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FAIR TONIGHT And continued warm tonight and Thursday. Light dry northerly winds.

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FLAMES THREATEN VALSETZ

TEMPERATURE REACHES 100- HERE TODAY

Mercury Still Climbing To 102, Hottest Ever Recorded; Heat General Over State.

All heat records for the month of June in Salem went by the boards today when the mercury climbed to 100 in the shade on downtown thermometers at 2 o'clock this afternoon, and was still mounting with indications that it would equal or exceed the highest mark ever recorded here.

One hundred and two degrees, established during July, is the official high mark for Salem. The thermometer maintained by one jewelry firm on Front street recorded 105 at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Today is also thought to establish a record for range in summer temperature. The rise between 6 o'clock this morning and 2 this afternoon was 42 degrees. The range during the day was as follows: 6 a. m. 58 9 a. m. 77 2 p. m. 100

The highest previous temperature for June was established last year when the mercury mounted to 98 on June 23. The hottest day last year was July 22, when the temperature reached an even 99.

The heat wave was general throughout the state with temperatures reported from other points as follows: Medford 104; Eugene, 90; Portland 95; Marshfield 89. Today, the twenty-fourth of June, is the mid-summer day which Grace M. Richmond, Shakespeare and the ancient sun worshippers made famous. For many ages, mid-summer's day, the summer solstice, was revered in all the countries of Europe. Festivities began the evening before and continued, torchlight processions around the fields, and the rolling of blazing wheels downhill were enjoyed for twenty-four hours and more. Tradition also has it that pre-Voluted fluff's made from the corn in the fields added to the general hilarity by which old Sol was honored.

With the modern calendar this is a what they call Midsommer's day in really no midsummer's day. With due regard for the importance of truth it must be admitted that June twenty-first is honestly and truly mid-summer's day. Some folks think that summer begins on June twenty-first. They are all wrong. It really begins half way between March 21 and June 21 and ends midway between June 21 and September 21. This is offered as solace for the Salemites who are living through the hottest day of this year. However, one can understand why the ancients worshipped the sun on this day, for its power is predominant. Ask the man who tried to keep cool today.

SALE OF POWER PLANT APPROVED

Falls City, June 24.—Falls City will sell its power plant to the Mountain States Power company for \$15,000 according to the result of the city elections held yesterday. The final count stood 67 to 26 in favor of accepting the Mountain States company's offer. Only the plant and the distributing center are included in the offer. The company plans to have its lines built to connect with the main line at Dallas not later than August 28. All day service will be inaugurated and a number of other improvements made.

KLAMATH GETS FIRST GLASS POST OFFICE

Washington, June 24.—Klamath Falls, Ore. is one of fifty-one second class postoffices advanced to first class, effective July 15.

G. O. P. Nominee



ARTHUR WHITNEY

State Senator Arthur Whitney, of Mendham, N. J., won the Republican nomination for Governorship of that State over Thomas F. McCran, of Paterson, N. J.

SHEPHERD IS HELD VICTIM

Conspiracy Is Charged By Defense In Plea To Save Alleged Slayer From Gallows.

Chicago, June 24.—(By Associated Press)—William D. Shepherd was the victim of a diabolic conspiracy, and should not be hanged on the testimony of one man, who sought to prove him guilty of murder of William McClintock, the juror was told today by William S. Stewart, chief of defense counsel.

"If you gentlemen think this defendant went out and talked with Charles Falman, hang him," shouted Stewart at the outset of his argument. "He didn't have any business talking with Falman."

It was Charles C. Falman, proprietor of the National University of Science who said he gave Shepherd typhoid germs and taught him how to use them to murder William McClintock for the \$1,000,000 estate he had willed to Shepherd.

Prosecution Attacked Prosecution of Shepherd that was attacked by Stewart as forced by power behind the scenes, and he charged Robert E. Crowe, the state's attorney, and Stewart's former chief, with permitting himself to be made a cats paw in a will fight.

Shaking his fist within a foot of Crowe's face, Stewart demanded to know why Falman's "typhoid mill" had not been closed, and said he would leave the prosecution.

Judge Says Kissing And Cocktails Not Grounds For Divorce

New York, June 24.—(A. P.)—Notwithstanding kissing and cocktail parties, young women are just as pure now as they were years ago, in the opinion of John W. Ford, a justice of the state supreme court and a backer of the clean habits league, which has been active in seeking legislation for suppression of salacious literature. He expressed his views in court yesterday in ruling that testimony of a wife's breakfasts in negligee with another man and occasional kisses and cocktail parties were not sufficient evidence of infidelity. The dictum was given in the suit of Thomas H. Symington, wealthy railroad equipment manufacturer. Justice Ford said that many of the things women did nowadays were misconstrued. Talbot W. Chambers, coal dealer, and one of two co-respondents named by Symington, was arraigned

TODD NAMES FULL ROSTER OF OFFICIALS

Recalled Mayor of Kelso Sets Up Complete City Government and Will Sue For Authority.

Kelso, Wash., June 24.—Two municipal governments, each named after today over the city of 3000, where Thomas Doversy, editor, was assassinated Friday after a year's factionalism in which A. Ruric Todd was recalled June 3 from the office of mayor.

Todd today, following declarations at a meeting of his followers last night, when he addressed 1200 in the open air, appointed five men to be councilmen and named others to administrative posts. Meanwhile Nat Smith, installed as mayor after the recall, and councilmen put into office with him, continued to perform.

The men to be named for the council, he says, are: Officers Selected Frank Swager, capitalist, and Charles Carothers, director of the Cowlitz County bank, for the first ward; A. Penhall, South Kelso grocer, second ward; John E. Johnson, West Kelso, cobbler and E. C. Merriman, West Kelso realtor, for the third ward. Holdover councilmen, who are members of the present council, Jack Hall and W. O. Mallory. Todd regards Hall and Mallory as the only members of the present city council who hold their offices legally.

Todd says his appointees for city offices will be: Fred P. Rawson, city engineer; Jack Scott, fire chief; Foley O'Brien, water superintendent; T. B. Hume, police judge; Fred Looney, chief of police; Jack Newton, police sergeant; John A. Davis, street superintendent; Dr. H. C. R. Norris, city health officer and Mrs. Lillian Cook, city librarian.

Necessary court procedure to legalize his appointments will be taken, Todd says. Opponents Stand Pat Meanwhile, the Smith administration city council met last evening in the city auditorium and considered local improvement district plans and other general affairs of the city.

MINERS WILL RESIST WAGE AND HOUR CHANGE

London, June 24.—(A. P.)—Executive of the miners' federation announced after a meeting today that they would make every effort to prevent the long hours and lower wages proposed by employers in the coal industry. Details of their campaign will not be decided, it was announced until the specific proposals of the mine owners are known.

ed yesterday on charges of adultery as the result of his testimony concerning Mrs. Symington. He pleaded not guilty. Counsel for the wife gave notice that she intended to file perjury charges against Symington. Dr. Edward S. Pope testified that Mrs. Symington had admitted to him confidentially that she had been unfaithful to her husband.

Six of the 19 charges against Mrs. Symington were withdrawn by the plaintiff. The court indicated that in eleven other charges he would direct the jury to find in favor of the wife. The 11 counts concern relations between Mrs. Symington and Maurice Fatio, an architect. Evidence was introduced that Fatio had kissed Mrs. Symington and had breakfasted with her in her room.

MRS. HARVEY W. SCOTT, WIDOW OF EDITOR, DEAD

Portland, Ore., June 24.—Margaret McChesney Scott, widow of the late Harvey W. Scott, Portland editor, died here today after an illness of four months. Mrs. Scott was born in Lattrobe, Pa., August 2, 1859. She was married to Mr. Scott in 1875 and they came to Portland that year. Mr. Scott was editor of the Morning Oregonian until he died in 1919. Mrs. Scott is survived by two sons Leslie M. Scott and Ambrose R. Scott, and one daughter, Mrs. Leroy H. Fields.

CRISIS NEAR IN CHINESE SITUATION

Critical Demonstration Slated For Tomorrow; Foreigners Flee From Canton In Swarms.

(By Associated Press) In renewed rioting at Canton several Europeans were killed and a number wounded. Women and children are fleeing from the city and about 150 of the refugees, including some twenty Americans have arrived at Hongkong, the British colony.

Preparations are being made in many Chinese cities for demonstrations tomorrow which is the dragon day festival. Shanghai dispatches say the success or failure of these demonstrations may materially affect the entire Chinese situation.

Shanghai Troop Ruled Shanghai and its suburbs are under martial law in readiness for possibilities. Reports generally indicated a continuing grave situation in South China, although messages from Nanking, where a serious condition was reported yesterday said the crisis there had passed.

Reports from Mukden, the Manchurian capital, received at Peking deny that anti-foreign demonstrations have taken place there.

PROH AND WET LEAGUES FOUND IN AGREEMENT

Washington, June 24.—(A. P.)—The Anti-Saloon League and the Association Against the Prohibition Amendment, whose goals in the prohibition questions are exactly opposite, find themselves in paradoxical agreement on the shakeup of the enforcement system ordered by Secretary Andrews of the treasury. Both organizations, however, qualified their endorsement of the new order in statements last night.

The reorganization ordered by Mr. Andrews, to be effective August 1, abolishing state lines in favor of divisions according to federal judicial districts and decentralizing authority, was described by the association as a move "obviously in the right direction."

If prohibition can be enforced, the statement declared, "this man and these methods will enforce it. We are equally confident too, that if the law cannot be enforced, which will be the case, then General Andrews will be just as straight forward in announcing his failure as he has been in his efforts to bring about honest enforcement."

The shakeup will do much to remove "spoils politics," the association added, and it injects "common sense, good faith and good judgment" in enforcement. Wayne B. Wheeler, general counsel of the Anti-Saloon League, declared the new plan doubtless would eliminate politics "better than under the present system, but we will, of course, ask congress to put all the prohibition agents under civil service so that this policy will be fixed by statute."

ESPEE OPPOSES OREGON TRUNK

Washington, June 24.—Proposals of the Oregon Trunk railway to make certain extensions to its line in central and southern Oregon were opposed before the interstate commerce commission by the Southern Pacific company which asserted that the Central Pacific, one of its own subsidiaries, had another way, or was projecting a considerable mileage of new lines in the state. The Oregon Trunk construction declared by the Southern Pacific to be unnecessary duplication of facilities for the territory. The Southern Pacific also asserted the Oregon Trunk had over-estimated the timber resources of the territory to be served, and that the traffic available in the area was not sufficient to support both new railroads.

NAVAL RADIO DEMANDED ON ARCTIC SHIPS

Department Threatens To Withdraw Support Unless Regular Equipment Is Installed.

Washington, June 24.—(A. P.)—After the navy department had threatened today to withdraw from participation in the MacMillan Arctic expedition, the National Geographic Society, joint sponsor of the undertaking announced that an agreement had been reached and the expedition would be carried through as planned.

Washington, June 24.—(A. P.)—An ultimatum calling for the return of the navy contingent with the MacMillan Arctic expedition unless navy wireless equipment is installed on the exploration ship Peary, has been issued by the navy department.

The equipment, consisting of long wave apparatus in helms rushed to Sydney, Nova Scotia, where the Peary is anchored, by the United States destroyer Putnam. Commander Byrd, heading the navy detachment with the expedition, has announced he would refer the question to Commander MacMillan.

ONCE JANITOR, NOW SENATOR, VISITS SALEM

Samuel M. Shortridge, United States senator from California, who is touring the coast on an investigation for the senate naval affairs committee of which he is a member, stopped over specially in Salem today to see his former home town and to visit with friends that he knew here in 1874 and 1875.

The senator was and is now an important member of the naval affairs and other committees of the senate. He began life as a janitor in the old East school here in 1875. He came to Salem with his mother in 1874 and made his home in Salem for a year and a half after which he went to California. During his residence here he was a student at the old East school, now known as the Washington junior high school at the same time that he was assisting with the janitor work here.

The Willamette valley is wonderful," he commented after his arrival here by automobile from Portland.

FEDERAL PRISON SCENE OF ESCAPE

Tacoma, Wash., June 24.—Federal guards under Warden F. H. Archer of the McNeil island penitentiary near here were searching the island this morning in the effort to capture Morton Hanson, who escaped yesterday while at work with a gang of men outside the prison walls. Notices have been sent broadcast and boats have been circling the island constantly since his escape. Prison officials believe he is still on the island, hidden in the brush.

REBEL RIFLIANS SUFFER AS RESULT OF BLOCKADE

Tetusa, Spanish Morocco, June 24.—(A. P.)—The rigid blockade established against Abd-el-Krim by the French and Spanish is reported to have brought about a shortage of food supplies among the rebel Riffians. Yesterday's Secret: Vernon S. Portland 4. Salt Lake 7; San Francisco 9; Oakland 6; Seattle 5. (By Associated Press)

Politics Banned In Reorganizing Federal Dry Unit

Washington, June 24.—(AP)—State and local political influences are to be showed aside in filling new administrative posts in the prohibition enforcement organization, it was indicated today at the treasury where Assistant Secretary Andrews was busy on plans for the new regime. It was freely predicted that the assistant secretary would fill many of the 22 divisional administrative posts in continental United States with men from districts other than those in which they will serve.

Congressional influences in the past have weighed heavily in the selection of federal directors for states and in the selection of many other subordinate officials and the treasury has not been satisfied with some of the men thus named. Mr. Andrews said today he would not retain men whose integrity has been questioned and who did not measure up as producers of results. The whole list of present officials will be gone over before the new system goes into operation August 1 to determine how many of them will be asked to stay.

To obtain the type of administrators he seeks, the assistant secretary has asked Comptroller General McCarl for a ruling on the salary question. It is understood he intends to pay as high as \$10,000 annually for some posts.

CHINESE SEEK REVISION OF OLD FOREIGN TREATIES

Peking, June 24.—(By Associated Press)—The Chinese government in a note to the foreign diplomatic corps today argued for the revision of old treaties giving foreigners special privileges in China.

In a second note also sent to the diplomatic corps today the Chinese foreign office reiterated its insistence upon the "direct" points advanced by the Chinese delegation at the recent abortive conference at Shanghai and expressed the hope that the new conference to discuss general Chinese questions, proposed by the foreign diplomats may be held speedily.

The note insists upon the renunciation of Chinese arrested at Shanghai during the recent strike troubles and suspension of sentences imposed upon them. It asks for "an apology" and for the "return" of the mixed courts at Shanghai. It calls for the reinstatement of strikers, the improvement of the working conditions of Chinese; and for Chinese participation in the municipal council at Shanghai, as well as for "liberty of speech and assembly," and for the dismissal of the secretary of the Shanghai municipal council, S. B. Rowe. The note declares these points are necessary for the settlement of the Shanghai incident and as a further basis for permanent peace says it is absolutely necessary to revise the "unequal treaties" by which foreigners enjoy special privileges in China.

A separate note on the latter subject was sent by the Chinese government to the diplomatic corps today.

FAMOUS SCIENTIST DEAD

Washington, Pa., June 24.—Doctor William Curtie Farabee, well known scientist, died at his home here today, after an extended illness. Dr. Farabee, curator of the American section of the university museum of Philadelphia, fell victim to fever while exploring in South America.

Legionnaires To Wear Convict Uniforms on Convention Junket

A complete set of convicts' uniforms will be taken by the American Legion drum corps of Salem when it leaves this afternoon at 5:30 for Prineville to participate in the state American Legion convention there. "They always ding-dong us whenever we go about the state penitentiary and the insane asylum being located here," said Karl Hinton, who has charge of the corps, this morning. "We thought we'd just beat 'em to it this time and sprout out with regular convict suits." The uniforms will be worn when the drum corps participate in comic stunts at the convention. They were made especially for the purpose. The convention opens tomorrow morning and continues until mid-night Saturday night. The local corps will make the trip in special sleepers, arrangements having been made to leave the train there during the convention. It is expected that the number of Legionnaires attending from Salem, including the drum corps which numbers 29, will reach a total of 50 men. Most of those not members of the corps will go by automobile. William Himes of Dallas, prominent member of the American Legion there, will accompany the Salem drum corps. Jim Madley, colored member of the local post, will be taken along for the express purpose of shining boots for passengers from here will join the special train to be made up at

FOREST FIRE SWEEPS THRU SILETZ AREA

Flames, Fanned By Strong Northeast Wind, Out of Control; Valsetz Is Thought Safe.

Fire fighters were battling to save the big sawmill of the Cobbs & Mitchell Lumber Co. and the town of Valsetz in Western Polk county from the spread of a forest fire that sprang up about 8:30 o'clock this morning, according to Will Caldwell, forest ranger on the Bald Mountain lookout station at 1:30 this afternoon.

Over the long distance telephone Caldwell said that the flames fanned by a northeast wind had burned right up to the northern edge of the town at that through the timber parallel with time, and were sweeping westward the town.

Caldwell said that he was unable to estimate the full extent of the fire because of the heavy smoke clouds, but estimated that the flames had already eaten their way through several hundred acres of green and logged over timber land.

Camp No. 4 of the Cobb-Hatchell company is reported completely destroyed, and all employees of the company have been pressed into service to fight the fire.

Dallas, June 24.—The first serious forest fire of the season broke out twenty miles southwest of Dallas in the Cobbs-Mitchell lumber company camp two miles from Valsetz, between eight and nine o'clock last night. At noon today it was not under control and was burning over both the green and the cut over timber. Valsetz was threatened during the night but a severe in the direction of the wind saved the town from further danger.

Near Head of Siletz The fire is near the new site of camp 3 at the head of the Siletz river. Cobbs-Mitchell loggers and mill workers are fighting it under the direction of Deputy District Fire Warden McElwain who left Dallas early this morning. A dry strong northeast wind is fanning the flames. According to Will Caldwell, forest ranger lookout at Bald Mountain, midway between Dallas and the fire, there was a small improvement this morning. Dense smoke, however, made accurate observation impossible.

This is the first fire which has gotten beyond control this year. Olympia, Wash., June 24.—With an east wind prevailing and with the humidity of the air sinking towards the danger mark, state forestry officials this morning expressed fear that the day might see serious developments in the forest fire situation unless logging operators exercised extreme vigilance especially where slashing fires are under way. The department of forestry has ordered the railroad companies to put on speeder patrols in all the forested areas, it was announced by T. S. Goolyner, assistant supervisor of forestry.

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