

CIRCULATION
Average for April, 1923: 6117
Sunday only 5502
Daily and Sunday 5502
Average for six months ending April 30, 1923:
Sundays only 5068
Daily and Sunday 5488

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SALEM, OREGON, TUESDAY MORNING, MAY 8, 1923

PRICE FIVE CENTS

CHINESE RELATIONS SHAKY

Hot Words Are Passed at Council Meeting

BANDIT ATTACK MAY INVOLVE NATIONS IN DIPLOMATIC MIX-UP

SAFETY SPACE IS DESIGNATED EXPERIMENT

State and Commercial Streets Designated for Zone Pending Preparation of Permanent Ordinance

CURBS TO BE MARKED FOR AUTO PARKING

Bill Authorized to Prohibit Jay-Walking on Main Business Corners

Characterized by low-flung and high-flung reports and accusations some of them sizzling hot, the first definite steps toward the establishment of a safety zone for the city of Salem, experimental but nevertheless concrete, were adopted by the council last night when in the midst of an apparent deadlock Alderman Suter arose and said, "I move that State and Commercial on both sides where street cars stop be tried out as a safety zone, while a new and complete ordinance is being prepared." The motion was carried unanimously.

According to specifications as embodied in Alderman Suter's original traffic or safety zone ordinance a strip five feet from the center of the street and running 10 feet back from the intersection will be designated as the "safety zone," in which zone no automobiles will be allowed to park. It further provides that automobiles on approaching the zone wherein the street cars stop, must slow down to a speed not to exceed 10 miles an hour. The preparation of a zone at State and Commercial, which is in the hands of the street commissioner, will probably be worked out some time this week.

Thompson Plan Accepted
In addition the council voted to accept a plan put in the form of a motion by Alderman Ralph Thompson, providing for the marking of curbs, wherein cars may park on eight-foot space on the following streets or zones: Court to Ferry on Commercial; State to High on both sides, including Court and the north side of Ferry and Commercial. Going a step further the council also voted to prohibit the parking of automobiles in alleys, and at the instance of Alderman Ralph Thompson to draw up an ordinance to prohibit "jay walking" at the intersections of State and Commercial, Liberty and State, and High and State. This would not include "jay-walking" in the center of blocks but only at intersections.

They Became Personal
Hectic was the course of Alderman Suter's original ordinance to establish three safety zones, terminating in personal accusations and defeat of the ordinance, only after it had been miraculously saved by Alderman Suter himself from the hands of a contrary ordinance committee.
The fight began when the ordinance committee reported unfavorably on the grounds that it was not adapted to present needs.
"One member of the ordinance committee voted unfavorably on this," Alderman Suter exclaimed, "because it would prevent cars from stopping in front of his place of business. I try to forget my business when I come up here

THE WEATHER

OREGON—Tuesday, fair.
LOCAL WEATHER

(Monday.)
Maximum temperature, 84.
Minimum temperature, 47.
River: 2.1 feet, rising.
Rainfall: None.
Atmosphere: Clear.
Wind: West.

WALLA WALLA WHISKERS TO BE WORN LONG

Citizens Will Allow Beards to Grow As Feature of Winning West Pageant

WALLA WALLA, Wash., May 7.—Perhaps the most striking incident of the future plans of the big pageant, "The Winning of the West" to be held in this city June 6 and 7 is the growing of beards for the occasion.
Many of the local business men and others taking part in the big pageant have already started to grow them.
In a few weeks this city will be changed from a smooth shaven locality to a bearded colony.

CHARGES MADE IN COMPLAINT

Mrs. O'Neill Says Her Husband Mistreated Her and She Wants Divorce

Sensational charges of unfaithfulness, whippings and affairs with other women are made against Paul O'Neill in a divorce complaint filed in the circuit court yesterday by his wife, Grace O'Neill.

According to her accusations her husband admitted to her at one time that a certain woman whom he described as "peppy," offered him money if he would run away with her. At that time, she states, he invited her virtually to leave home, the better to carry out his plans.
She asserts that he twisted her wrists and arms until she lay writhing on the floor in pain.
"Often she claims he partook too deeply of intoxicating beverages, at which times he forgot to come home. At one time, after their baby was born, he remained away from home for 10 or 12 days, she claims."
In April, 1923, when she went to Silverton to obtain employment, in order to support herself and the baby, it is claimed he followed her, making a scene during the course of which he tore her clothing to shreds.
O'Neill by profession is a movie operator, the complaint states, and earns from \$25 to \$40 a week. Because of his lucrative profession, it is stated, he was able to purchase a car but never permitted his wife to ride in it.
A divorce and custody of the minor child is asked, and whatever other relief the court may deem justifiable.

ALTITUDE RECORD BROKEN BY BURY

Machine Carrying 500 Pounds Cargo Rises Almost 30,000 Feet

LEBOURGOT, France, May 7.—Sergeant Bury today broke the world's airplane altitude record for a machine carrying 550 pounds cargo. He reached an altitude of 3,250 meters.
Aviator Gontard last week at Lebourg, with a machine carrying a load of 550 pounds reached a height of 6,000 meters, (approximately 20,250 feet).

State Prison Team Wins From Covey Motor Team

The state penitentiary baseball team on Sunday defeated the Covey Motor Carry company team from Portland by a score of 12 to 4. The game was witnessed by the Elks band of Portland following a band concert given for the benefit of the prisoners.

KLUKERS MARCH
POCATELLO, Idaho, May 7.—Approximately 150 men, in the regalia of the Ku Klux Klan, marched silently down the principal thoroughfares here tonight and held a coronation on a hillside at the outskirts of the city.

OFFICERS TRY TO RUN DOWN SWINDLE PLOT

Unscrupulous Traders Are Blamed By Wall Street With Attempt to Perpetrate Immense Fraud

SCHEME IS DETECTED BEFORE CHECKS CASHED

All Letters and Checks Declared to Have Come From Common Source

NEW YORK, May 7.—Post-office inspectors, police and private detectives joined hands today to run down the authors of a wide-spread plot to upset the stock market by dumping on it hundreds of orders to buy, backed by worthless checks running into the millions.
Wall street generally attributed the scheme to unscrupulous traders, seeking to influence prices for their own ends, although the possibility was not lost sight of that a fanatic or some disgruntled person might have thrown the monkey wrench into the gears of the New York exchange.

No Check Cashed
It was obvious, however, that those who worked out the plot had a wide knowledge of Wall street and its ways. Although not a single one of the checks was cashed, their dumping on brokers had a marked effect on today's market. Several brokers rushing into the exchange with what they thought were bonafide buying orders "at the market" for New York Central, Corn Products and Chile Copper shares, with a sprinkling of other stocks, sent prices sharply up.
In the meantime, however, New York correspondents for banks on which the forged checks were drawn, began to turn down the worthless paper. The brokers who had bought, promptly began to unload and the market slumped.

Whole List on Slide
Already uneasy under the recent attacks of bear traders, and further depressed by acute weakness that developed in the grain and cotton markets, the entire list took the toboggan and most of the shares listed by the board made new low records for the year before they quit sliding. The decline did not end until a few minutes before the closing, when a covering movement by bear traders roused one to 10 points but practically the entire list closed below Saturday's high, the losses ranging from 1 to 10 1/2 points.

The operators of the swindle, if they took full advantage of their opportunity, made a killing both on the rise and fall, selling short on the brief peak reached before the forgeries were disclosed and then covering and buying or the rise.
Scheme Cleverly Worked
The scheme, in which it was sought to involve brokers in Philadelphia, Boston and Chicago as well as in New York, was worked out with meticulous detail, although the forged names attached to the checks were crude. Apparently all had been written by the same hand, but the conspirators evidently figured on a quick turn, before the forgeries were discovered.
The letters coming from a score of cities in Pennsylvania, Massachusetts and New York and even as far west as Kansas, Iowa and Louisville were dropped in the mails Saturday and were on hand in the various brokerage offices at the opening of business today.

Victims Carefully Picked
Typed on the same water-marked brand of paper, apparently with one typewriter all the letters purported to come from bank officials in the various cities, and asked that orders be placed for customers of the banks. Each letter gave the name of that particular

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GRAND JURY STARTS PROBE OF CLASS ROW

Officials Take Steps to Run Down Mystery of Leighton Mount's Death

CHICAGO, May 7.—A grand jury today began investigation of the mystery surrounding the death of Leighton Mount, Northwestern university student, who disappeared following a class rush in September, 1921, and whose skeleton was found under a pier at Evanston a week ago.

With State's Attorney Robert Crowe and nearly all his assistants working on the case, much importance was attached to the finding at Akron, Ohio, of J. Allen Mills, a former Northwestern student, who was said to have been in the class rush the night Mount disappeared and who, students have claimed, knew most of the circumstances in connection with the rush. An assistant state's attorney left tonight for Akron to question Mills.
Robert Jamar, a student who was on beach patrol at Evanston in the summer of 1922, told assistant state's attorneys today that there was no hole in the pier under which Mount's body was found, when he was on duty. The pier is of solid masonry on the lake side and there was a hole nearly two feet square in the floor planking nearly above the place where the body was discovered last Monday.

One theory has been that Mount was accidentally killed by students during the class rush and his body secreted under the pier by lowering it through the hole in the flooring. Jamar's story indicated to the authorities that if the body were put under the pier by lowering it through the hole, it must have been long after the night of the rush.

Advices received here from several sources indicate that the women among the white passengers later were released, but only after they had been beaten and spat upon by their brutal captors in an effort to make them keep up with the fast moving cavalcade as it traveled through the darkness away from the scene of the holdup.

Several of the women are said to have dropped from exhaustion and the bandits left them where they fell, refusing to permit their husbands to stop and render any assistance.
Miss Aldrich Safe
One of the women was Miss Lucy C. Aldrich, sister-in-law of John D. Rockefeller, Jr., of New York. Late today it was definitely established that she had been released and was unharmed in a small village 15 miles from the main line of the railroad where the holdup was staged.

Among the prisoners still believed to be held by the brigands are Robert Scripps, prominent American newspaper publisher who is making a tour of the Far East in his private yacht. Other captives are Major Roland Pinger of the United States army in the Philippines with his older son, Roland, Jr., aged 8, and Major Robert Allen, also of the American army in the Philippines with his son Robert.

POLICE MATRON MAKES REPORT

Mrs. Blanche Coe Tells Council of Scope of Work Since January 1

The first report of the new police matron, Mrs. Blanche Coe, was read and adopted at the meeting of the city council last night.
According to Mrs. Coe's report she has investigated 30 cases of delinquency since she took office which was on January 1. Thirteen bail cases have been cared for and 20 calls have been made on parents while 42 office consultations were held.
Thirty-six investigations on complaints received were made and 15 public dances attended. Three cases were referred to the Associated Charities, two were returned to their husbands, one to brothers and four to parents living out of the city.
Three cases of men contributing to the delinquency of minors were investigated and four cases were referred to health officers.

Trusty Escape Followed By Walla Walla Hounds

WALLA WALLA, Wash., May 7.—One of the trusty prisoners at the state penitentiary escaped yesterday afternoon and up to a late hour tonight had not been located by officials who took up the hunt shortly after the man was reported missing.

20 AMERICANS ARE CAPTURED ABOARD TRAIN

Chinese Bandits Maltreat Women and Drive Men Into Hills Where They are Held for Ransom

BRITISH ARE AMONG VICTIMS OF ATTACK

Mongolian Government Attempts Rescue, But Overtures Are Difficult

PEKING, May 7.—(By The Associated Press.)—Approximately 20 foreigners, many of them Americans, including a prominent newspaper publisher and two American army majors tonight are in the hands of a daring gang of Chinese brigands, who raided the Peking Express early Sunday morning at Suchow Province of Kiangsu, shot dead one English passenger named Rothman, and drove scores of others, white and natives, off like a herd of cattle in their midst.

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SALEM MEN SEE BIG RADIO TOWER

Federal Plant at Hillsboro Said to Be of International Importance

F. S. and R. D. Barton and their families were Salem visitors to Hillsboro Sunday to inspect the new radio plant of the Federal Telegraph company.
This is a grown-up plant that is blossoming into international importance, for it was built for radio service to China and other half-way-round-the-globe stations. The main mast is 626 feet high, built of steel with concrete base, and the wire antennae spread out over 100 acres. No radiogram can come filtering anywhere within their reach, without having a trailload of wire ready to snare it. The electrical energy required for this station is about 100 kilowatts, or 130 horsepower.
The condensers for an ordinary private radio set can be carried in one's hand; the condensers for this mammoth outfit are about 15 by 18 feet in size, and there are 20 of them. Every other item of construction is built on the same gigantic scale. Structural calculations say that the top spire of the tall tower would stand a pull or a push of 86,000 pounds.
The central telegraph station for this trans-Pacific service is in Portland. The messages are relayed on to the Orient and wherever else they are destined for, direct from Hillsboro. They could have built the station out on the coast and saved a few miles, but when they figured it all up, it was found cheaper and more satisfactory to build inland, rather than incur the cost of a single wire line to the coast.

MAN KILLED

LONGVIEW, Wash., May 7.—J. G. Houston was killed today when an automobile went over a bank near here as he was closing a door just after taking the wheel. S. E. Thompson, owner of the car was hurt. Both were of Vancouver, Wash.

SNOW FALLS
ST. PAUL, Minn., May 7.—Snow began falling here tonight, melting as it touched the ground. The heavy flakes were driven by a strong wind.

JOE CANNON IS WELCOMED ON BIRTHDAY

Veteran Legislator at Home on 87th Anniversary—Governors Send Messages

DANVILLE, Ill., May 7.—(By the Associated Press.)—"Uncle Joe" Cannon, the veteran legislator, today received an official welcome home from his fellow townsmen, on the occasion of his 87th birthday. It was his homecoming from his final session of congress.

From early morning until afternoon, when the celebration officially began, the man who made Danville and the black cigar famous, was the recipient of greetings and congratulations. Hundreds of messages came by wire from throughout the nation, nearly all the governors offering their best wishes.
"Uncle Joe" issued the following greeting and message:
"Friends, this demonstration of your affection is in itself compensation for my half century of public service. The extent of my gratitude cannot be weighed or measured. To all, my heart goes out in thankfulness."
"To you, too, all the people of America from my observance of half a century. I bring this message: Have faith. Open you will feel that you detect a great uneasiness, an unrest, a threatening under-current in this government."
This is neither new or unusual. I have learned that America will rise to meet her problem. I have learned that good will triumph over evil.
"Have faith in the government of your fathers."
"Show your faith by works to keep that government."
"Have faith that right will prevail."

MINISTER SCHURMAN CHARACTERIZES DEVELOPMENTS AS SERIOUS—INSTRUCTED TO MAKE STRONG REPRESENTATIONS TO CHINESE GOVERNMENT—WAR DEPARTMENT READY TO BACK ANY PLAN OF STATE DEPARTMENT.

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BERRY GROWERS MEET SATURDAY

Points of Cooperation to Be Discussed at Chamber of Commerce

All loganberry growers of the valley are urged to meet Saturday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at the Chamber of Commerce auditorium to decide what they will do on two or three points of cooperation.
One item is that of continuing or making an organization big enough to include practically all the loganberry producers of the state, big and strong enough to care for the market fairly but firmly, for the interest of both grower and consumer, and avoid the ruinous fluctuations of the past.
The other big thing is the decision as to whether the growers will vote an appropriation of one-tenth of a cent a pound for advertising the loganberry. It is generally conceded that the only live future for the loganberry lies in a wider knowledge of this fruit, and if the present generation of growers is going to get much out of it, it will have to get into the advertising game at once. The matter of appropriating one-tenth of a cent for advertising was brought up last winter and received hearty endorsement, but no provision was made for putting the plan into action. The effort is being made to get the whole growing and packing industry together to agree on a national plan for making the loganberry a household work in the American market.
All who are interested in loganberries are urged to attend, or to send representation prepared to act definitely.

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RANSOM DEMANDED

PEKING, May 7.—(By Associated Press.)—The Chinese bandits who perpetrated the daring holdup of the Peking express train near Suchow Sunday, kidnaping the passengers, many of them Americans, have demanded a ransom of \$1,000,000 in addition to a pardon for all involved, according to advices received here. The diplomatic representatives of the foreign governments are conferring on what action is to be taken.

At 10 o'clock Monday night Pacific time, all available reports in connection with the Chinese bandit raid on the Peking express near Suchow, indicated that 19 foreigners principally, were still in the hands of the brigands. The list included one woman, Senora Anicia, of Guadalajara, Mexico, whose release or escape had not been definitely confirmed, although general statements had been received from two or three points that all women captured had been released.
Those believed to be Americans named in the list are:
Major Roland Pinger, Manila, Roland Pinger, Jr., son of the above.
Major Robert Allen, Manila. Robert Allen, Jr., son of above. N. F. Milner, Los Angeles. J. A. Pinley, Shanghai. C. Jacobson, Shanghai. J. B. Powell, Shanghai. Lee C. Solomon, Shanghai. Levy, Shanghai. Fred Elias, Shanghai. Edward Elias, Shanghai. Leon Friedman, Shanghai. The remaining names on the list are:
Senora Anicia, Guadalajara, Mexico. Senora Anicia, wife of above. Theodore Saphier, Shanghai. Emile Gensburger, (French) Shanghai. G. D. Musso, (Italian) Shanghai. V. Haimovitch, Shanghai.

Minister Schurman at Peking, in an official report of Secretary Hughes, received today, characterized the developments as "serious" and was instructed immediately by the state department to press his inquiry, report the facts to Washington and make strong representations to the Chinese government.
Little Light is Shed
Still other steps were said to be in progress but officials here declined to throw any further light
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TRAFFIC OFFICERS HAVE CONFERENCE

Road Policemen and Officials of Oregon and Washington Meet Here

A general conference of Oregon and Washington traffic officials and members of the traffic squad of the Portland police department yesterday was followed last night by a conference of T. A. Raffety, chief of the state traffic department with the men who compose his force.
The principal speeches were made by Mr. Raffety, Mayor John B. Giesey, who welcomed the men to the city; Sam A. Kozar, secretary of state; Roy A. Klein, state highway engineer; H. D. Wagnon, secretary of the automotive division of the public service commission; Governor Pierce; Captain West, of the Portland traffic squad, and L. V. Jenkins, Portland chief of police.
Uniformity in the administration of the traffic laws in all counties and between states was the main theme of the meeting.

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Try a Statesman Want Ad
The Results Will Surprise You
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One a Day. Will it be Yours Tomorrow?
1921 FORD COUPE—EXFECT condition, white wire wheels, license and several extras, 1242 North Clatsop. Call after 6 p. m. Terms.