

Maximum yesterday.....83
Minimum today.....57

Probable showers.

Daily—Sixteenth Year.
Weekly—Fifty-First Year.

MEDFORD, OREGON, FRIDAY, JUNE 3, 1921

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2 DROWNED
WHEN AUTO
HITS TRUCK

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. L. Childers
of Gold Hill Victims of Tragedy
in Rogue River—Ford
Car Pushed Down Embankment
By Impact—One Body
Found.

The double drowning in the Rogue
river yesterday afternoon one mile
this side of Rogue River, of Mr. and
Mrs. Wm. L. Childers, well known
old residents of Gold Hill, created a
profound shock in all parts of the valley.

From the best accounts obtainable,
Mr. Childers, who was over 72 years
old, met a hero's death, by seizing his
wife, 61 years old, when their Ford
car plunged into the deep river, and
trying to save her life as well as his
own by swimming, but was borne under
the surface by the current.

The body of Mrs. Childers was recovered
this forenoon according to a
report reaching this city, but up to
the hour of going to press this afternoon,
Mr. Childers' body had not been found.

Coroner Perl who last night and
today conducted the search for the
bodies, is making a thorough investigation
into the cause of the circumstances
leading to the tragedy.

Although many different versions
as to the cause of the accident were
current in the city, the most authentic
information is to the effect that the
Medford-Grants Pass interurban
freight stage truck, heavily loaded
and driven by E. H. Woodley, a Grants
Pass young man, was enroute to
Grants Pass about a mile this side of
Rogue River, and behind the truck
enroute in the same direction in their
Ford car were Mr. and Mrs. Childers,
with the former at the wheel.

Car Hits Truck.
One story is that the truck was in
the middle of the road instead of to
the right, as is required by a new
state law. At any rate Mr. Childers
tried to pass around the truck and in
so doing the rear right wheel of his
car struck the left front wheel of the
truck with sufficient impact to
swerve the Ford onto the embankment's
edge where it hung suspended
for a moment and then plunged down
the sharp embankment into the river,
which is said to be 30 feet deep at
that place.

Driver Attempts Rescue
Realizing the fearful danger impending
Woodley shouted to Mr. and Mrs.
Childers to remain in their car, and
was rushing with a rope to their rescue
when, the car starting to settle,
Mr. Childers seized his wife and jumped
with her into the river, trying to
swim but both soon went under. The
car quickly settled down in the deep
water so it is problematical whether
Woodley would have been able to save
Mr. and Mrs. Childers had they remained
seated.

Woodley's story is to the effect that
he knew nothing of the Ford car in
the rear of his truck and that Mr.
Childers either did not sound his horn
or Woodley failed to hear it, else he
would have turned out and given the
Ford the right of way.

William Lafayette Childers who was
born in Appanoose county, Ia., and was
72 years, three months and six days
old, had been a resident of Oregon
and of Gold Hill for the past 29 years,
having come to Gold Hill from Kallis-
pel, Mont. Although in recent years
retired he followed the trade of black-
smithing for many years. Mr. and

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Waters in Columbia
River Rise Again,
Farms Endangered

PORTLAND, Ore., June 3.—
Further rise of the Columbia
river following the temporary
lull of this week was forecast
today by the weather bureau,
postponing prospect of relief of
farmers in the bottom lands who
have already suffered many
thousands of dollars loss.

PORTLAND, Ore., June 3.—
Rise of exactly one foot in the
Willamette here between today
and Monday was forecast by the
weather bureau. Today's
reading was 22 feet, a drop of
one-tenth, but the upper Columbia
was reported again rising,
Wenatchee and The Dalles each
reporting a rise of six-tenths of
a foot. The Snake river also
was higher. Warmer weather in
the watershed area is the cause
of the renewal of the freshet.

MIDDLE AGED
LUMBER JACK
BRAIN WIZARD

Michael Nolan, 42 Years Old,
U. of W. Student, One of 25
Most Brilliant Minds in Uni-
ted States—Makes Perfect
Score.

SEATTLE, June 3.—Michael Nolan,
42 years old University of Washington
engineering student, today was charac-
terized by university authorities as
"one of the twenty-five most brilliant
minds in the United States," following
his feat yesterday in making a perfect
score—212 points—in the army
"alpha" intelligence test.

Nolan required only 13 of the 17
minutes allowed, in which to complete
the test. His feat was unequalled, so
far as is known here, by any of the
approximately 3,000,000 service men
who took the test during the war.

According to Dr. E. R. Guthrie, pro-
fessor of psychology at the university,
the best previous record of 207 points
in 17 minutes was made by a Yale
university professor while an officer in
the army. The highest score known
to have been made by any university
student was 206. The average for the
army was 135.

Nolan's education prior to his enter-
ing the university last year, was con-
fined to seven grades in an Irish gram-
mar school. He had been a lumber-
jack, longshoreman and roving jack
of all trades. Within four weeks after
entering a Canadian base hospital to
which he was invalided during the
war, he qualified as an expert bacteri-
ologist—work in which he had no pre-
vious training, according to records on
file at the university.

He is now carrying the maximum
number of hours allowed for credit in
the university and attends classes
without credit, for 20 additional hours
a week. He was sent to the university
by the federal board for vocational
training.

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DESTRUCTION
AND DEATH
IN FLOODS

High Waters in Midwest
Cause Serious Damage—
Children Drowned in Cloud
Burst—Entire Population of
Illinois City Forced to Flee—
Train Service Paralyzed.

PUEBLO, Colo., June 3.—Two lit-
tle children, Edna, aged 11, and
Margery, three daughters of Mr. and
Mrs. Robert Gray of Pueblo, were
drowned early this morning when
their house was flooded by a cloud-
burst which did damage to property
estimated at thousands of dollars.

When the water began to flood the
houses in the neighborhood Mr. and
Mrs. Gray, with their six children,
sought a place of safety. The father
was leading Margery and Edna was
walking behind them when suddenly
a wall of water came rushing down
the creek bed. Margery was torn
from her father's grasp and Edna
also was whirled away in the flood.

Parts of a number of houses were
washed away by the cloudburst and
several families were marooned for
hours.

The bodies of the two drowned
children were recovered.

PEORIA, Ill., June 3.—The entire
population of Urbana, about 400
persons were driven from the homes
for the greater part of the night and
losses numbered were made abortive
temporarily at Washington and
Farmdale by the overflowing of Farm
Creek caused by the cloudburst last
night. Many gardens and small live-
stock were lost in the flood.

CASPER, Wyo., June 3.—A cloud-
burst which centered east of Douglas
last night and carried out railroad
and highway bridges and approxi-
mately 1,500 feet of roadbed on the
Colorado and Southern about a hun-
dred miles north of Cheyenne, held
up train service into Casper from the
east for 12 hours last night and today
on both the Burlington and the Chi-
cago and Northwestern.

The Yellowstone highway bridge,
one mile east of Douglas, was swept
away, but a detour was made which
permitted traffic going over the road
today.

STERLING, Colo., June 2.—One
woman is dead and three children are
missing as the result of a flood which
this morning swept down the valley
of Pawnee creek, northwest of Ster-
ling. The spillway dam of the North
Sterling reservoir gave way during
the night and the valley, about a mile
wide and several miles long, was
flooded.

TULSA TO REBUILD
NEGRO DISTRICT

TULSA, Okla., June 3.—Definite
plans for building homes for the
thousands of negroes rendered destitute
by the burning of the negro quarter
here in the race war of Tuesday night
and Wednesday were being worked out
today by a civilian committee of relief.

U. S. IRISH REPORT
BARRED, AUSTRALIA

LONDON, June 3.—Efforts on the
part of extremists in the Australian
house of representatives to introduce
the report of the American commission
on Ireland into the official record of
that body were defeated yesterday,
says a Melbourne dispatch to the Lon-
don Times. M. P. Considine read the
conclusions of the American commit-
tee and while he was so engaged Sir
Robert W. Best, of Victoria, denounced
them as "vile and odious slanders
upon the empire".

Man in Dory Loses
Fight for Life On
The Open Atlantic

BOSTON, June 3.—A lone
man's unsuccessful fight for life
in an open dory at sea was dis-
closed today when the fishing
schooner Waltham brought in his
body, picked up yesterday 25
miles east of Highland light.

The body was found in the bot-
tom of a dory that was riding
the waves as right and tight as if
under a fisherman's hand. In the
stern stood a bamboo pole with
a piece of red attached to it, a
marker of distress. The body was
badly emaciated. By its sides
were the bones of several fishes
plucked clean.

Captain Clifford Hopkins of the
Waltham said the extent of emaciation
indicated that suffering
from thirst and hunger must have
been great and that it was days
before death delivered the man
from his troubles.

The fish that he caught, appar-
ently were his only food and he
had no fresh water.

The man was well dressed and
appeared to be about 45 years
of age.

DAUGHERTY WILL
INVESTIGATE THE
TULSA RACE RIOT

WASHINGTON, June 3.—A gen-
eral inquiry into the race riots at
Tulsa, Okla., has been ordered by At-
torney General Daugherty, it was an-
nounced today at the department of
justice.

The purpose of the investigation,
officials said, is to determine wheth-
er the disorders were in violation of
federal laws. Preliminary reports, it
was added, show that the situation is
purely local.

TULSA, Okla., June 3.—Brigadier
General Charles F. Barrett, com-
manding National Guardsmen here,
not to permit removal of the troops
for at least a week.

BASEBALL SCORES

NEW YORK, June 3.—Babe Ruth
knocked out his sixteenth home run
of the season today in the sixth inning
of the game with St. Louis. Davis was
pitching for St. Louis.

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One trait he does possess in a great-
er degree than some of the rest of us,
but it is a thing wholly inconsistent
with the character we have imagined
for him. He will generally admit his
blunders, make no attempt to stifle
them and try with every appearance
of good faith to correct them. All
of the things in Japanese foreign policy
that have been most assailed else-
where and twisted into evidence of
deep laid Machiavellian villainy have
been things a Japanese administration
has done in imitation of the historic
methods that have made European na-
tions great. This is the fact of the
record, whatever else you may have
been told about it, and nobody has
been so much astonished as the Japa-
nese statesmen when they learned
that what has been deemed highly
laudable in men of white skins is
deemed wrong in men of a brownish tint.
It is an application of the spectrum to
morals that is beyond their poor
heads.

Jap Admits Blunders
As to the frank admission of errors
committed, three of the most promi-
nent Japanese statesmen of this day
and several others of less mark, have
of their own motion acknowledged to
me, in conversations about the Chinese
situation, that the Twenty-one Dem-
ands were a colossal blunder. One
of them offered convincing evidence
that it was a blunder into which the
adroit mind of Yuan Shih Kai had led
the Japanese administration, but he
was not the less severe upon the ad-
ministration for that reason. These
men said in the frankest possible way
and spirit that the demands were a
blunder but asked what else the Japa-
nese could do, China having accepted
them, but to continue to abide by the
situation a previous administration
had created. I thought that was a
question we had better leave to the
Japanese bather in America.

With the same freedom intelligent
Japanese admit that it was an error to
break or seem to back with guns or
the threat of guns the just and reasonable
movements of Japan for economic ex-
pansion. They admit that they got
hold of the Korean stick by the wrong
end, that they do not know much about
colonization, that they have not
worked out effectively nor completely
the peculiar problems of their raw ma-
terials, that the South Sea Islands
seem unlikely now to pan according
to expectations. But in all these ex-
perimentations and others, they have
had always European models before
their eyes, never one of their own de-
vising. With the exception of their
strange notion of establishing Japa-
nese schools in the Marshalls I don't
know of one original play.

As to their readiness to correct
their errors, there is often about that
something naive, ingenious and ex-
tremely taking. I know the school of
thought that holds we must hate and
suspect everything the Japanese do
will say this is merely clever play
acting to mask original sin and innate
depravity. I can only say that if they
will talk with the Japanese officers
charged with the making of these cor-
rections they will find it hard to main-
tain that attitude. Here are a few il-
lustrations I gathered in Korea:

The Korean Outrages
The Koreans have an ancient but
most unpleasant method of disposing
of the bodies of the dead. They scrape
a shallow hole in a field or front door

At New York: R. H. E.
St. Louis..... 9 14 2
New York..... 8 13 1
Batteries: Davis and Severeid;
Hoyt, Collins, Sheehan, Quinn and
Schang.

At Boston:
Cleveland..... 6 15 3
Boston..... 7 14 6
Batteries: Coveloskie, Morton, Uhle
and Thomas; Russell, Pennock and
Walters.

At Philadelphia:
Detroit..... 9 12 2
Philadelphia..... 15 15 2
Batteries: Leonard, Helling and
Bassler; Naylor, Harris and Perkins.

National
At Pittsburg: R. H. E.
New York..... 4 6 1
Pittsburg..... 1 4 1
Batteries: Toney and Snyder; Ham-
ilton and Schmidt.

At Cincinnati:
Boston..... 4 11 6
Cincinnati..... 0 4 2
Batteries: Oeschger and O'Neill;
Marquard and Hargrave.

At Chicago:
Brooklyn..... 3 13 1
Chicago..... 8 14 1
Batteries: Pfeffer, Manmaux and
Taylor; Freeman and Daly.

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Soldier Guilty of
Murder, Jury Votes
Life Imprisonment

TACOMA, June 3.—Sergeant
Charles M. Hamlin was found
guilty of murder in the first de-
gree in superior court here this
morning. The jury voted that
he should serve a life term in
prison instead of being hung.

Hamlin shot and killed Charles
W. Bardon, a railroad worker,
on March 3. Three soldiers
held up Bardon and a compan-
ion and when he dropped a val-
ise to raise his hands he was
shot. All three soldiers agreed
in confessions that Hamlin fired
the shot. He is the first of
seven soldiers awaiting trial
here on charges carrying possi-
ble death penalties.

G. HILL BANK
ROBBERS ARE
FOUND GUILTY

Peter Strauff and Frank Kodat
to Be Sentenced Tomor-
row for Breaking Into Gold
Hill Bank—Jury Deliberates
One Hour.

Peter Strauff and Frank Kodat, in-
dicted on a charge of burglary in
connection with the attempted rob-
bery of the Bank of Gold Hill at Gold
Hill on the night of April 13, were
found guilty by a jury in the circuit
court this morning, after one hour's
deliberation. Both the defendants
have prison records. Four ballots
were taken, the first standing 10 to
2 for conviction.

E. W. Wright, former commissioner
of the Port of Portland, and vice-
president of a shipyard at Astoria,
arrived this morning too late to tes-
tify. He was called as a character
witness for Strauff, whose sponsor
and friend he has been since he was
pardoned by Governor Olcott on
Christmas day, 1918.

The defendants listened to the
reading of the verdict without a trem-
or. The court announced that they
would be sentenced in the morning.
The crime carries a sentence of from
one to ten years.

In his closing argument to the jury,
O. S. Blanchard for the defense flayed
Watchman Wise as "clippant and
afraid," and asked the jury not to
convict because they had served
prison terms. He criticized the sher-
iff's office for not posting more men
in the bank, and for not getting proof
that the can of powder was buried
under the sidewalk as claimed by a
former prison mate of Strauff's, At-
torney William Briggs of Astoria had
made a strong plea to the jury for
Kodat, co-defendant in the case.

Frank Kodat and Peter Strauff,
known as "Dutch Pete", faced trial in
the circuit court Thursday afternoon,
on a joint indictment charging bur-
glary of the Bank of Gold Hill at Gold
Hill, on the night of April 13.

Strauff took the stand in his own
behalf, gave his age as 45, and said
that he had served prison terms in
Montana and at Salem. A short, heavy
set man, he told his story with tears
in his eyes. Strauff said that he had
been paroled from the state prison at
Salem in 1916, and had been granted a
pardon by the governor on Christmas
day, 1918. Letters of recommendation
from employers were denied admis-
sion, but the witness testified that he
had been a deputy sheriff in a ship-
yard at Astoria during the war, and
that he had been trying to lead an
honest and upright life since freedom.

"I was working for the Union Pa-
cific in Wyoming, when a telegram
came that I was wanted in Tillamook,"
testified Strauff. "I went to Portland

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WIRE ITEMS
SHOW GRAFT
SHIP BOARD

Senator Kenyon Enlivens De-
bate by Reading Telegrams
Sent By Members at Govt.
Expense "Leave Door Open,
Home Midnight" Sent By
Official to Wife.

WASHINGTON, June 3.—Commit-
tee amendments to the deficiency bill
granting appropriations of \$75,000-
000 to the shipping board were ap-
proved today by the senate after Sen-
ator Kenyon, republican, Iowa, and
others had charged the board with
gross extravagance, waste and ineffi-
ciency.

The senate in approving the appro-
priation, an increase of \$50,000,000
over that granted by the houses, added
an amendment by Senator Lenroot,
republican, Wisconsin, directing the
shipping board to sell all wooden
ships by next October 1.

Operation of the government mer-
chant fleet by the shipping board is
"reeking with graft," Senator Ken-
yon, republican, Iowa, charged in op-
posing the deficiency appropriation
of \$50,000,000.

Big Salaries Paid.
Reading a list of salaries paid of-
ficials employed by the board, Sen-
ator Kenyon said "they make the sal-
aries of cabinet members and sena-
tors look like 30 cents." The list as
read showed salaries in the general
comptroller's office amounting to
\$100,000 and in the division of op-
erations totalling \$137,000 annually.
The senator said the auditor of the
shipping board was paid \$15,000 and
that an assistant auditor at \$5,000
acted as his chauffeur.

Charging that funds were being
used for private purposes Senator
Kenyon read a series of telegrams
which he said had been sent by board
employees at government expense. One
telegram related to an engagement
to a girl in Virginia, another to the
obtaining of tickets to a Yale foot-
ball game, and still another, evidently
from a husband to his wife, read:

"Leave the door open. Will be
home about midnight."

"These gentlemen," added Sen-
ator Kenyon, "also are interested in
keeping open the door to the federal
treasury."

Senator Kenyon estimated that the
government was losing from \$500,-
000 to \$1,000,000 a day through the
shipping board.

Abolition of the board was pro-
posed by Senator Poindexter, republi-
can, Washington, who said he favored
appointment of a director, "and let
him liquidate this whole business."

The question of effect of prohibi-
tion on American shipping was raised
by Senator Fletcher, democrat,
Florida. Senator Kenyon, who re-
cently went to Europe on a shipping
board vessel remarked that "from
observation I know one shipping
board ship that is not dry."

Senator Hitchcock, democrat, Ne-
braska, suggested that a high tariff
policy now contemplated would kill
off American shipping.

Murderer Is Hanged.
SAN QUENTIN, Cal., June 3.—
George C. Williams was hanged today
at the state prison here for the mur-
der of his wife and his step daughter,
Rose Alvez. He shot them as they
alighted from a street car in San
Francisco February 7, 1920.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 3.—A de-
cline of 25 cents a hundred pounds
in the price of granulated sugar was
announced by refiners here today.
The new basic prices quoted were
\$6.75 a hundred pounds for cane
sugar and \$6.55 for beet sugar.

SOLAR ERUPTIONS MEAN MUCH SUNSHINE
REST OF YEAR SAYS SIR OLIVER LODGE

LONDON, June 3.—Recent solar
eruptions which caused brilliant ar-
roras and disorganized cable and
telegraph service throughout the
world may result in the earth receiv-
ing an increased quota of sunshine
during the remainder of the year,
says Sir Oliver Lodge, the noted
scientist.

He ventures the opinion that the
electrified particles thrown off by the
sun during the disturbance may as-
sist in the development of vegetation
and increase the amount of dust held
suspended in the atmosphere.