

Maximum yesterday.....91
Minimum today.....40

Fair.

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

MEDFORD, OREGON, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1921

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BARNUM APARTMENTS GUTTED BY FIRE

FIX DAMAGE
AT \$50,000
IS INSURED

Gas Explosion Given As Cause
By Geo. Barnum—Spreads
Through Paper Chutes—
Water Floods Structure—
Partially Insured—Narrow
Escape for Mrs. Pearl
Brown—65 People Temporarily
Homeless—Elks Help.

Fire, supposed to have been caused by a gas explosion, the source of which has not yet been definitely traced, gutted the Barnum Hotel, at Front and Fifth streets this morning, causing a damage of \$50,000, partially covered by insurance. The alarm was turned in at 11:20 a. m. in the hotel, which was used as an apartment house, were 65 people, who were rendered temporarily homeless by the stubborn blaze.

The fire was first discovered by Mrs. Pearl Brown, cashier of the Page theatre, who occupied a suite in the building. She had a narrow escape. Her eyebrows were singed, and she was nearly overcome by the fumes of smoke, which poured in great black clouds from the paper chutes. The fire spread quickly, and a huge volume of black, smudgy smoke soon filled the air.

George Barnum, son of the owner of the building, J. W. S. Barnum, passed in front of the building just before the alarm was sounded, and saw no signs of fire. He talked to his father in the dwelling adjoining the hotel, and when he came out a few moments later, he heard a dull boom, like a muffled explosion, and looking up saw smoke pouring from the roof. By this time dwellers were pouring out of the building. The smoke was so thick that it was impossible to linger.

It is George Barnum's theory that the fire was caused by a gas explosion, and spread to all parts of the building through the paper chutes.

The fire itself was confined to the fourth floor and the walls of the structure, but heavy damage was caused by water, which soaked the plaster, and the floors and carpets, making a total loss. The north walls of the hotel are also believed to have been damaged. Two streams of water were poured on the room, soaking all the floors. A partial list of the occupants of the building is:

R. M. Wilson,
H. N. Edwards,
J. A. Calles,
George H. Alden,
Ward B. Spatz,
Miss Clara Woods,
C. R. Thomas,
George O. Roberts,
Mrs. M. M. Childs,
Mrs. E. C. Jerome,
Kenneth Jerome,
P. E. Wahl,
Chris Gottlieb,
Roy Mershon,
Gaston Domergue,
Earl Brown,
Jack Hoffman,
Gus Klocker,
Miss Kathryn Dunham,
Mrs. Towne and daughter.
Most of the personal effects of the guests of the apartment were carried away by volunteer workers, the goods being hurried from the windows to the pavement where they were assembled in a place of the reach of the water. The list of lost articles, in similar confusion, was heard.

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Oregon City Editor
Named Siam Envoy,
Per Usual Custom

WASHINGTON, Oct. 4.—Announcement of the selection of eight American ministers to Latin-American and Old World countries was made today at the White House, virtually completing the diplomatic roster of the new administration. Edward E. Brodie of Oregon was named as minister to Siam.

WOMEN JURY TO
TRY HIGHTOWER
MURDER TRIAL

Seven of 11 Temporary
Jurors Women—Witness
Disappears With Child and
\$3200—Source of Money
Unknown.

REDWOOD CITY, Cal., Oct. 4.—Women may predominate on the jury that will hear the charge of murder against William A. Hightower, on trial in connection with the death of Rev. Patrick E. Heslin, Catholic priest of Colma, this county. When court sessions were resumed today, eleven persons had been passed temporarily for jury duty and of these, seven were women.

A number of side issues have shared public interest with Hightower's trial. One was the reported disappearance of Mrs. Irene Bianchi, who was said to have identified Hightower as the man who called for Rev. Heslin in an automobile on the night he was last seen.

Giovanni Bianchi, her husband, does not know where she is, he told District Attorney Franklin Swart, although "she may have gone to Italy." Bianchi was absent from home for a few hours two weeks ago. When he came back his wife was gone and had taken their small child, the husband related. It has been discovered Mrs. Bianchi had \$3,200 at the time of her departure and the source of this money has not been disclosed, the district attorney said.

REDWOOD CITY, Cal., Oct. 4.—There was a possibility when court recessed at noon today that William A. Hightower, wandering baker, would listen before night to the statement of District Attorney Franklin A. Swart of how he intends to prove him guilty of the murder of Father Patrick E. Heslin of Colma, Cal.

The district attorney declared himself satisfied with the seven married women and four men who remained in the jury box after a week-long process that had sent 17 would-be jurors back to their usual vocations. The defendant's attorneys, however, still had twelve peremptory challenges and the state four. Hightower slept poorly last night and seemed worried and anxious, each face of those who might pass upon his guilt or innocence was closely scrutinized by him.

MOTOR BANDITS
ROB PAYMASTER

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 4.—Three armed bandits in a motor car held up James Flynn, a United States shipping board paymaster, near the Hog Island shipyard this afternoon and robbed him of about \$10,000. They escaped.

GOTHAM AGOG
FOR START OF
WORLD SERIES

Fans By Thousands Flock to
See Baseball Classic—Both
Managers Confident—Huggins
Looks for Hard Fought
Series.

NEW YORK, Oct. 4.—The metropolis is all worked up over the world series. The novelty of having its own two major clubs fighting it out for the highest baseball honors has set the whole town agog.

So far the battle has been entirely on paper—and considerable paper already has been used—but the teams will get down to business tomorrow afternoon at the Polo grounds.

Enthusiasts by the thousands are pouring into the city from the north, south, east and west—a few with tickets and others with hopes of getting them. Hotels are rapidly filling and it is predicted that sleeping spaces will be at a premium before the series starts.

Both the Giants and the Yankees hold their final practice today. The outlook this morning was for fine weather today and tomorrow.

The rival managers, McGraw and Huggins, are equally confident of the outcome of the games.

"We are ready and no excuses will be offered on the score of conditions if the Giants are beaten by the Yankees," said McGraw.

"I intend to play regular American league baseball in the series with the Giants," Manager Huggins said. "The kind of baseball that won for us in our season's campaign. I think it will be a hard fought series."

RAILWAY UNIONS
SPLIT ON STRIKE
BALLOTING SHOWS

CHICAGO, Oct. 4.—With the counting of strike ballots of four big railroad unions well under way, evidence developed today that there is a difference of opinion among the union leaders themselves.

While officials of some of the unions have minimized a possibility of a general strike, the president of one of the organizations today declared his men were not bluffing and would walk out if a majority favored the strike.

An official of the Switchmen's union of North America also announced that his men were voting on questions other than the wage cut ordered by the labor board, taking issue with a statement by Warren S. Stone, grand chief of the engineers, who declared at Cleveland last week that wages was the only subject at issue.

"It is not a question of wages alone," the switchmen's official said, "but an effort is being made to take away working conditions and agreements which have been in effect for years. This includes time and a half for overtime and a number of other things."

It was learned today that the leaders of the Switchmen's union will abide by the strike vote, although the joint ballot authorizes the executive officers to use their own discretion in calling a strike.

SENATOR McNARY WOULD
CHANGE TAX BILL

WASHINGTON, Oct. 4.—Senator McNary will offer an amendment today to the tax bill abolishing all taxes on transportation, both passenger and freight and express as well.

He will also offer another amendment placing express taxes on the same basis as freight. The senate bill now provides that one-half of all transportation taxes on freight and passenger business be repealed January 1, 1922.

The house bill abolishes all taxes. Senator McNary declared that most of the perishable products of Oregon, California and other western states is transported by express and the tax on this form of transportation must be wiped out in justice to the fruit and farm products raisers of the west.

BRUMFIELD
WHISKERED
FOR TRIAL

Dentist Has Not Called Barber
for Two Weeks—Heavy
Beard and Peculiar Eyes
Give Insanity Appearance—
55 Witnesses Called By the
State.

ROSEBURG, Ore., Oct. 4.—Preparations for starting the trial of Dr. R. M. Brumfield tomorrow on the charge of killing Dennis Russell, had been completed today. More than 55 subpoenas have been served on witnesses for the state. The regular jury panel of 24 has been summoned and when these are exhausted a special panel will be called.

Dr. Brumfield has not called for a barber for two weeks, and his face is covered with a heavy growth of beard, in striking contrast to his neat appearance when arraigned in justice court and in the circuit court.

ROSEBURG, Oct. 4.—(Special.) Will Brumfield go into the court room looking his usual self—well dressed, smooth shaven and debonaire in appearance, or will he endeavor to make an impression of insanity, by appearing as he does now with a heavy growth of beard, his hair untrimmed and his clothes disheveled? This is the question now being asked as the day for the opening of the trial draws near.

Brumfield still declines to ask for a barber to remove his heavy growth of beard or cut his hair and this dark heavy growth of whiskers coupled with his unusual eyes, give him an appearance of insanity regardless of whether or not such is his condition. Brumfield however has always been a man who is very careful of his appearance. During his residence in Roseburg few people have seen him in any other than immaculate dress. How will he go before the crowds which will throng the court room to hear the sensational case?

Lester W. Humphreys, United States attorney, and Thomas Maguire are conducting the prosecutions for the government in the criminal cases, Clarence R. Hotchkiss, the new United States marshal for the Oregon district, contrary to expectation will not attend the Medford court term. Chief

UNKNOWN HERO
TO SAIL FOR HOME
SHORES, OCTOBER

PARIS, Oct. 4.—(By the Associated Press)—"America's unknown soldier," who will find honored sepulchre in the national cemetery at Arlington, Va., will be selected by a non-commissioned officer from the American forces on the Rhine at Chalons-sur-Marne on the morning of October 24. The body will leave Havre on October 25, on board the United States cruiser Olympia.

Complete arrangements have been made for the removal of the body of the unknown American to the United States. It was announced by General Henry T. Allen, commander of American forces in Germany here today. At the request of the American government, elaborate plans formulated by the French government for receiving the body in Paris have been abandoned.

WORLD SERIES GAMES.

The world series baseball games start in New York tomorrow at 2 o'clock, or 11 o'clock, local time. The Mail Tribune will post bulletins and mezzophone readings, hit by hit, and inning by inning of the big games, daily until the series are ended. Outside points, desiring the score by telephone are requested to call after 1 o'clock, when the game will be over. The bulletins will be over the wires of the Associated Press, the fastest and most accurate news service in the world.

FEDERAL COURT
OPENS, MINOR
CASES HANDLED

Indian Given Six Months for
Hitting Wife With Hammer—
Liquor Violators Plead
Guilty Douglas County Still
Case—Docket Prepared.

The federal court room and lobbies of the building were crowded at 10 a. m. today when the October term of the United States court for southern Oregon opened shortly after the arrival of Judge C. E. Wolverton and Deputy Clerk E. M. Morton, who is acting as clerk at the Medford session, arrived from Portland. The other court officials and attaches arrived from Portland last night. Chas. F. Gay and Glen Laidley of Medford are acting as court bailiffs during the term.

After the routine business incidental to the opening of the term had been transacted, pleas of guilty were entered by five men whose cases were awaiting trial, and they were immediately sentenced by Judge Wolverton.

Harvey Drew, Klamath Indian, pleaded guilty to having assaulted his wife with a hammer over a year ago, and was given a sentence of six months in the Multnomah county jail. Jesse Sconchin, Klamath Indian, pleaded guilty to larceny of a steer on the reservation and drew a sentence of nine months in the Multnomah county jail. A stay of sentence for 30 days was granted by Judge Wolverton because of Sconchin being sick.

William Carroll and Tom Capper, white men of Klamath Falls, pleaded guilty to manufacturing liquor in that city for their own use, and were sentenced to 60 days in the Multnomah county jail.

T. J. Powers of Klamath Falls, pleaded guilty to having possession of a still, and was fined \$200. He was given 30 days time in which to pay the fine.

The men sentenced as above mentioned will be confined in the Jackson county jail until they can be removed to Portland later.

After Judge Wolverton heard arguments in the Owens civil case by Attorneys George L. Roberts and Charles Reames court adjourned until 2 p. m. The trial of Levi Barney and Willie David, Klamath Indians, began at this afternoon's session. They are charged with larceny of cattle on the Indian reservation.

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BANDITS ROB BANK,
COMMANDER AUTO

LOYALTON, Sierra County, Cal., Oct. 4.—Two masked bandits held up the Sierra Valley bank here this forenoon and escaped with \$15,000 after locking Cashier Stanley Sherwood and Assistant Cashier George P. Brooks, with Dan Martin, a customer, in the bank's vault.

Posses took up the pursuit of the bandits, who fled in an automobile with a flat tire, in the direction of Truckee. A short distance out the robbers met Dr. Earl Brandon, a local veterinary surgeon, and forced him to surrender his automobile.

Sport Flashes

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 4.—Harvey Thorp, of Kansas City, was outpointed by Alex Trambitas, Portland, Ore., in a ten round decision bout here last night.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., Oct. 4.—Gus Kallio, Omaha, wrestled the welter-weight championship from Jack Reynolds of this city in a wrestling match lasting 22 minutes last night.

The match was won in one fall, Reynolds acknowledging the fall because of a wrenched shoulder. The former champion advised the second fall to Kallio on advice of his physician without going to the mat.

Most Powerful Rifle
In World Will Be
Given Test Friday

WASHINGTON, Oct. 4.—A new 16-inch, 50 caliber rifle, said to be more powerful than any naval gun in use, and other new developments in ordnance, will be tested at the army ordnance proving ground at Aberdeen, Md., Friday when "ordnance day" will be celebrated. New types of artillery, shells, tanks and bombs also will be tried out.

DEATH OF MEYERS
TOLD JURY IN THE
SOUTHARD CASE

Made Out Will to 'Lady Bluebeard' Day After Wedding—
Ranch Hand Also Ill—Re-
cites Sickness of Mysterious
Nature.

TWIN FALLS, Idaho, Oct. 4.—That Mrs. Lyda Southard on trial here for first degree murder of her fourth husband, Edward F. Meyer, was married to Meyer at Pocatello, Idaho, August 10, 1920, and that Meyer will in which he bequeathed his entire estate to his bride was drawn on the following day, was the testimony of Ben F. Russman, Buhl, Idaho, attorney, adduced by the state at the opening of the eighth day of the trial this morning.

Meyer was not the only sick man on the Blue Lakes ranch at the time of the beginning of the fatal illness. B. B. Squires, a ranch employe, and close friend of Meyer, testified this morning that he and Meyer ate together at the ranch boarding house in the evening of Wednesday, August 27, the day following Mrs. Meyer's arrival at the ranch, and that he, too, was taken violently ill following the meal and was able to work only half a day on the following morning. His symptoms, he described as similar to those of Meyer. He was violently ill at night and exceedingly nervous the following day.

He went to bed early on account of the attack and while in bed Meyer came to the tent where he slept, knelt down and put his head on the bed and groaned. Both men were violently ill with cramps and purging. Meyer stayed only about 10 minutes then went to the room which he and his wife were occupying in the boarding house. The witness stated that on the Sunday following Meyer's attack Mrs. Meyer came to the tent where he lived to get some turpentine and said to the witness: "The doctor says he (Meyer) can't live, but we are going to work on him and see what can be done."

The witness testified that he ate no fruit on the ranch at the time of his and Meyer's illness, adding that he hadn't eaten a pound of fruit in a year.

Paris Paper Rates.
PARIS, Oct. 4.—A decision to maintain the present prices of newspapers was reached by newspaper owners of France at a general meeting here today. The advance in prices generally has been to the equivalent of three cents from the former one cent rate.

ARBUCKLE
TO BE HELD
BOOZE LAW

Film Comedian and Others in
Federal Net—Gobey Cafe
'Tipped Off'—Bootlegger
Makes Affidavit On Source
of Supply—Pleads to Man-
slaughter Tomorrow.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 4.—Arrangements have been completed to arrest Roscoe C. (Fatty) Arbuckle, motion picture actor, for alleged violation of the Volstead prohibition enforcement act when he arrives here from Los Angeles tomorrow to answer to a manslaughter charge in connection with the death of Miss Virginia Rappe, motion picture actress, Robert H. McCormack, assistant United States attorney general in charge of prohibition prosecutions announced today.

Two others will be arrested with Arbuckle on the same charge, McCormack said. He declined to name them. The announcement follows the alleged delivery and serving of liquor to the party in the Hotel St. Francis in which Miss Rappe was said to have been fatally injured supposedly by Arbuckle.

McCormack said that the liquor source was traced to a grill on Manila street, a few blocks from the hotel, but that when a federal raid of the grill was arranged "it was tipped off by someone in the office of E. Forrest Mitchell, district federal prohibition enforcement officer."

"We are going to find out who that someone is," McCormack said, "and see that he is prosecuted."

McCormack telephoned to Mitchell today and asked that Jack Lawrence, who made an affidavit which disclosed the alleged source of the liquor supply, be produced by Mitchell for examination. Mitchell replied, according to McCormack that he did not know Lawrence's whereabouts, but later telephoned McCormack and promised to produce Lawrence in 48 hours.

McCormack announced that he would hold Lawrence in custody until the examination is completed.

Lawrence's affidavit, which was published in the San Francisco Bulletin today, said in part:

"On Saturday, September 3, I delivered four bottles of whiskey to Wall at the St. Francis and on Monday, the fifth, I delivered twelve more bottles to him. He came down pretty drunk."

"I remarked: 'You are having a fine time up there,' and he says, 'Fatty is having a fine old boozeup.' I said, 'he can afford it.'"

Lawrence said in the affidavit that the liquor came from Canada and "stored at Gobey's grill, 140 Manila street, San Francisco."

In the affidavit Lawrence described a visit to a "moonshine still" at Clilo, a deserted lumber camp in Plumas county, and also told of the method employed by the Canadian liquor runners to get their supplies into this country.

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THE BOOTLEGGERS ANTHEM SUNG
BY WETS TO TUNE OF "AMERICA"

From every mountain side
The bootleggers sing.
My native country three,
Land of home brewer,
Thy brew I love.
I love thy booze that thrills
And thy illicit stills,
Thy moonshine runs in rills
From high above.
"It was a song of the rejoicing," Senator Stanley explained, "that the friends of the Volstead act brought to the home brewers when they provided that homes could not be searched."

OREN LABOR WOULD HAVE WAR
PROFITEERS PAY WAR DEBT SHARE

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 4.—Resolutions adopted at the last annual meeting of the Alcan Federation of Labor and set the Oregon Federation by Provt Samuel Gompers, were presented today's session of the State Federation of Labor. They were referred to the resolutions committee and will be referred to the convention tomorrow.

A resolution introduced yesterday demanding that those who profited by the world war be compelled to pay a just proportion of the war debt was adopted today.

A resolution protesting against a general reduction of wages and calling upon the labor people to fight any attempt made in that direction was adopted.