

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Oregon Historical Soc
Public Auditorium

Weather Year Ago
Maximum 82
Minimum 45

The Weather

Prediction Fair
Maximum 97
Minimum 50

Daily—Seventeenth Year.
Weekly—Fifty-Second Year.

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FIRE NEARLY WIPES OUT PRINEVILLE

Oregon Town Suffers Devastating Conflagration—Entire Business Section Mass of Smoking Ruins—Four Volunteer Firemen Injured—Believe Blaze Incendiary

BEND, Ore., June 1.—Half of Prineville's business section was wiped out by a fire which started at midnight and caused damage estimated at \$493,000, before it was checked by dynamiting early today. Prineville's volunteer fire department with its hand-drawn equipment was powerless to control the fire which was fanned by a high wind. The fire started in a frame house and authorities thought it of incendiary origin. Prineville is the county seat of Crook county in central Oregon and has a population of 1200.

When the fire was finally checked most of Prineville's largest buildings within an area of three blocks were smoking ruins. Among the buildings destroyed was the Prineville hotel, a modern two-story stone structure covering half a block, costing more than \$100,000. The postoffice was destroyed with an estimated loss of more than \$25,000. Several brick and concrete business houses with their stocks were wrecked by the flames.

Four volunteer fire fighters, George McFall, Jack Raines, William Wesley and John Wachtler, were injured. Wachtler was crushed by a falling roof and was unconscious today.

All that was saved from the postoffice was a handful of registered letters and a bunch of keys.

Grace Wilson, telephone operator, stayed at her post sending calls to nearby towns for aid until the exchange burned.

Among the heavy estimated losses were:

Deschute Power company, \$25,000; Telephone company, \$15,000; Corbett and company, general merchandise store \$50,000; H. R. Laking Hardware Co., \$5,000; J. A. Stein and Son, clothing store \$15,000; Cyrus Jewelry store \$10,000; Michael Grocery \$14,000; Central Oregon Hardware store \$8,000; Prineville bakery \$15,000; Gerards meat market \$8,000; besides those there were several other firms and individuals with losses ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000 bringing the estimated total to \$493,000.

M'MINNVILLE BOY KILLS EMPLOYER

McMINNVILLE, Ore., June 1.—Gerald P. Israel, aged 18, shot and killed his employer, Fred Lebold, aged 60 and killed himself last night on the Lebold place at the head of Muddy valley, eight miles west of McMinnville, according to a report to local authorities who were investigating the tragedy.

A dispute over wages was said to have been the only trouble which had existed between Israel and his employer.

Snow in Wyoming

CASPER, Wyo., June 1.—Snow fell all yesterday morning in Casper and surrounding territory but light temperature kept the ground cleared of all but a light blanket. No heavy stock loss is expected unless low temperatures follow.

PARIS APACHES SENTENCED TO 2 YEARS FOR DUEL TO DEATH OVER A WOMAN

PARIS, June 1.—A duel to the death over a woman has brought prison sentences to the victor, Maurice Pintoux, an apache, and the witnesses of the fight. The court rejected the defense's plea that dueling with knives in the underworld was quite as respectable as sword or pistol affairs before top-hatted society leaders.

Pintoux and his seconds were sentenced last night to two years' imprisonment each and the director of the combat to six months, for their parts in the death of Charles Lallemand, another apache. Lallemand was formerly the paramour of Louise

France Accepts Reply From Germany Grants Moratorium for 1922

PARIS, June 1.—(By Associated Press.) Approval by the reparations commission of the German reply to its ultimatum and the decision to grant Germany's provisional moratorium for the year 1922, have cleared the way for consideration of a loan by the international committee bankers meeting here.

WHITE PLAINS MURDER CASE PLOT DEEPENS

Guy A. Phillips World War Veteran, Reiterates He Saw Ward With Peters in Phila. Day Before Body Was Found in New Rochelle, N. Y.

PHILADELPHIA, June 1.—Guy A. Phillips, world war veteran, reiterated today that he saw Clarence Peters, slain by Walter S. Ward, in Philadelphia at noon May 15 and at 8:30 a. m. May 16. Peters' body was found near New Rochelle, N. Y., on May 16.

It was while on his way to a railroad station on May 15 he said he fell in with Peters who accosted him because he wore a service button. Peters appeared to be nervous, Phillips said. "The young man said he was in trouble with a married man and a girl. This man, he said, had a pretty wife and was trying to win his girl from him. He showed me a gun he carried in his inside pocket. Then he said a man was in the city looking for him. Foundling the revolver he said it would help him to get the man who was trying to get him."

Later he asked me where he could get a train for Elizabeth, N. J. I told him to go to the information window which he did.

Phillips then reiterated how he saw the man next morning at the entrance to the Bellevue-Stratford hotel. He wore a brown suit and a gray cap. Peters spoke to him, he said, and again showed him the pistol and said "I will get him unless he gets me first."

Phillips said he saw Peters walk to a well dressed young man who came across the street. They talked a few seconds and then started for an automobile.

When Phillips was reminded that Peters' body was found on the sixth day he expressed the opinion that he might have been killed nearby and his body carried to where it was found.

New Detectives on Job

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., June 1.—The entrance of one group of detectives, brought into the Ward-Peters killing case by District Attorney Weeks to investigate every angle of the mysterious blackmail and shooting affair, and the exit of another group

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WILL PROBE MAX OSER'S ELIGIBILITY

Unprecedented Spectacle of Higher Court Called Upon Prevent International Marriage Offered By Mrs. Harold McCormick—Father Gives Consent to Match.

CHICAGO, June 1.—Judicial investigation of Max Oser's eligibility and qualifications as a husband for Mathilde McCormick is the next step in the international romance of John D. Rockefeller's 17 year old grand daughter and the fiction between her parents.

Today Mathilde has a guardian who said to be ready to give his consent to her marriage to the Swiss horseman



Mrs. Harold McCormick

who was her riding master during her girlhood days in the Alps. Her father, Harold F. McCormick, titular head of the International Harvester company, millions was accepted by his divorced wife as a suitable guardian for their daughter with one exception. The horseman of Zurich is the exception and Saturday Judge Henry Horner of the probate court is expected to decide whether Max's 27 years seniority over his prospective bride and his comparative poverty furnish sufficient grounds to grant an injunction restraining Mr. McCormick from giving his consent to the marriage.

Sees Mercenary Motives.

Mrs. Edith Rockefeller McCormick, Mathilde's mother, expressed the fear



Mr. Harold McCormick

that there were mercenary motives in Max's courtship of her daughter, who is heir to part of the Rockefeller millions as well as some of the McCormick wealth.

The marriage, Mrs. McCormick said, might subject Mathilde to "the machinations and intrigues of designing persons."

The unusual, if not unprecedented situation of an injunction petition to prevent an international marriage of the Oser-McCormick sort will likely head Mathilde's romance to a higher court. It was said today. Former Judge Charles S. Cutting, counsel for Mrs. McCormick intimated that should Judge Horner give judicial approval to Mr. McCormick's tacit consent to the contemplated union and deny the petition he will appeal.

At the suggestion of the court and the concurrence of counsel who engaged in a verbal tilt yesterday over the petition, Mr. McCormick has agreed to withhold consent of the marriage until Saturday.

A pessimist is a guy who complains because his bank roll is so thick that it breaks the stitches of his wallet.—Punch Bowl.

Champion Thoroughbred After Derby



Morphich, "the wonder horse," just after winning the Kentucky Derby.

SEATTLE WATER IS THREATENED BY FOREST FIRES

SEATTLE, June 1.—Virtually the entire Cedar river watershed, 140 square miles in extent, maintained by the city of Seattle as a reserve for the protection of its water supply has been burned over by forest fires, Jasper Whiting, health officer on duty at Cedar Falls said today. Fire damage in the Cedar Falls vicinity was placed at more than \$1,000,000.

The heaviest loser was the Pacific States Lumber company which reported two logging camps destroyed and a coal bunker, 12 donkey engines, 15 freight cars, a section camp and 60,000,000 feet of fallen timber. The Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railway reported the burning of 24 carloads of fuel oil, eight cars of lumber, twenty flatcars, ten freight cars, buildings and lumber valued at \$100,000, a machine shop, sand house and smaller buildings.

One logging camp of the Kent lumber company was destroyed together with 13 freight cars, 12 cars of logs, one locomotive and four donkey engines. The Snoqualmie Falls Lumber company and the North Bend Lumber company also reported the loss of camps and valuable equipments.

At noon it was reported that Kerrison, a logging town on Raging river was almost completely surrounded by brush fires and inhabitants were preparing to flee on a special train provided by the Northern Pacific railway. All wire communication in the vicinity was down and only meager details could be secured. According to advices from Eatonville, seven houses were burned at Camp No. 1 of the St. Paul and Tacoma Lumber company. Fires in that district were under control following a shift in the wind during the night.

BASEBALL SCORES

National	R.	H.	E.
At Pittsburg	3	11	1
St. Louis	2	7	0
Pittsburg	2	7	0
Batteries: Peffer, Barfoot and Ainsmith; Carlson, Cooper and Gooch, Jonnard.			
At Boston			
New York	0	5	2
Boston	2	7	0
Batteries: Douglas, Causy and Snyder; Fillingim and Gowdy.			
At Chicago			
Cincinnati	6	10	1
Chicago	1	7	1
Batteries: Luque and Wingo; Alexander, Osborne, Freeman and O'Farrell, Hartnet.			
Philadelphia-Brooklyn postponed; rain.			
American			
At New York			
Boston	4	10	1
New York	5	11	1
Batteries: W. Collins and Ruel; Bush and Schang.			
At Cleveland			
Detroit	2	11	1
Cleveland	5	9	0
Batteries: Olsen, Stoner and Bassler; Uhle and O'Neill.			
Washington-Philadelphia, postponed; rain.			

GOVERNOR HAS NOTHING TO SAY

SALEM, Ore., June 1.—Governor Olcott had no comment to make today on the reply of C. E. Gates, of Medford, to the governor's order dismissing him from the state fair board "for the good of the service."

The governor was also silent on the action of Bert Anderson of Medford in resigning from the state game commission. The letter containing Anderson's resignation was received by the governor this morning.

Daily Robbery Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, June 1.—Three masked and armed robbers bound Mrs. Valentine J. Rowen and her maid, Miss Anna Fosberg, placed them in a closet of the Rowen residence, ransacked the house and departed with jewels, money and other valuables worth in all about \$25,000 shortly before noon today, according to a report to the police.

Constance Talmadge Is Granted Divorce From Tobacco King

LOS ANGELES, June 1.—Constance Talmadge, screen actress, was granted interlocutory decree of divorce today from John Pialoglou, tobacco manufacturer of New York on grounds of mental cruelty. No answer to the suit was filed by Pialoglou.

Miss Talmadge declared that on April 5, 1921, a few months after their marriage Pialoglou told her that he did not care to continue married life and asked her to leave their eastern home. She did not but he packed up and left her, she said.

Her mother, Mrs. Margaret Talmadge, testified to non-support charges and mental cruelty. Miss Talmadge announced that she will soon leave Los Angeles for a visit to Europe.

BALLOON TEARS UP WIRES AND SPILLS PILOT

St. Louis Entrant Comes to Grief Near Monticello, Ill.—Eleven Out of 13 Balloons Still in the Air—Some Are Bound for Texas.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., June 1.—The balloon piloted by Captain John Berry of St. Louis, came down near Monticello, Ill., this morning, tearing into telegraph wires, according to dispatches reaching here this afternoon. Before landing the balloon bounded across a meadow for nearly a mile, throwing the pilot and his aide on the ground and then tore down a telephone pole. It had been in the air 20 hours and 28 minutes. Irving Ramsdel was the aide.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., June 1.—Eleven of the thirteen balloons which left Milwaukee yesterday afternoon in the national balloon race are still in the air, according to reports reaching here today. Seven of the bags have been seen passing over towns in Illinois and Missouri, flying in a westerly direction which may land them in Texas or nearby. The other five, it is maintained by aero club officials must be crossing Lake Erie, being reported from that vicinity from numerous points early in the day.

All balloons, according to reports were flying at high altitude except one bag that passed over Parisburg, Ill., early this morning, flying low enough for the pilot to shout at watching farmers. The only bags to be recognized were those piloted by J. S. McKibben of St. Louis, which passed over Whiteside, Mo., at 9:10 a. m. and United States army balloon number one, piloted by Captain Harold E. Weeks, which has hovered over Atwood, Ill., 25 miles east of Decatur, for more than an hour. Ballast was thrown out and the balloon rose and sailed away to the southwest.

FORT WAYNE, Ind., June 1.—Balloon No. 11 in the national balloon race, piloted by Lieutenant Bernard von Hoffman of the Aero club of St. Louis, landed six miles north of here shortly before noon today.

CLEVELAND, June 1.—One balloon passed over Bryan, Ohio, about 9 a. m., flying very high in a northeasterly direction, according to reports.

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AUTHOR OF "GOODBYE DOLLIE GRAY" DIES IN N. Y. INSANE, BLIND, PENNILESS

NEW YORK, June 1.—That the Paul Barnes, who died in Manhattan state hospital, Ward Island, May 8, insane, blind and a pauper, was the author of "Goodbye, Dollie Gray," the battle chant of American soldiers and sailors in the war against Spain, became known today.

Barnes also was the author of many other songs. Among some fifty are "Josephine, My Joe," "Down by the Riverside," "Dreaming," "Venetian Moon," and "Mammy Jenny's Lullaby." Dan Daly, a noted variety actor, sang himself to fame late in the 90's thru a song entitled "You Won't Do," that

B. ANDERSON QUILTS STATE GAME COM.

Local Member of State Game Commission Enraged at Governor Olcott's Dismissal of Mayor Gates From Fair Board Sends in Own Resignation—Withdraws Support

Very much incensed at Governor Olcott's action in removing Mayor C. E. Gates from the state fair board, Bert Anderson yesterday sent the following letter to the governor, tendering his resignation as a member of the state game commission:

"Medford, Oregon,
"May 31, 1922.

"Hon. Ben W. Olcott,
"Salem, Oregon.
"My Dear Governor:

"I hereby respectfully tender my resignation as a member of the State Game Commission, to take effect at your earliest convenience.

"This action is prompted by learning through the press that you have removed Charles E. Gates, mayor of Medford, from the state board of fair directors.

"A courteous letter from you, asking for Mayor Gates' resignation would have been of small importance and would have received no criticism from myself or other citizens of southern Oregon, but a summary removal, coupled with the press statement that 'This action is taken under the provision of section 443 Oregon Laws, for the good of the service' is quite a different matter.

"When my mind drifts back over the past 23 eventful years of that Charles Gates has been mayor of the city of Medford, this statement heralded broadcast over the state, that he has been removed for the good of the service, arouses within me a profound resentment. When I recall the unselfish and unstinted services that he has given this community in the last six years, without hope or expectation of reward, financial or otherwise; when I remember the dark days of 1917-18, with the world in flames, and Charles Gates with his only son in France and one daughter nursing in the army camps, was giving every waking hour, every ounce of energy, every dollar of resource he possessed, in the righteous cause of his country, leading and instigating every movement and activity that was put forth by the people of Jackson county to support the mighty armies that this country was rushing to the battlefields of France—with all those things fresh and vivid in my mind, I do not feel that I care to have my freedom of action hampered by being connected with an administration that sees fit to play politics with the reputation and standing of one of southern Oregon's best known and best loved citizens.

"Previous to the primary, I voluntarily wrote you tendering my support. That pledge has, to this moment, been fulfilled to the limit. Your action which cannot be interpreted other than a direct insult to the citizenship of Southern Oregon, and has been so accepted, compels me to withdraw that pledge, reserving the right to use the prerogatives that are possessed by every citizen.

"It is with sincere regret that I sever my connection and association with the splendid men who make up the game organization of the state of Oregon, and with the wonderful work in which they are engaged.

"Very respectfully yours,
"BERT ANDERSON."

17 Killed in Germany.

ESSEN, Germany, June 1.—(By the Associated Press.)—Seventeen miners were killed and 25 others injured in an explosion today in the Helena and Amalie coal mine belonging to the Krupps. Eight miners are missing.