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Lowest temperature last night 53
Forecast for southwest Oregon:
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change in temperature.

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MURDER PROOF GROWS AGAINST R. S. BEITZEL

Taxicab Driver Describes
Prisoner's Visit to
Girl's Corpse.

PURPOSE TO EMBALM

Cartridges, Revolver and
Garments Also Added
to Evidence Held
by the Police.

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
LOS ANGELES, Aug. 6.—The return of the murderer to the scene of his crime—a favorite theme of fiction—was enacted in real life, in the opinion of police, a week after the body of Miss Barbara Mauger was hurled more than a month ago into a canyon in the hills above Hollywood where it was found.

Russell St. Clair Beitzel, who brought Barbara Mauger from Philadelphia, lived with her in Hollywood and now is accused of her murder, was identified yesterday as a man who a week after the slaying, was taken by a taxi driver to within a hundred yards of the body's rocky resting place.

Driver's Story
R. T. Redell, the taxi driver, told police that on the day which they say Beitzel chose to fulfill the age-old adage of the murderer and the place of his crime, a man stopped him in downtown Los Angeles and asked him to take him to the hills to see how his "liquor plant" was getting along. He said that this man, whom he identified as Beitzel despite Beitzel's flat denial of ever having seen him before, left the cab with a package smelling like creosote, but returned without it. Then, he says, he asked to be driven to "one damned place, but not out of here" after cupping the climax of his revisit of the lonely spot by literally embalming the body of the girl with whom he eloped from Philadelphia, leaving a wife and two children.

Tell-Tale Shells
An eleven-year-old boy yesterday gave police a box of cartridges of the same caliber as the pistol found in Beitzel's office desk. The boy said he had found them at a spot near where the body was found.

The box bore the name of the store which on his own testimony sold Beitzel some shells for "target practice." There were 43 shells in the box.

On Saturday detectives found a large caliber pistol wrapped in a towel in Beitzel's desk at his office. Two shells brought to the police from the vicinity of the crime were of the caliber required for this weapon.

Other Evidence
Today a package was expected from Phoenix, Ariz., containing Miss Mauger's clothes and other garments. Police believe some of the clothing torn from the body of the girl was in the package.

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**UNKNOWN MAN IS
FOUND MURDERED;
CORPSE BURNED**

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
ENGLEWOOD, N. J., Aug. 6.—The murder of a man, whose body, shot through the head and back and then burned almost beyond recognition, was found by a berry picker along a well traveled road atop the Palisades, was a mystery today to police.

They laid the murder to a gang feud, believing the dead man had been "taken for a ride," possibly from New York, and that after he had been killed, his body was taken to the spot where it was found and the clothing was saturated with gasoline and fired.

This Youngster Cleans Up Olympics



The folks up in Vancouver, B. C., have insisted right along that Percy Williams was a smart, fast sprinter. But since he went to the Olympic games and showed his heels to Paddock, Wykoff and the best of the Americans in the 100 and 200-meter dashes—the whole world knows about the 19-year-old school boy.

HOOVER DIDN'T SLASH PRICES, SENATOR AVERS

Quotations Really Upheld
by Nominee, Brookhart
Tells Iowans.

PEEK IS CONDEMNED

Senator, Denied Permit to
Address Farmer Union,
Indulges in Fling
at Opposition.

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
DES MOINES, Ia., Aug. 6.—Declaring himself in full accord with Herbert Hoover and condemning George N. Peek of Moline, Ill., chairman of the committee of 22, for supporting the candidacy of Governor Alfred E. Smith, United States Senator Smith W. Brookhart wrote the documents with an open letter to John E. Bremer of Mapleton, Iowa, in answer to a Moline county farmers' union refusal to permit Senator Brookhart a speaking engagement.

"You would not be in the slightest disagreement with me about the present situation, if you knew the whole truth," Senator Brookhart wrote Mr. Bremer. He added that he is "sorry you have fallen into the hands of this gang of Tammany Al Smith's boosters."

Hoover Upheld Prices.
"Peek told you farmers that Hoover held down your prices during the war," Senator Brookhart wrote. "I have the documents with the signature of Charles S. Barrett, national president of your farmers union, which we have every confidence and, instead of holding down the prices, Hoover held them up during the war."

"I am in accord with Mr. Hoover on all propositions," the Iowa senator declared. "On many important propositions I will be against him; but I would also be against Smith on the same propositions. George W. Norris was my first choice for president and if he were a candidate on a third ticket, I would be for him now. But he is not a candidate and under these circumstances I would be a traitor to everything I have promised the farmers of Iowa if I did not support Mr. Hoover."

Put Blame on Smith.
The Brookhart letter continued with the statement that "Smith, himself, is the man who tried to defame the farmers after the war and he would have succeeded but for the emphatic interference of Senator Carter Glass, then secretary of the treasury."

Returned From Two Weeks Trip—Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Coleman returned Saturday from a two-weeks trip to Salem, Portland and Seattle, and also visited Crater Lake. They report the roads in good condition but experienced some hot weather during the trip.

U. S. ATHLETES SCORE WINS IN WATER EVENTS

Rowing Crews at Olympiad
Vanquish Oarsmen of
Foreign Lands.

LOSE POLO CONTEST

America Given First Swim
Championship as 400-
Meter Race Goes to
New York Girl.

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
SLOVEN, Holland, Aug. 6.—Two victories and a row over the latter caused by the French four sculling, sent American oarsmen through the fourth day of Olympic rowing without casualties.

The United States double scullers scored a three length win over the Austrian pair from the Wicking Linx club, Vienna, and a little later the American pair overcame a combination without coxswain beat the English representatives from the Thames rowing club by a scant length in the hardest fought race of the day.

MAN AND WIFE DIE IN AUTO'S PLUNGE

WILBUR, Wash., Aug. 6.—Herbert E. Scheibner, 22, and his wife, 22, of Wilbur were drowned yesterday when their auto went off the Keller ferry into the Columbia river, a few miles north of here.

Miss Evelyn Taylor, 16, sister of the drowned woman, succeeded in escaping from the closed car. Bodies of the two victims were locked in each other's arms when found.

ONE-LEGGED BOY DIES LIKE HERO

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 6.—Edgar Guest, 21, one-legged Seattle youth, paid with his life when he made a vain attempt yesterday to save his cousin, Edna Coleman, 16, from drowning in a little lake near Seattle. The boy's mother saw the pair disappear beneath the lake's surface.

RIVER YIELDS BODY OF SHERIFF'S WIFE

SPOKANE, Wash., Aug. 6.—The body of Mrs. Jesse Brower, wife of Sheriff Floyd Brower, missing for six months, was found yesterday in the Spokane river, nine miles below Spokane.

Mrs. Brower had been sick and under nervous strain for some time before the disappearance Feb. 6. Footprints were found leading to the river bank.

FLIES PLANE HOME

Harold R. Adams, local aviator, returned yesterday from Medford, where he had been spending several weeks making repairs to his plane, which was wrecked a short time ago at Grants Pass. He flew the ship back to this city and is resuming his training courses and aerial stunts work here. The plane was wrecked when it hit a ditch at the edge of the Grants Pass field, the landing gear being damaged and the wings somewhat torn. The landing gear has been completely repaired, the wings were taken off, inspected and all necessary repairs made, after which the ship was repainted and put in first class condition.

BOOZE ORGY ENDS IN LOS ANGELES WOMAN'S DEATH

Victim, Killed With Beer
Bottle, Socially High
and Rich; "Friend"
Is Arrested.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Aug. 6.—Another gruesome murder with a woman as the victim—the second case in four days in the Los Angeles metropolitan area—kept police detectives busy today.

The nude body of Mrs. Myrtle L. Mellus, wealthy and socially prominent, was found on a bed in her home yesterday by her husband, Frank Mellus, Los Angeles clubman. Apparently she had been slain with a beer bottle in a fierce struggle. As police from three stations and newspaper reporters swarmed into the house, Leo ("Pat") Kelly, 29, was found hiding in a closet of the home.

Kelly attempted to escape. The police soon learned through his mother, Mrs. Josephine Kelly, that a friendship had existed between Mrs. Mellus and her son for some time, and that she had warned Leo that it might "lead to trouble."

Under police auspices Kelly soon began to tell his story, admitted having given her a beating, but stoutly denied having killed Mrs. Mellus.

POLISH FLYERS FAIL IN ATTEMPT TO CROSS OCEAN

LISBON, Portugal, Aug. 6.—Major Kazimierz Kubala said today that a broken pipeline forced him and his companion, Major Louis Jdzikowski, to turn back after they had flown 21 of the 42 hours which they estimated it would take to fly from Paris to New York.

The airmen were rescued when found in the sea near the wreck of their plane, the Marszałek Pilsudski, by the German steamer Samos Saturday and brought to Lixoes near Oporto, Portugal.

On board the ship, Kubala slipped and fell, cutting his forearm on broken glass.

Damage Develops
Kubala, interviewed in the Oporto military hospital, said that after they had flown 21 hours the tube feeding the oil stopped working. The airmen thought it would be impossible therefore to continue flight and decided to return.

When they were 70 miles of Cape Finisterre, westernmost point of Spain, they noticed additional damage. This caused the plane to plunge into the sea near the Samos. The wings broke and the plane was damaged in other respects.

The wrecked plane, which was valued at a million francs, was found to be so seriously damaged that it was thought it would be almost useless.

MAN WANTED HERE ON LARCENY CHARGE HELD AT TAFT, CAL.

Sheriff Webb was informed today that the authorities at Taft, Cal., have arrested Lyle C. Baker, wanted in this county on a charge of larceny, and are holding him for the local officers. Baker was employed, it is claimed, at Circle H Lodge on the North Umpqua and took French leave from the place, taking with him a valuable saddle, bridle and a pistol. It is also stated that he took a car that he was purchasing on contract from Mr. Hopkins, owner of the ranch. Officers succeeded in locating him in California and brought about his arrest at Taft. Extradition papers to secure his return to this county are being requested.

SMITH FOES IN TEXAS GAINING NO VICTORIES

Names Stricken by County
Conventions From The
Party Ballot.

HOT CLASHES OCCUR

Battle for Right to Obey
"Conscience" Will Be
Carried to State
Assembly.

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
DALLAS, Texas, Aug. 6.—The anti-Smith row has broken out in state circles again with indications that the showdown for those who oppose the presidential candidacy of the New York governor will come at the state democratic convention here September 11.

The threat of a party split, which has flared and simmered since the Houston convention, assumed importance again Saturday when harmony did not prevail in county conventions in the state's three most thickly populated counties, Dallas, Harris and Tarrant.

Opposing state convention delegations, one favoring endorsement of the ticket from the president down, the other asserting the right of the individual democrat to follow his conscience, were named in these counties. This threw eventual settlement of the issue upon the credentials committee of the state democratic convention.

FORGED WILL FOR MILION DOLLAR ESTATE ALLEGED

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
DENVER, Colo., Aug. 6.—John M. French, alleged to be one of the signers of the disputed will of the late Mrs. Leona Fordham, wealthy divorced wife of Dr. W. G. Fordham, Denver chemist, is under arrest at Saguache, Colorado, today, police are advised.

Eldridge Price, Texas oil man, claims that Fordham and three other persons forged a will of Mrs. Fordham under which Fordham obtained the greater portion of her million dollar estate. French is one of the persons named by Price.

Dr. Fordham was arrested in Hot Sulphur Springs, Ark., Saturday on information filed by Price. Extradition of Dr. Fordham will be sought at once by the district attorney's office.

THREE DRY HEADS ARE REAPPOINTED

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
WASHINGTON, Aug. 6.—Three acting prohibition administrators were appointed to the positions they now hold today by Seymour Lowman, acting secretary of treasury. They are: Roy C. Lyle of Seattle, for Washington and Oregon; Sigurd B. Vale, St. Paul, for North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin and Minnesota; and Sam S. Halsey, St. Louis, for Missouri and Arkansas.

BAKER FUNERAL TOMORROW

The body of J. J. Baker, who passed away in Bakersfield, Calif., last week, will arrive on this afternoon's train and will be removed to the Douglas Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held in the cemetery at Camas Valley, Tuesday, August 7, at 11 a. m. and will be in charge of Mr. O. O. F. Lodge of which order Mr. Baker was a member for over 35 years.

REVENGE THOUGHT BACK OF ATTEMPT TO BURN TRESTLE

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
MEDFORD, Ore., Aug. 6.—Fire discovered on a Southern Pacific trestle in the Siskiyou mountains near the Oregon-California state line Saturday night, was believed by local officers to have been a bunglesome attempt at revenge by either vagabonds or disgruntled section workers.

The fire was discovered as the Shasta limited came around a sharp curve. The blaze was located about 18 feet from the north end of the trestle and had gained no headway. A small amount of wood had been piled on the trestle and the damage was negligible.

The engine of the train was halted on the trestle, and the fire extinguished by the crew. In the glare of the headlights the engine crew reported they saw four or five men scurry away in the brush.

Sheriff Andrew Calkins, of Siskiyou county, first on the scene, said today that the attempt was undoubtedly the work of a gang seeking revenge. A force of special agents headed by W. G. Chandler, of Dunsmuir, Cal., arrived yesterday and began gathering clues. A checkup was made of all extra section workers.

DOUBLE TRAIN WRECK FATAL TO 7 PERSONS

Castiron Pipe Throws
Cars From Track

Struck by One Train Then
Falls Before Another
Just Passing.

INJURED TOTAL 200

Fifty Taken to Hospital,
Some in Serious Shape
—Hoboes Set Fire
to a Trestle.

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
MOUNDS, Ill., Aug. 6.—Seven passengers were known to have been killed and approximately 200 injured when two fast Illinois Central passenger trains were derailed one mile north of here today.

Fifty injured, included 19 white persons and 31 negroes, were taken to hospitals at Cairo, nine miles south of here, some were critically hurt.

Details of Wreck
CHICAGO, Aug. 6.—An official statement of the double train wreck near Mounds today follows: "Train No. 16, the Chicashaw, northbound between Memphis and St. Louis, in charge of Conductor Whalin and Engineer Abel, struck a castiron pipe 24 inches in diameter by 20 feet in length," the statement said. The pipe struck the south track and threw it out just as the No. 3, Chicago-New Orleans limited in charge of Conductor Reeder and Engineer Banke, passed.

"The engine and ten cars of No. 3 derailed. The derailed cars struck the Chicashaw while it was standing still, resulting in derailment of seven cars."

Relief trains were dispatched to Mounds from Carbondale and Cairo, Ill.

Hoboes' Damage Treated
SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 6.—Southern Pacific officials here received word today that a fire which spread from a "jungle" camp fire set by hoboes damaged six ties on a trestle east of Orel, near Gregory, Cal., Saturday night. The damage did not delay the Shasta limited, officials said, adding that the ties would be replaced.

Train Hits Truck
BAKER, Ore., Aug. 6.—A D. Smith, of Hermiston, suffered a broken leg and bruises when his delivery truck loaded with produce was struck by a west-bound mail (Continued on page 6.)

HEAT AND STORMS KILL AND INFLECT BUSINESS LOSSES

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
NEW YORK, Aug. 6.—The heat wave under which the eastern states have been sweating since last Saturday took nine lives yesterday before electrical and wind storms brought temporary relief and much damage to several sections, especially in Massachusetts.

Two died from the heat in New York, two in Philadelphia, one in Reading, one in Albany, N. Y. There were several drownings and many prostrations over the weekend.

The wind and electrical storms did the most damage in the Connecticut valley near Springfield, Mass. The storm centered at Chicopee where houses were unroofed, trees blown down and electric light and power service disrupted for several hours. Holyoke also was hard hit.

Paul Rader, a captain in the Salvation Army, was struck by lightning and killed as he was herding several small bathers out of the storm at Sharon, Mass.

Four people were injured and three automobiles destroyed when a huge tree was struck by lightning in New York and toppled over the northern tip of the metropolitan district and then swept on out over Long Island where much damage was reported.