

WEATHER—Fair; temperature above and humidity below normal in interior; moderate northerly winds. Yesterday—Maximum, 84; minimum, 49; river, -1.5, stationary; rain, none. Atmosphere, clear. Wind, northeast.

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You can't tell. Maybe a fish goes home and lies about the size of the bait he stole.—Syracuse Post-Standard. Anyway, there's a lot of darned good company at the bottom of the ladder.—New Haven Register.

SALEM, OREGON, SATURDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 4, 1926

PRICE FIVE CENTS

16 DIE IN PIT, FIRE BARS AID

Four Thousand Persons Await News as 122 Men Escape Mine Blast

FLAMES BURN FIERCELY

Oklahoma Explosion Reports Related as Mine Owners Endeavor to Suppress Disaster Facts

TAHONA, Okla., Sept. 3.—(AP)—Seven bodies had been taken tonight from the Superior Smokeless Coal company's mine here tonight and little hope was entertained that nine others believed to have been entombed by an explosion in the mine this morning still lived.

The bodies recovered were those of Dennis James, Henry Berry, Russ Green, Anual Wanua, Bob Chambers and his son Will, and Bruce Davis.

Rescue workers continued their efforts to penetrate the place where the others were entrapped. They expected to reach it by midnight.

POTEAU, Okla., Sept. 3.—(AP)—Bodies of 16 miners who lost their lives in two blasts wrecked slope 7 1/4 west in Mine No. 29 of the Superior Smokeless Coal and Mining company at Tahona, were located by rescue squads tonight, according to information reaching here.

The bodies were not brought out of the mine because of fire which barred the entrance. Rescue squads were reported to be fighting the flames to prevent their reaching the bodies and further wrecking the shaft of the mine.

It is expected that the bodies will be brought to the surface early Saturday morning. An appeal was sent to Fort Smith, Ark., about 10 miles away, for fire fighting apparatus and men to reach here at 3 o'clock this afternoon with firemen to augment rescue parties which, under the direction of Pit Boss Herbert, had worked for five hours, pushing a blanket in the doomed entry in an effort to battison off the flames and bring air into the damp filled workings.

Difficulty was experienced by newspaper men in obtaining definite information as to the extent of the disaster, owing to reticence of the mine officials. Such information as could be obtained had to be taken a distance of two miles to reach a telephone. Company officials early in the day declined to give information and permission to use the company telephone was denied.

Three bodies had been located early this evening and rescue squads pushed their way into the shattered workings in search of others of the missing men. Hopes that any of the remaining 13 men

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ACCIDENTS CLAIM TWO COMPENSATION COVERS MOST CASES REPORTED

There were two fatalities in Oregon due to industrial accidents during the week ending Sept. 2, according to a report prepared by the state industrial accident commission yesterday. The victims were Joseph Keppecs, Cornucopia, laborer, and Robert Grant Baldersee, Dallas, timekeeper.

Wild Horse Tramps Rider, Death Escape Miraculous

Unbroken Steed Falls on Cowboy, Rolls Across His Body; Vicious Kicks Fail to Intimidate Actor at Afternoon Performance

Some fine samples of "buckaroo" riding were offered Salem circus fans yesterday afternoon and last night when the 101 Ranch Wild West show spent a day at the 14th street circus grounds, with a full complement of cowboys, redskins, buffalos, steers, and all the other paraphernalia that go with a western ranch.

An unexpected thrill was when Eddie Rosenberry, one narrow escape from death or



HOLLYWOOD.—Nils Christander, the Swedish motion picture director who is here to make a number of pictures, has had but brief time for observation, but he announces, as his firm conviction, that American girls are the world's premier kissers.

Christander should know, for he has directed kissing in practically every nation and language. His observations are summed up as follows: German girls suggest the taste of alligator pears. French girls sound like a boiler works, but suggest perfume of crushed violets. Lips too wet. Eager and provocative for kissing purposes, but once you get them they'll remind you of blooming nasturtiums. American girls—Ah! Strawberries! It is terrible if you don't like strawberries!

++ JUSTICE CHICAGO.—The International Jazz Musicians' Association is to meet in Chicago. But Chicago is a noisy town. Chicago knows that most of the association members are saxophone surgeons. . . . Be that as it may, and one thing is another, the fact is that the Association has been unable to find accommodations in any of Chicago's great and luxurious hotels.

++ YOUTH BURNS THE WORKS WASHBURN, Wis.—This is the city of the "kid mayor," Paul Ungrodt, who is seemingly making good. But more, this is the city of the state Treasurer, Pretty, shingled great and thoroughly modern. Miss Young, who is a very successful business woman, is in the city.

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TOLEDO, Ohio, Sept. 3.—(AP)—Five Illinois tourists were killed when their automobile was struck by a passenger train 27 miles south of here today.

CHICAGO DEATH QUIZ TO START

McSwiggin Shotgun Murder Facts to Go Before Special Grand Jury

KILLING LIST STAGGERS

Of 236 Murderers in First Eight Months, Only Five, Found Guilty, Undergo Supreme Penalty For Act

CHICAGO, Sept. 3.—(AP)—A new special grand jury to investigate the killing of Assistant State's Attorney William McSwiggin was ordered here today when Special Prosecutor Charles A. McDonald, a former judge, reported: "We are in a position to show who is responsible for the murder."

McSwiggin was the victim of a machine gun attack in Cicero several months ago, he and two companions being sprayed with bullets as they sat in an automobile.

The third special grand jury which functioned during August reported 32 additional indictments today for election frauds and appended these vital statistics to its report: Murder in Cook county (Chicago) from 1922 to 1926, 1240 slayers; executed, seven.

++ PATIENTS TRANSFERRED AUTOIST COMMITTED TO HOSPITAL GOES SOUTH

C. L. Montgomery, who was arrested here a few weeks ago charged with operating his automobile at a speed of approximately 60 miles an hour and later committed to the Oregon state hospital for medical treatment, yesterday was transferred to an insane hospital in California.

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WARP COURT'S POWERS TO MEET U. S. REQUEST

"EVERY POSSIBLE EFFORT" TO BE MADE TODAY

Importance of American Participation "Beyond Estimate," Belief

GENEVA, Sept. 3.—(AP)—An optimistic remark concerning the reservations of the United States in connection with the country's adherence to the world court was made tonight by a prominent delegate to the conference of the world court members which is considering the reservations. He said that all the American reservations would eventually be accepted.

This opinion was expressed after the conference had adjourned leaving a committee of 14 to study the judicial points raised by the American candidate with the understanding that a report be made at the new session of the conference.

Whether it is excessively optimistic only the future can disclose, but certainly the speeches at this afternoon's session produced a general impression that the conference will go the limit of concessions in order to meet the views of the United States so weightily is the importance all countries attach to its adhesion to the court.

President Van Eysinga, summing up the discussion, declared the first four reservations and the first part of the fifth had been approved on first reading.

Count Rostvorovski, eminent Polish jurist, even went so far as to say that the future activities of the conference involved two stages—first, acceptance of the American reservations as a whole, and second, examination of the world court's statutes, with a view to adapting them to the new conditions created by acceptance of the reservations. He defined this as a second codification and insisted that the United States should be represented at a special conference to carry through this codification.

CHILD KILLED BY AUTO DRIVER TRIES TO DODGE GIRL, ATTEMPT FAILS

RAINIER, Ore., Sept. 3.—(AP)—Irene Haggberg, 5, was killed here today when she was struck by an automobile as she was crossing the highway near here.

The little girl is said to have dashed across the road directly in the path of a car driven by S. L. Fields of Woodland, Fields, according to witnesses, did everything within his power to avoid hitting the child, who died within a few minutes after the accident.

MAYOR MAY BE OUSTED KANSAS ATTORNEY GENERAL PREFERS CHARGES

TOPEKA, Kans., Sept. 3.—(AP)—Quar proceedings against Mayor W. W. Gordon of Kansas City, Kansas, were filed today by Charles B. Griffith, attorney general. The petition charged the mayor with permitting the manufacture and sale of liquor, protecting gambling houses, tolerating vice rings, and using the city's funds and expending public money for personal use of individuals.

NO PARDON FOR SLAYERS LOEB-LEOPOLD WILL STAY BEHIND CELL BARS

JOLIET, Ill., Sept. 3.—(AP)—Nathan Leopold and Richard Loeb, "thrill slayers" of Bobbie Frank of Chicago, and now convicts in the state penitentiary here, will never be pardoned by Governor Small he said today.

"No pardon will ever be issued by me for the slayers of Bobbie Franks," Governor Small said, "and as long as I am governor the law will be enforced."

"I have noticed the statements in the public print regarding the possible pardon of Leopold and Loeb in 1925 but as far as I am concerned there never will be a pardon or a parole for the two slayers."

CAMERAS GREET ACTORS MARY AND DOUG REACH HOME, CROWD ASSEMBLES

PASADENA, Cal., Sept. 3.—(AP)—The familiar click of cameras greeted Mary Pickford and Douglas Fairbanks when they stepped from an overland train here today after several months abroad. They left immediately by automobile for the Fairbanks homestead in Beverly Hills. A crowd had gathered to welcome the screen stars.

SENATOR HAS OPERATION CONDITION IS SATISFACTORY PHYSICIAN ANNOUNCES

BATTLE CREEK, Sept. 3.—(AP)—Senator Duncan U. Fletcher of Florida underwent a second and major operation for an intestinal affection in a sanitarium here yesterday, his physicians announced today. His condition tonight was satisfactory, physicians said, and gave every indication of speedy recovery.

FLIER ENDS LONG TRIP DOOLITTLE GOES OVER ANDES PEAKS SAFELY

BUENOS AIRES, Sept. 3.—(AP)—Lieutenant James H. Doolittle, American air pilot, arrived here today at 2:50 p. m., having made a non-stop flight over the Andes, 1,436 kilometers, in about 7 1/4 hours.

Shot Ends Ring Feud QUARREL OVER STONE'S SIZE LEADS TO SLAYING

LEXINGTON, Ky., Sept. 3.—(AP)—A quarrel over the size of the stone in a diamond ring led to the slaying of a pretty red haired telephone operator today by her 70-year-old suitor who later committed suicide.

Kelly Kirtly, wealthy restaurateur and hotel man of Charleston, W. Va., fired a bullet into the brain of Miss Mildred McDaniel, 26, of Brooklyn, N. Y., while she slept in a hotel here this morning and then entered the bath room and shot himself two times, dying before help could be summoned.

For months Kirtly has been lavishing his gifts to Miss McDaniel. Thursday night the two had quarreled over the size of the diamond in a ring he had given Mildred. Shortly after 7 a. m. today, Miss Gregory declared, she was awakened by a pistol shot. She saw Kirtly standing at the bed with a pistol in his hand and her companion dead beside her.

Kirtly went into the bath room and shot himself twice. The slaying and suicide were precipitated in the belief of police who found two notes; one his will and the other addressed to an undertaker.

MRS. BILL HART PLANS TO QUIT RENO QUIETLY

REPORTS OF IMPENDING DIVORCE CAUSE GOSSIP Terms of Odd Trust Fund Will Award Her \$103,000 If Remarried

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 3.—(AP)—Friends of Mrs. Winifred Westover Hart, who last night stated that the former film actress had gone to Reno, Nev., for the purpose of obtaining a divorce from William S. Hart, noted western character, were at a loss today to understand reports from Reno that Mrs. Hart, who has been living there under an assumed name, intended leaving the Nevada city.

An announcement by her lawyers from Reno stated that she would leave here today on account of public reports that her presence there preceded a divorce action.

Hollywood reports said that Hart did not even know of the presence in Reno of his wife and was not aware that any action was contemplated. Mrs. Hart's mother and young son are with her.

The married life of the film's two gun man and the former actress is known to have been unhappy from the start. At one time it was believed that the birth of William Hart, Jr. had patched up marital difficulties, but separation followed.

At the time of the rift, Hart created a trust fund under which

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MYRTLE ELUDES CAPTOR ESCAPED ELEPHANT CHARGES INDIAN IN FOREST

CRANBROOK, B. C., Sept. 3.—(AP)—Myrtle, a circus elephant that escaped a month ago, was reported lurking this afternoon in a thicket of miles from here. Searchers are around the scene.

Abel, an Indian, located Myrtle yesterday. After following her trail for a week he came to where she had fallen down a 40 foot bank, brushing the branches off trees. When Abel took hold a chain about her neck, she calmed. Abel fled. Newspaper photographers and reporters hurried to the scene of Myrtle's appearance.

Five elephants escaped the circus here. Another besides Myrtle is caught.

POWER UNIT IS APPROVED SINNOTT, McNARY WILL TAKE BILL TO CONGRESS

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 3.—(AP)—The introduction of a bill in the house and senate of congress authorizing the construction of the various phases of the Umatilla transportation, irrigation and power project in eastern Oregon was approved today at a meeting here attended by the executive committee and officers of the Umatilla Rapids associations and Senators Charles L. McNary and Robert N. Stanford and Congressman N. J. Sinnott.

Sinnott and McNary, it was said, are ready to present the bill in congress, which will be designated after the Poulter Canyon project measure now in congress. This provides for the irrigation phase of the development, work to be paid for by bonds secured from the commercial development of hydro-electric power created, it being anticipated that such revenue would be sufficient to defray the expense of bringing the water to the edge of the districts to be irrigated.

CHICAGO HOME BOMBED POLITICS SEEN IN PLOT AGAINST WARD LEADER

CHICAGO, Sept. 3.—(AP)—A bomb exploded in the doorway of the home of Morris Eller, Chicago republican leader, was attributed today by police to political enemies of the twentieth ward leader, despite Eller's insistence that he had no enemies that would account for the violence. Eller and his family were unhurt. The upper walls of the two flat buildings owned by Eller were cracked, however, and the interior was damaged.

GET A FLAG THIS WEEK

The Statesman is making it possible for every home to fly a flag on Labor Day. By clipping a coupon which appears in this paper every day any reader of The Statesman can get one of these beautiful 3x5 foot flags for only 95 cents and one of these flags for Labor Day you had better come in today as they are going fast.

GUNS COW MEN AS PEN BURNS

Main Buildings at Washington State Penitentiary Are Total Loss

SPECTATORS BLOCK ROAD

Incendiary Blaze Breaks Out in Roof of Cell Block in What Officials Call "Attempt at Prison Break"

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Sept. 3.—(AP)—Fire which started in the Washington state penitentiary here about 5:30 o'clock this afternoon was still raging at 9 o'clock tonight. Convicts were under heavy guard in the recreation yard, members of Co. F of national guard having been called out to prevent any outbreak among the prisoners.

The main building which includes the cell houses and the dining hall was believed to be a total loss. Other buildings were not seriously threatened and fire fighters believed they could be saved.

The fire which broke out in the roof of one of the cell blocks, was believed by prison officials to have been started by convicts in hope of an opportunity for escape. The flames had been eating into the building for nearly half an hour before the fire was discovered by guards and alarm turned in.

Cell doors were thrown open and the convicts herded out into a separate enclosure away from the burning building and placed under heavy guard. Company F, Walla Walla National Guard unit, was hastily mobilized and rushed to help guard the turbulent crowd of prisoners. So far as had been discovered tonight, no convict had escaped from the prison. The office building which is of fireproof construction had so far escaped the flames.

What is known as Siberia cell house, where the most dangerous criminals are kept, is at some distance from the main building and had not taken fire. The inmates remaining in their cells.

Thousands of spectators blocked the roads leading to the prison but were kept a quarter of a mile from the burning building by militia and penitentiary officials.

The main prison building where 975 men are housed, seemed doomed from the start as much of the building is old and the fire went through it with great rapidity. Having such a start that efforts of city firemen and prison workers were of no avail.

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ABANDON CHANNEL SWIM MONA MACLAREN, HORACE CARY FACE HEAVY SEAS

FOLKESTONE, Eng., Sept. 3.—(AP)—The channel swim of Mona MacLaren and Horace Cary was abandoned this afternoon, owing to a rough sea when they were seven miles off South Foreland, on the English coast, near Dover. They had taken the water at Cape Gris Nez, France, early this morning.

Cary left the water after 9 and one-half hours. Miss MacLaren gamely swam for another couple of hours, but when she found herself making no progress against the strong tide, she also decided to quit.

STORM'S DELUGE CEASES HARVESTING AT STANDSTILL; MUCH GRAIN UNCU

WINNIPEG, Sept. 3.—(AP)—Although skies were still cloudy, rains which damaged roads, bridges, and crops in Alberta and Manitoba since Monday had ceased.

The Saskatchewan river was 12 feet above its usual level, but no flood was expected. Harvesting was at a standstill and much grain remained uncut. About 200 workers from the United States had crossed the border to aid in the reconstruction and harvesting in response to an advertisement of the Canadian dominion government in border states.

