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FIVE GIRLS DIE IN ASYLUM FIRE

St. Francis Orphan Institution In San Francisco is Destroyed Early This Morning

MANY ARE RESCUED

Bodies of Three Little Girl Are Found in One Bed Where They Perished

TWO OTHERS IDENTIFIED

Heroic Work Done by Mother Superior and Sister in Charge—Police-man Goes Through Window and Brings out Three Women

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 4.—Five little girls perished early today in a fire which destroyed St. Francis Girl's Directory Orphan Asylum. Forty-seven others and several blind and aged women were guided safely out of the burning frame building by Mother Superior Margaret, Sister Mary Agnes and Sister Mary Katherine. Three infirm women, two of them blind, were rescued by Patrolman O'Rourke, who climbed through a window.

Two Identified The bodies of two children, Elizabeth O'Brien, aged 5, and Katie O'Brien, her sister, aged 14, are identified. The bodies of three small girls, burned beyond recognition, were found lying in one little bed on the fourth floor.

The Mother Superior was aroused soon after midnight by the crackling of flames and gave the alarm. Conduct Fire Drill

Three score women and children conducted the fire drill in their night clothes. One little girl, cooler than the others, began dressing when aroused and came out fully dressed. Favorable wind spared St. Joseph's hospital where there was housed more than 200 patients.

DENY CONFESSIONS

THREE NEGROES SAY THEY DID NOT ADMIT MURDER

Are Held at Providence, R. I., for Alleged Killing of Dr. Mohr at Wife's Instigation

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Sept. 4.—Denial that they had confessed to the murder of Dr. C. Franklin Mohr was made to the Associated Press today by George W. Healis, Henry Spellman and C. Victor Brown, negroes, who according to the police authorities, previously declared they had killed the physician at the instigation of Mrs. Mohr.

No Signed Confession Chief of Police Robins of Barrington admitted that none of the three men had signed a confession. The only statement signed of which he had any knowledge, he said, was one in which one man advanced a theory that robbery was the motive of the crime.

BLOW UP A BRIDGE

BRITISH TRY NEW USE OF SUBMARINE BOAT

Attempt not Entirely Successful But Some Damage is Done and Turks Killed

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

LONDON, Sept. 4.—A novelty in submarine war is reported in a dispatch from Athens. It stated that a British submarine, after making its way through the Gulf of Ismid, landed a party for the purpose of dynamiting a railroad bridge 28 miles southeast of Constantinople. The expedition was not entirely successful but the British destroyed a portion of the bridge and killed the Turkish soldiers on guard.

Change in Service.—Attendants at the Episcopal church are kindly asked to note the change in service from 10 to 11 a. m.

BAKER LUMBER MILL DESTROYED BY FIRE

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

BAKER, Ore., Sept. 4.—Fire early today destroyed the W. H. Eccles Lumber Company mills and a part of its lumber with a loss of \$100,000. Firemen and citizens fought for hours and finally succeeded in preventing the fire from spreading to the South Baker lumber districts, where plants valued at more than a million are located. A fire in the Baker White Pine Company's plant was extinguished with small damage.

TRANSPORT GIRLS

MR. AND MRS. SHOOK CHARGED WITH WHITE SLAVERY

Arrested This Morning—Mae Conklin, 21, and Mrs. Bessie Buell, 18, Complaining Witnesses

GIRLS TELL STORY

Both Mae Conklin and Bessie Buell on the witness stand late this afternoon retold the same story set forth in their affidavits, accusing both Mr. and Mrs. Shook of transporting them for immoral purposes to California. Neither of the defendants had a chance to plead not guilty, though both make denials. They are being tried together.

Charged with white slavery, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Shook, of E Johnson Rooming House, Second street, were arrested at eight o'clock this morning by Chief Jack Carter and Ben Fisher, special white slave officer. The complaining witnesses were Mae Conklin, aged 21 years and Mrs. Bessie Buell, aged 18 years. Shook was just released from jail yesterday for using profane and abusive language last Monday night before Mae Conklin.

Most serious is the evidence against both Shook and his wife. The complaints of the girls charge them with conducting a lax rooming house on Second street and Mae Conklin says that on August 14 they all started for the Fair in an automobile, bought by Shook on the installment plan with \$75 of her money.

Stops were made at Bandon and Gold Beach and outside of Eureka the machine broke down and the girls went on ahead of Shook and his wife, in a stage. Wired for Money. The girls claim that their money was taken away from them and that in Eureka they were both left without enough funds to return home on. Mae Conklin, according to her affidavit, says that she telegraphed her parents here for \$15 to buy a steamship ticket to Coos Bay. She came back with Bessie Buell, who is separated from her husband and formerly was Miss Bessie Mobley.

Mae Conklin says that she came here in 1912 with her parents and that they engaged rooms with Shook and his wife, and that after her parents moved, she continued to reside there, working in the city. She blames Shook for her downfall, saying he made improper advances and this with the knowledge of his wife.

Will Go to Portland. A hearing was given Mr. and Mrs. Shook this afternoon before Justice Penneck. They will be taken to Portland and held for a hearing before Frank Pray, special white slave officer of the Department of Justice in this district. The first news of the case was received by Chief Carter. He made further investigations, questioned the women, and then sent for Ben Fisher, who at that time was at Lakeview, and the arrest of this morning followed, acting on advices from Frank Pray in Portland.

Mrs. Buell recently waited on the tables at the Canton Noodle Cafe, the Chinese restaurant on Front street. Witnesses Called. The defendants this afternoon

BANK ROBBERS ESCAPE IN AUTO

Bandits Get Away After Taking \$1350 From State Bank at Selah, Washington

NO TRACE IS FOUND

Officers Cannot Locate Car and Belief is Men Put on Women's Clothing

CASHIER IS HELD UP

Machine is Seen Leaving Place at High Rate of Speed Just Before Citizens Discover That the Theft Has Been Committed

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., Sept. 4.—No trace was found up to noon of the two bandits who held up the cashier and robbed the Selah State Bank at Selah of \$1350 yesterday. Efforts were fruitless to locate an automobile which was stolen a few minutes before the robbery and in which it is believed the robbers escaped.

One explanation of the escape is that the robbers put on women's clothes. The car was driven at top speed out of Selah after the robbery was noted by the citizens.

TROOPS IN CHARGE

ADMIRAL CAPERTON DECLARES MARTIAL LAW IN HAITI

Order Includes Port Au Prince and Other Districts Controlled by the Americans

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

PORT AU PRINCE, Sept. 4.—Rear Admiral Caperton, in charge of the American expeditionary forces today proclaimed martial law at Port Au Prince and other districts occupied by the American troops. The people are calm.

Cannot Control Caperton's proclamation says the present government in Haiti is unable to control the situation. Martial law will not interfere with the proceedings of the Constitutional government and the congress of Haiti.

FLOOD CAUSES RUIN

MUCH DAMAGE IS DONE ON THE FLORIDA COAST

High Winds and Water Cause Big Property Loss But No Deaths Reported

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

TAMPA, Fla., Sept. 4.—High wind and water wrought damage along the Florida Coast north of Tampa. Quarter mile of the south end of Key Island opposite Clearwater, was washed away, carrying with it a fishing camp with all the houses. No lives were lost but the property damaged is considerable. A launch with six people is missing from Tarpon Springs.

YOUNG COUPLE WEDDED

Charles Granby and Miss Selma Winkler are Married

At noon in the justice court Judge C. L. Penneck united in marriage Miss Selma Winkler, aged 22 years, and Charles J. Granby also 22 years of age. The groom is janitor at the F. & B. building and the bride is an adopted daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Haquist, of West Marshfield. They will make their home in the Williams Apartments and their many friends wish them success and joy. Mr. Granby is a son of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Granby, of South Fourth St.

Summoned Silvia Conklin, Edward Pickett, Fred Glover, George Murphy, Mary J. Elrod and Mrs. H. H. Wilson as witnesses in their behalf. Both Mr. and Mrs. Shook contend that they have been guilty of no crime and that the girls went with them as passengers and on their own solicitation. Shook says that Mae Conklin lived for three years with him and his wife and that there has never been anything wrong between them.

GARDNER WINS THE GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

DETROIT, Mich., Sept. 4.—Robert A. Gardner, of Chicago, won the National amateur golf championship here this afternoon for the second time. He defeated John G. Anderson, of Mount Vernon, New York, in the final match of 36 holes, five up four to play.

PRACTICE FOOTBALL

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES PREPARING FOR 1915 SEASON

Only Two on Coast Still Cling to Rugby—Others Return to the American Game

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 4.—Preliminary practice for the football season of 1915 is practically in full swing among all the colleges, schools and athletic clubs of the Pacific Coast. With the return this year of the University of California, St. Mary's College of Oakland and the Nevada University to the American game of football, Stanford and Santa Clara College are the only two institutions of note still clinging to the Rugby game. The change will bring Washington and California Universities together in two big games.

TRACK IS HURRIED

STEEL TO BE LAID SOUTH OF SIUSLAW IN 30 DAYS

Will Build in Now to Lake Takenitch—Early October to See Rails to the Umpqua Bridge

Laying of rails across the bridge at Siuslaw and south, 15 miles to the trestling on Lake Takenitch will probably be commenced within the next 30 days, according to W. R. Fontaine, assistant engineer on the Willamette Pacific who arrived here last evening over the line. He was accompanied by V. G. Hindmarsh, engineer in charge of rail laying north of Coos Bay to the Umpqua. H. G. Hoy, in charge of construction, is expected in this evening from Eugene on an inspection trip.

As much rail laying as possible before the rainy weather sets in is the aim of the engineers, according to Mr. Fontaine. As soon as the trestling on North Lake is completed, probably by October 1 or thereabouts, the track will be shoved forward as far as the Umpqua, under the supervision of Mr. Hindmarsh. There still remains about nine miles to connect up between the end of the line at this end and the Umpqua.

As the bridge at the Umpqua is to be the last link in the construction, the road will be built in to it from both directions. Right now the tug Flyer is found at the Siuslaw, said Mr. Fontaine, waiting to get out with a large pile driver for the Smith River where trestling work is to be commenced at once.

With the road complete in to Lake Takenitch from Eugene, there will be little delay in getting materials in for the work further to the south and this is the main reason that the track there is being hurried. Also construction ahead of the rains is much cheaper, said Mr. Fontaine.

Evades Question

Asked as to what date the trains would be able to give through service, he again evaded the question with the characteristic phrase of the railroad men: "Nothing is ever certain—and we get there when we get there." He expects to be here a day or two and will then return with Mr. Hoy to Eugene.

SALEM—Relatives of Mr. and Mrs. John Kaiser who lived in Salem for many years, have been unable to locate them since the flood at Galveston where they went to reside.

COTTAGE GROVE—For the first time in some years past rattlesnakes have been killed near Cottage Grove, the weather conditions, it is believed driving them from their haunts.

CARRANZA MEN MAKE ATTACK

Uniformed Soldiers of Mexico and United States Clashing on International Border

THIRTY ARE SLAIN

Private of Cavalry Badly Injured But No Other American Casualties Reported

RANGERS ARE ASSISTING

Soldiers From Fort Brown Are Rushed to Scene—Sheriffs and Armed Citizens Also Take Part in Fight—Two Mile Front

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

BROWNSVILLE, Texas, Sept. 4.—The battle extends along a two-mile front. John Salvini, a private in Troop D, Third Cavalry, has been taken to Mission with a serious wound in the hip. No other Americans were injured at 3 o'clock. The 80 cavalrymen under Captain J. C. McCoy are being assisted by a large force of Texas rangers, sheriffs and armed citizens.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

BROWNSVILLE, Texas, Sept. 4.—Between 25 and 30 Mexicans were killed this afternoon in a battle between Texas rangers on the American side and Mexicans, believed to be Carranza soldiers, on the Mexican side of the Rio Grande near Old Hidalgo, Texas. The battle was still raging at 3 p. m. No one on the American side had been killed at the last report.

There are said to have been over 40 Mexicans in the original party. They fired across the Rio Grande on a Texas ranchman near where the fighting is being waged this afternoon.

All available cavalry at Fort Brown was rushed to the scene.

Soldiers Meeting

The fighting along the Mexican border is rapidly changing from hunting unorganized bandits to an armed clash between uniformed soldiers of the United States, and Mexico. Twelve Mexicans, all wearing the uniform of Carranza's army, crossed the international line at daylight and encountered a detachment of American troops near Madera. A short battle followed.

Seven Are Killed.

Seven invaders were killed before the surviving five fled. Almost at the same hour Mexican soldiers fired across the border at a company of Texas rangers near Cavazos. The rangers fired back and it is believed some Mexicans were hit. Captain McCoy hurried from Mission with reinforcement of United States cavalry, fearing the Mexican soldiers in superior numbers would attempt to invade again. There are no American casualties thus far.

Bombs Are Found.

Soldiers and armed citizens continued the search today for bandits operating north of Brownsville. No additional clashes are reported. A posse found two bombs left by the Mexicans.

Blames Enemies

The Carranza Consul here told Colonel Bullard, commanding the border patrol, that the firing on an American aeroplane near here yesterday was the work of enemies of Carranza, who sought to bring about trouble between the United States and Carranza. Garza said he requested Carranza to place a strong patrol on the Mexican border to stop the raids.

KILL MEXICAN GIRL

Stray Bullet Kills Her and Mother is Wounded

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Sept. 4.—A special to the Light says a posse of citizens, led by the Sheriff shot and killed two Mexicans who refused to halt at the Agnes Negras ranch. A young daughter of a Mexican was killed by a stray bullet and the mother was fatally wounded. Yesterday a detachment of the Twelfth Cavalry arrested five Mexicans near Nebraska Station and killed one who tried to escape on a mule.

SCHOONER LOUISE TO BE TOWED TO PORT

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

ABERDEEN, Washington, Sept. 4.—The schooner Louise, which was anchored close to the north jetty last night and reported in danger of being wrecked, will be towed into port today. She is in a safe position.

Later Report

This afternoon the life-saving crew at Westport is standing by the three-masted schooner Louise, which is anchored in a perilous position to the rocks of the south jetty. A tug is making an effort to reach the schooner and pull her out into the deep water.

CONSULTS EXPERTS

SECRETARY DANIELS CONSIDERING SINKING OF SUBMARINE

May be Possible Three Others of Same Type as F-4 Are Withdrawn

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 4.—Secretary Daniels is consulting experts of the Navy Department on the submarine F-4 to determine whether three others of the same type should be withdrawn from service. The final report on the sinking of the F-4 cannot be made until the inspection now in progress is completed. Thirteen bodies so far have been recovered from the submarine and the others are located.

LARGER SUBMARINE

NEW TYPE OF GERMAN VESSEL HAS BEEN SIGHTED

Much Bigger Than Any Previously Used in War—Confirms Recently Reported Plans

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

BERLIN, (Wireless to Sayville) Sept. 4.—A dispatch from Christina states that a German submarine of a new type, far larger than any previous vessel of this character, was observed off the southwestern coast of Norway. This is regarded in Berlin as confirming the reports that Germany is about to place in commission super submarines, far exceeding the best of her submarines used hitherto.

WRECK KILLS MANY

TWO HUNDRED DIE IN MEXICAN TRAIN ACCIDENT

Women and Children Included Among the Victims According to Advices Received Today

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 4.—Two hundred people, including many women and children, were killed in a train wreck several days ago 200 miles east of Mexico City, according to State Department advices today. Another train following with 45 American refugees aboard was delayed by the wreck but reached Vera Cruz yesterday.

BOYS PLAY BALL

West End Team Defeated by South Marshfield Nine

The South Marshfield boys' base ball team won from West Marshfield yesterday. The score was 28 to 6. The South Marshfield boys expect to play another game with the boys from the west end on Sept. 11. The following were the players: West Marshfield—Johnson, Bascom, Noble, Driscoll, Anthony, Clarke, Mirasoul, and McGinnis. South Marshfield—Kelley, Bassford, Centers, Schroeder, Graves, Yake, Knight and Holmes.

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TEUTON TROOPS STILL ADVANCE

Petrograd Admits That Russian Army Has Retired From Scene

CLAIMS SOME GAINS

Counter Attacks Made North of Vilna But Everywhere Else Germans Winning

FIGHTING NOW IN FRANCE

Intense Artillery Activity at Front is Reported to be Continuing and Paris States Last Engagement of Particular Violence

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

PETROGRAD, Sept. 4.—Russia admits the retirement of the Russians to the north bank of the Dvina in the sector where a desperate struggle to protect Riga and the road to Petrograd is in progress. North of Vilna the Russians claim to have gained ground in counter attacks.

Elsewhere the Teutonic triumphant advance continues. Fighting in France

Intense activity of the artillery continues to be reported from the fighting front in France. Paris alludes to the last engagement as of particular violence.

MAKE ANOTHER GAIN

GERMANS TAKE BRIDGEHEAD NEAR RIGA, RUSSIAN PORT

Thirty-seven Officers and Over Three Thousand Men Captured by the Victors

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

BERLIN, Sept. 4.—The German army in battle for the possession of the Russian port of Riga won another important victory. It is officially announced today that the capture of Bridgehead at Friedrichstadt, on the Dvina about 40 miles below Riga. The Germans captured 37 officers and 3225 men.

SERBIA TO ANSWER

REPLY TO NOTE IS NOW READY FOR DELIVERY

Officials in London Taking Much Interest in the Peace Discussions It is Reported

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

LONDON, Sept. 4.—It is announced officially at Nish that the final draft of Serbia's answer to the note of the Quadruple entente is ready and will be presented shortly. It is presumed here the reply on the whole will be favorable in regard to concessions to Bulgaria, but advices from Sofia indicate that unless the whole of Macedonia is conceded there is little chance of the reestablishment of the Balkan league.

About Peace Talk

Although it has been established rather definitely that London has no part in the initiation in the formal peace discussions it is plain that official circles are interested keenly in news of activity in this direction. There are straws in the wind which indicate that what are designated as "proper peace overtures" on the part of Germany would be met with consideration.

BOAT STILL AFLOAT

VESSEL WILLIAM T. LEWIS IS REPORTED WATERLOGGED

Owned in San Francisco and Said to Have Been Torpedoed by Germans

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

LONDON, Sept. 4.—Word was received by Lloyds today that the British bark William T. Lewis, owned in San Francisco, was still afloat. She is waterlogged and a report yesterday said she was torpedoed. Times want ads bring results.