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Weather forecast: Fair, continued warm; humidity below normal; maximum temperature yesterday 93; minimum 54; river minus 1.4; atmosphere clear; wind northwest.

With a surplus of \$430,000,000 in the National Treasury and Congress not in session, Secretary Mellon apparently thinks it safe to take a two months' vacation.—Boston Transcript.

SEVENTY-SEVENTH YEAR

SALEM, OREGON, SATURDAY MORNING, AUGUST 6, 1927.

PRICE FIVE CENTS

KLEIN REMOVAL SOUGHT; RUMOR AT STATEHOUSE

Pressure Being Directed Against New Members Of Highway Commission

FAVOR NUNN OR KELLEY

Gates Reported to be Friendly to Proposal, Van Duzer Supports Klein; Sawyer's Stand not Predictable

Reports were current here Friday that considerable pressure was being directed at Robert W. Sawyer and C. E. Gates, new members of the state highway commission, tooust Roy Klein as state highway engineer.

It was said that the interests who would oust Mr. Klein from the office of state highway engineer are advocating the appointment of either Herbert Nunn, now resident of California, or C. C. Kelley of Klamath Falls.

Both Experienced Mr. Nunn served as state highway engineer in Oregon for many years and assisted in constructing the Columbia River highway. He is now employed in a private capacity by Douglas Fairbanks, moving picture actor.

Mr. Kelley served as assistant highway engineer during the administration of Mr. Nunn. He later resigned and has been located in Klamath Falls.

A. H. Van Duzer of Portland, third member of the highway commission, was said to have expressed himself as well satisfied with Mr. Klein. It was said that Mr. Gates would not be adverse to a change in the position.

What Mr. Sawyer's stand in the matter will be, could not be predicted here. The newest member of the highway commission is well acquainted with the work of Mr. Klein as well as with that of the men mentioned to fill the place, through his connection with the highway program as country judge of Deschutes county. His relations with Mr. Klein have been of a friendly nature so far as is known here.

Mr. Van Duzer is to be elected (Continued on page 4)

FLIERS PREPARE FOR GREAT RACE

PLANES REACH SAN FRANCISCO FOR HAWAII FLIGHT

Runways Reported in Shape For Takeoff Monday; \$35,000 At Stake

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 5.—(AP)—Test flights, forced landings, and the approach of one eastern plane to San Francisco were today's developments in the activities preliminary to the starting of the \$35,000 James D. Dole air race from the mainland to Hawaii, on August 12.

The single eastern plane reported edging its way to San Francisco this afternoon was piloted by John Auggie, Pelar of Flint, Mich., navigated by Manley Lawing, San Diego, naval aviator, and carrying Miss Mildred Doran of Flint, Mich., as passenger. The plane took off from San Diego at 7:55 a. m. and was expected to arrive here tonight.

The monoplane "Oklahoma" piloted by Lieut. V. H. Griffin and navigated by Al Henley of Oklahoma, landed at Clover field, Santa Monica, this afternoon after being forced down on the Mojave desert yesterday. The aviators declared they would continue their Oklahoma-San Francisco flight tomorrow morning.

The special low winged monoplane built in Los Angeles was forced down at Santa Ana today while on a test flight from Los Angeles to San Diego.

The Dole race pilot of this plane was named as Lieutenant George C. Covell. Lieut. Leo P. Pawlikowski was designated its navigator.

The runways of the San Francisco and Oakland airports were declared in excellent shape for reception of the planes, expected to flock into the bay district over the week-end.

All entrants are to draw for starting positions Monday noon and the starting points will then be decided with the choice resting in the pilots judgment.

GERMAN FLIERS SET NEW MARK

STAY ALOFT NEARLY 53 HOURS ABOVE DESSAU

Plan to Start Flight From Germany to New York Some Time Next Week

DESSAU, GERMANY, Aug. 5. (AP)—Voicing jubilant confidence that they will succeed in flying from Germany to New York, Cornelius Edzard and Johann Ristic landed this morning after an airplane flight which broke the world's record for duration.

Taking off at 5:30 o'clock Wednesday morning the German fliers in their Junkers W-33 plane remained aloft until 10:13 o'clock this morning, flying 52 hours 23 minutes and eight seconds and breaking the former record of 51 hours, 11 minutes 25 seconds held by Clarence D. Chamberlain and Bert Acosta.

The long flight left no doubts in the minds of the pilots and officials of the Junkers airplane works that the proposed two-plane flight to America will succeed. There are indications that a start is planned for.

"I'm sure we'll make it," remarked Edzard before retiring for a long sleep after the endurance flight. "We had fuel for only 52 hours flight time, but we might have taken 660 pounds more which would have enabled us to fly more than 60 hours. Even with constantly unfavorable winds, the ocean can be crossed in that time."

"My faith is as firm as the rock of Gibraltar that the machine will land me safely in America. I haven't the faintest doubt over the outcome of the flight," said Ristic.

Although the official record of the endurance flight has not yet been proclaimed by the German air council, no doubt is felt here that the time will be recognized as well as the distance of 6,940 kilometers covered (3,753 miles) not counting about 850 kilometers covered in circling about the Dessau flying field. The flight broke the distance record of 4,400 kilometers held by the French flier Maurice Drouhin, who used a Farman biplane. (The distance record set by the Chamberlain-Levin flight from New York to Germany is 3,905 miles.)

Associations Denied Young Feminine House of David Members Testify in Suit

ST. JOSEPH, MICH., Aug. 5.—(AP) Five young women members of the House of David testified today that they did not visit Benjamin Purnell, leader of the colony during the four years he was in hiding, as charged by Bessie Woodworth, a state witness. Mrs. Woodworth led state troopers when they raided the colony headquarters last fall and took Purnell.

Drake Woodworth, 20 year old sister of Bessie, denied she ever had "been around where Benjamin was," but admitted that she had roomed with her sister at the colony.

FIND WOMAN MURDERED New York Police Baffled by Shooting Mystery of New Type

NEW YORK, Aug. 5 (AP)—Deep in the earth under the Woolworth building and under the tread of thousands of feet crossing the city hall plaza to and from the drab old post office police have met with a death mystery of a new type.

The body of a woman, a bullet in her right breast, was found this morning in the washroom of the Brooklyn-Manhattan city hall subway station. Police think the shooting occurred about four hours before the body was found. It was at first believed the woman killed herself, but no pistol was found. An attempt had been made to mop up blood from the washroom floor.

SHOOT ACTOR HUSBAND "He Called Me Woman of the Streets" Says Gun Wielder

HOLLYWOOD, CAL., Aug. 5. (AP)—A romance of Russian intrigue ended here today with Mrs. Irene Presniakoff, 26, known on the screen as Irene Preston, in jail and her husband, Loges Presniakoff, 35, also of the films, nursing a superficial bullet wound in his shoulder, the result of a shot fired by his wife.

"She telephoned me to come and see her and then she shot me," was Presniakoff's story to the police.

"He called me a woman of the streets, then I shot him," was her version of the affair.

NOTHING TO ADD ON STATEMENT SAYS COOLIDGE

President Refuses To Amplify Stand Regarding Party Nomination

HAS NO FURTHER PLANS

Matter of Employment After Leaving office "Hada't Occurred," Gives no Hint of Preference of Candidates

Rapid City, N. D., Aug. 5. (AP)—It was emphasized today at the summer White House that President Coolidge is planning to leave office March 4, 1929, but no amplification of his statement on Tuesday that "I do not choose to run for president in 1928" was forthcoming. Nor is one now expected.

The full force of his statement was brought home to the president today when newspapermen meeting on Tuesday asked him about his plans after retiring from the White House.

Has No Plans It hadn't occurred to Mr. Coolidge, it was said, that he needed to be thinking about what he will do after he leaves office. Work has been coming his way so fast that he never thought he would have to look for it. However, he felt it might continue coming in the future.

Although numerous questions were placed before the president in writing asking him about his announcement all were disposed of with the declaration that he had nothing to add to the statement.

Later in the conference a discussion arose about the convention (Continued on page 4)

COBURG BOY KILLED

Edwin Trapp, 21, Caught Under Barn When it Collapses

EUGENE, Aug. 5.—(AP)—Edwin Trapp, 21, of Coburg, was instantly killed this afternoon when he was caught under a barn he was tearing down when it collapsed. The accident happened about one o'clock today, but the body was not discovered until this evening when his brother Lawrence was sent to find him after he failed to return to his home for dinner.

AIMEE EXPLODES POPULAR PHRASE

SAYS DIDN'T ARRIVE IN "BATTERED AUTOMOBILE"

Had Plenty of Money to Begin With Declares Much Talked of Evangelist

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 5. (AP)—Aimee Semple McPherson today exploded a choice phrase which has been used by writers here, there and everywhere in describing the evangelist's entry into Los Angeles to begin her meteoric religious career.

The Angelus Temple pastor, whose stormy experiences of the last year has made her name familiar wherever newspapers and magazines are read, always has been pictured as arriving here in a "battered old automobile without money" and later building a religious plant worth half a million or more.

"It isn't so," she said indignantly today. "As a matter of fact we arrived in a brand new 8 cylinder 7 passenger car and we had plenty of money—the result of 14 years of constant work by we two women."

REPORTS SEVERE QUAKE

Disturbance, Estimated As 6,300 Miles From Washington

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5.—(AP)—A "very severe earthquake" at an estimated distance of 6,300 miles from Washington was reported today by Father Tondorf of the Georgetown observatory. It began at 4:26 p. m. with maximum disturbance between 5:07 and 5:15 p. m. Father Tondorf said the quake still was continuing with reduced severity.

TITLE MEN NAME HANSON

Salem Man Chosen on Abstractors Executive Committee

EUGENE, Aug. 5. (AP)—The state convention of the Oregon Title and Abstract association met here today with between 40 and 50 delegates in attendance. The nominating committee today presented the following names for next year's officers and later in the day the men were all elected: For president, Roy Yates of The Dalles; for first vice president George Crowell of Albany; for second vice president, B. F. Wyde of La Grande; for secretary-treasurer, Fred E. Raymond of Portland; for the executive committee: W. E. Hanson of Salem and Arthur Wilson of Klamath Falls; delegate to American Title association convention in Detroit, Fred E. Raymond of Portland.

SECRECY HEDGES MOVIE TRAGEDY

WOMAN WHO SHOT PICTURE DIRECTOR LITTLE KNOWN

Love Believed Motive For Singular Hollywood Shooting Affair

HOLLYWOOD, CAL., Aug. 5.—(AP)—A tragedy of love grown cold which last night took to death a motion picture executive and a woman of striking beauty whose bare name and a few bits of gossip alone withheld it from the realm of complete mystery, was passing into police history tonight.

While film chiefs deplored the death of Hamilton W. Mannon, 26, vice president of Tec-Art Studios, "who was respected and loved," according to one production head, detectives were unable to learn more of the woman, Betty close acquaintance, was found a little book of verses. A poem entitled "Shadows" the lines of which said:

"In the girl's room in a private home where the mystery of her past was as deep as among her past was a little book of verses. A poem entitled "Shadows" the lines of which said:

"But can't you find a little good to love in me" was followed by an underscored passage from Omar Khayyam, as follows: "And fear not lest existence, closing your

"Account and mine, should know the like no more." The bodies of Mannon and the girl were found last night slumped down in the front seat of an automobile in the residence district. The girl, unconscious and near death, clutched a revolver in her hand.

Mannon had been at the Tec-Art Studios until 11:30 last night. The shooting occurred within the next half hour. Of the girl, several of those closest to her believed that her name was Betty Montague and (Continued on page 4)

PROTEST FORCED LEASES

Indians Tell Coolidge Oil Royalties not Sufficient

RAPID CITY, S. D., Aug. 5.—(AP)—A group of Oklahoma Quapaw Indians were received by President Coolidge today and their lawyers, O. K. Chandler of Miami, Okla., and Merrick A. Whipple, of Okmulgee, Okla., left a complaint against oil leases made with them by the government during the incumbency of Albert B. Fall as secretary of the interior department. They said leases were "forced" upon the Indians and that the royalties were insufficient.

CORVALLIS MAN NAMED BANKING HEAD OF STATE

A. A. Schramm, Former Resident of Salem and Willamette U. Graduate

TAKES OFFICE IN MONTH

Headquarters of Banking Department to be Brought Back to This City, Board Announces After Meeting

A. A. Schramm, cashier of the Corvallis State bank, yesterday was elected state superintendent of banks to succeed Frank Bramwell, who resigned recently. Announcement of Mr. Schramm's election was made by the state banking board following a conference in the treasury department. The board composed of Governor Patterson, Secretary of State Kozler, and State Treasurer Kay.

Mr. Schramm received all of his education in Salem graduating in law and liberal arts from Willamette university. He also attended Capital Business college. For a time, he was employed in the Ladd and Bush bank, and later served as examiner for the state banking department.

Takes Office September 1 The new bank superintendent has been a resident of Corvallis for several years, gaining prominence in financial circles of the state. He is an active member of the Oregon Bankers association. His new duties will be assumed September 1.

Members of the banking board said that Schramm had more endorsements from banking men than any other candidate for the office of superintendent, and that most of those who endorsed other candidates expressed a second choice for Schramm.

Parents Live Here Schramm is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Schramm, 1255 Marion street. He was born in Minnesota. (Continued on page 5.)

KNIGHTS' CASTLE BURNS

Youthful Warriors Save Own Lives in Real Near-Disaster

Firemen yesterday afternoon at 3:35 made a run to 1975 W. Nob Hill, and put out a fire which completely destroyed a play house at the rear of the home of Bert Hulst, at that address.

Kenneth Marsters and Bob Hulst, both aged 12, had spent long hours nailing together all the boards they could find, until the result was a two room house which served as pirate's cave, robber's den, and knight's castle, all in one. For several nights the boys had been sleeping in the play house.

Yesterday they were holding secret conclaves, with all girls, excluded on pain of death—or they'd tell mother, at least—when the miniature lantern used to light the interior blazed up and in a moment the whole edifice was in flames. Bob managed to crawl through the doorway. Kenneth kicked a board from the wall of the "castle" and jumped out.

Firemen managed to keep the flames from other sheds, and the Hulst garage, so that the damage amounted to practically nothing, from a grown-up's standpoint.

"But what'd I do say when he gets home?" young Bob tearfully asked his mother.

FRIENDS URGE CLEMENCY

Governor Patterson Asked to Intervene for Miss Weatherston

A large number of letters have been received at the executive department here recently urging Governor Patterson and the state parole board to exercise clemency in the case of Miss Harriet Weatherston of Eugene, who is serving a six year term in the prison for the part she played in the collapse of the Florence State bank.

Miss Weatherston is employed as bookkeeper in the penitentiary office, and was said to be very efficient in her work. Any executive clemency for Miss Weatherston would have to be exercised by Governor Patterson for the reason that she has not yet served her minimum sentence and is not subject to parole.

SEEK NEW TRIAL FOR 2 RADICALS

NEW EVIDENCE ON VANZETTI BEL SALES ALLEGED

Definite Course of Action by New Defense Attorneys not Yet Known

BOSTON, Aug. 5. (AP)—The legal procedure by which counsel for Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti hope to stay their execution now set for sometime after next Wednesday night, was being formulated today, but the exact steps remained shrouded in mystery in the absence of a definite statement from Arthur D. Hill, who has been engaged to continue the fight for freedom for the two internationally known radicals.

Hill was closeted in his office most of the day with a number of men who have been identified with the case. These included Professor Felix Frankfurter of Harvard; Herbert Ehrmann, assistant of William G. Thompson, who resigned yesterday as counsel for the condemned men, and M. E. Musmanno, Pittsburgh attorney who now is working with the Sacco-Vanzetti defense committee.

During the day Attorney Hill called in Francis B. Sayre of the Harvard law school, who remained with him the greater part of the afternoon. Sayre, son-in-law of the late President Wilson, told newspapermen he believed legal action would be taken in the United States district court in Boston.

While Attorney Hill remained silent on his probable course of action, the defense committee through Attorney Musmanno, definitely announced that counsel for the condemned men would go before a justice in the Norfolk county superior criminal court (Continued on page 4)

ORDERS NAVAL RESERVE

Organization At First Confined To New York-San Francisco Boats

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5.—(AP)—Orders were sent out today by the navy department for the creation of a new merchant naval reserve which has been provided by law but for which no appropriation has been made.

Commandants of naval districts have been instructed to interview the owner or operators of American owned vessels to obtain their cooperation and assistance in organizing the new reserve. Under the policy adopted by the department merchant marine vessels will be organized on the selected ship unit basis so that ships and officers in time of national emergency can be transferred to the navy as a complete organization ready for immediate service.

First efforts toward organization will be confined to the third and twelfth naval districts on vessels operating from New York and San Francisco.

VANDUZER CHOSEN HEAD

Highway Commission Favors Portland Man for Chairman

Members of the state highway commission have agreed upon H. B. Van Duzer of Portland as chairman of the organization for the coming year, according to announcement made at the state highway department here today. Formal election of Mr. Van Duzer will follow at the next meeting of the commission in Portland, it was said.

Mr. Van Duzer has served as a member of the highway commission for a number of years. Other members of the commission are C. E. (Pop) Gates of Medford and Robert W. Sawyers of Bend.

PUBLIC CONDONES ARSON

Deputy Fire Marshal at Convention Deplores Attitude

PORTLAND, Aug. 5. (AP)—The second session of the Pacific Coast Association of Fire Chiefs convention which opened yesterday was featured by reading of a paper "Incendiary fires" by H. H. Pomeroy, chief deputy fire marshal, and read by George W. Stokes, of the fire marshal's office.

"Arson is not decreasing because of the public attitude that the only offense is not 'getting away with it,' and because insurance agents, written by competitors with unscrupulous agents, over-insure and thereby create the incentive for the largest proportion of incendiary fires," declared Mr. Pomeroy.

DIG EXPLOSIONS CAUSE DAMAGE EASTERN CITIES

Internal Machines in New York, Philadelphia, Wreck Subways, Church

CONFUSION WIDESPREAD

Police Establish Heavy Guard Over Boston Elevated; Attempt to Fire Massachusetts State House Nipped in Bud

NEW YORK, Aug. 5.—(AP)—Explosion of internal machines in two of New York's subway stations tonight injured a score of persons, wrecked the stations and shattered in stores on the streets above.

One explosion occurred at 25th and Broadway station of the Brooklyn-Manhattan Transit company, while the other occurred about the same time at the 28th and Fourth avenue station of the Interborough Rapid Transit company.

No Motive Assigned Police declined to assign any motive for the blasts. Police in the five boroughs were ordered to remain on duty until relieved and men reporting for duty at midnight were held at their stations to await further orders.

An unidentified man standing on the platform of the Brooklyn-Manhattan Transit subway at 25th street was blown to the tracks by a train which was picked up and taken to the New York hospital.

The B. M. T. 25th street station was a mass of wreckage. The force of the blast, attributed to a bomb, broke the water pipes in the lavatory. The platform was flooded. The railings on the stairs were blown from their concrete bases. Turnstiles and change booths were shattered. Tile, brick and cement littered the scene.

Second scare created Newspaper photographers created a second scare at the scene when they began getting off flashlights. Many people fled, thinking that another blast was occurring.

One man was severely injured in an explosion at the 28th street station of the Fourth avenue line of the I. R. T. company. He was an employe of the subway company but had not been identified when he was taken to the hospital.

Police Commissioner Joseph A. Warren who took personal charge of the situation ordered all patrolmen throughout the five boroughs to remain on duty until further notice. Men reporting for duty at (Continued on page 5.)

ENGLAND LABOR PARTY PROTESTS

ASK COOLIDGE TO INTERVENE FOR SACCO, VANZETTI

"If Sentence Executed Will Lose Faith in American Justice," Cabled LONDON, Aug. 5. (AP)—A protest against the execution of Sacco and Vanzetti was cabled to President Coolidge tonight by the council of the Independent Labor party. It bore the signature of James Maxton, laborite member of parliament and chairman of the party.

"The British Independent labor party has heard with incredulity that the death sentence passed against Sacco and Vanzetti must stand," said the message. "We are shocked and amazed. We beg you to intervene. If the sentence is carried out the workers will lose all faith in American justice."

Geneva Switzerland, Aug. 5. (AP)—Special police precautions have been taken to protect Hugh S. Gibson, chief American delegate to the tripartite naval conference, from any possible disturbance by Sacco-Vanzetti sympathizers during the remainder of his stay here. The American consulate in Geneva also is well guarded.

The state of feeling in Geneva concerning the case can be gauged from the fact that the sober and sedate Journal De Geneva, devotes a column and a half of its principal news page to dispatches from New York, Milan and Paris dealing with the repercussion upon Governor Fuller's decision.

PRINCIPALS IN CASE THAT SHOOK WORLD



Top left, Bartolomeo Vanzetti and Nicola Sacco, whom Governor Fuller of Massachusetts this week denied clemency, holding that the trial for murder which resulted in their being sentenced to hang, was fairly conducted. To the right, Mrs. Sacco and her little daughter. Below are William G. Thompson, counsel for the defense, who has retired from the case after his most recent defeat, at the left, and at the right, Governor Alvan T. Fuller, the center of the recent controversy over the case. The center shows a view of the entrance to the death house at the Charlestown, Mass., state prison.