

# KIDNAPPERS OF BOY CONFESS TO GERMAN PLOT

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., June 6.—Plans to abduct a St. Louis manufacturer of munitions, as part of a German conspiracy to block the shipment of such supplies were revealed today to Paul O'Day, prosecuting attorney, by C. J. Piersol, one of the six men held in the investigation of the disappearance of Floyd Keet, 13-months-old son of J. Holland Keet, wealthy banker.

The plan was given up as impracticable, however, Piersol is said to have declared.

Authorities previously announced that the six had confessed other plots, including the abduction of C. A. Clement, a local jeweler, whom they expected to hold for ransom. The suspects, against whom no formal charge yet has been made, denied such a confession today, despite the continued assertions of O'Day and others that they had made such statements.

With the arrest early today of six persons charged with being implicated in the kidnaping last Wednesday night of Floyd, the 13-month-old child of J. Holland Keet, wealthy banker of Springfield, the police believe they are on the track of the abductors and express the belief that the baby will be returned before nightfall.

# BOND MEASURE CARRIES BY 23,000 MAJORITY

PORTLAND, June 6.—A \$6,000,000 good roads issue was endorsed by the voters of Oregon at the state election Monday, by a majority of about 23,000. Multnomah county (Portland) returned a majority of 18,456 and with complete returns missing from only Lake, Harney, Morrow and Wheeler counties, the state outside of Portland seems to have given a majority of about 4000 for the bonds.

The voters, on the other hand, defeated a \$400,000 bond issue for a new state penitentiary.

At the city election in Portland, George L. Baker was elected mayor by 1500 over Will H. Daly. A. L. Barber, incumbent city auditor, has been definitely elected. One city commissioner and the second place probably will be won by John M. Mann, who is leading Dan Kellaher on unofficial, but almost complete, returns by more than 200.

Portland appears to have adopted an anti-trade conspiracy ordinance by a small margin. This law will prohibit certain forms of boycotting, especially by bannering, picketing and street demonstration.

# TEN MILLION MEN REGISTER.

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pursued to make the registration complete. No entirely complete returns are expected before late today.

**Registration of Cities.**  
CHICAGO, June 6.—Complete unofficial returns from the draft registration give Chicago 208,096 names. Chicago's registration exceeded all estimates and only twenty suspected slackers were reported.

PHILADELPHIA, June 6.—Virtually complete returns from yesterday's registration shows the number of enrollments in Philadelphia exceeded preliminary estimates by more than 2000. With four scattered divisions out of 1214 to be heard from, the official count was 170,761. Of this number 37,769 registered as aliens; 77,335 are married; 35,214 are single with dependents, and 21,519 claimed exemption.

EVERETT, Wash., June 6.—A total of 2212 names were registered in Everett under the draft law yesterday of which 1078 claimed exemption.

**Complete in New Jersey.**  
WASHINGTON, June 6.—Complete returns from New Jersey, the first to come in, show registration of 302,866. The estimate by the census bureau was 309,563.

Wisconsin's total registration was estimated by Governor Philipp at 218,700. Census estimates put the figure at 220,597.

NEW YORK, June 6.—With many assembly districts missing the count of yesterday's registration today stood at 446,438 with the total indicated unofficially at 520,000. The police have begun a house to house canvass to round up suspected slackers.

ST. PAUL, June 6.—With 23,352 persons registered in this city which exceeds estimates, it is believed the total for the state will reach 300,000 instead of the predicted 250,000.

# LEAK IN DAM AT FISH LAKE NOW PLUGGED

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their homes and lives would be in danger and creating general apprehension and terror.

Fortunate it was that the huge embankment, which was 600 feet long and 25 feet high, did not give way when the big break came, else the entire valley along Little Butte creek for miles would have been flooded, with loss of lives, property and stock.

All day yesterday and last night Butte creek was in a turbulent, flooded condition from the millions of gallons that poured thru the break in the dam. This condition continued till this noon when the dam had lowered to twelve feet and the break was stopped up completely.

**Crisis for Medford.**  
Monday night and yesterday the city of Medford, without knowing it, faced a grave crisis. In that its water supply might be wiped out at any moment. And along with the threatened lack of water was the danger of fire conflagration, because of low water in the reservoir, which happily did not materialize.

Today the immediate danger of water famine and consequent low pressure for fire service is past, thanks to the rising to the emergency of Mayor C. E. Gates, Dr. J. M. Keene, chairman of the council committee on water, and City Water Superintendent Olin Arnsperger and the volunteer offer of Mike Hanley, to say nothing of the work done by the Rogue River Canal Company officials.

Yet Medford's water supply will not be normal for several days at least, nor will the people be getting the same splendid water as heretofore.

They will be using water just as good as the usual supply, from an entirely different source, namely, Wasson canyon on the Mike Hanley ranch two miles this side of the intake.

**Good Water Coming.**  
The Wasson canyon water is being supplied as an emergency measure until such time as temporary repairs can be made at the works intake and the flood waters in Butte creek from the Fish Lake dam have cleared up, all of which with good fortune may be within four days, and at the latest several weeks.

While these dangers threatened the city of Medford thru the break in the Fish Lake dam Monday night, the ranchers residing along Little Butte creek are thankful today that the entire dam did not give way and that they are alive.

Had the whole dam structure given way a huge flood of racing waters would have swept the valley clean of lives and property. Even at it was, however, these people spent a night of terror on the mountain or hillsides, fearing a miniature Johnstown flood, up to noon yesterday also much apprehension was felt.

The weakening of the dam embankment was stopped yesterday noon, according to telephonic reports from the Fish Lake dam which said that the situation was under control and that the dam was saved.

Mayor Gates and Dr. Keene, accompanied by a Mail Tribune reporter and Court Hall reached the city intake at 4 p. m. yesterday being only able to get by automobile as far as the Hanley ranch and having to walk the rest of the way, a mile, over the trail.

**City Officials Act.**  
The intake is almost a complete wreck caused by the flood from the dam Monday night, and around it is a tangled pile of logs, limbs and other flood debris which may take several weeks to remove.

After a hurried inspection of the damage done and seeing that the still rushing flood water, because of piled up debris, was going by with only a small portion entering the feed pipe to flow on to the city reservoir, and realizing that the dirty flood water was not fit for use, Messrs. Gates, Keene and Arnsperger hurriedly decided to adopt a temporary supply of water from another source.

They were enabled to do this thru the voluntary offer of Mike Hanley made to Mayor Gates at noon yesterday to permit the city to use the water from Wasson canyon which supplies his irrigation ditch. This morning, under Arnsperger's direction, after the flood water had been shut off entirely from the city system at the intake, the water from Wasson canyon, two miles away, was turned into the intake pipe near that location.

This will insure the city not only a

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pure water supply until the flood conditions of the regular supply can be remedied, but also will help to keep a supply in the reservoir for fire purposes.

Today or tomorrow the city council will journey to the intake to view conditions there and decide what shall be done in the way of future supply, and will also go to the Fish Lake dam 13 miles farther up from the intake to study the situation there.

Messrs. Arnsperger, Gates and Keene decided yesterday that to meet the present emergency the water from Wasson canyon will be run directly into the city mains and shut off from the city reservoir. In several days the muddy water in the latter will be in off and the reservoir cleaned thoroughly. By that time it is hoped that the creek water will have cleared up so that the creek can again be turned into the intake after quick temporary repairs have been made to the latter. It will take a day and a night to clean the reservoir.

**Break Not Unexpected.**

The break in the dam embankment occurred at the south end of the structure, starting first with a large leak which was first discovered early in the evening. A telephone message was at once sent to Chief Engineer Cowgill and Manager Brown of the canal company, and Cowgill and several employees of the company started for the dam by automobile, a three hours' ride from Medford.

About 9 o'clock the break occurred and about the same time Mrs. Frey, who lives on a ranch several miles above the intake, phoned to the intake residence that the entire dam had given way and that the word should be quickly passed along from phone to phone for all the ranchers along the creek to take to the hills to save their lives.

The message of terror was repeated all along the line and about the same time the crest of the flood came tearing along with a frightful roar of rushing, swirling waters, snapping trees and limbs.

A short time before the crest of the flood reached the intake Engineer Cowgill's party arrived there. Mr. Cowgill, after talking with the dam office by phone, at once asked that urgent warning be sent by phone all along the line for the people to take to the hills.

Even yesterday there was still apprehension that the dam would go out and a number of ranchers moved their household goods to the hillsides and were prepared for the worst.

**Had Narrow Escape.**

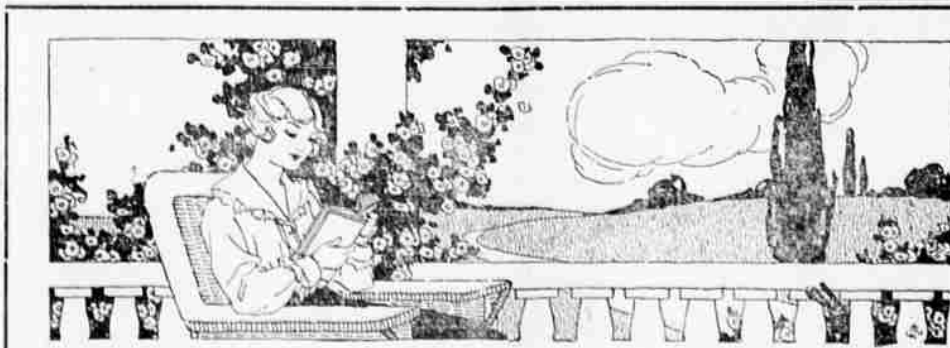
J. T. Conrad, assistant city water superintendent of Medford, and Peter Burleson, the city intake keeper, had a narrow escape from death. Without any intimation even that there was trouble at the dam, they were at the intake proper with a lantern lighting up the intake screens for the night when the flood came upon them. They were hurled into the swirling water, but managed to get out quickly.

Mr. Conrad with his wife and two little sons had arrived at the intake only the day before on a brief vacation.

Burleson and Conrad at once phoned the threatening news to Mr. Arnsperger at Medford and hurried back to the intake. They found that they could reach the last gate to the intake pipe and set to work with large brushes on long handles to keep the debris and muddy water from blocking up the entrance to this pipe which they realized was Medford's only source of water supply. They kept up this weary work all night long and all day yesterday until 6:30 o'clock last night when Mr. Arnsperger and Edward Hull relieved them.

Hull, by the way, the taxi driver who took the Cowgill party to the intake Monday night. He was marooned at the intake by the flood as the latter had washed away the bridge over Little Butte creek near the intake.

**Arnsperger in Charge.**  
Mr. Arnsperger reached the intake



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# THIRD TORNADO IN TWO WEEKS SWEEPS KANSAS

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miles east of here near the Missouri river. The tornado's path was from fifty to one hundred yards wide for an undetermined distance.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 6.—For the third time in a little more than two weeks portions of Missouri and Kansas today were compelling lists of dead, injured and property losses inflicted by vagaries of the elements. At least 13 persons are dead and many injured in widely separated sections of the two states.

Early today wires still were down in all directions in the storm areas and no definite compilation of the toll of dead and the property damage resulting late yesterday when several twisters swooped down had been made.

It was known, however, that the little village of Elmont, near Topeka, Kansas, virtually was leveled, with the death of one of the men there and two others nearby. A negro boy was killed near Lawrence and a man is reported dead at Clinton, further west.

In Missouri, just east of Richmond, two women and a baby were victims of a tornado that wrecked their home; at Centralia five persons were killed and 30 injured.

IOIA, Kan., June 6.—William Jaspineau was killed and his wife and four others were severely injured by a tornado near Savonburg southeast of here this morning. Crops were damaged and homes destroyed. It is feared several of the injured may die.

istration officials to depart in haste yesterday from the reservation 100 miles north of here until instructions come from Washington, according to Walter Runke, Indian agent at Tuba City. No disorder has been reported.

The Indians were reported to have bought all available ammunition for their arms lately and to have declared they would all fight rather than "go to Germany."

# ARIZONA INDIANS OPPOSE REGISTRATION

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz., June 6.—No further attempt will be made to register Navajo Indians who caused reg-

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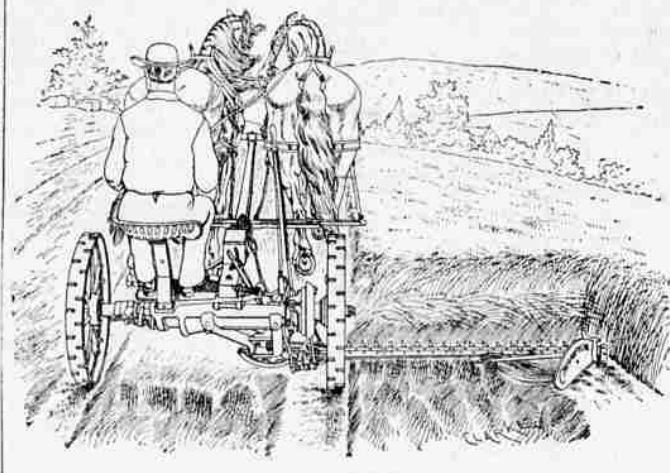
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