

The Weather

Prediction Fair
 Maximum yesterday 81.7
 Minimum today 41.5

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 Maximum 74
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NIGHT RIDERS FRESNO CUT DOWN VINES

Between 400 and 500 Armed Men Raid San Joaquin Valley, Destroy Vineyards, Chop Down Orchards and Raze Buildings — Raisin Contracts Suspected Cause.

FRESNO, Cal., May 5.—Deputies from the sheriff's office today are investigating reports received here this morning that night riders, motoring without lights to various fruit ranches in the San Joaquin valley last night uprooted grape vines and cut down fruit trees and otherwise destroyed much property.

Peter Miller, vineyardist near Sanger, and R. S. Blbb, rancher near Malaga, reported that between four and five hundred men, some of them armed, invaded their place late at night and destroyed vines and trees. No estimate of the actual damage can be obtained at this time.

Sheriff William Jones and his deputies worked throughout the night in Fresno county, endeavoring to round up the marauders. Rumor has it that the night riders were incensed because Miller and Blbb have refused to sign the Sun Maid Raisin Growers' crop contracts, though coercion of any kind has been objected to by association officials.

District Attorney R. K. Lovejoy said today he would exert every effort to apprehend the night riders and would take the matter before the county grand jury, now in session.

FRESNO, Cal., May 5.—Long caravans of automobiles, driving with lights out over the valley, last night near midnight stopped at at least two places and tore up vineyards, chopped down orchards and destroyed buildings and did damage estimated at between six and ten thousand dollars.

The sheriff's office is investigating a number of reports of depredations. The night riders swept over the vineyard of Peter Miller, on the outskirts of Sanger, and uprooted ten acres of vineyard, filled up heaps of grape stakes and set fire to them.

HOUSTON, Texas, May 5.—Twenty-six residents of Goose Creek were indicted by the Harris county grand jury today in connection with the investigation of the recent whippings in the oil field town.

Twenty of the indictments charged assault with prohibited weapons, five perjury and one aggravated assault.

GIBBONS-DEMPSEY FIGHT ARRANGED

CHICAGO, May 5.—The Jack Dempsey-Tom Gibbons championship heavyweight fight to be held in Shelby, Mont., on July 4, was arranged today.

PORTLAND MAN NAMED ASSISTANT ATTY. GENL.

SALEM, Ore., May 5.—Attorney General Van Winkle today announced the appointment of J. B. Hosford of Portland as assistant attorney general to take the place of J. A. Benjamin, resigned. For several years Hosford practiced law at Moro, Sherman county, but recently practiced in Portland.

LEAVE WITH HANDCUFFS AND LEG IRONS TO BRING BACK CLARA PHILLIPS

SAN SALVADOR, May 5.—(By the Associated Press.)—It is reported from Tegucigalpa, Honduras, that Clara Phillips, the hammer murderess, being detained there, has escaped. The report has not been confirmed.

LOS ANGELES, May 5.—Two pairs of handcuffs and a leg iron were to accompany Eugene A. Biscailauz, under sheriff; Mrs. Biscailauz and Deputy Walter J. Hunter late today on their start for Tegucigalpa, Honduras, to bring back a woman under arrest, and believed to be Clara Phillips, escaped murderess.

Wall Street Agrees Henry Ford Is Now World's Richest Man

NEW YORK, May 5.—The "street" was generally agreed today that Henry Ford is the richest man in the world, following publication yesterday of the Ford Motor company's statement of its financial condition as of February 28, 1923, showing assets of \$536,351,939. Actual cash on hand was \$159,605,687.

Wall street further estimated that the Ford fortune totals something between \$600,000,000 and \$750,000,000.

ARREST OF BANK SUSPECT LEADS TO POLICE ROW

VANCOUVER, B. C., May 5.—Vancouver police today reiterated their belief that a man held here under the name of J. C. Penfold was not Edwin F. Morse, wanted in Denver, Colo., for the embezzlement of \$78,000 from the International Trust company there.

Penfold was taken into custody yesterday on suspicion that he was Morse, but was able to convince authorities that he was not the man sought. He admitted however, it was said, that he was wanted in San Diego, Cal., on a charge of worthless check passing.

Penfold was still in custody today, pending further investigation.

Penfold will be released this afternoon the police announced.

DENVER, May 5.—S. J. McAfee of the United States department of justice here announced that despite a report from Vancouver, B. C., that the man arrested there is not Edwin F. Morse, former teller of the International Trust company of Denver, he is positive that Morse has been captured.

The denying report, according to federal agents comes from police or other local authorities of Vancouver, whereas the man was arrested by the immigration authorities.

McAfee pointed out that the name of J. C. Penfold, under which the man detained at Vancouver had been going, is the same name as that of the pretty Denver comptometer operator with whom Morse is said to have fled from Denver on August 22, 1921, with \$50,000 of the bank's money.

SAN DIEGO, May 5.—J. C. Penfold, believed by the police of Vancouver, B. C., to be in jail there, is wanted in San Diego on several charges of passing worthless checks. Penfold was arrested here several months ago and when arraigned in justice court appeared so ill that he was sent to the county hospital in custody with deputy sheriffs.

Later, under the belief that the man was too ill to make his escape officials gave him his release on his own recognizance. Later he was again arrested and released on bail. His preliminary examination was set for yesterday, but when the case was called his attorney stated that he had disappeared.

At the district attorney's office this morning, it was stated that Penfold is also wanted in Texas cities for passing worthless checks.

WASHINGTON, May 5.—Former Representative Manuel Herrick of Oklahoma, who called himself the "Aerial Daredevil of Congress," was convicted in police court today on a charge of disorderly conduct preferred as a result of complaints that he had annoyed a young lady on the street. Sentence was suspended on notice of Herrick's attorneys that they would take an appeal.

They expected to sail late today on the steamship Venezuela. They hope to reach Tegucigalpa May 16 or 17, to stay for home May 30 and to reach Los Angeles again June 10.

Extradition papers, it is understood, will be sent direct from Washington to Tegucigalpa, and are expected to be in the Honduran city before the arrival of the Los Angeles officers.

"If Mrs. Phillips gives us any trouble, she will wear both pairs of handcuffs and the leg iron all the way from Tegucigalpa to Los Angeles," said Biscailauz. "We shall take no chances on her."

U. S. METHODISTS WITHDRAW AID FROM RUSSIANS

Board of Bishops Recalls Church Delegation and Disavows Responsibility for Reported Utterances of Bishop Blake in Moscow.

WICHITA, Kas., May 5.—(By Associated Press.) With a resolution disavowing responsibility for reported utterances of Bishop Edward Blake of Paris at Moscow Wednesday in praise of soviet Russia, and with an \$18,500,000 service program presented for 1924, the board of bishops of the Methodist Episcopal church in semi-annual conference here today, had before it the question of determining whether women may be ordained as ministers.

The meeting voted late yesterday to withdraw the church's delegation to Russia, declaring in a resolution that conditions had changed materially since an invitation had been accepted for a general convocation of ecclesiastics of the Russian orthodox church. The resolution asserted "that neither as individuals nor as a board of bishops are we responsible for any expression of personal opinion nor for any reports appearing in the public press not authorized by the board."

A world service program for 1924 was presented by Dr. R. J. Wade of Chicago at yesterday's session, carrying an appropriation of \$18,500,000. The budget was referred to a committee for revision.

The program includes among other features an appropriation of \$6,800,000 for foreign missions and an equal amount for the board of home missions and \$1,500,000 for the board of education.

MOSCOW, May 5.—The all-Russian church convocation at its session last night resolved to close all monasteries which are not organized on the basis of a commune.

Of the 74 church districts in Russia all except two—one in Siberia and the other in Turkestan—are represented at the convocation. The number of delegates is 476.

KU KLUX PAPER IN LABOR PRESS

PORTLAND, Ore., May 5.—Many readers of the Oregon Labor Press were startled today on looking over the issue of May 4 to find four inside pages filled with Ku Klux Klan literature. Excited questions reaching Editor C. M. Rynerson of the Labor Press brought the explanation: "The Western American," organ of the Klan, and the Labor Press are printed at the same shop and the forms are run at different times on the same press. In this way a number of Western American insides accidentally became folded in copies of the Labor Press.

BASEBALL SCORES

CHICAGO, May 5.—The official standing of the American league including games of May 4, follows:

Team	W.	L.
Detroit	11	6
New York	10	6
Cleveland	10	7
Philadelphia	10	7
Philadelphia	8	6
Boston	6	9
Washington	6	9
St. Louis	6	9
Chicago	5	10

Team	R.	H.	E.
At Philadelphia	5	7	1
Philadelphia	2	6	1
McQuillan and Smith; Head and Henline.			
At Pittsburgh	7	12	3
Pittsburgh	10	14	1
Keck, Couch, Rixey and Hargrave; Cooper, Morrison and Schmidt.			

Team	R.	H.	E.
At Boston	5	11	6
Brooklyn	4	9	6
Boston	4	9	6
Grimes and Taylor; McNamara, Cooney and O'Neill.			
American.			
At New York	2	8	1
Philadelphia	7	10	1
New York	7	10	1
Heimach, Kinney and Perkins; Bush and Schang.			
At Cleveland	2	7	2
St. Louis	10	12	0
Cleveland	10	12	0
Kohn, Prunett and Severoid; Billings; Edwards and Myatt.			

U. S. Ambassador to France Intervenes Paddock's Behalf



Charles Paddock.

PARIS, May 5.—(By the Associated Press.)—Charles Paddock, the American sprinter, continued participation today in the international students athletic meet here. Starting in the semi-finals of the 200 meter run, he won the event in 22.4-5 seconds, which is 1.3-5 seconds slower than his own world's record.

Ambassador Herriek sent his message after a conference with members of the Paris University club under whose auspices the meet is being held here; the French Athletic federation and Count Clary, president of the French Olympic games commission who has been trying to patch up the affair.

Meanwhile Paddock appeared at the track in the Porte Doree stadium declaring himself ready and determined to compete on the previous days. He said he had placed himself at the disposition of the Paris University club and as the club wished him to compete he would do so.

Then in an official trial he did the 60 meters wash in 6.4-5 seconds, equalling the world record held by Engdahl of Sweden.

PARIS, May 5.—(By Associated Press.) American Ambassador Herriek, acting on the request of the French athletic authorities, has cabled to the president of the American Amateur Athletic union suggesting that the qualification of Charles Paddock be rescinded and that the American sprinter be authorized to participate in the international students meet here in order to avoid dissension that threatens to cripple the next Olympic games and impair the authority of the athletic bodies.

PARIS, May 5.—(By Associated Press.) Charles Paddock's decision to continue to participate in the international students athletic meet, despite the announcement of his disqualification by the American Amateur Athletic union is apt to develop into a clean break between the French athletic federation and the Paris University club, which organized the competition.

The federation last night forbade French athletes to continue in the games unless Paddock withdraws, but both the American sprinter and club officials said today that the meeting would continue.

IOWA MAN NAMED AS DIRT FARMER

WASHINGTON, May 5.—Edward H. Cunningham of Iowa was appointed by President Harding to be the "dirt" farmer member of the federal reserve board.

The president also announced the appointment of Edward E. Jones of Pennsylvania to be the additional member of the farm loan board authorized under the new agricultural credits legislation.

The Noted Dead

CHICAGO, May 5.—John W. Rainey, democratic congressman from the fourth Illinois district, died last night from pneumonia after an illness of two weeks. Representative Rainey was elected to his first term in congress in 1918 to fill a vacancy in the fourth Illinois district. Subsequently he was re-elected to the 65th and 66th congresses.

Congressman Rainey spoke in Medford three years ago at the Chamber of Commerce forum. Legislation supplementary to the fed-

CENTRAL POINT WINS JACKSON COUNTY MEET

Pointers Repeat Victory of Last Year and Pile Up Tremendous Total—Wimer Is Victorious in Competition for Rural Schools.

Between fifteen hundred and two thousand persons from every corner of Jackson county attended the ninth annual track and field meet at Talent yesterday, which was won by Central Point with more than a one hundred point lead over Talent, the nearest competitor.

Central Point won last year by a slight margin, but this year piled up 237 points, Talent 198; Phoenix 79 1/2; Jacksonville 70; Applegate 63; Prospect 25; Gold Hill 21; Rogue River 5; Butte Falls 15.

Wimer with 80 points, took first place among the rural schools defeating Ruch, which was the nearest competitor.

Central Point took nineteen first places in addition to numerous other second, third, fourth and fifth places.

Prospect, one of the smallest schools in the county, made a total of 24 points, defeating Rogue River, Gold Hill and Butte Falls.

One of the prettiest events of the day was the 880-yard run, won by Chase Otford of Jacksonville. Faber of Central Point, led the field and Otford was in third or fourth place most of the time until the final 220 yards of the race when he showed a tremendous reserve and passed three men, winning the race by several yards.

The half mile relay was won by the Applegate team, Talent, Phoenix, Central Point and Jacksonville finishing in the order named.

No county records in track or field events were broken at the meet, although some good performances in the weight events were made.

Some of the town events and winners follow:

Class A, 220—Holdridge, Talent; time 31.2.

Class B, 220—Shores, Central Point 28.

Class C, 220—Hunter Phoenix, 26.

Class C, 880—Oftedal, Jacksonville.

Class C, 50-yard—Holdridge, Talent.

Class A, girls' relay, 220—Central Point.

Class B, girls' relay, 220—Jacksonville.

Class C, girls' relay, 220—Jacksonville.

Class A, shotput—Butte Falls, Patton, 36 feet, 3 inches.

Class B, shotput—Phoenix, Stone, 34 feet.

Class C, javelin—Talent, 122 ft. 11 inches.

Class C, 880 relay—Talent.

Class A, high jump—Scott, Central Point.

Class B, shotput—Beall, Central Point, 38 feet.

Class A, pole vault—Purvis, Talent, 7 feet, 6 inches.

Class C, pole vault—Ross, Central Point, 8 feet 10 inches.

Class C, baseball throw, girls—Davis, Prospect, 192 feet.

Class B, high jump—Summerville, Butte Falls.

Class A, broad jump—Faber, Central Point, 14 feet, 6 inches.

Girls' 80-yard hurdle—Varney, Jacksonville.

Class B, high jump, Baldwin, Applegate.

Class A, 220 yard hurdles—Faber, Central Point, 18 sec.

Class C, 100-yard dash—Holdridge, Talent, 11 sec.

Class B, 50-yard—Shores, Central Point.

Class A, 50-yard—Faber, Central Point.

Class A, girls' B. B. throw—Fish, Phoenix, 134 feet.

Class A, broad jump—Brown, Central Point, 17 feet, 5 1/2 inches.

Class C, 120-yard hurdles—Brenner, Central Point, 14.3.

Girls' 80-yard hurdles—Coleman, Central Point, 13.1.

Class B, 120-yard hurdles—Morrison, Central Point, 15.5.

Class A, 120-yard hurdles—Sheets, Talent, 16.5.

Class C, 50-yard—Holdridge, Talent.

Class C, broad jump—Leever, Central Point, 18 feet, 1 inch.

Girls' class B baseball throw—Sheets, Phoenix, 167 feet.

Girls' class C, 75-yard—Scott, Central Point, 9.3.

Girls', class B, 75-yard—Nichols, Central Point, 9.4.

Girls', class A, 75-yard—Offenbacher, Applegate, 10.4.

Class B, 100-yard, boys—Shores, Central Point, 11.5.

Class A, 100-yard, boys—Faber, Central Point, 13.

Girls', class C, 50-yard—Scott, Central Point.

Girls', class B, 50-yard—Nichols, Central Point.

Girls', class A, 50-yard—Cameron, Gold Hill.

The meet, according to persons who have watched them for the past nine years, was one of the most successful in the history of the annual event. John Heeson was superintendent of rural events. George Gates, official starter and Milan Jacobson, official announcer. C. T. Steward was track clerk and computed the school averages.

Making Legal Rate Interest 6 Per Cent Is Again Proposed

SALEM, Ore., May 5.—J. F. Albright of Oregon City today filed with the secretary of state a measure providing that the legal rate of interest shall be only six per cent unless otherwise agreed between the parties to the transaction. The secretary of state will refer it to the attorney general for ballot title and petitions will then be circulated.

GOMPERS STARTS FIGHT TO DRIVE OUT LABOR REDS

NEW YORK, May 5.—Samuel Gompers today launched what labor leaders interpreted as a fight to drive from the American Federation of Labor the radical movement represented by the trade union education league, including W. Z. Foster and C. E. Ruthenberg.

Denouncing the one big union as the ideal of men whose slogan was "amalgamate or annihilate," Mr. Gompers said:

"If these men had all the gold of the capitalist class in their pockets they could not better serve the capitalists to the detriment of the working men than by doing just what they are doing."

Despite their efforts, he said, the American Federation of Labor was going to maintain the labor movement along the logical, rational, natural and historical lines denoted in the progress of its development.

Mr. Gompers' address was delivered before the biennial convention of the United Cloth Hat and Cap Workers of America, an organization which was thrown out of the American Federation of Labor in 1921, during a jurisdictional fight with the United Hatters union of America over whom should be permitted to organize the milliners.

Although Mr. Gompers mentioned no names in his denunciation of "cliques" within labor organizations and declined later to discuss the program of the American Federation of Labor drive against what was termed the radical menace the labor leaders said they had been given to understand unmistakably that the effort was directed against the Education League. Just before Mr. Gompers took the platform a resolution generally condemning radical organizations within the union was voted unanimously.

YESTERDAY'S QUAKE REPORT CONFIRMED

SANTIAGO, Chile, May 5.—(By the Associated Press.)—Northern Chile was shaken by a strong earthquake at about 6 o'clock last night, according to telegrams received here. No casualties are reported but the inhabitants of Copiapo, La Serena and Valparaiso were alarmed by the shock, which is described in some dispatches as equalling that of last November in intensity. Communication with some points is interrupted.

A dispatch from Carrizal reports that following the shock the ocean receded below the low tide mark.

CONSTANTINOPLE, May 5.—(By the Associated Press.)—The town of Soula Sela, near Tokat, in the vilayet of Sivas, Asia Minor, has been destroyed by fire and earthquake. The advices from the interior do not give the casualties but state there were many victims.

NEW YORK STATE TAKES ACTION AGAINST PROHIBITION AND KLAN

ALBANY, N. Y., May 5.—Repeal of the state prohibition enforcement act and passage of a bill directed at the Ku Klux Klan featured the work of the state legislature which concluded its annual session early today. Both bills await Governor Smith's approval, which is expected.

The assembly passed a bill which, if signed by the governor, will make New York the only state rescinding legislation supplementary to the federal Volstead act.

Another bill passed would make it

LABOR WAR IN ENGLAND THREATENED

British Workers Prepared to Invoke Direct Action to Prevent Break With Russia—Bonar Law to Be Target—Demonstrations in Protest Are Planned.

LONDON, May 5.—(By the Associated Press.)—The independent labor party is organizing a movement among the workers of Great Britain to prevent the government from breaking off relations with Russia, including cancellation of the trade agreement. Since the ministry recently stated in the house of commons that the question of Russian relations was under consideration, reports of an impending breach have been strengthened and this labor group has announced that it is prepared to invoke, if necessary, "direct action" to forestall such a step.

The Daily Herald, labor organ, says today there is good reason to believe the government has decided to send a stern note to Moscow complaining of Russia's treatment of the priests, the seizure of British trawlers on the Murman coast, the tone of communications to the British agent at Moscow and alleged breaches of the trade agreement.

"As it stands at present," the newspaper says, "it appears to be deliberately calculated to force a quarrel and compel a rupture of both political and commercial relations."

Clifford Allen, chairman of the independent labor party, says in a statement that "as a preliminary to further action, we have called upon every branch of the independent labor party to make this question the pivot of all meetings and demonstrations this week end."

WANT A BOB CAT? CHARLEY HAS ONE

TACOMA, May 5.—Anyone desiring a healthy bobcat for a pet can get one in Yelm, near here today. Charley Rice came into a pool room there yesterday with a bob in a box. Charley was feeling good and he thought it would be interesting to turn the bobcat loose. It was. Ten seconds later the room was devoid of humans with the exception of Charley. The bobcat leaped through an open window and onto the roof. While a crowd gathered, Charley attempted to recapture his yet. He held out his hat and the animal promptly chewed it to tatters. Finally the bobcat was cornered on the front corner of the coping.

"Bring him down, Charlie," the crowd yelled.

"All right," said Charley as he gathered the animal into his arms. The bobcat promptly began to bite and claw its owner, so he was glad to let it go.

The bobcat escaped into an adjacent building where it holds forth.

It is said to be a beautiful specimen for any person who really wants a nice bobcat.

Strikers Get Raise
INTERNATIONAL FALLS, Minn., May 5.—Nine hundred striking paper mill employees returned to work yesterday after a three day strike when they were granted a general increase of five cents per hour.

Nebraska Beats Kansas.
LINCOLN, Neb., May 5.—The University of Nebraska won the track and field meet with the University of Kansas today 83 to 48.

a crime for a peace officer to search persons automobiles or residences without a warrant.

The anti-klan bill would compel associations that require oaths from members and are not benevolent orders to file names and addresses of members and copies of their constitutions and rules with the secretary of state. Copies of any resolutions in regard to legislation or candidates for public office also would be filed. Fines ranging from \$1000 to \$10,000 would be imposed for violation of the law.