

The Weather
Prediction—Generally Fair
Maximum yesterday—84.5
Minimum today—54

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Weather Year Ago
Maximum—45
Minimum—41

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U. S. TOURISTS NEAR DEATH IN CHINA

U. S. ATTACK ON BANDITS CONSIDERED

Washington May Send Troops Against Outlaws in China—Order By Harding Possible—Pekin Govt. Too Weak—869 Enlisted Men in Tien Tsin.

WASHINGTON, May 7.—The possibility of action by American troops to relieve the Americans held captive by bandits in Shantung province, China, was discussed today at a conference between Secretary Hughes and acting Secretary Davis of the war department.

Afterward Mr. Davis announced that the war department stood ready to back up with armed forces any decision reached by the state department or by the council of foreign ambassadors in Peking.

It was announced that a determination on the part of the Peking council contemplating concentrated action by the foreign powers against the bandits would cause no surprise here.

SHANGHAI, May 7.—(By the Associated Press)—Lloyd Lehrbas, reporter on the China Press of Shanghai, formerly of Pocatello, Idaho, and of the Chicago Journal, who escaped from the Chinese bandits who held up the Peking Express on the Shantung border, arrived here today with the first eye witness story of the affair.

Women beaten, shoved ahead of them as they lagged, spat upon by the bandits and some of them eventually left where they had dropped in their tracks as the marauders set a terrific pace over the hilly country, was one of the pictures drawn by the American newspaperman who himself escaped clad only in his pajamas.

WASHINGTON, May 7.—Use of American troops to secure the release of the Americans held captive was suggested today as among the possibilities. A force of 800 enlisted men and 35 officers, with headquarters in Tien Tsin, has been maintained in China for the purpose of policing and keeping open the Tien Tsin railway. In addition there is a marine detachment at Peking.

The Peking government itself is admittedly weak in the enforcement of law and order in certain provinces.

An order by President Harding would be sufficient to start the American troops in China in pursuit of the bandits, to secure the release of the American captives, in the opinion of state and war department officials.

Should any American lose his life the state department is prepared to make vigorous demands on the Peking authorities for restitution. Not only will suitable apologies be required but indemnity must be paid and those responsible must be punished if good relations between the two governments are to continue. In any case, the United States will insist that more effective steps be taken in the future to protect Americans who are in China on legitimate errands.

The incident is regarded as more serious in view of the fact that it comes during negotiations for settlement of a controversy over an attack on another American, Charles Colburn, who was killed last fall by Chinese soldiers. For this the Chinese government already has made apology and has indicated its willingness to pay indemnity, but it is regarded

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SUPREME COURT HANDS DOWN ANOTHER DECISION UPHOLDING U. S. DRY LAW

WASHINGTON, May 7.—The United States can compel masters of vessels to submit manifests showing all articles aboard, including those whose importation is prohibited, the supreme court held today in a case brought by the government from the state of Washington against Wesley L. Sischo.

The ninth circuit court of appeals had held that Sischo could not be compelled to report smoking opium he had aboard vessel because its importation was prohibited. Because of the importance of the case in the

Alexander Hamilton, Not G. Washington Gave U. S. Warning

NEW YORK, May 7.—Alexander Hamilton and not George Washington was the author of the warning against "entangling alliances," according to a monograph by Professor Samuel Flagg Bemish of Whitman college, Walla Walla, Wash. The monograph, "Jay's Treaty," won the \$3000 first prize offered in the Knights of Columbus American history contest.

The monograph claims that Hamilton uttered the remark used in Washington's farewell address and credited to the first president for more than a century by historians, during a conversation with George Hammond, British minister to the American government in 1794.

RATES ON OREGON WOOL DISCUSSED, PORTLAND TODAY

PORTLAND, Ore., May 7.—An interstate commerce commission hearing on the subject of wool rates began here today with railroad representatives, public commissioners and shippers present in considerable force. The hearing is one of a series being conducted and is an inquiry into the justification of tariffs recently filed by the carriers. The proposed rates have been suspended by the commission until June 1, pending the outcome of the scheduled hearings.

Two witnesses occupied the stand this morning, M. A. Cummings of Oakland, Cal., assistant general freight agent of the Southern Pacific, and J. E. Davis of Portland, assistant general freight agent for the Union Pacific system.

Both witnesses agreed on two points—that the wool shipments by the Panama canal are far greater than by rail, and that the rail lines should have an equal amount of this traffic.

H. A. Davis of Boston, manager of the Boston wool trades association stated that the present rates on wool from the Pacific coast to the Massachusetts city is by water 90 cents a hundred pounds, by rail \$2 per hundred.

"We are demanding joint through rates," said Mr. Davis and through bills of lading from points of origin in the west to Boston and the Atlantic seaboard by the nearest water port.

He explained that this would bring the wool of Idaho, eastern Washington and nearly all of Oregon to Portland, thence shipped by water to the east.

MINISTER SUED FOR \$5000 LIBEL

YAKIMA, Wash., May 7.—Trial of the \$5000 libel suit brought by T. L. Tennant against Rev. F. C. Whitney, publisher of a weekly church paper opened here this morning. Rev. Whitney pleads justification for remarks alleged to reflect upon Tennant and made following the latter's acquittal upon a charge of possession of intoxicating liquor. Two former superior court judges, T. E. Grady and G. B. Holden are appearing as attorneys in the action. Rev. Whitney is pastor of the Calvary Baptist church.

enforcement of prohibition and anti-narcotic laws, the supreme court heard the case after it had, by an evenly divided court, sustained the lower court.

The government insisted the word "imported," as used in the law requiring the listing of such articles should be given the meaning of bringing into the United States, and that the provisions relating to "articles capable of being imported," should be interpreted to include those literally as well as those legally imported.

I. W. W. STRIKE IS CALLED OFF IN WASHINGTON

Wobblies in Puget Sound Told to Return to Work for President—Further Trouble Expected—I. W. W.'s in Oregon Voting On Decision.

SEATTLE, May 7.—Loggers in the state of Washington called out on strike April 25 by the I. W. W., have been directed to return to work with the further instruction that the resumption would be only temporary. I. W. W. leaders here said today. Approximately 10,000 men were affected by the walkout, which forced the closing of a number of lumber camps and caused others to operate at a greatly curtailed production.

Employment agencies here that had been closed down or virtually so, since the strike, were notified by I. W. W. headquarters that the organization's ban on posting jobs for timber workers had been lifted. They were doing a thriving business today. Hundreds of men who came to Seattle when the strike was called, began leaving for the woods Saturday and the outflow continued today.

A number of the larger employers expressed their intention of refusing reinstatement to men known to be members of the I. W. W. Smaller camps began hiring new crews today, according to information here.

SPOKANE, May 7.—The strike of the I. W. W. called last week as a protest against imprisonment of war time offenders, has been called off, it was announced today by Frank Baker, chairman of the strike committee for this district. Baker said the men would return to the woods and "strike on the job." It was understood that by this he meant that means would be taken to slow up production of the camps and mills.

PORTLAND, Ore., March 7.—Industrial Workers of the World locals in Oregon logging districts were voting today on the recommendation of the general committee that the strike called April 23 be ended, according to announcement at I. W. W. headquarters. Reports from the logging camps indicated that men who had not returned to work last week are drifting back.

The strike committee of the marine transport workers branch of the I. W. W. today was considering calling off the marine strike, it was announced. This strike has not affected Portland.

IMPERIAL WIZARD'S POWER IS REDUCED

ATLANTA, Ga., May 7.—The imperial klondike of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan was veiled with full executive authority over the affairs of that organization in a decree signed today by Judge E. D. Thomas of Fulton superior court. The effect of the order, it is stated, is to relieve the imperial wizard of independent administration and executive authority.

News Summary of Last Night

SAINT INGLEVERT, France.—Georges Barbot, French aviator, won the Mail 25,000 franc prize when he crossed the English channel yesterday and returned in an airplane with a motor of less than 15 horsepower.

OSISING, N. Y.—Scott Russell Hayes, son of former President Rutherford B. Hayes, died last night.

Grain Exports Increase
WASHINGTON, May 7.—Exports of grain from the United States during the last week were 4,601,000 bushels, compared to 4,083,000 the week before.

New Salt Lake Meet June 30.
SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, May.—Postmaster General Harry S. New is expected to be the principal speaker at the conference-convention of postmasters and postal employees of the inter-mountain states to be held here June 30 next. Details of the program of the meeting, which is being held in connection with similar gatherings in various parts of the country, have not yet been announced.

AMERICAN GOLFERS MAKE GOOD IN ENGLAND



Robert A. Gardener of Chicago, captain of the American golf team that is in England to defend the Walter International trophy.

JESS SWEETSER BEATEN IN FIRST ROUND AT DEAL

DEAL, England, May 7.—(By Associated Press). Francis Oulmet of Boston today won his match in the first round of the British amateur golf championship tournament, defeating A. H. Read of Sunningdale, England, 4 and 3.

John E. Neville, San Francisco, defeated Viscount Maldstone, Royal St. George's 5 and 4. Roger Wethered, the Oxford star, defeated E. Campbell, Sunningdale, one up.

George V. Rotan, Houston, Texas, defeated J. A. Board, Home Park, England, 8 and 4.

Robert Hunter, Claremont, Calif., defeated Slake, Hartford, 4 and 2.

Leslie Schon, Royal Cinque Ports, England, defeated Reginald M. Lewis, Greenwich, Conn., one up.

Maxwell M. Marston, Philadelphia defeated Lieutenant Commander Guy Miller, Shanklin and Shandown, England, 7 and 5.

Cyril J. H. Tolley, Rye, defeated W. L. Hartley, Cooden Beach, 3 and 1.

G. T. Weedale, Wilmslow, defeated E. Martin Smith, Royal St. George's, 4 and 3.

G. D. Forrester of Woking, England defeated Robert A. Gardner, Chicago, two up.

E. N. Layton, Royal Cinque Ports, defeated Jess Sweetser, Siwanoy, (American amateur champion) 4 and 3.

H. Ernest Lebas, Wilton Heath, defeated Guy M. Stanifer of Washington, D. C. 3 and 2.

Harrison R. Johnston of St. Paul, Minn., defeated H. S. Holden, Gowdoin, England 9 and 7. Fred Wright, Jr., of Los Angeles defeated Commander B. Hannerman, Rowland Castle, England, two up.

GETS THE LIMIT FOR 2ND DEGREE MURDER

YAKIMA, Wash., May 7.—Claude A. Labbee, convicted of murder in the second degree for shooting Mrs. Odessa Wright following an affray with her husband, also killed, was this afternoon sentenced to from 25 to 40 years in the state penitentiary, sentence being pronounced by Judge Harold B. Gilbert. This is the longest sentence for second degree murder pronounced here in recent years. The prisoner gave notice of appeal to the supreme court.

Oregon Lad Suicides In Jail at Spokane

SPOKANE, May 7.—While a jailer and a trustee sat talking a few feet away, S. M. Allaway, aged 20, serving a thirty day sentence in the county jail here for larceny, tore a strip from his blanket and hanged himself in his cell yesterday. Allaway, a son of Mrs. Frank Hoynton of Pendleton, Ore., had served a term in the Oregon state reformatory. He was sued Saturday for divorce by his wife. Allaway had divorced a former wife.

BASEBALL SCORES

St. Louis	4	13	2
Pittsburg	11	29	2
Batteries: Shordell, North, Wigenton, Barfoot and Almsmith, McCurdy; Adams and Gooch.			
At Philadelphia—			
New York	13	16	0
Philadelphia	8	13	2
Batteries: Bentley and Snyder; Meadows, Weinert, Bishop and Hendline, O'Brien.			
At Boston—			
Brooklyn	12	15	2
Boston	11	13	8
Batteries: Dickeman, Mamman, Decatur, Smith, Vance and Deberry; Watson, Genewich, Cooney, Benton, Oeschger, Marquard and O'Neill, Gibson. (10 innings.)			

FORGED CHECKS PUTS MARKET IN NEAR-PANIC

Over Million Dollars of Fraudulent Certified Checks Received at N. Y. Exchange, Sends Stocks Tumbling—Probe Started.

NEW YORK, May 7.—Prices on the New York stock exchange sagged steadily today upon the discovery that fraudulent certified checks had been used in connection with buying orders for a number of standard stocks and an apparent leak of buying support had encouraged further selling on the part of bear traders. Pressure was extended against most of the list and was particularly effective in the oils, equipments, rubbers, textiles, public utilities and rails. Additional new low records for the year were made by Caden Oil common and preferred, Pacific Oil, Brooklyn Edison, Columbia Gas, Montana Power, American Woolen, Rock Island, Sinclair Oil, Skelly Oil and American Metal. Stewart Warner Speedometer broke more than nine points and losses of 3 to 4 and a half were registered by Stromberg Carburator, Pullman, Dupont, Republic Steel, Mack Truck and California Petroleum.

The New York stock exchange, in announcing that the situation had been turned over to the government by the Better Business Bureau, disclosed that at least seventy checks, averaging \$15,000, a total of over a million had been received by New York houses alone. Thirty were sent to Philadelphia, Boston and Chicago. The letters were mailed from widely separated spots in New York, Pennsylvania. One Chicago house reported it had received one posted in Kansas City.

Prices on the exchange were sent tumbling today by the reaction from heavy buying started on a flood of orders which it was disclosed were backed by the worthless checks.

King George in Italy.
ROME, May 7.—(By the Associated Press)—King George and Queen Mary of England, arrived in Rome at three o'clock this afternoon on their long-planned visit to Italy.

Auto Thieves Nabbed
LOS ANGELES, May 7.—Two men giving the names of L. W. Rhodes and T. L. Holm were arrested by department of justice agents today charged with transporting two stolen automobiles from Portland, Ore., to Los Angeles. According to the agents the men are connected with a ring of auto thieves who have been operating extensively.

50 Killed in Train Wreck.
HAVANA, May 7.—Meager details received today regarding the wreck yesterday of two trains at Chuchos Desquile, on the Hershby electric railway, placed the number of dead at more than fifty, with more than that number seriously injured. Only two Americans were on the trains, both escaping with slight injuries.

Liberty Bonds
NEW YORK, May 7.—Liberty bonds closed: 3 1/2's 101.6; second 4's 97.18; first 4 1/2's 97.15; second 4 1/2's 97.17; third 4 1/2's 98.14; fourth 4 1/2's 97.20; Victory 4 1/2's uncalled 100.1; U. S. treasury 4 1/2's 99.6.

Iron Ore Tax Upheld
WASHINGTON, May 7.—Minnesota's occupation tax on the valuation of iron ores mined or produced in that state was declared constitutional and valid today by the supreme court.

Life on the Farm Too Lonesome, So Couple Motored Off

SPOKANE, May 7.—Life on the farm palled on Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hicks, and so they left their farm near Sprague, Wash., for their neighbors to look after and drove away in their automobile a week ago Saturday. After two days the neighbors became alarmed at their absence and notified relatives, who asked the help of police here to locate them.

Mrs. Hicks' father, Charles Menton, telephoned here today from his home at Cunningham, Wash., that the couple had been located at Benton City, where Hicks had obtained employment on the railroad.

"They just got lonesome on the farm and pulled out and left everything," he said.

GERMANY THINKS REPARATIONS WILL STILL BE SETTLED

BERLIN, May 7.—(By Associated Press). Despite the acrimonious tenor of the French reply to the German reparations note, the foreign office is not inclined to interpret it as wholly barricading the path to negotiations.

LONDON, May 7.—(By Associated Press). Great Britain will dispatch a note to Germany within 36 hours, expressing disapproval of the latest German reparations proposals and urging Germany to present a more practical and liberal solution of the problem.

PARIS, May 7.—(By Associated Press). The French note to Germany was communicated in substance to Premier Mussolini of Italy before the final draft was made, it was declared in official circles this morning and he expressed full approval of it, agreeing with Premier Poincare that the German proposal could not be taken into consideration.

PORTLAND BUILDING STRIKE CALLED OFF

PORTLAND, Ore., May 7.—Building trades laborers who went on strike last week returned to work today pending reference to the state board of conciliation of their dispute with the contractors, who offered a daily wage of \$5.50 in place of \$6 demanded by the laborers.

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STRAIN OF APPLE BLOSSOM FESTIVAL LEADS WEALTHY MAN TO SUICIDE

WENATCHEE, Wash., May 7.—After entering with apparent fullness into the spirit of the Apple Blossom festival and joyfully participating in its various joyous events, Eli Moorhouse, prominent Seattle man, member of the firm of Eli Moorhouse and company, public accountants, ended his life by hanging himself in his room at a local hotel Sunday. He was found at nine o'clock Sunday night after hotel attendants had vainly endeavored to arouse him in his room. Police were called and the room entered, Moorhouse being found on the floor at the side of his bed, and the noose formed of his trousers belt around his neck. The other end of the belt was securely twisted around a bed post.

ROCKEFELLER KIN CAUGHT BY BANDITS

Miss Lucy Aldrich, Sister-in-law of J. D. Rockefeller, Jr., Among Americans Captured By Chinese Bandits—Girl Is Released—Men in Party in Danger.

SHANGHAI, May 7.—(By the Associated Press)—Miss Lucy Aldrich, sister-in-law of John D. Rockefeller, Jr., and daughter of the late United States Senator Nelson W. Aldrich of Rhode Island, was reported today in a message from Linchen, to have been released by the bandits who early today took her captive with the other passengers on the Shanghai-Peking express train.

The report said all the women captives had been freed, and that Miss McFadden and Miss Corall were released with Miss Aldrich. The men among the foreigners were said, however, to be in grave danger, since the bandits had notified the authorities that the male prisoners all would be killed unless the troops were withdrawn.

At last accounts the troops were pressing the bandits on both sides with rifle fire.

The kidnapping plot is believed to have been hatched in Shanghai when it became known that a large party was leaving on the Peking express to attend the ceremony incident to the completion of the Kungchapa dyke at Tsinan.

Miss Aldrich is reported ill from her experience. The Miss McFadden referred to in the dispatch is Miss Aldrich's maid. The Aldrich party, homeward bound from a world tour, reached Shanghai ten days ago. Miss Corall is secretary to G. D. Musso, an attorney who was among the captives.

According to an unconfirmed report from a Japanese news agency, K. Magai, governor general of the Japanese, the president of the Hakodate chamber of commerce was captured by the bandits.

WASHINGTON, May 7.—(By the Associated Press)—A situation apparently regarded as seriously menacing good relations between the United States and the Peking government in China was described today by American Minister Schurman in the first official report to reach the state department regarding the capture of American citizens by bandits near the Shantung border. The American minister is understood already to have made official representations on his own responsibility and it is expected that he will be instructed by the government here to pursue the most vigorous course to secure the release of the prisoners, unharmed.

The report was prepared by Dr. Schurman, on the basis of information furnished him by an American citizen who was on the spot when bandits captured the tourist train on which many Americans were riding. It was indicated that so far as known none of those taken prisoner had been harmed. The minister apparently was hopeful that they all would be released.

Minister Schurman's report was dated midnight, May 6, at Tsinan Fu, and described the situation as "very serious."

LONDON, May 7.—A Reuter's dispatch from Shanghai says that the

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