

The Weather

Prediction Rain
Maximum yesterday 74.8
Minimum today 40.2

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Weather Year Ago
Maximum 84
Minimum 46

MEDFORD, OREGON, MONDAY, MAY 14, 1923

NO. 45

TORNADO IN TEXAS KILLS 50 PEOPLE

Early Morning Twister Sweeps Through Lone Star State, Leaving Death and Destruction in Its Wake—Victims Mostly Farmers—Red Cross Rushes Aid.

ABILENE, Texas, May 14. (4:30 p. m.)—A message just received here from Colorado City said sixty dead and injured had been brought there from the tornado swept section. Fifteen dead and 35 injured was the toll at Spade ranch, the message said.

The path of the storm was a crescent starting in Richardson community, six miles southwest of Colorado City and terminating near Lorraine. Most of the reported dead were children. The area affected was one of the most thickly populated communities in west Texas. Many prosperous farm homes were reduced to splinters and the debris scattered for miles. A terrific rain and hail storm accompanied the devastation. The hospital at Colorado City is reported filled with dead and dying.

ABILENE, Texas, May 14.—Another tornado struck Mitchell county at Colorado City shortly before noon today, killing eleven persons. It is rumored here. Confirmation is lacking.

SAN ANGELO, Texas, May 14.—Fifteen dead had been brought into Colorado City at two o'clock this afternoon, according to a telephone message to the San Angelo Standard from the Colorado City Record. The Colorado City paper could not give the names of the dead, but said the death list would run higher than fifteen.

COLORADO, Texas, May 14.—The Sanitarium here is filled with victims of the tornado which swept a strip of territory a mile wide and fifteen miles long near here early today. The number of dead, it is feared, will total fifty when bodies at various wrecked homes have been recovered. Twelve bodies are in Colorado already, about 200 persons are hurt and property and crop damage will total millions of dollars, according to observers.

Many of the dead and injured are children. The cyclone was accompanied by a severe hail storm and heavy rain and mud in the devastated area makes relief work difficult.

The country which the storm passed over is one of the best farming sections in this country.

The twister first struck at the Spade ranch, seven miles south of Colorado, and moving in a northeasterly direction, passed through the outskirts of Lorraine, sweeping a path 200 yards wide and 25 miles in the country.

Joe Riechberg and his 12 year old son and 21 year old daughter, were killed at their farm home while they slept. The storm struck between 4 and 5 o'clock and there was no warning.

COLORADO, Texas, May 14.—Eight bodies of persons killed in a tornado near here early this morning have been brought to Colorado, and it was reported that several more bodies are on the way here. Twelve persons have been counted dead and there is no official estimate of the number of persons killed. It was

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TWO MEN HURT IN CAVE NEAR BEND, OREGON; FINALLY RESCUED

BEND, Ore., May 14.—Tom Murphy and Joe Bigley of Bend were lost for several hours late yesterday a mile inside the lava river cave, 13 miles from Bend. Bigley finally groped his way to the cave entrance after more than five hours' struggle in the inky blackness, and Murphy was rescued early this morning by searchers who had combed the cave when his disappearance had been reported. Murphy was in the cave for nearly 14 hours.

Six Young People Drowned When They Jump From Trestle

ROCK ISLAND, Ill., May 14.—Six young people, three men and three women, were drowned last night in the Mississippi river at Campbell's island, when they jumped from a trestle to avoid being struck by a street car, control of which had been lost. The young people were walking to East Moline after having attended a dance at the island. Only one body was recovered.

STILL AWAITING THE RELEASE OF CHINA HOSTAGES

LONDON, May 14.—(By Associated Press.) Information received by the British foreign office from its representatives in China states that the only woman remaining in the hands of the Chinese train bandits is the wife of a Mexican who refuses to leave her husband. The other foreigners include six Americans, one Italian, one Frenchman and five Britishers, making the total number of captives fifteen.

HONG KONG, May 14.—(By Associated Press.) H. C. Rowson, a member of the staff of the British-American Tobacco company, who was captured by bandits north of Pakhoi, southwestern Kwangtung, April 27, has been released and has arrived at Pakhoi. Rowson will reach Hong Kong tomorrow, according to advices received here today. Whether the ransom of \$30,000 demanded by the bandits had been paid, the advices failed to state.

The kidnapping of H. C. Rowson had no connection with the raid on the Shanghai-Peking express May 6. The Rowson outrage occurred in southern China more than a week before the attack on the train near Suchow which is, in the north near the border of Shantung province.

PEKING, May 14.—(By the Associated Press.)—A conference Saturday night between representatives of the railway bandits and the Peking government resulted in agreement by the brigands to release some of their captives immediately and to free the remainder when their terms—including the withdrawal of the troops—were complied with, the ministry of communications announced, yesterday.

The American, French and Italian legations have received word from their respective consuls that the band chief early Saturday morning informed the officials of his intention of killing every captive in two days if his terms were not met.

SHANGHAI, China, May 14.—(By the Associated Press.)—Max Friedman, whose brother, Leon Friedman, is one of the foreign captives held in the Shantung hills by Chinese bandits, received today a pathetic letter from Father William Lenfers, an aged German Catholic priest of Lin-cheng, who went alone into the wild mountain country to visit the bandit stronghold and aid the prisoners.

The letter was dispatched late Saturday when the priest evidently was near exhaustion. He closed the letter by saying, "More I cannot write now. Am to sick. Will write again when see leaders."

He had described his feverish journey, day and night, to climb to a brigand village on a mountainside, with a population of 2,000. But he found the village deserted until midnight when returning members of the band informed him that the bandit leaders would see him Sunday morning at 8 o'clock. Communication between the villagers and bandits higher on the mountain had been exchanged by signal lights.

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SENSATIONAL TRIAL AT KL. FALLS OPENS

Mrs. Mabel Nichols, Who Says She Killed Bootlegger Because He Attempted to Force Her to Become Outcast Woman, Goes On Trial for Life.

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., May 14.—Mrs. Mabel Nichols, who said she killed Robert Greer at Summit Station December 2 because he attempted to force her to become an outcast woman went on trial today for her life.

Mrs. Nichols said Greer previously had induced her to desert her husband and child at Ellensburg, Wash., and to live with him. The night of December 2 she asserted, Greer came to their home drunk and during a quarrel she killed him with a revolver.

ELLENSBURG, Wash., May 14.—A note found in the Nichols home here following the disappearance of Mrs. Mabel Nichols on trial today in Klamath Falls in connection with the death of Robert Greer, also of Ellensburg, indicated that she had been forced to leave. The note read: "I am going not because I want to, but because at the point of a gun." As the woman had been despondent following a quarrel with her husband, the latter stated at the time, he believed she had committed suicide and a general search was made here for her body. The coincidental disappearance of Robert Greer, who was charged with violation of the prohibition laws, led local officers to investigate and it was learned the two had left together.

Greer who was killed by Mrs. Nichols in a lonely cabin near Bend, Ore., December 2, according to the woman's admission, left a wife and large family here.

L. ANGELES POLICE ARREST I. W. W.'S

SAN PEDRO, Cal., May 14.—Several hundred members of the I. W. W. were arrested here this afternoon by Los Angeles City policemen when they refused to break up gatherings on the street. They were loaded into electric railway cars and started for Los Angeles.

LOS ANGELES, May 14.—Chief of Police Oaks shortly after noon today called out the night and early morning shifts of patrolmen to go to San Pedro at once for strike duty.

LOS ANGELES, May 14.—Twenty men were arrested in a raid today on the Los Angeles headquarters of the I. W. W. and held on charges of criminal syndicalism.

SAN PEDRO, Cal., May 14.—Thirty-four more arrests of alleged radicals were made in San Pedro at immense mass meetings and street demonstrations over Saturday night and Sunday when the biggest demonstrations of the I. W. W. strike were staged. The total number of prisoners taken by the police since the opening of the drive at noon Saturday now stands at 54.

No change was noted in the situation along the waterfront, with many ships working short handed, there being a shortage of sailors, firemen and longshoremen.

MEXICAN CONFERENCE WITH U. S. A. OPENED

MEXICO CITY, May 14.—(By the Associated Press.)—The opening of the conference here between the American and Mexican delegates appointed to discuss the differences between the two governments, found officials, public and press all optimistic that recognition of the Obregon administration by the Washington government would follow.

It has been unofficially learned that the Mexican government is prepared to promise support of the pending petroleum legislation intended to make the requests of the United States without infringing her national sovereignty and dignity by signing any treaty acceding to these requests as a preliminary to recognition.

Where Body of Leighton Mount Was Found



The breakwater at Evanston where the body of Leighton Mount, Northwestern university student who has been missing was found. The body was under the breakwater and covered with rocks. Young Mount has been nationally searched for and is now believed to have been a victim of college hazing.

CLAIM POISON NOTE WRITTEN BY N. Y. WOMAN

NEW YORK, May 14.—A woman will be named as writer of the scurrilous letters which George Maxwell, internationally known music publisher has been charged with having written in defamation of Mrs. Allan A. Ryan, Mrs. Albert R. Gallatin and several other socially prominent women in the last ten years, his friends announced today.

Maxwell's intimates, rallying to his defense, declared that he had long suspected a woman of being the author of the "poison pen" missives, and said that they expected to give her name to District Attorney Hanton on his arrival here. Maxwell has announced in London that he will return here immediately to face the indictment found against him.

Officers of the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers, of which Maxwell is president, said that it would have been impossible for Maxwell to write some of the letters of whose authorship he was accused, as he was so ill at the time they were mailed that he could not sign checks of the concern. They declared too, that Maxwell himself had for years been the recipient of similar letters. Several years ago, they said, he had gone to Havana, Cuba, with another man without having first told his friends his destination. On arriving at their hotel in Havana, Maxwell's friends said, he and his companion were handed "poison pen" letters which had been mailed from New York.

A short time later, it was said, Maxwell went to Miami, Fla. He met a New York society woman and the two were handed "poison pen" letters which had been mailed from New York.

The story goes that on returning to her hotel after a motor trip, the woman found one of the accretive letters, Maxwell on returning to the hotel, was said to also have received a letter couched in similar terms.

S. P. REVENUE IN 1922 NEW RECORD

NEW YORK, May 14.—Net revenue from railway operations in 1922, aggregating \$68,854,713, exceeded that of any year since the record year 1917, but was \$1,514,954 less than in that year, it is disclosed by the annual report of the Southern Pacific company, made public here today.

Net railroad operating income for 1922 totalled \$46,222,849, an increase of more than \$10,000,000 over 1921, and net income from the railroad property and proprietary companies, combined, totalled \$32,600,159 as compared with \$30,618,777 the previous year.

Montague Glass Dying
NEW YORK, May 14.—All hope was practically abandoned today for Montague Glass, author and playwright who yesterday underwent an operation for appendicitis.

BASEBALL SCORES

National.
At Brooklyn—R. H. E.
Chicago 3 12 1
Brooklyn 6 13 2
Aldridge and Hartnett; Cadore and Taylor.

At New York—R. H. E.
Pittsburgh 4 8 0
New York 1 6 0
C. Adams and Schmidt; Nehf and Smith.

At Boston—R. H. E.
St. Louis 7 12 0
Boston 1 7 1
Pfeffer and Almsmith; Benton and Grenech; Fillingim and O'Neill.

At Philadelphia—R. H. E.
Cincinnati 7 11 5
Philadelphia 3 6 2
Rixey and Wingo; Head and Henline.

American.
Philadelphia 9 9 0
Chicago 0 6 3
Hasty and Perkins; Faber and Schalk; Graham, Dorman.

At Cleveland—R. H. E.
Washington 3 8 2
Cleveland 6 10 1
Johnson and Ruel; Uhle and Myatt.

Boston-St. Louis postponed, rain.

MORE DISCLOSURES N. Y. GRAFT CASES

NEW YORK, May 14.—Details of a number of stock selling schemes in which big names and big sums figured and in which was concerned Mrs. Myrtle Bowman Hayes, indicted last week on a charge of having forged the name of Charles M. Schwab to a \$25,000 note, have been made public by Charles B. Manville, 59, wealthy founder of the Johns-Manville asbestos concern.

In statements given out yesterday after first denying any connection with Mrs. Hayes, the aged financier told the manner in which he alleged some of her associates used his name, without his knowledge, as president of the Century Consolidated Oil company, rubber stamping his signature to literature used in a \$2,000,000 stock selling campaign.

He said Mrs. Hayes, Mrs. Cora Stetson Butler and Walter B. Clarke had induced him to invest in several enterprises. Clarke, Mrs. Butler of New York and Boston; Ernest E. Phillips of Kansas City, Mo.; D. L. Peters of Los Angeles; Bonowitz X. Dawson and Mark S. Mathews of New York were indicted in April of last year, charged with having used the mails to defraud in the sale of stock of the Consolidated Oil company.

Liberty Bonds
NEW YORK, May 14.—Liberty bonds closed: 3 1/2's 101.2; first 4's 97.12; second 4's 97.11; first 4 1/2's 97.14; second 4 1/2's 97.14; third 4 1/2's 97.12; fourth 4 1/2's 97.21; Victory 4's 97.14; Victory 4's 97.21; Victory 4's 97.21.

Grain Exports Increase
WASHINGTON, May 14.—Grain exports from the United States last week amounted to 6,120,000 bushels, compared with 4,601,000 bushels for the week previous.

Mr. Schwab of N. Y. Among Six Killed In Paris Airplane

CONTY, France, May 14.—(By Associated Press.) Six persons, including a "Mr. Schwab," New York businessman, were killed when a passenger airplane operating on the Paris-London route, was wrecked early this morning near the village of Nonserres, five miles from here and midway between Amiens and Beauvais. The machine caught fire while traveling at its usual height on its daily trip and then either fell or the pilot tried to make a hurried landing. The plane was wrecked by the fall and explosion. The six victims were, besides Schwab, the French pilot, the machinist, the engineer, an English woman and a second male passenger.

CHINK PIRATES SEIZE STEAMER ROB PASSENGERS

HONG KONG, May 14.—(By the Associated Press.)—European passengers were among those terrorized and robbed when the Chinese steamer Taisun was seized near Swatow Saturday by pirates, who disguised as passengers overpowered the crew, sailed the ship for nearly 24 hours at night without lights and finally left her yesterday at the mouth of a small creek, transferring to a junk boat valued at \$4000.

The Taisun, which was bound from Hong Kong for Shanghai, returned to Hong Kong yesterday afternoon. The chief officer, wounded in the forearm by a pirate, was taken to a hospital. Most of the passengers had lost all their money and personal effects. The vessel's cargo, a valuable one, was not disturbed. The steamer which registers 2000 tons, left Hong Kong with more than 100 passengers. The pirate passengers numbered about forty. When a point near Swatow was reached the buccaners separated into small parties as prearranged, worked suddenly and systematically. Soon they had the ship at their mercy. They rushed the armory, capturing all the equipment there. The crew was taken by surprise. The crew and officers were locked up in the captain's cabin where they were compelled to remain until the pirates left the ship.

A large number of Chinese passengers, panic stricken, were herded into the hold after they had been searched and their valuables stolen. The pirates had no difficulty in handling the ship. Steaming all night in complete darkness they reached the small creek which was their rendezvous about 100 miles from Swatow, yesterday morning. A junk slipped along side; the loot was lowered into it; the pirates vanished.

OIL WELL DRILLING STARTED AT EUGENE

EUGENE, May 14.—The first carload of machinery for Rev. David Eugene Olsen's oil well drilling operations arrived in the local yards Saturday morning from Astoria, where it was purchased from the defunct Lower Columbia Oil and Gas company, according to announcement of officials connected with the Guarantee Oil company. Three more car loads will come in Tuesday.

First drilling operations are due to start on the Eugene Bible University land in City Outlook, south of town. In a few days four drillers will arrive from California to start erection of the apparatus and to take charge of boring operations. Later, more will come.

I. W. W.'S. WALK OUT IN CLACKAMAS COUNTY WHEN TIMEKEEPER IS SHOT

PORTLAND, Ore., May 14.—About 400 out of a force of 1800 men employed in construction of a hydro electric plant in Clackamas county, near here, were reported out today, following the death late Saturday of E. A. Smith, time keeper of Camp No. 8 of the Hurley-Mason company, construction contractors. Smith was shot Friday night by C. A. Phelps, a forest ranger, after Smith ordered Phelps to halt near the camp. Industrial Workers of the World leaders declared the walkout was in protest against the employment of gunmen at the camp.

George O. Mason of the construction company denied that gunmen were employed, but admitted that 12 deputy sheriffs had been obtained to guard the camp at the time of the recent I. W. W. strike. Sheriff Wilson and District Attorney Stipp of Clackamas county visited the camp yesterday and reported everything quiet. They said that about 400 men had quit work. Coroner O. A. Pace will hold an inquest tomorrow over the body of Smith. Phelps told officers he thought he was being held up when Smith halted him with a flashlight.

DANGER OF ANGLO-RUSS BREAK OVER

Soviet Reply to British Ultimatum Conciliatory—No Desire for Trouble, But Demand Equality—Release Trawlers and Leave Differences to Conference.

LONDON, May 14.—(By Associated Press.) In British official circles the reply of the Russian soviet government to the British note is considered as avoiding a rupture. Satisfaction is expressed at what the British consider an about-face on the part of Moscow in its attitude toward Great Britain. While the British government is ready to discuss the disputed matters with Leonid Krassin or another credited envoy, Lord Curzon seems determined to maintain all the points raised in the British note and will not tolerate long discursive explanations from Moscow, it is indicated. He will also insist, it is declared, upon adequate apologies for the wrongs alleged by the British in their note.

MOSCOW, May 14.—(By Associated Press.) Soviet Russia's note to Great Britain, the text of which was given out here today, is couched in conciliatory terms. Expressing regretful surprise at the ultimatum, it proposes a conference at a time and place to be arranged with England, at which responsible representatives of those governments shall discuss not only the disputed secondary questions raised in the British note, but shall also regularize fully the relations between Russia and Great Britain.

The note sets forth what it declares are certain errors in the British charges with regard to propaganda by Russia in the east. While admitting that Russia naturally sent money to the Russian representative in Persia it says the British are over suspicious in thinking that Russia has no use for money in the east other than for propaganda.

It offers to settle by arbitration the questions raised by the Russian seizures of British trawlers and compensation Charles F. Davidson, an English civil engineer executed in Russia in 1920 and another British subject in whose case a claim was made if the British will agree to give compensation for the long imprisonment of several Russians in England and India.

With regard to the two notes sent to England signed by "Weinstein," which Mr. Hodgson, the British agent in Moscow, returned, complaining that they were couched in offensive language, the reply says the first note returned by Mr. Hodgson was never sent again to the British government and therefore must be regarded as un-sent, while the second letter did not contain anything offensive. These notes were in reply to Mr. Hodgson's protest against the execution of Monsignor Butchkevitch. The note declares that despite misunderstandings Russia greatly appreciates friendly relations with Great Britain. The document, of about 3000 words, is signed by Maxim Litvinoff, assistant commissar for foreign affairs and is addressed to Mr. Hodgson.

Beckett KO's Dick Smith
LONDON, May 14.—(By Associated Press.) Joe Beckett tonight knocked out Dick Smith in the 17th round of a bout for the heavyweight championship of England.

Crude Oil Cut Again.
PITTSBURGH, May 14.—Another cut of 25 cents a barrel made in the price of the principal grades of crude oil, was announced today by the purchasing agencies.