

**The Weather**  
Highest temperature yesterday...68  
Lowest temperature last night...43  
Forecast for southwest Oregon:  
Generally fair tonight and Tuesday;  
cooler tonight.

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## MARGOLA FIRE DESTROYS TRIO OF STRUCTURES

Two Garages and I. O. O. F. Building Burned; Loss Several Thousand.

## WHOLE TOWN FIGHTS

Eugene Fire Dept. Aids in Checking Blaze; Blast Badly Injures Boy 300 Feet Away.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

EUGENE, Ore., March 21.—Fire which endangered the whole town of Eugene, 17 miles northeast of Eugene on the Mohawk River, this morning destroyed two garages and the I. O. O. F. building which housed the largest general store at that place. A blast of dynamite, used to keep the blaze from spreading seriously injured 13-year-old Billy Estes, whose skull was fractured and right shoulder broken when he was struck by a flying piece of pipe, and also injured Lucine Miles, mill employee, whose foot was cut by flying glass. Both the injured were rushed to the Pacific Christian Hospital at Eugene.

Discovery of the fire, which is believed to have started in the back of the J. F. Churchill garage about 5:30 o'clock this morning, was made by a Mr. Robinet, who saw the flames from across the Mohawk. He had to make a trip across the river to arouse the town. The entire population of the town and the Eugene fire department turned out to fight the blaze.

Loss Into Thousands

Flames quickly spread to the I. O. O. F. building, the Walter Price, Inc., store, grocery, dry goods, feed and general merchandise business being on the lower floor, and then to the service garage owned by Riley L. Garrison. The loss, which will run into thousands of dollars, includes several automobiles in the Churchill garage, as well as equipment, a large amount of stock in the general store, and dishes, silverware and other property of the Rebekah and I. O. O. F. lodges in the hall over the Price store, much stock and practically all the fixtures of the Price store, and the service garage equipment and building.

When it was seen that the whole town was endangered by the fire sweeping through the three frame buildings, the service garage was dynamited to prevent a spread of the blaze to the remaining buildings. It was then that Billy Estes, son of W. E. Estes, barber at Margola, and Lucine Miles were injured. The Estes boy regained consciousness.

## DE AUTREMONT MAY TALK AFTER VISIT FROM HIS MOTHER

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

SAN FRANCISCO, March 21.—Will de Autremont's mother get him to talk or will he follow his father's instructions and remain silent?

Federal postal authorities who have questioned Hugh de Autremont daily from the time he was first incarcerated in the army's disciplinary barracks on Alcatraz island last week were today looking forward to the arrival here of Mrs. Belle de Autremont from Lakewood, New Mexico.

Young de Autremont has repeatedly asked for his mother and the government is willing that she be brought here to talk with her son. Interest of the federal authorities is not the same as that held by the prisoner. The authorities hope that the mother will dissuade her son from longer maintaining his silence on his alleged part in the Siskiyou train holdup in 1923 and on the probable whereabouts of his two brothers, Roy and Ray, who are sought as partners with Hugh in the murderous banditry.

Hugh de Autremont has thus far followed the counsel of his father, Paul de Autremont, who, separated from his wife, lives at Eugene, Ore. The father retained a lawyer at Eugene, warned his son while the later was enroute to San Francisco from Manila to not talk with any one until after he had seen the attorney and federal authorities had not been able to upbraid these instructions, reports from Alcatraz indicate.

## Browning Wins In Decision On Divorce Action

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

CARMEL, N. Y., March 21.—Edward West Browning, wealthy New York real estate man, today won his separation suit against his wife, the former Frances "Peaches" Heenan, in a decision handed down here today by Supreme Court Justice A. H. F. Seeger.

Justice Seeger granted the separation on the ground of abandonment, dismissing Browning's first cause of action of alleged cruelty. Justice Seeger completed the nine pages of his decision with words "the defendant has failed to justify her conduct in leaving and abandoning the plaintiff. Her counter claim must be dismissed and the plaintiff is entitled to a judgment of separation from his bed and board forever."

Justice Seeger held that there was no evidence to sustain Mrs. Browning's charges against her husband.

Justice Seeger held that the weight of the evidence was entirely against Browning being an "unnatural or abnormal husband and that he failed to find any evidence that he had been cruel or inhuman."

He pointed out what he said were inconsistencies in Mrs. Browning's testimony by recalling that she had complained of being tired of her elderly husband's society.

Justice Seeger also criticized Mrs. Browning "for trying to palm off an expurgated diary on him."

## VERBAL TILT IN MILLION LABEL SUIT RENEWED

Sapiro's Lawyer Contends Magazine Items Based on Ford's Malice.

ARGUES HE'S LIABLE

Asks Court for Ruling on Joint Responsibility; Farmers Execute Depositions.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

DETROIT, Mich., March 21.—Actual malice in the heart of Henry Ford governed publication in the Dearborn Independent of the articles upon which Aaron Sapiro's \$1,000,000 libel suit was based, the plaintiff's counsel told Judge Fred M. Raymond in an argument today over the admissibility of evidence.

There also was malice in the heart of William J. Cameron, editor of the Ford-owned weekly, and on the part of the Dearborn Independent, said William Henry Gallagher, Sapiro's counsel. He charged they entered into a conspiracy and were equally guilty conspirators.

The jury was sent from the court room at the opening of court and the attorneys began delving into musty tomes, brought in by the arm load.

Legal Tilt  
Counsel then reeled off precedents for ruling both for and against evidence which would bear upon the alleged double jeopardy of Henry Ford and the Dearborn Independent, as set out by Gallagher, because of his wealth while fixing the forfeited payment of the other poorer at a lesser figure.

Stewart Hanley of Ford's counsel, insisted that Gallagher formerly had committed himself to the condition that if malice on the part of both Ford and the publication were not proven he would expect no verdict in the one case or the other of failure.

Gallagher, replying through a statement to the court, insisted that he intended not only to prove malice on the part of both, but the conspiracy as well.

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# CANTONESE ENTER SHANGHAI

## THREE DEATHS RESULT FROM SUICIDE PACT

Chicago Salesman and Wife Take Poison After Son Is "Sent Away."

## MYSTERY CLEARED UP

Letter to Relative Shows Premeditated Deed and Leads Searchers to Apartment.

## SEVEN TRACTS OF TIMBER ARE SOLD BY LAND OFFICE

Three Tracts, Two in Douglas and One in Linn, Offered for Sale But No Bids.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

CHICAGO, Mar. 21.—Mystery surrounding the finding of the body of a boy on an improvised funeral pyre near Des Plaines river, in Forest Park, was believed cleared up by discovery of the boy's mother and foster father, dead apparently in a suicide pact in their Chicago apartment.

Police and relatives found the bodies of Arthur (Jack) MacEwen, 35, a salesman, and his wife, Mrs. Helen MacEwen, 32, when they forced entrance to their flat. This led to the identification of the boy, whose body had been lying since Saturday night unclaimed in an undertaking establishment, as Robert MacEwen, 11, son of Mrs. MacEwen, by a former marriage. The boy's skull had been crushed.

Letter Causes Search  
The two tragedies were connected when police learned of a letter which MacEwen had written to his sister, Miss Cora MacEwen. The letter intimated that "Bob" had been "sent away" because he had stolen \$20 from his mother's pocketbook, and added: "Helen told me she was tired of living and some of these days she would end it all for herself and Bob and me."

The missive closed with a request that if he and his wife were found dead the bodies be cremated. Worried, Miss MacEwen and her father visited the MacEwen flat to find the two bodies side by side upon couches.

Death Pact Shown  
A coroner's physician said death had occurred 36 hours previously, and after a post mortem gave his opinion that a swift poison had been the fatal agent. Testimony of a death pact was seen by detectives in the fact that all letters, pictures and personal documents apparently had been removed from the flat.

Absence of the boy, Robert, about the premises caused Miss MacEwen to connect the suicide with the mysterious slaying of a had in Forest Park. Later, at an undertaking establishment, identity was established. Vital organs of the youth will be examined for poison.

Mrs. Clara MacEwen, aged mother of the dead man, was near death today as a result of shock of learning of the tragedy.

## LELAND STEIWER, BANKER, DROWNED WHEN AUTO LEAPS

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

GONDON, Ore., Mar. 21.—Leland Steiwer, president of the Steiwer and Carpenter Bank of Fossil, Ore., was drowned in the John Day river near Spray, Ore., last night when an automobile in which he was riding with Herbert Barnard plunged off the highway into the river, swollen by flood.

They were traveling in a light car which left the road at a sharp turn. Barnard tried to rescue Steiwer but lost his hold and Steiwer was carried away in the current. His body had not been found this morning.

Steiwer, who was a graduate of the University of Oregon, was a son of Mrs. Anna Steiwer of Fossil. His father, the late W. W. Steiwer, formerly was president of the bank. He is survived by two children, a brother and two sisters.

## STATE ORDERS MERCHANTS TO FILE RETURNS

Statement of Business Must Be Given to County Assessor.

## BLANKS ARE SENT OUT

Tax Commission Now Has Authority Over Assessments and Property Adjustments.

Merchants of the county are receiving from the county assessor's office a form of tax return blank upon which certain information must be set down for the guidance of the county assessor and state tax commission in making an equalization of taxes.

The law requiring the making of this return was passed by the recent legislature, which practically took all authority for tax control out of the hands of the county assessors and placed it within the hands of the state tax commission, so that at present the tax assessors of the counties are in all reality merely agents of the tax commission in which the powers of the office are vested.

Control Equalizations  
The new law not only gives the full power of control over the county assessor to the tax commission but it also provides that the commission may direct the board of equalization to raise or lower the valuation of any taxable property and add it to the assessment lists. If the commission is not satisfied with the work of an assessor a commissioner may be placed in the office and prepare a supplemental assessment roll, excluding the original assessments by the assessor. The law giving these powers to the commission reads as follows:

"Section 1. The state tax commission of the state of Oregon is hereby authorized to exercise general supervision and control over the administration of the assessment and tax laws of the state, over county assessors, and county boards of equalization, in the performance of their duties relating to tax and to do and perform any act or give any order or direction to any county board of equalization or to any county assessor as to the valuation of any property, or class or classes of property, in any county, which, in the commission's

## Heavy Storms Mark Spring's Advent In East

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

CHICAGO, Mar. 21.—More rain and snow was the offering of the first day of spring for the central west where many rivers and creeks already were running flood high as a result of heavy week-end precipitation.

Indiana probably was the hardest hit by the high water, hundreds of acres of farm lands along the Wabash river and along both forks of the White River being inundated. The southern part of Terre Haute was under water from overflowing creeks while the Ohio river at Evansville had passed the flood stage of 35 feet. In some areas transportation was hindered and wire communication was hampered by sleet.

Sleet also pelted a costly visitation in Iowa and Nebraska. The damage to telephone lines around Iowa City alone was placed at \$100,000. Telegraph companies and press association had difficulty for a time in opening communication through the affected areas.

## NO OPPOSITION ENCOUNTERED BY NATIONALISTS IN TAKING WEALTHIEST CITY OF ORIENT

Unions Quit Work to Celebrate, Causing the Municipality to Declare An Emergency, and Foreign Troops Are Landed.

## 1500 U. S. MARINES ARE PUT ASHORE

Soldiers of Six Other Nations Also Disembark, Uniting With British Force and Bringing International Quarter's Defenders to 15,000—Guerrilla Fighting and Looting Are Rampant.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

SHANGHAI, Mar. 21.—Chaos reigned in Shanghai tonight after the fall of the city to the Cantonese this morning.

Rioters ran loose in the native quarter all day, and tonight a band of Chinese troops, presumably attached to the retreating northern army, broke through the barrier to the north of the international settlement and began looting.

A British armored car rushed up in response to a police call for aid. The car was subjected to continuous machine gun fire. Lieutenant Newman, Corporal Ainsley and two soldiers were wounded.

Another British armored car which accompanied the one in which the four men were wounded towed it away under heavy fire, which the British returned. The four men were not seriously hurt.

Savage guerrilla fighting was going on in the native district of Chapei tonight between Shantungese (northerners) including white Russians and plain clothes men of the Kuomintang (Cantonese).

Several of the latter were reported killed. The fighting was accompanied by the outbreak of serious fires at three points in the native city.

Approximately 10,000 northern troops in the Shanghai area have gone over to the Cantonese.

One hundred white Russians were admitted to the foreign settlement after being disarmed, while thousands of Chinese from the native city sought refuge inside the foreign barricades.

Bullets continued to fall inside the settlements, endangering the lives of the foreigners. The Astor house hotel was struck.

Up to 11 p. m. the forces defending the foreign settlements from the rioting Chinese had suffered 12 casualties including two killed and 10 wounded.

Two Punjabi soldiers of the British force were killed by snipers. The wounded comprised five Punjabis, a Russian policeman and four British soldiers.

SHANGHAI, Mar. 21.—The war has come to Shanghai. The vanguard of the Cantonese army entered the native city this morning. The Shantungese fled at their approach, and the city was taken without fighting.

The municipal council declared a state of emergency, and landing parties of all nationalities represented in the Shanghai naval concentration, including 1500 American marines, disembarked to defend the foreign settlements against invasion from without or trouble from within.

Possibility of serious disorders was intensified by the calling of a general strike of Chinese workers to celebrate the fall of the city to Chang Kai-Shek's southern forces which now hold virtually all of China south of the Yangtze river. The foreign defenders ashore here total 15,000 men, part of whom are holding the 20-mile exterior defense line while others strongly patrol the streets of the foreign settlements.

Troops of 8 Nations Guard  
The 1500 American marines are patrolling the northern and western mill districts, where trouble is most likely to break out owing to the general strike and the gathering of crowds of idlers.

The marines came ashore with full equipment, including machine guns and metal helmets, ready to remain until the trouble is over.

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## One of Those Things That's Hard to Understand

AMONG HUMAN BEINGS THE GENT WITH MUCH MONEY IS THE MOST POPULAR PERSON IN THE CROWD BUT—



IT SEEMS TO BE DIFFERENT WITH NATIONS



## BIG FIGURES IN MINING WORLD ENTER WEEPAH

Geo. Wingfield, Roy Moore, I. P. Carpenter to Join in Development.

## INFLUX STILL HEAVY

Promoters and Brokers on Hand With Los Angeles Money; Tonapah Gets Human Surplus.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

TONOPAH, March 21.—Sourdoughs, tenderfeet, desert rats and millionaires, drawn together by the gold magnet of the Weepah hills, spent Sunday digging, gambling and promoting in a roaring frontier camp of the kind immortalized by Bret Harte.

While capital speculated and prospectors feverishly scratched the earth, others attempted to acquire grubstakes with dice and cards.

Each hour in Weepah is freighted with intense excitement. The word "gold" is on every tongue. New developments are steadily going forward as representatives of wealth gain foothold.

Wingfield Dominant Figure  
George Wingfield, mining millionaire, who reaped a fortune of \$25,000,000 from Goldfield Consolidated, stands forth as one of the dominant factors in the development of the newly created Weepah district.

Wingfield and his staff of engineers who arrived here yesterday, sat on the crest of a hill with the operators of the Horton mine and held a conference which lasted a half hour.

No announcement followed the meeting, but it commonly is believed that Wingfield holds a lien on the Horton mine—center of the Weepah area—through a loan extended a number of years ago.

Big Operators Active  
The mysterious visit of the manager of one of the greatest gold producers in Arizona formed the focus of attention and the developers are wondering what it all means. Roy W. Moore, general manager of the United Eastern Mines company, operating in Oatman, arrived Friday night and remained incommunicado, with I. P. Carpenter until long after midnight. Both were up this morning before daylight, rushing to Weepah in a high powered car.

Weepah is the daylight magnet and Tonopah holds the center of the stage at night with its babel of tongues and saturnalia of humanity rioting through hotel lobbies and jamming sidewalks. Goldfield, twenty-eight miles distant, is getting the overflow of visitors.

Influx Growing  
Telegraph facilities have been tripled to handle the crush of business and tomorrow a quadruplex system will be opened at an all night service maintained to clear the congestion.

Brokers and promoters of the (Continued on page 6.)

## Dartmouth Head Asks Football Limit Sophomore and Junior Students Only

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

HANOVER, N. H., March 21.—The Dartmouth athletic council today took steps to sound opinion in intercollegiate football circles on a revolutionary plan of reform proposed by President Ernest Martin Hopkins.

He suggested limitation of players on varsity teams to members of the sophomore and junior classes. He would give each college two varsity teams for major games, and would put all coaching in the hands of undergraduates.

He wrote Lemuel G. Hodgkins, of Worcester, Mass., head of the council, that the tendency of his suggestions would be "to guarantee that participation in college sport would be more completely restricted to college students incidentally playing football, than to perpetuate a condition wherein at every college there are at least a few men who in spirit simply athletes incidentally attending college."

The Dartmouth head, who was