

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

The Weather	
Prediction	Rain
Maximum yesterday.....	55
Minimum today.....	37

Weather Year Ago	
Maximum	55
Minimum	31
Precipitation	Trace

MEDFORD, OREGON, SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 1923

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MYSTERIOUS MAN IN CASE IS IDENTIFIED

"Mysterious Mr. Marshall" Proves to Be J. K. Mitchell of Philadelphia, President of Philadelphia Rubber Works and Related to Stotesbury Family.

NEW YORK, March 24.—Assistant District Attorney Pecora today announced the mysterious "Mr. Marshall" who was the last person known to see Miss Dorothy Keenan, slain model, before she was chloroformed, was J. K. Mitchell of Philadelphia.

Mr. Pecora also identified the mysterious "Mr. Wilson," as Marshall's secretary, who was said to have entered the suite.

Mitchell appeared at Assistant District Attorney Pecora's office late today for further questioning.

Mr. Mitchell listed in the Philadelphia social register as J. Kearsey Mitchell, is president of the Philadelphia Rubber Works company, and husband of Mrs. Frances Stotesbury Mitchell, prominent in Philadelphia and New York society.

Mr. Mitchell came to New York last night in response to a request from Mr. Pecora who wanted to question him further about the possibility that he might have written Miss Keenan letters, which could have been made the basis for an effort to blackmail him.

Wife Surprised

PALM BEACH, Fla., March 24.—Mrs. J. K. Mitchell of Philadelphia, wife of John Kearsey Mitchell, named by Assistant District Attorney Pecora in New York as the mysterious "Mr. Marshall," last to see Miss Dorothy Keenan, slain model, before she was chloroformed, late today professed utmost surprise when told of the announcement.

Mrs. Mitchell is here with her family and children. The family accompanied by Mrs. Mitchell arrived here three weeks ago. Mrs. Mitchell declared the announcement today was the first news she had of the matter and that she has never been any conversation with her husband in regard to the case and no suspicion on her part of her husband being connected with the case.

PHILADELPHIA, March 24.—J. Kearsey Mitchell, announced in New York as the "Mr. Marshall" in the Dorothy Keenan case, is 51 years old, son of the late Lieutenant Colonel Nathan Clapham Mitchell and a nephew of the late Dr. S. Weir Mitchell, the noted neurologist and writer. He married Francis Stotesbury, the younger daughter of Edward T. Stotesbury, on January 9, 1909.

Mr. Stotesbury gave his daughter on her wedding day a check for \$1,000,000 and jewelry valued at \$500,000.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell have two children, a daughter about 12 years old and a son several years younger.

ENTIRE STORE STOCK STOLEN AT EVERETT

EVERETT, Wash., March 24.—Men's wearing apparel valued at \$4,000 was stolen last night from the Brodeck-Field store here. Thieves entered through a skylight and are supposed to have taken away their plunder by automobile or truck. Unusual care apparently was taken in selecting the goods stolen, as a wide variety of sizes and values in suits and overcoats, socks and shirts were taken. The stock, according to the proprietors, was sufficient to equip a small store.

"OLD POSEY," PIUTE BRAVE, MAKES LAST STAND AT DRY WASH, UTAH

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, March 24.—Old Posey, leader of the fenegade Piutes, has taken what will probably be his last stand in Dry Wash, 20 miles from Blanding, the week's storm center of the Indian troubles of southeastern Utah.

With this veteran of half a dozen former armed clashes with the white settlers are less than a score of troublemakers, mostly Piutes, but with a few Utes recently joined to the band.

Oregon Editors Ask Uncle Sam to Probe High Price Paper

EUGENE, Ore., Mar. 24.—The fifth annual conference of Oregon newspaper men closed at noon today with the election of George Cheney, editor of the Enterprise Record, chairman as president and George Turnbull, Professor of the school of journalism, secretary-treasurer. Dean Eric W. Allen, head of the journalism school was made chairman of the program committee.

A resolution was passed that the federal trade commission be asked to make an investigation of the excessive high prices of news print paper and denouncing paper mills for alleged restraint of trade.

YANKEE PULLS OXFORD CREW TO THAMES VICTORY

W. P. Mullen, American, Hero of Boating Classic—Ex-Harvard Oarsman Also in Boat—First Victory for Dark Blue, Five Years.

PUTNEY, England, March 24.—(By the Associated Press.)—Oxford's varsity crew with an American stroke and another Yankee pulling a lusty oar at number four, defeated their ancient rivals from Cambridge in their 75th annual race on the Thames today after suffering defeat in the last four contests. Oxford's official time was 20 minutes, 54 seconds.

The race was anybody's until the finish and the dark blues, although comprising the strongest crew Oxford has had in many years, just squeezed out a victory by about a length after a ding dong battle.

Young W. P. Mullen, who carried Oxford to victory as the first American stroke ever to sit in an Oxford or Cambridge shell, was the hero of the hour. Keith Kane, formerly of Harvard, was in No. 4 seat.

The record for the course is 18 minutes, 29 seconds, established in the 1911 race, which Oxford also won.

Haney and McLaren Appointed to Parole Board by Governor

SALEM, Ore., Mar. 24.—W. G. McLaren and B. E. Haney, both residents of Portland, were named as the successors to Louis Lachmund of Salem, and Ira Marshall of Portland on the state parole board by Governor Pierce this morning.

Haney is a democrat and was formerly United States district attorney for Oregon. McLaren is president of the Oregon Prisoners' Aid society.

Ward Irvine, private secretary to the governor is the third member of the new board.

Skeptical About Tractors

SEATTLE, March 24.—Skepticism was expressed by James Allen, state highway engineer, last night after he had watched a rotary plow with two small tractors removing snow on the Sunset highway over the Cascade mountains. The demonstration was made by representatives of a tractor manufacturer, who asserted their plan would keep the pass open all winter.

Surrounding the fastnesses of the rocky region where the Indians have taken refuge are posses led by sheriffs acting under orders of United States Marshal J. Ray Ward, who has assumed command of the situation.

Meanwhile H. E. Crockett, acting governor of Utah, in the absence of Governor Mabrey, has indicated that he will today place a reward on the head of Old Posey.

ICE GORGE THREATENS DISASTER

Farmers Flee From Homes in Nebraska, Iowa and South Dakota As Waters of Missouri Mount—Cattle and Livestock Driven Off—2000 Farms Threatened.

SIoux CITY, Ia., Mar. 24.—(By the Associated Press.)—Flood danger as a result of ice gorges in the Missouri river is believed to be at its height today. Danger of destruction of life and property is imminent as prospect of the huge ice jam breaking up increases, due to the warm temperature.

Residents of the lowlands in the vicinity of Sergeant Bluffs and Onawa, Iowa, and Yankton and Vermillion, S. D., are herding their livestock from the danger zones and women and children are being sent to places of safety.

Already water held back by a monster ice pack, eleven miles in length, extending between the Floyd Monument near Sioux City and several miles south of Sergeant Bluffs, has inundated several islands in the river and overflowed onto the lowlands of the surrounding valley.

The Floyd river is out of its banks at several places in Sioux City, due to water which has backed up from the Missouri, but has not done great damage.

SIoux CITY, Iowa, March 24.—The great ice gorge in the Missouri river south of Sioux City still is holding and the flood peril to residents of the low lands is growing greater hourly.

Gorges formed near Vermillion, S. D., 30 miles northwest and Onawa, Iowa, 40 miles south, imperil property valued at thousands of dollars. Attempts will be made to dynamite the gorge at Vermillion today. Unless the jam is broken, a repetition of the flood of 1881 in that section is feared.

Charges of dynamite were exploded but failed to burst the gorge near Onawa.

Three States Threatened

OMAHA, Neb., March 24.—(By the Associated Press.)—Unprecedented mammoth ice gorges in the Missouri river near Vermillion, S. D., Sioux City and Onawa, Iowa, and Dakota City, Neb., today had precipitated conditions that present a flood menace for all the lowlands between Vermillion and Omaha and that threaten to inundate thousands of acres of rich farm land in South Dakota, Iowa and Nebraska and the destruction of hundreds of farm homes.

An ice gorge reported early this morning to have attained a length of eleven miles and a width in places of seven miles, near Brassfield island, at Sergeant Bluff, Iowa, south of Sioux City, was strangling the mighty Missouri river. The stream, strengthened by thaws and spring floods was engaged in a titanic struggle to break the grip of the ice. The river was dissipating its strength in overflow to the lowlands. A decided drop in temperature today helped the ice mass to retain its grip. But at any moment the river's terrific pressure may triumph and its dammed up, choked waters will come down the valley. A conservative Sioux City estimates places the number of farms in the path of such a water wall at two thousand.

Last late night an ice gorge formed near Onawa, Iowa, and flood stage developed forcing the inhabitants of the lowlands there to flee. The gorge formed south of the city and at midnight last night had grown to be three and a half miles long with towering ice peaks. At that hour the authorities at Onawa gave up hope of shattering the gorge with explosives. At Vermillion, S. D., a gorge formed yesterday afternoon and before midnight menaced the surrounding river districts. The gorge caused the James river to rise from backed up water.

It Pays to Be a Mummy.

NEW YORK, March 24.—The name of Tutankhamen was worth \$150,000 as a trademark to a local clothing merchant, who brought suit against a competitor for calling dresses "Tut-Ankh-Amen."

New Pneumonia Treatment.

HOBOKEN, N. J., March 24.—Miss Charlotte Boyle, who was being treated by the newly discovered diathermia method for a severe case of pneumonia, showed signs of marked improvement today.

Society in Model Scandal



Mr. E. T. Stotesbury of Philadelphia and New York with his daughter, Mrs. J. Kearsey Mitchell, at Palm Beach, Fla. Mrs. Mitchell, whose husband was named today as the mysterious "Mr. Marshall" was reported amazed at the announcement.

MILLIONS BURN UP, OKLAHOMA OIL DISTRICTS

PONCA CITY, Okla., March 24.—Many thousands of barrels of as yet unproduced oil will be destroyed by the fire now burning in a battery of 17 storage tanks of the Comar Oil company in the heart of the Tonkawa oil field unless the flow of petroleum direct from the producing wells in the tanks is cut off.

The fire started early today from an unexplained cause. The blaze is raging unchecked, while the oil from the wells, said to be among the world's most prolific producers, continues to add new fuel to the flames. Efforts to stop the flow from wells to the tanks have been unsuccessful.

The burning tanks are in the midst of the richest section of the Tonkawa field, known as the greatest light oil producing center of the world. The Comar Oil company is the largest producer in the field.

Because of its high gravity test, the oil commands top prices and the monetary loss from the fire is expected to be great.

PREDICTS SURPRISE FOR OLD PARTIES IN NEXT ELECTION

WASHINGTON, March 24.—A prediction that 1924 will contain important surprises for the old line political parties unless something is done to curb big business was made today by Senator Ladd, republican, North Dakota, in a statement joining in the demand for an investigation of the "sugar corner."

"The people," said Senator Ladd, "are long stretches ahead of the backward-looking parties who seem without courage to face the problems of the American masses."

"As a consequence," he declared, "old party lines are 'crumbling.'"

Seven cents a pound for sugar to the consumer, the senator characterized as "pure graft and worse," and he asked for the prosecution of those responsible for the present "robbery of the American people by a sugar corner."

U. S. HORSE KILLED IN STEEPLE CHASE

LIVERPOOL, March 24.—The grand national steeple chase resulted fatally yesterday to at least one horse, the American-owned Masterful. One of the jockeys is known to have been hurt while several of the starters fell. Masterful, Foxhall Keene's entry, broke a fetlock in taking Beecher's brook, the most formidable jump of the course and was put to death. Proberts, who was in the saddle, sustained an injured knee.

Jockey K. Gibson broke his collarbone in a fall at another jump.

DIVINE SARAH SERIOUSLY ILL WORST FEARED

PARIS, March 24.—(By the Associated Press.)—The state of Sarah Bernhardt's health is causing the greatest alarm. The actress passed a very bad night and her physicians today express fears of the worst.

A bulletin issued tonight after a consultation, signed by six doctors says the state of Mme. Bernhardt's health has grown worse in the last few days and that the greatest reserve must be made in the prognosis.

In view of the serious nature of her illness, Doctors Marcel Labbe and Denis, had arranged for a consultation at Madame Bernhardt's home this evening.

Friends who have been in constant attendance at the bedside, say the exact nature of the malady has not been determined.

PROMISE AID TO WAR VETERANS IN U. S. PRISONS

WASHINGTON, Mar. 24.—Extension of vocational training and medical rehabilitation of the 18,000 veterans of the world war serving sentences in federal and state penal institutions is planned by Director Hines of the veterans' bureau, who conferred on the subject today with officials of the department of justice and representatives of the American Legion and disabled veterans of the world war.

Institution of the scheme in federal prisons is proposed as a step preceding its extension to the state prisons and reformatories. Director Hines feels that there are many men now serving sentences who may be unaware of the duty of the bureau in protecting their wellbeing and possibly others whose imprisonment may be due to conditions resulting from war service. Of the 10,000 imprisoned men only about 2000 are receiving benefits from the bureau. The bureau director also has approved a plan for going into the courts in the name of mentally disabled veterans and caring for the legal and medical aspects of having guardians appointed.

BUTTERFAT TO BE BOOSTED 2 CENTS

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 24.—Creamery men today announced a three cent advance in butter prices, effective Monday.

Extra prints, wholesale at 47. Buterfat bids will be increased two cents to 46 cents a pound delivered in Portland.

Prohi Officers Take Bribe, Turn It Over To U. S. Government

NEW YORK, March 24.—The United States government is \$20,000 richer through the arrest of Ralph and Charles Sabatino, brothers, who are accused of conniving to remove \$10,000,000 worth of liquor from a Brooklyn warehouse by bribing prohibition officials.

The \$20,000 was alleged to have been paid to two prohibition enforcement agents, John Murphy and Lester A. Reeves.

"The Sabatino brothers short changed Mr. Reeves and myself," Murphy said. "They had agreed to pay us \$11,000 each but they bulldozed us into taking \$10,000. This money has been sent to the treasury department as miscellaneous collections. It will not be returned to the Sabatino brothers."

SPIRIT PHOTOS TAKEN OF DEAD IN LOS ANGELES

Strange Mystery Surrounds Pictures Taken Over Casket of Late Mrs. McVicker, Spiritualist—Unable to Explain Phenomenon.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., March 24.—Three distinct ovals, corresponding proportionately to life size heads, which commercial photographers who took the photographs say they cannot explain photographically and which friends of the late spiritualist declare give impression of the heads of Mrs. Mary Fairfield McVicker, her husband, dead a year, and a friend, A. J. Davis, dead several years, appeared today in prints of a photographic plate taken last night over the casket containing Mrs. McVicker's remains. It was declared today.

A. H. Hatzel, life time friend of the spiritualist and whom she requested to take charge of the post mortem photography over her casket to reveal the spirit at five o'clock on the afternoon of her funeral, and photographers in the studio of C. H. Monroe, commercial photographer, were responsible for the declarations today identifying the results of the photography.

GIRL PROHI AGENT DRUNK, ARRESTED

SAN FRANCISCO, March 24.—Miss Vivian Mead and Earl Miller, federal prohibition agents, were arraigned in the police court today on charges of drunkenness, having been arrested last night by two police officers while leaving a cafe in the Latin quarter. Their cases were set for hearing Thursday. Miller was also charged with violating a traffic ordinance.

According to the report by Policeman Emil Herrn, Miss Mead fired five shots from a revolver to intimidate the crowd in the cafe after it was learned that she and Miller were prohibition agents.

U. S. Cotton to Russia.

BERLIN, March 24.—The first cargo of American cotton bought on Russian account since the soviet revolution, left Bremen for Russia.

U. S. AIRPLANE BREAKS SPEED RECORD AT AVERAGE OF 250 MILES AN HOUR

WASHINGTON, Mar. 24.—Another record for speed has been established by the army air service, according to an official report today by the war department. The new high mark was made by Major Leo G. Heffernan on a recent flight from Nogales, Ariz., to Fort Bliss. The distance of 75 miles from Columbus, N. M., to the Texas post was covered in 18 minutes at an average speed of 250 miles an hour. Major Heffernan piloted a DH-4B airplane and was accompanied by Sergeant Jensen as an official observer.

SEE DANGER IN HARDING NAVAL PACT

U. S. Navy Authorities Agitated By Way 5-5-3 Agreement Is Being Carried Out—Hold That Modernization of Pact Is Necessary to National Safety.

WASHINGTON, March 24.—The 5-5-3 naval ratio, the foundation stone of all the naval agreements growing out of the Washington arms conference, will be utterly destroyed unless the United States carries out its program to modernize the American treaty fleet, in the opinion of expert naval officers, as it has taken shape after a careful study of the whole subject.

On a computation in which all the figures in naval power were considered, some officers occupying advisory positions in the navy department are inclined to rate the treaty navies of Great Britain, the United States and Japan respectively on a 6-5-4 basis, with the United States placed in the position of being compelled to modernize her capital ships if she is to restore the competitive standing to which she subscribed.

This revised basis is admittedly reached on incomplete information and a possible outgrowth of the present situation is a request that the other parties to the treaty make an official statement of details of their impending and present naval programs and of their interpretation of certain clauses of the treaty as written.

Decision as to whether such requests would be made rests with the state department which has the general subject of naval treaties under discussion with naval officials. It is thought improbable that any decision will be reached before the matter has been laid before President Harding with whom also rests the final decision as to whether the United States should go ahead with the modernization program authorized by congress in the face of hints from Great Britain that such a course would be interpreted as opposed to the spirit of the treaty.

PIG. WIG. STOCK CATCHES SHORTS

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Mar. 24.—(By Associated Press.) Shares of class A Piggy Wigly common stock, held by Clarence Saunders, president of the Piggy Wigly Stores, Inc., and badly wanted by "short" sellers who were caught in the jam Tuesday when a bear raid on the stock was repelled, were priceless today.

"I have no price of any kind to offer to any further short interests. Even \$1000 a share would not buy from me a single certificate for a 'short.' My offer of \$100 was for one day only and will not be extended," he said late last night.

Out of 25,000 shares which Mr. Saunders said were due him just 140 were delivered to him Friday, he said. Saunders said he would hereafter dispose of his stock by selling "direct to the people."

Catholic College Burns

WORCESTER, Mass., Mar. 24.—Assumption college in Greenfield, established in 1904 by a band of Assumption fathers, who had been expelled from France, was destroyed by fire today. The loss was \$200,000.

U. S. AIRPLANE BREAKS SPEED RECORD AT AVERAGE OF 250 MILES AN HOUR

EL PASO, Texas, Mar. 24.—Officers at Fort Bliss say the machine in which Major Leo Heffernan flew from Columbus, N. M., to Fort Bliss, makes a maximum speed of about 125 miles an hour in ordinary weather. To have made more than 250 miles an hour, it is said the wind would have had to be blowing faster. When the major left Nogales the weather was clear. A wind and sand storm was encountered at Columbus, greatly increasing the speed of the plane, it was explained.