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WEATHER
Yesterday... 75
Last night... 40
Tonight and Thursday...

WEST VIRGINIA STRANGLES CAMORRIST TERROR

BODY REIGN OF TERROR WAS CARRIED ON BY RUFFIANS WHO KILLED LIKE "HIRED HESSIANS"

First Inside Story of How a Blood-Thirsty Group of Italian Desperadoes Were Rounded Up and Brought to Justice in a Dramatic Fight

EDITOR'S NOTE—Twenty murders have been blamed on a secret Black Hand organization with its headquarters in Virginia. The long arm of the law now has this band in its grasp and International News Service herewith presents the details of a series of stories revealing in detail the infamous activities of this band, who murdered for gold or vengeance and regard for American laws and institutions.

(By International News Service.)
CHARLESTON, W. Va., April 25.—A gigantic attempt to overthrow the United States government by the Italian Camorristas has been doomed to failure by the application of "mountain justice" in West Virginia. Ten identified Camorristas—all alleged blood brothers of the Black Hand organization—in custody, three already sentenced to death and more sought on murder warrants, the famed "mountain justice" of this State has brought to an abrupt end a years' "rule of terror" across sections of Pennsylvania, Maryland and West Virginia.

A score of murders have been chalked up to this band of desperadoes who brought to America the secret plotting of Rome's Mafia murder society. Bomb explosions, the kidnaping of an American woman and widespread intimidation were indulged in by the Camorristas with a total disregard for American laws and institutions.

Black Handers had their headquarters in this county, according to authorities, but were planning their terrorist rule over the entire West Virginia. They had in Indiana on one excursion and frequently into Pennsylvania to kidnap and threaten, blackmail, or kill as the circumstances demanded.

Stain in Cold Blood.
The murders were committed in this county. They were started in 1919 when John Lecaiva, driver, was slain at the wheel of a motor car. There was no trace of his murderer. Later told of an attempt to threaten, blackmail, or kill as the circumstances demanded.

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Start Check of Local Utilities
Engineer C. E. Biss, of the California-Oregon Power company, arrived in Roseburg today to start the inventory and appraisal of the local water and light company's plant. The California-Oregon company is negotiating with the Douglas County Light and Water company with a view of taking over the control of the local utility. Mr. Biss will make a complete investigation and upon his report the final negotiations will depend. He was accompanied by J. C. Thompson who assisted him in starting the work which will take several weeks.

GARLAND LOSES HIS SUIT AGAINST HALL

(By United Press.)
PORTLAND, April 25.—After an hour and half of deliberation Tuesday night the jury returned a sealed verdict in the case of Tom Garland's suit for \$52,500 damage against Charles Hall and R. R. Coster, which when opened this morning revealed a verdict unfavorable to Garland. He had claimed damage to his personal and business reputation because Hall, who was republican candidate for governor in the May primaries last year, published his name in the list of illegal voters following the recount in the contested election.

LIBRARY FUND DRIVE TO START

Residents of Roseburg and Vicinity Will Be Asked to Subscribe for Building

WILL SAVE MUCH TIME

Special Election Proposal Held to Be a Delaying Process—Believe People Will Provide Money

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce last Monday evening with the Committee of the Public Library Board and of the Roseburg Women's club, it was decided to conduct an immediate campaign to raise a sufficient amount of money with which to construct a public library building for Roseburg. George Neuner, Jr., was selected to act as chairman to conduct the drive with full power to select his own committee or assistants.

When interviewed regarding the matter this morning, Mr. Neuner made the following statement: "The matter of a public library building has been a burning question for several years past. I am wholly in sympathy with the campaign to raise a sufficient amount of money which will insure the building at an early date, and the most expedient method for getting the necessary funds, in my opinion, would be to call upon the citizens of Roseburg to subscribe the necessary funds therefor, according to their means and ability to pay. It has been suggested that this money be raised by taxation. I cannot see the necessity of incurring the expense of an election for surely the citizens of Roseburg are awake to the fact of the need of an institution of this kind and already realize that it cannot be had without the necessary funds. Any person in doubt as to the need of a public library building should visit the present makeshift of a library in the town and it would convince the most skeptical. I am reliably informed that there are boys and girls in this city who have read practically every book in the library. This of itself should be sufficient evidence of the need for the building and equipment to accommodate the needs of the general public.

"I am optimistic and feel that there are as many public spirited citizens in Roseburg as there are in any other town, and I am sure that they will not fail us in this effort. "The women of this town have loyally fostered and encouraged this movement until, by their own efforts, they have paid for and presented to the city a deed for a site for this library building. They also have cash in the bank and subscriptions pledged, amounting to \$3000, toward a building. Surely, we can raise an additional \$500 or \$6000 which will give us a building that every person, young or old, rich or poor, will be proud of.

"Within the next ten days you will be presented with a subscription list. We are going to ask you, and each of you, to contribute something. We want each man and woman in Roseburg to have an interest in the library and, while we do not want you to deprive yourself or family of any necessity, yet we want you to contribute something in order that you may be counted as having aided in the construction of this institution not only for the boy and girl of the city but the citizen of tomorrow. At the proper time you will be appraised of when a solicitor will write upon you. Please do not fail us in this final appeal for this much needed civic institution."

CELEBRATION TOMORROW

A large delegation of Odd Fellows will go to Hiddle tomorrow for the 10th anniversary celebration. An all-day program is to be given with a box lunch at noon and a safe dinner supper in the evening. Arrangements have been made for a very interesting time and the local members of the lodge are looking forward with great pleasure to tomorrow's entertainment.

SUGAR PRICE IS BOOSTED UP TODAY

SAN FRANCISCO, April 25.—The California-Hawaiian Sugar Company today announced an increase of 40 cents per hundred pounds in the price of sugar today.

LOGGERS QUIT JOB

ABERDEEN, Wn., April 25.—Obeying the I. W. W. strike call, the loggers in 27 camps in the Grays Harbor district struck today. The leaders say 2000 quit and that another 1000 will quit tomorrow. The loggers in the largest log operations in the harbor district did not walk out. The strikers presented no demands. They announced it was their aim to effect the release of the wartime prisoners and obtain pardons for the I. W. W. convicted in connection with Centralia Armistice day killings. About 50 per cent of the waterfront workers also quit today.

FORTY MILLION DOLLARS EXPENDED

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, April 25.—About forty million of the \$56,589,000 appropriated by congress under protest of the budget bureau for the improvement of rivers and harbors have already been allotted by secretary Weeks and the remainder will be distributed among the various projects. The budget director had recommended an appropriation of only \$27,000,000 and it had been intimated that the administration might hold the expenditures to that figure.

DEFER INJUNCTION GRANTED TO ROADS

(By United Press.)
WASHINGTON, April 25.—The interstate commerce commission today deferred the injunction granted the 49 eastern railroads by the Boston federal court yesterday, restraining it from compelling the roads to commence the sale of interchangeable coupon books, on May 1st and ordered this sale postponed until January 1st, 1924. The books would cut the rates 20 per cent for constant users of the railroads. The railroads contended their sale would entail the serious curtailment of revenues.

DECLARES SHE IS NOT HAMMER SLAYER

(By United Press.)
SAN SALVADOR, April 25.—A woman giving her name as Mrs. R. M. Young, arrested in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, in the belief that she was Clara Phillips, escaped hammer murderer, will fight extradition to the United States. She claims she is not Mrs. Phillips.

SUSPECT INTERVIEWED IN PRISON

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras, April 25.—In an interview with a United Press correspondent today the woman, the authorities claim to be Mrs. Clara Phillips, vigorously denied her identity, saying that she was Mrs. Jesse Carson. She was reluctant to talk at all. She raved against the authorities for arresting her and appeared shocked and highly angry when asked what she thought of the United States courts. She said she had no plans.

ROYAL WEDDINGS TOO COSTLY

LONDON, April 25.—The British Socialist today warned that the extravagance involved in the royal wedding of the Duke of York and Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon tomorrow is leading to a "bloody revolution or an economic collapse."

W. W. STRIKE IS CALLED IN SEAPORTS

(Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, April 25.—While police picketed the waterfront preserving comparative quiet which ushered in the strike of the Marine Transport Workers division of the I. W. W. the officials of the organization claim 90,000 workers, reported receiving messages from other seaport officials, saying the strike was highly effective at Boston, San Pedro, California, Seattle, San Francisco, Portland and New Orleans.

Quiet in Portland.
PORTLAND, April 25.—All of the members of the transport workers on ships arriving here will be called out and the strike will be 100 per cent effective, according to a statement by William Ford, spokesman for the union here. The waterfront was quiet here early today.

WILL DEVELOP SUNSHINE RANCH

One of the Owners Here Today to Make Inspection of Property

IS EMPLOYED IN SIAM

Standard Oil Representative Reaches Roseburg Today on Way Home to Spend Summer Furlough

H. D. Warner, Standard Oil representative in Siam, arrived in Roseburg last night and is the guest of A. T. Lawrence, manager of Sunshine ranch. Mr. Warner is one of the owners of the Sunshine ranch property and is making a trip of inspection prior to his return to his home in Minneapolis where he will report his findings to the stockholders, who are planning on the immediate improvement and development of the ranch property. Mr. Warner is on a three-month's leave of absence which he will spend at his home in Minneapolis. His wife will meet him in Seattle for which place he will leave this evening.

Sunshine ranch is composed of 2000 acres of land having a two mile frontage on the North Umpqua river, its eastern boundary starting just below Whistler's Bend. It is owned by a group of Minneapolis business men who are holding the property for the purpose of making it their home after they retire from active business life. A section several hundred feet deep and fronting along the river for 1 1/2 miles has been cut up into building lots and these financiers each own several lots upon which they propose to erect homes.

Several of them expect to come to Oregon within the very near future and at the meeting of the stockholders in the near future, it is planned to decide up on the policy to be adopted. The land near the river is to be set aside for the fruit orchards. Forty acres of prunes are already in bearing and are producing heavily. It is anticipated that several hundred acres will eventually be devoted to prunes.

LOCAL ORCHESTRA TO SPONSOR DANCE

On next Saturday night the Umpqua Five orchestra, consisting of six pieces, will sponsor the regular Saturday night dance at the Macabee Hall. The local boys the planning on a wonderful evening for the dancers and several new features will be introduced to provide pep for the affair. The Umpqua Five orchestra on next Saturday night will feature their new orchestration "Romany Love" one of the most beautiful fox trots of the season.

MILL STREET HOME BURNED

John Livingstone Residence Destroyed by Disastrous Midnight Fire

ONE FIREMAN IS HURT

Lawrence Taggart Receives Sprained Ankle While Fighting Fire—Family Left Yesterday for Portland

The residence building owned by John Livingstone and occupied by Gus Lau and family, was totally destroyed by fire last night. The building was located on Mill street at the foot of the city and was so far gone before the fire was discovered that there was no chance to save the structure or its contents.

The house was one of the oldest in that part of town and until very recently was occupied by Mr. Livingstone. He recently moved to the home of his daughter near town, and the house was rented by Mr. Lau. The latter had procured work in Portland and left for the metropolis yesterday morning to take up his new work.

The daughter Bertha remained in Roseburg to attend an important meeting of an organization of which she is a member and last night shortly after 11 o'clock took the northbound train. It is thought that she left a fire in the stove, which resulted in the destruction of the house, but this is not definitely known.

About an hour after her departure the fire broke out in the lower part of the house and spread rapidly. The age of the building, coupled with the fact that it is located near the railroad where the vapors from passing engines reached it, caused the house to burn very rapidly, and within a few moments the entire structure was ablaze.

There was some loss of time, owing to the fact that two inexperienced firemen, not knowing the location of the fire hydrant, failed to get the proper connection, forcing other firemen to break the hose line and carry the end to another hydrant and later couple two more lengths of hose. Three lines of hose were used altogether, in addition to chemical. The pressure was good and the firemen made quick work of extinguishing the fire after they got into action, but the building was too far gone to permit saving anything of value.

Lawrence Taggart, a member of the fire department, received a badly sprained ankle when he stepped into a hole. The injury will prevent him from carrying on his work with the Standard Oil Company for several days.

Although a portion of the building still stands, the house is a complete loss. As the fire had reached all portions of the house before being discovered, it was also impossible to save any of the furniture. It is not known whether or not insurance was carried.

NAVY DESERTER SAYS HE KILLED RABBI

PHOENIX, Ariz., April 25.—Gladwell G. Richardson, alleged navy deserter, confessed today to slaying Rabbi Alfred C. Lefko, in a San Francisco hotel on April 15th in a statement to Assessor County Attorney Louis Hart.

BANDITS ESCAPE WITH BONDED BOOZE

ST. LOUIS, April 25.—Seven bandits, their leader disguised as a policeman, today raided the government warehouse here and escaped with 50 barrels of bonded whiskey worth \$100,000. The guards were bound and gagged and a truck backed up to the door where the barrels were rolled aboard. The truck departed at high speed.

Has Fine Tulips—J. W. Perkins, whose fine tulip beds are a revelation to lovers of flowers, presented the office with a large bunch of the beautiful flowers yesterday. The tulips were of a brilliant red and caused much comment when shown in the widow today.