

WEATHER
Mostly cloudy and
unsettled tonight and
Friday. Probably lo-
cal thunder storms
and cooler Friday in
North portion.

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INCREASE IN ASSESSMENTS ORDERED

British Trans-Atlantic Fliers Forced Down In Mid-Ocean

CAPT. COURTNEY
AND COMPANIONS
CALL FOR HELP

Five Steamships Rush To
Aid Of Stranded Fliers
500 Miles West Of Azores

NO IMMEDIATE DANGER
ACCORDING TO REPORT

BULLETIN
Aboard S. S. Columbus, via
Chatham, Mass., radio station.
—Aug. 2. (5 p. m.)—The S. S.
Winnewaska rescued Captain
Frank C. Courtney and three
other members of his seaplane,
the Whale, late this afternoon,
according to a wireless message
from the Winnewaska intercept-
ed by the S. S. Columbus. The
seaplane was sighted by the
Winnewaska at latitude 42.27
north and longitude 39.05 west,
having drifted a considerable
distance from the spot 500 miles
west of the Azores where it had
fallen into the Atlantic ocean
this morning on its flight from
the Azores to Halifax.

New York, Aug. 2.—(INS)—
The following radiogram was
received this afternoon from the
radio Marine corporation
wireless station at Chatham,
Mass.

"Informed that steamship
President Hayes is on position
given by Courtney plane and is
now in search for it."

New York, August 2.—(INS)—A fleet
of at least five trans-Atlantic steam-
ships are rushing today to the aid of
Captain Frank T. Courtney and his
three companions, whose seaplane was
forced down into the ocean approxi-
mately 500 miles west of the Azores
while attempting a 1,800 mile flight
from Horta to Newfoundland.

The rescue fleet includes: The
President Hayes, Minnewaska, Columbus,
Cedric and Celtic.

The liner Franconia notified British
wireless stations that Courtney and
his fliers were in no immediate danger
and that the Celtic and Cedric
were going to their assistance.

Capt. Courtney accompanied by E.
R. Hosmer, Montreal banker, Fred
Pierce, mechanic, and E. W. Gilmore,
radio operator, left Horta today at
1:35 a.m., EST., after waiting there
for more than a month since their
flight from Lisbon on June 13. They
intended to fly to Newfoundland and
then down the coast to New York,
completing the first westward crossing
of the Atlantic with a stop in the
Azores.

SPANISH FLIERS
FORCED TO LAND

Franco And Companions
Forced Down At La Rabida
By Engine Trouble

Port of Huelva, Spain, August 2.—
Riding the surf at the Little Port
of La Rabida, where Christopher
Columbus started on the voyage that
resulted in discovery of America, the
damaged seaplane Numancia waited
today to start on a more modern method
to reach that same America.

The plane, piloted by Commandant
Ramon Franco, was forced to land at
La Rabida yesterday morning after
having started from Cadiz on the first
part of an around the world flight.

Engine trouble developing in the
first hour of the flight from Cadiz—
A flight that was to have its first ter-
mination at Horta, Azores—was believed
responsible for the forced landing at
La Rabida.

Franco and his companions—Captain
Raiz De Alida, Captain Emilio Gallarza
and mechanic Pablo Rada—remained
secluded after landing. They indicated
they desired to start again for the
Azores as soon as was possible.

The Numancia—a four motored Dorn-
ier-Wal plane—had difficulty in tak-
ing off with its heavy load yesterday,
functioning perfectly.

The craft carried a radio and ex-
pected to report regular programs en-
route to the Azores and then to New-
foundland. But the reports were not
forthcoming.

Mrs. Coolidge Unveils Memorial



Photo shows Mrs. Calvin Coolidge unveiling a memorial tablet as part of the dedication ceremonies in honor of William Colvill, leader of the famous First Minnesota Volunteers and a Gettysburg hero, at Cannon Falls, Minn. Twenty thousand persons were there to pay respects to the heretofore unsung Colvill and to the Coolidges.

SEN. WATSON TO
VISIT DECATUR

Indiana's Senior U. S. Senator
To Be Here On Tues-
day Of Old Home Week

Senator James E. Watson, senior
United States senator from Indiana,
has accepted an invitation extended
to him by the Old Home Week committee
to be present on "Limberlost Day"
which will be observed in connection
with Old Home Week, as a tribute to the
late Gene Stratton-Porter, former
Adams county author. Senator Watson's
letter of acceptance is as follows:

United States Senator
Committee on Interstate Commerce
July 30, 1928.
"Old Home Week".
Decatur, Indiana.

My Dear Quinn: Answering yours of
recent date, permit me to say that I
shall be pleased to be present on the
occasion to which you invite me, September
11th, and shall consider it a
privilege to do so.

To making many books there is no
end, but some live on for generations
because of their true worth. And those
given to our country by Mrs. Gene
Stratton-Porter have woven into them
that quality of literature that will always
appeal to students of language,
intermingled with that love of nature
that always will appeal to those who
see things in this life in their right
relations and in their true proportions.

Your efforts to memorialize her work
and worth, her genius and achievements
are most commendable and should receive
the sincere support and the genuine cooperation
of all those people of our State interested in keeping
Indiana to the front in all matters
pertaining to literature.

I thank you for the privilege afforded
me and shall consider myself fortunate
to avail myself of this opportunity.

Very sincerely,
James E. Watson

Gov. Jackson Visits
Pokagon State Park

Indianapolis, August 2.—(UPI)—Governor
Ed Jackson was to leave here today
for Pokagon State Park, Lake
James. He is to attend the celebration
of the opening of state road No. 29
between Lagrange and the Steuben
County line.

Later he is to join his family at
Dunes state park. On August 15 the
Governor is scheduled to review Indiana
National Guard troops in training
at Camp Knox.

Attendance At Epworth
League Institute Is Large

Warsaw, Ind., August 2.—(UPI)—A
new attendance record was expected
today at the annual Epworth League
Institute at Webster Lake. Six northern
Indiana Methodist conference districts
are sponsoring the meeting.

Forty-six classes are being conduct-
ed under the leadership of Dr. W. T.
Arnold, dean of the Institute.

County Jail Is Empty
First Time For Months;
Sheriff Is Lonesome

Sheriff Harl "Spot" Hollingsworth
and family found life lonely
around the Adams county jail this
afternoon. For the first time since
many months ago, the county jail
is now empty—that is, it was empty
when this story was written.

The jail became empty about 10
o'clock this morning, when the
sheriff of Lake county removed
Robert Lee Wheatley and his wife,
Gladys Wheatley, from the local
jail to the Lake county jail.

The local jail has been occupied
by a large number of prisoners during
the last several months. During
the month of July, the prisoners' board
bill was more than \$81. The county
pays the sheriff twenty cents per
meal per prisoner.

ANOTHER LETTER
SENT TO SHERIFF

Mysterious Writer Sends
Second Letter Offering
Details About Murder

Huntington, Ind., Aug. 2.—
(INS)—Another letter from the
mysterious writer who signs
himself "George C. Claudson,"
and who claims to know the
details of the strange murder of
Mrs. Pearl Ballard, 31, of Muskegon,
Mich., whose battered
body was found near Roanoke,
Ind., July 17, was received today
by Sheriff Garl Rudicel.

The letter was written from the
Keenan Hotel at Fort Wayne, Ind.
The writer asserted that Mrs. Ballard
died on the road between Fort
Wayne and Roanoke, declared "McKey"
Alfee, suspect in the case, was
innocent and offered to surrender if
assured of fair play. An answer
through the Cleveland, Ohio, Plain-
Dealer was requested.

Another Received July 25

This was the second letter the mysteri-
ous "Claudson" has written to Sheriff
Rudicel. The first reached the
sheriff July 25 from the Statler Hotel
in Cleveland.

In the letter today, the writer said
he had been in Huntington to give
himself up, but had decided he would
get a better deal at the hands of
Cleveland police.

Sheriff Rudicel said in his answer
to the first letter that the writer would
be given fair play and every chance
to prove his innocence, was his only
reply to today's communication. The
sheriff expressed the belief that the
letters either were the work of Alfee
himself or of some crank. The sher-
iff forwarded the envelope in which
today's letter came to Fort Wayne
police, to compare with the writing
on the Keenan Hotel register.

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REVIVE REQUEST
FOR NEW DEPOT

Movement To Obtain New
Nickel Plate Station
Here Started Again

Fire Destroys Power
Station Of WAIU Today

Columbus, Ohio, August 2—Fire be-
lieved to have been started by a short
circuit, destroyed the 5,000 watt power
station of WAIU, local radio broad-
casting station, at a loss of approxi-
mately \$100,000.

TWO WOMEN HURT
IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Two Cars Collide Northeast
Of Berne This Morning;
One Car Wrecked

Berne, August 2—(Special)—Mrs.

Melda Dro, of Berne, and Mrs. Ice, of

New Castle, sustained injuries about

6:30 o'clock this morning, in an auto-

mobile collision which occurred one

mile east and five miles north of here.

The Ford sedan in which the two women

were riding, with Mrs. Dro driving

collided with a car driven by Mr. Rice

residing east of Monroe.

The Dro turned over twice and

was a complete wreck. Mrs. Dro had

cuts on her left arm and shoulder

which required ten stitches to close.

Mrs. Ice was badly bruised. Mr. Rice

escaped with bruises and a few minor

cuts, but his car was damaged. The

two women were enroute to Bucyrus

and Fremont, Ohio, for a visit.

The still which exploded was one of

a group. The still next to it had caught

fire. Every witness said it appeared

that the bottom of this still dropped

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