

FIRST SECTION

# MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

WEATHER  
Fair—Max. 69.5; Rel. Hum.  
22 per cent; Min. 50.

Daily—Birth Year,  
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TWO SECTIONS.

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## CHILD LOCKED IN ROOM WITH DEAD MOTHER

Four-year-old Girl Barely Saved  
From Death by Starvation—Imprisoned Four Days With Body of Parent Who Committed Suicide.

### BABE FOUND UNCONSCIOUS ON FLOOR NEAR DOOR

Empty Bottle of Carbolic Acid Tells  
Story—Little One Tried  
Hard to Escape.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 19.—Imprisoned for four days in a locked room of an apartment house here, her only companion the blackened and acid-burned corpse of her mother, little 4-year-old Virginia Peterson today was barely saved from death by starvation when the reek of the carbolic acid with which the mother had committed suicide, pervading the other apartments, caused neighbors to investigate.

For two days passers-by had heard the little girl's plaintive cries and had seen her tearful face pressed tightly against the window of the room, but no one suspected that the child was imprisoned in a chamber of death, starving, tugging at her mother's cold hands and pounding her baby fists against the unyielding door until she sank to the floor, crying in exhaustion.

When reached, little Virginia was lying still and apparently unconscious on the floor near the door. As tender hands lifted up the tiny body, the child partially revived, murmured: "Where's mamma?"

The little girl was rushed to a hospital and her condition is precarious. An empty bottle labelled carbolic acid, lying in the room on the floor beside the bed, on which lay the dead woman's body, spoke plainly of the means employed in the suicide. A note found beside the corpse addressed to Police Inspector Boardman indicated that fear of imaginary enemies, for protection against whom she had previously applied to the police was the motive. The locked windows and doors led to the belief that the mother intended her child should die also.

The woman, who was known as Mrs. Sarah Peterson, was a widow, recently employed in a government department. Search revealed the fact that she had been three married, the names of Sarah English, Sarah Pollock and Sarah Peterson appearing on three successive insurance policies.

## STOCK MARKETS SHOW FIRMNESS

NEW YORK, Aug. 19.—The short session of the stock market developed today a show of firmness. Union Pacific and most of the active stocks made fractional gains while in the more inferior issues advances were more marked. The market became more active after the opening and Union Pacific and Reading made further advances, the former rising two points.

The market closed irregular. Bonds were steady.

### GILMAN IN BOSTON FOR ENCAMPMENT OF G. A. R.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Aug. 19.—John E. Gilman of Boston, commander-in-chief, has arrived here with his staff for the 45th annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, which opens Monday.

Mrs. Emma E. Pierce of Springfield, national president of the Ladies of the G. A. R., and Frederick E. Bolton, Boston, commander-in-chief of the Sons of Veterans, are here also.

CHICAGO. — Keen competition among Chicago undertakers along the drainage canal has led them to place nets in the water to catch floating bodies. When an undertaker secures a body relatives or Cook county pays for the burial.

## Pope Pius Passes Danger Point and is on the Road to Recovery



PIUS X.



Photographs of Pontiff, scenes of life at the Vatican and the place where he was born.

THE POPE'S FIRST  
CURE AT RIESE.

## TAKES 30 POUND SALMON ON FLY

Chris Gottlieb, After Two Hour Battle With Large Fish, Succeeds in Landing Largest Fish Ever Taken from Rogue River With Fly.

After a strenuous battle lasting two hours, Chris Gottlieb succeeded Friday evening in landing a 30 pound salmon while fishing at Riverside orchards where he was the guest of Ira J. Dodge. The salmon is the largest fish ever taken from Rogue river on a fly. He was brought in by Mr. Gottlieb and exhibited.

Chris says he had the hardest battle of his life with the salmon. He took the fly well and fought hard.

### COULDN'T HAVE HER OWN WAY, SO SHE SUIT

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 19.—Because she would not be allowed to pick the cases which she would try, Mrs. Augusta S. Wentworth is the first woman juror to be excused from service. She was willing to serve, but objected to hearing cases indiscriminately. When the sheriff gave his ultimatum, Mrs. Wentworth asked for the exemption allowed by law on account of her sex.

### ADMITS ROBBING TRAIN AND KILLING NEGRO PORTER

DENVER, Col., Aug. 19.—Frank Watson, arrested here last May at the request of Nebraska authorities on a charge of safe robbery today voluntarily confessed that he, Joseph Collins of Omaha and R. M. Roberts of Mullen, Neb., held up the Union Pacific Overland Limited near Reese, Neb., January 1, robbing more than 100 passengers and killing Porter Davis.

Watson also admitted complicity in the hold-up of the Oregon Short Line Butte-Portland special near Ogden, June 27, 1910.

Watson insists his story is correct, but the police are inclined to believe it pure fabrication.

## WEST AND HILL HERE SEPT 20

Hill Was Ready to Come Next Week but Governor States He Will Be Unable to Get Away Until September.

Governor Oswald West accompanied by Samuel Hill, the great good roads advocate, will visit Medford September 20. Mr. Hill is to deliver two addresses in the interests of good roads in an effort to further the passage of the good roads election scheduled for September 30. The governor also will be urged to speak on the subject.

It was expected that the governor and Mr. Hill would be in Medford during the coming week. Mr. Hill sending word that he could be here at that time if convenient to the governor. Governor West, however, stated over the telephone Saturday that he would be unable to be in Medford until September 20.

### MCCULLOUGH DOES NOT KNOW OF HIS WIFE'S END

CHICAGO, Ill., Aug. 19.—That Sydney James McCullough was still ignorant of the suicide of his wife, the authoress, well known under the pen name of Myrtle Reed, was evidenced by the receipt here today of a telegram from McCullough at Milwaukee addressed to Mrs. McCullough announcing that he would arrive here at 5 o'clock this morning. He had not arrived up to noon today.

### WAR DEPARTMENT GIVES LAND FOR FAIR PURPOSES

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 19.—The war department today acted favorably on the request of the California congressional delegation that portions of the Presidia and Fort Mason might be used for park purposes during the Panama Pacific exposition in San Francisco in 1915.

## WILL WE ALL HAVE TO CARRY LIGHTS?

Attorney General is Asked to Solve Perplexing Question in Connection With New Automobile Law Now in Effect.

Attorney O. C. Boggs of this city has put a puzzler up to the attorney general. If his contention sticks the woods of Oregon will be full of Dingees carrying lanterns, especially after dark. Attorney Boggs wants enlightenment on the provisions of the new automobile law where it says: "Every moving thing except railroad and street cars upon the streets, roads and highways of this state moved by power shall be a vehicle."

According to the local man this can be interpreted to mean not only automobiles, carriages or bicycles but also human beings for they are "moving things, moved by muscular power."

### GIRL SWIMS GOLDEN GATE

Miss Hazel Lagoneur, 19, Wins Distinction of Being First Woman to Accomplish Difficult and Perilous Feat.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 19.—By successfully swimming the Golden Gate today, Miss Hazel Lagoneur, aged 19, University of California co-ed, won the proud distinction of being the first woman to accomplish the perilous feat.

In a battle with one of the roughest of the day, it took the darling girl exactly one hour and 28 minutes to perform the trip. When the plucky young lady landed a short distance to the seaward of Lime Point she was exhausted, but smiling and beyond the fatigue did not appear to have suffered any ill effects from her arduous swim.

## ENGLISH STRIKE IS COLLAPSING

Many of Striking Employees in London Are Anxious to Return to Work, Indicating That Trouble Will Soon Be at an End.

LONDON, Aug. 19.—The Evening News today prints an article saying it is officially informed that many of the striking employees in London are anxious to resume work and that there are indications that the big railroad strike is collapsing.

LANELLY, Wales, Aug. 19.—Two persons were killed and one wounded here today when troops and police fired into a rioting mob. Many were injured.

Ever since the railway strike has been the scene of violence and bloodshed. Today's conflict came as a result of an attack on an incoming train.

The police were unable to disperse the maddened mob and after threats and the firing of blank cartridges failed to stay the attack, the soldiers, who had been stationed in the vicinity to protect the depot and other railroad property, were ordered to shoot to kill.

### MISTAKEN FOR COUGAR IS SHOT THROUGH BODY

SAN BERNARDINO, Cal., Aug. 19. Details were received here today by Judge and Mrs. J. L. Campbell of the tragic death of Dr. Clayton Muscott of San Francisco while on a hunting trip accompanied by his wife, among the wilds of the Olympic mountains in the state of Washington.

Muscott was mistaken in the dense underbrush by Jack Ragstead, a logger, for a cougar and was shot twice through the body.

While Mrs. Muscott kept lonely vigil, Ragstead tramped 25 miles to Brinnon, the nearest habitation, for aid. Before assistance arrived Muscott was dead. He was a graduate of the Toland medical college at San Francisco.

Look for the loser of the articles you have found—for a prompt ad may save him a lot of worry.

## SHERIFF WILL PROTECT M'DAVIT

Threats of Mob Violence Heard on Every Side—Double Guard Thrown About County Jail Where Dentist is Detained.

SAN BERNARDINO, Cal., Aug. 19.—With threats of mob violence heard on all sides, Sheriff J. C. Ralphs announced today that he would resist any attempt to molest Dr. A. W. McDavit, charged with holding Miss Jessie McDonald a prisoner in a room adjoining his office for 15 months. The situation is admittedly tense and a double guard was thrown around the county jail last night, where the accused dentist is held.

Officials of the Building Trades council announced today that a committee had been appointed to draft resolutions severely arraigning McDavit and also that, if necessary, money would be provided to assist in prosecuting him.

McDavit cowers in his cell and is making no effort to secure the \$1000 bail necessary for his release. Attorney A. W. Stephenson was retained today to defend the prisoner.

### OAKLAND WATERFRONT TO BE IMPROVED

OAKLAND, Cal., Aug. 19.—Fore-shadowing great and costly improvements along the Oakland waterfront, the Oakland Railways company, a \$27,000,000 corporation, today filed articles of incorporation.

The new company represents F. M. (Borax) Smith, and other great traction interests and is formed primarily for the purpose of establishing a great transcontinental railway terminal.

### ASTOR OFF ON CRUISE WITH DEAREST MADELINE

NEW YORK, Aug. 19.—Accompanied by his fiancée, Miss Madeline Talmage Force and her father, William H. Force, Colonel John Jacob Astor is today off on an indefinite cruise in the Astor yacht Naoma. There is a persistent rumor afloat that the party may go ashore at New London or Greenwich and that the marriage may be consummated within the next 24 hours.

## FIX TUESDAY AS DATE FOR ADJOURNMENT

Concurrent Resolution Fixes 2 o'Clock as Closing Hour of Special Session of Congress—Futile Effort Made to Adjourn Tonight.

### LA FOLLETTE CHAMPIONS OPERATION OF COAL MINES

Says Government Should Own Railroads of Alaska and Terminal Facilities.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 19.—The senate this afternoon adopted a concurrent resolution providing for adjournment at 2 o'clock on Tuesday. Senator Martin declared the resolution had the support of the leaders and was sure to pass.

Late this afternoon in the senate a resolution was offered by Senator A. L. Follette of Wisconsin declaring that it is the sense of the senate that the government should own the railroads of Alaska, together with their terminal facilities. A. L. Follette said he would explain his resolution Monday.

Vice President Sherman, Senator Penrose and Representative Mann today endeavored to secure the adjournment of congress tonight. Their efforts were futile, however, the house democrats declining to adjourn until the cotton bill shall have reached the president.

Sherman, Penrose, Mann and Underwood then went into conference over the cotton measure.

The compromise statehood bill also awaits action in the house. The resolution providing for the direct election of senators probably will go over in conference until the next session of congress.

## FOREIGNERS INVITED TO SAN DIEGO FAIR

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 19.—By a vote of 160 to 51 the house today passed a resolution authorizing the president to invite foreign, South American and Central American nations to send representatives to the Panama-California exposition at San Diego in 1915.

Amendments providing that a proper site must be secured and \$2,000,000 subscribed to make the exposition a success were added to the resolution before its passage.

### PROSPECT OF MARRIAGE COMPLETELY DAZED GROOM

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Aug. 19.—Dazed and unable to account for his strange actions, Daniel Foley, wealthy Spokane mining man, who disappeared from Oakland a week ago, the night before he was to marry Miss Mollie Nagel was found by the police today at the Palace hotel.

Miss Nagel had been reluctant to marry until she could have a wedding dress prepared. Foley, urging haste, accompanied her on a shopping tour, after which he bade her good bye with the understanding that the marriage should be performed the following day. No more was heard of him until today.

### AUTO CRASHES THROUGH BRIDGE RAIL; ONE DEAD

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 19.—Crashing through the guard rail of the Spokane avenue trestle last night, an automobile carried Miss Linda Hodgson, 20, to death. Mrs. C. E. Sorenson, another occupant of the machine, was badly injured.

C. E. Sorenson, who was driving, and Glenn M. Fisher, the fourth member of the party, were slightly hurt. The automobile was going 20 miles an hour when Sorenson observed a change in the street. Unable to see the roadway, he tried to avoid the rail on the straightaway course, only to swerve into the rail on the opposite side of the avenue.

DETROIT, Mich.—Detroit in its official capacity is opposed to tipping, and the practice hereafter will be prohibited in cafes and city parks.