

The Weather	
Prediction	Rain
Cooler tonight.	
Maximum yesterday	69.5
Minimum today	45
Precipitation	.04

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Weather Year Ago	
Maximum	62
Minimum	29

Daily—Nineteenth Year.
Weekly—Fifty-third Year.

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M. MINEAR HAS CHANCE TO RECOVER

Medford Orchardist Who Killed Sister and Slashed His Throat Has Good Chance of Recovery—Police Plan to File Charge of First Degree Murder.

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 23.—Considerable improvement in the condition of Merle I. Minear, demented wealthy Medford fruit grower, who yesterday killed his sister, Mrs. W. E. Nickerson, with a hatchet and then, unsuccessfully attempted suicide, was reported from Good Samaritan hospital this morning.

Minear severed the jugular vein on the right side of his neck with a razor. He rallied through the night and was given more than a fair chance for recovery by attendants, who said he had spent a good night. He is under constant police guard.

"If Minear recovers, the police will prefer first degree murder charges against him, they announced today. It will remain for the defense attorneys to prove him insane, Captain John T. Moore, chief of detectives, declared.

When questioned by police, Minear was able to whisper that he had killed his sister because she had been attempting to poison him since he had been brought to her home from the Mountainview sanitarium last Sunday, officers said.

Mr. Nickerson, husband of the murdered woman said there was nothing to indicate Minear was contemplating any such crime Wednesday morning. Minear, he said, talked rationally at that time with the family.

An examination of the dead woman disclosed the fact that she had suffered eight fractures of the skull from the blows of the hatchet in the hands of her brother. Following the killing of his sister, Minear returned to the first floor of the house and ransacked it looking for a razor. After slashing his throat on the right side, he staggered to the bathroom and then into the dining room where he was found lying on the floor.

As the details of the murder in Portland yesterday of Mrs. W. E. Nickerson by her brother, Merle I. Minear, and his attempted suicide following, become more fully known to the people of Medford and vicinity, where the family is prominent, the shock of the almost unbelievable tragedy is succeeded by deep sympathy for the surviving members of the family.

Truly Shattuck Has 69 Pounds of Fat Removed by Surgeon

CHICAGO, Oct. 23.—An operation on Miss Truly Shattuck, 56 years of age, vaudeville comedienne and musical comedy star of twenty years ago, has reduced her weight from 192 to 123 pounds and narrowed a 52-inch waist line to 34, according to surgeons of a hospital here.

DON'T TEAR THE SYSTEM DOWN BUT IMPROVE IT

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23.—Preservation of initiative and enterprise is the primary thing which we must have to do in our country," President Coolidge today told the executive committee of the New York businessmen's association which called at the White House.

Initiative and enterprise carries with it, the president said, an obligation upon every business organization to the consumer.

Declaring the economic system of the government fundamentally sound, the president criticized those who emphasize "out of all due proportion" its abuses. Correction of these abuses, he held, lies in the hands of those administering commerce and industry and only they, he added, can prevent the necessity of government intervention.

"Already they have made great advances in this direction," he continued. "Their sense of responsibility has made steady growth in the last two score of years. We no longer hear the expression of indifferent attitude to relations between business and the public. They are seeking to deliver something more besides their goods and they are delivering it with pride. That new something, is the sense of service to the community."

"These are the lines of real progress. To tear down a system under which so much of genuine progress has been accomplished in so short a period, merely because the minor defects that have not yet been entirely eliminated would be a policy of destruction. We need not fear that the American community will ever commit itself to such a policy. It is the long expressed genius of the American people to build up, to construct. That genius was never more vigorous, more intent on exercising itself than now. It will still continue to be supreme in our country."

PHYSICIAN FOUND GUILTY OF FRAUD IN DIPLOMA MILL

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Oct. 22.—Dr. Frank P. Young, prominent Los Angeles physician, was found guilty of charges of fraudulent issuance of diplomas in connection with the Pacific Medical college of which he is the head and his license to practice medicine in this state was revoked shortly after midnight this morning by the state medical board of examiners, following a hearing that lasted two days and all of last night.

FALL NOTE SIGNATURE DISCOVERED

Mrs. E. L. Doheny Declares on Witness Stand That Fall's Signature Torn From \$100,000 Promissory Note Is in Hands of Frank J. Hogan, Doheny's Attorney.

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 23.—A promissory note for \$100,000, handwriting of which was identified as that of Albert B. Fall, then secretary of the interior and made payable to Edward L. Doheny, was introduced by the government here today in the suit for cancellation of contracts and leases in the Elk Hills naval oil reserve to the Doheny concern, Pan-American Petroleum and Transport company. The government charges this note was receipt for \$100,000 given Fall in connection with an alleged conspiracy to fraudulently grant to the Doheny concern leases out of which Doheny estimated a profit of \$1,000,000,000 would accrue to his interests.

Ernest K. Hill, recently clerk of the senate public lands committee and now assistant secretary to Senator Lenroot testified that the note handed to him by Owen J. Roberts, government prosecutor, was the same note produced at the hearing of the senate investigating committee.

Theodore Mack, stenographer in the department of interior at the time Fall was secretary, identified the handwriting in the body of the note as that of Fall.

Roberts then introduced the note as an exhibit for the government, noting that the portion where the signature should be had been torn off.

Mrs. E. L. Doheny, wife of the oil magnate, called to the stand by Senator Pomerene, government counsel, located for the first time the missing signature torn from the Fall note. She said it was in the possession of Frank J. Hogan, counsel for Mr. Doheny.

E. L. Doheny, Sr., and his son, E. L. Doheny, Jr., when called to the witness stand, both made formal statements refusing to testify on the ground that any evidence they might give might be used against them in the trials pending following their indictments in Washington, D. C.

ATTY. GEN. STONE DETERMINED TO DISSOLVE TRUST

ST. PAUL, Oct. 23.—"Effective dissolution" of the International Harvester company's alleged monopoly of the farm machinery business is sought by Attorney General Stone in a brief filed in his behalf in federal court here today by the United States attorney in proceedings supplemental to the consent decree in dissolution entered in the same court in 1918.

SLICK DAVID, LATEST MEMBER OF BRITISH ROYAL FAMILY



He is Princess Mary's second son, christened in Goldsborough church without the presence of the King and Queen, the baby's grandparents.

MORGAN'S NAME NOT FOUND ON COOLIDGE LIST

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23.—With a view to determining whether there have been "concealed" contributions from big business men to the republican campaign fund, Samuel Untermyer asked the senate investigating committee today to subpoena the republican state chairmen of New York, New Jersey, Ohio and Illinois.

Mr. Untermyer, who is associate counsel for Senator La Follette, said it was strange that there were missing from the official republican lists the names of such men as Elbert H. Gary of the United States Steel corporation, J. P. Morgan, the Rockefellers and others of "the great Standard Oil interests," all "recognized republicans."

Chairman Borah of the committee announced that the request would be granted and the state chairmen would be called to Washington.

Mr. Untermyer also submitted a telegram from Senator Thomas J. Walsh, democrat, Montana, saying it was rumored that \$100,000 would be sent to Montana to be used against him in his campaign for re-election.

The telegram, dated at Poplar, Mont., October 20, and addressed to Frank P. Walsh, added:

EUGENE PRIEST ELECTED

MILWAUKEE, Oct. 23.—The Rev. Thomas R. Carr, LaPeere, Mich., was reelected president of the Catholic rural life conference at the annual convention here today. Other officers elected include the Rev. E. V. O'Hara, Eugene, Ore., secretary.

SHENANDOAH DROPS TANK ON ROCKIES

Big Dirigible Throws 175-Pound Tank of Gasoline Overboard to Lighten Load in 6500-Foot Climb—Mountains Safely Passed After Rough Trip.

EL PASO, Texas, Oct. 23.—The Shenandoah passed over Fort Hancock, Texas, 45 miles east of El Paso at 9:45 o'clock mountain time.

EL PASO, Texas, Oct. 23.—Fighting a strong head wind, the dirigible Shenandoah passed over El Paso today at eight o'clock, mountain time, enroute to its home station at Lakehurst, N. J. The big ship was not moving more than twenty miles per hour, according to estimates of air officials from Fort Bliss and apparently had all motors going in an effort to gain speed.

BOARD THE U. S. S. SHENANDOAH, Oct. 23.—(Via Fort Bliss, Texas.) (By Associated Press.) The last of the Rocky mountain barriers was passed by the U. S. S. Shenandoah early today, leaving a clear course for the return of the big dirigible to her hangar at Lakehurst, N. J.

Arizona and the worst of the Rockies were left behind when Rodeo, N. M., was reached at 2:30 a. m. The big ship had groaned and strained as it drove into the eddies whirling over the peaks. The wind currents rushed thru the mountain passes like mill races.

The ship sped at fifty miles an hour over the ranges of Arizona at an altitude of 6500 feet. Turning southward at Benson at 10:40 p. m. last night the Shenandoah followed the railroad southeast towards the Mexican border.

After a short spurt, Bismarck was seen gliding under the moonlight and in a very few minutes had been passed. The nose of the ship was pointed upward until it was on a 6700 foot level and another 175 pound tank of gasoline was dropped through the airlock to lighten the load.

With a broad swing over the Mexican border she was again speeding eastward.

DAVIS PROMISES TO GIVE RELIEF TO U.S. FARMERS

DAVIS TRAIN EN ROUTE TO CLEVELAND, Ohio, Oct. 23.—(By the Associated Press.)—With but one more formal address—that scheduled for Cleveland tonight, John W. Davis, democratic candidate for president, was on his way east today completing the last leg of his two weeks' final campaign drive in the middle west. The final drive of the candidate's presidential campaign will be started Saturday in New York.

Dynamite Blast Forces Town to Go On a Milk Diet

CHICAGO, Oct. 23.—Lemont, 20 miles southwest of here, is buying its water from milk men since a dynamite blast in a quarry near there causing an artesian well, the town's sole source, to go dry. The only free water available comes from a spring in an abandoned rock quarry until pipes can be laid to another spring some distance from town.

PEKIN FALLS TO TRAITOR WITHIN THE CITY GATES

TIENSIN, Oct. 23.—(By Associated Press.) Portions of the Eleventh division of the Chinese national army, under command of Feng Yu-Hsiang, "the Christian general," revolted at Peking this morning, seized the city's gates, cut all telegraph and telephone lines and stopped all train service, according to reliable information reaching here.

General Feng and his army were supposed to have been at Jehol (Chengdeh) about 100 miles north-east of Peking, where they were supposed to stop an expected advance from Mukden of the Manchurian army of Chang Tso-Lin, who is making war on the central government at Peking. Apparently General Feng never progressed beyond the great wall.

Whether General Feng is acting independently in the present revolt or with the collusion of the Mukden government has not yet been learned.

Rumors that General Feng was not in sympathy with the Chihli (central government) have been current however, ever since the outbreak of hostilities of Manchuria.

FOSDICK RESIGNATION ACCEPTED BY CHURCH BUT LOSS DEPLORED

NEW YORK, Oct. 23.—Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick no longer is preacher in the First Presbyterian church. His resignation was unanimously accepted at a meeting of the congregation last night. An invitation was extended to him, however, to preach at the church on "such Sundays as he finds it convenient."

A letter from Dr. Fosdick, including a copy of a letter to the New York presbytery's committee was read. Dr. Fosdick in his communication declined to renounce his affiliation with the Baptist church.

MEDFORD INVITED TO KLAMATH CONFERENCE

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Oct. 23.—A conference of civic organizations of Medford, Ashland, Grants Pass, Bend, Lakeview, Malin and Klamath Falls will be held here November 12, according to announcement made today by the local organization. Civic problems confronting all southern Oregon will be discussed.

FAKE STOCK DEAL MADE A HUGE SUM

In Another Report Oswald West and George Black Claim Public Paid \$730,500 for Stock in Phonograph Company That Was Never Worth Over \$10,000.

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 23.—A report to Governor Pice covering the affairs of the Stradivari Phonograph company was made public Wednesday by Oswald West and George Black, the governor's committee investigating stock sales in this state. By direct statement and the use of a series of detailed and complicated financial statements the report charges that practically worthless stock to the amount of \$864,000 was sold to the public by F. N. Clark and company and the Dundas-Martin company. The company had its beginning, the report says, with the Sahlstrom corporation organized in April, 1918. The incorporators were M. L. Sahlstrom, L. E. Gilham and Hugh Koch.

"Owing to the lack of both capital and experience the concern failed to prosper and in March, 1919, found itself in serious financial straits," it is declared.

Through the influence of F. N. Clark, a reorganization of the first several was effected in April, 1919, when the name of the company was changed to the Pacific Phonograph Manufacturing company and its capital stock was increased from \$25,000 to \$75,000.

The second increase in the company's capital stock, according to the report was made December 11, 1919, when the total was raised to \$309,000, of which \$200,000 was preferred stock and \$100,000 common. A campaign to sell this \$200,000 preferred stock was then undertaken in May or June, 1920, it is reported and a prospectus issued by F. N. Clark and company carried a glowing account of the company's prosperity, estimating the annual profits at \$140,000, or ten times the amount necessary to pay seven per cent dividends on the preferred stock.

The total amount of stock sold, the report says, appears to have cost the public \$864,000, and of this amount the Stradivari company received only \$691,200, the balance of \$172,800 going to the Dundas-Martin company as sales commission.

"The promotion of this undertaking cost the public \$730,500 and left it without a chance of recovery. In our opinion there was no time in the history of the company when its net worth was greater than when Clark bought the business for \$10,000."

LIPTON TELLS STORIES ON SIR HARRY LAUDER

NEW YORK, Oct. 23.—Sir Thomas Lipton who is here on business is telling two new stories about his friend Harry Lauder. Here they are: "I asked the noted Scotch comedian to whom he was going to leave all his money and Sir Harry replied: "To the widow of the unknown soldier."

WITH FOUR MEN ABOARD, NOME SCHOONER IS CARRIED OFF BY ARCTIC ICE

NOME, Alaska, Oct. 23.—(By Associated Press.) The gasoline schooner Silver Wave of Nome with four men aboard her, has been carried off by the ice of the Arctic ocean, it was learned here today.

The Silver Wave, fourth vessel to be seized this season in the fatal grasp of ice in the Alaskan Arctic was caught in Kotzebue sound, 180 miles north of Bering straight, whither she was hurrying for safety on her last trip before winter.

Death Toll of the Automobile

LORAIN, Ohio, Oct. 23.—Six children were killed and fifteen injured late this afternoon when a school bus was struck by interurban near Sherfield Lake, one mile east of here.

TUG RIVER FEUD AGAIN REVIVED

ALEX HATFIELD BITES THE DUST

BLUEFIELD, W. Va., Oct. 23.—Another violent death has been recorded in the family history of the notorious Hatfield clan of West Virginia and Kentucky. Recalling the days of the Tug river feud between the Hatfield and the McCoy clans, day were investigating the killing of Alex Hatfield, the latest of his line to feel the sting of a bullet.

Alex, son of the man who started the far-famed feud of years ago, was the victim. During an argument over the coming election, Hatfield was said to have called Thurman Chambers a "liar." Chambers told officials that he struck Hatfield with his fist whereupon the latter drew a pistol and in a struggle for possession of the weapon Hatfield was shot.