

The Weather's Fine
Edward L. Wells, district meteorologist,
doesn't make it so, but in the Sunday
Journal he is writing a series of inter-
esting articles on how the forecasts are
made. Remember, Sunday.

It's All Here and It's All True
THE WEATHER—Tonight and Friday,
fair; continued warm; easterly winds.
Maximum temperatures Wednesday:
Portland..... 80 New Orleans..... 86
Boise..... 90 New York..... 86
Los Angeles..... 82 St. Paul..... 82

PONZI TAKEN, RELEASED AND REARRESTED

Financier Gives \$25,000 Bond
After Being Held for Using
Mail to Defraud Only to Be
Grabbed by State for Larceny.

By Herbert Caryl
Boston, Aug. 12.—(I. N. S.)—Charles Ponzi, "get-rich-quick" wizard at liberty under \$25,000 bonds under a federal charge of using the mails in a scheme to defraud, was rearrested late today on a state larceny charge by Boston police inspectors in dramatic fashion.

Emerging from the federal building, where he had been kept all afternoon in a cell until a bondsman could be secured, the little Italian entered an automobile and started for police headquarters, when two police inspectors leaped to the running board and served Ponzi with a warrant. He was taken to police headquarters, where he was held in a cell until a bondsman could be secured, when he was released.

Arraigned in court, Ponzi waived the reading of the warrant, pleaded not guilty and was held in \$10,000 for a hearing on August 23. A bondsman was secured and Ponzi left the courthouse in his own car and drove to his home in Lexington.

INQUIRY IS SEARCHING
A searching investigation extending into every quarter of the world was being made today into the affairs of Charles Ponzi, "little Napoleon of finance," and the most gigantic enterprise of the age, and into which the common people were to be let in on the ground floor.

It was learned that the Ponzi little Italian and his 50 per cent in 45 days project was only an advertising campaign in a plan to establish a long chain of banks, a vast export business, steam.

UNITED STATES TO
REMAIN NEUTRAL

Washington, Aug. 12.—(U. P.)—The United States will refrain "for the present" from "taking sides" in the differences between Great Britain and France over Russia, it was learned today at the state department.

Rock Hurts Worker;
Foot Is Amputated

When a Boulder rolled from the high bank along Montgomery Drive, where N. W. Lorenz & Co. are building a retaining wall for the county, R. Shepherd, an employee, was caught underneath, at 11:30 Thursday morning. The rock shattered his ankle. The injured foot was amputated at Sellwood hospital. Shepherd has been boarding at 643 First street.

Taxation Matters to Be
Stressed by Governor Cox

By David Lawrence
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Columbus, Ohio, Aug. 12.—Governor Cox, having made a complete exposition of his views on the League of Nations, plans in the immediate future to discuss taxation and other issues that affect the business men of the country.

The governor is satisfied both from Republican and Democratic press comment that the nation understands clearly that he favors the League of Nations with reservations that safeguard American rights and make it impossible for the United States to be summoned to war against the wish of her people.

Mercury Soars; 96's Reached At 2 o'Clock; 100's in Sight

All heat records for August in Portland were in a fair way to being broken Thursday afternoon, when the mercury crawled past the 96 degree mark at 2 o'clock. At that hour the weather bureau forecasted a possible maximum temperature of 100 above, with the indications, however, that it would be around 99 at 4 o'clock.

The highest temperature Wednesday was 89 above. This was at 3 p. m. The highest temperature so far this year in Portland was 97, occurring July 7. In August of last year the mercury reached 96, which was the previous high mark for this month in the history of the weather bureau.

The last time that a temperature of 100 degrees was recorded in Portland was in July, 1913. Weather conditions in the past 24 hours have been very stable. The warmest place in Oregon Wednesday was Medford, where 102 was registered. Roseburg had 96 above, the highest temperature ever recorded there in August.

Continued warm weather tonight and Friday are forecasted. Hourly temperature readings Thursday:

8 a. m. 72 11:30 a. m. 84
9 a. m. 76 12 noon 92
10 a. m. 79 1 p. m. 93
11 a. m. 85 2 p. m. 96

CHURCH LIFTS BAN
San Francisco, Aug. 12.—(I. N. S.)—Instead of sorrowfully going their separate ways, Mrs. Milo Abernethy and Commander Lyman Knute Nelson today are joyfully honeymooning "somewhere in California."

Telegraphic advice bearing on the baptism of the first wife of Roger Beckwith, the former Baron Wilhelm von Brincken, divorced husband of Mrs. Abernethy, received last evening by the matrimonial court of the Catholic church, resulted in the lifting of the ban on the marriage of Mrs. Abernethy and Commander Nelson.

News of the lifting of the ban reached Mrs. Abernethy as she was about to leave for Santa Barbara to seek forgetfulness of her blasted romance. Commander Nelson, who had been waiting to return to his command, broke all records in returning to San Francisco.

Last night at 9 o'clock, with a few relatives in attendance, they were married in St. Mary's cathedral. They left immediately on a honeymoon trip. The telegraphic advice which saved the situation came from a village priest in the little town of White Cloud, Mich. The priest had been told last night that Alice Roedel had been baptized as a child. This validated her marriage to Von Brincken. As the church does not recognize divorce, it was held that Mrs. Abernethy's marriage to the ex-baron was invalid and she was therefore free to wed again.

Narrowly Missed by
Bullet Boy Shoots

A shot fired through his garage window at 5510 Foster road, missing him by a hair, caused E. E. Quick, proprietor, to notify the police. Patrolman Crandall hurried to the scene and inquiring around in the neighborhood, learned that a bullet from a 5432 Portland avenue had fired the shot with a small rifle. The patrolman warned the boy's mother that he would be arrested if the act was repeated.

More baseball scandal looms

THREE BIG FIGURES IN EUROPEAN SCHISM
GENERAL WRANGEL (center) leader of the southern Russian army, which is fighting the Bolsheviks and soviet rule, and Premiers Alexandre Millerand of France (left) and David Lloyd George of Great Britain (right) who are at outs over France's recognition of Wrangel's government. The resultant political situation is the most acute since the great war and is the first open split between France and Great Britain.



BUYERS INCREASE
LOCAL PURCHASES
Greater amounts of merchandise and a larger proportion of luxuries are being purchased by visiting merchants than ever before in the history of the eight buyers' gatherings held in Portland, according to statements made Thursday by members of the executive committee of the 1920 Buyers' week.

It seems to make little difference whether the buyer comes from the rugged Alaskan villages, the prosperous cities of California or the thriving towns of Central Oregon, all are here with the purpose of buying large quantities of merchandise. Prosperity has forgotten but few places in the western part of North America. People who formerly demanded but the bare necessities of life are purchasing the things that they have desired but were unable to buy for many years.

1400 REGISTERED
At the headquarters of Buyers' week in the Oregon building Thursday morning registration had slackened to a certain degree. Perfect weather has attracted many of the buyers on sightseeing trips and most of the remainder are anxious to complete their purchase lists before Friday. Few visitors were to be found at headquarters.

Registration had reached the 1400 mark at noon. The committee in charge of the listing of the names of visiting merchants reported that only about 50 per cent of the Oregon and Washington merchants have registered who registered last year. Most of the buyers from nearby points are expected in the city Thursday afternoon and Friday. Members of the executive committee have no way in which to determine the amount of goods being purchased but express the opinion that goods ordered from Portland jobbers and manufacturers this week will amount well over the million-dollar mark.

Wednesday noon the visitors were entertained at the Lewis and Clark aviation field. A cafeteria luncheon of sausage, biscuits, hot coffee and delicacies of the kinds was served. The merchants were taken to the field by

Body Saved From
Dissection When
Relatives Appear

The body of E. B. Piper, who committed suicide last Friday in the Ohio rooming house, 9 Second street, by taking strychnine, was recovered by relatives from the Pacific Dental college Sunday morning after it had been delivered there by the coroner's office.

The body had been delivered to the school for dissection purposes under the impression by the coroner that it would be unclaimed. When the death was reported, the coroner's office only held the body a day and because the morgue became crowded, it is said, as a result of the accident Saturday, it was taken to the dental school.

In the meantime the body was identified as that of Piper. Perry Piper, a brother, 258 East Davis street, who had been camping at Dodge park, hurried in to learn from the coroner what disposition had been made of the corpse, and had it taken to the Miller & Tracey undertaking establishment. The funeral was held from there Monday evening and burial was in Mount Scott cemetery.

BABY LOSES LIFE WHEN BOAT BURNS

18-Months-Old Earl May Blackburn, Left Sleeping in Cot, Perishes in Flames; Mother With Skiff Arrives Too Late.

Left by himself in a houseboat at the foot of Derby street, Earl May Blackburn, 18-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. George Blackburn, was burned to death shortly after noon Thursday when an oil stove in the boat exploded and destroyed the Blackburn home and that of George McFarland nearby.

McFarland, who is a night watchman, was sleeping in his houseboat and so rapidly did the flames spread from the Blackburn home that he was slightly burned in making his escape. Mrs. Blackburn had left her baby sleeping in a cot near the oil stove and went to her friend's house while lunch was being cooked. When she discovered the fire, her home was a mass of flames. She rowed to the house in a skiff and got so close to the fire that the intense heat overcame her.

Neighbors who ran to the fire heard the child screaming and then two explosions. Blackburn is employed at the Portland Pottery works and McFarland at the National Tank & Pipe company as engine No. 30 was called to the fire and a special run was made outside of the city limits.

The Blackburn home was a palatial house boat valued at over \$2000. In addition it had a gasoline launch in the houseboat dock valued at \$1500 which was also destroyed. The McFarland loss amounted to \$1500. Neither of the families carried any insurance.

LOCKED HOTEL DOOR;
PROPRIETOR JAILED

Unless a higher court overrules the decree of Acting Municipal Judge Richard Delch, Nick Raptakis, proprietor of the Glenwood hotel, must serve 180 days in jail because the back door of the hotel was found locked when fire fighters attempted to enter Wednesday morning.

Delch imposed the sentence Thursday following Raptakis' arrest on a fire marshal's warrant charging violation of the fire ordinance. Raptakis had the lock in court and explained that it was equipped with a safety catch that allowed free egress from the inside. It was alleged that it was a key lock exclusively and would not open from the inside without a key.

Everyone was able to escape from the fire because the elevator shaft was enclosed, preventing the flames from cutting off the adjacent stairway. The blaze had threatened a disaster similar to the Elton court fire a few days previously in which four persons lost their lives. Raptakis was represented by an attorney, but he announced he would employ one and appeal from Delch's decision.

Flash to Be Charged
With Murder of His
Wife at San Diego

San Diego, Cal., Aug. 12.—(I. N. S.)—T. F. Flash, chief pharmacist's mate, U. S. N., will be charged today with the murder of his wife, Edna May Flash, Chief Patrick declared, following the third long session of questioning the suspected slayer.

Flash has held closely to his original story. Only minor circumstances have been found which fail to bear out his statements. Fred Lamar telephoned Chief Patrick from Los Angeles today, corroborating Flash's story of the events immediately before the woman's disappearance. Lamar and Mrs. T. Berg, friends of the Flashes, were with them the evening before the death of the woman whose body was found in a shallow grave in the San Diego river.

Babe Ruth in Game
With Bandaged Knee

Cleveland, Aug. 12.—"Babe" Ruth was in his position today when the Yankees defeated the Indians today for the third day of their series here.

Ruth gave his right leg a workout today for the game and announced that he felt able to play. He wore an elastic knee bandage.

Fire Hits Bucoda;
Damage \$45,000

Centralia, Wash., Aug. 12.—Estimating a loss approximately of \$45,000, virtually the entire business section of Bucoda, 10 miles north of here, was destroyed by fire this morning.

Russian-Finnish
Armistice Agreed

From Forest to Home Is Lot of Girl Who Hiked, Dressed as Boy

Because she was seized with the spirit of the wanderlust and answered the call of the big outdoors, sought to live in the open forests and in the shadow of the mighty mountains as a boy, 15-year-old Geraldine Bley, who says she hardly remembers her parents, will spend the next two years at the House of the Good Shepherd.

Geraldine's offense was to be disguised as a boy and to have hiked in the Santiam country with Jack Brown, who didn't know she was a girl until two weeks had elapsed. Geraldine was consigned by County Judge Billings to Linn county to the state training school, but J. Teuscher of the Boys' and Girls' Aid society, instead had her committed to the Portland institution "until further order of the court."

This, interpreted by Teuscher, means that she probably will be kept there until October 18. Geraldine will not be 18 until October 22, she says. Since the rules of the institution forbid its inmates to have any visitors except relatives, and since Geraldine has no relatives, it means she will never see anyone during this time except the other inmates of the institution.

Geraldine, it is said, has unusual intelligence, is determined in spirit, is an excellent musician and in the terms of Teuscher, is a "bold, adventurous individual who has gone into a new field of exploration." 15-year-old Geraldine, who hardly knew her parents, went into

TROTZKY ARRIVES
AT POLISH FRONT

Warsaw, Aug. 11, Via London, Aug. 12.—(I. N. S.)—Leon Trotsky, minister of war in the Russian soviet government, has arrived at Russian headquarters at Bielestok, said a dispatch from the front.

Paris, Aug. 12.—(I. N. S.)—Advices from the eastern theatre of war indicate that a grand battle for Warsaw will be precipitated along the whole Polish battle line today, it was announced at the foreign office. The daily soviet war office communique had not been received by wireless from Moscow up to 1:30 o'clock this afternoon.

Dense Fog Holds Up
Journal Seaplane on
Return From Seaside

Heavy fog along the beaches Wednesday afternoon prevented Pilot J. D. Clemence of the Oregon, Washington & Idaho Airplane company from returning to Lewis and Clark field after he had delivered the early afternoon editions of "The Journal" at Astoria and Seaside.

Clemence got away in an F-boat at 1:05 p. m. but experienced engine trouble on the way down and did not reach Astoria until 2:50. Unloading the papers and making emergency adjustments of his engine, Clemence was away again and arrived at Seaside at 3:50. G. M. Gordon was a passenger on the down trip.

By that time the afternoon fog had settled in so closely that it was impossible to start back to Portland and Clemence laid over until Thursday morning.

F. K. Harding is piloting one of the Seagulls for the trip Thursday.

Deich Blows Hot, Blows Cold
Depending on Who Speeder Is

Not all traffic violators answer to the law for their deeds under the present course of action of Acting Municipal Judge Richard Delch. Although some offenders are heavily punished for violation of ordinances, others, apparently equally culpable, escape.

Robert Dunlavy was arrested for speeding on East Burnside street a few days ago. From Twelfth, one of the worst intersections in the city for accidents, Dunlavy travelled for several blocks, according to the arresting officer, at a speed of 50 miles an hour. Automobiles were crashed and Dunlavy motorcycle flew by intersection. But the speed was not diminished. CASE IS "CONTINUED"

The case came to trial in municipal court later. Acting Judge Richard Delch was on the bench. The arresting officer was there to tell his story. The case was called. Without hearing a word of testimony, without listening to a word from the officer, without hearing a single witness in court, either for the city or defense, Judge Delch continued the case until next week.

Recently the young son of J. C. Bracher was arrested for driving an automobile. He was under age. Judge Delch was on the bench. The arresting officer was there to tell his story. The case was called. Without hearing a word of testimony, without listening to a word from the officer, without hearing a single witness in court, either for the city or defense, Judge Delch continued the case until next week.

Report Upon Riots
Requested by Colby

ENGLAND ATTEMPTS TO CLOSE BREACH

France's Decision to Recognize
Wrangel Regime Against Advice of Britain Causes Latter to Reply and Urge Harmony.

(By United Press)
Britain and France have split on the question of how to combat Russian Bolshevism.

The British today were attempting to close the breach. A note was received at the French foreign office in which Britain declared the two governments should continue to closely cooperate while their present differences are being adjusted.

The schism in allied diplomacy was caused by France extending recognition to General Wrangel, anti-Bolshevik leader in the Crimea, and by Britain advising the Poles to accept the Bolshevik peace terms, according to dispatches.

Premier Lloyd George at first refused to credit the report that France had recognized Wrangel without British consent. When Premier Millerand heard Lloyd George had advised the Poles to accept the Bolshevik terms, he told the cabinet it was a violation of the Hythe agreement, under which France and Britain were to act in concert in the Russian crisis.

The sudden disappearance of French-English alliance came as a surprise to many diplomats in Washington. It expressed fear that France and Britain would go into it alone hereafter, which would mean the western barrier against the spread of Bolshevism had been weakened.

The official Washington attitude evidently was "hand off" for the present until it was seen whether the differences could be patched up.

MILLERAND WILL CONFER
WITH BRITISH PREMIER
By Earle C. Reeves
London, Aug. 12.—(I. N. S.)—The official new European situation resulting from the decision of France to recognize the anti-Bolshevik de facto government of General Wrangel in Southern Russia will be discussed by Premier Lloyd George and Premier Millerand at Boulogne Sunday, it was learned this afternoon.

The conference was hastily arranged after France had formally notified Great Britain of her decision not only to recognize the Southern Russian de facto government, but to give military aid to General Wrangel as well.

The British Federation of Coal Miners today voted approval of a general strike in the coal mines of Great Britain if the committee considers such a drastic step necessary to prevent a new war.

Owing to the seriousness of the international situation, the conference was held in secret.

Report Upon Riots
Requested by Colby

Washington, Aug. 12.—(I. N. S.)—Secretary of State Colby today telegraphed to Governor Lowden of Illinois asking for an investigation and report in the recent rioting in Chicago, Ill., which grew out of clashes between Americans and foreigners.

Deich didn't want to prosecute, that the boy had been driving the machine a long time." Under instructions from Judge Roseman the warrant was served and the defendant fined \$25.

DEICH ASKING OFFICE
Deich was at that time candidate for nomination for district judge. He was nominated at the June primary election.

On July 25, William F. Bracco was driving an automobile down Fremont street toward Twelfth. He crashed into a motorcycle, wrecking the machine and injuring the rider.

Deich last Friday. Testimony indicated that Bracco's machine was going 50 miles an hour, that it skidded 60 feet before the crash and 40 feet afterward. In describing the flight, one witness said "nothing could have got out of the way" and that occupants of the hurtling machine were hanging on "for dear life."

But the driver came out all right. The case against him was dismissed by Acting Judge Deich.