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Lowest temperature last night...54
Fair tonight and Wednesday.

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FOREST FIRES NUMEROUS BUT SOON SUBDUED

Prompt Action Localizes Nearly All Blazes in Umpqua Region.

OVER 40 REPORTED

Hazard Is Concurrent With Continued Warm Wave, But Fighters Are Kept Ready.

A string of more than 40 forest fires, extending in a belt about 12 miles in width from one end of the Umpqua National forest to the other, is reported today by Forest Supervisor Carl Neal.

With the exception of two of these fires are quite small and are nearly all under control. One fire, in the Horsehead territory, on the head of Steamboat creek, is about 150 acres in size.

George Bonebrake, assistant supervisor, is leaving today for Bohemia to aid in the fight against the big fire there.

Weather is Handicapped. Climatic conditions could not be worse, Supervisor Neal says, and he frankly admits that the present situation has the forest service worried.

The Douglas County fire patrol's report is quite encouraging by contrast. The Stouts creek fire started a rapid spread last night and covered over 50 acres before being halted.

Only one new fire was reported, that being located near the S. P. right of way at Dow creek in Cow Creek canyon.

Trusty Escapes in Fire. SALEM, Ore., July 13.—Thirty acres of wheat and oats, most of it the property of the state penitentiary, was destroyed by fire on the Turner road, three miles southeast of Salem, yesterday afternoon.

The burglar entered the store through a skylight, took the cash from the register, grabbed the beads from a counter overlooking several hundred dollars worth of pearls and other jewelry and made his escape by breaking the window in the back door.

DECISION IN AUTO TRUCK CASE COSTS OREGON BIG SUM

SALEM, Ore., July 13.—The Public Service Commission will lose revenues estimated roughly at more than \$10,000 a year through an opinion of the supreme court today in which it is held that automobile carriers operating under private contracts are not common carriers, and do not come under the so-called automobile transportation act.

Jap Tells Of Manhandling By Toledo Mob

Incidents of the deportation of Japanese men and women from Toledo, Oregon, year ago by a mob were described today in Federal Judge Wolverton's court, where five Japanese are suing for an aggregate of \$130,000 damages, claimed because they were evicted from their homes.

Ogura, one of the Japanese, told B. A. Green, defense attorney, that he had seen a "policeman" with the crowd when it swarmed into the Japanese camp at the Pacific Spruce Corporation mills on Sunday, July 12, 1925.

FRANCE SETTLES (ON PAPER) DEBTS DUE THE BRITISH

LONDON, July 13.—The settlement signed in London yesterday by Finance Minister Caillaux covers not only the French war debt but virtually all the outstanding accounts between Great Britain and France.

The French payments, he said, would be £4,000,000, £6,000,000 and £10,000,000, rising to £12,000,000 annually, the last named figure being reached in 1930.

Mr. Churchill said that this provision in no way invalidated the responsibility of France. It only gave her the right in certain circumstances to ask for a review. The British right to reopen the case remained.

BURGLAR IN HASTE GETS LITTLE LOOT IN JEWELRY SHOP

LA GRANDE, Ore., July 13.—Police here today are searching for the person who entered the J. H. Peare jewelry store last night and escaped with about \$2 in cash and about \$60 worth of rosary beads.

MORRIS GOLDSTEIN CAN AGAIN PRACTICE LAW

SALEM, Ore., July 13.—Morris A. Goldstein, Portland attorney, who some time ago was disbarred for conduct unbecoming an attorney in connection with the forfeiture of a bond in the district court, was today reinstated as an attorney by the supreme court on petition and recommendation of the grievance committee of the Multnomah Bar association.

RELIEF WORK IS COMMENCED IN RUINED REGION

350 Families Homeless as Result of Destruction of Naval Arsenal.

DEATH TOTAL NOW 19

False Reports of Further Explosions Alarm Host of Refugees—Scene of Desolation.

NEW YORK, July 13.—Revised list of the victims of the explosion of the Lake Denmark, N. J., naval arsenal this afternoon showed 15 identified and four unidentified dead taken from the devastated area.

DOVER, N. J., July 13.—Cessation of bombardment by shells warranted uninterrupted recovery of the dead and help to the living of New Jersey's peace-time battlefield.

Several hundred soldiers and marines were on duty about the Lake Denmark naval depot in search for additional victims of exploding ammunition, which, after a flash of lightning Saturday afternoon, reduced the depot and miles of surrounding country to ruin.

From a "no man's land" due to an act of nature there had been brought in today parts of 17 bodies, ten of which were identified through records sent from Washington by airplane.

Brigadier General Hugh A. Drum, in charge of patrols and rescue work, was of the opinion today, however, that danger from further explosions was past.

Bodies were taken to the naval hospital in Brooklyn and put beside those of other men of the navy who perished on duty in peace time—the victims of the submarine S-51. With few exceptions, finger prints and other minute records were necessary in the work of identification.

Two boards will be named by Secretary Wilbur to investigate the explosion which, aside from the loss of life, destroyed fifty buildings and seriously damaged four hundred others, and made 350 families homeless.

Residents of the sector within a radius of ten miles have not yet outlined the reign of terror. The evacuated territory was closed to the refugees and at night Dover police were kept busy denying rumors that a big blast was momentarily expected.

At Netcong and Port Morris there was special apprehension and in the former town a number of citizens were urged to "flee for their lives" by an unidentified man reported to have spread the alarm as he drove out of town.

WASHINGTON, July 13.—The bodies of four of those who lost their lives on the submarine S-51 were brought here today for burial at Arlington.

CANADIAN FORECAST IS LESS WHEAT THIS YEAR

CHICAGO, July 13.—According to the Canadian government report, the probable wheat yield in Canada will be about 349,000,000 bushels as against 411,000,000 harvested last year. In addition to this report, traders were alarmed by heavy rains interfering with the harvest of the United States winter wheat in the northwest.

NURMI SETS NEW MARK.

STOCKHOLM, July 13.—Paavo Nurmi, famous Finnish runner, established what was claimed as a new world record this evening when he covered three thousand meters in 8 minutes 29 4/10 seconds. The old record was 8 minutes 25 4/10 seconds.

SIGNATURE OF PRESIDENT COOLIDGE IS AFFIXED TO TAX REFUNDING MEASURE

Action Crowns With Success Legislative Procedure That Pays to Oregon Counties Nearly Five Million Dollars, Over One-Third of Which Will Come to Douglas.

WASHINGTON, July 13.—President Coolidge has signed the bill to reimburse eighteen Oregon and Washington counties for taxes lost through railroad land grants.

The bill would reimburse the government for taxes advanced to the counties out of money derived from the sale of land.

MEDFORD, Ore., July 13.—A telegram to the Mail Tribune from W. H. Gore, of this city, Jackson county representative in the Oregon-California tax bill at Washington, D. C., reads: "The president has signed the bill."

The Roseburg News-Review this afternoon received the following wire direct from Senator Robert N. Stanfield at Washington, D. C.:

"President Coolidge has signed the O. and C. tax relief bill and it is now a law. (Signed) 'ROBERT N. STANFIELD.' U. S. Senator.

Table listing tax refunding amounts for various Oregon counties: Benton \$230,000, Clackamas \$347,000, Columbia \$111,000, Coos \$422,000, Curry \$22,000, Douglas \$1,085,000, Jackson \$756,000, Josephine \$379,000, Lincoln \$22,000, Lane \$226,000, Linn \$129,000, Marion \$10,000, Multnomah \$38,000, Polk \$465,000, Tillamook \$50,000, Washington \$50,000, Yamhill \$50,000, Clatsop \$125,000. Total \$4,907,000.

These figures are merely estimates of the amount due the various counties and the actual figures will be somewhat in excess of the amounts named, it is believed, as the figures are based on the taxes paid in 1916 while in nearly every county taxes have increased considerably during the past 10 years.

REPUBLICANS OF OREGON OUTLINE CAMPAIGN PLANS

PORTLAND, Ore., July 13.—Endorsing the candidates selected by the Republican voters at the primary and pledging support for them at the November election, the state Republican central committee late yesterday adopted resolutions and laid plans for the campaign.

WASHINGTON, July 13.—The highway commission neither favors nor opposes bus service. It points out, however, that the present bridge over the Willamette is already inadequate, that redecking has been contemplated for the near future, and that the redecking must be much earlier if bus service is allowed.

Further it is pointed out that when the Naton cut-off is completed and made the main line of the Southern Pacific between Portland and California points, over which it appears an average of 30 or 35 trains will run daily, it will make hazardous the use of the state highway between Eugene and Springfield because the railroad intersects one of the main streets of Springfield which is part of the state highway.

Lincoln J. Carter Dead. GOSHEN, Ind., July 13.—Lincoln J. Carter, whose melodramas brought thrills to theatergoers a decade ago, died today at the age of 61 years, of heart disease.

GRUESOME CASE OF GIRL MURDER COMES TO LIGHT

Body of Victim, in Pieces, Found in Boxes Near Boston Cemetery.

POLICE ARE BAFFLED

Effort to Conceal Illegal Operation Believed to Have Been Motive for Killing.

BOSTON, Mass., July 13.—The Boston police today were faced with the most gruesome and baffling murder mystery they have encountered in recent years.

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The only clue left for the police to work on was the manner of tying the knots in the heavy window cord that bound the boxes. They were tied, apparently, by a woman or some one familiar with marine knots. The boxes bore no marks of any sort and there were no tracks to show how they had been transported to the street between the graveyards.

The boxes were lying near a wall that separates Calvary Cemetery from Walk Hill street. On the other side of the street is Mount Hope Cemetery. The body was outside the wall. A laborer, Torrio Jenney, saw the boxes and notified police.

The only clothing found was a pair of Nile green stockings and a white cotton chemise. The vital organs had been removed from the body and wrapped in the chemise, which was then placed under the head in the larger box.

Medical Examiner O'Leary after an examination of the body, which he hoped to entirely reconstruct, said that it appeared that the girl had been the victim of an illegal operation.

The girl probably was between 22 and 25 years old, and had dark bobbed hair, the examination showed.

OREGON ASKS THAT BAN ON CHICKS BE LIFTED IN NORTH

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COOLIDGE NOT TO MIDDLE IN STRIFE INSIDE OWN PARTY

PAUL SMITHS, N. Y., July 13.—President Coolidge has no plan at present for participation in the congressional campaign this fall and in the absence of any announcement by him any reference to the subject that may appear in print should be regarded as mere supposition.

The position of the President, in the face of various published reports as to his political plans, since he came to the Adirondacks, was made clear at the executive offices today. Mr. Coolidge came to the offices from White Pine Camp to attend to a number of government matters and to receive the newspaper correspondents for the second time since his arrival in the mountains.

Whether he will enter the campaign actively or perhaps only to the extent of making a few addresses late in the campaign, has been a question upon which no light has been thrown definitely either here or in Washington.

J. A. Kirby Fined at Myrtle Creek Thursday. The funeral services of the late J. A. Kirby, who was killed Sunday evening in an accident near Dilhard, will be held on Thursday morning at 10 o'clock at the Christian Church in Myrtle Creek. The pastor of the church there will conduct the services. Interment will be held in the L. O. O. F. cemetery at Myrtle Creek.

C.H. Grakelow Grand Exalted Ruler Of Elks

CHICAGO, July 13.—Charles H. Grakelow of Philadelphia was unanimously elected grand exalted ruler of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks by the grand lodge today. He succeeds Judge William Hawley Atwell of Dallas, Texas.

Grakelow, director of public welfare in his city, was nominated by W. Freeland Kendrick, mayor of Philadelphia, and was elected without opposition. He has been a member of the Philadelphia lodge since 1907, has served as exalted ruler six terms and has been president of the Pennsylvania elections association. He was grand exalted ruler of the order for three years and has been a member of the grand lodge committee on membership.

As acknowledging his elevation, Mr. Grakelow urged that "every Elks lodge be directed to know in the civic center of its community, the one great meeting place where all patriotic and charitable activities converge, and where the unfortunate comes for succor."

The 1927 grand lodge convention was awarded to Cincinnati, Ohio, by a vote of nearly 2 to 1.

PUBLIC MAY NEVER GET REAL TALE OF M'PHERSON CASE

LOS ANGELES, July 13.—If the grand jury of Los Angeles county takes its orders from Superior Judge Arthur Keetch, the public will be kept forever in the dark as to the real tale of the Almeda Sample McPherson mystery, unless somebody is indicted for the alleged kidnaping of the evangelist of Angelus Temple.

When the grand jury decided to go into the matter its foreman, William A. Carter, announced that in the interests of the public, Mrs. McPherson and everybody concerned, a thorough investigation would be conducted and the result made known.

Last night Judge Keetch declared that the grand jury must keep its conclusions to itself until an indictment is returned. To indict, court attaches point out, there must be corroborative evidence of kidnaping and the only testimony along that line said to be available so far is the word of the evangelist herself.

No trace has been found of "Steve," "Rose", or the second man Mrs. McPherson charged with spiriting her away from the bench near here, May 18. The authorities in which she says she was dragged and abducted is still untraced. The two shacks, supposedly across the Mexican border, in which she declared she was held, have never been located despite diligent search by a number of parties.

Mrs. Minnie Kennedy, mother of the Angelus Temple evangelist, was the first witness called. Mrs. Kennedy was expected to be questioned concerning the various threatening letters purported to have been sent to her by her daughter's abductors. Mrs. Kennedy's testimony was expected to center on the purported ransom letter signed "The Avengers" and demanding \$500,000 ransom for the return of the woman pastor.

Prune indications, it is said, point to the greatest crop ever known in the history of the northwest. It is evident that the fruit will run to small sizes, but the volume will be greater than ever before. California likewise has a large crop, so that there will be a great amount of prunes placed upon the market.

Although the greater part of the county has been canvassed by buyers, it is stated that less than 20 per cent of the prune crop has been contracted at present.

RIFLE CLUB HOLDS INTERESTING SHOOT

A very interesting rifle shoot was held Sunday at the range in North Roseburg by the local rifle club. Elmer Wallis was the winner and 9 qualified an experts, 4 on sharpshooters and 5 as marksmen. The club now has 34 members enrolled and regular practices are being held. All clubs of the state are being invited to participate in a field day to be held on July 25.

TODAY'S BASEBALL

Table listing baseball games and scores: American League: Cleveland 6 13 1, Boston 1 4 3, St. Louis 2 9 1, Philadelphia 3 6 1, Detroit 5 16 0, New York 4 8 2. National League: Boston 1 7 3, Chicago 2 6 1.