

OREGON: Tonight and Thursday occasional rain, fresh southerly winds. LOCAL: Minimum temperature maximum 63, mean 52. Rainfall 0.1 inches. River -3 feet, rising.

Capita Journal

Salem, Oregon, Wednesday, September 22, 1920

Average for 1920, 5350
Population of Salem 1900, 6282;
1910, 14,094; 1920, 17,975
Marion county, 1920, 47,117
Folk county, 14,181
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Blown Down by Hurricane and Fear for Fate of Big Acreage

Orleans, La., Sept. 22.—The hurricane last night hit the coast, striking with full force a point close to Morgan City. M. Cline, district foreman of the local weather bureau, said today.

Wire down between here and along the gulf coast, weather bureau officials were experiencing extreme difficulty in obtaining information from the section where the storm landed.

Western Pacific railway officials said trains from that section were greatly delayed because of water and destruction of telegraph wires.

Wheat was expressed here for rice and rice crops. Morgan City is one of the greatest rice growing sections of Louisiana, and the country were believed to be in the direct path of the storm.

Sept. 22.—The central tropical hurricane passed west of the Mississippi river and is now over northern Texas, the weather bureau announced early today. The storm would diminish in intensity as it moved on, but it was ordered down at 9:30 a. m.

Nebraska Voters Pass Measures

Lincoln, Sept. 22.—Returns received today indicated that the Nebraska voters have approved the amendments to the state constitution proposed by men and women throughout Nebraska at the special election. Out of approximately 1900 precincts in the state had been reported early today.

The measures voted upon yesterday provide for the creation of a state industrial commission by the legislature to pass upon controversies between employers and employees in any business or occupation affected with a public interest; unrestricted woman suffrage in Nebraska; authorization of the legislature to regulate property of aliens; creation of a budget system; permit regulation of working conditions for children and the teaching of all common school branches.

Orange Colored Cat Leads To Recovery Of Stolen Dyestuffs

New York, Sept. 22.—Because of an orange-colored cat, a large spot on her body crossed by a line of keen-eyed agents of the department of justice in Rivington, Hoboken, seventeen men were arrested and stolen dyestuffs valued at \$300,000 have been recovered.

The most prominent of the men arrested are Jacob Widder, treasurer of the Widder Dye & Chemical Co. of Brooklyn; Adolph Widder, assistant treasurer of the company; Samuel Weiss, a salesman; George Davis, a chemist, both employed by the Widder company. Jacob Widder and Davis were held in bail of \$2,000 each, charged with conspiracy to receive stolen goods by a United States commissioner in Brooklyn.

On the morning of July 8 a motor truck with seven men backed up to the warehouse of the Textile Dyeing Co., at Jackson and Hoboken streets, Hoboken. The men got up the watchman with a truck and bound him to a truck. They loaded about 6,000 pounds of German dyes, held in the warehouse of the State department, and drove to the German warehouse on their own truck.

Several days later a Department of Justice agent noticed a cat in the street, Hoboken, near the warehouse, with an orange-colored spot on its back. He took the cat to a chemist, who analyzed hairs cut from the orange spots and declared that they were dyed with German dyes. The agent then released the cat and sent directly into a house in

Woman Voter is 105 Years Old

Manchester, N. H., Sept. 23.—Mrs. Mary R. Pike, of Newfields, 105 years old, is the oldest woman in New Hampshire to register for the primaries, and is believed to be the oldest woman voter in New England, if not in the country.

Mrs. Pike is the widow of the Rev. James Pike, who was the republican candidate for governor in 1871, and who served in the congress from the first district in 1853.

Millerand Is Nominated to Fill Vacancy

Paris, Sept. 22.—Premier Alexandre Millerand was chosen as a candidate for the presidency to succeed former President Deschanel, who resigned as chief executive of the republic because of ill health, by the joint caucus of the members of the senate and chamber of deputies in the senate chamber this afternoon.

Two Candidates Quit

Paris, Sept. 22.—Two of the candidates who were prominently mentioned as possible successors to Paul Deschanel in the presidency of the republic declared themselves out of the running today. These were Leon Bourgeois and Raoul Peret, the presidents, respectively, of the senate and chamber of deputies.

Japanese Will Electrify All Railway Lines

Washington, Sept. 22.—The Japanese railway authorities have decided to substitute electricity for steam on all lines within the empire, according to reports reaching the department of commerce today. The change which it is estimated will cost 200,000,000 yen, is expected to reduce the number of locomotives in service by forty percent.

Brake Received at State Prison

Russell Brake, convicted in the Clackamas county circuit court of the murder of Harry Dubinsky, Portland taxicab driver, was dressed in a convict at the state prison here Monday afternoon to begin serving his life term. Brake had no comment to make except to reiterate his oft-repeated claim that he was innocent of the crime and had nothing to do with the murder of Dubinsky. George Moore, who in a confession, admitted his part in the killing of Dubinsky and implicated Brake was received at the prison last July.

Special Agent Frank Stone, Chief of the Department of Justice in New Jersey, with Agent Emmet Drew, saw a truck pass them in Paterson a few days ago, followed by an automobile, which contained one of the men who live in the River street house in Hoboken. They stopped the truck and found that it contained 3,000 pounds of German dyes.

10,000 Veterans March In Parade

Indianapolis, Ind., Sept. 22.—More than ten thousand members of the Grand Army of the Republic here for the annual encampment here today to participate in the coronation event of the week—the annual parade.

The route this year was considerably less than a mile in length. The Sons of Veterans were to elect officers this afternoon.

Lieutenant Governor P. A. Baughman of Nebraska, Congressman Clifford Ireland of Peoria, Ill., and Frank Shellhouse of Indianapolis are being considered for national command.

Mrs. Steiger Flatly Denies Allegations

Defendant in Attempted Murder Case Admits Intimacy with Mullinix, However

Emphatically denying any contract or understanding with Jesse Mullinix concerning the attempted murder of her husband, Mrs. Lena Steiger underwent the four-hour ordeal of direct and cross-examination in Circuit Judge Kelly's court, Wednesday morning.

At times sobbing with suppressed excitement, the gray-haired woman gave evidence concerning her relations with Jesse Mullinix. In answer to questions by John McNary, her attorney, she admitted that she had secured rooms at Salem hotels, Mullinix being her companion.

Ashamed of Conduct.

"I am ashamed of this conduct," sobbed the aged woman. "I have disgraced my family, my daughter and grand-daughter. I certainly regret that I ever saw Jesse Mullinix. How could I know all the time I was with him that he had murdered in his heart?"

When questioned as to denials she had made to Sheriff Needham concerning knowledge of Mullinix's whereabouts directly after the attempt, she contradicted the officer's statement.

"I told him that Jesse had not been on the place since August, 1918," she declared. Sheriff Needham and his deputies testified that Mrs. Steiger had told them that she had not seen Mullinix since the date mentioned. The questioning took place the day shortly after the attempted murder, Steiger having declared that Mullinix was the guilty party.

Mrs. Steiger denied that the gun exhibited by the state is the same weapon sold by her to a Salem second hand dealer, about 18 months ago. That she had accepted a flashlight from Jesse Mullinix, Mrs. Steiger also admitted, denying, however, that she had ever requested Mrs. Hodge, a neighbor, to testify that Mrs. Hodge had given her the light. This was Mrs. Hodge's testimony as a witness for the state, Monday.

When questioned in regard to a letter with a Laaburg, Washington, address, Mrs. Steiger admitted that she had written this to Mullinix, using the name of J. Smith. "I was ashamed of it and denied to the sheriff that I had written it," she said.

Admits Mullinix Letter.

Asked by Deputy Prosecutor Roy Shields to give an interpretation of the letters, "O. S. K.," written in a corner of the letter, Mrs. Steiger said that she did not remember what it meant.

"Did it not mean 'One Sweet Kiss'?" asked Mr. Shields.

"I don't know," was the answer.

In her testimony, Wednesday morning, Mrs. Steiger, in addition to admitting and denying statements made to Sheriff Needham, charged that she had been given no food on the evening and morning following her arrest and confinement in the city jail.

"Did you ask anyone for food?" asked Prosecutor Shields.

"Yes, I asked for food or drink. I don't remember which," Mrs. Steiger replied.

"Well, what did you ask for?" was the next question.

"I want a drink of whiskey, as my heart was bad and my doctor had advised it for some time," was the answer. The crowded courtroom greeted this reply with suppressed mirth and the court ordered the bailiff to preserve silence.

With sobs breaking into her utterances, Mrs. Steiger told the jury that her husband had been very cross and abusive to her since August, 1918, and asserted that she was due to attention which she asserted he had paid Mrs. Peterson, a widow who owned a neighboring farm.

Accuses Husband.

"He would return from his place very late at nights and would curse me when I remonstrated with him and said that the neighbors would talk. After he ordered Mullinix to come to the house, Mrs. Steiger refused to let me do his laundry and for more than a year lived by himself in a cook house on the farm," she said.

When questioned by Mr. Shields as to her motive in associating with Mullinix, Mrs. Steiger replied that she had treated her very kindly.

"Then the month of August, 1918, Mrs. Steiger has often refused to speak to me and would tell me nothing concerning his business affairs. Mr. Mullinix had interesting much and it was always interesting to listen to him," Mrs. Steiger said.

"Then these meetings at the Eldridge hotel were of the nature of a literary meeting, were they not?" asked the deputy prosecutor.

At The Wall Street Catastrophy



Turk Claims to Be 145 Years Old

Constantinople, Sept. 22.—Kurde Zera wants to enter who is the oldest man in the world. He can prove by church records that he is 145 years old, having been born in Turkey in the year 1775. He has been married twice and has had fifteen children, the last of whom, said Zera, is still living at the age of ninety-six.

Ford Products Are Returned To Old Prices

Detroit, Mich., Sept. 22.—Re-establishment of pre-war prices on all products of the Ford Motor company, effective immediately, was announced Tuesday by Henry Ford. The price reductions ranged from approximately 14 per cent on motor trucks to 31 per cent on small automobiles.

In announcing the decision of the company, Mr. Ford in a formal statement said:

"Now is a time to call a halt on war methods, war prices, war profiteering and war greed. It may be necessary for everybody to stand a little sacrifice but it will be most profitable after all, because the sooner we get the business of the country back to a pre-war condition, progress, prosperity and contentment will occupy the attention of the people."

"For the best interests of all, it is time that a real practical effort was made to bring the business of the country and the life of the country down to normal."

"Inflated prices always reverse progress," it added.

The announcement said the price reductions were made despite unfilled orders for 145,065 vehicles.

There will be no reduction in wages at any of the Ford plants, it was announced.

Thousands Welcome Cox Upon Arrival In Arizona Early Today

Phoenix, Ariz., Sept. 22.—Governor Cox of Ohio, democratic presidential candidate, was greeted by a large crowd on his arrival here today to deliver several addresses. He was accompanied from Los Angeles by W. L. Barnum, democratic national committeeman from Arizona, and was met at the train by Senator Marcus A. Smith of Arizona.

A half dozen addresses were on today's program of the democratic candidate. Arriving here about 10 o'clock, the governor's morning address was cancelled so that he might tour adjacent towns by automobile before speaking here at 1:30 o'clock at a southern "bergo" or barbecue, celebration at the fair grounds.

Taking automobiles from here, the governor and his party had a trip of sixteen miles for a speech at Mesa, followed by another at Tempe. Returning to Phoenix, the governor was to visit St. Luke's hospital, for war veterans, and address Phoenix high school pupils.

Leaving here at 2:30 this afternoon, the governor was to speak tonight at Prescott and tomorrow at Winslow and Holbrook en route to Albuquerque.

10 Industrial Accidents In August Fatal

Of a total of 3994 accidents occurring in Oregon industries during August ten were fatal, according to a summary just issued by the state industrial accident commission.

The summary shows an unassisted surplus of \$105,976.91 at the close of business August 31.

Convict Caught After Hiding Eight Years

F. L. Johnson, a guard at the state prison here, left last night for Jerome, Idaho, to bring back T. E. Herold, who escaped from the penitentiary eight years ago and has just been captured at the Idaho town. Herold was received at the prison September 23, 1911, from Baker county for a term of one to five years for larceny and made his escape April, 1912.

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Wars of Future To Be Airplane and Sub Clashes

Paris, Sept. 22.—This is Marshal Foch's opinion of warfare in the future as he expressed it to a number of young naval officers while returning from the last conference at Hythe.

"The next war will be fought beneath the sea and in the air. That is a certainty, for with improved methods of warfare man would be soon wiped out on the land and drowned out on the sea."

Seats Denied To Socialists Of New York

Legislators Refuse to Reinstate Three Assemblymen; Cohorts Resign Places

Albany, N. Y., Sept. 22.—Five assembly seats to which socialist assemblymen had been elected at special elections last week to fill vacancies caused by their own expulsion last April when the entire socialist delegation was denied the right to sit in the over house of the state legislature, were again vacant today.

After a five hour debate, the assembly last night by a vote of 90 to 45 unseated August Cloessens, Louis Waldman of Manhattan and Charles Solomon for the second time.

The assembly, however, reversed itself on the roll calls to oust Samuel Orr and Samuel Dewitt of the Bronx but they immediately resigned, declaring they could not sit with such an un-American body.

Timber Near Aumsville Sold

Aumsville, Or., Sept. 22.—The Murphy-Gardner Lumber company of Stayton has purchased one hundred acres of timber from J. T. Hunt, which is located on the Hunt farm near here, and will move the mill from east of Stayton to their timber. Mr. Murphy says it will take at least a month to get moved and ready for business. They expect to make Aumsville their shipping place. The mill will furnish employment for forty or fifty men.

Explosives for Sham Battle Case of Alarm

A communication received Tuesday by Frederick Lampert, Salem attorney, informed him that a carload of "dynamite and explosives" consigned to himself, had arrived at the Southern Pacific company's freight depot here.

Mindful of the Wall street explosion, Attorney Lampert made a move to call in Salem police force but reconsidered and investigated shipping vouchers.

The itemized list, "very pistols, acetylene flares, signal and raiding flares, aerial bombs, mines and grenades," disclosed the nature of the consignment which is a part of the pyrotechnic material to be used in presenting the "Battle of Argonne" at the Oregon state fair, Wednesday night, September 23.

An Attorney Lampert is a member of the American Legion committee in charge of presentation of the spectacle, the Hitt Fireworks company of Seattle had shipped the car without informing Capital Post No. 8 of this city. A second carload of detonating bombs and wartime signaling material will arrive Tuesday.

Manager Witte and Billy Foy, representatives of the Hitt company, met with members of Capital Post No. 9, Tuesday night and offered to let the Salem post with any line of work that will make the American Legion undertaking a success.

"We are going to start ticket sales at once," states James E. Young, Legionaire in charge of admissions. "The Battle of Argonne is a genuine two dollar show and we expect to give money's worth in this presentation."

"The admission has been kept to the cost of a dance pass, and the trench raiding and gas attack scenes are alone worth that," asserts the keeper of the state.

A company, with complete countermeasures, will participate in the event, in addition to uniformed service men who will aid the Salem post in establishing its community house fund.

Harding Slated For Two Trips During Month

Marion, Ohio, Sept. 22.—Plans for two campaign trips for Senator Harding during October, made public here today, contemplate a swing into the border states as far south as Chattanooga, Tenn., and one into the middle west as far as Kansas City and Omaha.

The first trip will start October 6 and the candidate will deliver addresses at the following places: Des Moines, Iowa, forenoon of October 7; Omaha, Neb., evening of October 7; Kansas City, Mo., evening of October 8; Oklahoma City Okla., evening of October 9.

The second trip starting October 12 will include Chattanooga, Louisville, Indianapolis and end at St. Louis, October 16.

Briton Held by Bandits Freed

Mexico City, Sept. 22.—Bertie C. Johnson, a British subject, who has been the prisoner of bandits in the state of Jalisco since August 19, has been freed, according to an official announcement. Johnson was kidnapped during a bandit raid on the town of Aulian by Pedro Zamora but escaped a few weeks later. He was later recaptured by a lieutenant of Zamora, who has just surrendered. Johnson was found in his camp and given his freedom.

Two Million Fund Is Held Large Enough

Gerard Tells Senate Investigators Party Would Not Accept Big Slush Fund

Washington, Sept. 22.—While the democratic national finance committee is not limiting the size of campaign contributions from a single individual, a \$2,000,000 total would be sufficient for the democratic national campaign, James W. Gerard, former ambassador to Germany, and chairman of the committee, testified before the senate investigating committee. Mr. Gerard was the first witness called at the reopening of the inquiry.

Senator Kenyon, chairman, announced today that the committee had also subpoenaed Robert Scripps, newspaper publisher of Cleveland, Ohio; George B. J. Lockwood, editor of the Republican, a newspaper published in Washington, D. C.; Joseph L. Hefferman, secretary and treasurer of the Star and Stripes, and Loren Talbot of Washington, who is connected with the Washington national committee.

Names Committeemen.

Examined by Senator Kenyon, republican, Mr. Gerard said he had become head of the democratic national finance committee September 8 and had asked Charles B. Alexander, Allan A. Ryan, John B. Macintosh, Morgan J. O'Brien, Thomas E. Chadbourne, William Church O'Connell, R. Thornton Wilson, Frank M. Patterson, Frank L. Crocker, George Ogden Battle, Mrs. Daniel O'Day, Gordon Auchincloss, Percy Strauss, Paul Fuller Jr., and some others to assist him.

"How did you overlook Barney Baruch in making your list?" asked Chairman Kenyon.

"I asked Mr. Baruch if he would serve," Mr. Gerard replied, "and he told me he did not care to do so."

The witness said the committee named included only New Yorkers, but that he was endeavoring to form a local committee in each state.

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