

The Weather
 Prediction Unsettled
 Probable occasional rains
 Maximum yesterday 75
 Minimum today 52.3
 Precipitation .41

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Weather Year Ago
 Maximum 54
 Minimum 34

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

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EX-PREMIER PAINLEVE TO TACKLE JOB

President Doumergue at Last Secures Volunteer to Bring Order Out of Political Chaos in France—Socialists Accept Arrangement, But Refuse All Responsibilities.

PARIS, April 15.—(By the Associated Press.)—Ex-Premier Paul Painleve undertook this afternoon the task of forming a cabinet to succeed the Herriot ministry. He notified President Doumergue that he would accept the invitation and at once set about the effort to get together a ministry that would command a parliamentary majority.

It was at first believed that M. Painleve would have his task simplified or at least made more clear by willingness on the part of the socialists, a group in support of the ministry which he intended forming.

Late today, however, the socialist national council voted to adhere to its previous policy of supporting the government but barring its members from accepting cabinet posts.

M. Painleve's acceptance of the task of forming a new ministry to some extent has dissipated the confusion reigning in the French political world. He set about immediately on the problem before him and promised to report what progress he makes during the day to President Doumergue about ten o'clock tonight.

M. Painleve said, however, that he did not expect to have a cabinet state completed before tomorrow. His first steps were to consult with President Doumergue and the presidents and reporters of the finance committees of the senate and house.

M. Painleve arrived at the palace of the Elysee at 3:07 to give his definite reply to President Doumergue. His visit followed closely assurances by the socialists that they would participate in his government.

Joseph Caillaux, ex-premier, who recently re-entered politics after his rehabilitation by the amnesty act, will arrive in Paris at 7 o'clock tonight from his country home, according to reports in the chamber of deputies.

It was understood in the chamber that M. Caillaux is coming to Paris in response to summons from M. Painleve, but opinion is divided as to whether the summons merely was for a consultation, or whether Caillaux is to be offered a seat in the cabinet.

DEMANDS ARREST OF GERM SELLER IN POISON CASE

CHICAGO, April 15.—Twenty-four hours before the formal arraignment tomorrow of William D. Shepherd, charged with the murder of his foster son, William N. McClintock, by typhoid inoculation, a petition was filed today for a writ of mandamus to direct the clerk of the criminal court to issue a capias for Charles C. Fauman, who was indicted with Shepherd but has not been served with the indictment.

The petition for mandamus was filed in the name of Eugene L. McGarr, an attorney not connected with the case, who sued as a citizen, asking that Fauman be treated as any other man charged with murder and turned over to the sheriff and placed in jail.

STEAMSHIP CO. SUED FOR HATCHING OUT CHINA EGGS ON THE HIGH SEAS

SAN FRANCISCO, April 15.—The Hemingway Produce company filed suit in the federal court yesterday to recover \$2,486 from the United States shipping board emergency fleet, the United States government and the Pacific Mail Steamship company. The amount represents the value of 2,000 cases of Chinese eggs which the Hemingway company

Tom Mix Presents London Mayor With A 5-Gallon Sombrero



Tom Mix

LONDON, April 15.—Tom Mix, American movie actor, visited the mansion house, official home of the lord mayor of London today and presented that dignitary with a five gallon sombrero, similar to the one he recently gave Governor Smith of New York.

KING BORIS HAS A CLOSE SHAVE 2 AIDES KILLED

Bulgarian King Has Mustache Clipped By Assassin's Bullet, While M. Itcheff and Servant Are Killed in Mysterious Assault.

SOFIA, Bulgaria, April 15.—(By the Associated Press.)—Considerable mystery surrounds the firing of bullets at the automobile of King Boris as the monarch was proceeding in the direction of the capital from a provincial town yesterday.

The king had a narrow escape, one bullet grazing his mustache, carrying some of the hair with it. M. Itcheff, director of the Sofia museum, and a servant in the royal car were killed and the chauffeur was wounded.

In some quarters it is believed the assassins were not aware that the king was in the automobile and that the attack probably was connected with an attempt of bandits to plunder an omnibus, carrying passengers and mails, the king's car just happening to come by at the time.

When the chauffeur fell out of the car the king took the wheel and tried to go on, but finding the motor would not start he jumped out and tried to return to the fire of the attacking party, his attendants at his side.

The identity of the assailants is not known. Virtually at the same time the shots were fired at the monarch, General Georgeff, one of the leaders of the movement which brought about the overthrow of the Stamboulsky government in 1923, was killed by assassins in a street of the capital.

BASEBALL SCORES

American		
At Detroit.	R. H. E.	
Chicago	9 9 1	
Detroit	6 11 6	
Batteries: Robertson, Connally and Schalk; Whitehill, Holloway, Moore, Stoner, Johnson and Bassler.		
At Philadelphia.		
Boston	R. H. E.	
Philadelphia	5 16 1	
Batteries: Fullerton, Buffing and Picinich; Gray and Cochrane.		
At St. Louis, rain.		
National		
St. Louis	R. H. E.	
Cincinnati	2 6 3	
Cincinnati	4 8 1	
Batteries: Sotheron, Day and Gonzales; Laque and Hargrave.		
New York-Boston called 4th, rain.		

INQUEST IS STARTED IN GIRL'S CASE

Doctor Who Attended Miss Oberholtzer, Testifies Before Coroner's Jury—Ex-Goblin of Klan Tries to Quash Indictments Against Him—Funeral Tomorrow.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., April 15.—Dr. George K. Kingsbury, first witness today at the inquest into the death of Miss Madge Oberholtzer, 28, related the details as told to him by the young woman of the attack made on her by D. C. Stephenson, former grand dragon of the Ku Klux Klan. Miss Oberholtzer died yesterday after a long illness attributed to poison taken following the alleged attack.

Miss Oberholtzer's story, as repeated by the physician told how she had been lured to visit Stephenson's home a few doors from her own residence in the Butler college district, how she had been attacked and how she had threatened at one time to kill Stephenson with his own revolver, and then end her life with the weapon.

Arrangements were completed today to hold funeral services tomorrow for Miss Oberholtzer. The services would be held at her home which is only a few doors from the Stephenson residence.

Stephenson is at liberty under \$25,000 bond pending a ruling on motions to quash the indictments against him.

Dr. Kingsbury said he had been summoned to the Oberholtzer home by a woman employed there, who told him Miss Oberholtzer had been injured in an automobile accident.

"I went upstairs to her room," Dr. Kingsbury testified, "and found Miss Oberholtzer lying on the bed. Her dress was open in front exposing lacerations and bruises. There also was an apparently bruised area on her right cheek.

"She was in a state of shock. Her body was cold and her pulse rapid. She told me that on two evenings before—Sunday evening previously—she had been summoned by telephone to the home of D. C. Stephenson and had been escorted from her home to his place by someone whose name I don't remember. She said that on entering the house she was sure she had been trapped.

"She said she was forced to drink three drinks. I don't know what she didn't say. She said shortly she felt weak and nauseated and sank into a chair; that she felt unable to offer resistance.

"The Union station by Mr. Stephenson and two other men and taken up to the train and put in a drawing room or compartment."

Dr. Kingsbury then recounted Miss Oberholtzer's statement that Stephenson attacked her.

Continuing his quotation of her story Dr. Kingsbury testified: "She said as he (Stephenson) fell asleep that she got up and took his pearl-handled revolver from his holster intending to kill him. Then she had thought of her family and decided that the only thing for her to do was to kill herself."

The physician then told Miss Oberholtzer's story of obtaining money to buy a hat as she had left home bareheaded. He said she had also obtained permission from the man who accompanied her to a millinery store to stop at a drug store to buy some cosmetics. At the drug store she obtained poison, the physician said the young woman told him.

Daily Report on the Crime Wave

LA GRANDE, Ore., April 15.—Two masked men last night entered the Newlin book store as Mrs. Earl Larson, clerk, was closing up the shop. They struck her above the eye when she refused to open the safe, knocking her unconscious and took three rings, worth more than \$100 from her fingers. She was discovered about nine o'clock by a girl who entered the store.

Police could find no trace of the men.

20,000 Dead Rats Testify to Skill of Pretty Professional Pied Pipers



Two young and pretty modern "Pied Pipers," are endeavoring to rid the U. S. of rats. Enthusiastic about their jobs, which are among the strangest held by women, Helen Caldwell (left) of Huntington, W. Va., and Anna Wright of Portsmouth, Va., work with health authorities in various cities, in scientific campaigns against rodents. In Maryland, where they began their California campaign, they disposed of 20,000 in six days. The work has the approval of the U. S. department of agriculture.

HUMAN BUTCHER PAYS PENALTY AT GUILLOTINE

HANOVER, Germany, April 15.—(By Associated Press.) "I am guilty, gentlemen, but hard though it may be, I want to die as a man."

With these words, Fritz Haarmann, Hanover butcher, convicted of the murder of 26 boys and men stepped to the guillotine early this morning and a moment later his head was severed from his body. He was pale and nervous, but he maintained his bravado.

In accordance with German law, twelve highly respected citizens were chosen as official witnesses.

When Haarmann, garbed in a grey prison uniform and handcuffed, faced the judges and witnesses he nervously changed from one leg to the other and blinked incessantly, but other wise showed no emotion. He listened in silence as the prosecuting attorney repeated the sentence and the agreement of the judges to execution of the verdict.

Only as the curtain before the guillotine was withdrawn did the realization of death seem to dawn on him and for an instant he appeared to be paralyzed. But as the death bell sounded he pulled himself together, and in a few unemotional words acknowledged himself guilty and ready to have the sentence executed, adding that he felt sorry for his actions. A few moments later the blade was dropped.

The Noted Dead

TACOMA, April 15.—W. H. Paulhamus, president of the Western Washington Fair association, died at his home in Sumner at ten o'clock last night.

The cause of death was pernicious anemia. Paulhamus had been in poor health for months but became seriously ill about six weeks ago.

Mr. Paulhamus was elected from Pierce county to the state senate in 1906 and served in the sessions of 1907, 1908 and 1911. In the last session of his service being elected president of the senate. He was successful in securing the re-establishment of the western Washington experiment station of the state college near Puyallup, which had been closed for some time, also the soldiers' home colony at Orting.

He was a candidate for the nomination for governor on the progressive ticket in 1912 although he did not make a campaign. Last year he filed at the last moment, for the republican nomination for governor, and ran third among eight candidates.

Wall Street Report

NEW YORK, April 15.—The closing was steady. The late trading was featured by the brisk accumulation of United States Steel common, which touched 117 1/2, a new high on the current movement.

Alternate periods of heaviness and strength of today's trading, reflected the play of opposing speculative forces. Rails were strong throughout and the industrialers responded to heavy short covering in the late trading. Sales approximately 1,150,000 shares.

MOTHER FAINTS WHEN CHARGED DAUGHTER SICK

CHICAGO, April 15.—Mae Cunningham, only surviving daughter of Mrs. Anna Cunningham, charged at Crown Point, Ind., today with the murder by poisoning of her son Walter, who died in 1923, complained today of numbness of the feet and will be subjected to a blood test, Lieutenant William Lang of the state's attorney's office announced today.

CROWN POINT, Ind., April 15.—(By the Associated Press.)—A warrant charging Mrs. Anna Cunningham of Gary with the murder of her son, Walter, who died in 1923, by poisoning, was issued today by Justice of the Peace N. H. Kemp. When served with the warrant in the county jail by Sheriff Benjamin H. Strong, Mrs. Cunningham fainted.

The affidavit was signed by Raymond Mims, a jail attendant in the office of County Prosecutor August Bremer, who earlier had announced that murder charges would be placed against Mrs. Cunningham as a result of the investigation into the death of her husband and four children within a six-year period. She is expected to be arraigned tomorrow before Judge Martin J. Smith of the Lake county criminal court, sitting as an examining magistrate.

RAIN GENERAL IN OREGON, WELCOMED AS MONEY MAKER

EUGENE, Ore., April 15.—A warm rain, which ended a touch of spring which lingered for more than a week, fell during the night here. In the early morning hours the showers turned to a heavy downpour. Earlier in the night lightning flashed for a few minutes.

Today the rain was still falling intermittently. Farmers are well pleased with the rain.

PENDLETON, Ore., April 15.—Rain fell here last night and today there is promise of more with the skies overcast and heavy. The precipitation was sufficient to prove a boon both to the rapidly growing wheat and the range grass, which has been suffering some from lack of moisture.

BEND, Ore., April 15.—The first electric storm of the season visited Bend last night followed by a heavy rain. The rain continued intermittently throughout the night and early morning.

ROSEBURG, Ore., April 15.—Starting about midnight last night, a heavy rain fell until 5 a. m. when the local weather bureau recorded .25 inch of precipitation during the five hours period. Rain falling in showers until 10 a. m. brought the total up to .50 of an inch.

Judge Refuses to Grant Divorce On Grounds of "Golf"

CHICAGO, April 15.—"Golf widowhood" was unsuccessfully pleaded today as grounds for divorce. The petitioner said her husband, though a hopeless "duffer" with a wretched drive, spent most of his time on the links.

"Golf is not yet grounds for a divorce," ruled Judge Joseph J. Sabath in denying the petition. "It would be a dangerous precedent—I play golf myself."

JOHN S. SARGENT FAMOUS ARTIST DIES IN LONDON

American Portrait Painter Dies Suddenly After Working On Portrait of Princess Mary and Viscount Lascelles—About to Sail Home.

LONDON, April 15.—(By the Associated Press.)—John Sargent, the noted artist, died suddenly at his home in Chelsea this morning. Mr. Sargent suffered a stroke at three o'clock and died a few hours later.

John Singer Sargent, probably one of the best known portrait painters of recent times, was born in Florence, Italy, in 1856, the son of Dr. Fitzwilliam S. Sargent, Boston physician and author.

With the exception of some half dozen visits to the United States, the last of them in 1923, he has made his home in European capitals and since 1884 had lived in London.

One of his best known portraits is that of Theodore Roosevelt. Sir Philip Sassoon was the first caller at the Sargent home after the painter's death became known. Sir Philip drove to the artist's residence in his motor car and left a floral tribute. Sargent had intended to exhibit at the Royal academy exhibition opening early in May, and a number of his paintings were taken from the house last week to be shown at Burlington House, where the exhibition will be made.

The noted American artist had been in good health and was at work on a picture as late as last night. He had booked passage on a steamer sailing for the United States on Friday to complete his decorative work in the Boston museum of fine arts.

Sargent's last work upon which he had been laboring recently and which death leaves uncompleted, is a painting of Princess Mary and her husband, Viscount Lascelles. Only yesterday they sat two hours for him in his Tite street studio.

MARSHFIELD MAN KILLS HIMSELF

MARSHFIELD, Ore., April 15.—Silas Richards, 52, Marshfield resident, shot himself through the head this morning while his wife and several relatives were near, the police reported. He was rushed to a hospital, but died at noon. He had been dependent for some time owing to ill health, said members of his family.

Besides his widow, he is survived by ten children, seven of whom are in Marshfield.

Prospector Cashes a Big Gold Nugget At Portland Bank

PORTLAND, Ore., April 15.—A gold nugget tipping the scales at more than four ounces, pennyweight, has been received by the United States National bank of Portland for conversion into cash for a customer in eastern Oregon. The nugget was placed to have been found in placer operations last season on Pine creek, in Baker county.

Passing of the Early Pioneer

PORTLAND, Ore., April 15.—Mrs. Mary A. Soule, who was born in Oregon City, February 5, 1853, died early today at her home here. Mrs. Soule was a daughter of Captain William R. Thomas, a pioneer of 1851, and one of the first shipbuilders on the Willamette and Columbia rivers.

WIFE OF BARBER, WHO MADE HIM HAIR-TONIC KING, WANTS DIVORCE

DES MOINES, Iowa, April 15.—Recalling the days when she sold hair tonic from house to house to aid her husband in building up a business that since has made him a millionaire Mrs. Little Fitch, wife of F. W. Fitch, filed suit for divorce here today and obtained a court order attaching stock in the Fitch Manufacturing company to guarantee \$20,000 temporary alimony. She seeks a total alimony of \$175,000.

Mrs. Fitch declared it was she who conceived the idea of manufacturing barber supplies. She alleges that Mr. Fitch established residence in Reno early this year with a view to divorcing her under the Nevada laws. Mr. Fitch is charged with cruelty. They were married in 1892.

U.S.A. FLEET SAILS AWAY FOR HAWAII

Mightiest Armada Ever Assembled Under American Flag, Steams Through Golden Gate to 'War'—Thousands Cheer Inspiring Spectacle—Battle Line 25 Miles

SAN FRANCISCO, April 15.—(By the Associated Press.)—The grand fleet—mightiest concentration of sea power ever assembled under the flag of the United States—steamed out today to "war" across the broad Pacific.

Through the Golden Gate and into the ocean the fighting ships of the nation moved exactly as they would proceed if their mission of capturing the island of Oahu, chief of the Hawaiian group, and the country's western outpost of defense, were real instead of imaginary.

Radio silence and "darkened ship" were to be maintained on all units as soon as the last vessel filed out of the gate.

The assemblage—172 vessels of all classes in a procession estimated to be 25 miles in length—was a spectacle as impressive and imposing as was the fleet's arrival on April 8. The hills that crown the bay were dotted with thousands of residents of the region who gathered to bid farewell to the guardians of the country's coasts.

At the request of Admiral S. S. Robinson, commander in chief of the battle fleet, who is directing the attack on Oahu, army authorities dispatched a squadron of airplanes outside the Golden Gate on reconnaissance to ascertain whether any "enemy" submarines were lying in ambush outside the harbor and awaiting the fleet.

As would be the case in war, the long concentration of the nation's mightiest arms of defense was led by the mine sweeper force of the fleet, reinforced by the mine sweepers of the twelfth naval district, which returned later to port.

The sweepers combed the bay and proceeded past the Golden Gate, where they spread out in a huge arc and cleared the sea over the path followed by the fleet "in order that all mines laid by the enemy, might be collected without damaging the concentration units."

Then came the destroyers, long, lean-bodied greyhounds of the fleet, cruisers, armored and light, some of them with a speed of 33 knots which makes them among the fastest craft afloat.

Followed then the ships of the train, known as the fleet base force, the less romantic, but highly important auxiliaries, such as hospital, repair, supply ships, colliers, tug and tankers.

Then came the pride of the fleet—the backbone of the navy—the battleships—the squat, wide-beamed bulldozers of the sea. Serene, indifferent and unflinching as the air their appearance created among the crowd of spectators, the floating fortresses, each an armored, bristling house of steel, steamed slowly out to sea.

Managua Volcano Erupts

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, April 15.—The eruption of the volcano Omopepe in the Lake Nicaragua, is showering ashes upon nearby agricultural districts and ruining the crops. Discharges of lava were flowing from the crater today.