

TODAY IN BRIEF, IN AND AROUND OREGON

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ISSUES FIRE WARNING SALEM, Aug. 24 (AP) — A. H. Averill, state fire marshal, in a statement issued today warned Oregon citizens to use extreme caution in connection with fires during the current warm weather and low humidity period.

24 FACE MURDER CHARGE PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 24 (AP) — Investigators today persistently questioned two more suspects and planned to add more names to the unusually large list of 24 already charged with

first degree murder of James Conner 22, labor riot victim. Funeral services for Conner were scheduled for this afternoon. Investigators said most of the 24 charged with murder admitted presence in the International Longshoremen's association delegation which stormed the Columbia Langhorne-merman's hall where the young longshoreman was killed.

CLOSE TWO MORE FORESTS SALEM, Aug. 24 (AP) — Increasing

fire hazards due to dry weather conditions, resulted in a proclamation by Governor Julius L. Meier last night, closing two more Western Oregon forest areas.

The governor's order closed 160,000 acres in the Gunter district, Northern Douglas and Southern Lane counties, where entry by permit will be allowed, and 80,000 acres of old burned land and two fern hills in Western Lane county, to which admittance under any condition will be forbidden.

ANOTHER DROWNING TIGARD, Ore., Aug. 24 (AP) — Adrian Tidger, 19, of Multnomah, Ore., today was listed as another drowning victim of the Tualatin river.

NO SALARY INCREASES PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 24 (AP) — Portland's city park employees today were back on a six-day week, but the city council turned thumbs down on proposed salary increases. However, a few salary adjustments were made. Many delegations of employees declared living costs had increased under NRA and higher salaries were necessary.

YOUNG DIVER KILLED PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 24 (AP) — Gordon White, 17, died today from blood and head injuries suffered when he dove into shallow water in the Columbia river yesterday.

HITS AT PORTLAND McMINNVILLE, Ore., Aug. 24 (AP) — A declaration that Portland would "surrender" for instance upon the reallocation of funds for the Wilson River highway was made by the McMinnville chamber of commerce. In a letter to Leslie M. Scott, chairman of the state highway commission, the McMinnville chamber protested against the reallocation.

Hanford Reed Jr. Receives Injuries ELOIN — Hanford Reed Jr. was caught in the driving gear of one of the conveyor rollers at the sawmill Friday afternoon, and suffered the loss of the third finger of his right hand. The hand was given immediate attention by Dr. J. P. Russell, and an amputation made Saturday afternoon.

Cove School Will Begin Sept. 10 COVE (Special) — A postponement has been made in the opening of school in Cove and instead of Sept. 3 as was planned, it will now open on Sept. 10. A full corps of teachers has been secured.

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Return to California — Mrs. D. M. Nichols and daughter, Donna, left this morning for their home in Berkeley, Cal. Mrs. Nichols is a daughter of Mrs. Fred J. Smith of 1095 Thirteenth street. They also visited in Seattle while in the north-west.

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PERSONALS

Day in La Grande — Mrs. Roland Oliver and daughter, Miss Percy, of Pendleton were in La Grande today receiving medical attention.

From Cove — Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Towle and children and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Towle and children, of Cove, were in La Grande today shopping and looking after other business matters. At noon they had a picnic dinner at Riverside park.

Shopping — Mrs. J. E. Mills, of Cove and her daughter, Miss Dorothy, part-time instructor at Whitman college were shopping in La Grande today.

Visitors From Mid-West — Mrs. C. E. Hackman has been enjoying a visit from two of her nephews who drove in accompanied by two other friends from the state of Kansas. During the two weeks here the hostess and her visitors had considerable enjoyment playing pinocle and report that twice 1500 trump was held once by one of the visitors and once by Mrs. Hackman. The young men were quite taken with our state, she says, and before leaving were planning a similar trip for next summer.

Visiting in Portland — Miss Vera Puckett has gone to Portland for a week's visit among relatives and friends.

Centralia People Here — Mr. and Mrs. J. Rutledge and their sons, Harry and Roy, of Centralia, Wash., have been in La Grande the past week visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Myron Chandler and Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Chandler.

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Newport and were en route to their home when they stopped here.

Visits Mrs. Budge — Mrs. Hattie Berry, of Portland, has been in La Grande for a few days' visit with her sister, Mrs. Mary Budge.

Guests From Missouri — J. L. Heiden and daughter, 1708 First street, have as their guests Mr. and Mrs. R. Keyes and daughter, of Paris, Mo. Mrs. Keyes is a sister of the late Mrs. Hedden.

Visit in Wallawa — Mrs. Charles Comstock and infant son have been visiting with relatives in the Smith Mountain country in Wallawa county. Together with Mrs. Walter Currier and son, of Meacham, they visited at the Jesse Fisher home.

Guest in La Grande — Miss Annette Dawson, of Joseph, has been the guest of La Grande friends this week.

Vacation Over — Miss Ruthmarie Hall, employed at the Park store has returned to La Grande from a week's vacation spent with her mother, Mrs. Edna Hall, at Wallawa.

On Fishing Trip — Mr. and Mrs. Jack Murphy and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Stegler, of La Grande, were camping on the Wallawa river near Wallawa Saturday night and Sunday, on a fishing trip, according to reports.

Imbler School Is Opening Sept. 10

IMBLER — The Imbler public school will open Sept. 10 instead of Sept. 3 as had been previously announced. It is stated today. Recently resignations have been received from Miss Margaret Callahan and Miss Gertrude Oehler, both high school teachers, and the delay in opening is that there may be more time to secure teachers to fill the vacancies.

CALENTE GOL TOURNEY PLANS MUEL BETTING

AGUA CALENTE (AP) — Organized gambling on a major golf tournament will be introduced here next winter. The name of the annual tournament here has been changed to the "Agua Caliente Sweepstakes." The prize totaling \$25,000, which have attracted the best golfers in the United States each winter, will remain the same.

The betting will be conducted by selling numbered tickets on each day's play rather than on the final outcome of the tournament. Tentative odds will be posted on all entrants, and the players who finish one-two-three on each day's play will divide 10 per cent of the entire amount bet. The rest will be divided among the winners in the pool.

MT. GLEN PERSONALS

Considerable repairing and redecorating is being done on the church and recreational hall here. Under the direction of Lou Smalley, a group of men of the community are painting both the interior and exterior of the two buildings together, making with other items of improvement.

Mrs. George Chadwick of Nampa, Ida. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Walsh and Miss Mae Bean of La Grande were dinner guests at the Fred Zaugg home Thursday.

Mrs. Annie E. Larson and her daughters, Elva and Mabel, accompanied by George Olett of Logan, Utah, are visiting relatives here.

Honoring her sister, Mrs. Annie E. Larsen of Logan, Utah, Mrs. E. D. Whiting entertained at a picnic dinner Wednesday at the Riverside park. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Zaugg and children, Mathews and Edessa, returned home this week after spending a two weeks' vacation visiting relatives in Moapa, Nev.

Mrs. Guy Lyons and children, of Caldwell, Ida., returned home Wednesday, after spending a week visiting at the J. A. Leak home.

Ira Cantwell of Hilgard was a business visitor here Tuesday. Mrs. Merion Berry was honor guest at a delightful party held at her home here Wednesday by the ladies of the neighborhood. A two-course luncheon was served at the close of the afternoon.

Vernor Murry has been ill at his home here for a week but he is now improving in health.

The red coral used in making beads and jewelry is really a vein-like formation inside other coral.

WHERE SHALL WE STOP NOW THAT WE'RE IN PORTLAND?

AT THE HOTEL NORTONIA

Hotel Nortonia Portland, Ore. S. W. 11th Ave. off Wash. St. Rates from \$1.50 Dinners 50c

DRUM CORPS IS SECOND IN 40-S PARADE

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for the best individual drummers, buglers and drum majors. In the general parade competition, Klamath also won with its finely uniformed delegation and parade section which included a legion and auxiliary drum corps. Medford was second and Tillamook third in parade competition.

The Bonneville legion won recognition for the best stunt — a large model of the Bonneville dam.

Rose City post 35, Portland, won the band competition. Sherwood was second and Wauna third in the band competition.

In the principal address yesterday

State Commander Harold J. Warner of Pendleton advocated revocation of Russian recognition until Russians cease communistic propaganda in the United States.

This afternoon the Woodburn and Portland Junior legion baseball teams will play for the state championship. Bathing beauties from 18 Oregon communities will vie for honors tonight.

ASTORIA, Aug. 24 (AP) — Edward A. Hayes, American Legion national commander, today called on legionnaires to form a bulwark of protection against "communistic menace" and "radical elements."

Addressing the Oregon department legion convention which is devoting much attention to communism, the national commander, tall Decatur, Ill., attorney, called upon all citizens to uphold our government and preserve liberty.

MURDER AT MOCKING HOUSE BY WALTER C. BROWN

SYNOPSIS: At last, things are breaking Harper's way in his investigation of the few murders of Pierre Dufresne's house. He has exposed the fact that both Mr. and Mrs. Dufresne are being Ellen Becker, a former maid of his, to keep quiet about some matter demanding a tremendous and he has broken Pierre Dufresne's supposedly air tight alibi.

Chapter 41 MRS. DUFRESNE

THE dark blue limousine pulled up outside No. 34 Powhatan Terrace. It was only a little past seven o'clock, but the darkness was as advanced as though the night were hours old. Through the twin cylinders of light from the headlights flattered the vagrant snowflakes that heralded the sequel to the storm of the preceding day. The air was creepy with chill.

"Wait here for me, no matter how long," Harper instructed the driver. He opened the door and entered. There was no one in sight and no sound of activity anywhere. He walked down the hall, unlocked the breakfast-room door, and turned on the wall lights. Whichever he returned to this locked room, he had a feeling that someone had been there in the interim looking over the "exhibits." He had that feeling now, strongly, but could discover no evidence to substantiate it.

Dropping his hat and overcoat on a chair, he went to the fireplace. Sure enough, there was the brass urn in a corner of the hearth, exactly as Ellen Becker had described it. Harper pulled it forward and handled by handful lifted the sand. Having made sure that nothing was hidden there now, he poured the white sand back into the urn, smoothed it down, and returned it to its place.

Harper went to the door and looked out into the hall. He waited, hearing a quiet footstep. The butler appeared, saw the silent figure watching, and came to him.

"Where is every one, Andrews?" "They are at dinner, sir." He indicated a door farther down the hall. "And Mrs. Dufresne?"

"Mrs. Dufresne is having dinner in her own room. Did you wish to speak to anyone?"

"Not yet, Andrews. Later in the evening will do just as well. Is Donaghy about?"

"I'm sorry, sir. He asked Mr. Dufresno for the evening off."

"What time will he be back?" "Eleven-thirty, at the latest. That is the rule of the house."

The detective went back into the breakfast-room, took up Mrs. Dufresne's stained slippers, locked the door behind him, and went quietly up the stairs. Still quietly, he rapped on the door of Mrs. Dufresne's room. Without any preliminary sound the door was opened a foot or so and Miss Burckett's red head gleamed in the opening.

Sergeant Harper pushed against the door gently but firmly and inserted himself through the opening. "You can't come in here," protested the watch-dog supplied by the hostile Dr. Ulrich.

"No?" queried Harper, smilingly, already inside. Over the nurse's shoulder he saw the mistress of the house seated in a deep armchair.

"Good evening, Mrs. Dufresne. Forgive my intrusion, but it is imperative that I speak with you—now."

Mrs. DUFRESNE was rearing very comfortably in her chair, her feet on a stool, a book open on her lap, and a soft blue lounging robe covering her. Dr. Ulrich's bandages hid the right side of her face.

The detective turned to the nurse. "I wish to talk with Mrs. Dufresne privately. If you will please leave us—I'll ring when I've finished."

The red-headed woman looked at her patient in inquiry. "But I have orders to stay here," she objected. "Dr. Ulrich told me—"

"Never mind what Dr. Ulrich told you—"

"Go, Miss Burckett." There was no denying the authority in that quiet voice from the armchair.

Proceeded by a polite "May I?" Harper pushed up a chair to face the still figure. "I hope your injury is responding to treatment. Mrs. Dufresne, I understood from Dr. Ulrich that you would have to keep to a liquid diet for a few days."

Mrs. Dufresne ignored the subtle exposure. She reached out her hand toward the stand at her elbow. On it were a writing pad, and a pencil. She picked up the latter.

"Let us put an end to these little sessions, please," she said, quietly. "If you can hold a conversation with Dr. Ulrich, you can talk to me. It is

time we had an understanding about certain matters."

"What do you want, Mr. Harper?" she asked in a muffled voice, for the surgical dressing covered one corner of her mouth.

"I want the truth about certain incidents, Mrs. Dufresne, and only you can supply that," Harper answered. "There is no use beating about the bush. We have found out a great many things from one source and another, some things we do not yet understand fully, but this case has definitely moved from the backstairs to the upstairs, to put it bluntly."

Sylvia Dufresne flinched.

"Mrs. Dufresne, who was the man who was murdered in the breakfast room? What was his name, and what brought him to this house, not once, but many times? I believe you can tell me!"

"I don't know," the lady faltered, not challenging her questioner.

The detective's brows went up. "Where did you go when you left Mrs. Morlock's house last night?"

The hands tightened so that the knuckles shone taut and white. "Who told you I left Mrs. Morlock's?" she gasped.

For answer, the detective posed the stained slippers on the side table. "These are the shoes you wore last night, Mrs. Dufresne. They show that you walked a considerable distance through the snow. But that is not all. We have an eye-witness who will testify that you left Mrs. Morlock's house."

SYLVIA DUFRESNE was silent, but the one wholly visible eye was wide with apprehension.

"What do you not rather explain things to me here, quietly, than answer these same questions in a courtroom?" Harper asked. "Perhaps you will realize what I mean when I tell you that I talked with Ellen Becker this afternoon. She told us everything."

Still the wide-eyed silence, as though the Sergeant of Detectives had exercised a hypnotic spell over her.

"Believe me, Mrs. Dufresne, you should have realized that the truth could not be suppressed long by bribery. Ellen Becker took the money, but she has told her story. Donaghy, apparently, has also cashed in on this, and I have no doubt he can be made to talk as readily as the girl."

"Joseph?" Mrs. Dufresne murmured.

"Yes, Joseph Donaghy," Harper repeated. "Not to mince words, Mrs. Dufresne, it will be charged that you held secret rendezvous with the man who was killed."

Sylvia Dufresne cried out at that and put her hand over her face, but the detective went on remorselessly. "We have been told there were a number of jealous quarrels between you and Mr. Dufresne and that he openly charged you with infidelity. At the time he stated that he would never give you a divorce."

"It has been remarked that ever since this affair reached its climax Mr. Dufresne has avoided your presence. It will be intimated that you entered into a plot to kill your husband and that in a quarrel subsequent to the attempt on his life you killed this other man."

"We are certain that Officer Hamill was admitted to this house by some one he recognized as belonging here and was then shot down."

"You have my word that as the evidence now stands it will make a strong circumstantial case. You will be amazed to see how much of our evidence will fit into that theory."

"I have studied these facts and suspect a different story, but if you will not confide in me I shall have to act on Ellen Becker's testimony. I ask you once again to tell me the truth about last night."

Then her voice came. "No—no—I have nothing to say. To you—or any one. Not even if you arrest me. You must do as you like, but please—please—don't question me!"

The tears rolled silently down her cheek, but she would not give way to audible distress.

Harper rose. "I am very sorry," he said, reaching for the bell. The nurse responded to the tinkling call as the detective picked up the slippers.

"Miss Burckett, I make you responsible for Mrs. Dufresne's safety. She is not to have possession of any article with which she might inflict an injury to herself or others. That includes anything with a pointed or cutting edge. You will also see to it that all visitors are barred from this room until further notice. Those are official instructions."

Richard Crockett makes a strange plea, tomorrow.

Advertisement for a cooler motor, featuring a large image of the motor and the text 'for a COOLER MOTOR 76 Tetraethyl The Higher Anti-knock LEADER AT NO EXTRA COST'.

Large advertisement for U.S. ROYALS tires, featuring a large image of a tire and the text 'MILLIONS SEE ASTOUNDING WORLD'S FAIR TIRE TEST SHOWING WHY TEMPERED RUBBER ADDS MILES - MULTIPLIES SAFETY - CUTS COSTS U.S. ROYALS'.

Advertisement for I.G.A. STORES, featuring the text 'I.G.A. STORES SHOP QUICKLY EASILY AND CONVENIENTLY AT I.G.A. STORES'.

Advertisement for a Food Sale, featuring the text 'A New Kind of a Food Sale All day Saturday, beginning at 9 a. m. and lasting until 5:30 p. m., an extremely red hot special will be offered every 30 minutes. Don't expect the usual specials — the items we have selected for this all day sale are out of the ordinary. Listen for broadcast announcement.'

Table listing household products and prices: HOUSEHOLD CLEANSER, 2 cans 9c; SALAD DRESSING, pints 16c; COCOA, 1/2-lb. can 10c; PEETS GRANULATED SOAP, large pkg. 23c; MIXED PICKLING SPICE, 4-oz. 10c; VINEGAR, bulk gallon 23c; I.G.A. S. P. TOMATOES, 2 - No. 2 1/2 cans 25c; FANCY BLUE ROSE RICE, 3 lbs. 19c; I.G.A. MILK, tall cans, 5 for 29c; AROMA CATSUP, 14-oz. bottle 17c; AROMA WHOLE ROAST COFFEE, 2 - 1 lb. packages 35c.

Advertisement for White King Soap and Toilet Soaps, featuring the text 'White King Granulated SOAP Large Pkg. 29c' and 'White King TOILET SOAPS Mission Bell Chandu 3 Bars... 13