Neb., are leaders in the movement to mass 100,000 farmers at Kansas City in a huge lobby to force the Republicans to nominate a Midwest man for the presidency on a platform favorable to farmers.

DELEGATES GO TO CONVENTION

Several Adams County Delegates Leave Today For Democratic Meeting

Several Adams county delegates to the Democratic state convention left today for Indianapolis and the remainder will go to the capital city tomorrow, to attend the Tuesday and Wednesday sessions of the convention.

Raymond Harting, of this city, will act as temporary chairman of the delegation and will cast the county's vote for the various offices. It is generally conceded that Frank C. Dalley, candidate for governor, will receive all 11 of the Adams county votes, inasmuch as Dalley received a large majority in the May primary in Adams county.

There are several contests for other berths on the state ticket and in most instances the Adams county vote will be cast unanimously. In one or two instances, however, the local delegation is divided in its opinion as to who will make the best candidate.

L. R. Schug, of Berne, has been appointed a sergeant-at-arms at the state convention and other Adams county Democrats will receive committee appointments, it was announced today by Virgil Simmons, district chairman.

Several local citizens also are planning on attending the convention Wednesday, when the balloting starts. The Adams county delegation will establish headquarters at the Claypool hotel, on the second floor, in connection with state headquarters.

VAN WERT TO OPEN AIRPORT

Neighboring Ohio City To Dedicate Municipal Field Saturday, June 24

Van Wert, Ohio, June 4.—(U.P.)—Saturday, June 24 is the proposed date for the dedication of Van Wert's new municipal airport. A campaign to raise \$1,500 for staging the dedication has been started. The committee in charge of the dedication plans to bring from 15 to 20 airplanes to this city for the opening of the airport and to stage stunts and air races.

A tract of 34 acres on the Dickinson farm, just south of the corporation line has been leased for the airport by the Van Wert Clearing House. A government inspector has declared that the field is too small for the accommodation of large planes. Twenty-one acres adjoining the 34-acre tract, it is said, and if it can be secured, it is said, and if enough money is cleared from the dedication event, it is planned to lease it.

Columbia City Boy Shot By Twin Brother

Columbia City, Ind., June 4.—(U.P.)—Daniel McKinney, 11, was recovering today from the effects of a bullet wound accidentally inflicted by his twin brother, Robert, at their home in Thornecker township. The bullet entered the right shoulder. The boys were hunting rats when Robert fired a rifle and the bullet glanced from an iron pipe, striking the other boy.

Col. Lindbergh Flies Eastward From El Paso

El Paso, Tex., June 4.—(INS)—Col. Charles A. Lindbergh, who spent Sunday night here, took off from the Fort Bliss aviation field here early today and headed eastward for an unannounced destination.

Lindbergh landed during a sandstorm at 5:50 Sunday afternoon. He attempted to take off again last night but returned within 30 minutes because of an electrical storm ahead.

Col. Henry Breckenridge and Maj. Thomas Lempier accompanied Lindbergh.

MANY FARMERS TO MAKE TOUR

Large Delegation To Take Part In Dairy-Legume Tour Wednesday

A large number of Adams county farmers are expecting to attend the annual Dairy-Legume tour, next Wednesday, June 6. The tour will start at the Menno Steury farm, 3 miles north and 1 mile west of Berne, at 9:30 o'clock Wednesday morning. An additional feature has been added to the tour since it was first planned. At the Peter B. Lehman farm, a field of alfalfa will be inspected, which will illustrate the advantages of underground drainage to legume crops. This field is tilled every forty feet and the effect of good drainage can easily be seen. Mayor George Krick has arranged to have a picture taken of the entire group when the Lehman farm is visited.

Other farms that will be visited are the Rudolph Steury farm in Monroe township and the Homestead Dairy, owned by the Niblicks, which is located just east of Decatur. Some very interesting features will be seen at each stop. At 12 o'clock, a basket dinner will be served by the ladies at Belmont Park. Ice-cream and lemonade will also be available during the lunch hour. Everyone is urged to meet promptly at 9:30 o'clock on Wednesday morning, at the Menno Steury farm, so that the tour can be carried out on scheduled time.

Hangar Being Built

Fort Wayne, Ind., June 4.—(U.P.)—Erection of a hangar 90 by 120 feet at Paul Baer field, local airport, today was under consideration by the board of park commissioners.

Bandits Appear To Have Acquired Golf Habit At Indianapolis

Indianapolis, Ind., June 4.—(INS)—Have Indianapolis bandits in their recent contacts with Country clubs acquired the golf habit?

Police here today were seeking the answer to that question following the robbery of a Standard Oil filling station of \$200 here last night by a middle-aged hold-up man attired in a golf suit. Recently bandits have held up two local Country clubs.

EXTEND SEARCH FOR DIRIGIBLE

New Rescue Parties Join In Search For Missing Polar Balloon And Crew

Roscow, June 4.—(INS)—The airship Italia, missing in the Arctic for ten days, made a landing in Franz Joseph Land, according to reports current here this afternoon.

By Lars Hansen, Alternate Navigator of the Italia Written for the United Press. Kings Bay, Spitzbergen, June 4.—(U.P.)—The search for General Umberto Nobile and his crew of the Polar dirigible Italia widened today with arrival of new rescue parties in the northern regions where the Italia is believed to have landed.

Dog teams struck out over the frozen, ice-bound territory, guided by expert guides, and will go inland in hopes of rescuing the Italian explorer and his aides who have been missing for 10 days. They have hopes of finding the crew alive—possibly beating back through the trail-less land towards Kings Bay.

The whaler Braganza, chartered by the Italian government, and carrying 13 Italian Chasseurs, was proceeding north and advised the base here that she had passed Amsterdam Island shortly after midnight.

The Hobby steamed into Kings Bay at 6 a.m. today and at once landed Lieut. Luetzow Holm and the airplane in which he will make an early reconnoitering flight along the west coast.

Claims Of Five Women Poisoned By Radium To Be Settled Late Today

Newark, New Jersey, June 4.—(INS)—Federal Judge William Clark stated today following a conference at his office in an effort to settle damage suits totaling \$1,250,000 which five women, former employees have brought against the U S Radium Corporation that a settlement probably would be made this afternoon. Medical authorities have testified that the women are doomed to death.

Postmasters Convened At Fort Wayne Today

Fort Wayne, Ind., June 4.—(U.P.)—The Indiana branch of the National League of District Postmasters convened here for a two-day session. Mayor William C. Geake, of Fort Wayne, delivered the welcoming address, and was responded to by H. V. Huddleson, Sedalia, branch president.

Queen Marie To Visit United States Again

Bucharest, Roumania, June 4.—(U.P.)—Queen Marie will revisit the United States within a few months to see friends, she announced today while receiving Leon Fischer, president of the Association of Roumanian Jews in the United States.

Iowa Primary Election Is Being Held Today

Des Moines, June 4.—(U.P.)—The race of Governor John Hammill against a field of three other candidates featured the Iowa primary election today.

M. L. Bowman, of Waterloo, Hammill's chief rival as opposed to the paved road program of the governor and has based his campaign on a state bank guaranty law.

Both Hammill and Bowman forces predicted victory.

Gen. Pershing Invited

Vincennes, Ind., June 4.—(U.P.)—An invitation has been extended to Gen. John J. Pershing, U.S.A. by Vincennes Post, American Legion, to attend its Fourth of July celebration here.

UNCERTAINTY IS FELT AS G. O. P. MEETING NEARS

Republican Leaders Express Doubt As To Outcome Of National Convention

TALK OF DRAFTING COOLIDGE REVIVED

Washington, June 4.—(U.P.)—Republican leaders are looking forward to the Kansas City convention next week with uncertainty.

While managers and friends of the seven avowed candidates are professing confidence that their particular candidate will be the nominee, leaders of all factions privately express doubts as to the outcome.

The senatorial group which is fighting vigorously against Secretary of Commerce Hoover claim they can prevent his nomination. They are talking now about a "Coolidge and Curtis" ticket. They are split, however, on the question of whether Mr. Coolidge would accept if nominated.

Hoover Has Most Delegates

Hoover leaders say the Coolidge talk is inspired merely by a desire to beat Hoover and that Mr. Coolidge would not accept the nomination if it was tendered.

Hoover is credited with 277 instructed and 105 uninstructed delegates. His accepted total of 382 outmeasures any of the other candidates. Frank Lowden of Illinois is second with 215 of which 143 are instructed and 72 uninstructed.

With 545 needed for the nomination and all delegates selected, Hoover's friends find him 163 votes short. They claim he will develop these necessary votes after the early balloting. Elimination of the native son candidates will bring him strength, they say.

His opponents contend, however, that his present standing represents his maximum strength. They believe Hoover's nomination can at least be staved off in the early balloting. They expect that if Hoover fails to attain a majority a coup will be attempted by Republican leaders who are known to be quietly working for renomination of President Coolidge.

Republican leaders are less prone to fight out their differences in the open than the Democrats. The Dawes-Watson-Lowden camp group say they do not believe Hoover can win. They feel certain Mr. Coolidge can. The believe their own interests and the interests of the party can be served best by forcing Mr. Coolidge's nomination.

TRUSTEES HOLD MEETING TODAY

Plans Made For County Commencement; Picnic Planned For June 7

Final plans for the annual Adams county eighth grade commencement were made at a meeting of the township trustees, held in the office of the county superintendent of schools, Clifford E. Striker, this morning. The commencement will be held in the Decatur high school auditorium at 2 o'clock on the afternoon of June 14. Diplomas will be awarded to approximately 200 pupils. A. C. Martin, of Goshen, will deliver the commencement address.

The trustees today voted to adopt a uniform report card for the grade schools of the county. The rural high schools already use a uniform report card.

To Hold Picnic

Arrangements are being made for a picnic for the trustees and extranees of Adams county, to be held at the home of Charles C. Arnold, of Kirkland township, next Thursday, June 7. The present trustees and their immediate predecessors are sponsoring the picnic.

Wabash Graduates 67

Crawfordsville, Ind., June 4.—(U.P.)—Sixty-seven graduates of Wabash College here received diplomas today at the college's nineteenth commencement.

Kills Own Babe



Mrs. Belle Britten of Leyden, Ill., above, accidentally killed her baby, shown below, when the tot toddled after her as she went to the garage for her car. The baby was crushed when her mother backed the car out.

AGED FARMER DIES SUNDAY

Fredrick Schaeffer, 88, Dies At Home Of Son West Of Decatur

Frederick Schaeffer, 88, Adams county resident for many years, died at the home of his son Fred Schaeffer, west of Decatur, at 10 o'clock Sunday morning. Death was due to infirmities and a complication of diseases.

Mr. Schaeffer was born in Germany, August 25, 1839. He was a son of John and Elizabeth Schaeffer. When a young man, Mr. Schaeffer came to this country and has resided here since. He followed the profession of a farmer for many years. The last few years, Mr. Schaeffer has been residing with his son Fred, in Adams county.

Surviving, besides the son Fred, is a son, Godfrey Schaeffer, of Germany. Seventeen grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren also survive. The wife preceded Mr. Schaeffer in death several years ago.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock at the home of a son, at 10:30 o'clock at the Christian Apostolic church. Burial will be made in the church cemetery.

FATHER COLLINS TO LEAVE CITY

Assistant Pastor Of Catholic Church Here Assigned To Rome City Post

The Rev. Father William Collins, C. P. S., who has served as assistant pastor of St. Marys Catholic church in this city for the past six months, will leave Tuesday or Wednesday for Rome City. Father Collins has been assigned as chaplain protem at the chapel at Kneipp's sanitarium. He will be stationed there for sometime. Father Collins has made many friends here during his short stay and has been an active worker in the congregation.

The Rev. Father Joseph Hession, who has been acting as pastor of St. Marys church since the Rev. Father Julius A. Seimet, pastor, took a leave of absence last fall, will secure a temporary assistant. Father Seimet hopes to return to his parish here as soon as his health permits.

PLANE BATTLES ELEMENTS OVER LAST 800 MILES

Australia-Bound Monoplane Hits Storms Over Southern Sea

GRAPHIC STORY TOLD BY PLANE'S RADIO

Honolulu, June 4.—(INS)—The Australia-bound monoplane Southern Cross, with four men aboard, was fighting a thrilling battle with the elements on the last 800 miles of its 3,100-mile dash from Hawaii to Suva, Fiji Islands, according to messages from the plane picked up here today by the Radio Corporation of America.

At 7:02 a. m., Island time, Operator James Warner on the Southern Cross flashed the following: "We are hitting storm clouds now. Just gray dawn and Pilot Smith maneuvering as if in combat with the elements. Its rough riding."

Real Storms Encountered

At 7:15 a. m., another message was received, continuing the graphic tale of the battle of the plane with the elements. It read: "Clouds every way we turn. Black clouds under us. Real stormy, but we are riding high at 8,500 feet."

Apparently Capt. Kingsford-Smith decided to attempt to find better flying conditions nearer the surface of the ocean. The next message at 7:30 a. m. said: "Descending, 2,000 feet," and five minutes later: "We are down to 800 feet. Stiff breeze blowing." Another message picked up later said: "Have to maneuver around some of the worst looking clouds. Its up and down. We are dropping near surface now. Three thousand feet."

This was taken to indicate that the pilot was maneuvering his plane through the storm formation by hastily changing altitude.

By H. R. Ekin, UP Staff Correspondent

Honolulu, June 4.—(U.P.)—Menaced by tropical storms and motor trouble, the monoplane Southern Cross today blazed a new air trail over the south seas.

Although Capt. Charles Kingsford-Smith and his three companions assured the outside world that they were "pioneering right along" their radio messages revealed dangers which might at any moment spell disaster to their pioneering California-to-Australia flight.

Capt. Kingsford-Smith and his three (CONTINUED ON PAGE TWO)

REVIEW BOARD OPENS SESSION

County Commissioners Also Meet At Court House Today

The county board of review convened this morning and at noon started to go over the personal property assessments and verify the assessments and totals as turned in by the township assessors. Later, the board will take up the real estate assessments.

The real estate assessments were not taken up today for the reason that County Auditor Martin Jaberg could not attend the meeting, due to the meeting of the county commissioners. Tentative figures show that the average assessment for farm lands, including improvements thereon, average about \$76 per acre.

Commissioners Are Meetings

The county commissioners met in session this morning and devoted the forenoon to the checking up and allowing of bills. The bills for the primary election expense were allowed at today's meeting. The board will be in session again Tuesday, at which time bids for constructing six macadam roads will be received and contracts let for them. Bids will also be received for the county's winter supply of coal and for trucks for the county highway department.

Gets Threatening Letter

Diako, Ind., June 4.—(U.P.)—A letter demanding \$500 and signed "the gang" has been received by J. A. Gregg, postmaster here. The letter threatened death unless the money was left under some burdock plants near the post-office.