

**The Weather**  
 Prediction ..... Cloudy  
 Somewhat warmer  
 Maximum ..... 40  
 Minimum ..... 30

# MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

**Weather Year Ago**  
 Maximum ..... 60  
 Minimum ..... 37

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## IDENTITY OF D'AUTREM'NT UNSETTLED

Oklahoma Suspect Still Says He Is Siskiyou Tunnel Bandit—Held for Forgery—Tries to Break Jail—Federal Aides En Route to McAlester—Entire Gang, Southwest.

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 24.—E. L. King, superintendent of the Southern Pacific's Oregon lines is not inclined to believe that the man under arrest at McAlester, Okla., is Ray d'Autremont, one of the three brothers suspected of robbing the mail train at Siskiyou, Cal., October 11, 1923.

McALESTER, Okla., Nov. 24.—Identification of a man held in jail here as "Nick" d'Autremont, Oregon train robber, had not been established today, according to the police, although they quoted the prisoner as declaring he was d'Autremont.

The man was arrested here last week under the name of W. J. Porter on a bogus check charge. He was taken into custody upon complaint of a Muskogee hotel man who told of his alleged efforts to trade mythical properties in Los Angeles valued at \$5,000,000 to a Muskogee real estate dealer.

The Muskogee man was en route to Los Angeles to look the property over when "Porter" was arrested. The prisoner early today tried to pry the door from his cell, but was unsuccessful.

Several federal inspectors and deputy sheriffs arrived here today to attempt to identify the man. According to a story told police late yesterday by a fellow prisoner, "Porter" said he was not afraid to face a jury, as he could establish an alibi which would exonerate him. He also professed to have \$150,000 in government bonds and cash hidden near Tulsa.

Federal officers are said to have advised McAlester police that the entire gang wanted for the Siskiyou tunnel robbery and murder are in hiding in Oklahoma, or adjoining states. Personal belongings of "Porter" searched by the police, indicated that he had left a trail of "bad" checks in other cities in Oklahoma, the last of which were cashed in Muskogee.

The sheriff's office this morning, said it had received no information on the latest development in the Siskiyou tunnel, and that matter was entirely in the hands of federal and Southern Pacific officials.

## NO XMAS DELIVERY ON RURAL ROUTES

"Christmas is a holiday on rural delivery routes and postmasters and postal employees are urged to give as much publicity as possible to this fact," says the postmaster general's office in a recent official bulletin to all postmasters.

"The public should be advised that parcels for delivery on rural routes should be mailed so as to reach the office of delivery at least three or four days before Christmas; also that there is no objection to placing upon the Christmas parcel the inscription, 'Please do not open until Christmas, or words to that effect.'

"Christmas last year was observed for the first time as a holiday by the carriers on rural routes throughout the country. This was an experiment. No complaint has resulted from the suspension of service on that day, therefore the holiday will be continued."

## THREATEN STRIKE ON S. P. LINES

OAKLAND, Cal., Nov. 24.—Engineers, firemen and hostlers of the Southern Pacific railroad are taking a strike vote, the result of which will be known in a day or two, officials of the brotherhoods said today. The number of men affected was placed at 6500, working on lines from Ogden, Utah, to the Pacific coast and from El Paso, Texas, westward.

The vote was reported to have followed the refusal of the company to negotiate directly a request for an 8 per cent increase in pay which had been submitted to the railroad labor board.

The board has the matter under advisement, but, according to the union men, has held there is nothing to prevent direct negotiations. The brotherhoods take the position that the board is without jurisdiction in this case. A two-thirds vote is required to call the strike.

## Sentiment to Punish Insurgent Bloc for Pesteering Increases

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.—Representative Snell of New York, chairman of the rules committee, joined forces today with those republicans who favor withholding from the insurgents in the new house, the consideration hitherto given that group. The New York representative conferred briefly with President Coolidge.

## TILLAMO'K HOME IS FIERY BIER FOR TWO TOTS

Girls, Age 9 and 11 Perish in Fire of Unknown Origin—Flames Drive Back Father From Rescue—Children in Bed and Escape Shut Off.

TILLAMOOK, Ore., Nov. 24.—Rosie, age 11 and Irene, age 9, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rosch, perished in a fire which destroyed their farm home one and a half miles east of Tillamook early today.

The charred body of one child was found at the bottom of the stairs, where she evidently succumbed to the fire and smoke, while trying to escape. The other child evidently died in bed, unable to arouse before the flames were upon her.

The cause of the fire has not been determined. The father and his helper were in the barn milking and were first warned of the blaze when the electric lights in the barn went out. Glancing at the house they saw the interior in flames. They attempted to reach the children in their room upstairs but were driven back by the flames when they broke open the windows.

Mrs. Rosch is in the Boals hospital, where she became the mother of a third child last week. The Tillamook fire department rushed the ladder truck to the scene but not in time to save the children. The Rosch family had resided south of Tillamook for many years.

## REVOLT BREWS IN MEXICO CLAIM

JUANEZ, CHIHUAHUA, Mexico, Nov. 24.—(By the Associated Press.)—Enriquez Salcedo, consular representative of President-elect Calles in the convention of the Mexican Confederation of Labor, issued a statement after final adjournment of the convention late yesterday in which he said "another rebellion" was being organized for the "tempted overthrow of the constitutional and democratic government of Mexico."

In addressing the closing session of the convention, he said: "Neither I nor Mexican labor delegates entertain any fear as to the outcome of the new rebel plot."

Salcedo was also received by the convention of the American Federation of Labor in El Paso as the official representative of the president-elect of Mexico, Calles.

"Rebel groups are concentrating all along the border, particularly in El Paso, Tuscon, Douglas, Bisbee, Laredo and Las Cruces," he said. The movement he said, was headed by General Angel Flores, defeated candidate for the presidency, who now is in Sonora and by Adolfo and Alfonso de La Huerta, leaders in the uprising last winter.

## JURY SESSIONS TO RESUME DEC. 1

No cases will be tried in the circuit court today, as Judge Thomas has just returned from Portland, and is busy signing orders and arranging the calendar. The remainder of the week will be given over to equity and divorce cases, the jury having been dismissed until next Monday.

The calendar for jury cases, beginning Monday, December 1st, is as follows:  
 Swingle vs. Medford Irrigation District.  
 State vs. Woods.  
 Pauley vs. Avery.  
 State vs. Eli Dahack.  
 Hollywood Orchards vs. Dennis, Kimball & Pope.  
 State vs. Hattie Smith.  
 Cunningham & Alenderfer vs. Petch.  
 Wiley vs. Southern Pacific Co.

## NEW EVIDENCE IN FURNACE MYSTERY DEATH

Blood and Finger Prints Found in Parsonage—Ghastly Finds in Furnace—Pastor's Suicide Theory Scouted By Prosecutor After Investigation of Death.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Nov. 24.—A jar lid containing about a half ounce of blood was found today in the fruit closet of the home of the Rev. C. V. Sheatsley, where the partly cremated body of his wife was discovered in the coal furnace a week ago today.

A bit of tissue that may have been scraped from the body of a human, and dark stains which may be blood spots were found in the parsonage today by County Prosecutor John R. King and assistants.

Authorities who today were making a minute examination of the interior of the dwelling also discovered a number of finger marks. The bit of tissue was found on a step leading to the cellar, and the supposed blood stains were noted on the asbestos wrappings of a heat conduit above the furnace door, Mr. King said.

Mr. King said he was more firmly convinced than ever that Mrs. Sheatsley did not enter the furnace voluntarily. Developments have proved to him, conclusively, he said, that she did not commit suicide after becoming violently ill which is the expressed conviction of the Rev. Mr. Sheatsley.

## UNFORTUNATES ASK FOR SHELTER AND FOOD MANY HOMES

The foggy and cold weather of the past two days has resulted in many wanderers of the homeless, hobo variety applying at the city prison for lodging there for the night and for something to eat, and has also resulted in an increase of surreptitious begging for money on the streets and applications at back doors of residences for "hand outs."

There were 17 hobo lodgers in the city prison last night, nearly all of whom had to lie on the floor without covering. However, with a warm fire, it was much better than sleeping out in the open. The police accommodate all such applicants, preferring to have the cold and hungry men centered in one place where they can be watched, rather than wandering about the streets with temptation to commit crime to provide food and sleeping quarters.

All hobos, however, are warned to leave the city next morning and those arriving during the day by freight trains are ordered out of the city, whenever discovered.

Hobos who are hungry and have no money are allowed to earn a meal by sawing wood at the city wood pile back of the public library, and then must leave town at once. However, quite a number of these vagrants refuse to saw wood, preferring to leave the city immediately and trust to the chance of obtaining food in the country or some other city.

Chief of Police Adams called attention this morning to the fact that the vast majority of hobos which have been passing through here so far this winter are young men. "I never saw the like of it before in my experience," said the chief today. "The most of them are between the ages of 16 and 20, whereas in past years when during certain seasons we have had as high as 35 lodgers in one day and a very young man among them was rare. I do not know the reason why so many young homeless men are on the road, and the older type of hobos has so decreased."

## GOVERNMENT BUYS VIRGINIA TOWN

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24.—Purchase by the government of the town of Quantico, Virginia, site of the great marine corps base, was recommended today by Major General John A. LeJeune, commandant, in his annual report.

Continuation of the present dual control of the town, he said, created conditions which are highly undesirable and which affect adversely the morale of the command.

Purchase of a flying field at Brownfield, Va., also was urged in the report. Termination of the occupation of Santo Domingo marks the "successful completion of an arduous mission," Major General LeJeune said.

## BUNGO KING IS CAPTURED AT HALIFAX

Leo Koretz, Who Swindled Chicago Friends Out of Millions Found Living in Luxury in Nova Scotia—Was Booster and Invited to Deliver Sermon.

HALIFAX, N. S., Nov. 24.—Leo Koretz, alleged \$2,000,000 land fraud swindler of Chicago, for whom a world-wide search has been conducted for more than a year, is in the hands of the police.

He has waived extradition and will be taken back to Chicago by two assistant state's attorneys who arrested him in a hotel here last night.

According to the police, Koretz stole away from Chicago with the loot of a gigantic mail fraud in a hand satchel. He was regarded here as a man of culture and was even invited to deliver a sermon.

When arrested, Koretz seemed stunned by the realization that he had been recognized. Quickly recovering, however, he said: "All right boys, I won't make any trouble."

The attorneys refused to divulge how his disguise had been penetrated. CHICAGO, Nov. 24.—Leo Koretz, "the king of swindlers," and peer of all "confidence men," will be referred here the latter part of this week, or soon thereafter, to explain the mystery of his disappearance with thousands of dollars of Chicagoans and others who had given him funds to invest in a mythical "Bayano river syndicate" in Panama which he claimed to be a \$1,000,000 corporation.

This announcement was made here today through the office of State's Attorney Robert E. Crowe, who last night received word of the arrest of Koretz on a charge of using the mails to defraud at Halifax, Nova Scotia, where he has lived since his disappearance. Koretz with \$2,000,000 in cash in a handbag disappeared eleven months ago, leaving his wife and family and other relatives and many friends with nothing more tangible than worthless receipts or certificates in his Bayano corporation, which was identified after he left here as the "Bayano bubble."

Koretz in Halifax, had assumed the popularity which made him a favorite here and with which he cultivated many of his clients. Arriving at Brookfield, a suburb of Halifax, he purchased a home for \$18,000, improved it to a value of \$35,000 and named it "Pinchard."

"I'm a retired businessman," he told his new friends who knew him as Lou Keyte. He took an interest in civic affairs, spent money lavishly. His suavity and generosity brought many friends to whom he explained that he was in poor health and had been advised to move to Nova Scotia.

Mrs. Koretz for the last few months has worked in an envelope addressing firm, as a coat saleslady and other employment, continually expressing her belief that her husband was not guilty of any intentional wrongdoing.

At the time of Koretz's disappearance when his friends were insisting upon report or accounting of their funds, he arranged a party to Panama, paying all expenses. While they were in South American territory he fled and they returned with the news that the Koretz Bayano bubble had broken and that all his investments "must have been a dream."

That Koretz will give authorities here some new leads on his hidden securities or cash, is the belief expressed in the state's attorney's office today. His concealed assets which officers say must be somewhere, will probably be discovered, they indicated, who have suffered financial loss. Only \$400,000 of the original \$700,000 which is accounted for as having been used by him, is accounted for. Claims totalling more than \$2,000,000 have been made against his estate.

## SHOPLIFTING FROM A LOCAL STORE

Nova Lounsbury of the Vanity Shop reports that last week, shoplifters took from her store a silk suit valued at \$59.50. Two women are suspected and are described by Miss Lounsbury as being a large woman wearing a black cape, accompanied by a tall blonde woman. The theft occurred when either the clerk was out of the room, or when her back was turned. Miss Lounsbury is advised that the same thing happened at Woodland, Calif., not long ago.

## LOVING HOMAGE PAID MEMORY C. VAN SCOYOC

Large Concourse Attend Services at Methodist Church—Floral Tributes Profuse—Pastor Pays Tribute to Sterling Worth of Young Man.

Visible demonstration of the shock felt by the Medford and valley community over the pathetic circumstances surrounding the untimely death of Charles Edwin Van Scoyoc, was the fact that the funeral held at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon from the First Methodist Episcopal church was one of the largest attended and most impressive in the city's history.

The church was crowded to capacity by a representative gathering and many stood outside, all participating in the lofty funeral cortege from the church to the cemetery, to pay homage to the memory of the president of the senior class and member of the football team of the Medford high school.

As the procession passed thru the business section many men standing on the street, en route, lifted their hats in tribute of respect and sorrow. The funeral followed the lying in state of the body between the hours of 10 a. m. and 12 noon, during which time hundreds passed before the bier.

Probably never before were so many beautiful floral tributes seen at a Medford funeral, and it required two auto trucks to haul them away from the church to the cemetery. These tributes came from various organizations and individuals, including pieces from the high school student body, faculty, the football team, the senior class, other classes of the high school, and included pieces from the Ashland high school body and football team and the DeMolay orders of this city, Ashland and Grants Pass.

Attending in separate bodies were the senior class and football team of the Medford high school, the DeMolay order of this city, and individual delegations of Medford high faculty, and DeMolay of Ashland and Grants Pass.

The services at the church, which were brief but very impressive, were conducted by Rev. Dr. E. E. Gilbert, pastor of the church, and were interspersed with several selections on the organ by Miss Mattie Vroman, including parts of "Gavotte in A," by Brahms; "Meditation," by Morison, and a combination of the following hymns: "No Night There," "My Jesus as Thou Wilt," "The Home Land," "Nearer My God to Thee," and "Abide With Me."

Dr. Gilbert's address, text, Hebrews 11:4 "If he being dead yet speaketh," was in part as follows: "This was spoken of a young man of many centuries ago. It was a young man, unspending in morals, strong in his convictions, courageous in his faith, and loyal to his God. Though dead these centuries, he still speaks of these outstanding virtues. The grave cannot silence the voice of those who have lived to a noble purpose."

"Charles Van Scoyoc, a prized young man of our city, cut down at the close of his seventeenth year, and in those years he made a life that will continue to emphasize essential virtues as long as time lasts. The messages of his young life could be announced as follows: "He speaks today and forever of the value of a clean life, clean in body, mind and game. "He speaks of a noble purpose, the goal toward which he gave his energies—service to mankind and worthy ideals. "He speaks of loyal devotion to his parents and home, to his high school, in which he was president of senior class, to the faculty of his school, to the DeMolay order of which he was a choice member, to his community. "He speaks of his faithfulness as a member of the Methodist church in which he had been a consistent member for the past few years. He was a timid, backward young man who never pushed himself forward in any way, but he was always a worthy member of the church and devoted Christian."

A very large crowd was assembled at the cemetery, where the services at the grave were conducted by the DeMolay order of this city. The members of the DeMolay order led the funeral cortege from church to cemetery, marching to the Bear Creek bridge, where they entered awaiting cars and rode the rest of the way.

## The Noted Dead

GAZENOVIA, N. Y., Nov. 24.—Charles Stebbins Fairchild, 82, secretary of the treasury under President Cleveland, died at his home here today.

Wall Street Still Giddy. NEW YORK, Nov. 24.—Speculators for the advance continued in control of today's stock market but encountered stiff resistance on the part of the bear traders with the result that price movements were decidedly irregular. More than two score issues attained new peak prices for the year on total sales that approximated two shares.

## Woman Sues Alleged Kluxers for Alleged Slander and Letters

McMINNVILLE, Ore., Nov. 24.—Trial was started this morning in circuit court here before Judge Harry Belt in the case in which Mrs. Edna F. Cummins of Newberg has brought suit for \$6000 damages against alleged members of the Ku Klux Klan for alleged defamation of character and writings that caused her to be fearful of bodily harm.

The defendants named include James Parcis, Claude E. Stevens, Earl Stevens, M. A. Denton, Frank Morris, Perry Miller, W. A. Bond, E. A. Ellis, Clyde Stretch, Herman Gross, Q. Carlisle, E. A. Utter, "Jane Doe," Schoenberg, all of Newberg, and Fred L. Gifford and wife of Portland. Gifford is alleged to be one of the officials of the Ku Klux Klan.

## STAR COMEDIAN OF FILMS HEADS FOR THE ALTAR

Charlie Chaplin On Way to Mexico, Thinks He Will Wed His Leading Lady—Lita Grey 'Has Been Out With Him a Lot'—Romance Not Confirmed By Press Agents

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 24.—A report from Mexico City that Charles Chaplin was on his way to Guaymas, Mexico, to marry his leading woman, Lita Grey, today had partial corroboration at least, in the fact that the motion picture comedian, according to his friend, Douglas Fairbanks and others, was aboard a Southern Pacific train bound for Guaymas, and that Miss Grey was already in the Mexican city "on location."

Chaplin's departure from Los Angeles late yesterday was not preceded by any publicity; indeed, even at his own residence, where the Mexico City report was termed entirely groundless, it was pointed out that the comedian had been to Los Angeles the day previous and was no doubt "still somewhere in Los Angeles."

Eventually, however, W. E. Curry, grandfather of Miss Grey, was found by newspapermen and gave out the information that he himself accompanied Chaplin to the train, but a few hours ago. He declined to state whether Miss Grey and Chaplin were engaged, "though she has been out with him a lot."

YUMA, Ariz., Nov. 24.—Charles Chaplin, motion picture comedian, passed through here early today on board a Southern Pacific train bound for Nogales, where his car will be switched to a train bound for Guaymas, Mexico.

Chaplin refused to discuss reports that he was to marry Miss Lita Grey on his arrival in the southern city, but admitted he was going to Mexico.

## Miss Grieve Resigns Position With C. of Commerce

Miss Pauline Grieve, who has been connected with the Chamber of Commerce for five years, has resigned and will give up the work about December 15th. She does not state what she will do, but has several splendid offers.

Miss Grieve has made a special study of Chamber of Commerce and has become very efficient, often acting as secretary during the regular secretary's absence and has been in charge of the office since Secretary Spaulding resigned several weeks ago. Miss Grieve was a very valuable assistant to the secretary of the county fair the past three years and will be greatly missed in the work of the chamber and the fair.

## TAX REDUCTION HEARING TUESDAY

Upon the request of County Assessor J. B. Coleman's attorney, the supreme court has referred the matter of the reduction of the assessed value of farm lands and stock cattle, as ordered by the board of equalization, to F. Roy Davis, referee, for the taking of testimony relative to the matter. The question of what is being paid for city property and the showing of merchandise stocks will be gone into, to determine whether or not the cut ordered is justifiable. The hearing starts tomorrow at 9 a. m. at the public library and may last several days. Many witnesses will be heard, including prominent merchants and farmers.

## LAST RITES SPOKEN FOR MRS. HARDI'G

Brief and Simple Services at Marion, Ohio, Vault—Old Friends, Neighbors Mourn—Official Washington at Bier—Family Pastors Preside.

MARION, Ohio, Nov. 24.—(By Associated Press.) Preceded by services marked in simplicity, the casket bearing the body of Mrs. Warren G. Harding this afternoon was placed in the vault in Marion cemetery beside the casket of her husband.

Hundreds stood in sorrow on the gravel paths and on the soaked sod of the cemetery as the final brief services were said by the Rev. Jesse Swank, pastor of Epworth Methodist Episcopal church of which Mrs. Harding had been a member and by the Rev. George W. Landes, pastor of Trinity Baptist church, the late president's church.

Mostly the crowd consisted of old friends and neighbors of the Hardings from Marion and the surrounding country. The government was represented by Hubert Work, secretary of the interior and John W. Weeks, secretary of war. Captain Adolphus Andrews, naval aide to President Coolidge was the chief executive's personal representative.

MARION, Ohio, Nov. 24.—(By the Associated Press.)—"The deep conviction of, and her profound faith in the great realities of Christianity," was one of Mrs. Florence Kling Harding's greatest virtues, the Rev. Dr. E. church declared today in his sermon at the funeral services for Mrs. Harding.

As the responsibilities of her life became heavy, "she found this trust in God enabled her to meet the burdens that her onerous position imposed on her," the Rev. Dr. Swank declared.

"It was through the message 'we are praying for you' contained in hundreds of telegrams reaching the Whites House while Mrs. Harding was ill there," he said "that conviction came to her one day that she was not going to die and from that time she fought steadily on with a great faith in Divine providence until her recovery became assured."

"It was in this faith she lived and it was in this faith she did her work, on this faith she relied and found sure support when her beloved was taken away from her and it was in the possession of this faith that went home to God."

The Rev. Dr. Swank related a conversation with Mrs. Harding soon after her arrival in Marion with the body of President Harding in which she said: "My faith in Christ is the only thing that has enabled me to bear up under this great sorrow. I feel that His Grace is sufficient for me. Were it not for that I would despair."

"The last request Mrs. Harding made of me," the Rev. Dr. Swank continued "before she and Mr. Harding left for the inauguration ceremonies in Washington was, 'Oh, pray for us, for we feel that our responsibilities are too great to be borne without Divine help!'"

The Rev. Dr. Swank chose his text from the fourteenth chapter of John, second verse: "In My Father's house are many mansions, if it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you."

"So much has been said and written about the fine, beautiful and useful life of Mrs. Harding, that it is useless for me to try in this brief time to say more," Dr. Swank continued.

"One thing, however, it seems to me, has been neglected in all these attributes, her deep faith in the great realities of Christianity. "The first time I visited her, she related to me the story of her conversion in girlhood and how that experience had only widened and deepened as the years had come and gone. As our friendship increased and the responsibilities of life became heavier, she found this trust in God essential to enable her to meet the great burdens that her onerous position imposed on her."

"It was in this faith she lived, in this faith she did her work, on this faith she relied and found her support when her beloved was taken away from her and it was in the possession of this faith that she went home to God."

## Death Toll of the Automobile

CONDON, Ore., Nov. 24.—Knocked down by an automobile, Jasper Pullen, 7, son of James Pullen, was killed instantly yesterday. The boy's head was crushed and his body dragged along the pavement twenty-five feet, officers said. The boy was machine dashed in front of a machine unexpectedly.